

TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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Tidewater Club

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From the President *Greeting Tidewater Airstreamers*

Letter from the President

Greetings Tidewater Airstreamers. 2020 has been a challenging year for all of us to say the least. We all hoped the Covid 19 pandemic would have subsided by now and we could get back to our normal lives but that is not the case. It seems wearing masks, sanitizing our hands often, and practicing social distancing will be the new normal for some time to come.



After much consideration and input from the other three Virginia club presidents we decided to cancel our Commonwealth Rally due to the ongoing pandemic threat and rising cases in our state. The Commonwealth Rally is where the four Airstream clubs of Virginia have traditionally gotten together each September for activities and fellowship. At this event new club officers are acknowledged and the leadership positions are changed up. This year's change of officers will take place in an online environment with participation from our new regional president, Bill Wild. I will pass the helm back to Larry Evans as he is currently First Vice President. I encourage everyone in the club to consider stepping into a leadership role sometime in the future to keep our club going strong. Thanks in advance Larry for your leadership past and present this fiftieth year of our club's existence.

We still have a few local rallies coming up – Rudd's Creek, and First Landing – all great places to camp and enjoy the outdoors. As our September event is cancelled I may look into Newport News City Park for something

additional to do. We have been camping there with Ellie's volleyball group for years and enjoy the place. The highlight is generally a bike ride across the revolutionary war battlefield of

Yorktown to the Yorktown Pub for lunch and then back. It's about twenty miles round trip so some folks bike and some ride over in cars. Either way it makes for a fun day. If their dining room is closed or has limited seating - take out food is an option and sitting and eating on the beach across the street works just fine. We still have our reservations at Small Country Campground in Louisa in September so we may do both. For us, just getting out in the camper makes this difficult time a whole lot more tolerable!

Best regards to you and yours,

Greg Worcester



On the Road
Highlights of Member Travels
Belle Isle State Park (June 18-22)



The Belle Isle Rally was hosted by Tim and Bev Supler. Due to Covid 19, we kept our social distance from each other, but we had a very nice time anyway! There were four

Airstreams in attendance: Suplers, Pam and Brook Gwathmey (and Lulu Lemondrop, Yellow Lab Wonderdog), Ellie and Greg Worcester and us (with our Pugs)! Our “happy hours” were fun and would have met with the approval of the CDC for our social distancing. This was the first time that Frank and I camped at Belle Isle, and we were very impressed by the beauty of the park. We opted for a “non-specific” site vice a reserved site. What that meant was when we arrived we were given a car pass and allowed to pick a site that we liked. Because we arrived mid-week there were plenty of great sites to choose from. The sites were level, spacious and private. We were also permitted to pick adjacent sites for our other Airstream friends who had not yet arrived. The biking was superb (all flat .. no hills!). The park has seven miles of shoreline on the Rappahannock River and is surrounded by beautiful marshy creeks which we explored in kayaks and canoes available for rental at the camp store. We biked to the Visitors’ Center (closed!) but enjoyed the Native Plant Garden and nesting barn swallows. Other points of interest included the Marina and Belle Isle House. The weather was beautiful and there were many birds, including nesting bald eagles.



When we left Belle Isle on Monday, we headed for our next destination: Chippokes Plantation State Park!

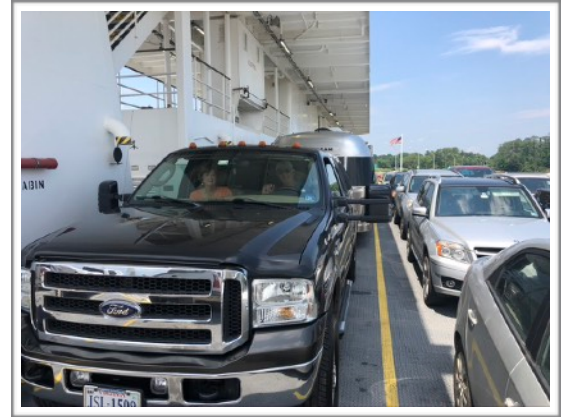


Submitted by Jayne and Frank Munoz

Chippokes Plantation State Park (June 22-25)

The Evans, Duncans, and Munoz' converged upon Chippokes State Park for a Covid breakout get-together. According to history, Chippokes Plantation is one of the oldest continually farmed plantations in the country, and incorporates a Farm and Forestry Museum. It is a beautiful park and it was a first for us!

Having left Belle Isle, we met Joanna and Richard at the Jamestown Ferry for the trip across the James River to Surry, which is very close to Chippokes. We thought that the two Airstreams on the ferry looked very cool, and we strutted our stuff proudly! Joanna, of course, had six new best friends (ferry passengers) by the time the 20 minute trip ended! We stayed in the newer "S" loop of the park which was very nice. On our first night, Thursday, we had dinner at The Surry Seafood Co. on beautiful Gray's Creek, an inlet off the James River. We biked, and hiked



and ate our way through a very nice 3 night stay. On Wednesday, Ellie and Greg Worcester drove to the park to have lunch with us. Together we brainstormed the Commonwealth Rally in September, which unfortunately is cancelled out of concern for safety of attendees. We hiked to the

Stewart-Jones Mansion which is surrounded by thousands of acres of farmland. And of course, the guys (Larry, Richard and Frank) debated and discussed trailer hitches ad nauseum!



