

TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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Tidewater Club

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From the President

Greetings Fellow Airstreamers,

We have definitely had our share of drab, dreary days so far this winter but I know that things will get better and we'll all be planning to break the campers out and hit the road. It is a promising sign that the International and Region 3 rallies will be taking place. With the COVID vaccine becoming more available maybe more of us will be able to travel this year. So don't forget to make your reservations to attend the rallies this year. The sites at all the campgrounds are filling up fast, especially during summer.

I don't know if any of you have done any projects on your trailers this winter, but Rhonda and I are tackling quite a remodel of ours. We had a bad leak 6 years ago and although we dried out the floor as well as we could while on a caravan, it was not as dry as it could be. As a consequence, as the years went by, we could smell mildew and several areas looked as if there was mold growing. We decided to rip up the carpet and linoleum and put down new flooring. The problem was deciding on the color of the flooring we wanted. I wanted to put down luxury vinyl plank but Rhonda could not find a color she thought would go well with the cabinets. After many trips to the flooring stores, we read a comment on Airstream Forum about a product called Supercore. It is very similar to LVP in the manner of installation but it has ground up limestone mixed in that makes it stronger and able to withstand temperatures from -30F up to 150 F, great for trailers that are stored during the summer or winter. We have removed the bed, sofa and smaller cabinets but left the kitchen cabinets in place and I hope to start installing the flooring this week.

Well, as many of you know, when you start remodeling, it leads to other things. The Ozite or mouse fur as it is popularly called, was beyond cleaning. Despite Rhonda trying 5 different cleaners, we were never able to get it clean, so we have torn off

the mouse fur and have ordered vinyl, similar to what is on the ceiling . It should be easier to put up and clean. Of course, this required that the windows and door frames had to be removed in order to glue the vinyl to the wall and since everything was bare, I plan on putting another outlet in the bedroom and replacing the water heater. Our current water heater is 15 years old and gave us some problems last year, so a new heater was ordered and has been delivered. Rhonda has also suggested recovering the sofa so we may have the silver bullet ready for our first rally or it may be missing a few parts! We hope all of you are well and that we will see you somewhere down the road this year.

I have enclosed a few pictures of our work in progress.



Our club is **still looking for a person to fill the 2nd Vice President position** and one or more to be a Trustee as a club officer. The Standing Committee Chairs currently open are Caravan Leader, Historian, Legislative, Safety, Nominating Parliamentarian. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions to help ease the work load and give more voice to the club officer meetings.

Larry Evans

Please Join in Welcoming our New Members for 2021

*Gina and David Clinthorne
Fredericksburg, VA
27' Safari*

*Natalie and Roger Clevinger
Williamsburg, VA
30' Classic*

On the Road



Highlights of Member Travels

Winter Camping at North Bend State Park....Loop B (January 22-25)

Richard and I had the most delightful long weekend on January 22-25th this very year. Being originally from Ohio, we NEVER even pushed the snow off of our trailer in January. We had several reasons to try winter camping: I had some quilted items to pick up from the quilter in Boydton, Virginia, we wanted to try out our trailer which was damaged at Virginia Airstream right in their own lot AND I got a speeding ticket with Rhonda Evans on Route 58 in Mechlenburg County during our previous North Bend outing. So, off to southern Virginia we went.

Now, which of those items do you want to learn about first? Ok, the quilting. My wall hangings look beautiful. Just ask me and I will show you them on my phone. Our Airstream was repaired and it worked perfectly. The speeding ticket is a wonderful campground story, again, just ask me about it. I learned a lot in Traffic Court in Mechlenburg County.

But, the most important part of our weekend was the fantastic camping experience, remember it was January, at North Bend State Park. There were about 11 other trailers in Loop B, which is the only Loop open in the winter. There was an electrical hook up which helped with the furnace using only about 1/2 of a tank of propane the entire time. We did not de-winterize the trailer so that made everything pretty simple. Knowing that the dump site was open, we used the toilet with gallons of water. The restrooms were a short walk and very nicely heated and hot water for showers. With a refrigerator, a microwave, a hot pot and a grill, meals can be very good and tasty. So, we had all of the wonderful Airstream conveniences. I am not typically a paper plate person, but found putting the dishes in the fire rather fun.

