

TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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Tidewater Club

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From the President ***Greeting Tidewater Airstreamers***

Certainly we all hoped the pandemic threat would have abated by now and our lives could return to normal. Unfortunately that is not the case and we must continue to move forward with much precaution. As for WBAC club business and news I recommend reading the version of the Blue Beret that was emailed May 1st. Mona Heath's article speaks to our ability as club members to be Resilient, Adaptive, and Creative in tackling challenges that come our way (reprinted below). She points out that the WBAC website is the key source for club information. Our regional leadership, per John Leake's email of May 9th, has cleared us to resume our planned rallies "when your state reopens" with the proper use of social distancing and health precautions.



The Virginia State Parks are now getting back to business. Many of us have standing reservations for Belle Isle, Kiptopeke, and First Landing. As we are now cleared to hold rallies we can plan some social activities for these events and others on our event calendar. Ellie and I will host Kiptopeke in July – we'll cook dinner for everyone there on Saturday night. Our club is slated to host the Virginia Commonwealth Rally in September bringing the four Virginia clubs together. We can now go forward with planning for this event and reciprocate for the fine job the Shenandoah Club did hosting last year's. The owners at Small Country Campground have some activities planned for us and will assist in catering for the event.

Ellie and I wish all our club members the best during these stressful and difficult times. We have been complete homebodies the last couple months but have been able to stay busy. Ellie goes through books at an alarming rate and has been experimenting in the kitchen quite a bit (so much for me losing

weight). I stay busy with my garage and yard projects. We miss going to church and out to dinner and seeing friends. All things considered, however, things are not too bad for us. Our hearts go out to the nearly 1 in 5 Americans who now are out of work and struggling to feed their families and pay their bills. And worse yet to the 100,000 Americans we have lost and the families they left behind. I remember growing up during the turbulent sixties and the social issues and war that were upon us. What we are going through now reminds me of those times. I know we will get through this but life will be different – here in the states and around the world because of COVID 19. If you, your family members, or friends have lost someone to the pandemic I wish you my sincere condolences.

Best regards, Greg



Message from WBCCI President - Members First. Always

Resilience. Noun: the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness. *“the uncanny resilience of Airstream owners to endure or bounce back quickly from adverse condition.”*

For almost 70 years, Airstream owners have embodied the true essence of resilience. Whether navigating seemingly impassable terrain around the globe, offering a helping hand to fellow travelers in need, or coming together for the greater good of community.

WE. ARE. RESILIENT.

In just under 30 days, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed our world as we know it. In rapid succession, the 2019/2020 Executive Committee cancelled the Loveland2020 International Rally, recommended the cancellation of all planned Airstream Club events for 60 days, or as otherwise recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and, together with the International Board of Trustees, unanimously adopted an Emergency Resolution declaring a proclamation of emergency due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

This 2020 Emergency Resolution allows for required business meetings, International Officer Installation and delegates voting to be conducted

electronically for a period of six months. The meeting platforms will be secure, the Officer Installation ceremony memorable, and the delegates voting platform informative and easy to use. **WE ARE ADAPTIVE.**

Several Exhibitors and members who had planned to conduct Presentations during the Loveland2020 rally have agreed to create 5-10 minute videos as part of our “virtual rally” initiative. Those videos are open to all members and will be hosted on the Loveland2020 Facebook Page. **WE. ARE. CREATIVE.**

With social distancing in effect, we have relied on a variety of ways to communicate with our members. The Airstream Club website is the key source and repository for email, video content and electronic meeting archives, including upcoming Constitutional Amendment and International Officer voting background. We know that not everyone chooses to, or is able to, access these digital platforms and will provide print copies, and/or transcripts, as requested.

Please be safe and stay healthy. Check-in with friends and loved ones often. We will get through this, together. /s/ Mona



On the Road *Highlights of Member Travels*

Kiptopeke State Park

One of our favorite local spots is Kiptopeke State Park on the Eastern Shore. It is a comfortable beach destination with plenty to do. Bike riding, kayaking, fishing, and relaxing on the beach make for a nice weekend there. It is close to Cape Charles where there is an interesting museum and a good restaurant we like to frequent called the Shanty. The campground location is where the fairy boats used to come and go before the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel was built. The “concrete ships” are sunk there which formed a breakwater for those fairy boats. These WWII relics’ hulls lay on the bottom but the decks and wheelhouses remain above water. They



have deteriorated over the years and provide nesting spots for many species of bay birds. It is fascinating to paddle up close and look through the breeches in the hulls and see the rusty interior compartments. Lots of folks fish near the ships as they also make great fish habitats. Fishing is also popular from the pier which has a great view of the ships and sunsets. We have had many a close encounter with dolphins and rays when we have been out on our kayaks at Kiptopeke. I've included some pictures for this story from past trips – we look forward to getting there again soon!



