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September 2021 President's Report

Hello fellow Airstreamers.

Hello from the Gone To Texas Caravan. Dee and I are currently enjoying the caravan touring west Texas. If you haven't been on a WBCCI caravan your missing out on a wonderful way to see our beautiful country. We will be back just in time for the installation rally in Wade NC on November 4th. Your hosts have a great rally planned. There may still be room at the campground. We'd like to see you there. Please notify the hosts that you will be there.

We will miss seeing everyone at Alumalina October 21st thru the 24th at Tom Johnson's Camping Center. You must make reservations prior to arrival. The Piedmont club is booking in the H section if you want to park as a group. There will be a Business Meeting at 4PM Friday October 22nd at the Pavilion. The agenda will include electing officers for 2022 and ratifying some minor changes to our constitution as requested by WBCCI corporate. Our Vice President Bill Byrum will conduct the meeting.

What a great time at the Sneads Ferry rally. Our hosts Jane and Alan Hvizdak planned a wonderful outing. Unfortunately Jane had a minor illness (not Covid) and with an abundance of caution did not attend. Alan managed to cover all the bases. In attendance were Bernie and Ann Lackman, Bob and Ginger Ealy, Tami Lowe and Stedman Brown, Becky and Dick Martin, Coach and Donna Edwards, Gaile Broome and Mike Bizon, Bill and Diane Byrum, Jim and Amy Mount, Dee and I and our host Alan Hvizda

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A very pleasant campground owner greeted us. She met us in the rain at our truck to sign the papers and then showed us to our site. The campground also moved several other guests to allow us to park as a group. Alan prepared a very tasty meal Thursday evening of Ziti with salad and rolls. The rain moved on and Coach Edwards provided the evening campfire.

On Friday morning we all caravanned to the Karen Beasley Turtle Rescue and Hospital in Surf City. They do an amazing job of protecting turtle nests on the island to allow as many of the hatchlings to reach the ocean as possible. Their biggest mission is to treat sick and injured turtles from around the world. Private planes and FedEx sometimes fly them in. They remove a lot of fishhooks and fishing line as well as treat for many other illness. Lunch was a fabulous meal at the Riverview Restaurant in Sneads Ferry.

Friday evening Alan broke out the deep fryer and cooked funnel cakes for everyone. After the big lunch funnel cakes was dinner for a lot of us. Coach again provided his famous campfire for all to enjoy.

Saturday was a free day. Some spent a leisurely day at the beach. Others visited the Memorial Park in Jacksonville. The hosts provided the evening meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and all the fixens. Everyone brought a side dish of salad or dessert to share. Alan broke out the Jenga that he made from 2 X 4 scraps. Don't know who really won but all had a good time.

Sunday morning breakfast was an assortment of fruit, boiled eggs, and yogurt. The campground owner brought us a very beautiful tray of assorted pastries. After a prayer for the road we all gave our goodbyes and headed home.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend at least one rally. You'll meet a lot of fellow Airstreamers. There is always a lot of good ideas and tips shared. Once you come to a rally you'll be back. And don't forget your first rally fee is on us. (You will still need to pay the campground.)

John Lloyd President



Caring for the turtles at Karen Beasley Turtle Hospital



Diane Byrum
declaring victory



Alan Hvizdak



Ann and Bernie Lackman



Breakfast



A walk on the beach

MEMBERSHIP NEWS FOR PIEDMONT CLUB

From Amy Mount, Membership Chair

Let's welcome our **NEWEST CLUB MEMBER – Carla Harper from Stokesdale, NC!** Be on the lookout for Big Red Number 4628 when you're traveling.

Club renewals for 2022 are beginning to come in! Steven & Leslie Ann Lovett were the FIRST RENEWAL. Thank you!

ACI Membership sent an updated **AUDIT** for our Piedmont Club. **As of 8-24-2021, Piedmont NC Airstream Club has 75 rigs/units with 139 members.** This is about a 20% INCREASE in the number of Airstream rigs/units just since March 2021!

Amy Mount & John Becker have been updating the Piedmont Club Directory on Evernote. Club entries that had not renewed their membership since 2019 have been deleted from our Club's directory. This included 25 Evernote entries within our Club's Directory.

We also updated the following email addresses on Evernote:

- jeffreypascoe11@gmail.com for Jeffrey Pascoe
- todd.b.stroud@gmail.com for Todd Stroud
- deefun62@sbcglobal.net for Denise Funaro

Piedmont Airstream Club Members,

Diane and I have had a busy summer. We went on the Springtime in the Rockies Caravan with our traveling partners on the caravan, Alan and Jane Hvizdak and Mike Bizon and Gaile Broom. We got to see a lot of this beautiful country and enjoyed many local events in the various locations we visited. I encourage everyone to, as I told one of our neighbors, "Keep the wheels rolling". We have a lot invested in our Airstreams and we need to take advantage of our wonderful houses on wheels.

Our Piedmont ASC rally schedule is almost complete. I am still looking for someone to host a rally in June. I will publish the schedule after it is approved at the installation rally in November. Rallies are an important part of the local club activities and provide great opportunities to get to meet other members you may not know. I always learn something from the time spent together and take home tidbits of information that make my camping and travel experiences better.

