

TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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From the First Vice-President

Happy Spring, Tidewater Airstreamers !!

As your humble First Vice-President, I am filling in for our president, Larry Evans, in writing this note. Larry and Rhonda are traveling in their newly renovated Airstream to the Region 3 Rally in Tallahassee. We can't wait to hear about the Rally in our next newsletter.

I am so excited that 2021 promises to be a very different camping season than 2020. We are including an updated rally calendar for 2021 in this newsletter. I am so looking forward to making up for all the fun we missed last year.



At our last board meeting, our Tidewater Club voted that all rallies will include a fee of \$10 per attendee. Everyone attending a rally will pay \$10 to the rally leader. The fee can be paid at the rally. The rally fee is to help pay for the cost of the meal and costs the sponsors might have to pay in order to host the event. If there are other activities associated with a rally that require fees (such as entrance fees etc.) those will be paid by each of us individually if we choose to participate.

Please note the addition of our club logo at the top of our newsletter. This is the official logo for our club and up to this point has only existed on our club flag (that we know of). Thank you Greg, Richard and Larry for

helping to copy it from our flag and make it possible for us to use on our newsletter.

Please pay special attention to the details of the Commonwealth Rally which will be held in September in Williamsburg. The Commonwealth Rally is held each year in Virginia, and responsibility for the Rally falls on our club this year. We owe a big thank you to Joanna Duncan (editor's note: I'm almost positive Richard must have helped Joanna), who has spent a great amount of time in organizing our Rally. She has put together a detailed schedule for the Rally, and the weekend is shaping up to be a wonderful time. I hope you have all called American Heritage RV Park and made your reservations. We hope to have a great turn-out from the four Virginia Clubs.

Another exciting update: We are excited to report that the Urbanna Oyster Festival Airstream Rally will occur again this November 7th. Frank Munoz and Tom Carmichael (of NORVA Club) will be coordinating the participation for this rally. For those of you who have not been to the Urbanna Rally, it is a fun gathering of about 25 Airstreams parked in a field (dry-camping) behind the Fire Department. From this fabulous spot in the middle of the town, one can enjoy all the offerings of the festival: parades, food stalls, waterfront exhibits, concerts ... all within easy walking distance. It's an easy dry camping event and a good way to close-out the 2021 camping season. Keep your eyes open for more news about this rally.

Frank and I really "broke out" in May ... Fort Monroe followed by Highland Haven. Two great camping events that many of you were able to also enjoy with us.

We are looking forward to lots of good Airstream times this summer!

Happy Trails .. Jayne

Please Join in Welcoming our New Members for 2021

Thomas & Joanne Warren

Spotsylvania, VA

Robert & Wanda Trexler

Dabneys, VA

Penny Buhler & Anthony Gagnon

Virginia Beach, VA

Rambo Martin Virginia Beach, VA

Ed & Sharon Tyng Virginia Beach, VA

Susan Bartyczak King George, VA David & Gina Clinthorne Fredericksburg, VA

Tracey & Thomas Heiner Williamsburg, VA

Sarah & Roy Zinser Yorktown, VA

Bill & Beth Allen Chesapeake, VA Benjamin & Allison Cohen Virginia Beach, VA



On the Road
Highlights of Member Travels

Breakout Rally - Newport News City Park March 26-27



Our 2021 Break Out Rally went well. We had eight rigs and up to twenty people for our evening festivities. Ellie and I were happy to host the event and enjoyed the company of

the Clinthornes, Duncans, Evans, Heiners, Lotuacos, Munoz', Schwartz', and the Zinzers. Thank you all for coming and it was nice to meet some of you for the first time.

Our Saturday lead ranger walk and talk was great. Senior Park Ranger Brooks facilitated an excellent historical tour of the Civil War battlefield that is part of Newport News City Park. The park is some 8,000 acres and the largest city park east of the Mississippi. Our Saturday night dinner seemed to be a hit – we cooked plenty of food and there were not a lot of leftovers. We're pleased about that! A fair amount of rain did fall on us that evening but it did not spoil the fun. Luckily we had two pop-up canopies over the tables and they came in very handy. We managed to celebrate a birthday as part of our evening festivities too and kept a campfire burning throughout.

