

Mountain Caravanner

Western North Carolina Unit 169 WBCCI

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Greetings, WNC Unit 169! I hope that your summer is off to a great start, and that you are all making plans to attend a Unit Rally in the near future! I am pleased to report on our most recent rally, and also to present some important information regarding our upcoming rallies.

On May 14, 2015 Dad dropped me off at the KOA East in Swannanoa, NC while he continued to run errands around town. I will admit, I did feel kind of lonely being the only Airstreamer at the Rally, much less in the park! Not to worry, though, as Dan and Maxine McIntyre dropped in for Happy Hour. We enjoyed our visit, and then decided to head to their house for dinner! I was very lucky, indeed! After a great meal, I got a lift back to the park in Dan's 1931 Model A Ford! What a treat!

Friday brought Dad to the park, and we headed off to explore the town of Black Mountain. After a great lunch at the Bistro, we headed back to prepare for the Pot Luck supper. Again, Dan and Maxine dropped in and brought a delightful sweet potato casserole. I even got in a little fishing at the parks two large ponds! (See what you missed?)

Saturday morning brought a whole host of visitors, with the arrival of Louise Moore and her son Larry. Followed by Dan and Maxine with a wonderful breakfast! Garry Cooper came by, as did Ashel and Anne Ammons, and former Unit member Richard Austin, who dropped in just to say "hello!" With Dad and myself, we cleaned up the breakfast in short order. It was great to see Louise, and she brought a shoebox full of pictures for us to go through. You will get a chance to look through the photos and take any that you want to keep at our upcoming rallies! Louise also asked me to thank the Unit for the wonderful card.

You see things; and you say 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say 'Why not?'

George Bernard Shaw

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After a brief meeting, the order of the day was lunch. (Yes, I like to eat!) Several of us went to the Okie Dokie BBQ restaurant just up the street from the campground. After lunch, we toured the local Harley Davidson dealership, where I found some ride maps to complete my collection.

All in all, it was a relaxed rally with enough activities for everyone. I even finished carving a spoon that I started at the Florida State Rally! Thanks to all of those who attended, and a special thanks to Dan and Maxine for all of your cooking!

Our next rally is scheduled for June 11-14, 2015 at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee, GA. The fairgrounds are located at 1311 Music Hall Road, Hiawassee, GA 30546. We have reserved six, yes SIX, lakeside campsites. More are available, but they may not be as close to the LAKE. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Fairgrounds at (706) 896-4191. Cost is \$32/night and includes full hook-ups. Do mention that you are with Western North Carolina Unit 169. If it helps, these are the sites available: D1, D3, D5, D7, D9, E2 and E3. Dad and I are going to be in E1. You can look at the campground at www.GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com.

The Fairgrounds is also hosting the 2nd Annual Appalachian Wine, Jazz & Art Festival while we are going to be there, Tickets for the Festival are \$40/1 Day or \$50/2 Days.

The International Rally is being held in Farmington, NM this year, and it would be great to see you there! Yes, it is a long way to New Mexico. Yes, it's going to be a little warm. And yes, it will be a great time! I play in the Concert Band and the Dance Band, and we always have a great time. This is the LAST CALL for collecting pull-tabs. If you have a collection that you want to send to International, please contact us and we will make arrangements for picking them up. Or better yet, bring them to the rally in Hiawassee!!

July's Unit Rally will once again celebrate the Folkmoot Festival in Maggie Valley, NC. We will be camping at the Creekwood Farms Campground again, and we will deliver our International Rally Report at the meeting on Saturday.

The Unit Rally in August will be at the Great Outdoors RV Park in Franklin, NC. The dates are August 13-15. This is a very nice campground, and they have enjoyed our visits these past few years. They do have a new policy I need to tell you about. When you call for a reservation for the rally, they

will require a one (1) night's deposit. If you cancel your reservation up to seven (7) days prior to your expected arrival date, your deposit will be refunded, less a \$10 fee. There are only SIX sites available to us for this rally, as this is a very good facility. So, if you'd like to be on one of the remaining five (5) sites, please call and reserve your spot! Their phone number is (828) 349-0412. There are also three Cabins right in the midst of our campsites, and as of now, all three are available, should any of you want to horseback for the weekend!

September and October Unit Rallies will be held at Palmetto Cove RV Park. There is a Chili Cook-off sponsored by Unit 169 in September, and Installation of Officers in October. You won't want to miss these rallies!

It is a pleasure serving as your Unit President, and I hope to see you soon!

