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AIRSTREAM HUGS Western Trip (Part 3)

Patsy and Gerry Nagel – Yellowstone National Park – Ogden, UT

As we started out on our first day of site touring at YNP on Tuesday, June 30, it was cold and drizzly. Our campground, Buffalo Crossing RV Park, backed up to YNP and is only one mile to the YNP Western Entrance. The plan was to take the Grand Loop Road to the north through the park and stop whenever we saw something interesting. The first stop was Gibbon Falls which is located on the Gibbon River about midway between Norris Geyser Basin and Madison Junction.

The falls are situated where the Gibbon River falls off the Northern escarpment into the **Yellowstone** Caldera. The **Yellowstone** super volcano last erupted about 640,000 years ago. When it did, it left behind a **caldera**, a landform created by the inward collapse of a volcano's peak. It measures approximately 30 by 45 miles covering a large area of the park. All of this previous activity leads to Yellowstone being presently the site of one of the world's largest hydrothermal systems including Earth's largest concentration of geysers. Traveling north we came upon Beryl Spring, which is a





hot spring in the Gibbon Geyser Basin. It is a large superheated pool and boils up to a height of 4 feet and is one of the hottest springs in Yellowstone, averaging 196 degrees Fahrenheit. As it was a cold and foggy morning, the steam cloud coming off the spring was very thick and the sulfur order was strong.



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The next stop on our excursion was the Artist's Paint Pot. The trail to see the Paint Pots is a 1.1-mile loop that circles a hillside hydrothermal area, passing bursting mudpots, bubbling hot springs, and mesmerizing milky blue pools. There is 125 feet of elevation gain along this fun and easy lollipop loop with plenty to see. The next stop was Norris Geyser Basin, the hottest geyser basin in Yellowstone. The basin is comprised of two distinct sections: The **Back Basin** is in a forest setting (at least it was before the 1988 fires, now it's more of a regenerating forest setting). It contains geysers and hot springs tucked among the trees. The **Porcelain Basin** is characterized by a lack of vegetation. No plants can live in the hot, acidic, water emitted from the numerous thermal features in the basin. Porcelain Basin presents a beautiful but desolate visage which is unlike any of the other geyser basins in Yellowstone. After walking around the geysers this geezer was gyesered out and Patsy admitted she was also. We then headed to Canyon Village Center to find a picnic area for lunch. Because of the cold wind and misty rain, we ate in the truck and watched the ravens. After lunch we headed to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone to view the falls on the Yellowstone River and see the view that is one of the most painted and photographed



in Yellowstone. A painting of the falls hangs in the office where I have done part-time work the last 5 years and I wanted to shoot my own picture. Then it was back to the campground to get ready for day two at YNP.





It was a nice sunny day on Wednesday, July 1 and our plan was to take the south grand loop road to the Excelsior Geyser Crater where the Grand **Prismatic Spring is** located. Walking around the spring you could see the blue water. To have the best view we hiked up the Fairy Falls Trail where you could look down on the spring and see the vivid prismatic colors around the edge with the blue water in the middle. After this we headed off to see Old Faithful and have lunch.



We found an excellent spot, a bench on the boardwalk, to view Old Faithful. It erupts approximately every 90 minutes and based on conversations with others we had about a 45 minute wait. There were several times during our wait that it would tease the crowd with a little steam and water but when the time came it was a wonderful sight to see and it lasted between three and five minutes. After visiting the Park Store, it was off to Grant Village Visitor Center along the South Grand Loop road. The interesting part of this route is that you cross the continental divide from west to east twice as it loops up into YNP. Just before Grant Village we encountered an Elk Jam where they were grazing on both sides of the road. Luckily there was ample shoulder to pull off as Patsy was already exiting the truck. When Patsy was finally through taking pictures, we headed back to camp to plan for the next day.







