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You don't have to own a camel to lead a caravan!

NORVA President Ed Jones explains what you need: an Airstream, passion to share an adventure, and common sense.

Driving home after Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom's caravan entitled "Grant and Sherman and the Civil War in the West", I'm reflecting on what a great experience it was. This was our third time touring these Civil War battlefields and Beth and I were thrilled to go again. We always learn something new (or relearn things we've forgotten!) and sharing the adventure with friends on a caravan is our favorite way to Airstream. "Caravan" may no longer be in the name of our Club, but it was the heart of its founding and remains there today. The McBrooms, as always, went the extra mile to ensure everything was top drawer, right down to assigning in advance each rig its campground site number, then drawing on a campground map how to drive to that spot! Please understand that this is not a mandatory practice for caravan leaders, but Jackson can't help himself. Over-the-top attention to detail is in his DNA, and his caravanners just sit back and enjoy the pampering. Thank you, Jackson and Mary Ann, for a wonderful caravan. (See Della Hoosier's write-up in this *NORVA News*.)

While we're on the subject, for those of you who might be thinking about becoming caravan leaders, don't shy away because of Jackson's stellar example. Caravan leaders come in a myriad of sizes and shapes with widely diverse interests and personalities. Training in all the basics (often known as common sense) is readily available at the regional level and at the International Rally each year. Plus, right here in our own NORVA Club the following members have led

caravans and would be delighted to answer your questions: the Arnolds, the Brodskys, Tom Carmichael, the Gregorys, the Hoosiers, the McBrooms, the Pearces, the Simmonses, the Ulrichs, and Beth and me. There are caravans already developed and sitting on the shelf just begging to be "adopted" by a new leader. The new leaders can run the caravan "as is" or make changes according to their desires. Another idea would be to create a new caravan. You choose a theme, where you will go, what you will see or do, where you will camp, how



Ed Jones at Chickamauga Battlefield

long it will be, and the maximum number of Airstreams you'll bring along. Follow your dreams or passions. Admittedly, it will take some time and effort, but it will become a labor of love. And wherever you go or whatever you do, the people will be the best part. I encourage you to think about it. An adventure awaits.

I hope you have sent in your coupon to Edgar and Kathy Simmons for the Valley Rally coming up July 19-22. Additionally, as you will read in this issue of *NORVA News*, July 15th is the deadline to call in your campsite reservation to the Holiday Trav-L-Park in Virginia Beach for the Virginia Commonwealth Rally, to be held September 21-23. Lastly—don't forget to register on-line for 2019 International Rally (to be held in Doswell, Va.). Registration opens on the last day of International 2018. There's a lot going on, so enjoy it all!

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Reserve your site now for the Commonwealth Rally

Members of all four Airstream clubs in Virginia only have a few weeks to reserve a campsite in Virginia Beach for the next annual "Commonwealth Rally." Even though the rally will not take place until Sept. 21-23, 2018, a block of 27 sites for this rally is being held for Airstreamers to reserve, **but the cut-off is July 15.** On July 16 the campground will release the sites to anybody who wants a campsite for that weekend.

Why the big rush? Sept. 22-23 is a momentous weekend in Virginia Beach because it is when the Oceana Naval Air Station Air Show is held. Area campgrounds will be full. The two-day show features free admission and free parking, so thou-



sands are expected to attend. There will be displays of aircraft, flyovers by F-18s and vintage airplanes, and performances by the Navy's "Blue Angels" aerial acrobatics team. The Naval Station's gates are just a stone's throw from the Holiday Trav-L-Park campground, where the Airstream Commonwealth Rally will be held. See:

<https://www.oceanaairshow.com/>

The "Commonwealth Rally" is the annual get-together of all four Airstream clubs in Virginia: Northern Virginia, Virginia, Shenandoah Valley, and Tidewater. Hosting the rally rotates among the clubs and this year it's Northern Virginia's turn.

