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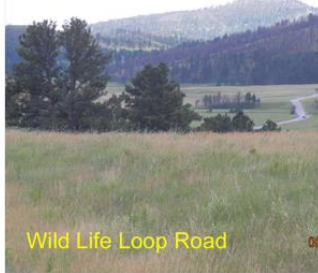
AIRSTREAM HUGS Western Trip (Part 2)

By: Patsy and Gerry Nagel - Hermosa, South Dakota to West Yellowstone, MT

After arriving at Heartland RV Park, Hermosa, SD around mid-afternoon on June 23, we were looking forward to unhooking and enjoying a nice relaxing afternoon. But, alas unplanned event number 3 occurred. After completing our normal unhitching procedures, the stinger would not slide out of the hitch. We completed several rounds of resetting the hitch back to the towing configuration and going through the unhitching procedure without success. Patsy said "call Sean!" Sean is the owner of Pro Pride Hitch and provides his cell phone number and you can call or text him at any time. Sean was in a meeting, we were tired, so we looked at this from another angle. Since the stinger was vertically adjustable, I removed the bolts and moved the truck out of the way with the stinger still in the hitch on the trailer. I had planned to adjust the stinger during our campground stay so this action put it on the schedule earlier than planned. By this time another employee of Pro Pride called back and provided tips on unhitching that should avoid this problem in the future. Sean, the owner, called back a little bit later and provided some other maintenance tips to help prevent this from happening again. Pro Pride has always provided excellent customer service. I adjusted the stinger to the proper height and since then, with the tips provided, the stinger slides in and out of the receiver like butter when hitching and unhitching the trailer.



Golden Eagle - Buffalo Bill Museum



Wild Life Loop Road



Wyoming Ranch - Gillette, WY



Wyoming Life - Gillette, WY



Bunny - Parkway RV Campground

After breakfast on June 24th, we were off to view wildlife at Custer State Park, the largest state park in South Dakota. After a stopover at the visitor center, it was off to drive the Wildlife Loop Road and see what critters were up and about. After the first half mile we came across buffalo herd with many females with their calves. At this time of year, the bulls are pretty much loners. Further down the Wild Life Loop at the Wildlife Station Visitor Center, we came across another buffalo herd with calves. As we continued the loop, we arrived at the area where the wild "Begging Burros" live. There were quite a few young burros within the herd, and they are tame as you can easily walk amongst them. Continuing around the loop we passed a prairie dog town that didn't have much activity. The Wildlife Loop Road ended at the intersection with SD 87; we headed north towards Blue Bell campground and found a nice picnic area for lunch. After lunch we continued on SD

87 to SD 16A and back to the visitor center. As it was still early, we decided to go for a short bike ride before heading back to the campground. We headed down the bike path to the Grace Coolidge Campground and on the return trip Patsy's wildlife antenna went up as there was a Big Horn Sheep jam on the road parallel to the bike path. She stopped on a dime and I had to swerve to avoid hitting her. There was about 50 feet between the bike path and the road where the sheep had



vehicle traffic blocked in both directions. The sheep did not care. In fact, they were enjoying it. One of the sheep came down to the creek between the path and road and was checking Patsy out. After watching these young Big Horn Sheep for a time, we returned to the truck, headed back to the campground, and planned the next day's activities.

We were back at Custer State Park on Thursday, June 25, and had decided to take a bike ride on the Wildlife Loop Road. As we were starting our ride Patsy said it looked like a rainstorm was coming. I replied it was passing over us. We rode by the herd of buffalo that were still in the same area from the day before and were able to get some good pictures. Continuing down the road through rolling terrain, we passed a herd of Big Horn Sheep and then the road started a steady incline. As we pedaled on, we would reach the top of an incline to find out that there was another incline around the next curve. After several of these and also with the elevation between 3,580 and 5069 feet, it kind of sucked the wind out of us. We looked at the map and the time and decided to turn around and head back. Clouds were really rolling in and we had not gone very far when a light rain started. Then the rain got heavier and finally there was a hailstorm with pea size hail. Bike helmets are good hail protection, but the worse thing was soaked socks and shoes. The only thing you can do in this situation is keep going. When we were over a mile from the truck, we encountered a big buffalo jam with several buffalo in the middle of the road blocking traffic in both directions. As everyone patiently waited for the buffalo to move, a local buffalo tour company Jeep came up behind us and asked if we wanted to follow them through. Of course, we said yes. We slowly followed the vehicle which stopped and blew their horn at the buffalo. The buffalo made a head turn of disgust and moved out of the road. We continued to follow the Jeep until we were clear of the jam and thanked them. Once back at the truck, we headed back to the campground to dry out and prepare for departure the next day.