Submitted by Greg and Ellie

*Happy 50th Birthday
Tidewater Airstream Club*

May

Joanna Duncan
Joyce Werner

June

Richard Duncan



A Birthday Celebration in New Orleans

Editor's Note: This article was submitted for publication in our last Newsletter but was overlooked. My apologies to Joyce and Bill for the late publication.

New Orleans was our destination for two weeks to celebrate Bill's birthday, with our Airstream. We saw many sites. The Hard Rock Hotel collapsed while under construction

on the 5th of October. This caused many streets in the French Quarter to be closed. It will be imploded on March 5th. A ride on the Natchez, a 26 ton paddlewheel, was a very interesting look at New Orleans and the Mississippi - which was 200 feet deep just off of the boarding dock. The St. Louis Cathedral with its triple-spired 18th century French architecture was very interesting and beautiful. We drove a total of 2818 miles.

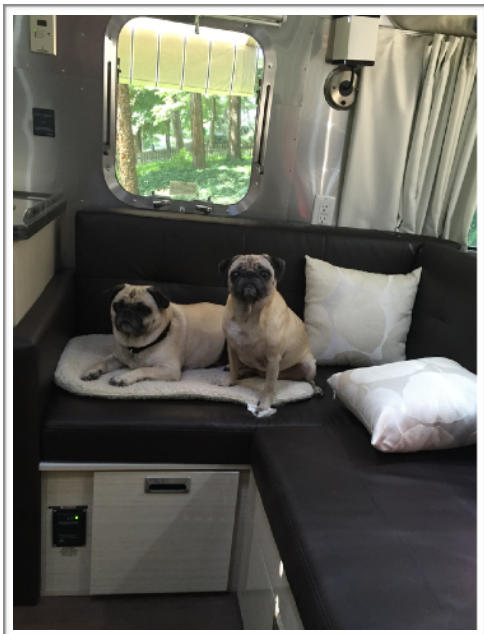


Submitted by Joyce and Bill Werner

Our Break-out Trip to Crozet, Virginia May 25-30, 2020

Somewhere between Covid Phase 1 and Phase 2, we decided to get out of Dodge (AKA Va Beach)! We hooked up our Serenity and took off to Misty Mountain Campground. We pulled into site 83 (where we had camped last year) and within an hour another Airstream (27' Flying Cloud) pulled in directly across from us. It was a very nice family from Williamsburg, whom we immediately tried to recruit to our Tidewater Unit.

Every year in mid-May, we go to the Virginia Appalachians in search of spring-time migrating birds and wildflowers. We either go to Highland Haven (shut down for the entire 2020 season due to Covid-19? Is this possibly true??), or Peaks of Otter or Misty Mountain. We like the upper level of Misty Mountain which is more private and treed than the lower section near the entrance. But we really like Misty Mountain because it is only 5 miles to the Rockfish Gap entrance to both Skyline Drive AND Blue Ridge Parkway.



As soon as we had settled into our spot, we were treated to a sighting of a Scarlet Tanager (that's a bird, folks). Jayne was in her glory, binoculars always around her neck. The campground has some nice trails and we took many walks in search of birds. Frank was hooked up to WIFI for the duration of our stay, so he was able to get in a couple of days of work.

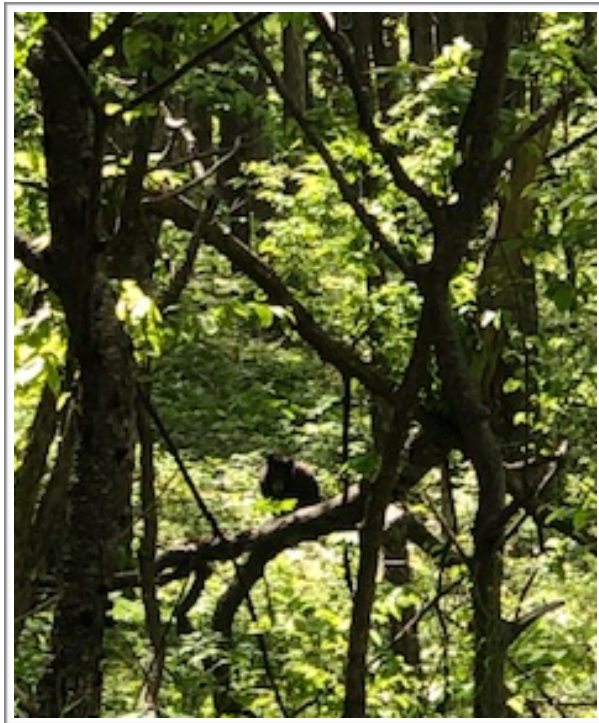
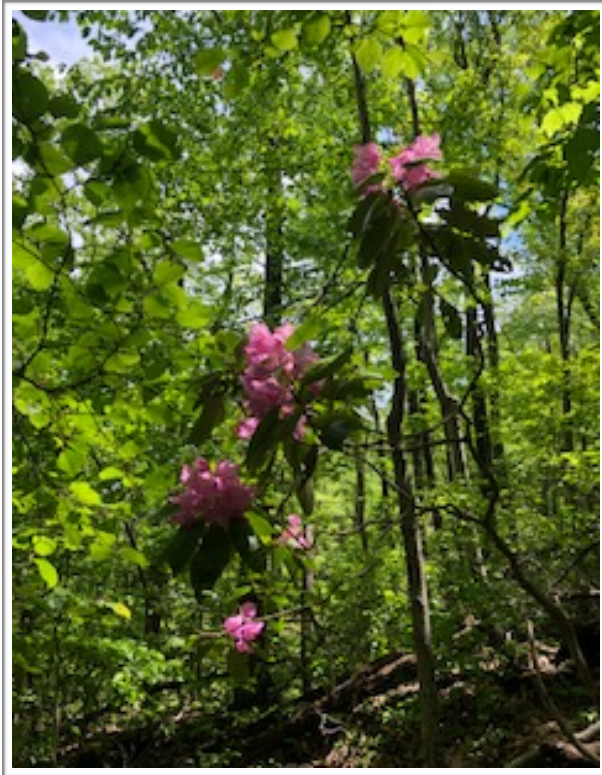
Our kids (both UVA grads) told us we must get a Crozet Pizza .. and we did. After calling in our order, a waitress delivered it (Covid-style) to us in our truck. Crozet Pizza is very good.