"We look forward to a great turnout and an exciting weekend," says Edgar Simmons, NORVA's 1st Vice President.

Traditionally, newly elected officers of the four clubs are inducted at this rally. To perform the swearing-in honors this year, the new Region 3 president, John Leake, and his wife Susan, will be coming to the rally from their home in York, S.C.

If you plan to attend, you must make your campsite reservation with the Holiday Trav-L-Park Campground directly. Call them ASAP at (866) 849-8860. Be sure to say you will be with the Airstream Rally group, which will be camped

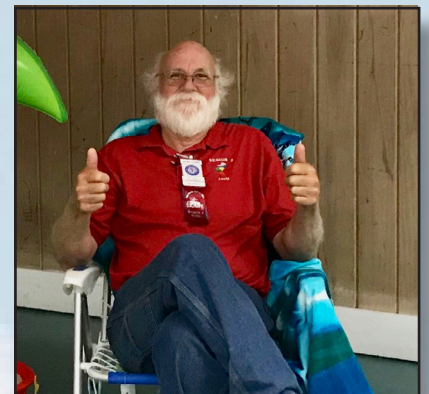


Above and bottom left—the rally will coincide with the annual Oceana Naval Air Station Air Show, featuring the "Blue Angels" aerial acrobatics team.

Below—John Leake, the new president of W.B.C.C.I.'s Region 3, will swear in new club officers at the Commonwealth Rally.

Left—The Holiday Trav-L-Park is holding 27 campsites for Airstream club members to reserve, but you must act before July 16.

Bottom right—The Virginia Aquarium is one of the most popular attractions in Virginia Beach, only 1/2-mile from the campground.



(Commonwealth Rally—continues from previous page.)

in the “Eden” section of the Holiday Trav-L-Park. If you wish to enjoy a longer stay in Virginia Beach, you may arrive a day or two early, and leave a day or two after the rally concludes...just work that out with the campground when you make your reservation. The cost is approximately \$53/night for these sites, which have full hookups—W,E,S, and cable. There will be no additional rally fee to pay, but please fill out and mail the coupon shown below, or you can e-mail the information requested on the coupon to Edgar Simmons at edsimmjr@aol.com.

The tentative rally schedule includes a pot luck dinner at the campground’s “Safari Café” on Friday evening, Sept. 21 (bring set-ups, a dish to share, and your favorite beverage). On Saturday morning, Sept. 22, at 8 o’clock, a breakfast for everyone will be sponsored by Virginia Unit #109 in the upstairs room of the campground’s Tally Ho building. It will be followed immediately by the swearing in of new unit officers. For the remainder of Saturday, Airstreamers are free to enjoy the Air Show (the flying starts at 10 a.m. each day), or to visit the other



Virginia Beach, with its fine sandy oceanfront, is the venue for the 2018 Commonwealth Rally. Visitors can rent peddle surreys to explore the boardwalk, which stretches 40 blocks.



Below: Breakfast and swearing in of new officers will be conducted in the upstairs room of the campground’s “Tally Ho” building.

attractions Virginia Beach has to offer: a world-class aquarium, beach and boardwalk, fine restaurants, and lots of shops. Lunch and dinner will be on your own Saturday, so you may wish to make a reservation at any of the restaurants, especially if you will be eating with friends in a group.



“Commonwealth Rally” for all 4 Virginia Clubs

Friday, Sept. 21 to Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, or arrive earlier and leave later!

This annual event is hosted this year by NORVA and will be held at **HOLIDAY TRAV-L-PARK, 1075 General Booth Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA**

To participate in this rally, please reserve a campsite NLT July 15 and complete this coupon and mail it by August 15th to:

Edgar Simmons, 9070 Centerville Road, Bridgewater, VA 22812

Or e-mail the information requested below to: edsimmjr@aol.com.

Name(s) _____

Member of which Airstream club? _____ E-mail _____ Phone _____

WBCCI Membership # _____ Address: _____

Number attending _____. I (we) will arrive at the rally site on Sept. _____.

