

# NORVA NEWS

July - August 2021



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### AIRSTREAM HUGS Western Trip (Part 6) Patsy and Gerry Nagel – The Trip Home

We began the trip home when we departed Moab, UT on Tuesday, July 21. As we did frequently on the return trip, we made a breakfast stop at McDonald's. McDonald's has decent coffee and many locations have or are near parking for the Airstream. Some you could order inside and some were drive-thru only. After breakfast we headed south on US 191 and found the Visitors Center closed we planned to visit in Monticello. From there we headed east on US 491 to Cortez, CO and found that Visitors Center open. The hostess provided information on the Grand Circle which covers an area from Provo, UT in the north to Globe, AZ in the south, and Albuquerque, NM in the east to Las Vegas, NV in the west. It is a diverse land of natural wonders, rich colorful traditions and colorful history. There is so much to see in this Southwestern part of the US that it would take several travel seasons to see it all. We will keep this information to plan for future trips.

After leaving Cortez, CO, our route took us to Shiprock, NM where we picked up US 64 to Farmington, NM. We made a stop at Harbor Freight to pick up some drill bits needed to fix the tonneau cover on the truck. A couple of clamps were not staying in place and this caused the cover to slip down and prevent the tail gate from closing. Departing Farmington, where the temperature was in the low 100's, we headed to our night destination the "Wines of San Juan", a Harvest Host location near Blanco, NM. We had chosen this location as they offered electrical service and we wanted to make sure we had air conditioning with the high temperatures we had been experiencing. When we called for reservations the owner stated the winery was closed that day but that we should come anyway. The owner met us at the entrance, showed us where to park beneath a beautiful



Cottonwood tree, and invited us over for a wine tasting. The wines were very good and we purchased a couple of bottles. Blue Winged Olive - with vivid aromas of green apple and honey-drizzled white peaches, this semi-sweet Riesling guides you through a palate of

fresh pear and stone fruit flavors. Girls Are Meaner - a sweet & spicy fruit salad in a glass! This is a Gewurztraminer that weaves its quiet spell with rose





Wines of San Juan Campsite

petals, lychee fruit and a spicy, complex finish. This beautiful winery location has majestic Cottonwood trees around the property and, after walking around, I took time to fix the tonneau cover with a couple of bolts that corrected the issue with the clamps coming loose. The owner offered us the opportunity to stay another night but we were on our homeward bound schedule and needed to keep moving.

The next morning, Wednesday July 22, we departed the winery and drove west to Bloomfield, NM where we picked up US 550 South to make our way to Albuquerque, NM. We planned to stay at Kirtland AFB, where we arrived mid-afternoon, and were able to procure a

first come, first served site. We had already decided not to stay more than one night as the Governor was tightening down on travelers coming into New Mexico; we were heading to Texas.

The next morning, Thursday July 23, we stopped at McDonald's located on the base. We parked at the Base Exchange lot around 7:30 a.m. as it was across the street from McDonalds and almost empty. We crossed the street over to McDonald's and walked through the drive thru as the lobby did not open for business until 11:00 a.m. After eating breakfast in the trailer, we were preparing to drive away when someone quickly parked in front of the truck. No one was parked behind us so we were able to back-up and then move forward through the parking lot to exit. While we were navigating the parking lot, several vehicles kept rushing into parking places in front of us as they couldn't wait until we cleared the area. They appeared to be retired military and were the most discourteous we have experienced. The only person who offered to let us move was an Airman in uniform and we thanked him for his courtesy but motioned for him to go on about his business. Leaving the base, we picked up I-40 East which we would travel for several days and we were glad to head to Texas!