*George D. James, IV, (#28790)
President WNC Unit 169*

SUNSHINE NEWS

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF OUR AIRSTREAM MEMBERS HAVING HEALTH ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT LOUISE MOORE. SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEND A CHEERY NOTE.

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Happy Birthday

Tim Joslin 6 / 18
Larry Vorbrich 6 / 23
Cindy Harrington 6 / 26

Happy Anniversary

Joe and Susan Ramseur 6 / 6
Franklin and Jane Sanders 6 / 18
Walter and Magali Gilbert 6 / 21
John and Joyce Plaxco 6 / 25
Lynn and Louise Moore 6 / 28



Roger and Robin Holland of Shelby, NC
owners of a 2012 Airstream International, 19'

Mike Caldwell of Weaverville, NC
Owner of a 1997 Airstream Land Yacht
Motorhome, 35'

Welcome to our Unit. We look forward to meet you.

A BRIEF RECAP FROM THE REGION3 RALLY IN LADSON, SC, APRIL 29 – MAY 3, 2015

President George D. James, IV unfortunately was detained due to prior commitments for musical performances. In attendance were Garry and Laura Cooper, George James, III, Tim and Mary Ann Joslin, Bob and Amy Olson and associate members John and Joyce Plaxco. George James, III represented our Unit at the Region 3 opening ceremonies, delegates update

meeting and business meeting. Everyone attending had a good time and enjoyed beautiful Charleston, SC.

UPCOMING EVENTS



MOUNTAIN MUSIC RALLY

JUNE 11 - 14

GEORGIA MOUNTAIN FAIRGROUND
CAMPGROUND

1311 Music Hall Rd, Hiawassee, GA 30546

www.GeorgiaMountainsFairgrounds.com

706-896-4191

58th INTL./CONVENTION/RALLY WBCCI

JUNE 26 – JULY 5

Farmington, NM

For info consult BlueBeret Magazine
or www.wbcci.org

FOLKMOOT FESTIVAL RALLY

JULY 16 – 19

Creekwood Farm RV Park
Waynesville, NC

www.creekwoodfarmrv.com

www.folkmootusa.org

Don't forget to visit our web site

www.wnc.wbcci.net



The following report was e-mailed and is reprinted for the records and our members without e-mail.

WNC Unit 169 Spring Meeting

18 April, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Unit President, George James, IV at 1:00pm. Opening prayer was lead by Franklin Sanders, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President James welcomed all to the Spring Unit Meeting, and introduced Unit Officers and guests. 15 members and two guests were present.

New Business

- Region 3 Rally in Ladsen, SC. April 29-May 3, 2015. Please plan on attending.
- May Rally at KOA East in Swannannoa, NC. May 14-May 17, 2015. Only two Units have confirmed. We need to fill these spots for the Rally! Please call (828) 686-3121 or (800) 562-5907 to make reservations. Please tell them you are with George James and WNC Unit Airstreamers. The address is 2708 Hwy. 70 East, Swannannoa, NC 28778.
- June Rally at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiawassee, GA. June 11-14. Please call (706) 896-4191 for reservations. Again, reservations are under WNC Unit 169. The rally is being held in conjunction with the Jazz, Wine and Art Festival. The address is 1311 Music Hall Road, Hiawassee, GA 30546.
- International Airstream Rally, Farmington, NM. June 25-July 5, 2015.
 - If you have Pull Tabs to send to International, please contact George James (828) 524-8081. You can bring them to one of the upcoming rallies or I can come to you.
 - Delegate and Alternate. Members voted, and George James, IV will be the Delegate, and George James, III will be the Alternate.
 - Amendments to be vote on: 1) Out of Country Charter Requests to be allowed to go directly through WBCCI Headquarters. 2) Finalize wording regarding dates for International Rally's from June 20 - July 30. 3) Allowing Regular Members to pay their annual dues directly to WBCCI, and not through a Unit. (I think I had this one worded incorrectly at the meeting.)
 - A motion was made and seconded to allow the Delegate and/or Alternate to vote for the good of the Unit. Motion passed unanimously.
- Cards were circulated for Louise Moore and Ewart and Lilly Phillips. Louise is struggling with bronchitis, and the Phillips' are celebrating 65 years of marriage and their 30th, and final, International Rally.
- Carolyn Rosendale needs to have the Unit items stored in her garage moved to another location. George James, III volunteered to house said items.
 - A motion was made and seconded to donate/sell items no longer needed or used by the Unit. Motion passed. It was suggested perhaps the Top of Georgia or Palmetto Cove campgrounds could use these items.
- Meeting was closed at 1:35pm. Submitted by George James, IV.

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