It was another sunny day as we headed off to the Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) on Thursday, July 2. We took the South Grand Loop road until we intersected with US 89 and turned south, which took us out of the YNP South Entrance and immediately into GTNP. We had a pleasant drive with Jackson Lake on our right and a few miles down the road we turned on to Teton Park Road for a more leisurely drive. After crossing Jackson Lake Dam, we found a picnic area by the Chapel of the Sacred Heart, a wedding venue, on the southern end of Lake Jackson. After lunch we proceeded south and running parallel to Teton Park Road was a nice bike path. We both agreed we would need a return trip to spend more time at GTNP. After a stop at the Jenny Lake Visitor Center, we headed to the Chapel of the Transfiguration, a 1925 rustic chapel still in use today. The Chapel has a majestic view of the Tetons through its Altar window and it was disappointing the Chapel was closed to visitors. We did shoot some nice pictures with the full Chapel and the Tetons in the background.



We continued south to Jackson Hole, WY, home of the National Elk Refuge which is a winter refuge for the Jackson Elk Herd. In the winter time you can take sleigh rides into the refuge to see Elk and other wildlife such as Trumpeter Swans, Grey Wolves, Big Horn Sheep, Bald Eagles and Bison. This is on Patsy's bucket list for a later trip in the winter time. We stopped in Jackson Hole and walked around the town to see what it had to offer. One of the main attractions is the Jackson Town Square Park with their Elk antler arches at the four corner entrances. After walking around Jackson, we decided to take a different route back to West Yellowstone, MT instead of driving through the GTNP and YNP.





10% grade of 3.1 and 5.5 miles in length. We were glad we were not towing and that we also had the engine exhaust brake. After clearing the pass we stopped in Driggs, ID for diesel at \$2.29 per gallon. So far on our trip after 15 fuel stops we were averaging \$2.25 per gallon. From Driggs we continued on ID 33 to ID 32 which took a shortcut to US 20 and we returned to the campground in West Yellowstone, MT.



We left Jackson heading west on WY 22 which is the Teton Pass highway and becomes ID 33 upon entering Idaho. There was an elevation change from 6,148 feet in Wilson to 8,432 feet at the top of the pass. This road is not recommended for RVs as there are many switchbacks and two sections with



It was back to YNP on Friday, July 3 with a trip north to Mammoth Hot Springs, which is at the northern entrance to the park from Gardiner, MT. Mammoth Hot Springs is also the location of YNP Headquarters. Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872 and supervised by civilian administrators. They were unable to control poachers and souvenir hunters and in 1886 the Secretary of the Interior requested help from the Secretary of War. Army troops from Company M, First United States Calvary, and Fort Custer, Montana Territory arrived in August 1886. After five harsh winters they realized this was not temporary and Congress appropriated money to start building permanent facilities. The Army controlled YNP until 1916 when the National Park Service was established and assumed control of YNP. After walking around the Headquarters grounds, which looks like the typical old Calvary Post, we ate our

picnic lunch. Some of the local residents decided to have lunch at the open grounds between the Mammoth Hotel and the Mammoth Ranger Station. There were at least 20 Elk Cows dining and lounging in the area and not at all disturbed by the



people in the area. The Park Rangers were patrolling the area and insuring that people were keeping distance from the Elk. From there it was walking distance to Mammoth Hot Springs, a terrace-like cascade of steaming travertine pools, and we walked around the boardwalk to see the different springs. Patsy had a snake sighting from the boardwalk and showed a picture she took to one of the Rangers and learned it was a Bull snake. The snake had similar markings to a Rattlesnake and, according to the Ranger, they don't inhabit the same area. We then made the short drive to Gardiner, MT to visit the local shops and see the Roosevelt Arch built in 1903 marking the northern entrance to YNP.

On the return trip to the campground, we encountered several critter jams. The first one was a fox weaving his way through some scrub bushes and teasing us; you couldn't get a clear picture. The next was a small group of buffalo. Finally, a Fox was walking around a pull-off area and Patsy got a real good picture from the truck.

