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Region 3, Unit 161

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January 2021 President's Report

Greetings fellow Airstreamers! Another year has come and gone. Can you believe 2021 is here and January is nearly gone? I'm still having trouble with 2000. Guess that's an age thing.

Your club has planned events starting in March. Bill and Shelly Townsend are hosting the March rally. Their invitation and agenda follow in the newsletter. Please plan on joining us in Lumberton.

Dick Martin, our caravan chairman, is putting the final touches for a club caravan to the Region 3 Rally in Tallahassee FL. in April. As plans can be firmed, more information will be sent to you via email, published on the club web site and included in newsletters.

Some of our members have never attended a rally and may not be familiar with what to expect.

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Any member can host a rally. Our Vice President asks for volunteers to host. They pick a campground and arrange campsites to be held for members to call and reserve their site. Usually at a discount based on the number of attendees. Each member is responsible for his or her own campground reservation.

The host plans meals. They can be at the campground as pot luck, catered or at a local restaurant. Usually we have group meals for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. A continental breakfast for Sunday morning. Group outing to local places of interest. (All dependents on current Covid restrictions.) Costs are reimbursed through a rally fee. Usually between \$20 and \$30 per person paid to the club Treasurer at the end of the rally.

There's a lot of socializing, Happy Hours, Campfires, maintenance tips and help with any problems with your unit. Two years ago I had water heater failure at the rally in Four Oaks. Our Region 3 President, John Leake, was parked nearby. He and Rocky Johnson worked with me for a couple of hours and got the problem solved. (With the help of a \$200 part.)

Plan on joining us for a rally this year. I guarantee you'll have a great time and meet some of the best people. Bet you will learn something about your unit, too.

We are kicking off the new column in the news letter -Members Corner- This is to share information about travels, a favorite campground, camping activities, parks and recreation areas, can't miss venues or anything you feel would be of interest. Please contribute your experiences.

Our events schedule follows. We are still in need of hosts for the June rally. If you would like to help with June, send me an email or give me a call. If you have any suggestion on how we can improve your club with new activities or better communication please contact me or any board member. We appreciate your input.

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Members Corner

It's winter and we are still dealing with the Covid virus but I continue to remain positive. Here in North Carolina I have come to cherish the fluctuating winter temperature in the coastal region. Somehow the cooler temperatures with a mix of 60 and 70 degree-days make for a shorter winter than my former northern life presented. It's a good time to reminisce. The shiny silver Airstream Flying Cloud parked next to my home reminds me daily of the many good times and cherished memories this recreational toy has brought Jane and I.

The question was asked of me "What is my favorite Camp Ground visited?" Several weeks have passed since this question was presented to me. I think it is a good question that made me step back and examine the past three years of Airstream ownership. So what did I decide was my favorite campground visited in the last 3 years of my life with my first rv.

There were so many to choose from let's see. Was it our maiden voyage to Dreher State Park in South Carolina where we were within 50 feet of one of the largest man made lakes in the USA. Where fishing, swimming and lounging by the waters edge in a swaying hammock listening to birds chirping in the breeze. Oh what about the evenings around the crackling camp fire making smores. The sounds of music, laughter and plain old fun were in the air.

Then there are the many rallies attended. Which campground was the most memorable? Was it the camp ground or the event that highlighted the rally. Oh my. How does one narrow it down to a favorite? With all the friendly faces, the fellowship, the rally event and yes the food and drink.

Next I pondered our Nor by Nor East Caravan experience and the many stops we shared. Wow, again there is so much to reflect on and photos to visit in my photo library. How can anyone say any one campground is my favorite?

The final decision finally came to me like a beacon on a lighthouse. My favorite campground is a total of all the experiences Jane and I have had since we purchased our Flying Cloud. It's the entire Airstream Life. It has been amazing. It's the friendships formed. The sharing of information on maintaining our rigs. It's the sharing of food and drink. It's experiencing destinations and events. It's creating our own events. It's the good the bad and yes sometimes the ugly. But it is all part of what makes up the Airstream Life. I am so happy to be a part of it.

We are so blessed to have our Airstream.

Alan Hvizdak
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FIRST RALLY OF 2021: March 18-21, 2021

Come join us for the Piedmont Airstream Club's first rally of the New Year.

Shelley and I know the current Covid pandemic has everyone on edge. The pandemic destroyed last year's rally schedule as well as everyone's daily schedule. The Townsends have recently received their first Covid immunizations and are looking forward to the second round. We hope everyone has had or will have this opportunity soon. We feel the vaccine is the beginning of a long road to things returning to a "near normal" time.

This year, our leadership is trying something a little different, which has been dubbed "rally light." We will try to focus on everyone coming together in a "social distancing" environment to socialize with friends and enjoy the camping experience.

With the above in mind, there will be no planned excursions outside the campground. We will have planned evening meals and some daytime activities to pass the time.

Shelley and I have recently purchased a wood lathe to occupy our time and plan on bringing it to the rally. If you have never turned on a lathe before, you will be given instruction and everyone will have the opportunity to try your hand on the lathe and perhaps complete a small project. All materials and equipment will be provided.

The campground has a well-equipped clubhouse, which will be ours for the entire weekend. All activities will be conducted with Covid mitigation measures in effect. If you have any meat related allergies, please let us know so we can accommodate everyone.

Thursday: Arrival/ Happy Hour/Meal by hosts/Campfire

Friday: Clubhouse open/Woodturning seminar/Happy Hour/Evening meal by hosts/Campfire

Saturday: Clubhouse open/Seminars/Happy Hour/ Low Country Shrimp Boil Dinner/Campfire

Sunday: Continental Breakfast/Departure

Location: Lumberton/I-95 KOA Journey/ 910-739-4372/ mention Piedmont Airstream Club/

10 campsites booked will give all a 20% discount

Please let us know if you are coming. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Bill and Shelley Townsend: 910-734-5940

Membership

THANK YOU Piedmont Club members who responded to December's email and renewed your Airstream membership! If you renewed your membership before December 31st, 2020 your name & contact information will be included in the *Annual Printed Membership Directory*, which will be published in February 2021.

However, it is not too late for other Piedmont Club members to pay their annual membership fee. *The International dues are \$75 and Piedmont Airstream Club dues are \$15.*

The online renewal process is easy! Just log onto Airstream's website, www.airstreamclub.org, and click on "Menu." This will show a dropdown list, which includes "Current Members." Click on that and look for "Renew Your Membership." There are step-by-step instructions, which begin with typing in your Airstream Club International membership number. Be sure to have that number handy before starting the renewal.

If you are not comfortable with renewing your Airstream membership online, then please call the corporate office in Jackson Center, Ohio for assistance. Their number is 937-596-5211.

Piedmont Airstream Club has a **NEW MEMBER** as of 1/19/2021!!! Let's welcome **PAIGE & GRAY FLIPPIN** who have a 1972 25-foot Land Yacht Tradewind!! Here is their contact information:

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Be sure to reach out and invite Paige & Gray to our first rally and other Airstream events this year!

Since I am the new Membership contact for our Club, please add my address, phone and email to your contacts:

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The Charles Schulz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz the creator of Peanuts comic strip.

You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder them.

Just read them straight through and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor or actress
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners

How did you do? None of us remember headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. But the applause dies, awards tarnish, achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one.

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through life
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a hard time
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile
4. Think of a few people who made you feel appreciated and special
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with

Easier? The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money or the most awards. They are simply the ones who care the most.

Pass this on to those whom you keep close in your heart. "Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia!"

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