



November 2017 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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Piedmont Airstream Unit

Installation rally

November 9-12, 2017

NC State Fairgrounds

HOSTS: DICK and BECKY MARTIN

Attendees: John & Nancy Becker, with guest,
Margaret Van de Ree, from Carolinas NC unit
Bob & Marge Bennett
Stedman Brown
Jim & Margaret Hamernick
Dick & Becky Martin
Bud & Donna Moore
Richard & Pat Paschall
John & Donna Pennington
Jerry & Billie Shelton
Todd & Debbie Stroud
Bill & Shelley Townsend

We arrived Wednesday evening to a cool, grey drizzle and stayed in the regular campground, in the back of the Fairgrounds, up the hill from the livestock and horse show arenas. The sites were flat and of good size, out in the open and overall a clean location.

Although the campground area was quite full, we ended up, basically all together. We shared the campground with many rigs of people attending the huge horse show activities. The "Jump for the Children Duke/House Show benefitting the Duke Children's Hospital was in full attendance. Olympic style jumpers from all over the country, beautiful horses, large fancy trailers and RV's pulling them. Some pulled by 18-wheel semi trailer Tractors.

Thursday was another cold and rainy day. By the time everyone had arrived, it was time for a Happy Hour get together Thursday evening. The Becker's brought their large "pop up" tent gazebos which were put up between two of our sites and made for perfect shelter from the drizzle, although not from the cold. Everyone in attendance for happy hour enjoyed hearing of the experiences by those who were on the Southwest Caravan. The Becker's and Jerry Shelton, sans Billie, had just returned from it and offered many good remembrances for the group. Becky Martin presented a wonderful dinner, with Chili and thick clam chowder, with veggie tray and apple pie. We sat around a "big red" campfire for a hint of warmth.

We awoke up Friday morning to a welcome sunny, yet chilly day. One of our events for Friday, a culinary walking tour of the area, was cancelled so everyone "did their own thing" for entertainment. There was no lack of things to do either at the fairgrounds, or around that area of Raleigh. At the fairgrounds, there was the large horse show, a vintage camper trailer show, with some beautiful Shasta's, which were decorated by their owners to offer their original style from years back. A variety of colors and styles were enjoyable to walk through. The owner's were quite proud of their units and were willing to talk "your arm off" sharing their life long experiences with them.. Old Airstreams were present. We even saw one of the old VW pop up versions of the little van. Further down the line at the fairgrounds was a large "swap meet" with more than a 100 vendors.

Friday evening we had happy hour with the addition of a real fire. Several of us attended the "Moonlight in the Garden" at the NC State Arboretum. There are over 6,000 plants of every variety one can imagine in the various gardens – Asian, Winter, Conifer, Cactus – even a roof top terrace. There were azaleas, iris, and dahlias in full bloom to our amazement. There was a large open area with food trucks and entertainment for the crowd's enjoyment.

With a low expected to be in the mid 20's Friday night, everyone prepared for a possible freeze – unhooking water hoses, turning on tank heaters, etc., with propane heaters in full heat.

Saturday was Veterans Day, so a Happy Veteran's Day to those amongst us. We were on our own for the majority of the day. Several restaurants were offering specials for Vets. IHOP led the way with a special plate of pancakes, embellished with Strawberries, blueberries and whipped cream topping outlined in a Santa Claus portrait, very festive for the day. In addition, Veterans were identified and had their own "plate of pancakes with berries" free of charge, along with having their photo taken with the manager and his staff.

The installation of new officers for 2018 took place Saturday evening in a cold closing to the event. The Martins arranged for a Continental breakfast on Sunday.



Note from the Treasurer

Bob Bennett at the November Rally in Raleigh conducted the club's yearly financial audit. No issues or discrepancies were found.

The club has a few Piedmont Unit Flags for sale. The cost is \$45 dollars; anyone desiring a flag should contact:

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2017

We are pleased to welcome Cynthia Wagoner of Reidsville, NC as a new member of the Piedmont Unit. Cynthia has a 2002 28 Ft Classic. Her email address is nccampergirl@yahoo.com. We look forward to meeting Cynthia 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.