It was a clear day on Friday June 26 as we headed up SD79 to I-90 with a short stop at Rapid City Sam's Club to pick up a few items. From Rapid City we stayed on I-90 heading into Wyoming with a stop at the visitor's center for a picnic lunch. Our destination for the day was another Harvest Host location in Gillette, WY, "Sharpest Town in the West." We arrived at "Our Wyoming Life" Ranch and Farm mid-afternoon and found a nice level spot near some small trees that provided afternoon shade. Laural Veloz had stayed at this ranch during her travels returning from the Mexico caravan. Once settled, we walked over to the Farm Store and purchased some homegrown steaks, pork chops and eggs. Before departing the next morning, we went on a farm tour and Patsy got to bottle feed a calf. We also saw ducks, geese, baby chickens and piglets they were raising on the farm. They even have a working fire truck!



From the ranch we traveled on I-90 and at Buffalo, WY took US 16 to drive the scenic highway through the Bighorn Mountains which would eventually take us to Cody. After a picnic lunch at the Pioneer Park in Worland, WY, we continued on to Cody. Our stopover in Cody was the Parkway RV Campground. We nicknamed it the bunny campground as there were wild bunnies all over the place. That evening unplanned event number 4 occurred. Patsy could not get out of the shower as the drip strip on the bottom of the door was catching on the frame and I had to free her. After a trip to Walmart for a file, I fixed this issue and the problem was solved.



We decided to visit the Buffalo Bill Wild West Draper Museum on Sunday, June 28. There are five museums under one roof. Buffalo Bill Museum, which had possessions of Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley and told the story of their lives. The Plains Indian Museum had stories and displays of their cultures, traditions, trials, and triumphs past and present. The Cody Firearms Museum has over 10,000 artifacts that spark meaningful conversations for firearms enthusiasts and casual visitors. The Draper Natural History Museum is an immersive museum for those who love Yellowstone. You can look, listen, feel, and even sometimes smell what makes Yellowstone's diverse ecosystems special. And the Whitney Western Art Museum with timeless classics and selections from today's world-



renowned Western Artists. In addition to the museums they have a “Live Raptor Experience” where you see golden eagles, acid-spitting turkey vultures, owls and other birds of prey. After the museum we took a short walk to down-town Cody and then returned to the Airstream to prepare for our trip to West Yellowstone, MT.

It was a cold and overcast day on Monday, June 29th, as we departed the Parkway RV Campground on US 20 heading west to Yellowstone National Park (YNP). Even though it was the end of June, we did run into some light snow, but it was not sticking on the roads. Several stops were made along the way to take in the magnificent scenery. As the light rain and snow kept things slow, the Park Service was also doing construction on a highway section we traveled before reaching Fishing Bridge Visitor Center. This slight detour put us on a gravel and muddy, dirt road. By the time we reached the visitor center, the truck was no longer white, the running boards were caked with mud and the Airstream looked very spotty. We stopped at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center for a rest and to see if there were any touristy items we could not live without. Without making purchases, we continued the central route through YNP to our destination just outside the western entrance at the Buffalo Crossing RV Park. During check-in, the park attendant informed us that for \$10.00 we could wash our truck and Airstream at our campsite. After unhooking and settling in, the grill was unpacked to prepare dinner. Because this campground is the closest RV Park to YNP, your grill must be stored inside your vehicle after use.



