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July-August 2022 President's Report

Hi Piedmont Club,

Wow we've been busy since our last newsletter. The International Rally was held in Fryeburg, ME. The Piedmont Club had a small caravan traveling together to the rally. 6 rigs headed out on July 13th with a parking date on July 20th. With stops in Natural Bridge VA, Gettysburg PA, Plattekill, NY, Rumney, NH. Highlights included the D-Day Memorial in Bedford VA and Gettysburg Battlefield for many of the caravan members. Diane and I had visited the D-Day Memorial so on that stop we opted for a more important (at least to us) visit, we traveled to Lynchburg to visit our newest family member our great granddaughter - Lowery. Enroute to Fryeburg 3 more rigs joined in. All total we had 11 rigs from the Piedmont Club attending the International Rally

The Piedmont Club was well represented in the activities of the rally. I represented the club in all the business meeting part of the rally, more on that later. Steve and Leslie Lovette did 2 dutch oven cooking seminars. Dick and Becky Martin had their RV Safety and Solar booth and Dick did presentations on solar and safety. Gail Broome, Jim and Amy Mount blessed us with participation in the rally choir. Mike Bizon was the MC for choir and orchestra program. Delia Rati won the animal photo contest and the overall best photo,. Peter Cap and Jim Mount drove the shuttle getting rally goers to all the various locations. And last but not least Diane represented the Sho-Me the Ozarks caravan in the poster area and she assisted with the Region 3 luncheon. Bob Ealy (affiliate member and Region 3 1st VP) caravanned with us to the rally. Bob attended business meetings and he and Ginger also assisted with the Region 3 luncheon. And even with all of those service activities, we all found time for a few lobsters meals and daily gatherings for happy hour. Continued to page 2

To see pictures of the rally and other club activities check out the club FaceBook page @

<https://www.facebook.com/PiedmontNCAirstreamClubUnit161>.

Now for the business end of the rally; the International Board of Trustees (IBT) meeting was fairly routine with the various committee reports. There were some motions related to bylaws changes, mostly administrative. The delegates meeting was held on Wednesday, July 27th. The delegates meeting is where the votes that you submitted on the 2 constitutional amendments were cast. There were 93 of 102 clubs represented (if my math is correct) plus the 12 regional VPs voting for members at large. The 2 amendments both passed. The first amendment pass by around 80% and the second amendment passed by around 70%. So what does this mean? Amendment 1 did away with the delegate voting system. So from a historical perspective, I represented the Piedmont club in the last ever delegates meeting. Amendment 2 changes the executive council structure. The current elected officers will serve a 1 year term and we will all get to vote for 10 executive council members in 2023. From the 10 executive council members the IBT will select the officers (president, VP, etc). The executive council will serve a 2 year term (elections will be held on odd years). If re-elected the officers can serve 2 consecutive terms. The real disappointing part of all of this is that out of 15,416 Airstream Club members only about 3500 actually voted.

The Piedmont Club will hold our last business meeting prior to the installation rally at the Sneed's Ferry Rally in September.

Enough of the business!!! We have 2 remaining club rallies. The first is in Sneed's Ferry and is being hosted by Alan and Jane Hvizdak, September 8-11 at Sea Haven RV and Marina. The last rally of the year will be the installation rally at Salem Breeze RV Park in Winston Salem, November 3-6 hosted by David and Debbie Stubbs. Don't forget the Alumalina rally at Tom Johnson Camping Center in Marion NC, October 27-30. Hopefully you can make all three of these but if not (and Diane and I won't make Alumalina) I hope to see you at one of the club rallies.

Hope to see you soon,

Bill Byrum

President, Piedmont ASC

MEMBERSHIP NEWS FOR JULY & AUGUST 2022

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Piedmont Club has more **NEW MEMBERS!** Let's welcome ó

Amy & Adam White from Durham, NC ó BRN 10176 ó 2022 16-ft. Caravel

Richard & Lynne Price from Cary, NC ó BRN 6438 ó 2020 24-ft. Atlas

David & Sandy Yamane from Winston-Salem, NC ó BRN 22014 ó 2023 22-ft. Caravel

It is great to receive Piedmont Club membership renewals, too! Most recently **Jerry & Jessica Smith**, BRN 20703, **renewed their Club membership.**

For many of our Club members with a January 1 membership expiration date, **the 2023 Membership Renewal season begins September 3rd, 2022.** *International dues continue to be \$75 per year*, while *"Home Club" (Piedmont Club) and Affiliate Club dues continue to be \$15 each per year.* The renewal process will start, roughly, 120 days before a Club member's expiration date. Airstream Headquarters will be notifying members when it is time to renew via postcard, email and social media.

There are two ways to renew your membership ó online through the "member-only" portal at www.airstreamclub.org **OR** request a paper renewal through Airstream Headquarters at 937-596-5211. The *online* renewal process is easy for **ALL** members ó both Primary & Partner - - once notified by ACI that it is time to renew your membership.

For our "Lifetime Members," you **MUST** go through the membership renewal process. This applies to Piedmont Club members Ernie & Madaline Bauer, Bob & Marge Bennett, Joyce Plaxco, Joe & Marge Schradie, and Leland & Gail Tucker.

New Club members and renewals will be included in the Annual **PRINTED** Membership Directory if received by December 31st, 2022. The directory is typically published in February.

Club members, be sure to review your information within your Member-Only portal. You may:

- update personal information
- add or update an email address for a Partner or Spouse (**Remember:** *Each member must have valid email address on file at Airstream Headquarters to vote in the election of International Officers and amendments to the WBCCI Constitution & Bylaws*)
- be available for courtesy parking
- join an Affiliate and/or Intra-Club
- select option of auto-renewal for membership (**NEW** for this year!)
- determine preferences for Airstream communication & Blue Beret via electronic or mail
- determine preference of publishing contact info in Airstream Membership Directory – online and printed

Please contact Amy Mount if you have any questions about renewing your Airstream and Piedmont Club membership. **Amanda Hughes**, Membership Coordinator, at Airstream Club International is also a wonderful resource for membership questions. She may be reached at 937-596-5211 or membership@airstream.org.

So summer is winding down and we are gearing up for the September Rally in Sneads Ferry. We arrive on September 8th to share a Carolina favorite of mine. We will be cooking a pork butt for pulled pork, beans and slaw for the arrival dinner. Friday morning we head to Surf City to the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center. Looking forward to seeing the newly renovated education area and hear the latest turtle tales. Late lunch at the famous Riverview Cafe. Last years participants loved the seafood and went back a second time. That evening Alan and Jane will be making their ever popular funnel cakes at happy hour. With the late lunch that was all that many needed last year.. Saturday is a free day. You will receive information on the area and can do as you please exploring or just relaxing at the beach. Saturday evening we are providing Cowboy Stew for supper. At some point our President Bill Byrum will be chairing a club business meeting. Sunday morning Jane and I will provide a continental breakfast. Just a reminder you supply your own coffee. Departing prayer and safe travels Sunday morning.

Wish everyone safe travels. We are heading to the òGone to Texasö caravan and looking forward to a new adventure.

Alan Hvizdak Vice President.
BRN 2362

I have my 22 n 22 sticker Do you?



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 23-26th	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