

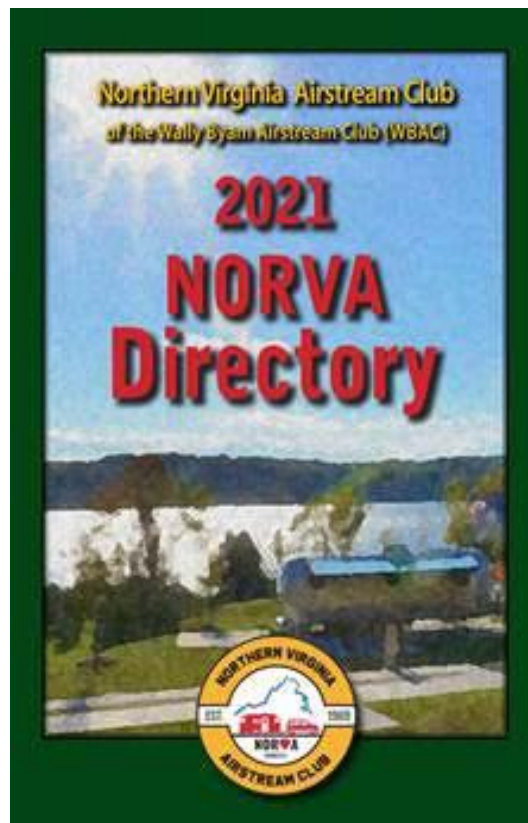
NORVA NEWS

February 2021



THE 2021 NORVA DIRECTORY IS ON THE WAY!

The 2021 edition of the Club's annual Membership Directory arrives this month. Mailed (USPS) to the homes of NORVA's members, the publication's pages are filled with useful information and lots of color photos. All members who were officially on NORVA's roster at the start of January 2021 are listed. The booklet also provides contact information for NORVA, International, and Region 3 officers, as well as the full-time WBAC headquarters staff in Jackson Center, Ohio. Additionally, it contains travel tips and an updated list of repair and customization shops for servicing your treasured Airstream. Watch your home mailbox for this handy booklet! It should arrive before February 15th.





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

AIRSTREAM HUGS Western Trip (Part 1) Patsy and Gerry Nagel Ococoquan, Virginia to Hermosa, South Dakota

Our initial summer travels for 2020 were planned around the Airstream International Rally at Loveland, CO with follow on excursions to Yellowstone and Utah National Parks. We made reservations in December 2019 at Yellowstone and Bryce Canyon National Park (NP), UT. With the cancellation of the International Rally, we held on to our reservations and took a wait and see stance. By the first of June all our reserved campgrounds were open for camping without quarantine requirements so we decided to head west. Departure from Ococoquan was June 17 and we routed our first stop to visit Laural Veloz at Penn Wood Airstream Park in Limestone Township, PA. We secured a nice level spot on their open camping area. We were entertained with a wonderful hamburger supper by Laural and Miss Dixie and got caught up on their travels since going full time in August 2019 in her Airstream Basecamp. The next day we had a walking tour of the Airstream Park prior to departing for our next location at Bryan, OH.



Mississippi River between WI and MN

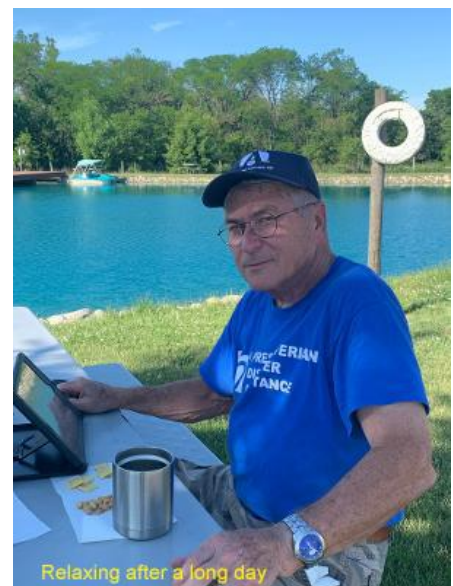


Laural and Ms Dixie Pennwoods Airstream Park

Our stop at Bryan, OH on June 18 was at the Stoney Ridge Winery which is a member of the Harvest Host participating sites. This was our first Harvest Host location as we had just joined the organization before trip departure. We arrived around 5 p.m. to a partially filled parking lot and went inside for parking directions and were directed to a location next to a small pond. After an easy park, we ventured inside for a wine tasting and purchased a couple of bottles of wine. We then enjoyed a refreshing evening breeze and a nice glass of wine at a table by the pond. Soon we had the place to ourselves and both agreed we would definitely stop here again.

We departed Stoney Ridge Winery the next morning on June 19th with a planned destination of Cracker Barrel near Elkhart, IN. We traveled on US 20 to avoid the toll roads on I-80/90 and while driving through the town of Shipshewana, IN we spotted a Twice the Ice (self-serve ice) vending building and pulled in to replenish the ice in our cooler. Twice the Ice normally has a 16 lb. bag or 20

lb. bulk ice for \$2.50 or less and we look for locations in our travels. While getting the ice, Patsy noticed the 5/20 Country Kitchen and liked the looks of the place so we decided to have lunch here instead of the Cracker Barrel. This was good Amish food and was our first foray into a restaurant after opening with the WUHAN virus restrictions. We continued on US 20 until we ran into I-94 near Gary, IN and stayed on I-94/90 through Chicago as this was the shortest and fastest way to our destination of Lake Geneva, WI. The mid-afternoon traffic was thick but we kept moving. North of Chicago we picked up US 45 so that we could stop for diesel in Burlington, WI as it was \$1.89/gal, considerably less than in Lake Geneva and only added a couple of miles to our trip. After fueling up, we headed to Studio Winery (another Harvest Host location) in Lake Geneva. The winery's Harvest Host info page listed room for three RVs less than 29 feet in



Relaxing after a long day



length and we did not expect any problems since we are only 25 ft. When we pulled into the parking lot there were already three RVs parked plus vehicles for patrons. This began our first unplanned adventure. Once in the parking lot, we could not back out so we had no choice but to drive around. We had to move some empty grape storage containers and have a couple of patrons move their cars in order to make the tight turn through the parking lot. Finally we got to the exit and were able to back up and park on the edge of the parking lot without blocking "traffic". The host was very cordial and the customers most helpful in moving vehicles so we could get parked. And, believe it or not, another RV came in after us. Needless to say the second Harvest Host stay was different as day and night from the first.

