# NORVANEWS January 2021

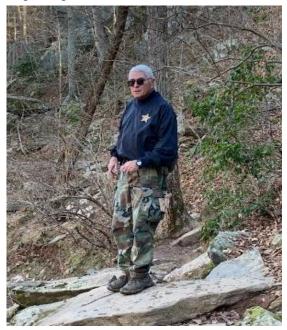


# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### It's the Season

By: Gerry Nagel

On a cold and blustery December Saturday, thirteen intrepid Airstreamers from NORVA made their way from the North, South, and West to Woodbridge, VA, and down to the Occoquan River between I-95 and US 1. Their destination was the Harbour Grille Restaurant for NORVA's Christmas/Holiday luncheon hosted by Ed and Beth Jones. They did a fantastic job organizing the luncheon. The attendees arrived around noon and greeted each other with warmth and affection. The



Holiday Rally on December 5th was the best party of the season never mind that it was the ONLY one. The adventurous Airstreamers were Doug and Susan Anderson, Ed and Beth Jones, Robert and Lois Hitchcock, Cecil and Della Hoosier, Tom Carmichael, Laural Veloz, Scott Arnold, and Gerry and Patsy Nagel. In Woodbridge, VA, the Harbour Grille pulled out all the stops in creating a festive holiday environment for the 13 Airstream merry-makers eager for fun and fellowship. We masked when mingling and enjoyed everyone's smiling eyes and spirited conversation. The conversations were centered on travels taken and experiences with Airstreams in 2020. The food was delicious, and the wait staff courteous and accommodating. They even took our group photo - masked and unmasked and retook a shot when one of us didn't hear the call to briefly "remove your mask." The tables and chairs were appropriately spaced in our private Captain's Room in groups of four, with one group having five seats. The arrangement allowed for easy conversation while dining. The delicious entrees included a choice of Chicken Marsala, Chicken Vinaigrette Salad, or Grilled Hamburger. After the meal, it was time to celebrate Doug and Susan Anderson's birthdays, and yes, they both were born on

December 5th. A dessert of chocolate cake was served, and we provided them with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday. Everyone had a relaxing time, and we departed the restaurant around 3 pm. In past years, someone in the club has hosted a luncheon in their home. In the future, it might be more relaxing and enjoyable for all if a luncheon is planned at a restaurant instead. All in all, it was a wonderful afternoon that lacked only two things: sharing it with MORE of our NORVA family and not being able to hug each other. But we are ever hopeful that in 2021 as the COVID-19 vaccine is widely distributed, we will be back to attending NORVA events in record numbers...with hugs galore.

In December, there are two historical events in the Jewish nation of Israel that are celebrated. The first event is Hanukkah or Dedication. Hanukkah is a Festival of Lights or Feast of Maccabees and begins on Kislev 25. Kislev is the ninth month on the Jewish calendar, counting from Nisan. According to I Maccabees, the celebration of Hanukkah was instituted by Judas Maccabeus in 165 BC to celebrate his victory over Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the Seleucid king who had invaded Judaea, tried

to Hellenize the Jews and desecrated the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Following his victory in a three-year struggle against Antiochus, Judas ordered the Temple's cleansing and restoration. After it was purified, a new altar was installed and



dedicated on Kislev 25. Judas then proclaimed that the restored Temple's dedication should be celebrated every year for eight days beginning on that date. The practice is enshrined in the Talmud, which describes the miracle of the oil in the Temple. According to the Talmud, when



Judas Maccabeus entered the Temple, he found only a small jar of oil that had not been defiled by Antiochus. The jar contained only enough oil to burn for one day, but miraculously the oil burned for eight days until new

consecrated oil could be found, establishing that the festival should last eight days.



The other event is the birth of Jesus Christ. In preparation for celebrating Jesus' birth, the Christian church calendar has a period of Advent (from Latin adventus, "coming"), the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas, and preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to November 30th (St. Andrew's Day) and continues for four weeks leading up to Christmas day. There usually are five candles (three purple, one pink, and one white) used during Advent. The first candle (purple) lit on the first Sunday in Advent represents "Hope" – Because we trusted in God, grateful for what he has already done for us, we are bold in our hope and prayers for what he will yet do. The second candle

(purple) lit on the second Sunday of Advent represents "Peace" - It is that the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, will be with us and who calls us to show his peaceful presence to those around us. The third candle (pink) is "Love" – This candle reminds us that God so loved the world that he sent his Son not to condemn the world but to bring salvation to God's people. The fourth candle (purple) is "Joy" – The joy we find in Christ helps us be content with what life brings as we trust in God, the Giver of all good things. And on Christmas Eve, the last candle (white) is "Christ" – The celebration of God's Son Jesus Christ's birth.