Saturday, July 4, was a very sunny and pleasant day and it was time to wash the truck and Airstream to prepare for the next

leg of the trip. Patsy went down town for a while and when she returned cleaned all the missed spots. While cleaning the vehicles, our camping neighbor, Cory and Laura Jones from Oak Ridge, TN decided to do the same. They have an older Avion that they completely gutted and rebuilt the interior to accommodate them and their two young children. They were on a quick 3 week trip trying to see as much as they could. The young six-year old son helps his Dad backing up to hook up the trailer and he is really good at it! They left early the next morning for Arches and Canyon Lands.

We had really enjoyed YNP but it was time to depart. It was disappointing that the road to Hayden Valley was closed for construction and the length of an alternate route made the trip impractical. The Museum of the National Park Ranger was also closed. I don't know if it was normal for so many rental RVs in YNP, but we got a good laugh about not being able to throw a dead possum without hitting a rental RV in YNP. We gave them a wide berth. Patsy said that in YNP you need to have your camera on the ready at any moment because she missed some good wildlife pictures she was not expecting. We both want to return to YNP.

We departed West Yellowstone, MT on



Sunday, July 5 and headed for Ogden, UT and Hill Air Force Base Fam Camp. We drove on US 20 to Idaho Falls, ID and made our obligatory stop at Walmart for supplies and diesel as it was \$1.99 per gallon. Everyone was filling up and you had to jockey for your place in line. After Walmart, we picked up I-15 and headed south for Ogden, arriving at Hill AFB Fam Camp



in the early afternoon. When we parked in our site, we had about 10 feet on each side and the rear of the trailer backed up to the campsite behind it. While there we did laundry and grocery shopping, as there were no grocery stores at our next two destinations. We found an REI store in Fairmont, UT on Monday July 6 to take our Cannondale bikes for needed adjustments. After departing Virginia, we had found the tune-ups performed before we left on our trip weren't performed correctly.

4 – Bryce Canyon National Park will be next month.

Gerry

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A Final Airstream Trip Downeast Submitted By: Lew Brodsky



One can never foretell what fate has planned. At the time, I didn't know that the trip to Maine with family would be my last in the Airstream, but that's how things

turned out. I realized I had been growing older and was feeling the inevitable aches and pains that come with aging. Lying down and getting up had become difficult. My eyes were getting cloudier day by day. My stamina had

waned. But all that was considered normal as I approached my 13th birthday. In the words of the people I loved, and those who loved me, I had become "a good old girl," adored by family and friends.

They call me "Paisley," the "Airstream Celebrity Golden Retriever." I earned that special title as a life-long member of WBCCI and the NORVA Airstream Club, and because of a photograph. The picture showed me carrying my leash in my mouth and walking alongside a row of shiny new trailers. It was snapped in 2013 by a professional photographer during an Alumapalooza Rally in Ohio, and it filled the page of the Factory Service Center advertisement in *Airstream Life*. The ad ran in every issue of that international magazine for two years. Its appearance also led to a story about me in *Blue Beret* magazine (Oct. 2014). As a result, even Airstreamers I never met, dog-toperson, knew who I was!



With my owners (my "Mom" and "Dad"), I've traveled on many National and NORVA caravans and attended scores of rallies, making hundreds of human and canine friends and acquaintances over time. The Airstream is my "home away from home." I visited about 40 states, including Alaska, and every Canadian province from British Columbia to New Brunswick.

I am sensing that it will soon be time for me to "go" to a vastly different place where I have never been. So now, dear friends, I'd like to share my thoughts about my final Airstream journey to Downeast Maine.*





In September and early October 2020, Mom, Dad, and I took a joyful trip made necessary by a miserable plague. Our destination was Bar Harbor, a small, picturesque coastal hamlet in Maine. We drove there to visit and help ("Daughter") Jordanna, my human "Sister," and her husband, Jason, who had



recently purchased a log cabin near Acadia National Park as a second home. They call it their "getaway retreat."