The morning of June 20th we were off to Fort McCoy, WI via US 12. We had breakfast at McDonald's and were able to go inside and order and eat outside in their outdoor area. We continued on US 12 until we merged with I 90/94 outside of Madison, WI and proceeded north as we ran into several heavy rain showers



that limited visibility to around 100 feet. We continued on I94 until the exit for Fort McCoy where we found the Humbird Cheese Mart with friendly Airstream parking. We picked up several types of cheese and also a couple of bags of cheese curds which Patsy had learned about from a co-worker. Then we continued on to Fort McCoy and Pine View Campground. Even though this campground is part of the Army Morale and Welfare System, the campground is open to the public and the rate difference between military and the public is \$7.00 per night. They have 128 full hook-up and 12 electric and water sites. This was the first time to unhook since departing Occoquan and this is when we experienced our second unplanned adventure. After unhooking, I was going to remove the stinger from the truck but the hitch pin with lock would not open. We tried silicon spray, a small hammer

and a bigger hammer but could not get the key to turn so we left the stinger on. The rest of the day was spent doing laundry and picking up groceries before settling in for the night.



The next morning (June 21) we headed out on WI 21 to Sparta, WI where we stopped at McDonald's again for breakfast. Since we could not go inside to order at this location and the Airstream couldn't go through the drive-thru, we called in the order and received it at the curbside pick-up area. After eating breakfast in the Airstream in the parking lot, we got on I-90 and headed for the Wilde Prairie Winery in Brandon, SD, our Harvest Host reservation for the evening. The winery was only 3 miles off the interstate but the last 1.5 miles was down a graded dirt road which was slow going. Upon arrival the owner told us to park anywhere. One other RV was already there and had the best spot. We tried several different areas but there was too much sideward slope that we could not get any semblance of level. After about 45 minutes, we abandoned the idea of parking in the vineyard and found an area near the barn that was level. Patsy did a wine tasting in a

fabulous old barn and purchased a bottle of wine. The winery was having an event that afternoon with musical entertainment on the lawn. We met the son and daughter-in-law of the owners and had a pleasant, informative





Breakfast at Cracker Barrel, Souix Falls, SD

conversation with them. She was a nurse and said her hospital was prepared but they did not get overrun with WUHAN virus cases. Also, South Dakota did not go into shutdown as many of the other states. The governor provided information on the situation and left it up to the citizens to make their own judgement on PPE. In fact, the only people required to wear PPE in stores were the employees.

We departed the Wilde Prairie Winery early on June 22 headed to the Ford dealership in Sioux Falls, SD. We needed a minor issue resolved on the truck and also had them cut off the failed hitch pin with lock from our second unplanned adventure. While waiting for the truck, we walked several blocks down to a Cracker Barrel and had a nice, enjoyable breakfast. We replaced the failed hitch pin with a standard hitch pin with clip that we had brought with us.

After leaving Sioux Falls on I-90, we did not have plans for that evening. Patsy had unsuccessfully tried to get reservations in the Bad Lands and we had discussed staying in Wall Drug parking lot and also looked at a Harvest Host location in Murdo, SD. We stopped in Mitchell, SD and quickly found Cabela's with a huge parking lot for RV's and decided to stay there. Once parked, it

was easy walking to restaurants and Wal-Mart and it was nice to stop after five long travel days. When we arrived, there was one other RV in the lot and by morning there were 14.

After a restful night, we departed Cabela's and got back on I-90 heading for Rapid City. We had an uneventful trip past the Badlands and then a stop at Ellsworth, AFB for a grocery run. We had stayed in the Ellsworth FamCamp in late summer 2019 and it was a great experience but with COVID they were not opening until July 1. After stocking up it, was off to Hermosa, SD and Heartland RV Park via I-90 and SD 79. We arrived at Heartland in the mid-afternoon and were ready to settle in for a three-night stay. Story will continue next month.

Gerry



H.U.G.S

CROSS COUNTRY ROAD TRIP IN THE FALL OF 2020

By: Bob and Carol Luther

In the fall of 2020, Bob and Carol Luther broke the bonds of Coronavirus fear and took off in their 2004 25' Safari Airstream (Silver) and headed due west from Massachusetts to Denver, CO. It was a personal delivery trip for us. Our daughter Sarah who lives in Denver, visited family and friends on the east coast during her summer vacation from teaching school. During her stay with us, she opened up the attic to retrieve her bins (at least 3) of childhood memories. In addition, we gifted her



with china, a large family heirloom sampler, framed and preserved, and some puzzles to share. All of this was too much to ship, and some of it too fragile with which to trust a shipping company.

We packed up the items in our truck's back, hooked up Silver, and away we went on September 27, 2020. Our route west was direct. We had 2,000 miles to go in 6 days of travel to arrive at Sarah and Jonathan's home in the city of Denver on the following Friday afternoon. Our travel weather was absolutely perfect; the foliage viewing coming through the I-84 corridor of CT into NY and across southern PA was breathtaking. Our first stop was at Western Village Campground in Carlisle, PA. We had never stayed there before. It was very adequate for just the overnight we needed.



Foliage along I-80, Allegheny Mountains in PA in mid-October

Moving westward, we followed I-76 to I-70, which would be our path for the next five days. Wolfies Campground in Zanesville, OH, was our home the second night. It was a lovely campground, upon a rounded hilltop with a drop-dead view of the sunset in front of us. Sites were crescent pull-throughs on pea stone with plush grass. We will stay here again.

