



Virginia Traveler

A publication of the Virginia Airstream Club (#109) W.B.C.C.I

President's Notes:

We hope this newsletter finds you well and on the road. Or, I hope you have been on the road. The vaccination rates among our peers have restored life almost as we knew it. We wish you all could have been in Abingdon. Who could have predicted the weekend in Abingdon would have included a gasoline shortage. The gasoline issue did keep several of our friends from attending and we are sorry you missed it. Eleven rigs showed up and gasoline and diesel were available in and around Abingdon.

More on Abingdon either in this newsletter or in separate special edition. But, let me tell you the food was great, the town was friendly and welcoming and there was no lack of activity. Lee and I thoroughly enjoyed another 34-mile ride on the Creeper and the Historian Mike was delightful. Let it be said there is something in or around Abingdon for everyone.

The next item for the Virginia Club 109 is the Business meeting at Misty Mountain Campground on August 5-8. Randy and Xan have graciously agreed to host this rally. Details to follow.

We are struggling to pull off the Bike Virginia's Caravan in 2021 as we need at least one co-leader. It became clear to us with this rally in Abingdon and the recent caravan Lee and I were on that there needs to be at least one co-leader. We are going to a test run of this caravan if you want to tag along or participate in any part of it.

If you want a tour of Roanoke, let me know and we would enjoy the opportunity. We have daytime parking and can provide some 10-amp power if needed.

See you down the road!

Jeff Cutright



Silver in The Streets
- Abingdon, VA -
Thanks and Feedback

Lee and I thoroughly enjoyed our time in Abingdon. It was a very cordial crowd and we learned more why this is a terrific location for this event.

I want to thank Randy Rinehart and David Broad for doing their best to keep me focused in between the ditches. Without their collaboration and sweat this event would not have been as enjoyable experience. Also, Xan Rinehart kept us straight as to who signed up and held the reins to the money.

Besides rally expenses, we were able to pay the city the required services fee, the historian, and make donations to the Farmer's Market and a senior's food program.

I would also like to thank the volunteers who handed out welcome bags, helped with parking, and our photographer and reporter Greg Wall.

The city of Abingdon was extremely easy to work with and supported our every need. We all had 10-amps of power, and we had our own street. It felt like a neighborhood, complete with fire every night.

Jeff Cutright

Silver in Streets
Day by Day
by Greg Wall

The "Silver in The Streets" Rally took considerable planning by Jeff Cutright, Randy Rinehart and David Broad, working closely with Abingdon town officials, but it all came together May 13-16. Eleven rigs made it, three being from Texas! Coordinated parking was started at a staging area and then guided onto specific spots on Remsburg Drive, just a block from Lee Highway, which is the main street through the town.

Once settled, everyone moved up and down the street, greeting old friends or new acquaintances. It is always fun to see how other Airstreamers do things, from hitches, flags, tow vehicles, bike racks and solar to interior arrangements. Three couples from Texas knew each other, but had planned independently, not knowing the others were coming.

A quick walk around town to get the blood flowing showed why Abingdon was chosen for the rally. It has a lot of history, lovely architecture, the wonderful Barter Theater, Martha Washington Hotel, the famous Virginia Creeper Trail, hiking and biking trails, great fishing and a wonderful farmer's market.

At 5:00, an historian, Michael Henningsen with History Alive Tours, gave us a unique lesson in Abingdon history. Dressed in the character of Rufus Soule, a tavern owner in the early 1800's. Michael proved an enthusiastic, knowledgeable teacher. For an hour, he told the history of Abingdon, its role as a crossroads of trade and in the Revolutionary War. He then led the group through town, bringing history to life. We were lucky with the weather for four days. It's cool here, and easy to forget we were in the mountains. The elevation is 2087'

Day 2: Friday morning started with a breakfast hosted by Peter Davey and Stephanie Tisch. This made for a pleasant morning gathering. One of the many attractions of Abingdon is the Virginia Creeper Trail, an old railroad bed that follows beautiful Whitetop Laurel Creek. Most were doing some form of the Creeper, but it was interesting to hear what others were doing. Some went to the Birthplace of Country Music in Bristol. The Virginia Creeper Trail is one of the prettiest bike rides in America. Its history as a train route is interesting, and can be found at: <https://www.vacreepertrail.org/the-trail-experience/about-the-trail/>. From Whitetop Station, it's all downhill to Damascus, then varies for another 17 miles to Abingdon. It follows beautiful Laurel Creek all the way, and Laurel Creek is as pretty a trout stream as can be found. Most of the Silver in The Streets group took some portion of the ride. It was a bit cool and wet in the beginning, but the sun came out mid-day to warm things up.