As we have celebrated these two events, let us remember that we are all of the same race, the human race, and Dedicate ourselves to the Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy of our fellow man. I hope you had a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to 2021.

Gerry

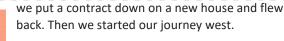


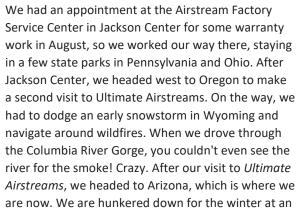
## HUGS

By: Steve and Sue Jones

Sue and I decided to sell our house in Martinsburg last spring. We downsized like crazy, sold it, and settled on July 7th. We moved back into our Airstream, where we've been living ever since. When we were getting the house ready to sell, we did a bunch of thinking and talking. Our initial plan was to go full time for a few years. However, with Covid, and the threat of future closings and restrictions, we reconsidered and decided we should have a home base. The question was, where? After a lot of research and discussion, we settled on Arizona. Our real estate agent put us in touch with a great agent in Arizona who showed us properties virtually and went to see (and video) properties of interest. We ended up choosing a new community in the West Valley of Phoenix and talked to the sales folks there. Our kids thought we were insane, but on July 9th, we got on a plane and flew to Phoenix after moving back into our trailer. At this time, the media had declared Arizona the National Covid Hotspot. It was an interesting time to make this trip, I will say. Anyway,







RV park in Buckeye until our new house is built. It is supposed to be finished in mid-February. We check on the construction a couple of times a week. We have joined the Arizona Airstream Club and have already had a trip with them to Catalina State Park near Tucson, where I saw my first rattlesnake. Yikes! You may remember meeting Pat and Babs Cahalan at the Silver in the Streets rally in Farmville. They are part of the Arizona club and were on this trip. It was good to see them again. The attached picture is one I took of the sunset at our campsite on a visit to another state park. In the background, you can see mountains and the outline of a saguaro cactus. If you like the desert (which we do), Arizona is a beautiful state.





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So, unfortunately, we will probably not be participating in any future rallies or trips with the NORVA group since we have moved. Someday we'll travel back east to visit our daughter, and when we do, we'll check in to see if there is a rally or trip we can join you

on. See you down the road!

### We are sad...



#### Richard Cross Bartelt June 2, 1942 – November 17, 2020

Richard and Mary Bartelt have long been dues-paying affiliate NORVA members. Their home unit is Virginia 109. Sad news indeed. Richard and Mary have hosted the joint "Take Pride" rallies at the Clover Hill Village Restoration in Appomattox. NORVA always participated. Richard's wife, Mary writes, "I am not certain of my Airstream future. Richard passed on the 17th of November. His death was totally unexpected and sudden (Not related to COVID). Please let NORVA members know. Rich enjoyed everyone there, our travels and gettogethers. Best wishes, Mary Bartelt"



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By: Eric and Norma Colby

Eric and Norma Colby live in their Airstream full-time, but not so they can see the country. They are living in their Airstream while they rebuild the countryside. Nine months ago, Eric and Norma purchased a farm. Eric has wanted to own a farm ever since he can remember but did not have the money. The farm was built in the 1800s. The farm is located in Loudoun County, VA.