Ellie and I look forward to our next rally at Ft. Monroe. We enjoy biking there, the Casemate Museum, and the Dead Rise Restaurant over at the marina. We hope to see lots of Tidewater Airstreamers there and at our other rallies this year.

Submitted by Greg and Ellie Worcester













A Trip to Fredericksburg, Virginia April 4-8

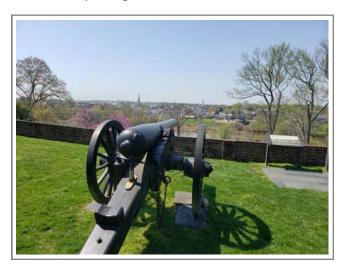
Ellie and I returned yesterday from a four day trip to Fredericksburg. We stayed at a KOA and enjoyed our stay. Weather was perfect and the staffers at the campground were kind and very helpful. There is a little lake at the KOA and some parents had their kids out there giving it a go. They also have a gemstone mining set-up that I imagine they run in summer, as well as a swimming pool. We ran up there via route 17 and had a nice leisurely and scenic drive. Thankfully our GPS got us there efficiently as the place is off the beaten path, but not far from historic Fredericksburg.

We met up with an old park service friend who retired after fourteen years rangerin' at the national historic site. He gave us an in depth tour of the Civil War battlefield and surrounding areas so we could really understand what took place there and how the town has grown over the last century and a half. I'm not sure who was a better guide – my buddy at Fredericksburg or Ranger Brooks at Newport News City Park. Both were excellent and very knowledgeable of some of the most tragic events in our history. I'm a military history buff so I never get tired of learning about and walking hallowed ground.

We also spent a day with our friends walking the old historic downtown. The main street has a nice small town resort ambiance. We visited a couple restaurants, several antique shops, misc others, and a great ice cream shop. The chicken and waffles and shrimp and grits at a place called Mason Dixon were very good. We will get back up there again this year I imagine, as some other friends of ours daughter attends Mary Washington and plays volleyball there. That was Ellie's sport for years and though she's now a pickle ball player – we'll always be up for watching some spirited v-ball.

2021 is shaping up to be a great camping year! We hope to see you all out there enjoying your Airstreams soon.

Submitted by Greg and Ellie Worcester





Region Three Tallahassee Rally April 21-25

Such a good way to spend time with other Airstream people at a Region Three Rally. The hosts, Bill Wild and company, did an amazing job to make us all comfortable and happy. There were several great seminars; Dutch Oven Cooking, Flower Arranging, Rivet News, Awning Info, Bee Keeping and more.

The food was outstanding. Where can you camp and get breakfast and dinner all for \$250.00?! Larry and Rhonda Evans, Brad and Kathy Tilley and Richard and Joanna Duncan attended the rally, enjoying every minute.

Plan to caravan, or arrive on your own to be with us next spring at Hiawassee, Georgia. Information will be coming out from the Region Three officers later this fall. This area is absolutely beautiful with several beautiful hiking trails and falls, like Anna Ruby near the town of Helen, Georgia. Hoping was can get a group together for next year's event.







Submitted by Richard and Joanna Duncan





Happy Birthday Tidewater Airstream Club Members

> March Jayne Munoz Ellie Worcester

> > April

May Joanna Duncan

Dylan Francis Munoz-Quinlan (Frank and Jayne became grandparents!)

> June Richard Duncan

Fort Monroe Rally - Hampton, VA April 30- May2

The Tidewater Club gathered at The Colonies Campground on Fort Monroe, Virginia for a "no-host" rally. There were 6 trailers in attendance. The campground is beautifully situated between Mill Creek and the Chesapeake Bay. On Friday night, we all gathered on the lawn at the Ouzelfinch Micro-Brewery, buying dinner from the food truck. We particularly liked the fact that we could bike everywhere on Fort Monroe. Unfortunately, this year the Casemate Museum was closed (due to Covid). A highlight of the rally was meeting Brad and Blair, the creators of Thirteenadventures.com, a great blog about living full time in a 30 foot Airstream International. We also met Mitch, a very bright and engaging enlisted sailor, who was living in his new Basecamp, and in the process of transferring from Hampton Roads to San Diego. While there, several of us made reservations for next year's rally, which has been set for the weekend of May 13-15, 2022 !(make your reservations now: call 757-722-2200). It was a great rally, making new friends, and a good time was had by all!