Reserve your campsite directly with the campground. Campsite fee is approximately \$53/night, W/E/S/cable.

YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR CAMPSITE BY JULY 15, 2018 - CALL THE CAMPGROUND: 866-849-8860.

The Civil War's "Western" theater is today's "Deep South"

A NORVA Club caravan explores "Grant & Sherman and the Civil War in the West"

By Della Hoosier

Photos by Cecil Hoosier

Editorial note: This is the second article (Part II) about the 2018 NORVA Club Caravan, conducted in May and June. Part I appeared in the June NORVA News.

After spending three days in Vicksburg, Miss., where a siege by General Grant in the summer of 1863 resulted in the Confederate surrender of the city and gave the Union complete control of the Mississippi River, our 2018 NORVA Club Caravan, ably led by Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom, had completed its westernmost Civil War stop. We began heading back east. Lew and Cathy Brodsky

departed our group after Vicksburg because of family obligations, but four NORVA units and one visiting couple, the Dowlings (friends of the McBrooms)

remained to complete the balance of the caravan.

Torrential rains in the Deep South caused us to slow down when crossing from Mississippi into Alabama as Tropical Storm Alberto was hitting Birmingham. We were hoping to avoid it. By the time of our arrival, the storm had moved north, and we were greeted with sun, heat, and lots of humidity!

Birmingham is known as "the Pittsburgh of the South," because of its iron and steel industries. Our group enjoyed a visit to the Vulcan Park and Museum. Our guide, David, explained the history of city and the iron works in the area. It was founded in the post-Civil War



Reconstruction Era. Apparently, the iron works is what brought the people there. Within ten years it was a booming town. The soil around Birmingham had the three necessary resources to make pig Iron: iron ore, coal and limestone.

That afternoon we visited the Civil Rights Institute. This was a very nice museum, laid out in a way that was easy to follow and enjoy. Its orientation film was excellent and, at the end, the movie screen rose up, displaying behind it what we had just seen on the screen. There were artifacts of the pre-civil rights segregation era, including the separate drinking fountains for blacks and whites. Going through the museum, we noticed it featured mannequins of people, all looking like they were made from white linen. When asked "what does this mean," one of the museum's docents explained, "We do not see color." In that one group were old, young, working people, and people just enjoying the day. It is a great museum.

On this caravan, we visited seven battlefields. Each had a visitor center with a film showing maps,



Photos
Previous page—Guides lead the Airstreamers through Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Ga.

Above—The group atop Lookout Mountain, overlooking Chattanooga, Tenn. (L. to. r.) Patsy & Gerry Nagel, Ed Jones, Cecil Hoosier, Beth Jones, Jackson McBroom, Della Hoosier, Eugenia & Bill Dowling.

Below—Honoring the Union dead at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga.

Left—Examining tombstones are (l. to. r.), Gerry Nagel, Jackson McBroom, and Patsy Nagel.

depicting battle lines, and featuring vivid reenactments of the fighting. Some of the movies focused on certain people and how they fought and died. These accounts were based on personal journals and letters that had been discovered after the war. It amazed us how much has been written about the Civil War.

At the Chickamauga National Battlefield, which straddles



the borders of Tennessee and Georgia, we gathered in a theater to hear three authors who had written books about General George Henry Thomas. They spoke for 90 minutes about Thomas' life, not just his battlefield adventures. They shared their insights and answered questions about this distinguished Union general. We learned that Thomas was born in Virginia and his wife was from Connecticut.

Serving under Grant, Thomas was known as "Old Slow Trot" because he was very deliberate in making decisions. But, slow or not, it was his stout defense at the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863 that saved the Union Army from being completely routed and earned him the nickname, "Rock of Chickamauga." The caravan also visited Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tenn. where, in 1864, Thomas led a pivotal breakthrough at Missionary



Ridge, helping to secure another Union victory for General Grant.

