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Making ~~cents~~ ~~scent~~s sense of the English language

Some words about words from President Ed Jones

Let us march to a march into March! Don't you just love English? It was not my strong suit in school. I loved math. But I am so grateful that English is my native language. It must be mind-boggling to the neophyte to learn different meanings for the same word, and different words with the same pronunciation, plus all the rules and exceptions to the rules (as it was to me as well.) Then throw in correct spelling, punctuation, and nuances of meaning and good communication can be downright challenging. Don't you remember, "'i' before 'e' except after 'c,' or when sounding like 'a' as in 'neighbor' and 'weigh'?" Well, I don't. I'm always asking Beth how to spell something. She loves that stuff. Yet, nowadays, knowing how to spell isn't even that important. Spell-check is always at our fingertips and then there's always "Alexa" to set us straight. Oh, and punctuation is important, e.g., "Let's eat Grandma" versus "Let's eat, Grandma." English, like most things, has changed over the years. Our interest in the American Revolution, sparked by our development of two caravans on the subject, has found us reading documents from that era – often long, quite formal, even tedious; save notable exceptions, like the *Declaration of Independence*. Contrast this with today's Internet communication where abbreviations reign. It was a long time before I learned that LOL meant "laugh out loud" and I didn't know the meaning of BFF until Beth told me just now. Not that I care. Isn't communication difficult enough using real words without resorting to initials that may have more than one meaning? Airstream words have changed, too. What was once a "tail gunner" is now a "caboose." Or maybe you still prefer tail gunner. It's OK by me. I'll end this section with Beth's all time favorite play on words, found on a greeting card that she sent to our daughter who was pregnant with her first child: "It's becoming apparent and you're becoming a parent and it's becoming." Priceless.

By now we are all enjoying the superlative 2018 NORVA Directory created by Lew Brodsky. Kudos, Lew! How convenient to have so much valuable Airstream information in one spot! Our thanks to Cecil and Della Hoosier for hosting another super Super Bowl Rally. Nineteen Airstreamers

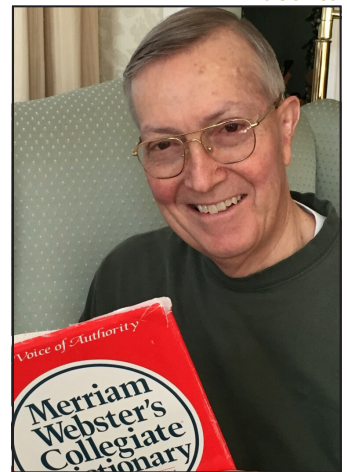
including our long-time friend, Jim Timberlake, enjoyed good food, fun and football (see page 3). Thanks, also, to Tom Carmichael for hosting this month's Breakout and Maintenance Rally. Tom says about two dozen Airstreamers will be participating and it's not too late to sign up.

Inside this issue, please read the change in policy concerning newsletter hard-copy distribution. Also, consider joining Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom's springtime caravan, "Grant and Sherman and the Civil War in the West." Even though we've traveled to many of the destinations listed and have read numerous books on the Civil War, the theme of relooking at the strategies of these two generals from a different perspective has us hooked. We're signing up and hope you will, too.

Beth and I also appreciated learning about the burial ceremony for Louise Uttech. Louise was a special friend to us, NORVA, and indeed W.B.C.C.I. She had the uncanny ability to remember countless names and faces of Airstreamers she had befriended at rallies, regionals, Internationals, and numerous caravans. We will always remember Louise with great affection.

Hoping your March will be to the beat of your favorite drummer!

Ed Jones



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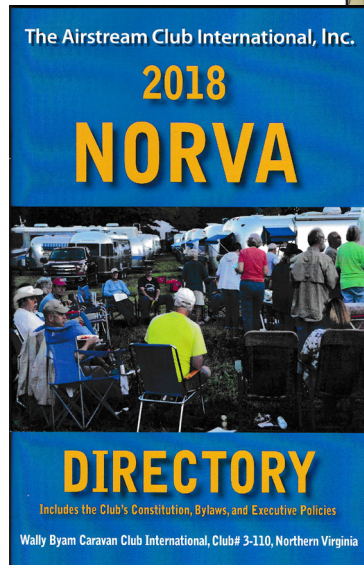
2018 Directory distributed by mail to club members

The 2018 NORVA Directory was mailed to all club members in early February. Lew Brodsky, editor, says the booklet may have a few typographical errors and unintentional omissions. He asks that members who discover errors e-mail recommended fixes to him at:

LBrodsky@cox.net

“After we identify what needs correcting, I will e-mail an errata sheet to members, most likely in late March,” says Brodsky.

