



## January 2017 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017, from Margaret, Sammy and me

We looked into the crowds on TV during New Year's eve and thought we saw a couple of our group celebrating with all the twenty year olds as the New Year began, across the country. My brother lives in Houston, so we hung around on the tele til 1:00 am eastern time to wish him a good year and see what all folks in the Central time zone did to celebrate. While we have another family member in northern California, that time change was just too much so we crashed into the new year to greet them later on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hello to everyone in the Piedmont Unit!

Now that the weather is starting to show its "Spring fever" every once in a while, we are all looking forward to tearing the cobwebs off of our silver rigs for another year of Airstreaming.

The first two "trips" of the year are short, day trips, but both very, very interesting, which will expose us to art and nature in ways we would normally not encounter.

Everyone has heard of Ansel Adams, and in our lives most of us have viewed and studied any number of his prints. We will have a Piedmont rating event to determine which ones are the most popular after February's trip to Raleigh. Thanks in advance to Lance and Shirley for recommending this stop and setting up the trip.

Then, in March, a turn to the wild side of nature, thanks to the invitation from Rich & Marsha Morgan, at Big Rock Sports. Just the scene on their website can make one wonder what all have past their doors on the way from the African jungle to our shores.

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The rest of this year holds adventures to some locations we've visited before, but still enjoy never the less, and for some a long trip up to the U P. For some who haven't committed to join the rally up to Escanaba yet, give some consideration to that trip. As is the case with most of us, it will be a visit to an area of our country most have not seen. Even in my case, as I grew up in Minnesota, I never ventured much past Lake Superior to see the north side of the Great Lakes. Who knows, we may even have a "Muskie" fishing contest to see if anyone can catch one of those monsters.

During this past year we have had a number of new members join our Piedmont family, in large part thanks to the aggressive and professional efforts by Richard Paschall, who has served for many years as Piedmont's "Recruiter". A hearty "THANK YOU, RICHARD", from all of us in the unit. We have seen a few of the new members at events during the year 2016, and encourage all new members to attend as many of the unit's outings this year. If any new members have questions regarding participation, please reach out to any board members, or other members that you might know already. We are committed to making all members welcome at events, and especially want new members to participate often.

Most members have taken steps to winterize their Airstream units for the winter, other than those who have "escaped" to southern warm climates. For those who are getting ready to pull their units "out of mothballs", for spring outings, next month's issue will contain excerpts from a number of sources of maintenance and storage tips from "experts", like Bob, Bill, Richard, John, Stedman and others. As a point, whenever we have minor maintenance or operation issues that come up, it might add some meat to our newsletters to include a short write up to share with others. It's always easier to ask a friend sometimes rather than get into the huge WBCCI source website.

Just a thought to leave with

Once again, a Happy New Year to the Piedmont members  
See you on the road.  
Keep those "Rigs" rolling this year.

Your President,

Jim Hamernick  
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**Another warm welcome to the members who joined/transferred to our unit in 2016:**

They include: Barberio, Bizon/Broom, Brown, Brasefield, Bureau, Hodge, Lin/Donnald, McCoy, McMillan, Merchant, Morgan, Newton, Porter G, Rhoads and Sandi.

**2017:** David and Denise Funaro, Hunter Marshall/ Sarah Jensen and William Rowse.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR January 2017

At the start of a new year, Diane and I look forward to a year of Airstream camping and fellowship. 2017 promises be good year with a new President to lead us to prosperity. Airstream continues to grow and expand into new ventures. I expect this trend will bring growth and excitement to our club.

We welcomed six new members since December. They are:

- John and Dee Lloyd. Their address is PO Box 2008, Carolina Beach, NC 28428. When I get their phone and email, I will pass it on
- Audrey Lin and Debbie Donald. Their address is 3800 Mallory Ct. Hillsborough, NC 27278. Audrey's phone is 919-357-8343 and her email is [alin97@nc.rr.com](mailto:alin97@nc.rr.com). Debbie's phone is 919-259-0444 and her email is [ddonald@nc.rr.com](mailto:ddonald@nc.rr.com)
- Hunter Marshall and Sarah Jensen. Their address is 1791 Rocky River Road North, Monroe, NC 28110. Hunter's phone is 704-562-2914 and his email is [huntermarshalliv@gmail.com](mailto:huntermarshalliv@gmail.com). Sarah's phone is 704-942-4531 and her email is [sarahjensen@aol.com](mailto:sarahjensen@aol.com)

As for renewals, we have 60 members that have renewed thus far. There is no change from the last newsletter.

