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The Tarheel Traveler

President's Corner

ATTENDING REGION 3? We need your help! Our unit will be serving breakfast at our Region 3 gathering in Doswell, Virginia on Thursday, April 28. The estimated attendance is 200 plus members although they don't think everyone will come to breakfast. We've been given a budget of \$1.50 a piece to cover costs. If anyone has experience feeding this size crowd or if you would be willing to help with the breakfast, please contact me. I need help with planning and execution. Thank you.

Online Registration is open for Region 3. Remember your payment is not due until you arrive but for planning purposes a head count is needed.

MEMBERSHIP - As many of you know, we had over 20 members who did not renew their membership with the Carolinas Unit this year. We have gained over 20 new members, but the board would like to address member retention and we are looking for ideas from all of you. Would you be willing to mentor a new member or be part of a committee to contact members who are not attending rallies? Suggestions from our unit members would be greatly appreciated.

In the March issue of the Blue Beret, Helen Bourgeois, Membership Chair pointed out "more opportunities exist to retain a friend than to recruit a new friend." Helen has written an excellent article (See March edition, page 9) reminding us that our unit is our neighborhood on wheels. Let's keep our foundation strong!

LUNCHEONS/OUR FIRST RALLY NEWS – Keith is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Moose Café on March 12, in Colfax. James Island – If you don't have reservations, keep checking with the campground in case they have some cancellations.

So looking forward to hitching up the Airstream and being with all of you!

President, Margaret Van de Ree

Cavalcade to International Rally

Cavalcade to International Rally gathers at Fort Chiswell RV Park in Max Meadows, VA on Friday, June 24, 2016.

- You do NOT need to make reservations at Fort Chiswell! Just contact Marcia.
- Fort Chiswell RV Pa is holding 15 sites for Friday, June 24, pay \$35 when you arrive. Sunset is 8:42pm.
- Group leaves Sat morning for Lewisburg, about 2 hours north.
- WBCCI Caravan Parking is June 22-23, but we'll be arriving on Saturday, June 24 during General Parking.

General Parking.

Just tell Marcia [mthompson@yadtel.net] if you are joining the group.

Caravan Parking is Wed June 22 and Thur June 23, but our compromise for the Carolina's Unit folks that work and have pets to board is to arrive in WV on Saturday morning during General Parking and gather at Fort Chiswell the previous night, Friday June 24. That still puts everyone in WV by midday Saturday, well ahead of the Rally opening ceremonies on Tuesday. The rally ends Tues July 5. We'll not officially be a WBCCI caravan since we're not arriving during assigned Caravan Parking, we won't have numbers assigned to the group and such. The plan is arrive as a group and be parked in close proximity to each other. As soon as Marcia knows the quantity of the group, she'll notify the Caravan Chairman so he can include us in his parking plans.

Sunset that Friday is 8:42pm, and for most folks joining us it will take about 2 hours or so (some less, some more) to get to Fort Chiswell in VA, so even if you have to work until 5:00pm that day (and take the following week off, or board pets for just a week or so), you could easily get to VA by dark on Friday. And get to WV the next morning and still have plenty of time to enjoy the pre-rally excursions. Some are choosing to go straight to VW and skip the stop-over in VA, or prefer to arrive in WV on a different day.

On Monday, June 20, Marcia will let the Fort Chiswell campground know how many to expect Friday, they are holding 15 sites (9 sites are already spoken for so sign up quickly!)

Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2016

The meeting was held at Village Tavern, Winston-Salem, NC

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Van de Ree.

Invocation – Charlie Fishel gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Officer Roll Call

Minutes – A motion was made to waive the reading of the last minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Bruce Thompson gave the treasurer's report indicating expenditures of \$67.87 and deposits of \$80. The ending balance is \$3,608.82.

Dale Dowler audited the club and reported all was found to be in order.

New Business:

Kudos to Marcia Thompson and Pam Devine for maintaining the Carolina's Unit WBCCI website!

We were reminded that if we spot an Airstream without those big red numbers, we should reach out and make them feel welcome. Invite them to a luncheon or rally.