The incredible part of the weekend was the direct beach and water access, although Richard was not dressed for swimming. We walked miles of sandy beach in the bright sunlight. The sunrises and sunsets were amazing. Looking out from the hatch door gave us a real sense of serenity. Having a roaring campfire most of the afternoon and evening was a real treat, not like summer time in Virginia.



North Bend, for many reasons is now our favorite year round campground. We enjoyed it in November and now again in January. Come and join us for a real relaxing camping time.



Submitted by Joanna and Richard Duncan



Letter from Bill Wild Region 3 President

*To rally or not to rally - that is the question
(with apologies to Shakespeare)*

After careful consideration of the many facts and opinions we received concerning whether or to not to have a Region 3 Rally this year, we have decided to go for it. Everyone is concerned about COVID-19, and rightfully so, but for the most part they are also ready to get out of the house and

get their Airstreams back on the road! In fact, many of you are already out there soloing or gathering for local rallies. **So, the 2021 Region 3 Tallahassee 'Tally' Rally is officially on.** Please plan to join us April 21-25 for a Silver Celebration inside the Capitol Circle in historic Tallahassee Florida.

We are planning four days of fun, friends, and food at the North Florida Fair where we have parking for several hundred rigs. We have a large meeting room with full kitchen, stage, and sound system. We are putting together seminars, craft events, demonstrations, happy hours, and lots of meals. And of course, entertainment. We are finding local talent from the active music scene that surrounds the FSU campus, and may also have a jam session for our resident musicians, so bring your instruments with you.

All sites are on grass and have 30/50A electric and water. There are two dump facilities. Come with empty tanks and you should be fine for four days.

We will be posting updates and registration info on the website and in an email blast in the next few days. We are setting the rally fee at \$250 per Airstream. That includes all parking fees which were negotiated at a fantastic price by committing to a minimum of 100 rigs for 4 nights.

I am so grateful for the amazing team you all played a part in assembling for Region 3. 1st VP Christine Baum, 2nd VP Jerry Peterson, Secretary Kimberly Funderburg, Treasurer John Meeks, and Webmaster Roy Beavers are all working together to present a great "Coming out of COVID" gathering this spring. Some of them may be contacting you to provide volunteers for the myriad of tasks that need doing during these events. Several local units have already stepped up to cook, serve meals, and give seminars. We still need to cover parking, tables and chairs, audio/video support, and probably more. Please give them your support when they reach out to you.

Finally, help us get the word out via your newsletters and local club emails. We look forward to seeing you in Tallahassee.

Bill

Bill Wild

President, ACI Region 3

If you aren't having fun you aren't doing it right!

News from other Airstream Clubs

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.

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>



Virginia Airstream Club Rally – Abingdon VA “Abingdon Silver In the Streets” May 13 -16, 2021

Welcome

- The **Virginia Airstream Club #109** is happy to extend an invitation to the Abingdon “Silver in the Street Rally” and we are going to have a great time! The town of Abingdon has given the rally its blessing and has been very supportive for the success of this project. The rally starts on Thursday afternoon May 13 and ends Sunday morning May 16. The registration is initially open to all four Virginia Airstream Clubs with open registration to other Airstreamers on March 15. Maximum number of rigs is 25 - we will open a waiting list once our maximum number of rigs is reached. If you register and decide to cancel please let us know as soon as possible.

- **Covid** – The rally is planned with the expectation that participants will have been vaccinated. The weekend schedule has no inside events, no large gatherings, and encourages Airstreamers to gather in small groups wearing masks and respecting social distancing where appropriate. If circumstances necessitate the organizers to cancel the event or if the Town of Abingdon withdraws its approval for the rally, participants will receive a full refund.

Preliminaries

- **Rally Fee**- \$75 per rig. Please use these links to register online and pay by credit card or PayPal.