Begging Burros - Custer State Park



Curious Big Horn Sheep - CSP



Buffalo Herd - Custer State Park



Horn Sheep - Custer State Park

Now it was time to plan our time at YNP. (Part 3 continued next month)

Gerry

H.U.G.S

HARVEST HOSTS

By: Leigh Ann and Christian Schultz

As mentioned in our welcome, Leigh Ann and I call Alexandria, Virginia home, though she grew up on a farm in Oklahoma, and I grew up in the northern suburbs of Detroit, Michigan. We have three children – we're almost empty-nesters – as well as several pets, including a dog that loves to travel in our Airstream. We are outdoor enthusiasts and endurance athletes, and we love to incorporate travel into our adventures. We are working on completing a marathon in every state (39 down, 11 to go) and hope to do one on all seven continents, and we expect our Airstream will be a part of our racing adventures in the United States for years to come.



When COVID hit last year, all of our plans were canceled like they were for most everybody else. In early July 2020, after seeing photos from some of our friends who had just purchased an Airstream, Leigh Ann was inspired, and soon we were researching Airstreams and the camping community. Within a few days, we had an appointment with Colonial Airstreams in New Jersey. We bought our 2020 International Serenity (27' FBQ), which we picked up later that month and quickly named Oscar Mike (for "on the move" using military radio jargon).

After spending some time getting to know Oscar Mike at our home and a couple of short trips to the KOA in Williamsburg and Endless Caverns in Shenandoah, we embarked on a three-week "work from anywhere during COVID" trip to Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont at the end of August and beginning of September. We spent our first boondocking night at Bishop's Orchards farm in Connecticut, which we found using Harvest Hosts, and then spent a week each at Bayley's Campground and the KOA in Bar Harbor...all were fantastic. We spent a night at No View Farm in Maine, another Harvest Hosts location, on our way to a great week outside Stowe, Vermont, before returning home. We saw parts of the country we'd never explored and tried great local food and beverages (beer!). After our New England trip, we took a week-long trip to Michigan to visit family in October and spent a week in November traveling to the Bourbon trail outside Louisville, Kentucky. Both trips included great Harvest Hosts stays at wineries in Ohio and West Virginia.



I mention Harvests Hosts several times, not just because it is a great app that helped us find cool places to stay – which it is! – But because Leigh Ann will be Harvest Host's first Chief Financial Officer starting March 1. We had such a great experience in our first six months of travel that Leigh Ann jumped at the opportunity to become part of a company that we love and support when she realized she knew the company President/CEO, and he indicated, coincidentally, that he was looking for someone with her skill set. We're really excited to combine our future Airstreaming travels as part of work and fun.

We've seen a couple of Airstreams in the neighborhood nearby, and we look forward to meeting up with fellow owners socially distanced for now and on normal grounds as soon as we can. Thank you for welcoming us to the NORVA Airstream Club!

Leigh Ann and Christian Schultz



I'M DREAMING OF...

We are looking forward to resuming participation in rallies and caravans. *Lew & Cathy*

Hanging out and relaxing with Susan by or in the shiny silver happy place. *Gary Shepard*

In late June to early July, we are taking our Globetrotter to Cape Cod for a few days, then onto the ferry to Martha's Vineyard for four days. In August, we are pulling our Airstream west, meeting up with friends at Mount Rushmore, then onto Great Falls, Montana, and then north to Banff, Alberta, Canada. We hope to return home by Labor Day. *Chris and Wendy Meyer*

Jackson's Ohio Presidents Caravan in June. If that doesn't happen, then it will be the Show Me the Ozarks National Caravan in the fall. *Bob and Carol Luther*

Alaska or Newfoundland. *Norma Colby*

NORVA's Breakout Rally. *Eric Colby*

We hope to go on our first caravan this year. *June Atwell*

I'm hoping to set off on my first post-Army retirement multi-month road trip this fall, not sure what part of the country yet. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to a couple of nearby rallies with NORVA. *Allysa Kropp*

We hope to go to the Maintenance Rally in March and then continue to Florida for the month of April. We plan to attend Region 3 in Tallahassee on our way home. *Jane and Dick Arnold*

We hope to make the Maintenance Rally and the Taste of the Blue Ridge Caravan, in May. *Beth and Ed Jones*





RALLY REPORTS



Close at **HEART** while **DISTANCES**
APART!

Thanks for participating.

