



## February 2021 Newsletter <https://airstreamclub.org/piedmont-north-carolina>

Region 3, Unit 161

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### February 2021 President's Report

Can't believe another month has whizzed by. We finally see a glimmer of hope for some 'good ole' Airstream gatherings. Bill and Shelly Townsend have a great rally planned at the Lumberton NC KOA March 18-21.

Please join us for great food, interesting programs, campfires and maybe a social hour or two. Make reservations with the KOA and let Shelly and Bill know you will attend.

There will be a short business meeting at the rally after dinner on March 19. It should start around 7PM and only take a few minutes before we gather at the campfire. We will be voting to adopt new language to allow electronic meetings. WBCCI adopted the language at the Mid Winter meeting and has asked local clubs to add it in their bylaws. The following are the additions they suggest.

#### ARTICLE VI MEETING TYPE

Sec.1 Any Business Meeting of the Club or the Executive Board may be held as an electronic meeting with a minimum of ten (10) days notification to the membership and Board. Such notification will include all necessary information for participation by the membership and Board.

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Sec. 2 Any electronic meeting will meet the quorums established in the Club's Constitution.

### REGION 3 RALLY!

The Region 3 Board has officially announced the Region 3 Rally is on April 21-25 at the North Florida Fair Grounds in Tallahassee FL. Lots of craft events, seminars, happy hours, great food and a lot of local talent entertainment. If you haven't already received the information its will be headed your way soon via email and on the Region 3 web site. Dick Martin is working on a Piedmont Club caravan to Region 3 in April and the International Rally in July. Please let him know if you are interested in caravanning to either or both rallies.

John and Nancy Becker are hard at work planning the rally May 13-16 at Mayo Park. It is a beautiful park on Mayo Lake. Reservations need to be made early as the park is very popular and tends to fill its spots quickly. Please let John and Nancy know you will attend.

We need your help to determine how your Club can better serve our members. Bill and Diane Byrum, along with Membership Chair Amy Mount, have prepared a short survey. Gregory Ray will be forwarding it to you in the next few days. Please take a couple minutes to respond. It's short with no trick questions, I promise.

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## **Piedmont Airstream Club**

Announcing the Piedmont Airstream Club Caravan to the Region 3 Rally

***Please make your reservation as soon as possible as we have no guaranteed sites.***

We have set up the following schedule for our trip to Tallahassee and the Region 3 Rally

### **Departure Date: April 17, 2021**

#### **Night #1 April 17/18**

##### **Santee Lakes KOA,**

1268 Gordon Road, Summerton, SC 29148

Approximately 210 miles from Raleigh

Phone: 803-478-2262

Rates: Vary depending on the type of site, but range from \$50-\$65

Website: <https://koa.com/campgrounds/santee/>

Please make reservation by 3/15 and let them know you are with the Piedmont Airstream Club

Santee Lake is within walking distance, golf and fishing are nearby. Other sites include: Santee State Park, Fish Eagle Wildlife Tours, Lake Marion Golf Course, Santee National Golf Club

#### **Night #2&3 April 18/20**

##### **Oak Plantation Campground,**

3540 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29455 Approximately 75 miles

### **Phone Number: 843-766-5936**

Rates: \$60-66/night, GoodSam discount applies

Website: <https://oakplantationcampground.com>

Please make reservation by 3/15 and let them know you are with the Piedmont Airstream Club

On Highway 17 on the west side of Charleston. Enjoy the many great restaurants, sites and historical areas in Charleston. Favorite Sights: Middleton Place, Joe Riley Waterfront Park, Fort Sumter National Monument, McLeod Plantation Historic Site, Battery & White Point Gardens, South Carolina Aquarium, Magnolia Plantation & Gardens

### **Night #4 April 20/21 Pecan Park RV Resort**

650 Pecan Park Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32218 Approximately 214 miles

Phone: 904-751-6770

Rates: \$54-\$66/night

Website: <https://www.sunrvresorts.com/resorts/south/florida/pecan-park/>

Pecan Park RV Resort is just off I-95 on the north side of Jacksonville, FL.

Things to do:

Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens, The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, Kingsley Plantation, St Johns Town Center, and Museum of Science & History

Please make reservation by 3/15 and let them know you are with the Piedmont Airstream Club

### **April 21**

Depart Pecan Park RV Park for Tallahassee and the North Florida Fairgrounds  
Approximately 178 miles

**If you are planning to join us, please drop me a text at 919-349-1122** or if you have questions, email me [Airstream2753@gmail.com](mailto:Airstream2753@gmail.com)

Dick Martin

BRN 2753, Piedmont Airstream Club Caravan Organizer

## IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to learn of the passing of Bill Barefoot. Bill and his wife Alice have been members of the Piedmont Airstream Club since 2001.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/fayettevilleobserver/obituary.aspx?n=billy-hoston-barefoot&pid=197882463>

Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Members Corner:

Greetings from Key West where we are spending the Winter months. ‘Miss Dorothy’, my 1964 Bambi II is tucked away in North Carolina and we are both dreaming of warmer camping days ahead with our Airstream friends, or the other group I enjoy camping with—Sisters on the Fly.