At each of the battlefields we visited, we were fortunate to have great guides, expertly prearranged by our caravan leaders, the McBrooms. Each guide knew Civil War history and brought it to life. One of them, a history teacher from a community college, was more than patient with us, stretching out the time he spent with our group to 12 hours (six hours on each of two days).

After Chattanooga, we moved on to the big city of Atlanta, Ga., to learn about the Civil War battle at Kennesaw Mountain that took place just outside the city in July 1864. This battle is perhaps best remembered today because of the 1936 Margaret Mitchell novel "Gone With the Wind," and the reenacted battle scenes in the classic 1939 motion picture based on the book.

We visited the Atlanta History Center and the Cyclorama, a giant circular painting depicting the Battle of Atlanta. Created in the round, weighing several tons, longer than a football field, and over 40-feet tall, the Cyclorama is one of world's largest oil paintings. Painted on linen in the 1880s, it is in the process of being restored.

Finally, we moved on to Savannah, Ga., where we visited Fort McAllister, the last Civil War site we visited on the NORVA Caravan. Inside its hills and mounds were a barracks and a hospital. There was also one mound containing a fire pit, where Confederates cannonballs could be heated up and hurled at

Union gun boats, hoping there was gun powder aboard that would burn and explode.

We also toured Savannah by trolley. This beautiful coastal Georgia city consists of deliberately placed public squares throughout, with lots of greenery and historic architecture. Pre-American Revolution, it was the first settlement in the Georgia colony, and the first planned city in America. Included on our city tour was a stop at the new Prohibition Museum, dedicated to examining the peculiar time in America from 1920 to 1933, when Congress passed a law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The caravan ended in Savannah with a farewell banquet. We gathered at a seafood restaurant and enjoyed a great meal and fellowship. Everyone talked about how happy and enjoyable the caravan was. Patsy and Gerry Nagel said, "We had no expectations since this was our first caravan. Mary Ann and Jackson ran an extremely organized, informative and fun caravan and we eagerly look forward to future caravans."

At the caravan's conclusion, most participants made their way home, but some spent a few more days visiting other interesting places in the south. Airstreamers are always eager to remain on the road enjoying new travel adventures.

The caravan kitty fee paid for tickets at the sites toured, including entry to the Atlanta History Center, shown here.

Below: Leader Jackson McBroom retrieved pre-arranged tickets and distributed them to the group at each stop.



Airstreams make news in a Tennessee town

Whenever a group of Airstream trailers gather in one place, they usually attract public attention. And so it was on NORVA's recent "Civil War in the West" caravan. In the small town of Savannah, Tenn., near the Shiloh Battlefield, a local newspaper, *The Courier*, dispatched a reporter and photographer to learn why a bunch of gleaming "silver bullets" were camped in the town. The resulting article ran in their May 31st issue. It is reprinted with their permission on the next page of *NORVA News*.

Airstream caravan visits Hardin County

by **Linda Jo Edwards-White**
Staff Writer

Airstreamers are a unique breed of campers – they prefer to travel in a silver bullet. Ownership of an Airstream RV automatically places a person in the National Airstream Club, started in 1931, which has regional divisions and local state clubs.

NORVA (Northern Virginia) Airstream Club members visited Hardin County May 23-24 as part of a Western Civil War caravan.

“We’ve owned an Airstream since 2000,” said Ed Jones, NORVA Airstream Club president, of Alexandria, Virginia. “We’ve put over 200,000 miles in an Airstream.”

Ed is originally of San Diego, Calif., and his wife Beth is originally of Ohio. They were brought together through the Army. Ed was in the military and Beth worked for the Army in Virginia.

“Ed had been in Boy Scouts and he loved camping. I wasn’t sure about it at all,” said Beth.

“Beth’s idea of camping was watching black and white TV,” said Ed, with a laugh.

The couple’s first Airstream was a 25-foot streamlined shark and they began using it on weekends. “I started to enjoy it,” said Beth. “I met so many nice people and the caravans were great. Ed and I enjoy history, so those were the caravans we chose to be in.”