Albee, Ned & Ann	Meeks, Ralph & Ruth
Barefoot, Bill & Alice	Merchant, Sherman & Susan
Becker, John & Nancy	Moore, Bud & Donna
Bennett, Bob & Marge	Morgan, Rick & Marsha
Bizon, Michael & Gaile Broom	Mount, Jim & Amy
Brandt, Fred (Affiliate Member)	Newton, Carl & Karen
Broadway, Bert & Gail	Olson, Bob & Amy
Brown, Chris & Shirley	Paschall, Richard & Pat
Brown, Stedman	Pennington, John & Donna
Coffman, Edward & Betsy Flanagan	Perryman, Lance & Shirley
Day, John & Christy Shi	Ray, Greg
Edwards, Donna & Dane	Rhoads, Hal & Betsy
Ferrell, Jerry & Norma Dressler	Rice, Rocky & Helen
Funaro, David & Denise	Rowse, William
Galloway, Hunter & Debbie	Rydzewski, Tom & Alissa
Guy, John & Thelda	Schradie, Joe & Marge
Hackett, Dennis & Barbara	Shelton, Jerry & Billie
Hamernick, Jim & Margaret Banke-Hamernick	Sims, Greg & Helen
Jacobs, Tom	Statham, Dick & Wardene
Karaos, Andy & Karen	Stewart, Scotty & Betsy
Keiran Donna & Chuck Depew	Strong, Tim & Susan
King, Jamie & Susan	Stroud, Todd & Debbie
Lackmann, Bernie & Ann	Thompson, Brad & Libby
Lloyd, John & Juanita "Dee"	Townsend, Bill & Shelley
Luke, Rich & Sue	Tucker, Leland & Gail
Martin, Dick & Becky	Wagoner, Cynthia
Mauger, Gary & Christine	Woods, Dean
McCoy, Milton & Regina	Wrenn, Tom & Martha

If you have not renewed your WBCCI and Piedmont Unit membership for the coming year, please do so. 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

SOUTHWEST ADVENTURE CARAVAN

WOW!!!! What a great time was had by all. We just got home from our fifty-three day caravan. We had a good group from our unit to enjoy this trip including, John and Nancy Becker, John and Dee Lloyd, Jerry Shelton, Tom Rydzewski, and John and Thelda Guy. We saw so many beautiful parts of our country. We saw Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon, Mesa Verde, Monument Valley, North Rim of the Grand Canyon, Horseshoe Slot Canyon, Lake Powell, Acoma in the Sky, and Albuquerque. We went on some wild Jeep rides, train ride from Durango to Silverton, cruise on Lake Powell, raft trip down the Colorado River, and mule ride in Bryce Canyon. We had some delicious meals at some very nice restaurants.

One of our highlights was the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. We had a perfect place to park. Early each morning we had hundreds of beautiful balloons floating right over our trailers. At night we could go out on the field and watch as the tethered balloons would light up the night. What a beautiful sight. We also had some fantastic fireworks to end the night. We had things planned for us to do as a group, but we also had free time to do whatever we wanted to do.

We had some of our group that liked to hike or ride their bikes. We had the Becker Bunch, John, Nancy, Jerry Shelton and Tom Rydzewski. I think they were the most energetic group who did a lot of hiking. Jerry sure had some workouts and we heard that Tom took an extra bath in the cold river. John and I took the mule ride down in Bryce Canyon. It was great, I am glad I did it, but one time is enough!!!!

Our leaders were Jay and Elna Thompson and Winston and Carol Montague. Winston was having some health problems and had to go home. He is doing much better. They have led this caravan many times and are great leaders.

This is a great caravan and we highly recommend it to everyone.

Thelda Guy



November Birthdays

Ann Albee
Alice Barefoot
Shirley Brown
Hunter Galloway
John Guy
Thelda Guy
Susan King
Caleb Oliver
Kristina Sandi
Tim Strong

Anniversaries

Chris & Shirley Brown
Hamernick-Banke
Jenssen-Marshall
D. & J. Porter
Strong
Townsend



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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 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
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