Since we have driven the I-70 corridor many times over the years, the rest of the trip was nostalgic. Familiar landmarks, places where we stayed in the past, and watching our country's Midwest topography flatten out and viewing horizons miles away were part of our conversation while we drove 300- 350 miles a day following the giant step we took on Day One.

Night three was in Effingham, IL, at Camp Lakewood Campground, another nice overnight-adequate spot with pea stone gravel pull-through sites. Just what we needed; no unhooking was necessary. We would add this to our list of repeat campgrounds in the future.

When we crossed the Mississippi River on day 4, we texted our three adult children, "Wake up, wake up! We are crossing the Mississippi River!" conjuring up vivid memories of our family cross country trip in a station wagon and pop-up camper in the 1980s where they spent many mornings sleeping in the back seats because the scenery was boring to them. They responded with a big laugh!

Staying on I-270, we bypassed St. Louis to the north and rejoined I-70 to cross Missouri, stopping in Odessa at the newly developing Owl Creek Market and RV Park. It was another nice stop, well-manicured and obviously expanding. The registration office is in an Amish-type dry goods store. We stocked up on some cheese, blueberry yogurt pretzels, and some jams and jellies.



Along Route 81 in Kansas at a rest area, typical Kansas scenery

The dreaded (to us) Kansas City leg of the trip lay ahead of us the next morning. Much to our pleasant surprise, a better detour than the I-70 can-of-worms through the city got us across into Kansas. What a relief!! Almost immediately, we came to a toll road of which I-70 is a part. We had an Easy Pass transponder and went under the garrisons with the electronic readers rather than pulling off to a ticket booth. Later we discovered that the Kansas DOT does not recognize any out-of-state transponders, and we were billed for the toll. Not a problem! We kept moving along with



the myriads of trailer trucks with whom we have been sharing the highway. The economy is roaring; our nation's goods are moving. That was good news to us. Some RV's and some passenger cars filled in. There was no heavy traffic to slow us down. Construction occasionally did.

We would have liked to stop at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Homesite and Presidential Library Museum in Abilene, KS, but it was closed due to Covid-19. We have been there many years before, but I learned recently that the Museum had been renovated and updated. Another time we will stop by to visit.

Night 5 was in a familiar campground still in business since our first cross-country trip in the early 2000s at Triple J Campground in Lawrence, KS, Senator Bob Dole's childhood hometown. There is nothing notable about Lawrence at all. The campground is so very close and convenient to the interstate for easy on-and-off access. It is still in good condition after all these years with a recent expansion.

Crossing the state of Kansas can seem like forever. The further west we traveled, the bleaker the topography became. Sparsely grassed terrain of hills and gullies, very few trees, occasional sighting of beef cattle, and some oil derricks moving up and down became monotonous. We had packed in the miles making day 6's travel short. For our next overnight choice, I referred to my campground history index card file for a campground near the KS/CO border. I had written glowing reports for High Plains Campground in Oakley, KS. This part of KS is pretty bleak. Trees are sparse. The grass is like straw and full of burs or "stick-ums" that get carried in on your shoes and then implanted in your rugs or dropped on the floor. "Ouch!" when you step on them in your bare or stocking feet. After days of finding these burs still embedded in our throw rugs, I decided to mark that index card for this campground with "Don't Stay Again."

Day 7 brought us to the "Welcome to Colorful Colorado" sign on the I-70 path to the Rocky Mountains and the City on the Hill (my name for Denver). With all the forest fires going on in Colorado during the summer and fall, we were leery of smoke infiltration in the atmosphere. By the time we arrived in Denver at Sarah and Jonathan's, we realized the smoke had screened out the Rocky Mountains' gorgeous view from the city. We were so very disappointed. However, we did not smell smoke, and the smoke did not affect our breathing.

We spent the weekend parked in our daughter's driveway. We were self-contained and in our own space, for which she was grateful. As a schoolteacher with 20-plus students, she was fearful of carrying the Covid-19 virus, but she had tested negative two days before, and she was clear of any symptoms. We shared our meals in their house and used their shower and washer, and dryer. While we were visiting, she showed us the school's location and exterior, which we had not seen before, and toured a downtown Denver art festival with murals on old building walls, all outside activities. Everyone wore masks. We reloaded with puzzles from the thrift stores. Both Bob and Sarah are jigsaw puzzlers.

On Monday, October 3, we headed east. Our eastward journey returned us to I-70, not opting to head northeast to I-80. That takes you through some serious traffic. On our way home, we had an appointment for Silver at Jackson Center, OH, the following Monday. We made it back to Triple J Campground for our first night's rest. This time our pull-through was in the new section with updated hook-ups, a chair swing, and a small shade tree. Nice!

Day two eastbound, we chose a different route, slower paced. We had plenty of time to get to Jackson Center, so our mileage per day was shorter and less stressful. At Salina, KS, we headed due north on RT. US 81 to Route 36, an excellent east-west road for paralleling I-70. Yes, you slow down and stop a bit as you go from town to town. This road was the Pony Express Route, which began in St. Joseph, MO. Each town seemed to be distanced for a horse change. Maybe it was my imagination. This area is also full of Wizard of OZ attractions. Trees became more plentiful the further east we traveled. Yes, there is foliage in other parts of the US as well as the northeast. We overnighted in Seneca, KS, at Bailey's RV Park and campground. It is a small park located behind a hotel. Lots of full timers took up most of the lots. The sites were pull-throughs, shaded, and overlooked a small pond and golf course--excellent for our overnight stay.



Mark Twain birthplace museum in Florida, Missouri

Day 3 eastbound brought us back across the Missouri River at St. Joseph, which we had crossed in Kansas City several days before. St. Joseph has a pony express museum and other fun historical cowboy history. It also was one of the jumping-off points for the Oregon Trail, The California Trail, and The Mormon Trail. All of this we had toured before.