The Joneses own a home in Virginia, but spend a lot of time in their Airstream. “We wanted to start going on longer trips after we retired, so in 2004 we bought a 34-foot Airstream,” said Ed. “We both retired on the same day. A few days later, we

headed out on a four and half month trip out west,” said Beth. The couple has traveled across the United States 2-3/4 times, with trips to Alaska, Newfoundland, and other parts of Canada.

“We’ve been on short caravans as well,” said Beth. “The Cajun caravan is two weeks.” “The Florida fantasy caravan is 30 days and ends with a Caribbean cruise,” said Ed. “That was fun.”

Much of the time the Joneses travel with their Calico cat “Pumpkin.”

“The Airstream has all the comforts of home, only smaller,” said Beth.

Their current caravan started on May 21 and will end June 9. Five Airstreamers are traveling together on this outing.

“I make the reservations at national and state parks and RV parks for the NORVA club members who sign up for a specific caravan,” said Jackson McBroom, NORVA Airstream Club vice president, of Williamsburg, Va., “My wife Mary Ann and I have owned an Airstream for seven years.”

The Western Civil War caravan started at Ft. Donelson, Tenn., with stops at Shiloh National Military Park, Vicksburg National Military Park, the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham, Ala., Battle of Atlanta, and Savannah, Ga.

“I saw a photo of Airstreams on a highway in a 1957 Life magazine when I was 10 years old,” said McBroom. “I said then, ‘When I’m old (which I thought was 40 at the time), I’m going to own one of those.’”



Above: “Silver bullets” lined up at Green Acres RV Resort in Hardin County last week.

Bottom left: The rear of the Airstream belonging to Ed and Beth Jones displays stickers from some of the caravans they’ve been on. They’ve logged over 200,000 miles in their Airstream.

Below: NORVA Airstream Club President Ed Jones and wife Beth are part of the Western Civil War Caravan of Airstreamers who are traveling from Ft. Donelson, Tenn. to Savannah, Ga. Last Wednesday, five Airstreams from the club parked at Green Acres RV Resort and on Thursday, they all visited Shiloh National Military Park.



From *The Courier*, Savannah, Tenn. Reprinted with permission.

Reflections on having to give up a cherished pastime

With regret, NORVA couple decides they can no longer hitch up the Airstream

By Lloyd & Elaine Ulrich

We are sad to report that we are leaving Airstreaming and selling our trailer and truck. During our 16 years of Airstreaming we traveled to every state of the union, except Hawaii; and every Canadian province except Saskatchewan and Manitoba. We would never have been able to do that on our own!

Airstreaming is a fantastic lifestyle we've enjoyed since we both retired in 2002. We had every intention of participating in this year's NORVA club caravan, led by the McBrooms. It was going to test whether we could continue Airstreaming for another year but, unfortunately, it didn't work out—Lloyd's knees just won't take it anymore. We view our decision to give up Airstreaming as just another passage in life, but we will sorely miss the adventure of traveling with our "silver bullet" in tow.

It's been a wonderful 16 years attending rallies with NORVA friends and making new friends in the 18 national and unit caravans we've been on. We have been reminiscing lately about the fun we've had with the core group in NORVA that was present when we started, the many who are still active, and those who have passed. Oh, what memories of friends, fellowship, and adventure! Most of the adventures were positive, but some were not so positive, particularly changing the many flat tires (purchasing light truck tires took care of that) and the time we made a wrong turn in Georgia and had to go about eight miles before we could turn around.