No doubt you are aware that many humans are distancing themselves from a spreading pandemic they call Covid-19. Thankfully, dogs are not impacted by this terrible illness.



In Jordanna and Jason's case, their condo apartment on the west side of Manhattan was not exactly a safe place for humans to be living in the spring and fall of 2020. Maine, however, is where Jason was born, had grown up, and where family members reside. Compared to New York, America's northeastern-most state was virtually virus-free. In March 2020, Jordanna and Jason "escaped" from New York and took up temporary residence in Bar Harbor. They planned to remain there until the pandemic eased, but as the virus continued its spread throughout America's densely populated cities, it didn't take the couple very long to decide to buy a home in Maine and stay the course. Both

have jobs that allow them to work virtually.

The Maine log cabin they bought needed some fixing up, and who better to help than us? It was Mom, Dad, and Paisley to the rescue! The Airstream and tow vehicle were loaded up with tools,

painting supplies, masks, food for humans and me, the Airstream celebrity dog. In the glove compartment were placed the required papers showing negative results of Covid tests. Off we went, taking two days to cover the 800





miles between Virginia and

coastal Maine. Avoiding unnecessary stops along the way, the Airstream served as our safe, virus-free "Pandemic Palace." We made a planned, onenight stop at Hanscom Air Force Base Family Campground near Boston, a

conveniently located military campground near I-95 where we've overnighted on previous trips to New England and maritime Canada.

Upon arrival in Bar Harbor the next afternoon, Dad eased the trailer into an impossibly tight parking spot between forest and log cabin. It took him an hour to back in and get it properly placed. We would be living and sleeping in that convenient spot for the next 10 days,

socially distancing from Jason and Jordanna, and from Jason's parents during visits from their nearby home.







The fix-up work began almost immediately. Of course, I did not do any of it. Duh...I'm a dog. My paws are not suited to holding a hammer or wielding a paintbrush. And everybody knows that applying paint using my tail would be a dumb and rather messy affair. Therefore, I happily performed the functions for which I was born and trained: staying nearby as a faithful

companion, trying not to get way, doing whatever I'm (within reason), and always being a "love sponge" soaking up love from those around me, multiplying it a

hundred times, and giving it right back; spreading the warmth, affection and happiness. People expect that from a good dog.

I watched my beloved humans clean surfaces, paint walls, hang fixtures, fix doors, clean drains, place furniture, trim overgrown vegetation, and haul in two cords of split logs for the wood stoves. Also, we made countless trips to the hardware store in town and to the nearest Home Depot and Walmart in Ellsworth, 20 miles away. Despite the hard work, there was lots of time to share good meals (scraps, kibble, and tap water for me; lobster and wine

in the asked

for them) and socialize (mostly outdoors). In the evenings we sat around a gas fire pit on the deck and enjoyed relaxing together. Some days, we had time to stroll through "downtown" Bar Harbor and explore the shoreline, trails, mountains, and lakes of the National Park. The Park's main entrance is just five minutes from the cabin. As you can see in the photos, Maine is a perfect place to be for people and their Golden Retrievers (and yes, other dog breeds enjoy it as well).



I observed that the Bar Harbor area has many campgrounds. Some of the public ones in the Park have sites with hookups, although most do not. There are also a dozen-plus privately operated campgrounds on and near Mount Desert Island (where Acadia Park and Bar Harbor are located, connected to the mainland by a tiny, two-lane causeway). These campgrounds have ocean views, full hookups, and many amenities.







Alas, time in Maine passes quickly, especially when surrounded by family and together enjoying the natural beauty of the place. Before I could slowly chase another stick, it was time to go home. Dad hooked

up the trailer and we headed back to Virginia. We retraced exactly the path we took up to Maine, including another overnight stop at Hanscom AFB.

