



## October 2020 Newsletter <https://airstreamclub.org/piedmont-north-carolina>

Region 3, Unit 161

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### October 2020 President's Report

It's almost over. The most ridiculous year, 2020 or was it? What year could have provided us with more delights than 2020 served up? What a rabbit hole it was to research that! Here are some other years to put 2020 into perspective.

1177 B.C. or thereabouts, according to Eric Cline from George Washington University. The year when many of the worlds highest developed Bronze Age cultures collapsed and disappeared at almost the same time. It is still not completely understood why. "Sea People" were the alleged reason for the collapse. There was no mention of "Trailer People" causing any civilizations to collapse

535-536 B.C. The sun did not shine at all due to dust in the atmosphere most likely caused by a huge volcanic eruption - causing a literal "Dark Age". There were famines and the fall of civilizations in India and Central America. Sounds like something I made up, but this has been confirmed by annals from all over the world - from Ireland to China. Even ice cores from Greenland and Antarctica showed high sulphur deposits for those years. It was most likely due to Mt. Krakatoa erupting. Again, no trailer people were involved. However, it was the year that the great tow vehicle controversy started. That is an ongoing discussion.

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No sunshine? Well, that happened again. It was 1816 when Mary Shelley wrote *Frankenstein*. It was also the year without a summer. Ostensibly the weather was so bad that there wasn't much to do outdoors. Mary and her friends (she was 18 at the time) decided to have a story-writing contest with each other since they were mostly cooped up indoors. She published her book two years later. That year without a summer was caused by another volcanic eruption this one in Indonesia. I'm looking forward to some great novels in 2022 written by teenagers stuck inside. No, teenagers will write some graphic novel available only on some yet to be invented application. That's progress.

How about 1968? DNC riots, RFK and MLK assassinated, Tet Offensive, first manned lunar flyby. But it hardly compares to no sunshine or civilizations disappearing. I give it a 5 on the 1 to 10 worst years scale. At least an Airstream was around for the astronauts.

1968 is potentially the only year that made my list that most of us lived through. Of course there are people who say if you remember the 60s, you weren't there. Ask some of our veterans about Vietnam. They remember.

Let me insert a shameless plug for our Veterans Day Rally right here. Come if you can. I can promise there are no volcanoes in NC to erupt and block out the sun. 2020 we have lived through it, so far. It will end. We will get back to traveling and sharing campfires. If humans survived no sunshine for a year two different times, we can survive this.

Mike

Hi Everyone,

Here is the membership report for October.

Headquarters is sending a list with only names from the region. I should get contact details once Amanda sends it for the transfer. Caleb and Laura Oliver were past members in 2018 I believe you may have them in Evernote. Amanda did not send me their contact info. They have a new system for membership up and running.

Many of the new owners' non-members information goes to Region 3 and they do not send individual club that information anymore.

I have requested a contact to get Region 3 North Carolina non-members list.

Hope you all are doing well.

Becky Martin

A note from the Treasurer,

It is time to renew your membership for 2021. Our renewals are approximately 25% behind where they were last year at this time. Regular members should renew at the club's website (<https://airstreamclub.org/>); ---- select "Current Members" then select "Renew your Membership".

Our affiliate members can renew by mailing a \$15 dollar check made payable to Piedmont Airstream Club to:

Stedman Brown  
5204 Fielding Drive  
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Anyone having questions about renewals should contact me at [stedmanbrown6693@gmail.com](mailto:stedmanbrown6693@gmail.com).

### **RALLY LITE**

Less carbs, fewer calories, but, still satisfying (alcohol optional). Attendance requested.

2021 WILL be a better year. There are a few changes on how we rally and what is expected of the rally hosts. Todd and Debbie Stroud did a trial run last July. The upcoming November rally to be hosted by Robin Gieniewski and Andy and Karen Karakos Co Hosts will give us a better idea on how we can proceed. We will use these outings for an outline until the pandemic is under control and are able to return to normal. What ever that may be.

The hosts may select the location and temporarily reserve parking at the RV park. All activities will be contingent on the restrictions in effect at that time. They may plan cookouts, pot luck meals or meals on our own. Lots if campfires and outdoor happy hours. Information on activities in the area maybe furnished. Group outings will follow the rules in effect at the time and may not be appropriate.

The club has decided to put the February luncheon on hold until restaurants are allowed to reopen and we feel more comfortable dining as a large group.

I would like to thank our members that have stepped up and will be hosts for 2021 rallies.

We are still in need of hosts for June and November.

John Lloyd Vice President

# **Piedmont Club 2021 Rally Schedule**

**January** 18-22 Mid Winter IBT Sarasota FL

**February** Winter Luncheon (not scheduled at this time)

**March** Lumberton NC Host Bill and Shelly Townsend (Details to follow)

**April** 20-25 Region 3 Rally North Florida Fairgrounds, Tallahassee FL

**May** 13-16 Mayo Park Host John and Nancy Becker (Details to follow )

**June** (Host Needed)

**July** 16-24 International Meeting Wilson County Expo Center, Lebanon, TN

**August** Host Todd and Debbie Stroud (details to follow)

**September** 9-12 Seahaven Marina RV Park 148 Old Ferry Road Sneads Ferry NC Host Alan and Jane Hvizdak (Details to follow)

**October** 28-31 Alumialina Tom Johnsons Camping World, Marion NC

**November** Installation Rally ( Host Needed)

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**2020 Rally Sites:**

January:Mid-Winter IBT ,Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort,Las Vegas, NV

February: Winter Luncheon, Stedman Brown and Tami Lowe, hosts  
February 15th at 11AM, D&S Cafeteria, South Hills Mall and Plaza, 1177 Buck Jones Rd. Raleigh, NC 27606

March:(hosts needed)

April 1-5:WBCCI Region 3 Rally, Ocean Lakes Family Campground  
Myrtle Beach, SC **CANCELLED**

May:New Bern, NC, Alan and Jane Hvizdak hosts, May 14 -17  
Make Reservations before March 1 2020, New Bern KOA, 800-562-3341  
**CANCELLED**

June 20-27:WBCCI International Meeting, The Ranch Events Complex, Loveland, CO  
**CANCELLED**

July 23-26: Todd and Debbie Stroud Hosts **CANCELLED**

August 2-10:Galax Old Time Fiddlerø Convention, Cool Breeze Campground  
Galax, VA **CANCELLED**

September: (hosts needed)

October 22-25:Alumalina, Tom Johnsonø Camping World, Marion, NC

November 5-8: NC Veteranø Day Rally  
Robin Gieniewski, Andy and Karen Karakos, Co Hosts  
Fayetteville RV Resort and Cottages  
WADE, NC