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March 2022 President's Report

Hi Club,

Diane and I are back in NC after spending a few months at Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne FL. We returned to NC the last week of March. April 6-10 we were in Hiwassee, GA attending the Region 3 Rally (more on that later). WOW, we were in thermal shock, temperatures in the 60s and 70s in Melbourne and in the 30s and 40s in Hiwassee and sleet and snow. We didn't bargain for that when we decided to go to the R3 rally, but we survived! lots of layers and a good ceramic heater in the camper.

The rally (even with the cold weather) was lots of fun. The Piedmont ASC was well represented. So well that we were asked to prepare and serve the Thursday evening meal. With Jim Mount and Bill Townsend manning the griddle and grill and a whole group of ladies (guess they didn't trust us guys to do it right) serving the hotdogs and all the fixings, the meal went off without a hitch. I'm hesitant to list all involved because I might omit someone but I will say the club did a great job and I didn't hear one complaint from any of the folks being served. Steve and Leslie Lovett prepared, along with a lot of other Dutch oven chefs from R3, Dutch oven deserts. All of those sweet warm deserts were served with ice cream. Wow, were they good AND we had dessert first! The Piedmont Club was well represented during the seminar sessions with Bill Townsend's rivet seminar (I didn't know there was so much to know about rivets until I heard Bill's presentation) and by Dick Martin's RV Solar = Freedom seminar.

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Thank you to Bill and Dick and all the other club members who participated in the functions of the R3 rally!!!

Now to the business end of the R3 rally. Karen Fisher, International 3rd VP and Bill Wild, R3 President presented information on the proposed changes to the leadership structure of the International Board of Trustees (IBT). A proposal was presented at the IBT meeting in Savannah in January and that proposal passed which now means it will be voted on as a constitutional amendment at the upcoming IBT in July. So what does this mean for members? Here are two things each member will have a chance to vote on:

1. Club members (each member via their registered email) will have the opportunity to vote on the leadership - President, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, etc before the July IBT and those candidates will compose the executive board for the coming year. This would be a transition year to the new executive council structure.

I encourage each member to be informed and to vote on the slate of officers that has been published. It is very important that each person associated with a BRN have a legitimate and current email and be able to log into the Airstream Club International Site and have a profile established. Feel free to contact me if you need additional information regarding logging in. I may not have an answer but am sure I can direct you to a resource for help.

2. As a delegate, I will be casting votes for the Piedmont Club on the proposed amendment to the International Constitution to change leadership structure and terms as described in the Blue Beret, April 2022, pages 18 & 19.

For this amendment each Piedmont Club member will receive via email some type of voting method (most likely a link to an electronic vote as we did last year for the constitutional amendments). If each member votes it's a simple tally that I vote at the IBT in July. If not all members vote, then the percentages are votes. Simple example: If we had 100 members and only 50 voted, 20 for and 30 against. That would equal 40% for and 60% against. So my vote for the club at the IBT would be 40 votes for and 60 votes against. My example is not intended to insult anyone's intellect, just to make sure everyone understands the delegate voting system.

I also encourage you to carefully read the Blue Beret article on the changes proposed. These changes are a significant change from past and current structure. There was a lot of discussion at the R3 presentation on this proposal. Again feel free to contact me if you need any clarification on the proposal or voting method.

I will close by saying; I think the thing I love most about owning an Airstream is the community. Although we're from all over the state or the country we have that one thing in common and it allows us to make new friendships and then reconnect again and again. I am not familiar with how all of the other camping organizations function but I doubt very seriously they have the same close relationships that we enjoy as Airstreamers. I encourage all of the Piedmont members to participate in club rallies, region rallies, International rallies, and caravans you get the picture. I think the more you're involved the more you'll appreciate this community.

One last thing, if you plan on going to the International Rally and if you wish to enter and park with the Piedmont Club please let me know. I need to provide your name and BRN to the caravan team at ACI headquarters.

See you down the road,

Bill Byrum

President, Piedmont ASC

VP Column

Happy Spring Piedmont Club Members. Jane and I returned to beautiful North Carolina recently from our winter getaway at Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne Florida. It's good to be home although I am already missing my Florida friends. This made me think about our awesome Piedmont Club and how the Spring is yet another new beginning for all of us. Planting flowers or maybe a vegetable garden to enjoy watching the plants flourish and produce nature's beauty and bounty. The same can be said for our Airstream Club. Especially those members who have not found the time to come join us and flourish with us. We are like a spring garden. Every year plans are made to have a year full of fun filled events. The effort is planted. I urge you to come join us and enjoy the club like the ever-baring flower and vegetable garden. There is a lot to share and enjoy. Be safe!

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS FOR APRIL 2022

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Piedmont Club is happy to welcome our **NEWEST MEMBERS** ó Delia & Robert Rati! They live in Cary and own a 2022 19-foot Bambi. Look for their Big Red Number, **3748**, at one of our Club or Region 3 rallies or down the road!

It was wonderful to meet some of our newer members ó Donald & Mary Ann Campbell and Bill & Frances Sanislow ó at the Region 3 Rally in Hiawassee, GA in early April. Camping on Lake Chatuge and grilling hundreds of hot dogs with fellow Piedmont Club members made for lots of fun memories!

Remember, whenever you are traveling, be sure to tell other Airstream owners you meet about our Piedmont Club. The more the merrier!!

Date	RALLY	LOCATION	CAMPGROUND	HOST
January 2022	NONE	NA	NA	NA
February 2022	LUNCHEON	Raleigh	CANCELED	Stedman Brown
March 2022	NONE	NA	NA	NA
April 7-10, 2022	REGION 3	Hiawasse, GA	GA. MOUNTAIN FAIRGROUNDS	Region 3
May 19-22 2022	PIEDMONT AC RALLY	Hot Springs	Hot Springs Resort & Spa	Todd & Debbie Stroud
June 2022	PIEDMONT AC RALLY	Waynesville, NC	Creekwood Farm RV Park 4696 Jonathan Creek Rd. Waynesville, NC 28785	Jim & Amy Mount & Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe
July 23 - 29, 2022	INTERNATIONAL	Fryeburg, ME	FRYEBURG FAIR ASSOCIATION	ACI
August 2022	REGION 3 SPECIAL EVENT	Galax, VA	COOL BREEZE CAMPGROUND	Region 3
September 8-11, 2022	PIEDMONT AC RALLY	Sneads Ferry, NC	SEAHAVEN MARINE RV PARK 148 Old Ferry Rd, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460	Alan & Jane Hvizdak
October 27-30, 2022	Alumalina	Marion, NC	TOM JOHNSON CAMPING CENTER	John Leake
November 3 - 6, 2022	INSTALLATION RALLY	Winston Salem, NC	Salem Breeze Campground, 2796 Hickory Tree Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27127	David & Debbie Stubbs
December 2022	NONE	NA	NA	NA