Missouri has the best fuel prices ever. We filled up with as much diesel as we could. The Mark Twain Lake and Clarence Cannon Dam, located north of St. Louis about 30 miles west of Hannibal, was our overnight stop. This 55,000-acre US Army Corps of Engineers flood control, hydroelectric production, and recreation area is a beautiful camping destination for anyone who wants to get away from all the tourist attractions and enjoy boating, fishing, swimming, camping, picnicking, hiking, or just meeting family and friends for time

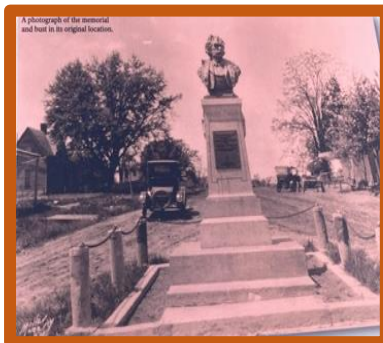
together. There are three campgrounds on the property. We stayed at Indian Lake on the north side of the lake because that was accessible via Rt. 36.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain) was born in Florida, Missouri, in 1835. Much of the town of Florida went underwater in 1962 when the Mark Twain Lake came into existence with the construction of the Clarence Cannon Dam. The town's cemetery was relocated, and the Mark Twain State Historic Site came into existence on a jut of land in the middle of the lake. After we unhooked at our campsite, with daylight hours still to our advantage, we took a drive around the lake, stopping first at the huge dam where you can drive over it and also climb a wooden tower for an observation of the dam and the lake behind it.

Continuing along the road, we came into the area of Florence and stopped at Twain's birthplace museum, which was closed. The small cemetery to which the graves were removed is nearby, as is a small public park where a granite monument marks the original location of his home and a replica cabin. The original birth cabin is preserved inside the Museum there. It would not be his home for long. Within a year, a larger residence was completed. By the time he was 4, the family had moved to Hannibal, MO. Mark Twain was born at the time of the 1835 Halley's Comet. He predicted he would "go out with the comet." By golly, he was right. When Halley's Comet returned in 1910, Mark Twain died in April of that year. The Mark Twain State Park is located nearby adjacent to the COE land. It offers camping and outdoor recreation as well.



Replica of Mark Twain's birthplace home



Statue near Mark Twain's birthplace - no longer standing

I filled out an index card for the Indian Creek Campground for my file. A good friend has told us the Ray Behrens campground on the south side (closer to St. Louis) of the COE and in the vicinity of the dam and marina is just as good. I noted it was an excellent woody campground, paved, spacious sites with W & E and Dump station.

On our way out of town, we stopped to stock up on our favorite varieties of St. James Wine, made in Missouri. Shortly we were across the Mississippi and into Illinois on Day 4 on Rt. 36 along a Hannibal bypass. In Illinois, Rt 36 joins I-72, which moved us eastward across the state around Springfield, the capital, and then northeast to Champaign, where we took I-74 into Indiana. Overnight was in Hillsboro, Indiana, at Charla Rose Lake and Campground. This stop was a little treasure off the beaten path with a nice pull-through, so we didn't have to unhitch.



Jackson Center, OH, or The Airstream Mother Ship, as we like to call it, was our destination on Day 5. Leaving Charla Rose, we traveled briefly on I-74 eastbound to Rt. 32 to stay north of Indianapolis. This started out to be a marvelous idea but soon turned into a busy suburban traffic nightmare. At Noblesville, we got on I-69 north for a bit to Routes 18/67 turning due east across the OH state line and eventually on to I-75 South at Wapakoneta. Jackson Center exits were 15 minutes away. We came into the heliport parking area at the factory on Friday afternoon. There were plenty of sites from which to choose. In the small world department, we saw two rigs whose owners were in our WBCCI club or region and known to us. The trailers were there for repair and were unoccupied. Our factory work appointment was Monday morning, October 12, a holiday weekend if you live in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. It used to be Columbus Day, but it has been changed to Indigenous Day. We arrived two days early because we were unsure if this holiday was celebrated in OH. It is not. We shopped in neighboring towns at the thrift stores for more jigsaw puzzles and books for the next two days. Our total purchase of used puzzles was around 20 for the trip, and that didn't count the 3 or 4 we left with Sarah and Jon. Bob found several books he was looking for by his favorite authors.

Our factory work went smoothly, and Silver got a new stove and oven. After 16 years and almost 200,000 miles, the old oven had rusted out. A few more small jobs completed Bob's punch list, and we were done in a day. Sitting in the waiting room was comfortable and safe for us. Mandatory temperature checks were taken upon entering, a contact tracing statement signed, and the myriad of seats in the waiting room gave people ample space to sit apart. Mask-wearing was mandatory. I tested the oven on Tuesday and rested before the last 2-day leg home. Our route back to Massachusetts follows county roads northeast from Jackson Center to Rt. 30, where we head east. It is a nice, divided highway that takes us to I-71 north for a few miles to pick up I-76 east through Akron. There you can see the Good Year tire factory from the highway. In Youngstown, we fueled up with as much diesel as would fit in the tank because it is a long fuel-costly trip from there. We turned onto I-80 for our journey east over the Allegheny Mountains, where the leaves were peaking and just past peak by mid-October. It all was just gorgeous against the blue sky. I never mentioned our weather—it was terrific the whole trip. We took cold weather clothes we never had to wear.



Sunrise Leaving Jackson Center, Ohio

West of the I-80 and I-81 interchange, we stopped at a new-to-us campground, Bodnarosa Motel and Campground in Berwick, PA. It is a rustic campground with trees and rocks and lots of personality. It worked for us and made our trip to home an hour shorter than if we had stayed at our usual high-end KOA near State College.

Our traditional route back into New England is I-81 north to I-84 in Scranton, which is eastward to NY. There is a gas station at the NY line at which we have found to be very reasonable to fuel up. I-84 took us across the Delaware River, into Connecticut, and back home to Auburn, Massachusetts. Our 19-day, 4176-mile escape was the break for which we were yearning. It may be interesting to share that the only campground reservation we made before we left was at our first night's stop. All the rest were same-day reservation calls I made about 2 hours before we stopped for the night. Campgrounds were not full; people kept to themselves; we wore masks in public.

