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Greeting from Tidewater Virginia!

It has been my great pleasure to serve as Club 111 President here in Tidewater Virginia the last twelve months. We celebrated our club's 50th anniversary this year at First Landing State Park this past weekend – the site of our club's first rally fifty years ago. Our club's first president, Don Shafer, his wife Ann, daughter Janea, and son-in-law Ed attended a Friday night dinner hosted by club members Frank and Jayne Munoz.

After an excellent dinner, Don gave us a talk on the history of our club and shared stories about his family's lifelong relationship with Airstream. He also discussed his club leadership responsibilities from local to regional to international presidencies over the past 50 years. Don purchased his first Airstream in 1963 in San Diego, CA while on active duty as a navy pilot. He reminisced about his first trailer with its single axle, combination powered light fixtures, and lifetime warranty. His comments hit home as my wife Ellie and I have been pulling our single axle 1962 Safari the last fifteen years. We proudly have our lifetime warranty certificate posted and still enjoy the original cabinets and lighting. Club members had plenty of questions and enjoyed the evening. Don's daughter Janea grew up living the Airstream life and shared her perspective and some stories as well. She and her husband are both past club presidents and pull a vintage Flying Cloud.

Our club has been blessed with a strong membership base and has been growing steadily the last few years. With all the challenges we have endured in 2020, we still have been able to get together for some very enjoyable rallies. Club 111 is proud of our fifty year tradition and look forward to many more years of fun and adventure.

I am submitting this writing to the Blue Beret to mark our 50th Anniversary and share our celebration with fellow Airstreamers. Also submitted is a photo of Don Shafer and me at our Friday night gathering. Don and Ann will be heading back to Florida this winter in their Airstream motorhome. Don has been a mentor and friend to countless people across the country. His service and contributions to our organization are greatly appreciated.

Best regards and safe travels to all!

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