Combination of icehouse and black smith shop. That tree, growing right in front of the doorway, is probably 70 years old - my guess, when the farmer died, the son didn't do any smithing, and just let the tree grow. The roof encroaches on the trunk. I'll have a roofer build a dormer to move the roof away from the tree and will leave



There were four farms owned and operated by the Coughlin family in the late 1800s to the early 1900s. Three of the four families settled in the Luckett's, VA area. The Colby's farm would have been well respected for the work done by Farmer Coughlin. In addition to dairying, there is evidence that he cobbled the family shoes on the farm, proof that he mixed his paint and was a blacksmith. He cut his ice from the Potomac and hauled it to the twelvefoot sub-terranean icehouse- dug by hand, lined with stone, and stucco finished. All of the work he did leaves evidence of having been done the best he knew how, and mostly, he knew how. After Farmer

Coughlin's death, his wife, son, and daughter remained on the family farm. The son attempted to follow in the footsteps of his father but did appear to have the capacity to keep the farm working. The daughter, the last living survivor, never worked outside the home due to some health conditions. The daughter lived in the house until 2006. Eric and Norma are now working on rehabilitating not just the dereliction left by 14 years of vacancy but also the effects of decades of deferred maintenance, for which the son was responsible.

When Eric and Norma purchased the farm, they agreed they'd do the work themselves. They knew it would be a slow process. They don't pound every nail or scoop every shovel. After all, they do not claim to be spring chicks like their



counterparts in NORVA. They make it a point to stay off ladders and roofs and hire out the tedious work. And the work that is too tedious we hire done. That work does not get done by saying "clean the barn," but by choosing the tools, the sequence of work, supervising the job, and paying by the hour.

Eric is very excited about his latest purchase. He bought an old forge. It is a hand-cranked blower and smithy tool. They are planning a trip this fall for business, and they will pick up the conglomeration in Paragould, AK. Eric is not a skilled smithy now, but he recently learned that there are classes in Reston, VA. As soon as he receives the COVID vaccination, he will begin taking classes. The delay for pickup of the forge will give Eric time to clear out the debris in the smithy shop and perhaps, get some of the windowpanes and missing siding replaced.

Eric and Norma did not realize that they were sharing their farm until he found the groundhogs had been making good use of the earthen floor, so he will have to fill in their homes and level the soil. Fortunately, or not, the speculator that bought this place before Eric and Norma brought in 40 truckloads of asphalt millings. Eric will use these for leveling and spread millings to give him a firm surface underfoot. The speculator was going to split the farm into four homesteads but gave up. The millings were for the road. Eric and Norma count the millings that were brought in as a fortune. They will cover barn floors, the smithy shop, and the barnyard.

Eric and Norma are thankful to have their Airstream home while they work on the farmhouse. They still haul water from a warehouse that they own in Sterling, VA. They are pleased with their purchase and glad that they bought it-

a project for the rest of their lives.





### **CELEBRATING OUR NEW MEMBERS**



#### Welcome Bob Gregg and Sonnett Lee

"She is an extrovert who can make friends on any occasion. He is a brainiac who enjoys solving puzzles. She is Avant-Garde and often finds herself ahead of the curve, and he takes comfort in traditional things. She goes with the flow and enjoys spontaneity. He likes to chart the course before raising the sail. She is a hands-on design buff and has long been enamored by the gleaming contour of an Airstream; he builds an enterprise in the virtual world. Both are passionate about living life to the fullest. They like to hike, camp, cook, eat, drink, travel the world, immerse in different cultures, and sometimes even make strangers into lifelong friends. The 2020 pandemic took away the option of air travel, and sleeping on the ground on an air

mattress is getting old! Out of the lockdown fatigue (and insanity?), he was convinced that his wife might have been right all along for the need of owning an Airstream (duh!). Now with a vintage Globetrotter in tow, the brand-spanking-new owners are ready to fly over continents on wheels. Surviving the pandemic is just the beginning! "

# NORVA's BEST / COOKING ON WHEELS

Lois Hitchcock, Recipe of the Month

#### **English Toffee**

Holidays are associated with unique culinary delights. In the Hitchcock household, one of our favorites is English Toffee. It is delicious, has relatively few ingredients, and is easy to make. Instead of using a candy thermometer, I prefer using Peanut Butter to gauge the correct temperature. Yes, Peanut Butter! Turn the jar upside down and match the peanut butter color as a guide to what color the mixture should be when you pull it off the heat.

Ingredients

- 1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 tablespoons water
- ¾ cup slivered almonds, toasted at 375 degrees for 5 minutes
- 8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips





#### Directions

1. Prepare a half sheet pan (9x13) by lining it with parchment paper.

2. Melt butter in a 2 qt. heavy saucepan over medium-high heat.

3. Turn a jar of peanut butter upside down and place it near the saucepan to use as a color guide to know when the mixture is done.