NORVA’s Bylaws specify that the club’s Directory be updated and printed annually, and distributed by February 15th.

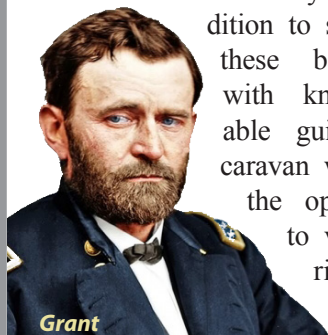


Above: Lew Brodsky and Della Hoosier visit Piedmont Press & Graphics in Warrenton, Va., the print shop they contracted to reproduce and bind the 2018 NORVA Directory. This was Lew’s first time as the new Directory editor. Della, who served as editor for the past several years, was instrumental in guiding Lew through the process in 2018.

NORVA spring caravan itinerary is shaping up!

To sign up for this caravan, please complete and mail the coupon on page 8

What combination of tactical brilliance, topography, under-supplied opposition, and pure luck, combined to propel the emergence of Ulysses S. Grant and William Tecumseh Sherman as the premier Union generals of the Civil War? Join NORVA’s springtime caravan—*Grant & Sherman and the Civil War in the West*—and find out! The generals’ leadership during the Ft. Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Atlanta, and Savannah campaigns ensured the reelection of Abraham Lincoln and broke the back of the Confederacy. In addition to surveying these battlefields with knowledgeable guides, the caravan will offer the opportunity to visit civil rights institutes



Grant

in Birmingham, Ala., and Jackson, Miss., the original (1839) Mississippi State Capitol, antebellum homes in Natchez and Vicksburg, Miss., an antique doll museum, the origins of Coca-Cola bottling, a WWI and WWII air museum, and Margaret Mitchell’s home in Atlanta (author of *Gone With The Wind*). We can promise warm “Southern” hospitality, great Airstream camaraderie, and a wide variety of venues for you to explore as a group and on your own.

The start point for this adventure will be Dover, Tenn., on Monday, May 21, 2018. The caravan will conclude (i.e., depart for home) on June 9 from the final stop in Savannah, Ga..

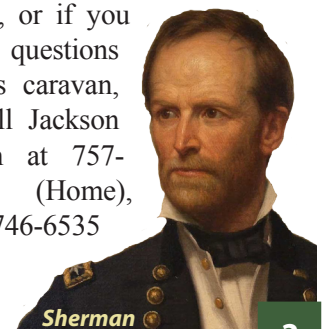
The kitty fee is \$1,541 for two people in an Airstream; \$1,224 for a single. The fee covers camping at seven campgrounds for a total of 19 nights, pre-arranged tours of battlefields, museums, and entry costs at other venues. Any uncommitted funds will

be refunded to participants after the caravan ends. A \$300 deposit is due by March 24 to hold your space. You will pay the balance of your kitty fee on May 7.

This caravan will not focus solely on Civil War battles and related sites... there will also be ample opportunities in four of the seven locations to visit other venues based on personal priorities and interests.

Participation is open to all W.B.C.C.I. members. Caravan leaders, Jackson & Mary Ann McBroom, are encouraging a good turnout from all four Virginia Airstream clubs.

For additional information, or if you have any questions about this caravan, please call Jackson McBroom at 757-345-0060 (Home), or 757-746-6535 (Cell).



Sherman

Combining business with pleasure in Amissville

Once again, NORVA is indebted to Cecil and Della Hoosier, whose beautiful home was the venue for the Super Bowl Rally. The Hoosiers hosted the 2018 rally, as they have done repeatedly for the past few years. Members gathered at their Amissville, Va., home on Feb. 4, 2018. Those in attendance braved slick roads and a chilly rain to be at the winter gathering. With their fellow NORVA members, they partook in a scrumptious and sumptuous pot luck dinner, and watched an exciting football

game on a big-screen TV (the Philadelphia Eagles earned a hard-fought victory over the favored New England Patriots).

