



October 2017 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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NEW BERN RALLY
October 12-15, 2017
Hosted by Ned and Ann Albee

Those in attendance!

Ned and Ann Albee
Bob and Marge Bennett
Chris and Shirley Brown
Jerry and Colleen Burau
Jim and Margaret Hamernick
Dick and Becky Martin
Bud and Donna Moore
Carl and Karen Newton
Bob and Arny Olson
Richard and Pat Paschall
Todd and Debra Stroud with daughter Alexandra
Bill and Shelley Townsend

Note: Lance and Shirley Peffyrnan were supposed to be co-hosts but due to a mishap were unable to attend. Carl and Karen Newton stepped up to help the Albees.

The KOA in New Bern was a nice facility, albeit a little on the expensive side from what we are used to, but they had a community facility which worked out very nicely for our group. The weather was in the low to mid 80's and mostly cloudy the entire time with a major rain event on Saturday afternoon.

New Bern was settled in 1710 by Swiss and German immigrants and was named after Bern, the capital of Switzerland. Bern is the old Germanic word for bear. New Bern is the second oldest town in North Carolina and was the capital of the North Colonial government. For a short period of time Tryon Palace was North Carolina's first permanent state capital.



It is also the city where Pepsi was born. There are bears created by local artists situated throughout the city in various costumes 300th anniversary in 2010.



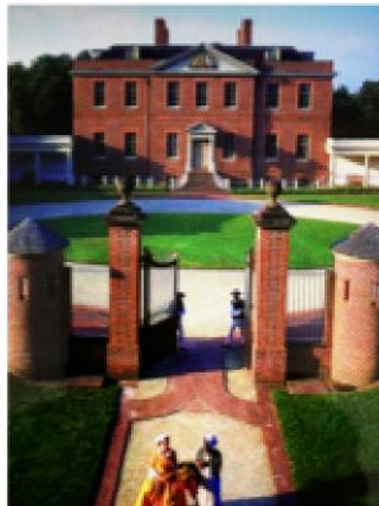
Thursday, October 12th - Happy hour followed by a terrific dinner prepared by the Albee's. It consisted of jambalaya with lots of fresh caught local shrimp, tossed salad, cornbread and chocolate cake for dessert.

Friday, October 13th - We all reconnoitered at 9:30 to caravan to Hatteras Yachts for a tour of the facilities. We all had to wear closed toed shoes and were given badges and goggles for safety. A little history - Willis Slane, the founder of Hatteras Yachts, envisioned a fishing boat strong enough to withstand the waves off Cape Hatteras where his prey of choice, the Marlin, grow as big as the swells. Over 55 years ago the "Knit Wilts", the 40' fiberglass yacht revolutionized the industry. Hatteras Yachts now manufactures 30 models all hand made, ranging from 45' to 100' in length with a price tag up to \$15 million-cash with contract. We had a guided tour of the plant with 211 the 'various phases of production. But, unfortunately, weren't able to see the finished

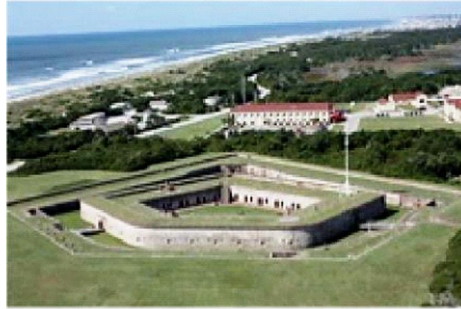


product. We did, however, see the "Knit Wits" their first effort. Delivery from contract to completion is approximately 18 months,

The balance of the day we were on our own with a packet of things to see and do. Friday was the kickoff concert for the "Munfest" on the south lawn of the Tyron Palace. They were expecting 100,000 people to attend the festivities over the weekend. There were mums everywhere along with food and craft vendors lining many of the streets.



Some visited Fort Macon State Park near Atlantic Beach and had a guided tour of the Fort. The Civil War began on April 12, 1861 and only two days elapsed before local North Carolina militia forces from Beaufort arrived to seize the fort for the State of North Carolina and the Confederacy. The Battle of Fort Macon was fought there during March and April 1862. In 1923 Fort Macon was offered for sale as surplus military property. However, at the bidding of North Carolina leaders, a Congressional Act of June 4, 1924, sold the fort and surrounding reservation for the sum of \$1



to the state of North Carolina to be used as a public park. This was the second area acquired by the state for the purpose of establishing a state parks system. The fort was restored in 1936

Many of us took the trolley tour of New Bern. The guides were very informative pointing out the various residences of important people, many residences. moved two or three times to accommodate changes to the city - addition of parking lots, etc. Many structures burned and rebuilt. Noting all the steeples in the skyline (churches. everywhere). We were able to go into the Episcopal church, one of the oldest They were having a pumpkin sale for Halloween so they were scattered all over the grounds. There were tours of Tryon Palace and the gardens as well as a house tour.