Signing off for now,
Rocky Mountain Bob, Oven-Ready Carol, and Sarah in front of Silver.





RALLY REPORTS



A great big thank you to Laural Veloz and Scott Arnold for hosting the January Bowling Rally!! We bowled a couple of games, indulged in some delicious eats and had some happy, healthy laughter.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

22 YEARS OF AIRSTREAM MEMORIES

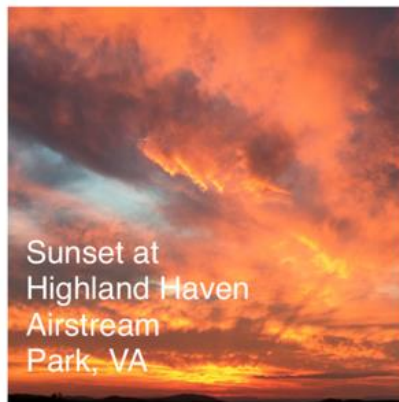
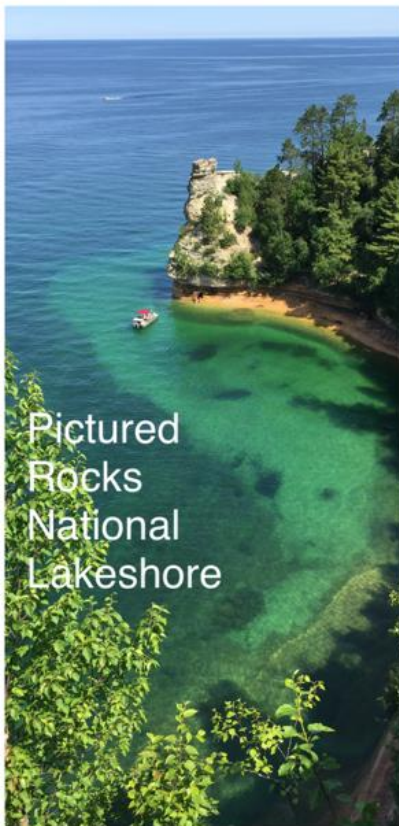
By: Paul and Cynthia and Pearce

It all started in 1962 with musty, old Army sleeping bags as we honeymooned, mostly out in the open, on our way to the High Sierras in Northern California. Paul worked as an accountant for the Forest Service while waiting for a class date for Air Force pilot training. What a contrast to the bucolic charms of Penn State. Purchases over the following years of tents, VW campers, boats (oh those staring nights on Biscayne Bay), and a popup led straight to the perfection of the first of five Airstreams. The last one with the most fabulous improvement-ducted air conditioning.

Heading West in our ten-year-old Airstream purchased from Paul's uncle, we stopped in Laramie, and much to our surprise, the campground was filled with silver. Assuming we were with the group, the owner parked us with the herd, and the next

thing we know, we have been invited to a spaghetti dinner, a tour of a bronze foundry, and asked if we were on our way to International? "What is International?" The rest is history. We were not really joiners, but how could we resist the helpful friendliness of so many strangers? Once in Boise, the Region 3 President came over to our rig and helped us decide which unit to join. Since we live near Charlottesville, we were given a choice. It was thought that NORVA best suited our interests—what a great decision.

Soon we were on our first unit caravan led by the enthusiasm of Dick and Jane Arnold. Our first National Caravan was the Viking to Newfoundland. Traveling with new friends and experiencing their helpfulness turned us into caravan believers. Who can forget the men's grumbling when they heard we were going to the play, 'Anne of Green Gables'? By the end of the poignant show, there was not a dry eye among them.



We have taken almost all the National adventures from Alaska, to the Yellowhead across Canada, to Baja Mexico, to the Southern American Revolution. You visit sites you may not have discovered on your own. The fascinating history and the marvelous museums tucked away in special places. Who knew there was a large French fort on the Mississippi or Indian mounds in so many spots. For someone who can count on one hand the times spent in a bar, what a surprise it was to find us dancing early one Sunday morning in a raucous bar on the Cajun. We are still savoring the sumptuous meals. Fish tacos in the Baja, lobster on Prince Edward Island, the daily required ice cream stops, even making our own creations at the Turkey Hill Factory. Dinner at Sardi's after seeing 'The Lion King,' lunch at the scenic old National Park hotel in Banff, salmon and halibut in Alaska, watermelon after the teeth-rattling jeep ride deep into an Arizona canyon. And how about getting up at dawn to see the soaring, colorful, beautiful bucket list Balloons in Albuquerque topping everything.