We had a meeting at the Farmer's Market, where Jeff presented gifts to the the town manager, James Morani and Tanya Triplett, with Abingdon Economic Development and Tourism. The club presented donations to the Farmer's Market and to the Food Bank. A rally like this is of mutual benefit for the town and for the participants, and I think all parties were happy with the results.

Day 3: Abingdon has one of the best farmer's markets anywhere, and all we had to do was walk to the end of Remsburg Drive. We had a surprise visit from Betty and Junior Patton, who have done so much for the Virginia Airstream Club for many years! Even though they have sold their trailer, they still came up to visit.

In the afternoon, some relaxed, some went for hikes, some visited friends or relatives in the area and some went for drives in the beautiful countryside.

Sunday morning was our departure day, but no one seemed anxious to get on the road. It was a good group, and we hated to go, but agreed we'd love to do it again next year.





Virginia Airstream Club

Annual Meeting/Rally

August 5th - 8th
Thursday - Sunday
Misty Mountain Resort
Greenwood, VA

888.647.8900

www.mistycamp.com

Host: Xan & Randy Rinehart
434.996.7000
randolph.rinehart@gmail.com



Site Cost: \$61.55 per night
Three-point hookups

Sites: 5 thru 20 Reserved for Virginia Airstream Club #109

Reserve Sites Release Date: July 6th

Area Venues/Activities

Monticello	Ash Lawn	UVA	Montpelier	Crozet Tunnel
Blue Ridge Parkway	Skyline Drive Rt. 151	Beer & Wine Trail		Golf@ Old Trail

Annual Meeting/Rally August 5th – 8th Weekend Agenda

Thursday the 5th:

5:00 – 6:00PM Welcome/Happy Hour
6:00 - Dinner on your Own

\$20

Friday the 6th:

8:00 – 9:00AM Coffee & Donuts
"The Day is Yours"
4:30 – 5:30PM Happy Hour at Clubhouse
6:00 – Group Dinner at Clubhouse with food from Michie Tavern

Saturday the 7th:

8:00 – 9:00 Coffee & Biscuits
9:00 – 10:00 VAC Business Meeting
"The Day is Yours"
5:00 – 6:00 Happy Hour
Dinner on your Own

Sunday the 8th:

8:00 Coffee - Bring Your Own Beverage
Hook up and Head Home



All Gatherings are in the Meeting Room Building (The clubhouse)

Bike Virginias August 20-29

We do not have a co-lead of another Airstream rig, so we won't run this caravan officially in 2021. Lee and I are going to test run the caravan as we have friends from SC and California that are coming to do some these rail trails. If you want to participate, let me know. Some of the details may vary. We plan to start in Abingdon parked at the Southwest Cultural Center and Marketplace starting Friday August 20th. Our first ride would be on the Virginia Creeper Trail. Next, we are headed to the Wytheville KOA where we can ride the New River Trail. The last stop will be Lewisburg, WV staying at the West Virginia Fair grounds where we will have access to the Greenbrier Trail. There are plenty of support and shuttle services on the Virginia Creeper, but we are not going to be so lucky on the other two. Contact Jeff Cutright to join us.



New Owners Rally

We are going to have a new Airstream owners rally. If you are interested in hosting or participating, contact me or email to address below to get started. virginiaairstreamclub@gmail.com

"BRIGHT IDEAS"

1. To prevent your clothes from falling off hangers in the rear bedroom closet, turn the hangers around so open end doesn't face the front of the trailer.
2. Use chamois-type camping towels in order to have towels that dry more quickly. They have a loop to hang onto a suction cup hook in the shower. Or use Tali towels - they dry fast. (www.talitowels.com)
3. Spice storage canisters called "Lockups" can be snapped together and stacked (available on Amazon in a number of sizes.)
4. To sleep cool without using A/C, cool the trailer during the day with the A/C. At night, run the front Fantastic Fan with only large rear window open.

from Randy

Virginia Airstream Club Officers 2021

President: Jeff Cutright #31189
1st Vice President: Christopher Meccia #5625
2nd Vice Pres: open
Treasurer: Xan Rinehart #4546
Recording Sec: Kay Lambert #6095
Past Pres: Randy Rinehart #4546

Trustees:

(1 years) David Broad #2381
(2 years) D.A. Powell #9900
(1 years) Danny Locklair #5249
(2 years) John Pezzoli #6750

Committees:

Rally & Caravan: Douglas Powell #9900
Membership: Randy Rinehart #4546
Newsletter: Greg Wall #7351
Website: Jeff Cutright #31189