In Oriental, NC, the sail boat capital of North Carolina, there was a classic car show. Many huge old homes and water and boats everywhere. A charming little town.

Saturday we were again on our own until happy hour. There was so much leftover Jambalaya. We all met at the community center for dinner.

At happy hour we had a meeting to vote on the list of proposed officers and trustee's. They are as follows

- President - Bill Townsend
- Vice President - Dick Martin
- Recording Secretary - Shelley Townsend
- Treasurer - Stedman Brown
- Corresponding Secretary - Greg Ray
- Membership - Donna Moore
- Trustee - John Lloyd
- Trustee - Ned Albee

Following discussion, motion to approve the 2018 list of unit officers was approved and seconded.

Next items on the agenda

Two items were brought up and are being circulated to all unit members for comment as follows:

Item 1: It seems that fewer people are attending Piedmont unit representation at the Galax Rally for the Old Fiddlers Convention in Galax, Virginia. The question to the unit is "should we continue including in our rally schedule or re-evaluate to find out how many are still interested and if there isn't much interest, delete from our schedule.

Item 2: Another topic of conversation was the member directory. Should it be reprinted in total at a cost of \$300 - \$500 or as we get new members should updates be emailed. It was determined that the members would be polled. The option to printing is a virtual directory which will then be updated on the web.

Bill Townsend the 2018 President nominee gave out the proposed rally schedule for 2018:

Feb 17 - A one day outing in Raleigh hosted by Lance and Shirley Perryman - TBD
March 15-18 - Lumberton hosted by Bill and Shelley Townsend
Apr - Region 3 rally In Ivhurtle Beach hosted by Region 3
May ?- Little Washington hosted by Dick and Becky Martin
June ? - Charlotte hosted by Chris and Shirley Brown
July ? - Mount Airy hosted by Richard and Pat Paschall/Mike & Gaile Bizon
Aug? - Galax hosted by Bernie and Arm Lackmann?
Sept 13-16 - Roxboro hosted by John and Nancy Becker
Oct ? - Location TBD, hosted by Bud and Donna Moore
Nov? - Four Oaks. hosted by Todd and Debbie Stroud

Donna Moore inquired if anyone would be interested in traveling a bit further. possibly Northern VA. South Gmolina, etc. to have a rally in places we haven't visited before

Sunday a continental breakfast was provided - then all said adieu and went our separate ways.

A Note From Your Treasurer

For those who have not renewed their membership, it is time to renew for 2018. The quickest and easiest way to renew is online at WBCCI.org. If a member prefers not to renew online or is having difficulty, they may send a check directly to me. Make checks payable to "Piedmont NC Unit" in the amount of \$80 with a note on the memo line indicating 2018 WBCCI Dues. Mail checks to:

Stedman Brown
1983 Cooper Field Drive
Nashville, NC 2785

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017

Please welcome the following new members to the Piedmont Unit. Chuck Depew & Donna Keiran have a 2017 25 Ft International Serenity and reside at 3829 Cottage Rose Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612. Chuck's email address is cdepew99@gmail.com and Donna's email address is donna.keiran@gmail.com. Chuck's cell phone is 919-604-7062 and Donna's cell phone is 919-522-3330, their home phone is 919-787-5121. Burt & Gail Broadway have a 1993 34 Ft Classic and reside at 27058 Catamaran Dr, Tega City, SC 29708. Burt's email address is burt.broadway@gmail.com and Gail's email address is broadwaygail@hotmail.com. Burt's cell phone is 980-257-9621 and Gail's cell phone is 803-322-7687, their home phone is 803-548-3091. Greg & Helen Sims have a 2017 30 Ft International and their address is P O Box 475, Fairview, NC 28730. Greg's email address is ashrink12@gmail.com and Helen's email address is hisaachi@yahoo.com. Greg's cell phone is 828-545-9271 and Helen's is 828-279-0978, their home phone is 828-222-2177. Brad & Libby Thompson have a 2017 25 Ft Flying Cloud and reside at 6176 Old Ironworks Rd, Greensboro, NC 27455. Brad's email address is bradthompson1@me.com and Libby's email address is ethompson34@triad.rr.com. Brad's cell phone is 336-392-7496 and Libby's cell phone is 336-255-1204, their home phone is 336-643-8393. We are pleased to have these new members of the Piedmont Unit and look forward to meeting them at upcoming rallies.