Doug and Susan Anderson

Lew and Cathy Brodsky

Tom Carmichael

Chuck and Joyce Gregory

Ed and Beth Jones

Allysa Kropp

Ann Newman

Gerry and Patsy Nagel

Gary and Sue Shepard

Kevin and Jane Quinn

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Nancy & Ed Matricardi

When my husband and I stepped into the 2017 International Serenity, we both said, "this is it!". It was light and bright, with plenty of room but not overly lavish. We had been shopping for two years - during my cancer treatment and looked at everything from drivable RVs to toy haulers, etc. The Airstream had the quality and re-sale-ability that was most exciting.

Our first BIG trip was in 2017 when we headed south from Virginia for the winter. Our travels took us through North and South Carolina and Georgia. Then we headed west and stopped in New Orleans for a few days at the Naval Base. As we continued through Texas's amazingly vast state, we decided to visit Great Bend National Park on the southern border. On the way, I started craving authentic tacos. So, my husband began the quest for tacos. Because we were so distracted by our "quest," we missed the signs that warned us that we were headed for the Mexican border. We stopped at the border station, and the attendant laughed, handed us a piece of paper that said, "LOST," and told us we could turn around on the bridge...and then wait in a massive line of traffic to get back into the US. I was SO happy to see the "Welcome to Texas" sign! Neither of us had our passports, so we could have been for a bigger adventure than we had intended.

We stayed one night in a tiny park which was just a few miles from the National Park. The next day, it seemed like we were driving forever to get to the southern border. Finally, after a lovely afternoon on the Rio Grande - and enjoying the view of the colorful Mexican border town, we had only one night to get used to this massive desert.

About that time, I received an urgent call regarding my 95-year-old father, who had been taken to the ER. We shifted our relaxing trip into high gear up toward New Mexico and over to Arizona (with just a couple of overnights on the way). As my father gained strength, we decided to move him closer to the family in Phoenix. I lived in the Airstream while I cleaned out his house. It was a wonderful break from the difficult task. My husband took a plane back home to Virginia to take care of some business - and then flew back a couple of weeks later.



We headed back home by way of the Grand Canyon. We were dismayed when we realized that it was Spring Break for all the Arizona schools, and we could barely manage driving the "Rig" through the parking lot - let alone find a place to park. As we headed east, we found a place to pull over and park, walked across the two-lane highway, and there was the Grand Canyon! We had it all to ourselves! No fences, no people, no noise. Just the massive canyon. It was beautiful—a photographer's dream.

Since we were now on the Indian Reservation, we were warned of severe restrictions of parking anywhere overnight. So, we drove toward Colorado - deciding that we would simply take turns until we arrived at my friend's house. On the way, we recognized a turning sign: "Monument Valley" and turned left. This detour led us to one of our most amazing camping experiences. We found an RV park near the top of a hill. It was \$25/night with no electricity, no sewer, no water. Although it was full of people, it was nearly silent - almost worshipful. We heard some drums in the distance and saw people taking pictures, doing yoga, quietly walking, and some were simply sitting and enjoying the view of the "praying mountains." Simply amazing.

The next day we continued our drive west to visit friends in Durango, Colorado, then on across Kansas' plains. There were many more stops and attractions, but this leg of the trip had a primary purpose: to go home.

We have had many trips since that time, but that one was particularly memorable.

I hope that gives you a little sample of some of our travel experiences.

Meet Allysa Kropp

I love camping and travel, and in my younger years had a bit of disdain for RV travel. But later, I found I couldn't sleep comfortably on the ground anymore (despite my Army credentials) and started rethinking my preconceptions. I heard many stories of my grandparents' travels in their Airstream in the 60s. My aunt, uncle, and cousins took annual 6-week trips across the country in their Airstream in the 70s and 80s.