Highland Haven - Copper Hill, VA May 9 - May 15



Virginia Highland Haven (VHH) is a special place in the Blue Ridge Mountains that every Airstreamer should experience at least once. The Park, established in 1970, was the inspiration of a group of 46 Virginia Airstreamers who had a love for the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the great outdoors. Located half-way between Floyd and

Roanoke, Virginia, Highland Haven, once a 75-acre farm, features 46 full hook-up sites. challenging hiking trails, incredible long views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and spectacular sunsets. Jayne and I try to visit VHH twice a year, once in the early Spring (they open in May) and once in the Fall (they close in October). We enjoy hiking the VHH and local Blue Ridge trails and it's a good time to observe the many spring wildflowers and observe the bird migrations. VHH is a



great starting point to visit to Floyd for local blue grass music or to take in their many unique gift shops and galleries. VHH is also centrally located to Roanoke and Blacksburg for all you Hokies fans. Richard and Joanna Duncan joined us for a week stay during our recent visit. The major highlight of our Highland Haven stay was a phone call from our daughter in Sacramento, announcing the birth of our first grandson, Dylan Francis!! Another highlight was a 4+mile loop hike in the Nature Conservancy's Bottom Creek Gorge preserve. Located about 12 miles from VHH, the preserve has

numerous loops trails of moderate difficulty that lead to a view of the Bent Mountain Falls, which is the 2nd highest falls in Virginia. On our hike we were treated



to some great wildflowers and a variety of migrating warblers and other birds. We can't wait to go back in the fall!



Like many other

campgrounds, reservations at VHH are sometimes a little challenging to get, but a stay at VHH is well worth the extra effort. For more information see the VHH website at http://vahighlandhaven.com/.

Submitted by Frank Munoz

Editor's Note: If you have taken a non-club trip with your Airstream and you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you. All I need is a short write-up describing your adventure and if you have a picture or two that would be great. We all are adventurers and looking for interesting and fun places to explore.

Tidewater 111 Increasing Membership

The Tidewater 111 Airstream Club has always been filled with wonderful, spirited campers, but lately we are adding to this group with many more new members. What a joy to meet new Airstream campers and share our stories together. Recently, at the Newport News Rally were had several new members: Ed and Sheri Tyng, David and Gina Clinthorne, Tracey and Thomas Heiner and Sarah and Roy Zinser with us to enjoy those Airstream stories and plan traveling together. Since that rally we have had Penny Buhler and Anthony Gagnon join Tidewater 111. It will be good to see them at a rally very soon. Late last summer Bob and Wanda Trexler joined our Club, but sadly they were not with us at Newport News. We certainly hope that Bob and Wanda can join us at one of our rally events soon.

As we continue to grow, we fondly remember those members who did not camp with us at all in 2020. We are all looking forward to seeing EVERYONE soon. Airstreams really look great in campgrounds, drawing much interest in our fun activities together!

Joanna Duncan Membership Chairwoman

A Great Airstream Story

Just driving along in our 55 active community in Williamsburg I happened to notice an Airstream Trailer and tow vehicle parked by the tennis courts with no red number but Virginia license plates. Joanna and I wrote a post-it note and put it on the tow vehicle with our contact information. AND they called us

the very next day to introduce themselves as living a few streets over in our community. They told us that they were headed to California the very next day, but would contact us when they returned. Naturally we told them to call us if they had any issues, as they were new to Airstreaming. Guess what??

They called on Sunday to ask me to help with their backup camera. As most of you know, Joanna is my back up camera so ours is safely in the original box never having been used. BUT, we knew that Nick Lotuaco uses his all of the time. So, a call was made to Nick who called Hal and Ann Falk and was able to solve their problem. This is what belonging to the Tidewater Club and trading stories at rallies is all about. Joanna is looking at them for our next new members, when they return from California this summer.

Richard Duncan Treasurer

Commonwealth Rally 1st Edition News

THIS IS THE YEAR for the 2020 Commonwealth Rally to be held on September 24-26, 2021. As you all will remember, we had to cancel the Commonwealth Rally last year due to the pandemic. BUT this year it is going to be bigger and better. We have had an entire winter to plan it. SO, get your reservation in as soon as possible and please contact Larry Evans, our President, to volunteer to help where needed. Too late for the great jobs like Flamingo Bingo as Ed Tyng has that and Frank Munoz has the Frank's "Frank" dinner, and Angie Swartz, Gina Clinthorne, and their buddies get to serve the pie and ice cream. Rhonda Evans and Jayne Munoz get to sing to you as you leave and Joanna Duncan WILL find a job just for you. Greeters, valuable prizes, and a Gourmet S'more host are some of the great opportunities still out there. Just call.

