



June 2017 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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Presidents' Corner,

June observations from the Piedmont unit

Summer is moving along quite quickly and we soon will be looking for July holiday festivities to join in on everywhere. An early Happy July 4th to all. The early June rally took place in Cross Winds Family Campground, June 8-11, a good call thanks to Richard and Pat Paschall.

We see advertising for fireworks and parades around the state. As summer moves along, some of us in the Piedmont unit group have signed up to attend the Galax music festival this year, which will be showing up in that little Virginia burg to see some of the finest musical talent in the area.

Each year the festival begins the fall activity schedule in the Blue Ridge range of hills, and this year occurs August 7 through 12. We look forward to seeing more of the Piedmont group there this year, so sign up if you have interest in attending. Check it out on their home page.

Before that, we have a good-sized group heading out to the northern reaches of Michigan. The Piedmont unit has a contingent attending the WBCCI International Rally in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, fondly described as the "U P of Michigan", that's "You Pee", for those who are slow on phonetically spelling technique. The latest count that I see shows a good number of member rigs of our unit attending. Let's update that list amongst ourselves to see what the latest count is.

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The Rally is set to occur at the Upper Peninsula State Fair Campgrounds in Escanaba to be held on July 22 through 29. The event is set to give fellow Airstreamers an opportunity to visit this area of the country for the first time. The local Airstreamers have coined a phrase for the rally, which is:



A lot of Midwesterners are familiar with the phrase.

The Piedmont unit representation to the rally is making a “majority of the month” excursion to get there in time for “priority seating, aka parking” in the fairground complex. Unit members signed up for the trip are Pat and Richard Paschall, Shelley and Bill Townsend, Karen and Andy Karakos, Donna and Bud Moore, Gaile Broom and Mike Bizon, Stedman Brown and Margaret and Jim Hamernick.

Jim Hamernick, Unit President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR JUNE 2017

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

Jim and Amy Mount. Their address is 717 Lanham Place, Raleigh, NC 27615. Jim’s cell phone is 919-270-9171 and his email is jmount.phoenix@gmail.com. Amy’s cell phone is 919-349-4509 and her email is rovermommy@hotmail.com. Jim & Amy’s home phone is 919-844-7235. Jim and Amy purchased a new 2017 30 ft Flying Cloud.

Several of our members met Jim and Amy at the June Rally at Crosswinds Campground. They are friends of Richard and Pat Paschall. Jim and Amy are such a warm, friendly couple and immediately just fit right in. Please welcome Jim and Amy to our club.

Russ and Diane Barberio, who were our Membership Chairpersons, have purchased another brand of RV and will no longer be in our club. Donna Moore has volunteered to be the Membership Chairperson for the remainder of this year.

We now have 66 regular members and 3 affiliated members.

Donna Moore, Membership Chairperson

SUMMER RALLY

Cross Winds Family Campground near Linwood NC might have been our second choice for our June rally but it proved to be a nice location for Airstream fun, fellowship and even a little education. Our group could meet most anywhere and have a fun and fellowship but it helps to have AC when the weather in NC turns a little hot and humid. Cross Winds had all the necessary electricity plus a pool for cooling off, if desired, and an airconditioned meeting room. Richard and I arrived on Wednesday. After doing a little exploring, we returned to the campground to find our President, Jim Hamernick, and First Lady, Margaret. Planning on a quiet afternoon of reading, they had arrived early. I'm not sure they made it to the books but we had a practice "Happy Hour."

Silver began rolling in early Thursday morning. By dinner time our group had grown to 21. A chef salad buffet followed by apple pie and whipped topping brought our group together. Salisbury's Visitor's Center had supplied us with many ideas for exploration in the area. Richard reviewed the schedule for Friday and invited everyone to look over the brochures for Saturday which was a free day for doing one's own thing.

Friday found Chris and Shirley Brown, John and Thelda Guy, Jim and Margaret Hamernick, Dick and Becky Martin, Bud and Donna Moore, Richard and Pat Paschall, Jerry and Billie Shelton, Bill and Shelley Townsend, Sherman and Susan Merchant along with Amy and Jim Mount (they have joined our unit) carpooling toward Thomasville for a tour of Prominence Furniture. The owner, Scotty Hill, and his assistant, Deborah Jones, took us on a very informative tour which covered all aspects of furniture manufacturing from the original idea to the final product. It was reassuring to learn that furniture manufacturing is still a part of North Carolina's economy. Lunch was on the afternoon schedule for some while others enjoyed wine tasting, sightseeing or a nice nap. The Smoke Pit in downtown Salisbury was our dinner destination. Added to the delicious food was a hardy Happy Birthday greeting by the wait staff for Gaile Broom, who had joined us for dinner along with husband, Mike Bizon. We were also happy to have Bernie and Ann Lackmann and Greg Ray riding in on "horseback."