4. Add the sugar and salt to the pan and stir until it is dissolved into the butter.

5. Add the water, bring to a full, frothy boil for 1 minute before stirring in the almonds.

6. Stir the mixture slowly and continuously, keeping the handle of the spoon low so as not to create extra air bubbles. Stir, bringing the outside edges to the center as the sides will tend to cook faster than the middle.

7. Cook this mixture until it is the color of the inverted peanut butter jar. (It will brown rapidly toward the end, so don't let it get too dark).

8. Remove the mixture from the heat and immediately pour the Toffee onto the parchment paper, spreading it to the pan's edges.

9. Let the toffee rest just 1-2 minutes to start hardening before sprinkling 1 cup choc chips evenly over the hot Toffee. Let it sit about 3-5 minutes until the choc chips begin to sweat and soften

Spread the softened chocolate evenly over the toffee mixture (like frosting a cake).



While the chocolate is still soft, you may garnish it with finely ground pecans, walnuts, or slivered almonds.

Let the pan sit for at least 30 minutes before placing it in the refrigerator for 2 hours to allow the chocolate to harden.







10. Break the Toffee into pieces and store in a covered container.

11. Enjoy and be prepared for compliments.



# AIRSTREAM GEAR

#### Additional Options:

We are currently looking into other options for ordering gear. Do you know of anyone in the NORVA area that does this kind of work? Please send an email to <u>NORVACLUB@gmail.com</u> to contact them to see if they are interested in picking additional business from our club. In the meantime, you have the options below.

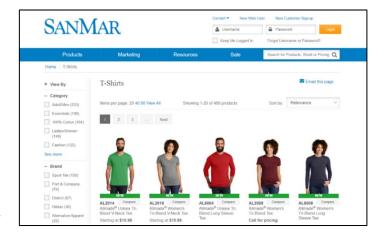
#### There are two options for ordering official NORVA Logo Apparel.

Lands' End Store Front: Please click the link and place your order directly with Lands' End. This link will take you to our logo. No other information is necessary.

https://business.landsend.com/store/norva airstream club/

#### OR

Find a product you like at <u>www.Sanmar.com</u>, then send an email to <u>janetsgraphics@yahoo.com</u> or call/text at 989.415.6324. Please provide the product item number and color you would like, along with your name and contact information. If you have any questions, please contact us anytime, and we will be happy to provide further information.





# **UPCOMING EVENTS 2021 at a Glance**

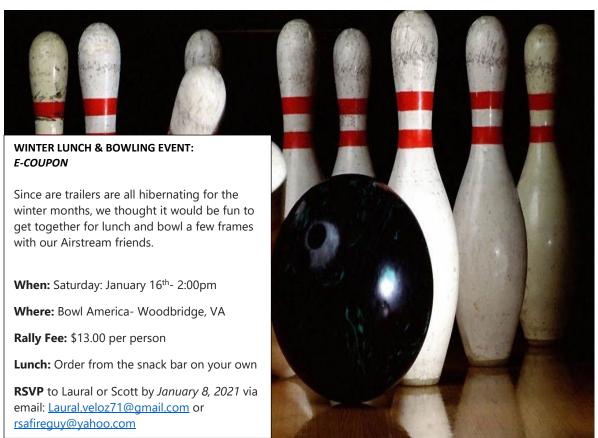
Planning has begun for some fantastic rallies for 2021. With the close of 2020, we certainly know that everyone is ready for some fun times, camping, friends, and fellowship in the new year.

All events are subject to change with this new normal we face, so please check back frequently.

If you know a wonderful campground in or around Virginia that you'd like to share with the club, please volunteer to host a weekend rally in 2021. We are happy to lend a helping hand in organizing it with you.