Details: Discounted reservations available at the American Heritage RV Park in Williamsburg, Virginia. Sign up now to be near your friends.

\$20.00 per person rally fee to be paid to Richard Duncan, treasurer 6907 Arthur Hills Drive Williamsburg, Va 23188

Many great activities planned: A Daytime Ghost Tour of Colonial Williamsburg, the Williamsburg Farmer's Market, Flamingo Bingo, Installation of Officers, Musical entertainment on Saturday evening, Devotions on Sunday morning, Two Breakfasts by Northern Virginia and Virginia Airstream, Happy Hour by Spirit of Virginia, Friday evening barbeque dinner from Pierce's with Fall pies and ice cream, Saturday evening Frank's Frank dinner and Gourmet S'mores.



2021 Commonwealth Rally Registration Form

Friday, September 24 through 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 \$20.00 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)		
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club		
WBCCI#	Cell Phone	
Cell Phone		Email
Number of people attending		X\$20.00=
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Airstream Club	, Richard Dunca	an, Treasurer

Most events will be open to all attendees EXCEPT the Daytime Ghost Tour which is limited to 25 people at a cost of \$10.00 per 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 Richard Duncan, Treasurer at 740-319-8088

Thank you Joanna and Richard Duncan for putting this together.

64th Annual Urbanna, VA Oyster Festival NOVEMBER 4-7, 2021

For the last 64 years, the two day festival is on the first weekend in November, the small Town of Urbanna, Virginia has closed down their streets for a weekend full of festivities, food, and fun, all to celebrate our favorite little mollusk, the Oyster! The festival vendors offer about as many ways as you can imagine to enjoy these delicious – locally sourced jewels. If you are not an oyster eater there are many other food treats available. Even though taking part in the food fest, there are many other fun events throughout the two day celebration – live music, a car show, one-of-a-kind Fireman's Parade (bring your earplugs), Queen's Parade with floats, Shriner midget cars (my favorite) and marching bands.

In previous years, our friends from the Northern Virginia Club (NORVA) have sponsored a rally that allows Airstreamers an opportunity to park as a group close to the festival center (2-minute walk) in a privately owned field. The landowner has agreed to allow us to park there again this year. However, this year the NORVA Club has decided to step back from sponsorship in order to pursue other opportunities. We've had so much fun at past events, it would be a shame to lose the rally so our Tidewater Club has decided to step up and sponsor the rally. The NORVA Club has graciously offered to lend a hand which is most welcome. We will reserve a rally parking spot to the first 25 trailers who respond with a Rally Registration Form and a check for participation. If you sign-up but are unable to attend we will

In past years the most difficult challenge is finding parking. Since we will be parked in a field adjacent to the festival – parking is a non-issue. The cost this year will be \$100 per trailer – that is for parking beginning on Thursday until Sunday (most people pull out on Sunday). It's a dry camping event with generators allowed. The owner of the property allows dumping of gray







water if you need to do that. There is not a dump station so you'll have to dump your tanks on the way home. This is usually not a problem.

The Urbanna Oyster Festival is the 2nd Oldest Oyster Festival in the world, and in 1988 was designated as the Official Oyster Festival of the Commonwealth!

We hope you'll join us this year! Mark your calendars!

Submitted by Frank Munoz

2021 Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally Registration Form

The Tidewater 111 Airstream Club will be hosting this exciting event at Urbanna, Virginia. The parking fee set by the landowner is \$100.00 per trailer which includes 4 days 3 nights of parking within 2 mins of the festival events. There will be a no-host happy hour with munchies on Thursday and Friday evenings. Please make your reservation soon by sending in the below form with your Rally Fee. There are only 25 parking spots so the first 25 registration forms returned will be confirmed. We will keep a waiting list in case someone drops out.