The fall leaves in Virginia were not as bright as the colorful forests we left behind in Maine, but it was good to get back home. We had ended an Airstream trip that I will remember fondly for the rest of my life.**



*Downeast--a term most often defined in Maine as the eastern coastal region of the state that covers Washington County and Hancock County beginning in Ellsworth and stretching eastward to the maritime provinces of Canada.

**Sadly, Paisley suffered a devastating major stroke on October 11, 2020, three days after arriving home from Maine, She lost the use of her hind legs and was unable to stand or walk. The prognosis for any recovery was very grim. After emergency treatment and observation at a local veterinary hospital, it was decidedly best to spare her further suffering. NORVA's Lew & Cathy Brodsky, Paisley's "Mom and Dad" held her as she was put to sleep on October 11, one day shy of her 13th birthday.



RALLY REPORTS



Maintenance Rally Submitted By: Lew Brodsky

Owners of 28 Airstream trailers, 2 Argosy, and 1 Airstream "Interstate" van, attended NORVA's first rally of the 2021 camping season. Weatherwise, they did not know what to expect when they signed up weeks ago. "It's always iffy to have a rally in March, and the lingering Covid pandemic complicated matters this year," said rally host Tom Carmichael.







Cold? Snow? Decent weather was hoped for so that the barn doors of the large

pavilion building where the "indoor" meetings would be held could be kept open for airflow. As it turned out, the weather was perfect. Although a bit windy, Friday's temperature reached 81 degrees, and Saturday was beautiful, with temps in the mid-70s and mostly sunny.

NORVA's annual Breakout & Maintenance Rally was a "joint" rally at Cozy Acres Family Campground in Powhatan, Va., March 19-21. Members of two other local Airstream clubs attended: "Spirit of Virginia," and "Virginia." All were welcomed Friday by NORVA's president, Gerry Nagel and, for the fifth consecutive year, NORVA was delighted to have Airstream Technician DJ Mastin (owner of Broken Rivets RV Service, Ashland) as its guest expert. Per arrangement, DJ answered technical questions and

performed minor repairs on 11 of the rigs during the weekend, assisted by his wife, Jessie.

Led by Tom Carmichael,







Saturday morning's group discussion about trailer safety and maintenance was a little different than in years past. Most of the information was voiced and shared among the attendees themselves, based on their personal experiences, with DJ adding facts, expertise, and recommendations.

Contributing significantly to the discussions were NORVA's Cecil Hoosier and

his son, Danny, both licensed electricians. They reviewed the electrical wiring of Airstreams and explained why proper grounding is important to safe operation of onboard systems. "I was especially grateful for that session on Airstreams and electricity, because it taught me a lot," noted Doug Perkins who, with wife Gail and Labrador Retriever "Seneca" have been Club members for just over a year and will be rally hosts in June. (See Page 12, "Outlanders River Camp," March 2021 issue of *NORVA News*).



As is the case with most NORVA rallies, there was plenty of free time to share stories, cook outdoor meals, relax, go for walks, and sit around campfires into



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the night (while maintaining social distancing). For two couples, who joined the club recently, it was their first NORVA event. Brian Wing & Jennifer Hughes of Bristow, Va., came with their new 30-foot Classic trailer. Also, Sharon Haw and husband, Barry Miller, brought their 23foot Globetrotter to Powhatan, deciding to join NORVA as <u>affiliate</u> members. They live in Gaithersburg, Md., and their "home club" is the Washington, D.C. Airstream Unit. Sitting together, the conversation between the two couples confirmed their enthusiasm: "We are having a great time and learning a lot from everybody here. You kinda think you know everything, and then somebody says something and then you realize, I never thought about that! The fact that there are so many people here with so much experience is amazing. You learn



things you just can't learn on the Internet. It's our first rally but we will definitely come back."