The weather was beautiful, and we had a great time!

Submitted by Jayne and Frank Munoz





Kiptopeke State Park Rally (July 16-20)

Ellie and Greg Worcester hosted the Tidewater Club's July Rally at Kiptopeke State Park . There were five Airstreams 'in attendance'. We were so happy to meet Chris and Jennifer McCrae (and their daughter Sophie) from Chesapeake, and Angie and Brad Schwartz (Brangelina!) from Virginia Beach. The Evans' and Munoz' were there too! The



park was full and very busy but that did not deter all from having a great time. Some of us kayaked out to the cement ship breakwaters, and some of us biked. The weather was very hot so we enjoyed floating in the bay supported by our "noodles". On Saturday



night, we had a fun, festive dinner at Camp Cuervo, AKA Worcester's Vintage Airstream campsite. Ellie and Greg cooked beef and chicken fajitas, and we had lots of sides and desserts (not to mention Bourbon,

thanks to Brad, the Bourbon king!) . We were happily joined by Joanna and Richard Duncan, sans Tommy Bahama A/S, for this



Saturday night get-together. Did I mention it was very hot??? It was a great rally, lots of laughs and it was wonderful to make new Airstream friends! We also had an opportunity to celebrate two Evans's birthdays - Rhonda and Larry and Rhonda's daughter Sara! Thank you, Ellie and Greg!



Submitted by Jayne and Frank Munoz





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July
Chris McCrae
Rhonda Evans



Happy Anniversary

July
Greg and Ellie Worcester

August
Frank & Jayne Munoz
Richard & Joanna Duncan
Brad and Angie Schwartz

“Grumpy’s” Pimiento Cheese Dip (Southern Living)

Angie Schwartz shared this delicious family favorite dip, at our Kiptopeke Rally. It was delicious so we thought it would be fun to share it with our club members.

Make the Mayo Mixture - in a large bowl, stir together high quality mayonnaise (Duke’s or Hellman’s); add 1 (4 oz) jar of diced pimiento drained; 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce; 1 tsp finely grated onion or onion powder ; and 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper - BLEND

Toast the pecans - Preheat oven to 350 degrees, bake 1 cup chopped pecans in shallow pan for 8-10 minutes

Shred the cheese - texture matters, fresh cheese makes the difference, Finely shred 1 (8 oz) block of extra sharp cheddar cheese. Then shred/grate 1 (8 oz) block sharp cheddar cheese.

Add pecans and cheeses to mayo mixture until blended. You can store in refrigerator up to 1 week.

Serve with celery, or crackers or make grilled pimiento cheese sandwiches or panini. ENJOY !

Editor’s note: If you have a favorite recipe to share please send it along and I will include it on our newsletter.

Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

As many of you have heard, Skip Smith endured a very bad accident at home (involving a ladder), and the Club sent him a few “get well” greetings. Skip responded: “Thank you, Airstreamer pals, for your offer of help. Please pass these thanks and my gratitude for the Club’s warm thoughts. Although it is a bit more extensive, my bone break is like any – with time it will heal....with time.. slowly. I am healing and better every day. We hope to meet the club when I am able to wrangle the trailer after some months. We dream of being back under the trees with good friends. “

We truly miss Kathy and Skip and at every gathering the question is asked: Where are Kathy and Skip? The answer is usually that they are on the road or on a caravan. This time the answer was that Skip was badly injured in an accident, and we were all very upset to hear that!!! They are such a wonderful addition to our Club, adding guaranteed laughs and liveliness to our gatherings. We miss them, and wish Skip a speedy recovery!! And Skip and Kathy, we mean it when we ask how we can help. We are right around the corner!



**Please join in
welcoming our
2020 new
members.**

Brad & Angie Schwartz
Va Beach

Thomas & Joanne Warren
Spotsylvania

Rambo Martin
Virginia Beach

Chris & Jennifer McRae
Virginia Beach

**We all look
forward to getting
to know you and
sharing some great
Airstream
adventures!**

Hunkering Down Off the Beaten Path

Camping on the Outer Banks of NC can lead to new discoveries. Bill and I are hiding out in Kill Devil Hills and playing with Bill's new boat and exploring the Outer Banks. One place that is NO MORE is Buffalo City which has a unique history.

Buffalo City was founded in 1888 by the Buffalo Timber Company out of Buffalo, New York. They purchased 100,000 acres of forested swamp land just 20 miles west of Manteo. They made money from logging and moonshine. Mill Tail Creek provided a way to transport all their goods to the Alligator River and up the I.C.W. (Intracoastal Waterway). At one time Buffalo City was the largest city in Dare County. They had a railroad, hospital, church, school, but no running water and toilets were non-existent so out houses were used.

This is just one of many interesting places off the beaten path in OBX. A few others we enjoy are: Old Nags Head Woods, Manteo, North and South Ponds on Cape Hatteras Sea Shore, Duck, Kitty Hawk Woods, Ocracoke, and my favorite the Wright Brothers National Memorial.