Saturday was a day to choose from the many attractions in the area and head out solo or with likeminded Airstreamers. Antiques appealed to several of the group while others chose wine tasting, rail walking in Salisbury, the NC Transportation Museum, sightseeing in Old Salem or just riding or walking around Salisbury's National Cemetery. The weather was perfect. During a short business meeting, during which Donna Moore volunteered to take over the duties of Membership Chairperson (thank you, Donna!!!!), we agreed that we would continue with one Vice President (seems to be working fine), and pay the International Rally registration fee for our First Couple (as we do each year). Supper was on our own. As the sun was setting, the evening weather even cooperated by turning just cool enough for an enjoyable campfire complete with smores.

Our June rally was over too quickly but not before a delicious breakfast was provided by Chris and Shirley Brown on Sunday morning. Richard Paschall provided a short bit of inspiration followed by a prayer for the road and we were, once again, saying, "See you on down the road."

Pat Paschall

Crosswinds Campground
Salisbury, NC
June 10, 2017

NC Piedmont Unit WBCCI

President Jim Hamernick called meeting to order, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shelley Townsend called the roll. Present were: Jim Hamernick,

Bill Townsend

Jerry Shelton

Greg Ray

Richard Paschall

Shelley Townsend.

Richard Paschall asked for someone to take the Membership chairman position. He then gave a description of what the job entails. Donna Moore has volunteered to do the job. A motion to accept Donna was made, seconded. Donna is now our Membership Chairperson.

The possible need for a 2nd VP was brought up and the discussion was as to what the duties of said VP would be. Decided there was no need for 2nd VP.

Going to the International Rally in Escanaba MI was discussed with Bill reading of the names of those going. Motion was made and seconded to continue paying the rally fee at International Rallies for the Unit President. Motion carried.

John Guy gave us a talk on importance getting people to step up and take positions of leadership in the unit and also the importance of the need for new and younger Caravan leaders.

It was agreed that the Unit photo albums would be placed in the care of Greg Ray. Richard Paschall brought up the need to re-issue the unit directory and all the work that would take needing to be done soon.

Motion to adjourn was made by Richard Paschall, seconded by Dick Martin.

Shelley Townsend
Recording Secretary



June Birthdays

Ed Baker
Paula Beaty
Gaile Broom
Stedman Brown
Jerry Ferrell
Charles Gallardo
Andy Karakos
Marsha Morgan
Rick Morgan
Alice Neebe
Rocky Rice
Carlos Sandi
Betsy Stewart
Debbie Stroud

Anniversaries

Karakos
King
Lloyd
Martin
Perryman
Schradie



Joy Porter
March 20, 1942 - April 22, 2017
Asheboro

ASHEBORO, N.C. --Joy Faye Porter, 75, peacefully passed away Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Randolph Hospice House. She is preceded in death by her mother, Lillie Mae Pugh and her husband of 35 years Charles L. Porter. She is survived by her husband Stedman Brown, her only daughter Tori Miller and her husband Mickey Davis and her fur baby Harley.

She retired from Randolph Electric after 33 years of service. Once she retired, she traveled the world. Her most recent trip was 6 months in Alaska, in an Airstream camper. She was an active member of the NC Piedmont Airstream Club. She was an incredible person who loved and served God all her life.

She volunteered at many church ministries, helping with Hope's Kitchen at North Myrtle Beach. She was affiliated with many different churches around North Carolina and South Carolina.

A family and friend visitation will be held Monday, April 24, 2017 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Pugh Funeral Home with a Celebration of Life Service at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. A second memorial service will be held at N. Myrtle Beach at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Randolph Hospice House 416 Vision Dr., Asheboro, NC 27205 or to Pancreatic Society 1500 Rosecrans Ave. Suite 200 Manhattan Beach, CA 90260.

Condolences may be made online at www.pughfuneralhome.com

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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