Dale Dowler brought a motion to the board. We currently waive 1st year unit dues for all members. Dale suggested that we refund unit dues only when the new member attends their first unit function (luncheon or rally). This would bring the member to the club and may help with retention of new members. George Lamb put the motion to the board, and Keith Schneider seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjourn – A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Conrad, Recording Secretary



Region 3 Rally Bulletin

Region 3 Rally in Virginia
by Matt Hackney

It is time to look past winter and plan for a beautiful spring trip to Virginia. You are cordially invited to attend the rally in Doswell, Virginia at Meadow Event Park (meadoweventpark.com). We will be parking folks beginning on April 27 and departing on May 1.

As in previous years, you can register online from the Region 3 Webpage:
Region3.WBCCI.net

Or by sending an e-mail to region3registrar@gmail.com.

This year we will open the rally on Wednesday night followed by an Ice Cream Social. Thursday and Friday we will provide a light breakfast, seminars, and entertainment in the evening. Friday will also feature a catered dinner. Saturday offers breakfast and dinner, along with seminars. We will conclude with a light breakfast and religious service on Sunday morning. The area is rich with history and offers many activities and sights to see. The park was the the training ground for Triple Crown winner Secretariat. Included in your rally fee, is a Secretariat tour on the grounds. As in past years, we will encourage attendees to SEE MORE and DO MORE in the afternoon.

The rally fee is \$65 per person. Children under 12 are free. Children ages 12 - 18 are 1/2 price. Camping fees vary, depending on the accommodations you choose. More details will be coming soon. Hope to see you in Doswell!

CUNC 2016 Rally Schedule

March Luncheon – March 12, 2016 - Noon

Moose cafe
2914 Sandy Ridge Road #H
Colfax, NC 27235
336.668.1125
www.eatatthemoosecafe.com
Near Out-of-Doors Mart Airstream dealer

April Rally: April 7-10, 2016

James Island County Campground (near Charleston, SC)
871 Riverland Drive
Charleston, SC 29412
www.ccprc.com
Phone 843.795.4386; call for reservations.
Must call prior to Jan 4, 2016 to reserve.
Sites held in Keith or Susanne Schneider's name.
Sites are as follows: 64-67, 70, 72, 75, 77-81, 86, 121, 123.

May Rally: April 27 – May 1, 2016

Region 3 Rally
Meadow Event Park (north of Richmond, VA)
www.meadoweventpark.com
Doswell, VA

June Rally: June 2 – 5, 2016

Creekwood Farm RV Park (near Maggie Valley)
4696 Jonathan Creek Road
Waynesville, NC 28785
www.creekwoodfarmrv.com
Phone 800.862.8110
Call to reserve sites 20-29, 90-98.
Reservations required by March 1, 2016.

July Rally: June 28 – July 5, 2016

59th International Rally
State Fair Grounds
Lewisburg, WV
Make reservations on-line, <http://wbcci.org/> or contact Jim Cocke.

August Rally: August 11 – 14, 2016

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 accepted (checks & cash only).

September Rally: September 8-11, 2016

Claytor Lake State Park
6620 Ben H. Bolen Drive
Dublin, Virginia 24084
800.933.7275/540.643.2500
Google Claytor Lake State Park
Call to reserve a site in D Loop.
Full payment required upon reservation.
Call ASAP to reserve.
Sites are assigned upon arrival.

October Rally: October 13-16, 2016

Palmetto Cove
521 Table Rock Road
Cleveland, SC 29365
864.836.6221
www.palmettocove.com
Call to reserve a site.
Full hookups; no credit cards (checks & cash only).

November Rally: November 3-6, 2016

Ocean Lakes Family Campground
6001 S Kings Highway
Myrtle Beach, SC 29575
Reservation in Section HH
Rally Name "Carolinas Airstream 2016"
Sites released first come first serve basis.
50% deposit required on all reservations.
30 sites reserved.
877.510.1413
www.oceanlakes.com

December Installation Luncheon

Date and Location TBA



Sunshine Report

We are very thankful that Phyllis and Jerry Cook are fine even though their Airstream sustained damage in an accident on their way home from Florida a few weeks ago. Jerry advised that the Airstream is at ODM and will be repaired in a few months. Unfortunately, their daughter, Crystal White of Jamestown, NC has been ill with kidney and liver problems. Phyllis has been helping to care for her. Please keep Crystal and her family in your prayers.

If you have any news to share for the Sunshine report, please email it to me at mvanderee@gmail.com. Thank you.

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Margaret Van de Ree