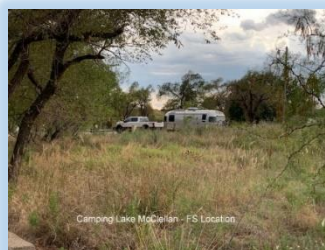


Since we had no definite location for the evening, Patsy did some research on Campendium for places to stay near Amarillo as we knew we would travel at least that far. She found a Forest Service Campground at Lake McClellan which is part of the Cibola National Forest and National Grassland. I called the contact number and was informed this was a

first come first served campground. It usually gets full on weekends with ATV riders from Amarillo but we should have no trouble on Thursday. With this information in hand we decided to find some Tex-Mex food in Amarillo and found the El Bracero Mexican Grill. The restaurant was only a couple of blocks from Walmart, so we had a place to park with easy Mex food, it was back for a Walmart Campground. We arrived late in the from Kirtland AFB plus we lost an Central time. We were the only ones of 60 E&W sites. The cost was Pass it was only \$5.00. One other RV relaxing quite evening with a light



El Bracero Burrito



Campground Lake McClellan - FS Location

walking distance. After the good Tex-run and head for Lake McClellan afternoon as it was about 350 miles hour changing from Mountain time to in the campground and had our choice \$10.00 but with National Park Senior showed up later in the evening. It was a supper after the Tex-Mex lunch.





On Friday July 24, it was off to Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, OK. This FamCamp was also first come, first served so we planned on arriving early afternoon. We called about 30 minutes out and were informed sites were available for the evening. The campsites were very close together and there was not much room to maneuver into the site but we got checked in and parked without an issue. Once settled, it was off to the Commissary. We decided to eat out again and take advantage of good Tex-Mex food. The Casa Juanito was recommended and we had a beef burrito with rice and beans. The night was quiet and since we only had 200 miles to travel the next day, we did not have an early departure.



Tinker AFB Fam Camp

We continued on I-40 East as we headed to Fort Smith, AR on Saturday, July 25th.

We had reservations at William O Darby Campground which was part of Fort Chaffee, AR. We arrived mid-afternoon and set up in a nice pull through site. As it was hot and very humid, we got the AC running as soon as possible. I was outside completing some tasks and Patsy was inside preparing supper. She comes to the door to tell me the AC had quit. I checked the circuit and observed that the breaker had tripped. Reset the breaker and everything was working again. About 20 minutes later the AC stopped again. Checked the breaker and it was tripped again. Reset the breaker. Another 20 minutes passed and, you guessed it, the AC stopped. This time I got my 50 to 30 amp adapter and plugged into the 50 amp circuit. No more tripped circuit breaker.



William O Darby Campground Ft. Smith, AR

On Sunday, July 26 we left Wm O' Darby and stopped by Walmart for diesel, a few items and breakfast at McDonald's takeout located inside Walmart. It was extremely hot and humid and the Airstream was already

hot, so we ate as fast as possible. Then we were off to Memphis, TN and the Agricenter International RV Park which Patsy had also found on Campendium. To stay in this park you have to submit a form by email which asks for dates and reason for staying. If dates are available, they will reply and lock in the dates upon your email response. We traveled just over 300 miles this day. Once we arrived, we were shown to our site and we set up for our time in Memphis. The next day, Monday, July 27, we were off to Graceland and the Elvis Presley's Memphis exhibit complex. After reviewing how they were operating under the Wuhan virus, we had decided not to tour Graceland as many rooms were closed. The exhibit covered the life of Elvis and we spent about 4 hours going through the very interesting displays. After this it was off to find some Memphis Bar-b-que. Based



Agricenter RV Park



on a recommendation from an employee at the Elvis exhibit, we went to the closest Central Barbeque restaurant. It was ok but not what we expected based on the great reputation of Memphis barbecue. After supper it was off to Sam's club for diesel and a few supplies, then back to the campground to prepare for the next day's journey.