Please enjoy camping or hiding out like Bill and I are doing until this virus is not a threat. Stay safe, Joyce

Submitted by Bill and Joyce Werner

Editor's note: We are all missing our Airstream family and hoping everyone is safe. We'd love to know that and how you are doing. Please feel free to send me a note and I will include it in our next newsletter.

For What It's Worth - Product Review Cargo Glide

We have a full size Ford F250 4x4 pick-up tow vehicle. It has a full size bed, 8 foot, and a cap. It's a great TV for pulling our Airstream and for carrying all our camping toys (way too many). One of our biggest challenges has been accessing the items we pack in the front of the bed. After a couple of years camping I decided to investigate options. On one camping trip I was able to see a product called a Cargo Glide, that one of our members had purchased. This product bolts into the truck bed and can be extended beyond the tailgate to allow easy loading and unloading (access) to all your camping goodies. I did my usual due diligence and decided to purchase a Cargo Glide for my truck. I've used it on 4 camping outings and am very pleased with my decision. There are some downsides and I'll go over



them. Here are several pictures showing how I have used the product so far. A negative is because of the wheel wells in the bed of the truck the Cargo Glide is sized to fit between them. This means there is a certain amount of space on the sides that does not benefit from the slide. What I do is pack items such as back-up supplies or items I normally would not need. I can still access them but I would have to climb into the bed to get them. I also have been storing my hoses and power cords on the sides closest to the tailgate. They are normally the first items I need when we set up and the last when we are packing up so it's a great place to store them. Another negative is you lose about 3-4 inches of available height to accommodate the slide mechanism. I have not found this to be an issue. The last negative is you will be adding some weight to your TV.

The amount would depend on the model you decide best meets your needs. In our case, the additional weight really had no impact. Here are some pictures showing the Cargo Glide extended with gear loaded. You. The CG we purchased fully extends and will hold 1,500 pounds. To help with load distribution I have always tried to load heavier items in front of the rear axle - closer to the cab. Before the CG that meant if I loaded firewood in close to the cab I would have to pretty much empty the bed to get to the heavier firewood or whatever items I had loaded. I'm 6'4" so this was not a fun evolution. Jayne would always offer to help and I appreciated that but that was not the ideal solution. With the CG I am able to extend the slide and load all the heavyweight object at the front with minimal hassle. You can extend the slide, with positive



locking, to whatever length you need to in order to access your gear. This particular model also has channels on the sides to attach hold down straps or higher sides to prevent items from inadvertently falling off the side. So far we are very pleased with our CG and would be happy to provide more

information if you are interested.

Editors notes: 1) This is not an endorsement of this product just my sharing of a purchase I have made to improve our camping experience. 2) If you would like to share your thoughts on something you have purchased please feel free to forward to me.

WBAC Tidewater Club 111 EVENTS 2020

January 11 – New Years Dinner, Rib City, Virginia Beach, hosts Greg and Ellie Worcester

February – Lunch at Smoke BBQ Restaurant, Newport News - *host Rhonda and Larry Evans*

March 27-28 – Breakout Rally - Williamsburg KOA, *hosts Club 111 - cancelled*

April 1-5 Region III Rally – Myrtle Beach - *cancelled*

April 24-25 – Chippokes State Park - April 24-25 (loop B most desirable) - *cancelled*

May 14-17 – Ft. Monroe – *hosts Bill and Joyce Werner - cancelled*

June 20-27 – International Rally in Loveland CO - *cancelled*

June 19-21 - Belle Isle, *hosts Tim and Beverly Supler -*

July 18-19 - Kiptopeke State Park, *hosts Greg and Ellie Worcester*

August 28 - 30 – Rudds Creek – *hosts Larry and Rhonda Evans*. Hosts will be located on site # 75 and we will be arriving August 26 and will check out on August 31 should any one like to enjoy the lake longer. DO Not hesitate, the water front sites fill up quickly. Reserve your site at "recreation.gov" phone # 1-877-444-6777, remember members with Golden Age or America The Beautiful passes is cost is 1/2 the nightly cost, but must show pass at check-in. Please let myself or Rhonda know if you will join us, Larry's cell 757-635-8972 or Rhonda's 757-636-8836.

September 11-13 – Commonwealth Rally, - *cancelled*

October 8 -11 – First Landing State Park Virginia Beach - *hosts Frank and Jayne Munoz - site 195* - 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!

November 5 - 8 – Urbana Oyster Festival* - *cancelled*

December – Holiday Dinner – TBD

Dates and locations will be firmed up as quickly as possible. Our monthly newsletter will have an updated calendar each issue.

*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. Jayne and I are always looking for an opportunity to go someplace new to explore. We can use common sense and follow social distancing guidelines and stay safe. **Camping is good for the spirit and soul!***

Editor's Note: We're looking for member inputs so if you have something of interest you would like to share please send it along to me. If you have ideas on items you would like to see included please send those along as well. We want this newsletter to be about our adventures! Frank