When I had to find a weekday living arrangement for myself and my golden retriever in 2014 at Ft Pickett, VA (I was in command of a unit in the Virginia National Guard and I would travel home to my house in Alexandria most weekends), I decided that I'd get a used Airstream - why wait till retirement?! I found a 1998 25ft Safari with an ugly dent in its rear cap and vintage 90s decor (teal carpet!) in Fredericksburg and had it delivered to the campground at Ft Pickett. For two years, my dog and I lived in it weekdays, enjoying the small campground's camaraderie and the vast trails in the evenings. It took me a few years before I traveled in it. No sooner did I finally get a tow vehicle than I had to store my Airstream - now named Hap after my grandfather Harold - while I attended War College in Norfolk. Eventually, in the fall of 2016, I took Hap on my first weekend trip - Westmoreland State Park. And since then, it has been on several trips in Tennessee while Hap was loaned to a friend while I was deployed to the Middle East in 2018-19, North Carolina for maintenance work, the Airstream International Rally in 2019 (where I met the wonderful NORVA group!), and more recently Solomon's Island where I store it and camp in it at the Navy





campground. I will retire from the Army this year, and I am looking forward to finally participating in some rallies and some longer trips - not sure where to yet! I do hope to travel for a year around the country at some point soon. Pics attached include one of my grandparents in front of their Airstream at a rally, sporting their berets! I managed to assume their WBCCI number 13224!

Meet June and Tom Park

We are both retired, June as an Executive Assistant from the Federal government and Tom as a business developer and manager at several government contractors. We met through an internet dating site in 2009 and married in 2010. June has traveled throughout the world to much of Europe, the Mideast, and Asia. Tom is an airplane and glider pilot and accomplished sailor. We both enjoy traveling, and during a trip to New Zealand, we saw many small van-like RVs and thought these RVs would be an excellent way to see our country. On returning, we started to look for similar vehicles. We selected an Airstream Interstate, found too small for extended trips, and eventually traded the Interstate on a new 25' Airstream Flying Cloud.



We have spent the last three winters in Florida in our Airstream. Last winter, we spent a month in Florida then went to Arizona for the remainder of the winter. We returned home in mid-March during the Corona Virus Pandemic. We really didn't realize what was happening until we got home. We probably just got home in time before everything started to close. We have seen much of the Eastern US from Maine to Florida in our Airstream and began a trip to the West in 2017 to see many of the National parks in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah. We spent a week at Glacier National Park and were on our way to Yellowstone when we flew home for a death in the family. On returning to Wyoming to continue our trip in mid-September, Yellowstone was closing due to snow, and being not very interested in towing our Airstream in the snow; we decided to head home and see these National Parks in the future. The Southwest Adventure Caravan gives us the opportunity to see many of these parks led by people who intimately know these areas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



Notes from Master Mechanic, DJ Mastin...

Please continue to inform Tom Carmichael regarding any repairs or maintenance you'd like to have done at the Maintenance Rally.

Broken Rivets is tossing in some exciting Door Prizes to thank the NORVA Club for your continued support.

Door Prizes to be given away at the rally:

1. Custom Bottle Opener
2. Blue Tooth Speaker
3. Maintenance Rally Fee and Campsite



NORVA's Spring Rally
May 13-16, 2021
Candy Hill Campground in
Winchester, VA
HOSTS: Pete and Elizabeth West

Please sign-up by March 13 to guarantee you will be located with the group.

[NORVA Spring Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://airstreamclub.org/NORVA-Spring-Rally)

(Please keep in mind that this is the same weekend as our own
NORVA Rally hosted by Pete and Elizabeth West)

Silver in the Streets

Unit 109 would like to invite our partner Virginia Airstream Clubs to register for the **Silver in the Streets**. The rally is generally first-come, first-served, except for a few helpers. The slots open to those outside Virginia on 3/15.

The rally is May 13-16, and we will be parked downtown Abingdon on Remsburg Street or adjacent parking lots. We are parking downtown on Thursday, 5/13 afternoon from a staging area.

There are 25 slots, including the volunteers.

You should be able to register online and pay through PayPal with links in the attachment.

Abingdon offers many options for activities: Creeper Trail bicycling, the Martha Washington, the Barter Theatre, NASCAR at Bristol, and the wild ponies at Grayson Highlands are just a few area highlights.

Due to Covid concerns and state restrictions, there will be no Open House planned, and there will be no indoor group events. So, there will be lots of free time to explore the options.

If there are questions, let us know.

Thanks!