The following members have renewed their 2018 membership. If you do not see your name on this list, we are not showing you as having renewed your membership.

Becker, John & Nancy
Bennett, Bob & Marge
Bizon, Mike & Broom, Gaile
Brandt, Fred - Affiliate
Broadway, Burt & Gail
Brown, Stedman
Coffman, Edward & Flanagan, Betsy
Depew, Chuck & Keiran, Donna
Hackett, Dennis & Barbara
Karakos, Andy & Karen
Luke, Richard & Suzanne
Martin, Dick & Becky
Moore, Bud & Donna
Newton, Carl & Karen
Olson, Robert & Amy
Paschall, Richard & Pat
Perryman, Lance & Shirley
Ray, Gregory
Rowse, William
Shelton, Jerry & Billie
Sims, Greg & Helen
Statham, Dick & Wardene
Stewart, Robert & Elizabeth
Thompson, Brad & Libby
Townsend, Bill & Shelly
Tucker, Leland & Gail
Woods, Dean

If you have not renewed your WBCCI and Piedmont Unit membership for the coming year, please do so. You must renew your membership before **November 1** in order for your information to appear in the membership directory. If you would like, you can renew online at WBCCI.org, select the Join tab, and charge

your dues to your credit card or Paypal. Of course, you can still complete a hard copy of the membership form, and send your dues check to Stedman Brown.

Donna Moore, Membership Chairperson

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Piedmont Unit Minutes
October 13, 2017
New Bern, NC

The October meeting at the New Bern KOA was called to order by President Jim Hamernick.

Officers present: , Jim Hamernick ,President ; Bill Townsend, VP; Shelley Townsend, Recording Secretary; Trustees: Todd Stroud, Chris Brown.

Members in attendance: Hamernicks, Paschalls, Bennetts, Strouds, Townsends, Moores, Albees, Olsons, Boraus, Browns, Martins,an Newtons.

Slate of officer nominees for 2018; provided by John Becker, Past President; was presented and voted on. The following were elected:

President: Bill Townsend

VP: Dick Martin

Treasurer: Stedman Brown

Corresponding Secretary: Greg Ray

Recording Secretary: Shelley Townsend

Trustees: John Lloyd, Ned Albee

Discussion was held on the rallies for next year, dates, places and hosts. A couple of details need to be firmed up for a couple of the rallies. These will be firmed up and presented at November rally.

Donna Moore asked if members would be hesitant to drive a little (say to the coast, the mountains or into Virginia) and all agreed this would not be a problem.

Discussed having co-hosts at each rally. This would help give the new members a chance to host without going it alone and as happened at New Bern, the Rally would be covered if one of the hosts had an emergency. Each monthly rally for next year already has one family who has volunteered to host and they could use some help. Please help where you can.

Richard Paschall asked about doing up a new unit directory. Jim Hamernick said he would work with Greg Ray to determine member preferences.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Townsend, Recording Secretary

WBCCI Piedmont NC Club # 161
Hosts Dick & Becky Martin (919-637-6883)

Thursday Nov 9

Checkin 4:00 pm Camping Entrance on Youth Center Dr. near Hunt Horse Complex- Advise that you are with Piedmont Airstream Club, not vintage campers

4:30 pm Social Hour in campground under shelters

Bring your chairs, favorite beverage and a snack to share

5:30 pm Welcome Dinner provided, bring chairs, setups and favorite beverage

Under Shelters in Campground. Menu includes chili, cheese, crackers, relish, and apple pie.

Friday Nov 10

Breakfast on your own

See Welcome pack for lots of things to do and see in Raleigh

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Optional Raleigh Culinary & Cultural Walking Tour

For more info see <https://tobaccoroadtours.com/raleigh-culinary-walking-tour>. Price \$55/person, need at least 8 to hold Friday pm tour. Please call or email Becky Martin if interested. 919-637-6883 or beckywmartin@earthlink.net.