The Hoosier home also served as the venue for NORVA's first business meeting of the new year. President Ed Jones presided over the meeting prior to game time, beginning it by presenting a plaque to Past President Lloyd Ulrich, in recognition of his 2016-2017 leadership. Secretary Elaine Ulrich recorded the new business discussed at the meeting and provided the minutes included

on pages 4 and 5 of this issue of *NORVA News*.

NORVA members were delighted to see a familiar face at this rally. With his late wife, Gina Farrar, James Timberlake V was active in NORVA from 2004 to 2012, until Gina's health declined. The couple left NORVA but remained in WBCCI as members-at-large. Gina passed away last December (see February *NORVA News*, page 2). In February, Jim, who lives in Warrenton, transferred back into active status with the NORVA Club.



--Top left: Past President Lloyd Ulrich (l.) receives a plaque from current president, Ed Jones. It recognizes Ulrich's leadership during his 2016-2017 term of service.

--Bottom: NORVA members watch the big game in the living room of the Hoosier home.

--Inset photo: James Timberlake V rejoins the club in 2018.

Photos by Lew Brodsky & Cecil Hoosier

Minutes of the NORVA Airstream Club Business Meeting

Conducted Feb. 4, 2018 at the home of Cecil and Della Hoosier, Amissville, VA

Ed Jones, president, called the NORVA business meeting to order at 5:24 p.m. after a quorum was present. Members present were Doug & Susan Anderson, Lew & Cathy Brodsky, Cecil & Della Hoosier, Ed & Beth Jones, Gerry & Patsy Nagel, Kevin & Jane Quinn, Edgar & Kathy Simmons, Lloyd & Elaine Ulrich and Bill & Sylvia Worrall. Jim Timberlake, a former NORVA member, was also present.

Lew Brodsky made a motion to dispense with reading of the last meeting minutes. Seconded by Cathy Brodsky.

President Ed Jones opened the meeting by thanking Past President Lloyd Ulrich and presenting him with a plaque in appreciation for a job well done.

The Enthusiastic Award was presented to the following members who attended at least six Airstream activities during the year (number of events attended shown in parentheses: Doug & Susan Anderson (9), Lew & Cathy Brodsky (9), Cecil & Della Hoosier (10), Ed & Beth Jones (6), Gerry & Patsy Nagel (9), Kevin & Jane Quinn (6), Edgar and Kathy Simmons (8) and Lloyd & Elaine Ulrich (9).

A Red Star is given to be placed on the trailer or motor home for every 5 years of membership. The following members received a Red Star. Cecil & Della Hoosier, Paul & Cynthia Pearce, Kevin & Jane Quinn, and Lloyd & Elaine Ulrich.

New Business

A proposed change to the Executive Board Policies was presented by Lew Brodsky. Lew moved to amend the Executive Board Policies of the Northern Virginia Airstream Club, as regards newsletter policies and practices. After discussion, Lloyd Ulrich proposed that the motion be amended (by shortening it). The amended motion was seconded by Sylvia Worrall and it was passed unanimously.

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NorvaNews@cox.net.

Accordingly, NORVA's Executive Board Policies are amended as follows:

The existing Paragraph 6 states:

6. NORVA Newsletter Subscription: Past NORVA members who can no longer travel, and no longer own an RV, may subscribe to the NORVA Newsletter for 10 dollars per year. No membership privileges are included and the Executive Board must approve any such subscription annually. The 10 dollar fee will be waived for those who receive the NORVA newsletter electronically.

The approved motion deletes the above paragraph and replaces it with the following:

6. NORVA Newsletter Distribution.

- a. General policy. The newsletter will be made available to all current and former Club members (regular, affiliate, and life) by e-mail.

- b. Distribution to other Virginia clubs. As a courtesy, and at the discretion of the Executive Board, the newsletter may be distributed by e-mail to currently active members of other WBCCI clubs in Virginia.

