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# The Tarheel Traveler

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Greetings from sunny south Louisiana. Susanne and I left NC right after the Village Tavern luncheon and headed for Florida. We spent several weeks traveling from Gainesville to Pensacola and eventually ended up just outside New Orleans. We did some standard tourist stuff but also had several great meals including Jazz Brunch at Commander's Palace. We are currently in the middle of the Cajun Caravan which ends March 30. We will also attend a Cajun unit Airstream rally immediately after the caravan. We then plan on stopping in Baton Rouge to visit several of Susanne's cousins before meandering up the Mississippi River with stops in Natchez, Vicksburg, and Memphis. Ultimately, we will end up at the Region 3 rally at the end of April. Hope to see everyone there.

We are sorry we missed the winery luncheon and the James Island rally, clearly one of our favorite rally locations. I'm sure everyone had a great time at both events. Unfortunately, time and distance will preclude us from attending the New Bern rally. Thanks to Larry and Pam for putting this together- I'm sure it will be a great rally.

I would like to thank Rocky Johnson for accepting the 2nd VP position. I look forward to working with Rocky on the 2018 rally schedule, which I'm sure everyone will enjoy.

I would like to remind everyone that it is vitally important to the club that members volunteer for leadership positions to help maintain the viability of the club. The club leadership provides the rallies and luncheons that serve as the backbone of our unit. Recently, the eastern NC Airstream unit disbanded and I assume, it can be attributed in large part due to a lack of volunteers to serve in leadership positions. Thanks again Rocky for your service.

In other club news, I recently asked Director Phil Drake to chair the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Marcia Thompson, Recording Secretary, and Margaret Van de Ree, Immediate Past President, will work with Phil to review the current unit constitution and bylaws with the goal of updating these documents to reflect current "best practices". The last update to the documents governing unit operations appears to have been in 2007.

To cite one specific example, the unit constitution does not provide for the use of email notification to the membership on important issues but instead requires written notification via first mail 15 days prior to any vote on such issues.

This notification procedure should be updated to allow the option of direct communication via email. Another option for communication with the membership is the monthly Newsletter as posted on the unit website.

Phil will report to the board periodically on the progress of the review/update process.

Ultimately, the constitution and bylaws committee will submit their recommendations to the board for their review and approval. The board will review these suggestions and submit their final recommendations to the membership for their review and approval by the November 2017 Ocean Lakes rally.

I would like to provide special thanks to John Corriher for his work on the club Newsletter. I also appreciate Marcia Thompson's contribution to the Newsletter. These folks make it possible for the club leadership to communicate with the members between rallies and luncheons. They both do a great job for the club.

Best wishes,  
Keith Schneider

# CUNC 2017 Schedule

**April Rally** April 6-9 2017  
KOA New Bern NC  
252-638-2556

**Region 3 Rally:** April 26-30, 2017  
Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
706-896-4191

**June Rally:** June 1-4, 2017  
KOA Natural Bridge VA  
Phone 540-291-2770

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

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

**September Rally** Sept. 14-28 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 accepted (checks & cash only).

**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 "Carolinan 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

## Get your National Parks Senior Pass Now!

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Discounts offered by the Pass vary widely across the many different types of recreation sites, but the Senior Pass may offer a discount on fees such as camping and thus pay for itself in one stay. Passes can be purchased at any of the national parks, or online for an additional service fee of \$10. They can also be purchased at locations such the Guilford County Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro, Croatan National Forest Main Office in New Bern, Pisgah National Forest Grandfather District in Nebo, Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kill Devil Hills, and Uwharrie National Forest in Troy. See the entire location list at <https://store.usgs.gov/pass/PassIssuanceList.pdf>

**Carolinas Unit of North Carolina  
Order of Business March 11, 2017 Cauble Creek Vineyard, Salisbury, NC**

A. Opening Ceremonies

Invocation was said by Ken  
Pledge of Allegiance was said.

B. Roll Call of the Officers/Directors:

Keith Schneider - absent

Anne Seslar, Bruce Thompson, Marcia Thompson, John Corriher, Margaret Van de Ree

C. Approval of Minutes

Directors: George Lamb

Jim Turner - absent, Phil Drake - absent, Margie Lamb

Anne requested acceptance of the February Minutes as printed in the previous newsletter. It was approved and seconded.

D. Reports of Officers and Committees

Bruce reported the checking account balance which included Cash-On-Hand for making change at this luncheon, Unit Dues collected by WBCCI online, and administration expenses for badges, and new member waived dues, etc. Also, there were two checks that over 90 days Outstanding, so these have been VOIDed and considered Lost.

E. Other Committees

Anne described the import role of the RSVP button on the website for letting the hosts know you're coming to an event. Marcia reported a voting opportunity for attendees of the upcoming rally at New Bern to test the online voting process to review interest in the presentation topic of "boon docking".

Anne reported that the first rally of 2017 will be at James Island County Park in Charleston, SC and hosted by Margaret. There will be a potluck on Saturday and a small fee for the rental of the meeting room. The April rally in New Bern has 15 rigs registered.

Anne reported on the Region 3 rally in Hiawassee, GA. There is an \$80 per person rally fee that will include catered meals and seminars. Musician Trace Atkins will have a concert at the Fairgrounds during the rally, and Jerry announced that discounted tickets are available for those attending the rally. Anne asked everyone who had served in an office in the club to stand and the attendees applauded their service.

F. Announcements

Anne reported that Rocky Johnson had agreed to assume the 2nd VP position for the Carolinas Unit vacated by Bob Clark. Anne requested a motion be made to accept Rocky's new position, it was made, seconded, and a unanimous vote taken by all attending.

Margaret posted a mission statement on the club on Facebook page of "Fun, friendship, and adventure; serving the Airstream community with a vibrant, active, friendly membership group; and serving the RVing community through responsible and friendly behavior in all encounters on the road and in campgrounds alike."

Ray announced the Combs plans to assume the leadership of the Taste of the Blue Ridge Caravan. He mentioned his role as a representative for SkyMed, and strongly encouraged everyone to obtain their National Parks Senior Pass for \$10 prior to the pending rate increase to \$80 expected by the end of 2017.

**Carolinas Unit of North Carolina  
Order of Business March 18, 2017  
James Island County Park, Charleston, SC**

A. Opening Ceremonies: Invocation was said by Margie Lamb, Pledge of Allegiance led by Anne.

B. Roll Call of the Officers/Directors:

Keith Schneider - absent, Anne Seslar, Bruce Thompson, Marcia Thompson, Margaret Van de Ree  
John Corriher - absent

C. Announcements

Directors: George Lamb, Margie Lamb

Jim Turner - absent, Phil Drake - absent

Larry announced that the April rally in New Bern would include Eastern NC BBQ on Saturday night including beans and hushpuppies and asked attendees to bring a salad or dessert. 16 trailers have registered for the rally. Anne thanked the Brodsky's for hosting the rally.

D. New Business

Anne thanked Margaret for coordinating the early bird rally and paying upfront for the meeting hall. The rally fee will be \$4 per person to cover that cost.

Anne announced installation of Rocky as 2nd VP would be conducted by Director George. George recalled his enjoyable experiences as 2nd VP, 1st VP and then President of the Carolinas Unit.

Rocky was then installed as the new 2nd VP of the Carolinas Unit

**Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Thompson**