

**Hello everyone in the Western NC Unit 169, I hope you are all fine and dandy, and perhaps enjoying cooler weather than we flatlanders. Summer is upon us!**

**WNC 169 has proudly represented and served Airstreamers in the western part of NC since it was chartered by the WBCCI in March of 1978. Many fine people have stepped up over the years to lead, and many dedicated members have gone above and beyond by being "recycled" over and over to keep the Unit going. My sincere thanks to you.**

**You probably do not need me to remind you just how far North Carolina is from east to west, but in case you have forgotten, it is 500 *long* miles. That makes Charlotte, nearly in the center, still 225 miles from many on the western side. Having WNC 169 has made it possible for more members to attend more local rallies, without driving 200 plus miles each way.**

**Today I am writing to express my concerns about the future of your Unit. Club records show 26 paid memberships for 2019; that is approximately 50 people. It is not as large as some Units, but much larger than others.**

**The WBCCI bylaws require all Units to have a minimum of 10 members. You are more than 2 ½ times the minimum and I am thrilled for you. We have other Units that would love to have those numbers.**

**Here is my concern.... Along with the minimum number of members, you must also have a minimum number of Unit officers: a president, a secretary, and a treasurer.**

**THIS IS ONLY 3 PEOPLE out of your 50! Yet, no one seems willing to step up to lead. This is disappointing.**

**It is clear that at least 50 of you enjoy being a part of the WNC Unit, and have shown your support by renewing for 2019. I cannot thank you enough. But... we must take another step.**

**I dearly hope at least 3 people will soon step up, take these offices, and keep WNC 169 from dissolving. For if you do not, the end is near. We must have those minimum 3 officers to go along with the 26 memberships.**

**I applaud you 26 who have stayed the course, and renewed. Now, let's take a step forward, together. Here is my offer...**

**LET'S HAVE A RALLY!!!**

**... Let's make it joint rally with the Palmetto State Airstream Club.**

**... Let's have it September 13-15, 2019.**

**... Let's have it at Tom Johnson Rally Park in Marion, NC.**

**... Let's gather and make a plan to get WNC 169 going strong again.**

**... Let's have fun doing it.**

**I would like to hear from you, so please respond, and I will make a plan for the rally. We will need a head count. I have some excellent, #1 restaurant grade white fish fillets that I would love to cook up for us all, along with French fries and hush puppies. Throw in some slaw, a dessert, maybe some sweet tea, and we will have an old-fashioned Saturday night fish fry!!!**

**So, my friends, make no mistake, we are at a serious juncture in the life of WNC 169. We can no longer skate by, we must have those officers, soon. PLEASE come join me, along with other members of the Palmetto State Airstream Club, and let's make a plan, together.**

**You can reach me by email, or phone 803.984.7225, anytime. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have friends that might not have email, please pass along the info. If you have friends that might not be in the Club, please especially invite them.**

**See you in Marion, September 13-15.**

**John Leake, Region 3 President**