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May 2021 President's Report

What a beautiful place. Mayo Lake Park is the perfect place for a rally and Nancy and John Becker did an outstanding job. More on the rally later in this newsletter.

If you haven't signed up for International it's not too late. They have a great rally planned and the things to do while in Tennessee are too numerous to mention them all. Nashville, distilleries, lakes and more. We are not planning on a caravan to Lebanon, but plan to set a time and place to meet on Friday the 16th so we can go in as a group and be parked together. Please let me know if you are planning to attend and I will keep you updated. We will have a Piedmont lunch or dinner while we're there. More on all the plans in the June newsletter.

Todd and Debbie Stroud are working on the August rally. They had a few problems arise with their first choice of parks and are working on an alternate site. More information to follow.

Alan and Jane Hvizdak have planned a fun filled gathering in September in Sneeds Ferry NC.

Be sure to read their rally schedule in this newsletter and sign up as soon as possible.

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Your board met May 17 via Zoom to discuss general club business. A written proposal by Stedman Brown and John Becker to eliminate the Evernote directory in favor of the WBCCI directory was adopted by the board. We urge everyone to go the airstreamclub.org and create a login. After you log in click on menu and go to Membership Directory and use the filter to get just the Piedmont Club. You can update your profile and add a picture on the personal profile page. We will keep Evernote until International has all the information including phone numbers on their list.

Please help keep Members Corner going. You can write about anything. It doesn't have to be only Airstreaming. If you have a story to share or know a member who has please send it along.

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Mayo Park Rally 13-16 May 2021



Photograph courtesy of On 3 Photography by Artie Scott

John and Nancy Becker hosted the Piedmont Club at Mayo Park in May. The Park is a county facility in northern Person County with ample opportunities for walking on trails, fishing in the lake, and a variety of water activities (canoe, kayak, etc.). We were joined by Skeahans, Stubbs, Lloyds, Townsends, Moores, Martins, Mounts and Bob and Ginger Ealy from the Carolinas Airstream Club. At dinner on Saturday, a new member, Cynthia Salzhauer, joined us with her Airstream Interstate.

We had great weather for the rally. We had a welcome dinner of smoked pork tenderloin, cheese grits, and cookies. On Friday afternoon, we visited Tunnel Creek Winery, a relatively new facility that is top notch. We had a tour of the facility, including the namesake tunnel creek and a tasting session.

Friday night was to cook your own meat on grills provided by some of the members (thank you!). Everyone also brought a dish to pass and we had the famous Becker Brownies for dessert. Saturday afternoon was spent on a pontoon boat tour/ride around Mayo Lake followed by taco salad for dinner.

The weather allowed us to have a campfire every night (and thanks to the people who brought wood to top-up what the hosts had).

As usual the park staff was very helpful (as well as the local sheriff deputy who stopped by each evening). They all want us back next year!

September Rally Schedule

September 9th arrival at Seahaven Marine RV Park

148 Old Ferry Road
Sneads Ferry, NC
910 333-5773

Supper supplied by Hosts

September 10th

Visit Karen Beasle Sea Turtle Rescue and Hospital
302 Tortuga Lane, Surf City NC

September 11th

Optional day

Visit to Memorial Park
Jacksonville NC

Beach It, Pickle Ball at nearby County Park, or just relax and enjoy being by the water with friends.

September 12th.

Breakfast provided by host. You supply your own coffee.
Departure.

Thank you for attending and sharing with your Airstream Family.

Alan and Jane Hvizdak

Register with the campground ASAP but no later than August 10th.

Ask for our Military/Group discount rate.

MEMBERS CORNER

We are like many of our fellow Airstream members; we have camped for many years, 47 years as a matter of fact. We have owned an Airstream since 2014; however, we have owned everything from soup to nuts when it comes to RVs. So we had many adventures in camping before the Airstream.

I had quit work so we could travel more so we traded up from a 23 Ft GMC Motorhome to a Class A 32 Ft Holiday Rambler motorhome. This would turn out to be the motorhome and the trip from hell! Our trip plans were to travel the New England area for a month. We left out on Friday with our new to us motorhome with a motorcycle trailer and motorcycle in tow. The first night we spent in Douthat State Park in Virginia. The next day was Saturday and we headed out to continue our trip. POW! A blowout in Goshen, VA on a Saturday afternoon. We were in what seem like the middle of nowhere. No tire store that I called had tires to fit the motorhome. So we were sitting on the side of the road and along comes a guy who stopped to ask us if he could help us. He was one rough looking dude and I was sure he was a Hells Angel or something. He said that he would go home and get his van and drive us 40 miles away to a tire store that had a tire to fit motorhome. When he returned, his van was just as rough looking as he was and I was sure there had been a family of 10 living in that van by the looks of it. Of course, we were leery about getting in a van with a stranger, would he rob us or was he an axe murderer?