- Register at <http://www.airstream-life.com/abingdon/index.htm>

- Payment at <http://www.airstream-life.com/abingdon/paypal-fee.htm>

- **Charity** – We will be supporting Meals on Wheels and the Abingdon Farmers’ Market. Since there are no camping fees, and a small cost for breakfast, the majority of the rally fee will go to charity.

- **Name Badges** - Wear your WBAC badge. We want to be recognized in the community. There may also be some discounts offered. We are visitors in town, be courteous and professional. We are

Ambassadors for our club and we want the Town to invite us back.

- **WBAC Number** - Having your number on the front and rear of your rig would be very helpful when parking. This will help to identify your rig in an emergency and appropriate parking based on size.

- **Weather** - Who knows? The weather is normally moderate this time of year. Weather statistics suggest typically mid 70°'s during the day and cool 50°'s at night. This can change, so bring a variety of clothing to meet changing weather conditions. Of course, always have your rain gear available.

- **Pets** - Since we are parking very close and in town, pets are not recommended for this type of Rally. If you do bring a pet, it must be under your control at all times with a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pets must be well behaved at all times and cannot be left unattended outside your rig. Pets will not be allowed at Rally events and gatherings.

- **Communications** – The rally mobile phone number entered on the registration will be used to communicate with participants before and during the rally. The rally organizer will communicate by SMS text messaging to keep you informed about events and activities, reminders, changes in plan, timing changes. You may add additional numbers for your partners.

- **Hook Ups** - None. This will be dry/boondocking camping rally for 3 days. Please arrive with Charged batteries, Full propane tanks, Full fresh water tank and Empty Gray and Black water tanks.

- **Flags** – Bring your flags to show off your rig.

- **Parking** - This is not an event where you can show up at any time and park. Parking is the most challenging part of this event. The Town of Abingdon has designated where they want us to park. We have developed a parking plan to fit everyone in the designated areas. It will be Rally style parking on a city street. (Meaning close to each other, under street lights, so we will hear traffic, city noises, water heaters, furnaces and generators). Detailed instructions will be sent nearer the rally date.

- **Generators** - Quiet generators (65db or less) will be allowed 8:00AM to 9:00PM. (Please no loud industrial generators). A limited power supply will be available for rigs that need to power medical devices overnight. Please note on the reservation form so that your rig can be placed near a source.

- **Dump Station**- Arrangements are being made for pump-out service on Sunday 08:30AM-10:30. A fee of \$20 will be charged for this service.

- **Info Bags** - The Chamber of Commerce will be putting together bags with information and maps. Gary and Lynn Brink will be welcoming each rig on Remsburg Drive with the Abingdon info.

Rally on Remsburg Drive

- **Welcome Evening** - We will have a welcome Happy Hour/Social/Information Session at 5:00 PM on Thursday evening at the Farmers' Market Pavilion - Bring your chairs and your happy juice in a cup.

- **Mayor's Welcome** - There will be a Mayor's Welcome and announcements, 5:00 PM Friday at the Farmers' Market Pavilion at the east end of Remsburg Drive. Everyone please attend to show our support and to be part of the donation presentation to the Charity.

- **Video /Photo** – We would like to ask for volunteers to take videos of the event or to gather photos so we can publish a gallery after this event. Please indicate your interest on the registration form.

- **Alcohol** - Abingdon has an open container law. Do not walk out of a restaurant or bar with a drink. Do NOT display alcohol containers outside your trailer.

- **Local Businesses** - We encourage you to patronize the local businesses, shops, restaurants, bars, tours, museums, etc. There are many places close to our parking downtown for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Abingdon Activities

- **Historical Tour** - We have invited a local historian to lead a downtown tour or give a talk on Saturday.