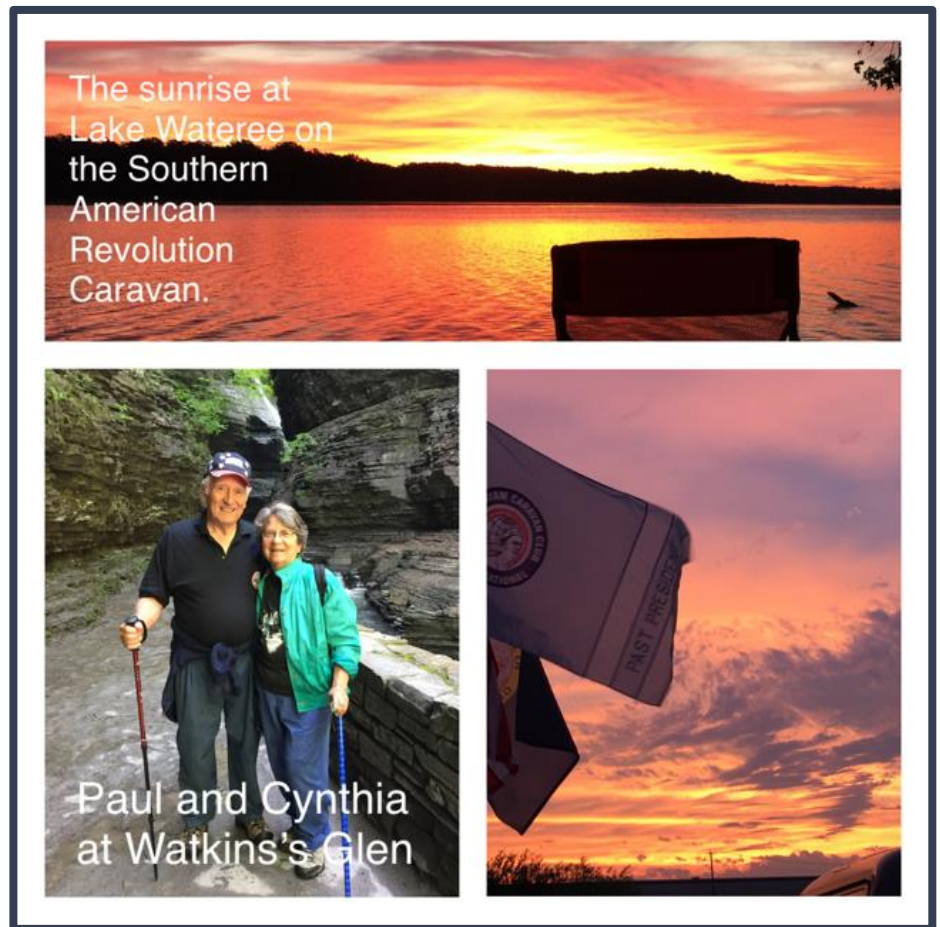


Caravan Leaders are exceptional folks, a breed apart dealing with all kinds of unpredictable people and emergencies. There are blown tires, leaving your partner at a giant breakfast bun stop, azaleas and dogwoods blooming too early when that was supposed to be one of the caravan highlights, shower doors falling off that can be fixed with the old 35 mm film canisters, canceled campgrounds or evacuation due to hurricanes and flooding, or one of our favorites, the rigs having to be towed into spots due to mud and unusual rain in Baja. The glory six weeks later and returning and stunned to see the desert ablaze in waves of wildflowers for hundreds of miles. How can we forget, leading a Utah motor home back to the Sydney ferry in the blackest of nights when he had no lights, expecting at any moment to see a moose blocking our wind shield! Okay, a final favorite. I was gone to the Sunday service with our grandson while Paul tried to contact a tree service back in Virginia. A derecho has dropped about nine towering pine trees onto our very long driveway in a tangled mass. He had stepped outside in his boxer shorts for better reception, and the door slammed shut and locked. What a predicament!

The joy and laughter and never-ending, never forgotten stories, the 22 years of friendships, all make our 'second' retirement at our escape condo in the beauty of Wintergreen, a special time during Covid. We reread our journals and savor our beautiful photos while watching the skiers and the flashing flames in the fireplace.

In closing, or parting, since we have sold our beauty, let me add one final funny memory. Early on, we led a caravan, and to get better acquainted, Paul suggested the men confess something that happened to their Airstreams that they had 'neglected' to tell their wives. Oh, the tales! We are still laughing. After that, we were a happy tightly knit group.

Fondly, Paul and Cynthia





WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

JIM AND SUZI RUSSELL

We are very excited about meeting fellow Airstream members and becoming a part of the NORVA club family.

We purchased our International Serenity 28RBT in November of 2019 and promptly put it in storage for the winter. We 'winter' in FL, but this year due to Covid we decided not to return to VA until August so that was our first opportunity to use the AS. We camped in TN and NC before taking the trailer for service 02 Nov... we just got it back. We are anxious to do more camping in 2021. We have planned a month-long trip to TX in April and then a 6 week trip out West in September, assuming it's safe to travel by then.



We have a 23-year-old African Gray parrot that travels everywhere with us (he's our only child). His name is Tori-chan (aka Little Buddy because nobody can pronounce his real name ha) and he is the reason we chose the AS layout we did...his cage almost takes the entire table area lol.

Jim and I both grew up camping, both started out with tents, moved up to pop-ups, our last unit together was a Via motorhome. We didn't wish to tow a vehicle so whenever the unit would break down, we were stranded. We decided a trailer was a better option for us, thus the Airstream.

We are both outdoorsy individuals. We enjoy hiking, bicycle riding (leisure rides), kayaking, SUP boarding and cross country/downhill skiing. We also enjoy playing any/and all kinds of game

BRIAN WING AND JENNIFER HUGHES

We purchased our 2021 Classic 30RBQ in September 2020. We had a smaller camper that we didn't like (only had it a year) and wanted something that would last us. In our minds there wasn't any other choice but Airstream.

I'm twice retired (Police and USCG disabled Vet) and currently work for GEICO, Jen works for the Federal Government.

We took our Airstream out five times between the purchase day and November including our trip to Airstream of Virginia for some warranty work.

Together with our two teenage daughters and our two Labradors we are excited about being a part of the Airstream life.





NORVA'S BEST / COOKING ON WHEELS

INSTANT POT COOKING ON THE ROAD

By: Janeene Rider



When we bought our first Instant Pot (IP) several years ago, it was intended as a replacement for our pressure cooker which gave up the ghost after thirty years. I must admit the IP looked a lot more complicated than our simple little Presto pressure cooker with the rattling pressure regulator, so I was a bit skeptical. Little did we know the magic that awaited us. Now we make three to four meals a week using the IP. We have a 6-quart IP in the house and a 3-quart mini IP in the Airstream. For comparison purposes, here is a side-by-side photo of our two IPs. We like the smaller IP for the Airstream where space is a concern and leftovers are not usually desired. I also found the perfect padded travel tote by Luxja pictured here for our 3-quart IP to keep it from getting bounced around while in transit.



Things to keep in mind when converting a recipe from a 6-quart to a 3-quart IP:

The minimum amount of liquid required to pressure cook is 1 cup for a 6-quart IP and ½ cup for a mini-IP (3 quart).