It has been several years now but I will never forget his name. His name was Bo Crump and he and his van may have looked like hell but he was one of the nicest, kindest people we have met. He drove us 80 miles round trip to get our tire, would not let Bud lift anything, jacked our motorhome up and put the new tire on for us. He didn't ask for a dime, but of course we paid him and thanked him for being so kind.

We headed north and eventually made it to West Point Military Academy Campground. What a beautiful part of New York state. As we climbed the mountain up a narrow road to the campground a trail of liquid was leaking out from the motorhome. We made it into our campsite that evening but the transmission had gone out on the motorhome. The next morning, two of the guys that worked in the office jumped on our problem like a dog on a bone. They were veterans and were taking care of a fellow veteran who needed help. They found us a transmission shop 25 miles away and called us a tow truck. The tow truck arrived and the driver looked like he was 16 years old. I rode with the tow truck driver and Bud followed us on the motorcycle so we would have some sort of transportation once we got to the transmission shop. The guys at the campground offered to deliver our motorcycle trailer to us.

The trip back down that mountain on that narrow road was a nail biter for me. It was slow and the driver had to raise and lower the front of the motorhome as we went through the curves. The worst part was he had to talk to his girlfriend on his cell phone the whole time. Needless to say, I had to ask him to put that darn phone down and pay attention.

We arrived at the transmission shop in Newburgh after what seem like forever. The shop was booked and could not work on our motorhome for 2 days but hooked us up to water and electric and let us stay in our motorhome in the parking lot while we waited. During the day we rode

around the area on our motorcycle and visited the famous TV custom motorcycle builders Orange County Choppers that was right down the road from the transmission shop.

Finally, on Friday afternoon at 4:00 pm we had a new transmission and a lot less money in our pockets. We had only been gone for 2 weeks of our planned month, but we said we're heading home. We made it to Scranton, PA that night and spent the night with the big rigs in a truck stop parking lot. The next day we were homeward bound. Before we made it home the darn control module went out on the refrigerator. Well wasn't that just our luck!

We shared this story because it is a story about the kindness of strangers and about how you cannot always judge a book by its cover. So we hope as you fellow Airstreamers travel this great country you too will be blessed with a kind person who will lend a helping hand when you need it. Safe travels!

Bud & Donna Moore

Membership Report for May 2021 by Amy Mount, Membership Chairman

Piedmont Club is growing!!! We have added a few new members since last month AND welcomed back others ó

New Members:

Michael (Mike) & Jennifer Williamson in Huntersville, NC ó BRN #9790
Cynthia Salzhauser in Oxford, NC ó BRN #3195

Affiliate Members:

Bob & Ginger Ealy in Morganton, NC ó BRN #9919

Renewals:

Greg Porter & Terri Sharpe in Greensboro, NC ó BRN #11373

However, our Club also has to say "Goodbye" to John C. Plaxco who passed away in October 2020. Our condolences to his wife, Joyce, his son John "Martó Plaxco & daughter Mary Lynne Baxter, who are also Piedmont Club members. John's obituary highlighted his love for camping in their Airstream with family & friends and traveling our beautiful country.

A Few Piedmont Club Member Updates:

- Carl & Karen Newton are traveling fulltime in their Airstream
- Ned & Ann Albee have a new address ó 12018 Cove Court, Charlotte, NC 28278
- Use P.O. Box 70959, Ft. Bragg, NC 28307-0959 to send Tim Strong any Airstream correspondence
- Beth & Douglas Whitley have a new physical address ó 6012 Fern Court, Wilmington, NC 28405

Please share any Piedmont Club member updates with Amy Mount at rovermommy@hotmail.com.

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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 Club Caravan to Rally!
May 13-16 Mayo Park, 1013 Neal's Store Road, Roxboro, NC Host John and Nancy Becker, john_becker@me.com Reservations 336-597-7806
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 21-24: 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)