Although happily married for thirty years, my husband does not enjoy camping as much as I do. Especially in my 17-foot vintage beauty! So, besides the awesome group in the Piedmont Airstream Club, much of my camping is with Sisters on the Fly, a camping and outdoor adventure group for women. SOTF was founded by two Sisters who enjoyed camping and outdoor adventures with their mother. In their adulthood, they reconnected with their love of fly fishing and outdoor activities and started inviting their friends to join them. Friends started inviting friends and Sisters on the Fly was born. Members are of all ages, backgrounds, camping styles, and interests. The reasons for traveling alone vary—including being suddenly single, always having been single, or where their spouse/partner doesn’t care to camp.

Like the Airstream Club, we have Sister ‘numbers’ that are assigned when joining. I am Sister #1636—and the newest Sister number is almost up to #18,000. We ebb and flow in members—but if a Sister renews after an absence, her number is always waiting for her. Currently, there around 6500 active ‘Sisters’ across the USA and Canada, and around 200 in North Carolina where I serve as the State ‘Wrangler’.

Serving as North Carolina Wrangler has helped me learn more about our great State—and about some great campgrounds and areas for hiking, kayaking, fishing, and doing other fun activities. One of my favorite part of camping with a group of women is the fabulous food we prepare together—often on campfires with our cast iron dutch ovens or pie irons. And our conversations around the campfires in the evenings are priceless.

There are many women in the Airstream Club who are members of Sisters on the Fly as well, and it’s always fun to see them at both Airstream Club and Sisters on the Fly events. Our current ‘First Lady’ of Airstream Club International, Kathy Carl, was a long time Sister on the Fly until she and fiancée, President Andrew Selking, took a ‘shine’ to each other last year. We had the pleasure of getting together with them when they visited Key West after a Florida rally last month.

I am in awe of the many women I have met over the years who have lost their partners through death or divorce and the strength and independence that keeps them living life and discovering new paths. Also, those of us who are finally able to kick up our heels and travel after retirement have found the many

events across the country—and ‘curbing’ with Sisters when we are on the road, a way to share group adventures in a safe environment.

We have only four rules—No Men. No Kids. Be Nice. Have Fun. These rules serve us well and keep us focused on what is important—having more fun than anyone!

If you know of someone who is interested in Sisters on the Fly, please have them contact me.

Robin Gieniewski – 910-322-9615

### **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

Did you know that Airstream has a new logo? Check it out –

“ACI” Airstream Club International



If you want or need a new name badge, then be sure to check out the Airstream website and visit the “Store” to purchase one with the new logo for only \$1.50. <https://store.airstreamclub.org/collections/frontpage/products/name-badge>

Also, many Piedmont Club members and some affiliate members continue to renew their membership, but sadly we have a few that have not. The non-renewals include:

John Pennington – Sold their Airstream

Rick Smith – Changed membership to Carolina Airstream Club

Carl & Caryl Voorhees saying they had moved to Leland, NC.

Be sure to check out Piedmont Club’s Evernote for Karen Newton’s new address.

Continue to keep in touch with your fellow Club members and encourage them to reconnect at upcoming rallies!!

Hope to see you at the March Rally in Lumberton,

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

**Amy Mount, *Membership Chair***

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# Caravans

Looking for a springtime caravan for 2022? Check out the Old National Road Caravans beginning April 29, 2022, and departing from Ramblin Pines Campground in Woodbine, MD.

Come with us, Tom Ketchum and Vicki Ketchum (#5809), as we explore the historic National Road, on a journey through the lives and fortunes of the men and women who built America.

The National Road runs from Baltimore, MD to Vandalia, IL

There are three caravans covering this route, with each a nine-day format. This will allow younger club members with jobs and families to experience what the Airstream Club was founded to do. The former name, Wally Byam Caravan Club International says it all- the Caravan experience, traveling to enjoy the history, hospitality, and friendship of our host communities, and making new friendships as part of Airstream ownership.

Old National Road East starts in Baltimore and ends in Washington, PA.  
Start April 29, 2022 End May 7, 2022

Old National Road Central starts in Washington and ends in Richmond, IN.  
Start May 7, 2022 End May 15, 2022

Old National Road West starts in Richmond and ends near Vandalia, IL.  
Start May 15, 2022 End May 23, 2022

The segments are each a full nine-day caravan, and run consecutively, making it possible to enjoy just one segment, two segments, or all three.

Register online at <https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/caravans>! There are a total of only 22 units for each segment, and the online enrollment process time stamp decides the order of the wait list after the available spots are filled.

Once you register online, you will be contacted by email regarding kitty fee payment dates and amounts. Please note, the \$25 caravan administration fee the club charges will be charged once if you are booking two or all three segments as the administration fee and credited to the kitty fee for the other segment(s).

The link to the Facebook group is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1516515115215585/>



Here's a short story I'd like to share. I didn't write it but I'm sure the author won't mind us publishing it.

I purchased an old farmhouse and wanted to restore it to its original glory. One of the first things that needed restoration was the dilapidated plumbing. So I hired a plumber. On his first day he was late due to a flat tire. That made him lose an hour before he could get started. Later that day his electric drill quit and then his old one-ton truck refused to start when he was ready to go home.

He asked if I would drive him home only a short distance away and someone would bring him back in the morning to help him with the truck. While I drove him home he sat in stony silence. On arriving he wanted me to come in and meet his wife and family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the branches with both hands.

When he opened the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked with me to my car. As we passed the tree my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree" he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then the next morning I pick them up again. Funny thing is when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before".

We all need a tree!

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

John Lloyd

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WEBSITE: <https://airstreamclub.org/piedmont-north-carolina>

## 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: 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)