



April 2017 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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Presidents' Corner,

Spring has come, and is soon to come to an end. While we all have enjoyed wiping the cobwebs off of our camping vehicles, we are now looking forward to a busy year on the road. We can share some thoughts on places to go and things to see in the near future. Hopefully our unit's schedule for the year will bring out more folks to share the road with. Sharing ideas is part of the fun of belonging to an active group what we have in the Piedmont Airstream unit.

While Margaret and I aren't a part of the April outing with those in our unit, we are active this month, down in the State of Georgia. We shall have a report from the Strouds, which will be incorporated into the newsletter as well. We are participating in WBCCI National Caravan, the "Georgia Plantation and More" caravan, which many of our unit might look at as an option in their future planning. The 22-day caravan wanders through historic sites in the state, stepping back to see how folks lived in the 19th century, prior to the civil war. The caravan visits preserved Georgia Plantations, and State Parks, which exhibit much of the state's history during the 19th century, and before.

We started at the Kolomoki Mounds State Historic Park which included a unique peek into history, all the way back into the glacial age of history.

Other Georgia state parks were part of the caravan, including the Brickyard Plantation, historic Americus, GA, and Plains, GA. Some folks attended a local church on Sunday, which witnessed a short bible reading by ex-President, Jimmie Carter. For civil war buffs, we stopped at the Andersonville National Historic prison site, the location of one of the largest Confederate military prisons during that conflict. Horrible prison conditions there resulted in the deaths of over 12,000 prisoners during that period. The prison site also includes the Prisoner of War Museum, which depicts incidents from our history in which America's prisoners of war existed, including WWII, Korean, and the Vietnam conflict

All in all, most of the local tours included antebellum homes from pre-Civil war times still preserved. A lot of history to reflect on

Jim Hamernick, Unit President

APRIL RALLY REVIEW

We had a wonderful Spring Kick Off Rally here in Four Oaks, April 6th through the 9th. Raleigh Oaks RV Resort and Cottages hit it out of the park doing such a great job as the site of our rally. We have enjoyed them for now the 3rd year and we look forward to coming back. Pat & Richard Paschall, John & Nancy Becker, Sarah Jensen & Hunter Marshall, Susan & Sherman Merchant, Bob & Marge Bennett, John and Dee Lloyd, Ed & Chris Baker, Dick & Becky Martin, Jerry & Billie Shelton, Andy, Karen & Kailey Karakos, Chris & Shirley Brown, Donna Moore, Bruce & Kelly Radford, Todd & Debbie Stroud attended this rally, in addition to a very special visit Saturday from Susan & Jamie King.

We started the rally with a welcome dinner prepared with recipes from Vivian Howard's (of Chef & the Farmer) cookbook. Our meal consisted of Blueberry BBQ Chicken, Squash & Onions, Collard Greens, Cornbread and Banana Pudding. Friday started with a cool & windy morning Putt Putt golf tournament. Our winning team was the new members of the club Chris & Ed Baker and Dee & John Lloyd; they won some really neat camping supplies. Friday also allowed exploring & lunch on your own where you could take advantage of the coupons and suggestions offered in the welcome bag offered by the Johnston County Visitors Bureau. After social hour and dinner on your own, we watched a movie in the rally room; *Mobile Mansions* detailed the history of travel-trailers and mobile homes in the US. It was a fascinating movie where Airstreams of course were highlighted, excellent research finding that movie Todd Stroud. The evening ended with a fire provided by the master of combustion John Becker, on such a cold evening it was very pleasant pastime.

After breakfast on your own, Saturday started with a tour of Broadslab Distillery. This fascinating stop included a wagon ride to the distillery where you could see where the different types of spirits were manufactured and the history behind its start. After a tasting (very small samples) you were able to keep a shot glass and a koozie. Jamie the owner has put a lot into this place, it is well worth a visit if you are ever in Benson, NC. Next we headed to Bentonville Battleground State Historic site in Four Oaks for a picnic lunch, which consisted of a variety of sandwiches, fruit, chips and a bottle of water. Afterwards you were free to tour the battleground, view a presentation in the Visitor's Center or just sit under the trees and relax. After social hour we headed over to Lazy O Farm for *Supper By the Pond*, this beautiful outdoor venue offered a wonderful view of a country pond to have dinner by. The weather was perfect and dinner consisted of barbecued beef brisket, fried pork chops, shrimp & grits, green beans, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad and some really awesome chocolate cake. For at least one person, this was the first fried pork chop she ever had, it is a good thing that Kevin Barefoot was the caterer; he knows how to make them.

Sunday morning breakfast consisted of a simple meal of oatmeal with apples & cinnamon, mini quiche, orange juice and coffee. After breakfast we had a few announcements and prayer for the road.

We've had a great rally with some really wonderful people. We look forward to seeing you all back in Four Oaks next year, Maybe you can bring a friend.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debbie Stroud

The panoramic is of Lazy O Farm, where we had Supper by the Pond, others are of the Broadslab Distillery tour. Photos courtesy of John Becker



Dee & John Lloyd and Chris & Ed Baker were the winners of the Putt Putt Tournament.