Name(s)	Member of which		
club			
WBCCI#	Cell Phone		
Cell Phone		_ Email	
Number of people attending 111 Airstream Club, Richard Dur		\$100.00 enclosed check to Tidewater	

There is no cost for admission to the festival, however there are entrance fees charged by some venues.

First 25 registration forms with payment received will be confirmed. A stand-by list will be maintained and if someone drops out you will be notified.

Please send completed registration form with check to Richard Duncan, 6907 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg, Va 23188

For additional information: Larry Evans, President, 757-636-8836 Frank Munoz, Editor Tidewater Club 111 Newsletter at 703-969-7268 or send an email to frankmmunoz19@gmail.com

For What It's Worth Product Review BirdNET

Jayne and I are birders. We love to hike and when we are in the woods surrounded only by the sounds of the forest many times we would like to know the bird we are hearing in the distance. Up till now the only way we have been able to do this is to find the bird with our binoculars (not always easy) now we have a wonderful app on our I-phones that listens to the song and tells us what bird we are listening to. We are just starting to use the APP so I am sure there are limitations but so far we are impressed. It's a fun APP to use on a hike or when sitting under your awning. The best part is it's free! Give it a try you'll enjoy it. The below description is a cut and paste from the Cornell BirdNET website https://birdnet.cornell.edu

"How can computers learn to recognize birds from sounds? The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Chemnitz University of Technology are trying to find an answer to this question. Our research is mainly focused on the detection and classification of avian sounds using machine learning – we want to assist experts and citizen scientist in their work of monitoring and protecting our birds. BirdNET is a research platform that aims at recognizing birds by sound at scale. We support various hardware and operating systems such as Arduino microcontrollers, the Raspberry Pi, smartphones, web browsers, workstation PCs, and even cloud services. BirdNET is a citizen science platform as well as an analysis software for extremely large collections of audio. BirdNET aims to provide innovative tools for conservationists, biologists, and birders alike."

Tidewater Airstream Club 111 Events 2021

July TBD - We do not have a planned event for this month. We wanted to allow everyone to focus on the International Rally in Tennessee. However if anyone has an idea for a no host "pick-up" rally and would like to propose a place and 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 John Kerr Lake Va. Larry and Rhonda Evans hosts. We will be trying to reserve sites on Loop B of the park.

September 24-26 Commonwealth Rally (see above information) - Tidewater Airstream Club host

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 – Urbanna Oyster Festival - Our Tidewater Club will host this event with the support of the NORVA Airstream Club. Please see the information above or contact Frank Munoz at frankmmunoz19@gmail.com.

November 17 - 20 — 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 30 amp electric sites with water available, 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 2021 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!

Tidewater Club 111 EVENTS 2022

Editor's note: Reservations are becoming increasingly more difficult to get at popular campgrounds, so I am working to get a 2 year calendar to help with this challenge. If you are interested in hosting an event please let us know. If you are planning on sponsoring an event please let me know the details as soon as possible.

February - TBD

March TBD - Break-out Rally - Location - TBD, hosts TBD

April 6-9 Region 3 Rally - Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, 1311 Music Hall Road, Hiawasee, Fla. Registration not released at this time. Check the website or Blue Beret for further information.

April 23-24 - TBD

May 13 - 15 - Ft Monroe - This is a small campground so make your reservations early. Good bike riding along the beach. Camp phone # 757-722-2200 (no host at this time).

June TBD. Belle Isle State Park. hosts Tim and Beverly Supler.

July TBD – 2022 International Rally in TBD (Rumor on the street is Maine)

August TBD North Bend Army Corp Of Engineering Camp Ground John Kerr Lake Va. Larry and Rhonda Evans hosts. We will be trying to reserve sites on Loop B of the park.

September TBD Commonwealth Rally Host Club TBD

October 6 - 9 – First Landing State Park Virginia Beach - *hosts Frank and Jayne Munoz* - First Landing State Park is beautiful and there is so much to do in Virginia Beach and Norfolk. Great bike riding and kayaking. Please join us! Reservations are difficult to get so as soon as they open highly recommend making them. Plan on a Happy Hour Thursday evening - Smoked ribs and Pulled Pork on Friday - No host dinner at Dockside (great local seafood on the Lynnhaven River. If you intend to participate please let us know as soon as possible.

November 3 - 6 – Urbana Oyster Festival - Our Tidewater Club will host this event.

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