Diane and I wish everyone prosperous new year. We look forward meeting up at the February outing at the NC Museum of Art.

Russ and Diane Barberio, Incoming Membership Chairpersons



### January Birthdays

Diane Barberio  
Debbie Galloway  
Jamie King  
Susan Leake  
Sue Luke  
Anna McMillian  
Margaret Martin  
Ruth Meeks  
Susan Merchant  
Laura Oliver  
Don Porter  
Jerry Shelton  
Todd Stroud  
Wardene Statham  
Dean Woods

### Anniversaries

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First Class

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**2017 Rally Sites:**

<b>February 11- Exhibition of Ansel Adams: Masterworks</b> , North Carolina Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607 (919) 839-6262, Tour cost estimate \$42 per person including lunch. Noon to afternoon. Hosts: Lance and Shirley Perryman
<b>March 10- Carolina Fur Dressing, Big Rock Sports</b> , International Wildlife leather goods tour, 900 Freedom Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610, Hosts: Rick and Marsha Morgan (919) 231-9933
<b>April 6-9- Raleigh Four Oaks RV Resort Rally, Buddy Rally</b> , 527 US Highway 701S, Four Oaks, NC 2 Hosts: Todd and Debbie Stroud Reservations: (919) 963-3596
<b>April 19-26- "Mountains of NC" Unit Caravan to Region 3 Rally</b> , Schedule to follow, Leaders: Shelly & Bill Townsend, Nancy & John Becker
<b>April 26-30- Region 3 Rally- Hiawasseec, GA.</b> Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, <a href="http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/">http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/</a> 1311 Music Hall Road, P.O. Box 444 Hiawasseec, GA 30546 (706) 896-4191 Region 3 Hosts
<b>May 11-14- Country Music Rally</b> , Shelby/Cleveland County Fairgrounds 1751 E. Marion St., Shelby,NC (704) 487-0651 Hosts TBD
<b>June 8-11- High Rock Lake/Marina &amp; Campground</b> , 1013 Wafford Circle, Lexington, NC 27292 <a href="http://www.highrocklakecampground.com">www.highrocklakecampground.com</a> (336) 798-1196 Hosts: Stedman Brown and Joy Porter
<b>July 22-29- WBCCI International Rally</b> , Escanaba, MI
<b>August 7-12- Galax Fiddler's Convention</b> <a href="http://www.oldfiddlersconvention.com">www.oldfiddlersconvention.com</a> Cool Breeze Campground, 2330 Edmonds road, Galax, VA 24333 <a href="http://www.coolbreezecampground.com">www.coolbreezecampground.com</a> Reservations: (866) 342-0300 Hosts: Region 3 Unit Host: Bernie and Ann Lackmann
<b>August 17-20- Hickory Nuts Falls Family Campground</b> <a href="http://www.hickorynutfallsfamilycampground.com">www.hickorynutfallsfamilycampground.com</a> 639 Main Street, Chimney Rock, NC 28730 HOSTS TBD
<b>September 7-10 Rutledge Lake Campground, Buddy Rally</b> , 170 Rutledge Road, Fletcher NC 28732 <a href="http://www.rutledgelake.com">www.rutledgelake.com</a> Reservations: (828) 654-7873 HOSTS TBD
<b>October 12-15 – New Bern KOA</b> , <a href="http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/new-bern">www.koa.com/campgrounds/new-bern</a> , 1565 B Street, NC 28560 Reservations: (252) 638-2556 HOSTS TBD
<b>November 9-12 – Installation Rally</b> North Carolina Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Contact, Claudine Davis, <a href="mailto:Claudine.davis@ncagr.gov">Claudine.davis@ncagr.gov</a> , (919)-839-4501, <a href="http://www.ncstatefair.org">www.ncstatefair.org</a> , Raleigh, NC, Advise you are with the Wally Byam Piedmont Unit. Hosts Dick and Becky Martin