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The Tarheel Traveler

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In late May, Susanne and I headed home after our 111-day journey. After the Region 3 rally in late April, we made a stop at Indian Boundary campground, a Forest Service CG along the Cherohala Parkway between Tellico Plains, TN and Robbinsville, NC. Upon leaving Indian Boundary, we and several campers were confronted with several downed trees blocking the Cherohala Parkway due to a serious windstorm coming through the previous night. Fortunately, several "locals" with chain saws were also "caught" by the trees. These guys were good. Looked like they knew how to handle the challenge. Within 30 minutes, we were on our way. We really appreciate the kindness of strangers when traveling.

We had planned to stop at Cades Cove in the Smoky Mountain NP but it and the rest of the park was closed due to wind damage (60+ mph) from the same front that caused the tree damage in the Indian Boundary area. Our best alternative was Creekwood Farm near Maggie Valley, NC. We had a rally there last year so we knew it would be ok. We called from Townsend, TN, just outside the Cades Cove area and secured a reservation. It was great site that backed up to the creek. Susanne and I spent several days exploring nearby shops and restaurants in Waynesville, NC.

Evidently, the creek is stocked with trout by the NC Fish and Wildlife given that we watched several fishermen try their luck right behind our trailer. At least one guy caught a nice 10"-12" trout and slipped into a zip lock bag that then disappeared into his creel. I asked one of the fishermen about the zip lock bag and he explained that the bag kept the creel from smelling of dead fish. An interesting strategy.

From Creekwood Farm, we headed to Davidson River Campground in Brevard, NC to visit my Mom in Hendersonville, NC for Mother's Day. We'll headed home on Friday, May 19.

The Region 3 rally was held at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds and our club had 15 units attend. **Great job CUNC!!!!!!**

The rally was well organized and provided several very informative talks and seminars. (see "Region 3 Notes" below). It was great to have so many of our members attend and the "happy hours" were lively affairs. It was good to see so many of our friends after being on the road so long. It was a real homecoming. Very enjoyable.

As of this writing, we are already planning the trip to our June rally at Natural Bridge, VA. Really looking forward to it. We visited the area several years ago with friends but did not have time to do much exploring. Hope to remedy that oversight this time around. Looking forward to seeing our fellow Airstreamers and sharing the fellowship

and comradery of our unit rallies. And don't forget the HAPPY HOUR Thursday and Friday nights.

Special section

Notes from the Region 3 rally:

Overall, the rally was the best Region 3 one I have attended. There were several excellent presentations and extremely useful small group seminar Q&A sessions that I found very informative. I'll describe those sessions below.

John Frerking, President of Region 3, announced that Airstream Inc. and Thor Industries (Airstream's parent company) have reached an agreement that will allow the WBCCI to use "Airstream" in our unit names.

Official word is expected soon through the Region 3 offices. Hopefully, I will get some additional information regarding WBCCI's expectation regarding the "unit name change initiative" in time to share that information at our Natural Bridge rally.

Any unit name changes must ultimately be approved by Region 3 and the IBT which next meets in July 2017 and Jan/Feb. 2018. Hopefully, the guidance from Region 3 will include an outline of the process which I will pass on to our members ASAP.

One of the best "seminars" was organized around the officer/functions within each unit. The topics covered everything from individual officer functions as well as the unit Newsletter, membership (recruiting and retention), and rally planning. There were 12 leaders that focused the discussion in each of their areas of expertise.

Our own Marcia Thompson led the Recording Secretary discussion. Thanks, Marcia!

There were three "sessions" allowing the attendees to select several areas of interest. Essentially, these sessions were small group discussions on a specific area focused on questions raised by the attendees. I attended the rally planning, membership (recruiting and retention), and unit Newsletter sessions.

The **rally planning session** indicated to me that our unit does a good job planning and executing rallies. We could probably do a better job identifying things to do or visit in the area and/or selecting rally dates based on local events like the Galax rally.

In addition, some units plan a rally around maintenance or have a Friday or Saturday morning seminar on a topic like winterizing your Airstream. Phil Drake and Marcia Thompson did a great job last November explaining Airstream winterizing to our unit. We should probably plan at least one or two "seminars" like the one Marcia and Phil did.

The second seminar I attended was the unit **Newsletter discussion** led by Randy Godfrey, Region 3 2nd VP and a member of the Florida Airstream Club. He is the editor of his unit Newsletter. It is published every other month and generally averages 15 to 20 pages. Members contribute the majority of the content including campground reviews, rally reviews, new equipment reviews, and Caravan/trip reviews. Susanne and I have provided similar information based on our winter trip on the Cajun Caravan

(Louisiana). Marcia Thompson has certainly contributed information interesting to our unit members. Thanks, Marcia. Maybe we could start to solicit this type of information from our members on the first of the month for inclusion in the Newsletter. I'll consult with John Corriher regarding the format and potential expanded content of our Newsletters.

I know several of our members have participated in caravans or are planning to do so. It would be nice if they could provide a summary of their experiences. This type of information may help others decide to go on a caravan. Currently, post caravan information is usually passed on during happy hour or dinner at our rallies.

The **membership (recruiting and retention)** session did provide some new ideas for recruiting new members and retaining them for the long run.

Some units have a mentor program that assigns someone to help new members get acclimated. Other units work closely with their local Airstream dealer to recruit new members from folks that purchase new or used Airstreams.

I think Dale Dowler does a great job for our unit. In 2016, CUNC added 14 new members which was #4 out of 20 units in Region 3. Great work, Dale!!

So far this year, we have added 6 new members. Our member retention rate is also very good.

Other Presentations at Region 3:

John Leake gave a very good presentation on basic Airstreaming. He covered all the systems in an Airstream and addressed many questions from the attendees. I thought he did an excellent job.

Best wishes,
Keith Schneider



Did you know we have ~~a dozen~~ fifteen amateur radio operators in the Carolinas Unit? Here are additions we found *after* the May newsletter!

After May publication additions!!

#	Call	Name	
13	KE4FIH	Dot (Dorothy)	Kalet
14	KE4FII	Bert	Kalet
15	KK4JXK	Alex (Alexander)	Ross

More 2017 Members!

Renee and Michael Glover - Manteo, NC
James and Julie Pantas, - Mount Pleasant, NC
Warren and Maureen Smathers - Lincolnton, NC
Neil and Michelle Kammerman - Holly Springs, NC
Jad and Stephane Skaf - Florence, SC

All are in Evernote (Skafs are coming soon!). Please welcome them to our club! We'll get to meet the Smathers at Highland Haven this Fall!

CUNC 2017 Schedule

60th International Rally: July 22-29 2017
 Escanaba MI 937-596-5221

August Rally: August 3-6, 2017
 Cool Breeze
 Campground
 Galax VA.866-342-0300

September Rally Sept. 14-17 2017
 Highland Haven
 6517 Highland Haven Road
 Copper Hill, VA 24079 Phone 540.651.9050; call to reserve a site.
www.vahighlandhaven.com No credit cards (checks & cash only).

Niagara Falls Adventure Sept 17 – 22 2017
 Contact [Anne Seslar](#) if interested in joining group!

October Rally: October 5-8, 2017 Tanglewood Park
 4061 Clemmons Rd.
 Clemmons NC 27012
 336-703-6400

November Rally: November 2-5 2017
 Ocean Lakes Family Campground
 6001 S Kings Highway
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29575
 Reservation in Section HH
 Rally Name "Carolinas Airstream 2017"
 Sites released first come first serve basis.
 50% deposit required on all reservations.
 30 sites reserved. 877.510.1413
www.oceanlakes.com

December Luncheon
 Date and Location TBA