John Bevis and his wife Beverly were also impressed. Although they've been NORVA members since July 2019, and have previously attended several indoor events, this was their first outdoor camping rally with the Club. "It's the first time we've come to a real rally to be with all the other folks and their trailers. Everybody's as nice as they can be, and we are really pleased," said John. "We're having a good time, and it's relaxing, too. I've been able to read my book a bit and ride my bike and stop and chat with everybody in the campground."

Bright sun reflected off two brand-new trailers that were placed on display just outside the barn doors of the pavilion, courtesy of Airstream of Virginia. Salesman Fred Greene was on hand to show the Classic and Globetrotter to Club members (as well as several non-Airstream campers in the campground) who might want to

upgrade their RV experience by buying a new trailer! Fred also provided dozens of door prizes for the rally. But the "Grand Door Prize" at the Sunday morning drawing was furnished by the Mastins. DJ and Jessie volunteered to pay for the winner's weekend camping fees at Cozy Acres. Through the luck of the draw, NORVA's Ann Newman won that prize.

Tom Carmichael wrapped up the weekend by speaking at Sunday morning's coffee mug get-together. There were some brief discussions about upcoming Club rallies and caravans. When it was all over, Tom was convinced this year's Maintenance Rally was successful. "Everything worked out. Because of the pandemic, it was nerve-wracking and difficult to put it together, but the feedback I've gotten tells me this rally was wonderful, and we all had a great time. We'll do it again next year."



Meet John and Beverly Bevis

Submitted By: John and Beverly Bevis

Our Airstream adventure.....We are John and Beverly Bevis, who became Airstream owners in 2018. We live in Vienna, having sold our home in Springfield in 2018, as part of downsizing and retirement. Married 49 years and counting, our two daughters are grown, one here, one in New Jersey. We have three grandchildren. John is a lifelong NoVa resident, and



Beverly grew up as a "Navy brat", moving along with five other brothers and sisters, whose mom kept them in line when Dad was deployed with the fleet.

From early on, we have always enjoyed camping. We started with tents, and even took the first baby on a trip sleeping in a basket when she was 7 days old. In the late 70's we inherited a pop-up camper which we used for the next 20 years. We literally covered most of the United States on our trips.

The Airstream dream started several years ago, but like so many life kept it from happening. Work, college tuition,, elderly parents, etc. Meanwhile we tried to learn as much as possible, including visits to different RV dealers and shows. We even toured the factory at Jackson Center before deciding. John really liked the Flying Cloud series, 25 or 27, while Beverly liked the Classic. Needless to say, we ended up buying a 30 foot Classic and a Chevy Silverado 2500 diesel in the summer of 2018. Proceeds from the sale of our home enabled us to do so, along with renovations to our home in Vienna, which we had purchased years before as an investment property. We made some shorter trips in 2018, and in 2019 went south to Florida, then across the Gulf coast, and north for three weeks. After that we camped in the mountains and Outer Banks in the fall.



John finally retired at the end of 2019. We planned a long 2020 trip westward, then the Covid hit everyone. We had a couple of warranty issues, and had made an appointment at JC, which was postponed once. In early May, Ohio lifted some restrictions, including campgrounds, so we kept our appointment. They replaced the electric hoist which was malfunctioning, and we added an easy start for the front AC. They were very knowledgeable and professional.

We were literally the only trailer in their campground, which was a little strange. In the midst of that trip, we received word that Beverly's 95-year-old mother had been hospitalized. We made the run to Fredericksburg and stayed at the KOA south of Fredericksburg for over a month to be near her and assist in her care. She peacefully passed away in June, and we just recently attended interment at Arlington National Cemetery. Currently we are in the midst of an addition to our home, which is nearing completion. Our plan is to live here for the foreseeable future.

We are registered for both the upcoming Maintenance Rally and the Spring Rally, and look forward to these events, and the opportunity to meet everyone. After that we plan to travel north to New England as far as Bar Harbor, then likely a fall trip west or south.

NEW MEMBERS



Let's welcome Barry Miller and his wife, Sharon Haw. They have joined NORVA as affiliate members. Feature story coming soon.