We walked a popular birding trail in Crozet, imbedded in Old Trail Village, bordering the golf course. We were shocked by the extent of Old Trail Village, which appears to be a sprawling planned

community. The developers refer to it as a "Walkable Urban Village" , with different styles of homes, shops, restaurants, etc ... no comment!

On the day before we left, we hiked the Humpback Rocks Loop at MM 6 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. It was a 4.2 mile loop, which took us 4 ½ hours due to many birdwatching delays. It was a beautiful loop, somewhat rugged. Most of the loop was part of the Appalachian Trail and we met several AT through hikers, including "Dude Man", who posts regularly on YouTube as 'Dude Man Appalachian Trail 2020". We are proud to say we have walked the Appalachian Trail - only 2185.8 miles to go! We did

see all sorts of beautiful wildflowers, migrating birds and a very large black bear. As you can see from the photo - we did keep our distance!



When we returned to the campground that day, we were greeted by another Airstream ! .. another 27' Flying Cloud ... brand new with a hatchback, parked right next to us in site 82. These were nice folks from St. Mary's, MD. So we had three Airstreams together ... our un-planned mini-rally!

We came home Friday, stopping by Joanna and Richard Duncan's lovely house in Williamsburg. It was great to spend a few hours with them, and was a wonderful conclusion to our "break-out" camping trip!

It was nice to see so many people out enjoying the beautiful weather and scenery. People were respectful of the social distancing and other COVID-19 risk mitigation guidelines, but it didn't stop them

and us from interacting and enjoying the company of other campers. We can do this and still be safe. Let's go camping! *Submitted by Jayne and Frank Munoz*

Virginia Commonwealth Rally

Small Country Campground

Louisa, VA

September 11-13

***Virginia Commonwealth Rally
September 11-13, Small Country Campground, Louisa VA
Hosted by Tidewater Club 111***

Reservations can be made directly to (540) 967-2431. We will receive a 25% group rate discount for the forty sites we have reserved. Reservations must be paid in full in advance but full refunds are granted (less \$25 cancellation fee) if cancellation is made seven days before arrival. Any sites we do not need will be released to other campers on August 28. Our rates are \$44.25 per night for 50/20 amp and \$36.75 for 30 amp per night. When calling please tell them you are with the Airstream group. The owners are Cindy and Bob Miller.

Tentatively planned activities include a Friday evening happy hour, Saturday and Sunday breakfasts, Saturday night dinner with entertainment, a miniature golf tournament, and a bingo game. All activities and social events will be planned around safety and health requirements following state and CDC guidelines in effect at that time.

Small Country Campground offers fishing, boating, and beach going opportunities. Local interests include Lake Anna boat tours, Walton's Mountain, James Madison's Montpelier, wineries, and more. Richmond and Charlottesville are both easy drives from Louisa, VA. The Tidewater Airstreamers wish everyone a safe and sound summer and look forward to hosting the Commonwealth Rally in September. Any questions or concerns please email club 111 president, Greg Worcester, at gworcester15@cox.net. Thank you.

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*

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

Brad and Angie Schwartz
- Va Beach

Thomas and Joanne
Warren - Spotsylvania

Rambo Martin
- Virginia Beach

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

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* - We will still be getting together for this rally, although we won't be able to hold the planned rally activities. It's still a wonderful opportunity to get together and enjoy Belle Isle and each other's company.

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, Please see above. **hosts Club 111**

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

November 5 - 8 – Urbana Oyster Festival*

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.

** NORVA Club will not be hosting this rally in 2020. We are planning on assuming hosting responsibilities. This is a fun event and easy to host so hope you can attend. NORVA has done a great job hosting this rally over the years. It's a great last camping event of the season!*

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