



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

Region 3, Unit 161

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### December 2020 President's Report

Happy Holidays from your Piedmont Airstream Club team. As we start a new year we have several new team members. Thanks for stepping up. Thanks to all who have volunteered in past years and to those who continue to serve. The club couldn't function without its members willing to contribute. Please feel free to contact any of the team with questions and suggestions.

2021 Officers:

Past President: Mike Bizon

President: John Lloyd

Vice President: Bill Byrum

Corresponding Secretary: Gregory Ray

Recording Secretary: Debbie Stroud

Treasurer: Stedman Brown

Trustee: Robin Gieniewski; Karen Newton; Alan Hvizdak; Ned Albee

Committee Chairs:

Audit: Tom Ryzewski

Budget: Stedman Brown

Caravan: Dick Martin

Constitution, Bylaws and Directory: John Becker

Ethics and Grievances: Bill Townsend

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After a year of being nearly shut down due to corona virus we are looking forward to returning to some sort of normal. With vaccines becoming available and the pandemic on the run we hope more will feel comfortable participating in club activities. Attending a rally is a good way to make new friends and learn more about your RV. I promise you will have a good time. We still need a host for the June rally. If you are willing to host please give me a call. Rally Lite is still the plan until the pandemic is well in hand.

A big THANK YOU to Robin and Bogdan Gieniewski and Karen and Andy Karakos. Under the cloud of the corona virus it was possible to have a great rally. They somehow managed to get the best November weather on record. Everyone had a great time.

We would like to start a new column in the newsletter on member activities. A favorite campground or park, past trips, can't miss venues, community service and any item of interest you would like to share. Include pictures if you have them. Please email your contribution to me at [johnklloyd41@gmail.com](mailto:johnklloyd41@gmail.com) and I will forward it to Gregory Ray and he will include them in a newsletter.

Dick Martin is working on plans for a group caravan to the Region 3 Rally and International. We should be able to park together if we arrive as a group. Please contact Dick if you have interest in joining the caravan and with any suggestions. He will have more information in future newsletters.

John Lloyd

President



# TRAVELING

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone. I also have never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips, thanks to my children, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and I'm not much on physical activity anymore. I have been in Doubt. That's a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense. It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get. I may have been in Continent, but don't remember what country that was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it's wet and damp there.

Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So, laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!

Author unknown

The 2020 Installation and Veterans Salute Rally is in the books.

Bogdan & Robin Gieniewski and Andy & Karen Karakos hosted the rally in Fayetteville, NC at the Fayetteville RV Resort & Cottages. The campground was recently renovated and featured level sites, large trees, clean restrooms and an outstanding clubhouse room. Attendees were Dick Martin, Mike Bizon, Stedman Brown and Tami Lowe, Bud and Donna Moore, John and Dee Lloyd, Bill and Shelley Townsend, Alan and Jane Hvizdak, and Jim and Amy Mount along with the host team. In view of our increased safety, the rally started with distance friendly appetizers where the attendees really met the challenge with a great variety of no-contact delights. The hosts provided three types of chili with all the fixings.

On Friday, the group visited the US Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum where we learned more of the interesting history of the units at nearby Fort Bragg. After the self-guided tour, we convened for lunch at Huske Hardware House overlooking the main part of downtown Fayetteville. Our Saturday centerpiece of this event was to have been the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Fayetteville which was cancelled. However, the rally moved to the nearby farm of Bogdan and Robin Gieniewski to see his WWII military vehicle collection to include a Stuart tank, halftrack, M8 armored vehicle, and Willys Jeep. Bogdan was called away for the weekend, but in true Airstreamer fashion, Bill Townsend stepped forward to share his knowledge and provide details and interesting stories about the vehicles.

The group then moved to the firing range where Bill again stepped up to serve as Range Safety Officer and instructor. Every member who wanted an opportunity to shoot was able to do so, and after seeing the expertise in the group, nobody had better mess with Piedmont!

For our Installation dinner and ceremony, we again enjoyed the luxurious accommodations of the campground's clubhouse, fabulous distance friendly appetizers and a meal of Eastern NC barbecue and fried chicken. The meal was followed by the installation of new officers who will lead us to another great Airstream year. We are pleased to report that a post-rally wellness check showed everyone was in good health. As hosts, we appreciated everyone's flexibility and working as a true team to make this a safe and fun rally.

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<b>2021 Rally Sites:</b>
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:Alumalina, Tom Johnson's Camping World, Marion, NC
November 4-7 Installation Rally Hosts Robin and Bogdan Gieniewski: Karen and Andy Karakos (Details to follow)