We guess our most memorable adventure was when we were confronted with a real dilemma in Newfoundland. It involved our good friends—the ones who got us into Airstreaming—Jerry and Gloria Hissong. Jerry developed a hernia requiring an operation the night before we were to return to the mainland, a 15-hour ferry trip as we recollect. We believed he would be incapacitated for two weeks or so after

the operation, and we couldn't leave Gloria alone in the trailer because she had Parkinson's Disease. So, there we were at 3:15 AM in the emergency room at the hospital in St. Johns with other friends, Chuck and Joyce Gregory, trying to decide what to do. We decided that Elaine would tow our 30-foot Classic trailer with Gloria back to Front Royal where the Hissongs had a spot in a campground, and Lloyd would tow the Hissong's 34-foot Classic trailer, with the Gregorys leading the way. So we started out from a campground in North Sydney, Nova Scotia, on our mini-caravan. Chuck drove and Joyce arranged campgrounds for the three nights along the way. Elaine was second in the procession, Lloyd was third to monitor Elaine's driving (which was not needed as she did just fine) and other friends, Jerry and Mary Arnold, served as the caboose. It actually turned out to be a wonderful experience as we even had time to do a little sightseeing on the way back to Virginia. As it turned out, Jerry had a short recovery (I believe he had experienced three other hernia operations) and beat us back to Front Royal, meeting us at the campground when we arrived.

We have hours of video Lloyd took while we traveled, (which we plan to watch in our old age if we ever admit to getting old). We showed some of them to our next door neighbors and the neighbors in back of us at the Dell Webb community where we live, and they both decided to buy RVs. Unfortunately, they didn't buy Airstreams.

Someone once said, that to belong to an Airstream club, all that is required is that you pay annual dues. That's true, but being active and taking on a position

Below: In 2006, Lloyd and Elaine went to a Tampa, Fla., dealership to pick up their Classic trailer.

Bottom: In 2012, the couple hiked at Utah's Bryce Canyon.



of responsibility and leadership in the club is much more rewarding. Not only will you form new friendships along the way and advance the idea of the Airstream lifestyle, but you will participate in the running of the club. We urge the new NORVA members to get involved, attend rallies, sign up for caravans, and volunteer to be an officer. That's where great memories are made, and we have many in the 16 years we've lived the Airstream lifestyle. We both served as club president. When Elaine was president, we organized and ran a unit caravan to the Hudson River Valley. Elaine was also secretary of the club, newsletter editor for two years, and secretary of Region 3. Lloyd was also NORVA membership director for a number of years.

In the future we hope to be able to spend time with NORVA friends at some non-camping events. Until then, we wish you all Godspeed and safe travels.

Don't just sit and wait!

While in Ohio, visit a gem of a town close to Jackson Center

By Paul and Cynthia Pearce

How many of us have sat in the comfortable Airstream Factory Service Center lounge at Jackson Center wondering not just when will our repaired rigs be ready but where on earth can we get a decent meal? During our recent journey to the Airstream Factory

We started our New Bremen visit with a quick windshield tour of the interesting architecture, and of course we were on the lookout for cafés. This is an early 19th Century, lovely, red brick town, very well maintained by its obviously proud residents. We found

free parking next to the museum but were distracted by the surprise of canal locks! Yes, right there in the far western part of the state. The entire history of the town was revealed on various plaques. Being history buffs, and knowing little or nothing of this mid-western area, we were captivated. There

were maps showing the route and elevation of the canal, models of the boats and locks, and a life-sized bronze sculpture of a farm boy with his mule. During the 'canal era' the Miami-Erie canal was constructed linking Cincinnati with Toledo. There were 105 locks and 256 miles between the two cities with the Ohio



we discovered the little town of New Bremen located just 18 miles due west.

Upon turning right out of the parking lot onto Ohio 274 we drove through pleasant farm country with freshly planted fields of corn and soybeans. The brochure about New Bremen at the factory lounge featured The Bicycle Museum and, having been avid cyclists in our younger lives, it sounded interesting. Boy, were we in for a most wonderful surprise.



Above: Paul Pearce tries out a high wheeler at the bicycle museum.

Left and below: A scenic canal lock, town park, Victorian homes, and the museum are some of the attractions to enjoy in New Bremen, Ohio.

