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October 2021 President's Report

A BIG TEXAS HOWDY!

Dee and I are still in Texas. What a wonderful time. We are on the next to last stop, San Antonio. It seems like we just started and it's almost over. We spent the first two weeks in the mountains and desert areas and are now in the hill country. Texas is a very big state and a lot of driving just to see a small part. But, it is well worth the effort.

Sorry we missed the Alumalina rally. I'm sure it was a great time as always. John Leake never fails to show everyone a wonderful time. We plan on being back for the Installation Rally in Wade NC on November 4th. It's a long drive from west Texas and we have only a few days to make the trip. Our hosts have planned a great rally and I'm sure it will be worth the trip. Hope to see you there.

As our year of activities draws to a close, please make plans to attend your clubs events next year. Our Vice President, Bill Byrum (soon to be President) has worked hard planning next year's outings. I guarantee you will make a lot of new friends and learn something new about your Airstream.

John Lloyd

President

Hi Club,

Fall in the foothills with perfect weather, campfires, music, good food, and great friends. It doesn't get any better and that's what we had at Alumalina 2021. The weather was perfect, a little cool in the evenings and nights, just right for a campfire. Even with changes in campground reservation policies, the Piedmont Airstream Club managed to get our usual parking spots. For those that have not been to Tom Johnson - Marion rally campground there are some power lines that cross the campground. There are no campsites directly in that path. Past rallies we have used that extra space to meet for social time, campfires, and just hanging out. And that's exactly what we did for 4 days.

We were fortunate, in that Dick and Becky Martin secured a site on one side of the power lines, Diane and I on the other side, and Jim and Amy Mount secured the site behind the Martins giving us a perfect gathering area. Dana Edwards supplied the fire pit and firewood. The evenings were spent gathered around the fire enjoying the fellowship, the most important part of Airstreaming. The club was well represented with 16 members(if my math is correct) 2 potential new members, In addition some of my and Diane's friends from Maine participated in our social gathering.

In my opinion, Alumalina is the gold standard for rallies. John Leake, Region 3 Past President, stated this rally 15 year ago on his own without intending it to be an official Airstream rally. As the rally numbers increased, John was forced to move the location a couple of times to meet the demands. This year, I don't know the official number, but it was an all time record with around 250 rigs. If you have never been it should be on your to do list. I can't promise the weather will be as perfect as it was this year, but I will bet you won't be disappointed in the rally. 3 evening meals, coffee and donuts every morning, yard sales, seminars, vendors like (RV Solar and Safety, shameless plug for the Martins), and least I forget a beer swap and bourbon tasting.

Now down to more boring items. We did have club a meeting at Alumalina. The big ticket item for the meeting was to approve the slate of officers for the coming year. This slate of officers will be installed at the up coming installation rally in Fayetteville, NC on November 6th. I encourage everyone to be involved in club activities. We've all seen the world change in the past year. I sense that the club is gaining momentum and that most folks are ready to get back to camping and rallies and doing what Airstreamers do, have fun with each other.

Take care,

Bill Byrum
VP Piedmont Airstream Club.

**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 ó Check In

5:00 Happy Hour at Event Center

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

Friday ó

Activities to be announcedô

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 ownô or bring your own dinner to host site.

Campfire at host site

-or-

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

Saturday ó

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 ó 910-322-9615
Andy Karakos ó 910-964-3737

Other local attractions:

Cape Fear Botanical Garden ó 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 ô just two miles from downtown Fayetteville. Adult tours can also be arranged.

Segra Stadium ó 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 ó During our rally, the CFRT is scheduled to perform -Buddy--The Buddy Holly Storyø 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 Armyø Airborne and the Special Operations Forces, all who jump from the sky, into battle. Come see what brings out the best in Americaø 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 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

September 9-12 Seahaven Marina RV Park 148 Old Ferry Road Sneads Ferry NC
Host Alan and Jane Hvizdak

October 21-24: Alumalina, Tom Johnson's Camping World, Marion, NC

November 4-7 Installation Rally Hosts Robin and Bogdan Gieniewski:
Karen and Andy Karakos