The current Region 3 First VP, Christine Baum and I had some conversations both at International Rally and at the Galax Regional 3 Special Event Rally around what should be the mission of Airstream Clubs. We both agree each club should undertake some effort to support a charity. At the Galax event Christine presented checks to 2 local charities related to preservation of local historical sites. A goal I have for the coming year is for the Piedmont ASC to adopt a charity. If you have suggestions feel free to send them to me, streamin53@gmail.com. At the

Galax Rally the money was raised though the rally fee and some additional funds from Region 3. We, as a club, try to keep our rally fees as low as possible to encourage attendance, but I do see adding a small fee per rig as one possible way to raise funds. Christine supports adding a charity component to rally fees. Feel free to provide feedback on this option. The officers of the club will continue to evaluate all options for the funds. We'll do our best to come up with a consensus on the charity or charities selected. Throughout the coming year we will collect funds and make a donation toward the end of the year to give us time to collect a meaningful amount.

Bill Byrum
VP Piedmont ASC

**PIEDMONT AIRSTREAM CLUB
VETERANS DAY AND INSTALLATION RALLY**

November 4-7, 2021

Fayetteville RV Resort & Cottages
6250 Wade-Stedman Road, Wade, NC
910-484-5500

HOSTS: Bogdan & Robin Gieniewski and Andy & Karen Karakos

Come join the Piedmont Airstream Club to salute our Veterans in the most patriotic town in North Carolina! In Fayetteville, Veterans Day is every Day and every Veteran is honored for their service and sacrifice to keep our Freedom Free. This will also be our Installation Rally to gather and celebrate.

The centerpiece of this event is the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Fayetteville on Saturday morning. It was cancelled last year, so hopefully this year we will wave flags and cheer as the parade passes by.

When making reservations at Fayetteville RV Resort, please specify that you are with the Piedmont Airstream Club for our discounted rally rate and to camp with the group. The Rally Coordinator is Rachel. The campground will not hold our sites after September 18 (45 days before the event).

Since this will be a weekend to celebrate our Veterans, we encourage participants to decorate accordingly

Please RSVP to Robin Gieniewski. robin.gieniewski@gmail.com or call/text 910-322-9615.

Tentative Agenda:

Thursday 6 Check In

5:00 Happy Hour at Event Center

6:00 Italian night dinner and movie at Event Center 6 provided by hosts

Friday 6

Activities to be announced

Options are tour and walk at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden, golfing, shooting at Gieniewski Farm. There also may be activities at the Segra Stadium and downtown that have not yet been announced.

1:00 Lunch at Huske Hardware Restaurant and Brewery

5:00 Happy Hour at host site

Dinner on your own or bring your own dinner to host site.

Campfire at host site

-or-

Buddy the Buddy Holly Story at Cape Fear Regional Theatre (if enough interest, will attempt group tickets and we can have an early dinner at Huske Hardware before the show.)

Saturday

Breakfast on own or in Event Center (compliments of campground)

Fayetteville Veterans Day Parade

Lunch on own

5:00 Happy Hour at Event Center

6:00 Eastern NC Barbecue dinner

Installation of Officers Ceremony

Campfire at host site

Sunday

Breakfast at Host Site

Depart

Hosts:

Robin Gieniewski 910-322-9615

Andy Karakos 910-964-3737

Other local attractions:

Cape Fear Botanical Garden Founded in 1989, the Cape Fear Botanical Garden is a natural beauty situated on an impressive 80 acres nestled between the Cape Fear River and Cross Creek just two miles from downtown Fayetteville. Adult tours can also be arranged.

Segra Stadium Segra Stadium, a new \$40 million baseball stadium in Fayetteville, North Carolina, is the home of the Fayetteville Woodpeckers, a Minor League Baseball team playing in the Carolina League. The ballpark accommodates about 5,290 spectators for in-season baseball games, and possibly more during special events happening year-round. The stadium will feature real turf grass and the largest digital video board in the Big South Conference, measuring 75 feet in width. A variety of viewing options await: regular seats, picnic style relaxation on the left outfield berm, and even a section of rocking chairs past the center outfield wall.

Cape Fear Regional Theatre During our rally, the CFRT is scheduled to perform -Buddy--The Buddy Holly Story. Tickets are not yet on sale, so if there is enough interest, we can arrange a block of seats for Friday night. *"Before the Beatles, there was Buddy Holly and the Crickets. It's the 1950's and a young man from Texas with big glasses and an even bigger dream is catapulting to the top of the Rock and Roll charts. With classic songs like "Peggy Sue," and "That'll Be The Day," along with "La Bamba," this high octane musical is a celebration of a man whose music and values were ahead of his time."* CFRT features a three-story complex with a 300-seat main stage and contracts actors, writers, and designers from throughout the country.

US Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum - The United States Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum recounts the actions of heroic Soldiers from the early days of the Parachute Test Platoon in 1940, to the ongoing Global War on Terrorism. The museum preserves the extraordinary feats performed by the United States Army's Airborne and the Special Operations Forces, all who jump from the sky, into battle. Come see what brings out the best in America's sons and daughters. Our museum is a source of pride to all those who served, or now serve, in the United States Army Airborne and Special Operations units.

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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 Nealø 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
September 9-12 Seahaven Marina RV Park 148 Old Ferry Road Sneads Ferry NC Host Alan and Jane Hvizdak
October 21-24:Alumalina, Tom Johnsonø Camping World, Marion, NC
November 4-7 Installation Rally Hosts Robin and Bogdan Gieniewski: Karen and Andy Karakos