River, the Miami River and various man-made lakes furnishing the water. Horses were scarce so construction was all done by manual labor, with the men pushing wheel barrows, hauling trees, dirt, and stumps from the path. Work was sunrise to sunset, for 30 cents a day and a jigger of whiskey.

New Bremen, with its restored lock, sits at the highest point on the canal, 516 feet above Cincinnati and 374 feet above Lake Erie. It became a center for moving lumber, meat, ice, and mill commodities. The lock keeper's rebuilt home was a wealth of information about the town and canal. He was on call 24/7 and had to move the 7,000-pound

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"New Bremen" (continued from page 9)

oak gates with a huge key. Local farm boys called "hoggees" would pull the boats along the canal using one to three mules.

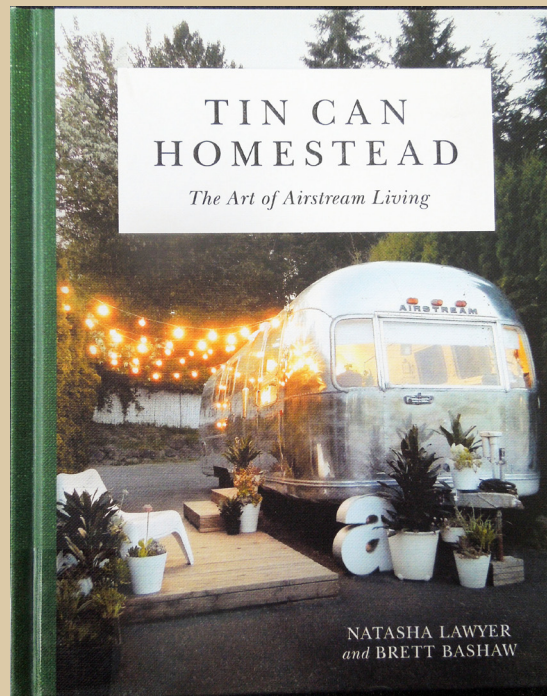
Our quick look inside turned into an hour-long, very pleasant exploration. Before we could get to the bicycle museum we discovered the delightful town park with wonderful large bells, drums, whistles, fountains, and even a fast slide big enough for me. We were kids again.

Then Airstream called to tell us our baby was ready, so we moved on quickly to see the bicycle museum. Upon paying the exorbitant admission price of \$2 each for seniors, we started our visit by viewing a well-done video with demonstrations of the old bikes. Then we examined a collection purchased from the Ohio firm of "Schwinn." The very first bike dated to 1816, and very early ones had no pedals and wooden wheels with a strap of steel for tires—ouch! We saw everything from the big front wheel bikes, unicycles, two-to five-seaters, car-like duelies, and Harley-Davidson motorized bikes. Arranged in chronological order, we limited ourselves to only 30 pictures on the three floors.

Unfortunately we were having such a good time we weren't able to try the recommended local cafés and coffee shops. C'est la vie!

Back at Jackson Center, we ate some peanut butter crackers, picked up the trailer, and made the drive straight home in nine hours, traversing from pretty I-64 onto dark and rainy I-81. Once home, we slept next to our barn in our oh-so-comfortable Airstream.

New book details how to transform an old Airstream into a "tiny house"



Part practical how-to, part lushly illustrated design inspiration, *Tin Can Homestead* follows the story of the authors, Natasha Lawyer and Brett Bashaw, as they build themselves a new life in a vintage 31-foot 1971 Airstream International trailer. Through personal stories and down-and-dirty checklists, the couple explains how they created their Airstream home from start to finish: buying an old trailer and gutting it, polishing it, and doing all the interior work. Says the publisher's info sheet, "With a hip, bohemian aesthetic and a fresh authorial voice, the authors pair their DIY knowledge with lifestyle advice—décor, design, and entertaining." There are abundant illustrations, including in-process photographs and hand-drawn diagrams. The 215-page book is published by Running Press of the Hachette Book Group. It lists for \$25.00.