January 16 <sup>th</sup> Winter Lunch & Bowling Location: Bowl America – Woodbridge, VA Hosts: Laural Veloz or Scott Arnold	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Caravan to International Rally Stayed tuned for details in the coming months Leaders: Scott Arnold & Laural Veloz
February TBD.	July 18 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> International Rally Location: Lebanon, TN Host: WBAC.
March 26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> NORVA Maintenance Rally Location: Cozy Acres CG, Powhatan, VA Host: Tom Carmichael	August 9 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Galax Old Fiddlers Festival Location: Galax, VA
April 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> Region 3 Rally Location: North Fairgrounds, Tallahassee, FL Host: Bill Wild	September TBD. Commonwealth Rally Location: TBD Host: Tidewater Club
May 13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Spring Rally Location: Winchester, VA Hosts: Pete & Elizabeth West	October 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Brew Ridge Joint Club Rally Location: Devils Backbone, Nellysford, VA Hosts: Spirit of VA & NORVA Clubs
June 1 <sup>st</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> NORVA Airstream Club Caravan in Ohio Leaders: Jackson & Mary Ann McBroom	October 21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Alumalina Rally Location: Marion, NC Host: John Leake
June 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Outlander River Rally Location: Overlander - Luray, VA Hosts: Doug & Gail Perkins	





### **Special Days**



#### January Birthdays

Brian Daly – 1/3 Sawaya (Jonathan) Lekoshere – 1/4 Della Hoosier – 1/8 Ronald Raymond - 1/10 Norma Colby – 1/10 Cynthia Pearce – 1/21 Patsy Nagel – 1/21



**January Anniversaries** 

Stephen & Debra Kaczmar – 1/2 Bob & Wendy Nickel – 1/5 Chuck & Sally Walters – 1/18 Larry & Sun Riley – 1/21 Jim & Janeene Rider – 1/29





#### 64<sup>th</sup> WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★ ★ July 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN ★

#### **REGISTRATION**

**RALLY FEES** – \$265 for an RV On-Site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-outs; \$125 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

**ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING** – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you provide your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation during registration.

**REGISTRATIONS** – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the Rally are entered into a prize drawing. Gift certificates for parts and service will be drawn with a total of \$2,000 in prizes to be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

**STAGING AREA** – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2021. If you can't make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

**CANCELLATION POLICY** – Refund requests received by May 22, 2021, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 23, 2021, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 3, 2021. *If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.* 

**RALLY PARKING DATES** – General parking is tentatively scheduled to begin around July 14<sup>th</sup>. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at <u>rally@airstreamclub.org</u> for available arrival dates.

**HOW TO REGISTER** – Go to <u>airstreamclub.org/Lebanon</u>, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form, make a check payable to WBCCI, in **US Funds Only** and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.

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#### JULY 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN

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Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member		
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#### NORVA WBCCI CLUB#110 CASH FLOW SUMMARY, FISCAL YEAR 2019 & 2020

	BUDGET 2020	OC T-SEP AC TUAL 2019-2020	Working BUDGE T 2020-2021	2020-2021 ACTUAL Thru 11/30/20
INCOME				
Dues Received Less Dues to WBCCI	\$1,200.00 \$0.00	\$1,190.00 \$390.00	\$1,200.00 \$0.00	\$1,215.00 \$0.00
Net Dues - NORVA	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,215.00
Flower Fund		\$0.00		\$0.00
Silver in the Street		\$520.00		\$0.00
Riverside Dinner Theatre		\$1,860.00		\$0.00
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EXPENSES				
Flower Fund	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
Publications	\$700.00	\$604.20	\$700.00	\$0.00
Commonwealth Raily - Food	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flags	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$0.00
Past Presidents Plaque	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Enthusiastic Member Awards	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Door Prizes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage, ink, Paper & Checks	\$210.00	\$247.10	\$210.00	\$0.00
Member Badges	\$50.00	\$70.73	\$50.00	\$0.00
Silver in the Street	\$0.00	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Riverside Dinner Theatre	\$0.00	\$1,860.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$75.00	\$512.50	\$75.00	\$140.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,365.00	\$4,019.53	\$1,365.00	\$190.00
BB&T Balance as of 10/1	\$4,607.65	\$4,607.65	\$3,768.12	\$3,768.12
Receipts - Net	\$1,200.00	\$3,180.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,215.00
Disbursements	\$1,365.00	\$4,019.53	\$1,365.00	\$190.00
BB&T Balance as of 9/30	\$4,442.65	\$3,768.12	\$3,603.12	\$4,793.12

2020-2021 NORVA SUMMARY CASH FLOW-12-31-20/1/6/2021



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