The National organization website: <https://airstreamclub.org>
Virginia Airstream Club website: <https://airstreamclub.org/virginia>

VIRGINIA AIRSTREAM CLUB EVENTS 2021 SCHEDULE							
Start	End	Event	Joint	Location	City, State	Contact	Email
Aug 5	Aug 8	Virginia Club Rally and Business Meeting		Misty Mountain Campground	Greenwood, VA	Randy Rinehart	randolph.rinehart@gmail.com
		HoustonFest		CANCELED	Galax, VA		
Aug 9	Aug 14	Old Time Fiddler's Convention		Cool Breeze Campground	Galax, VA	On your own	
Aug 20	Aug 29	Bike Virginias		Abingdon, Wytheville, Lewisburg	Abingdon, VA	Jeff Cutright	jcutright4@msn.com
Sept 1	Sept 1	Board Meeting		Zoom		Jeff Cutright	jcutright4@msn.com
Sept 24	Sept 25	Commonwealth Rally	x	American Heritage Campground	Williamsburg, Va	Tidewater	laweva@msn.com
Sept 28	Oct 4	58th Swiss Festival		Winklepleck Grove	Sugar Creek, OH		SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com
Dec 4	Dec 4	Holiday Luncheon		?			
Start	End	Event	Jt	Location	City,State	Contact	Email

VIRGINIA AIRSTREAM CLUB EVENTS 2022 SCHEDULE							
Start	End	Event	Joint	Location	City, State	Contact	Email
Jun 10	June 11	HoustonFest		Galax, VA	Galax, VA	houstonfest-galax.com	
Start	End	Event				Contact	Email



Virginia Airstream Commonwealth Rally
SEPTEMBER 24 - 26, 2021
 American Heritage RV Park
americanheritagervpark.com
 146 Maxton Lane
 Williamsburg, Va 23188
 757-566-2133
 Hosted by Tidewater Airstream Club 111
 Larry Evans, President
 757-635-8972

Come and Celebrate the beginning of Fall with your Virginia Commonwealth Friends in our Colonial Capital, Williamsburg.

Exciting Activities to include:

- Strolling DOG Street venues, shops and restaurants within the Colonial District
- Williamsburg Farmer's Market (Saturday AM)
- Daytime Ghost Tour Saturday AM (limited to 25 guests @\$10.00 per person)
- Flamingo Bingo with valuable prizes (grand prize one year WBCCI membership)
- "Winsome" performing acoustic music (Saturday PM)
- Officer Installation with President Bill Wild (Friday PM)

Included Foods: Two Breakfasts
 Saturday hosted by Northern Virginia Club
 Sunday hosted by Virginia Airstream Club

Friday Pierce's Bar-B-Que Dinner @ 6:00 PM with Fall pies and ice cream

Saturday Happy Hour @ 4:00 PM hosted by Spirit of Virginia
 Frank's Frank Dinner @ 6:00 PM
 Gourmet S'mores @ 9:00 PM

Limited Sites at a negotiated rate of \$49.00 per night plus tax full hook-ups. Price good until August 16, 2021. Book Directly with American Heritage RV Park when calling for reservations you must say you are with the Airstream Rally

To Register, please mail your rally fee of \$20.00 per person by September 1, 2021 to
 Richard Duncan, Treasurer Tidewater 111
 6907 Arthur Hills Drive
 Williamsburg, Va 23188

2021 Commonwealth Rally Registration Form

Friday, September 24 - Sunday, September 26, 2021

The Tidewater 111 Airstream Club will be hosting this exciting event at the American Heritage RV Park in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Rally Fee is \$20 per person, which does not include the campground fee at American Heritage. Please make your site reservation soon by Email: americanheritagervpark.com or by calling 757-566-2139. Mention that you are with the Airstream Rally to receive a discounted fee.

Name(s): _____

Member of which club: _____

WBCCI# _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of people attending: _____

x \$20.00 = _____

+ Daytime Ghost Tour @ \$10/person _____

Enclose check to Tidewater 111 Airstream Club, Richard Duncan, Treasurer

Most events will be open to all attendees EXCEPT the Daytime Ghost Tour, which is limited to 25 people at a cost of \$10/person. Please include this in your check.

Please send by September 1, 2021 to: Richard Duncan, 6907 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg, Va 23188

Please view the Promo Rally Sheet for additional information concerning this exciting Commonwealth Rally.

For additional information: Larry Evans, President: 757-636-8836

or Richard Duncan, Treasurer at 740-319-8088