- c. Hard copy subscriptions made available, if circumstances warrant. The NORVA Executive Board must approve any paper hard copy subscriptions. It is the aim of the Club that newsletter hard copy subscriptions be limited to NORVA members or former members, who do not have access to e-mail. NORVA Club members, or former NORVA Club members, who want to receive "printed paper copies" (hard copies) of each newsletter by U.S. Mail will pay a fee for this service. The amount of the fee will be announced annually by the Executive Board in November of each year and reported in the December newsletter. The fee will be based on the anticipated costs of providing this subscription service to a member. The fee will be collected by the Treasurer, pro-rated if necessary, as a dues surcharge or by direct billing. Former members who pay the fee for hard copy newsletters do not receive any other Club privileges.

d. First time newsletter distribution to new members. The Newsletter Editor will ensure that all new members joining NORVA are added ASAP to the newsletter electronic distribution e-mail list. The Editor will also send to all new members a single, printed, hard copy of the latest issue, by U.S. Mail, within a month of the date the member joined NORVA. Included in this one-time mailing will be a note from the Club president. It will welcome the new member to the Club, introduce the newsletter enclosed, and explain that subsequent newsletters will be sent by electronic means only. The estimated cost of providing this one-time hard copy to new members will be included by the Treasurer in the Club's annual publications budget and no fee will be charged to the new member. (Exception: The new member elects to continue receiving hard copies per the provisions and conditions of subparagraph "c," above. In that case, the member will be charged a fee for the subsequent hard copies).

e. External distribution to other than NORVA Club members. Any WBCCI member, nationally or internationally, and any business or organization that has a connection to, or valid interest in, NORVA Club activities, may ask to be added to the electronic e-mail distribution list to receive NORVA's newsletter as a pdf file. No fee will be charged; however, the addition of an addressee who is not a WBCCI member is subject to approval by the Club's Executive Board or President. At its discretion, the Board, or the President, may also authorize no-fee distribution of hard copies by U.S. Mail to individuals or organizations,

if it is decided that mailing the publication to them is in the best interests of the Club.

(End of revised paragraph 6)

The Business Meeting continued with New Business:

Low Brodsky mentioned that Tom Carmichael, Membership Chairman, had consulted Airstream of Virginia about purchasing an ad in the NORVA Newsletter or back cover of the NORVA Directory for approximately \$500 and they seemed interested. He also said that Tom was trying to set up an Urban Air rally and was considering Farmville, VA.

It was also discussed that it is the 1st Vice President's job to contact WBCCI with NORVA's event schedule. Edgar Simmons, 1st Vice President, said that he had taken care of that.

Edgar Simmons said he is trying to coordinate two joint rallies with the Virginia Club President.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elaine Ulrich, NORVA Secretary

Editor's note: NORVA's Executive Board Policies, including the Feb. 4th revision of paragraph 6 as reported above, can be read on NORVA's web site:

www.northva.wbcci.net

Click on "Constitution and Bylaws" and scroll to Page 10.

Photo: President Ed Jones (r.) conducts the business meeting in Amissville. Seated, (l.to.r.) are Della Hoosier, Edgar Simmons, Sylvia Worrall, and Bill Worrall.



Former NORVA first lady laid to rest in Florida national cemetery

In a dignified ceremony on Jan. 17, 2018, an urn containing the ashes of NORVA member Louise Uttech was laid to rest at a national cemetery in Sarasota, Fla. Husband Ralph Uttech and several close friends were present at graveside. Louise passed away in June 2016, after a lengthy illness. She was the club's first lady in 2004-2005 when Ralph served as NORVA's president. The Uttechs joined W.B.C.C.I. in 1999.

Louise was interred in Section 1, Grave 727, located near the road that encircles the cemetery's "Patriot Plaza." Alongside Ralph at the ceremony were two NORVA couples, Dick & Jane Arnold and Chuck & Joyce Gregory. Also present were five other friends of the Uttechs. They shared loving memories of Louise as her ashes were committed to a final resting place in beautiful surroundings. Those present for the burial observed that the cemetery grounds are kept in pristine condition and open to all visitors.

Sarasota National Cemetery is operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs. It opened in 2009 with the simultaneous burial of 22 urns.



A bird's-eye view of Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery.



Assembled at Patriot Plaza with Ralph Uttech (4th from right) to honor his late wife, Louise, are (l. to r.): NORVA members Dick Arnold & Jane Arnold, and Chuck & Joyce Gregory. Also on hand were Uttech friends Wye Allen, Joyce & Richard Warsack, Lea Newman, and Stacie Scholl.



Photo by Hofmann Architecture

Airstream's iconic mystique explained...by an architect!

In a recent issue of *Modern Architecture* magazine, Meghan Drueding, managing editor at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has a short article about Matthew Hofmann. Hofmann is a California architect in Santa Barbara whose passion is restoring and redesigning the interiors of vintage Airstreams. Drueding quotes Hofmann's explanation as to why people are attracted to the iconic trailers:

"Folks love (an Airstream) because it's Americana. It harks back to ideals about road trips, about freedom: Getting on your horse and riding out

West. I think it really has some roots in who we are as a society. It's timeless and has stood the test of time as a brand and as a product itself. If something lasts for 80 years plus, it kind of starts to become rooted in the culture of what America is."

