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Region 3, Unit 161

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November 2020 President's Report

Allow me to share a story that was shared with me. I have to change it just a little from the original.

A newlywed young man was sitting under the awning of his dad's Airstream on a humid day, sipping ice tea. As they talked about adult life, marriage, responsibilities, and obligations, the father thoughtfully stirred the ice cubes in his glass and cast a clear, sober look at his son.

"Never forget your friends," he advised, "they will become more important as you get older. Regardless of how much you love your family and the children; you will always need friends. Remember to go out with them occasionally. Just keep in contact with them somehow."

"What strange advice!" thought the young man. "I just entered the married world. I am an adult. I have a great job. Surely my wife and the family that we plan to start will be everything I need to make sense of my life."

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Yet, he obeyed his father. He kept in touch with his friends. When he could afford his own Airstream, he attended rallies and caravans. He went to International when he could. He made friends in the Airstream club. He made random phone calls to his friends just to catch up. He invited friends to camp, even those that owned an SOB.

Over the years, he became aware that his Father knew what he was talking about. As time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a person, friends become the bulwarks of our life.

After almost 70 years of life, here is what he, you, and I will have learned:

Time passes.

Life goes on.

Children cease to be children and become independent. And to the parents, it breaks their heart, but the children are separated from the parents because they begin their own families.

Jobs/careers come and go.

Illusions, desires, attraction, sex.....weakens. Sorry.

People cannot do what they did physically when they were young. That hitch gets heavier each year.

Parents die but you move on.

Colleagues forget the favors you did.

The race to achieve slows.

But true friends are always there, no matter how long or how many miles away they are. A friend is not distant. Just reach out with a need. They are ready to intervene in your favor, waiting for you with open arms or in some way to bless your life.

When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead.

We did not know how much we would need from each other.

Love your parents, take care of your children, but keep a group of good friends.

Stay in touch with them, but do not impose your criteria.

I share this with you as my last message as president. If you like it, I suggest that you share it with your friends. Maybe they are friends from high school, college, or the neighborhood maybe somebody you worked with or spent a couple of hours

around a leaky black water tank. Maybe the random people you share an adult beverage with or some ice tea have crossed over to being friends.

Me?

I am sharing this with my Airstream friends, the ones that know when to help me and when to let me learn on my own. The ones that just watch me back into a camp site and only help when I ask for it. The friends I've spent weeks on the road with on a caravan or just a couple of too-short weekends at a rally. The ones that trusted me and thrust me into office during the most difficult year yet.

As the song goes "Thank you for being a friend."

Gaile and I look forward to seeing our friends down the road.



**Business Meeting Piedmont Airstream Club
October 24,2020
Tom Johnson Rally Park Marion, NC**

Meeting called to order at 4:05PM By Vice President John Lloyd

Members in attendance:

Bill and Diane Byrum, Dick and Becky Martin, David and Debbie Stubbs, Robin Gieniewski, Allan and Jane Hvizdak, Bud and Donna Moore, Jim Schaal, David Johnson, John and Dee Lloyd.

Past President Dick Martin put forth nominations for Club officers for next year.

President: John Lloyd

Vice President: Bill Byrum

Corresponding Secretary: Gregory Ray

Recording Secretary: Debbie Stroud

Treasurer: Stedman Brown

Trustee: Robin Gieniewski

Trustee: Karen Newton

Motion was made to accept the nominations by Allan Hvizdak and seconded. The vote was called and passed.

There were no nominations from the floor.

John Lloyd announced the following committee appointments for next year:

Audit: Tom Ryzewski

Budget: Stedman Brown

Caravan: Dick Martin

Constitution and Bylaws; and Directory: John Becker

Ethics and Grievances: Bill Townsend

Membership: Amy Mount

Newsletter Editor: Gregory Ray

Webmaster: Bill Byrum

Robin Gieniewski gave a brief presentation on the Installation Rally November 5-8 2020

Dick Martin announced up coming venues for Region 3 Vintage Airstreams

Allan Hvizdak discussed the planned rally at Sneads Ferry September 9-12 2021

Bill Byrum reported on changes and improvements in the club web site and requested pictures and information on club and member activities that could be includes on the web site and the newsletter.

Motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20PM

Submitted by Dee Lloyd for Recording Secretary Shelly Townsend

**Business Meeting Piedmont Airstream Club
November 7, 2020
Fayetteville RV Resort
Wade NC**

President Mike Bizon called the meeting to order at 7PM

Members in attendance: Mike Bizon; Robin Gieniewski; Andy Karakos; Karen Karakos; Stedman Brown and Tami Lowe; Dee Lloyd; John Lloyd; Bud Moore; Donna Moore; Bill Townsend; Shelly Townsend; Allan Hvizdak; Jane Hvizdak; Jim Mount; Amy Mount.

The Pledge Of Allegiance was led by Mike Bizon.

Minutes of the October 2020 meeting were read by Dee Lloyd and approved.

Dee Lloyd read a tribute to Veterans and all members of our great military.

Mike Bizon announced the Club officers for 2021 and swore John Lloyd in as President and Stedman Brown as Treasurer.

John Lloyd presented the new committee chairs.

All the Rally attendees gave great thanks to Robin and Bogdan Gieniewski and Karen and Andy Karakos for a GREAT rally in these difficult times.

Motion was made and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Dee Lloyd for
Recording Secretary Margaret Hamernick



THANK YOU ALUMALINA

A gathering to remember. After being cooped up for 7 months we all were ready for some camping, fun, food and fellowship. AlumaLine didn't disappoint. 190 Airstreams and over 400 friendly people! Our club did their part with 11 Airstreams and 21 members.

Bill and Diane Byrum along with Dee and I arrived Sunday to reserved space so our club members could park together. Joining in the festivities were Dick & Becky Martin; David & Debbie Stubbs; Robin Gieniewski; Alan & Jane Hvizdak; Jim Schaal with his son Toby; Bud & Donna Moore; Dana "Coach" & Donna Edwards;

Caleb & Laura Oliver; David & Michi Johnson. We were joined by Dick and Becky's friends Jim and Babs Kall from Georgia. (Several of us have traveled with or had met them before)



There was a steady flow of Airstreams arriving all week. The rally officially started Thursday. After the traditional hot dog supper Thursday evening, Coach Edwards broke out his huge fire pit. We sat around the fire (some sipping on adult beverages) and enjoying the fellowship. Friday started with coffee and donuts followed by seminars. Several vendors had booths set up in the pavilion. Dick Martin had a booth with a display of some of the safety and electrical equipment his company, RV Solar and Safety, offers. The evening brought a very tasty dinner of Tacos and Burritos with all the trimmings. And another relaxing fire by Coach Edwards.

Saturday featured more seminars and a flea market. The Piedmont Club had a short business meeting before dinner. The day was topped off with an outstanding fish fry that also included shrimp, deviled crab and all the sides. The rains came and doused any chance of a fire Saturday night. Sunday morning we departed after coffee, donuts and a devotional.

There are a lot of things to see and do in the Marion area. Great meals at Bruce's Restaurant and lots of neat shops in Marion.

Linville Falls is a short drive away with beautiful walking trails and lots of fall colors.

Some visited Asheville and Black Mountain. Others did a leisurely drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The fall colors were just starting in the lower elevations but became more brilliant the in the higher areas.



Dee, Jane and Becky



Piedmont Club 2021 Rally Schedule

January 18-22 Mid Winter IBT Sarasota FL

February Winter Luncheon (not scheduled at this time)

March 18-21 KOA 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 Johnson Rally Park, Marion NC

November 4-7 Installation Rally/Hosts Robin and Bogdan Gieniewski:
Karen and Andy Karakos (Details to follow)



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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 Fiddler's Convention, Cool Breeze Campground
Galax, VA **CANCELLED**

September: (hosts needed)

October 22-25: Alumalina, Tom Johnson's Camping World, Marion, NC

November 5-8: NC Veteran's Day Rally

Robin Gieniewski, Andy and Karen Karakos, Co Hosts

Fayetteville RV Resort and Cottages

WADE, NC