The authors, with one of their Yorkies, enjoy their finished Airstream home.

Midsummer cheers!

July birthdays:

- 2 Sun Riley
- 3 Ed Jones
- 14 Paul Gabler
- 21 Cecil Hoosier
- 22 Dale Tidwell
- 24 Larry Riley
- 29 Linda Brink
- 31 Tim Merling

July anniversaries:

- 8 Tom & Cathy Carmichael
- 13 Alan & Janet Barbee
- 27 Gary & Linda Brink
- 30 Kevin & Jane Quinn

August birthdays:

- 4 Sylvia Worrall
- 7 Tom Carmichael
- 8 Shin Knutson
- 13 Fred Carmichael
- 14 Ed Matricardi
- 26 Janet Barbee
- 26 Millie Ward

August anniversaries:

- 13 Gerry & Patsy Nagle
- 16 Handley & Millie Ward
- 21 Ed & Beth Jones



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NORVA elections to occur in late August

Once again, September is the month when officers and directors for the club's leadership positions will be inducted after election in August. Their one-year term will begin on Oct. 1, 2018. As required by NORVA's Constitution and Bylaws, a proposed list of nominees for the 2018/2019 leadership positions will be formally presented to the Executive Board by the Immediate Past President (as chair of the Nominating Committee) at a business meeting in July. At the meeting, names of additional candidates may be placed in nomination from the floor. The duties of club officers and directors are described in Article V of the NORVA

"Bylaws," which is on Pages 39 to 41 of the 2018 NORVA Directory. They can also be viewed on-line at: <https://northva.wbccci.net>.

On the home page, click on "NORVA Constitution & Bylaws."

Candidates for any club leadership position must be "life" or "regular" NORVA members for at least six months.

In August, the final slate will be e-mailed to members eligible to vote. Generally, each NORVA Airstream dues-paying "household" has one vote in the election. ("Affiliate" members do *not* vote.) **Members will vote by responding to the August e-mail,**

indicating either a "yes" or "no" vote on the slate, and/or providing the names of "write-in candidates" for specific leadership positions. If a member does not vote by the cutoff date specified in the e-mail, it will be counted as a "yes" vote for the slate. Election results will be announced by NORVA President Ed Jones shortly after the vote is counted, and the new leadership will be inducted at the Commonwealth Rally on Sept. 22, 2018.

The proposed slate of candidates appears at the bottom of page 11 in this issue of *NORVA News*. Each candidate has agreed to serve, if elected.



Jan. 21, 2018	"Mamma Mia" Rally Riverside Center Theater Fredericksburg, Va. Host: Ulrich	July 19-22	Valley Rally Harrisonburg & Bridgewater, Va. Host: Simmons
Feb. 4	Super Bowl Rally Amissville, Va. Host: Hoosier	Aug. 6-12	Old Fiddlers Rally, Galax, Va. Host: Julian Clements, Region 3
March 23-25	Breakout & Maintenance Rally Fredericksburg, Va. KOA Host: Carmichael	Sept. 21-23	Virginia Commonwealth Rally Holiday Trav-L-Park Virginia Beach, Va. Host: NORVA - Simmons
April 25-29	Region 3 Rally Myrtle Beach, S.C. Hosts: Region 3 & S.C. Clubs	Oct. 5-6	Mountain Rally at Highland Haven Airstream Park, Copper Hill, Va. Hosts: Carmichael/Brodsky
May 21-June 9	NORVA Unit Caravan Grant & Sherman and the Civil War in the West Leader: McBroom	Nov. 2-4	2018 Oyster Festival Rally Urbanna, Va. Hosts: Carmichael/Brodsky
June 8-9	Houstonfest, Galax, Va. Hosts: Virginia Club #109	Dec. 15, 2018	Holiday Dinner Hosts and location TBD
June 23-30	W.B.C.C.I. International Rally Salem, Ore.		