Participants



Photos courtesy of Debbie Stroud

MAY, 2017 Piedmont Schedule

Rally schedule - Shelby, North Carolina

Strawberry festival weekend

Shelby Fairgrounds, 1751 E. Marion Street

Thursday, May 11 - Rally Arrival

Arrive - 5:00pm - Happy hour - Bring snack to share. Bring drink

6:00pm - Pizza and salad, drinks provided - bring plates and silverware

Friday, May 12 - Daytime schedule on your own

Strawberry Festival - 3:00pm to 9:00pm, entertainment at Fairgrounds

1:00pm - Carousel - 901 W. Sumter Street

2:00pm. - Tour Earl Scruggs Center, 103 S. Lafayette Street

5:00pm - Happy hour - Bring snack and drinks

Dinner on your own

Saturday, May 13 - Daytime schedule, tour on your own

List of local "things to do" at the camp site office

Special note - Strawberry festival, 9:00am to 9:00pm - entertainment all day

5:00pm - Happy hour - Bring snack and drink

6:00pm - Pot Luck Dinner - Bring salad or vegetable or desert.
Bring plates and silverware

Meat will be provided, Ham and Chicken

Sunday, May 14 . Rally Departure schedule

8:30am - Egg McMuffin, or Egg and Sausage biscuit and fruit - bring drink

9:30am - Prayer for the road

Departure

SAFE TRIP DOWN the ROAD



April Birthdays

Ed Brasefield
Denise Funaro
Anita Harding
Bernie Lackmann
John Leake
Becky Martin
James McMillian
Lance Perryman
Helen Rice



Anniversaries

Merchant
Radford
Sandi

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR April 2017

Our club continues to grow. We have one new Airstream owner that became a member:

Gilbert (Mac) and Carol Montgomery. Their address is 642 S. 4th Avenue, Kure Beach, NC 28449. Carol's cell phone is 910-264-1943 and her email is mamadoc95@bellsouth.com. Mac's cell phone is 910-264-7862 and his email is macm91@hotmail.com

Please welcome Mac and Carol to our club. They purchased a brand new 2017 28qFlying Cloud. We are sure their camping experiences will be great and they will enjoy the comraderie of our club.

We now have 66 regular members and 3 affiliated members.

Diane and I wish everyone a happy start to the camping season.

Russ and Diane Barberio, Membership Chairpersons

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First Class

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2017 Rally Sites:

February 11- Exhibition of Ansel Adams: Masterworks, 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

March 10- Carolina Fur Dressing, Big Rock Sports, International Wildlife leather goods tour, **10AM**, 900 Freedom Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610, Hosts: Rick and Marsha Morgan (919) 231-9933

April 6-9- Raleigh Four Oaks RV Resort Rally, Buddy Rally, 527 US Highway 701S, Four Oaks, NC 2 Hosts: Todd and Debbie Stroud (919) 963-6953, Campground (919)-934-3181

April 19-26- "Mountains of NC" Unit Caravan to Region 3 Rally, Schedule to follow, Leaders: Shelly & Bill Townsend, Nancy & John Becker

April 26-30- Region 3 Rally- Hiawassee, GA. Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, <http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/> 1311 Music Hall Road, P.O. Box 444 Hiawassee, GA 30546 (706) 896-4191 Region 3 Hosts

May 11-14- Country Music Rally, Shelby/Cleveland County Fairgrounds 1751 E. Marion St., Shelby, NC (704) 487-0651 Hosts Bob and Ann Olson

June 8-11- Cross Winds Family Campground, 160 Campground Lane, Linwood, NC 27299 (336) 853-4567, Hosts: Richard and Pat Paschall, Chris and Shirley Brown.

July 22-29- WBCCI International Rally, Escanaba, MI

August 7-12- Galax Fiddler's Convention www.oldfiddlersconvention.com Cool Breeze Campground, 2330 Edmonds road, Galax, VA 24333 www.coolbreezecampground.com Reservations: (866) 342-0300 Hosts: Region 3 Unit Host: Bernie and Ann Lackmann

August 17-20- Hickory Nuts Falls Family Campground www.hickorynutfallsfamilycampground.com 639 Main Street, Chimney Rock, NC 28730 HOSTS TBD

September 7-10 Rutledge Lake Campground, Buddy Rally, 170 Rutledge Road, Fletcher NC 28732 www.rutledgelake.com Reservations: (828) 654-7873 HOSTS TBD

October 12-15 – New Bern KOA, www.koa.com/campgrounds/new-bern, 1565 B Street, NC 28560 Reservations: (252) 638-2556 HOSTS: Ned and Ann Albee

November 9-12 – Installation Rally

North Carolina Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Contact, Claudine Davis, Claudine.davis@ncagr.gov, (919)-839-4501, www.ncstatefair.org, Raleigh, NC, Advise you are with the Wally Byam Piedmont Unit. Hosts Dick and Becky Martin