Let's welcome Steve Roman and his wife, Silvia Gonzalez Roman. Feature story coming soon.





Let's welcome Sean and Tasha Feature story coming soon.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NORVA'S Spring Rally May 13-17 Candy Hill Campground

Winchester, VA



Tentative Rally Activities

*Guided Tour of Old Downtown Winchester *Patsy Cline House *Museum of Shenandoah Valley Outdoor Gardens *Bluemont Winery *Bear Chase Brewery (Noted for the best views in Loudoun County) *Drive-In Movie *Private Antique Fire Truck Collection Tour with Catered Dinner to follow at the West's home (pictured).

Subject to change due to COVID

NORVA'S Spring Rally

May 13-17 Candy Hill Campground Winchester, VA COUPON

Name: Number Attending: Unit: Rally Fee: **\$33.00 per person** Mail Coupon and Rally Fee to: Pete West PO Box 186 Philomont, VA 20131





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): <u>dougp2@verizon.net</u> Event Contact phone(s): Doug - 540-847-9559

4253 US-211, Luray, VA 22835 (540) 743-5540 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, Massaunutten 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 Tournement

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





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 <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.

JULY 17-24, 2021 **★** LEBANON, TN

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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

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



CELEBRATIONS



Anniversaries

Barry Miller and Sharon Haw 4/11 Steve Roman and Silvia Gonzalez Roman 4/16 Gary and Susan Shepard 4/22 Peter and Elizabeth West 4/23



Bright Ideas is gathered from a group of Airstreamers who enjoy 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.

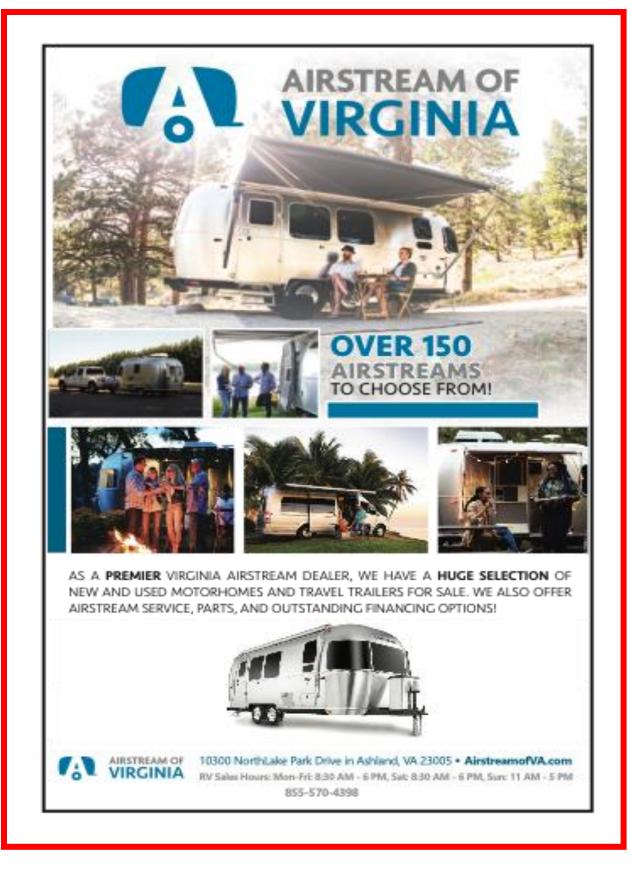


1. Make sure one of the keys to your Airstream, is kept in safe place outside the Airstream in case you accidentally get locked out.

2. Command brand by 3M provides a variety of hooks of hooks that make hanging things easy in your airstream – on the aluminum or the cabinetry. Keep in mind, they remove easier when warm so you may need to heat with a hair dryer prior to removal.

3. Maintaining proper tire pressure on your Airstream and Tow Vehicle is essential to your safety and success. There are many tools which allow you to check and add air easily.







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