3 Quart

6 Quart

Generally, you will want to cut the ingredient portions in half when downsizing a recipe from the 6-quart to the mini-IP.

The time required to cook is the same for both IP sizes.

When camping, it is not uncommon for us to make something like egg bites or monkey bread in the IP for breakfast and then slow-cook something like a stew or chili in the IP for dinner. However, if there is not enough time to prepare a slow-cook meal in the IP before heading out on our daily adventure, we can just make meat, rice, and veggies in the IP at the last minute for our evening meal via the “pot-in-pot” method – which cooks the entire meal simultaneously in the IP using TWO stacked pots inside. We use the Ekovana Pots shown here, but any metal oven-proof pots or Pyrex-type bowls that stack and fit in your IP can work for this method.

Pot-in-Pot Recipe: Chicken with Rice & Carrots (cooked all at once in Instant Pot)

- Marinate two large chicken breasts overnight in a Ziploc bag containing:
 - 1/3 cup Olive Oil
 - 3 Tablespoons Lemon Juice
 - 3 Tablespoons Soy Sauce
 - 2 Tablespoons Balsamic Vinegar
 - 1/4 cup Brown Sugar
 - 1 Tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce
 - 1/2 teaspoon Garlic Powder
 - 1 1/2 teaspoon Salt
 - 1 teaspoon Pepper
- Other Ingredients – and Directions (for 6-quart IP; remember to cut in half for mini-IP):
 1. Start by putting 2 cups of water in the main (inner) pot.
 2. Next, put 2 cups of rice and 4 cups of water in the bottom stacked pan.
 3. Then, put the marinated chicken breasts and a desired quantity of baby carrots (cut in ½ inch pieces) in the top stacked pan and place the lid on this pan.
 4. Enclose the stacked pans with the handle and insert into the main (inner pot), so that the stacked pans sit directly on the bottom of the main (inner) pot.






5. Set the pressure-cooking time to 14 minutes on HIGH on your IP and then let the pressure release naturally.
6. Note: When you are cooking rice along with meat and/or vegetables, the rice should always be placed in the bottom stacked pan, as rice takes longer to cook.

We like to set up the IP on a table outside and relax with a glass of wine while our complete dinner cooks itself – enjoy!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Virtual Cocktail Party

Hosts: Gary and Sue Shepard

February 14th at 4:30 pm

If you are interested in participating, send an email to norvaclub@gmail.com and you will receive a link to join the party.

Just before the party starts, fix your favorite cocktail and appetizer, snuggle in your favorite chair and click the link to join.

Cheers!



NORVA MAINTENANCE RALLY March 25th-28th



NORVA's annual Maintenance Rally will be held March 26th, 27th, and 28th Cozy Acres Family Campground, in Powhatan, Va.

The campground set aside 45 well-spaced sites to accommodate the Airstream group. They have blocked the entire campground for us before they officially open the first weekend in April. Please call **Monday or Thursday** as they are closed for the rest of the week. Let them know you are with the NORVA Airstream group. They will take your information, assign you a site and get your credit card information but will not charge it until you arrive that weekend. *Just in case we have a snowstorm that weekend we can cancel and not be charged for our sites.*

DJ Mastin, independent Airstream technician and owner of Broken Rivets RV Service, LLC, will be on hand the whole weekend to discuss all aspects of maintaining Airstream trailers and Class B vans. Attendees will learn how to keep their RV systems and appliances in good working order. Also, DJ will be available to perform minor work on trailers during the rally weekend at a discounted rate.

Please fill out the coupon as soon as you reserve your site and mail it to Tom Carmichael 2203 Turtle Hill Circle Midlothian VA 23112 or e-mail it to tomc@sportsimageinc.com Please bring \$15 per person cash and pay Tom when you arrive that weekend.

We are covering DJ and Jesse's weekend to do some service on our Airstreams, and they will join us for the weekend activities. We will go forward with the rally under the pandemic as it stands now. Every effort will be taken, and precaution given to us by the campground rules! We were very successful during the pandemic last August.

If you feel it's too risky, you can stay at your site and just enjoy camping. We have opened it up to all four clubs in Virginia and are excited to break out the Airstreams and start the camping season.

Name(s) _____ How many attending _____.

I (we) will be in Cozy Acres site #: _____. E-mail _____@_____.

Address _____ City, _____ State, _____

ZIP _____ Cell phone _____ WBCCI# _____

Briefly list minor rig repairs requested from DJ Mastin: _____

My Airstream is: Year: _____ Model: _____ Length: _____ ft.



Fun-filled **Father's Day** weekend on the
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Outlanders River Camp

Rally HOSTS: **Doug and Gail Perkins**

Event Contact email(s): dougp2@verizon.net
Event Contact phone(s): Doug - 540-847-9559

4253 US-211, Luray, VA 22835
[\(540\) 743-5540](tel:5407435540)

<https://www.outlandersrivercamp.com/river-activities>

NOTE: 15 full hookup sites are reserved.
HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
GUARENTEED SITES
HELD Until 2/1/2021



NORVA member and Rally Host, Doug Perkins can't wait for all of you to see him at the next Rally. His hair has really grown over winter.



NORVA AIRSTREAM CLUB #3-110

“TENNESTREAMIN 2021” - LC #440 - JULY 3- 17, 2021

CARAVAN TO THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Join us as we tour Eastern Tennessee on the way to the 2021 International Rally in Lebanon, TN. Stops to include: Marion, NC – Townsend, TN – Chattanooga, TN, Lynchburg, TN & Nashville, TN.

Caravan Leaders: Laural Veloz & Scott Arnold

For more information, please visit <https://airstreamclub.org/tennestreamin-2021-caravan>

To register electronically, please follow this link: <https://form.jotform.com/210315329016040>

Electronic payment is available through Venmo: @laural-veloz

If you prefer to pay via check, please make checks payable to Laural Veloz or Scott Arnold. In the Memo, please write Tennestreamin 21 – LC-440 and mail it to Tennestreamin’ 2021 c/o Scott Arnold – 7100 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22551.