Optional: 1:00 -3:00 pm Vintage Fan Faire, NC State Fairgrounds, Glamper Show Case, Tickets \$7 in advance online, <https://thevintagelifestyleexperience.com>

4:30 pm Social Hour under shelters in campground, bring chairs, favorite beverages and snack to share

5:30 pm Dinner on your own

7:00 pm Campfire in campground

Saturday Nov 11

Breakfast on your own

See list in Welcome package for a variety of events in Raleigh on Saturday

Options Include:

All Day: Flee Market at NC State Fairgrounds

10:00 - 5:00 pm Vintage Fan Faire at NC State Fairgrounds

Vintage Vendors

Vintage Auto Show

Glamper Show Case Tour 1:00 – 3:00 pm

4:30 – 5:30 pm Social Hour under shelters in campground, bring chairs, favorite beverages and snack to share

5:30 pm Depart for Vic’s Italian Restaurant, in the MarketPlace on 4035 Lake Boone Trail, Ste 109, Raleigh, NC 27607 Note: Entrance is on side of building facing Lake Boone Trail. Will have limited menu to speed up dinner.

6:00 pm Dinner

Following Dinner will have installation of 2018 Club Officers at restaurant

7:00 pm or when we return from dinner, Campfire in campground

Sunday, Nov 12

8:00 am Continental Breakfast under shelters in Campground

Depart for Home after breakfast

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REGION 3 2018 RALLY AT MYRTLE BEACH

The 2018 Region 3 Rally is scheduled for 25-29 April 2018 at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach SC. The Rally Fee has not been established but the campsites at Ocean Lakes are priced at \$61.60 per night, including tax. Those expecting to attend should call the campground as soon as possible to reserve a camping site. Specify that you will be attending the Region 3 Airstream Rally. Sites have been blocked for our use starting as early as Sunday, 22 April, to Sunday, 29 April. The number for reservations at the campground is 800-722-1451. Blocked campsites are in sections H, HH, and I. These are prime sites near the ocean and near the large building where most of the Region 3 activities will occur. Registration for the event will soon be available on the Region 3 website: region3.wbcc.net.

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UPCOMING WBCCI 2018 MIDWINTER IBT

Right after New Year's Day, Airstreamers have an opportunity to enjoy Florida for the Midwinter International Board of Trustees (IBT) meeting 8-12 January in Sarasota FL at the Sarasota Fairgrounds. This rally is open to all WBCCI members and presents a good opportunity to find great fellowship in warmer weather. Parking day is Monday, 8 January, and departure day is Friday, 12 January. Cost is \$90 per person for the rally and \$25 per night for a campsite on the fairgrounds in Sarasota. Registration coupons are printed in the recent issues of Blue Beret. Meals and entertainment are included in the registration fee. See the WBCCI website for the form: <http://wbcci.org/ibt-meetings-summer-2016/club-info/ibt-corner/ibt-meeting-mid-winter-2018>. The address for the fairgrounds is 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34237.

Richard Paschall
Region 3 Registrar

UPDATES TO UNIT DIRECTORY

Our Piedmont NC Unit directory is being updated and your inputs are need. For those who have a directory, please look at your page to see if any information has changed and let Richard Paschall know what is current. Also, if you wish to change your photo, please send him a new photo, preferably by email with a high resolution/high pixel count color photo. If you have only a print, mail it to Richard and he will return it to you after scanning it into his computer. Also, if you would prefer receiving your directory in digital form, please let him know that. If you wish to have a print copy, also let him know. New unit members who have joined in the past seven months may not have a printed directory. If you have not sent Richard your information for the directory, please do so as soon as possible. He needs to know your home phone number (if you have one), your cell phone numbers and email addresses, birth dates and anniversary (month and day only), and the name you have given to your Airstream RV. Richard Paschall's mailing address is 304 Majestic Heights Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144 (he has moved from Zebulon). His email address is afo6@att.net.



October Birthdays

Ned Albee
Bill Barefoot
Marge Bennett
Pat Paschall
Shirley Perryman
Alissa Rydzewshi
Terri Sharpe
Tom Wrenn

Anniversaries

Bennett
Bilbao
Chassaing-Martin
Ferrell-Dressler
Mauger
Stewart



Gregory Ray, KK4MHY
Piedmont NC Unit, WBCCI
Unit Corresponding Secretary
179 West Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27107

First Class

WEBSITE: <http://piedmontunit.wbcci.net/welcome/>

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 21- The Total Eclipse, Palmetto Cove Campground, SC

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

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, www.ncstatefair.org, Raleigh, NC, Hosts Dick and Becky Martin