Well said! Want to read more? See the full story and additional photos on the Internet at this link:

<https://savingplaces.org/modern-architecture/#.WnxNRa6nFaQ>

March celebrations

Birthdays:

- 1 Mary Bartelt
- 6 Andrea Carroll
- 19 Gary Brink
- 21 Ralph Uttech
- 24 Cathey Baker

Anniversary:

- 17 Jeffrey Cooper & Glenna Winnie



Region 3 officer praises NORVA Directory, issues challenges to Club members

I just received my copy of NORVA's 2018 directory and what a fantastic piece of work! It is chock-full of great information from front to back. The member pictures are especially helpful, it is always nice to be able to put a face with a name.

One thing especially caught my eye....NORVA has a lot of newer members to compliment the many veteran members. This is a wonderful thing!

So I offer you a two-way challenge:

TO THE NEWER MEMBERS: I challenge you to step up, to serve, to pitch in, to help whenever and wherever you can; remember that we enjoy our Club today because of the hard work of folks yesterday. The veteran members have earned a chance to step back a bit. It's now your turn.

TO THE VETERAN MEMBERS: My challenge to you is to welcome the newer members, to mentor them, to make SURE they feel as welcome and comfortable in the Club as you do. Let them help you, make them feel special and needed...because they are!

TO EVERYONE: Don't hesitate to reach out if there is ever anything I can help with. I know we will see each other somewhere down the road in 2018.

Sincerely,
John Leake
1st Vice President, Region 3
john@leakesantiques.com



John Leake

Editor's note: W.B.C.I.'s Region 3 includes all East Coast clubs from Virginia to Florida, including NORVA. 1st V.P. John Leake, of York, S.C., will be sworn in as R3's new president this summer. He will serve from July 2018 to July 2020, a two-year term.

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NORVA EVENTS CALENDAR

Note: Listed are events during the 2017-2018 term of the club's current leaders. Check this schedule monthly. Dates and venues are subject to change.

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| Oct. 28, 2017 | NORVA Business Lunch Fredericksburg, Va. | April 25-29 | Region 3 Rally Myrtle Beach, S.C. Hosts: Region 3 & S.C. Clubs |
| Nov. 2-4 | Oyster Festival Rally Urbanna, Va. Hosts: Carmichael/Brodsky | May 21-June 9 Dates changed! | NORVA Unit Caravan Grant & Sherman and the Civil War in the West Leader: McBroom |
| Dec. 2 | Holiday Rally Williamsburg, Va. Host: McBroom | June 8-9 June 23-30 | Houstonfest, Galax, Va. W.B.C.C.I. International Rally Salem, Ore. |
| Jan. 21, 2018 | "Mamma Mia" Rally Riverside Center Theater Fredericksburg, Va. Host: Ulrich | July 20-22 | Valley Rally Harrisonburg & Bridgewater, Va. Host: Simmons |
| Feb. 4 | Super Bowl Rally Amissville, Va. Host: Hoosier | Aug. 6-12 Aug. 23-26 | Old Fiddlers Rally, Galax, Va. Mountain Rally, Highland Haven Airstream Park, Copper Hill, Va. Hosts: Carmichael/Brodsky |
| March 23-25 | Breakout & Maintenance Rally Fredericksburg, Va. KOA Host: Carmichael | Sept. 21-23 | Virginia Commonwealth Rally Holiday Travel Park Virginia Beach, Va. Host: NORVA - TBD |

NORVA CLUB CARAVAN

Grant & Sherman and the Civil War in the West

May 21 to June 9, 2018

See the story on Page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

To join this caravan, please complete and mail this coupon by March 24 along with your \$300 deposit check payable to:
Jackson McBroom, Caravan Leader, 1661 River Ridge, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Name(s) _____

Member of which Airstream unit? _____ E-mail _____ @ _____ Phone _____

WBCCI Membership # _____ Address: _____

How many participants? _____ Deposit enclosed \$300.

Note: You can e-mail the information requested on this coupon to jtmbrm@aol.com.

You can call Jackson for more information: 757-345-0060