Kitty Fee is an estimated: \$2,300.00 – NOTE: this is a rough estimate due to COVID restrictions for certain tours, restaurants, and museums. This will be updated as group pricing will hopefully become available again as we get closer to the caravan departure date.

Names _____

Member #: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ How many participants: _____ Deposit Enclosed: \$500.00

NOTE: You may also email the information requested to: Tennestreamin21@gmail.com

For more information, call Laural 703-200-0324 (c) or Scott 540-809-9200 (c)



Come Tour Eastern Tennessee with Us

Planning is underway for NORVA's Club Caravan
(Saturday, July 3 - Saturday, July 17, 2021)
to the 2021 International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee

By: Laural Veloz & Scott Arnold – Caravan Leaders

Hope you will join us as we tour Eastern Tennessee in July. The caravan will rendezvous in Marion, NC where we will celebrate the independence of our great nation at the wonderful Tom Johnson Campground close to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Asheville. From Marion we will head to the peaceful side of the Smoky Mountains in Townsend, TN where we can enjoy sightseeing, hiking, biking, river tubing and possibly some ziplining for those adventurous souls. Then onto Chattanooga, TN where we will of course visit the Chattanooga Choo Choo and ride a dinner train. Downtown Chattanooga is also known for its wonderful farmers market and inclined railway. From Chattanooga we will head over to Tims Ford State Park and enjoy the town of Lynchburg, TN where we will tour the Jack Daniel's Distillery and yes you can taste the whiskey! Then we will proceed to Music City where we will tour and see a show at the Grand Ol' Opry among other fabulous music venues. Our last and final stop will be pulling into the 2021 International Rally together as a group (this caravan does not register you for or include your international rally fee). This is just a snapshot of all the fun we will have along the way. All Airstream Club members are welcome to participate, we are limited to a maximum caravan size of 15 Airstreams. Please see our caravan coupon in this month's newsletter. We will be seeing you down the road.



64th 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 14th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at rally@airstreamclub.org for available arrival dates.

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to airstreamclub.org/Lebanon, 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.



64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY
JULY 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN



BIG RED NUMBER: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Email: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Phone (C): _____ Phone (H): _____


Table with 7 columns: Rally Attendee(s), Quantity Info, Quantity, Rate, Amount, Parking Options, Yes. Rows include RV On Site, Adult (18 & Over), Youth (13 - 17), Child (12 & Under), Lifetime Member Discount, and GRAND TOTAL.

Registration Date: _____ Rec'd By: _____ Registration Source: Mail Online Rally

Payment Type: Cash Check Credit Card Amt Paid: \$ _____ Check #: _____



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>January 16th</p> <p>Winter Lunch & Bowling Location: Bowl America – Woodbridge, VA Hosts: Laural Veloz or Scott Arnold</p> 	<p>July 3rd – 17th</p> <p>Caravan to International Rally Stayed tuned for details in the coming months Leaders: Scott Arnold & Laural Veloz</p>
<p>STRIKE!</p> <p>February 14th</p> <p>Virtual Valentine’s Day Cocktail Party February 14, 2021 4:30-5:30pm Hosts: Gary and Sue Shepard</p>	<p>July 18th – 24th</p> <p>International Rally Location: Lebanon, TN Host: WBAC.</p>
<p>March 26th – 28th</p> <p>NORVA Maintenance Rally Location: Cozy Acres CG, Powhatan, VA Host: Tom Carmichael</p>	<p>August 9th – 14th</p> <p>Galax Old Fiddlers Festival Location: Galax, VA</p>
<p>April 21st-25th</p> <p>Region 3 Rally Location: North Fairgrounds, Tallahassee, FL Host: Bill Wild</p>	<p>September TBD.</p> <p>Commonwealth Rally Location: TBD Host: Tidewater Club</p>
<p>May 13th – 16th</p> <p>Spring Rally Location: Winchester, VA Hosts: Pete & Elizabeth West</p>	<p>October 14th – 17th</p> <p>Brew Ridge Joint Club Rally Location: Devils Backbone, Nellysford, VA Hosts: Spirit of VA & NORVA Clubs</p>
<p>June 1st -16th</p> <p>NORVA Airstream Club Caravan in Ohio Leaders: Jackson & Mary Ann McBroom</p>	<p>October 21st – 24th</p> <p>Alumalina Rally Location: Marion, NC Host: John Leake</p>
<p>June 18th – 20th</p> <p>Outlander River Rally Location: Overlander - Luray, VA Hosts: Doug & Gail Perkins</p>	



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Cathy Carmichael 2/2
Kevin Quinn 2/6
Jeff Brady 2/10
Suzi Russell 2/15
Bill Worrall 2/23
Don Bell 2/24
Faith Azzolina 2/24
JoAnn Stowe 2/26
Rex Hendricks 2/28



Anniversaries

Christian and Leigh Ann Schultz 2/5
Ceecil and Della Hoosier 2/10
Eric and Norma Colby 2/13
Rex and Karen Hendricks 2/15



This month, we are introducing a new article, Bright Ideas. Gathered from a group of Airstreamers who enjoyed Caravanning together, these ideas will be helpful for most and came from the user's experience. Please forward your own "bright ideas" for future use.



1. Bedroom: To keep fitted bed sheet in place on corner type beds, hook suspenders in an "X" pattern clipped to the sheet's four corners on the underside of the mattress.
2. Safety: Hide an extra Airstream key inside the furnace/hot water heater outside.
3. Miscellaneous: Neutrogena Rainbath Refreshing Shower and Bath Gel as a body wash leaves no soap scum in the shower.
4. Websites and Blogs: <https://harvesthosts.com> – a membership for RVers that provides unique RV camping at over 1400 wineries, breweries, distilleries, farms, museums, and other unique locations!



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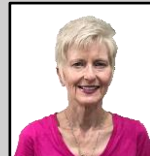
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