Jeff Cutright, Virginia Airstream Club 109



Fun-filled Father's Day weekend on the Shenandoah River **JUNE 18th-20th**

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

You can still get a site- CALL NOW!



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.

Rally Schedule

(subject to minor changes)

Friday – June 18th

5:00-6:00 pm – Welcome and Happy Hour

6:00 pm – Pizza, Airstream Trivia and Socialize

Saturday – June 19th

Breakfast on own

Day – Free Time. Suggested Things to Do Include:

- River Tubing, Kayaking (bring your own tube and boat-shuttle provided for kayak/canoeing)
- Local Hiking: Shenandoah National Park, Massanutten Mountain, Story Book Trail
- Cooter's Museum, downtown Luray and walking trail, Luray Caverns
- Campground River Beach: Bring a cooler and enjoy the river while socializing

4:00-6:00 pm – Happy Hour and Cornhole Tournament

6:00 pm – Dinner on your own due to Covid concerns

7:00 pm – Socialize and campfire

Sunday – June 20th

Father's Day Breakfast – Pancakes with the Perkins



Tennestreamin' 21 Caravan to the International Rally

NORVA Club Caravan LC—#440

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.

WHO'S LEADING YOU?

LAURAL VELOZ & SCOTT ARNOLD, THAT'S WHO!

Laural (6854) is 1st VP of the NORVA Airstream Club and has owned her Airstream Basecamp since November of 2018. She spent 18 months living full-time and traveling the U.S., Mexico and Canada. She loves Airstreams so much that she recently acquired a 1981 Vintage Airstream Motorhome. Laural believes that dirt and country roads are the best roads in America.

Scott (7953) is a third generation Airstreamer and a recently retired Firefighter. He has owned an Airstream since 2008. Scott loves to travel the back country roads and can always find an amazing spot for a meal along the way.





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)

**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):** _____

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Parking Options	Yes
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$	Vintage	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$125.00	\$	First Time Attendee	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$	ADA Accessible	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$-20.00		Generator	
			GRAND TOTAL:	\$	Solar	

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

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



Brew Ridge Joint Rally

Devil's Backbone- 200 Mosby's Run Roseland, VA 22967

October 17-20, 2021 - SPECIAL DEADLINE!!

Reserve by March 10, 2021- It's NOT too late!

By special arrangement we have 19 sites reserved for the long-in-the-future Brew Ridge Joint Rally from arrival Sunday, Oct. 17 to departure Wednesday Oct. 20.



The Devil's Backbone camp is very, very popular, despite some of the highest cost camping reservations in the market. The Fall Color is usually nice then.

FHU [orange] sites are \$65 a night + tax and a \$3.50 processing fee per order. Bring extra power and water lines. The hookups are "shared" between sites. Here is the quote from the camping manager: "If we do a site hold, just to be clear, your members will have to call us to reserve their site and will not be able to book online. If you want to go that route, we can place a hold on the sites until March 10. Your members would have the opportunity to call us to book until that date, then we will release any un-booked sites to the public." BOTTOM LINE: If you want to visit the breweries, wineries, and antique stores in the Rockfish Valley **BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY.**

Please call 540-817-6061 to book three nights and say you are part of the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club Joint Rally for October 17-20, 2021.



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 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>HUGS and KISSES!</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 17th – 20th</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

Mary Bartelt	3/1
Lee Usher	3/14
Susan Shepard	3/16
Gary Brink	3/19
Ralph Uttech	3/21
April Meyerson	3/23
Cathey Baker	3/24
Alex Arnold	3/27



Anniversaries


Kenneth & Susan Trahan	3/4
Jeff & Becky Brady	3/10
Jeff Cooper and Glenna Winnie	3/17
Christopher & Wendy Meyer	3/26



We recently introduced 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. Create a "check-off" list for both inside and outside when we prepare to leave. Just before you leave we do a walk-around to look things over (TV antenna, stabilizers, windows, etc.).
2. Where is your spare key to your RV? Many Airstreamers hide one outside of the trailer. Some Airstreams had a problem with the door bolt closing while bumping down the road. The way in was thru the rear compartment and raise the bed, if possible.



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