- **Bicycling Activities** – The Abingdon area is renown for its excellent biking trails including the Creeper trail. A complete factsheet will be published to assist you in making decisions on cycling either Friday or Saturday. Due to high weekend activity we strongly suggest Friday as the best day to bike the trail. Check out: <http://spokesmagazine.com/blog/fall-bike-riding-in-abingdon-virginia>

- To learn more about what to do and see in Abingdon go to the following web site: <http://visitabingdonvirginia.com>

Tidewater Club 111 EVENTS 2021

January TBD –

February – TBD

March 26-27 – Breakout Rally - **Newport News City Park, Sites B-42 - B54 have been blocked for our rally so when you call to reserve ask for one of those sites. Hosts Greg and Ellie Worcester**

April 21-25 Region 3 Rally **Tallahassee Fla.** Registration details have not been released at this time. Check the website or Blue Beret for further information.

April 23-24 **Tentative** date and tentative location, **Devils Back Bone, Wintergreen Va., Hosts Nick and Jojo Lotuaco**

May 1-2 (Saturday and Sunday) **Ft Monroe** 8 sites were held till January 1st for Airstream club members. There may still be sites still available. Camp phone # 757-722-2200 (no host at this time).

June 11-12. **Belle Isle State Park - a beautiful park surrounded by water, great biking - and kayaking. Hosts Tim and Beverly Supler.**

July TBD - Tentative **Kiptopeke State Park, Hosts TBD.** We don't have a firm commitment on a date, location or hosts so if anyone has an idea of another location and would like to propose a date we can work on a host or make it a no host event. The idea is to go camping!

July 17-24, 2021 – **International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee**

August 13-14 **North Bend Army Corp Of Engineering Camp Ground Kerr Lake Va.** Loop B is where we will hold the rally. **Larry and Rhonda Evans hosts.**

September 24-25. **Commonwealth Rally American Heritage Camp Ground in Williamsburg Virginia.** There are 25 sites held for this rally till August 13, 2021 at a reduced rate of \$49.00 + tax a night. When making your reservation tell the camp ground that you are with the Airstream group for the discount. If there is less than 10 units the cost is \$64.25 + tax a night with camp ground accepting AAA, AARP and Active Military receiving a 10% discount. **Our club is hosting this event for the 4 Airstream Clubs in Virginia.** This is the

event where each club's new officers assume their new roles. Additional information with meals and entertainment will be provided at a later date.

October 7 -10 – **First Landing State Park Virginia Beach** - **hosts Frank and Jayne Munoz** - We had a great rally last year and are planning to have an even better one this year. First Landing State Park is beautiful and there is so much to do in Virginia Beach and Norfolk. Please join us! **If you intend to participate please let us know as soon as possible.**

November 4-7 (usually first weekend) – **Urbana Oyster Festival*** - Our Tidewater Club may host this event if it is held and arrangements can be made with the land owner who allows us to camp on his property - more to follow.

November 3 - 7 (if the Urbana Oyster Festival does not happen) (if it does we will schedule it for the following week)— **North Bend Army Corp of Engineer Campground on John Kerr Reservoir**. The campground is closed to reservations however Loop B is open on a first come first served basis. We camped at North Bend last year and it was absolutely great fall camping. We had no problem getting a site since we arrived during the week. The bathhouse is open and there are electric and water sites, however depending on the weather the water may be off. Arrive when you can and join the fun. This is a great way to end the 2020 camping season! **No host.**

December 11 **Tentative** – Holiday Dinner Williamsburg – **hosts Richard and Joanna Duncan** - Plan on celebrating the 2021 Christmas season together with a dinner in Colonial Williamsburg where we can enjoy the traditional colonial style decorations and a meal on Duke of Gloucester Street. You will receive an invitation, in November. Watch your inbox and respond to Richard and Joanna Duncan so that we may have an accurate count for the meal. Last year we had a wonderful time together. Plan to meet some of our new members, and fellowship with those of us who have been around for awhile.

Editor's Note:

- 1. Dates and locations will be firmed up as quickly as possible for all events.*
- 2. We all love to camp - that's why we are part of this wonderful community. If you have a hankering to go camping, and want some company, please let me know. We'll get it out to members via email.*

Camping is good for the spirit and soul!