On Tuesday July 28 we were up early with the goal of making the 410 mile trek to Pigeon Forge, TN and the Smoky Mountains. The Great Smoky Mountain National Park (GSMNP) is Patsy's favorite park. After a McDonald's breakfast stop, the TPMS indicated a tire had low pressure. This had happened several times on the trip so I used my portable air compressor to inflate the tires to proper pressure. Then it was onto I-40 east again with a diesel stop at Walmart in Lebanon, TN before continuing to Pigeon Forge. We arrived at Waldens Creek RV and Campground in the late afternoon. Our campsite was already assigned and we were directed to just pull in as no

one would be in the office when we arrived. As we were setting up, I was connecting the cable for the television and found that wasps had decided to use the cable box for a nest. Since I had a quick connect cable that only needed to be pushed in instead of screwed in, I was able to get the cable connected without getting stung. I called the campground office and no one was available to take care of the wasps but said someone would be out the next day. Now it was time to relax and plan for several days in the Smoky Mountains.



The GSMNP closes Cades Cove Loop Road to vehicle traffic every Wednesday during the summer for exclusive use of hikers and bikers, so we went for a bike ride on Wednesday, July 29. The Cades Cove 11-mile loop is a nice ride with some uphill and downhill portions and this time we made it back to the truck before the rain came. The rest of our visit was spent doing several hikes in the area and some shopping at a couple of Patsy's favorite stores. Besides taking several hikes in the Smokies, we decided to try tubing down the Little River in Townsend, TN. On August 1st we drove over to Townsend to the "Smoky Mountain River Rat Outpost," for a day of tubing. For one price you could float down the river as many times as you wanted. As it had rained the night before, the river was up and, with





the current running fast, our first trip down the river took about 45 minutes. The next two trips took over an hour as the water level decreased and there were more rocks to navigate. It is amazing how tired you can get from just floating down a river in a tube.



While we were in Utah, one of Patsy's Facebook friends had shared a video titled "Alabama Squash - Cooking with Brenda Gantt". It caught Patsy's attention because she is from Alabama and we have a good friend in Alabama with the same last name. Watching the video, Andalusia, AL was mentioned as the location which is less than 15 miles from where Patsy was raised. We called our Alabama friend Kyle Gantt and learned Brenda Gantt is his sister-in-law. Younger ladies from Brenda's church were overwhelmed trying to cook at home during the Wuhan virus and asked her to teach them how to make biscuits. Brenda made a biscuit making video holding the phone in one hand and making the biscuits with the other hand and posted it to her Facebook page. She thought that was that. In about a week's time it had been viewed a million times and people were asking for more. The Cooking With Brenda Gantt page was then established and she currently has 24 million followers. Another video she made was for Hot Water Cornbread using a cast iron wedge pan. At the Lodge Cast Iron Outlet in Pigeon Forge, TN, Patsy was looking for the wedge pan and couldn't find it. Patsy asked about it and one of the

employees said they were sold out of a lot of things since that lady in Alabama had been on Facebook. The pan was also sold out on the Lodge website but Patsy found one at Cracker Barrel.



Now it was time to make the last leg home. The truck was packed and I checked the tires on the Airstream to be sure they were inflated to the correct pressure. All we had to do in the morning was take care of water, electric, sewer and hookup.



We were up early Tuesday, August 4 to make the final trek of 455 miles from Pigeon Forge to home at Occoquan, VA. We made a coffee stop at McDonald's with our plan being to stop for a late Cracker Barrel breakfast at Kingsport, TN and make it home before dark. But then Unplanned Event Five happened. As we were traveling down I-81 west of Kingsport, upon crossing an overpass on the highway we heard a pop and the TPMS started beeping. It indicated a flat tire on the right front of



the Airstream. We were close to an exit and since we had tandem wheels we slowed down and took the exit. Near the exit was a truck tire facility so we pulled in there and asked if we could use their parking lot to change the tire. They were courteous and also offered to change it for us but we wanted to make sure it was changed in accordance with Airstream procedures and not have the trailer jacked up. After we got the tire changed we continued down the road and stopped at the Cracker Barrel in Kingsport. At this point it was lunch instead of breakfast. At least we got coffee before the tire incident. I did not want to continue the trip without a spare so I did some research and found a Discount Tire Store in Bristol, VA that had the Goodyear Endurance tires. I had already planned on changing all the tires on the Airstream to Endurance when we got home. They put the new tire on the wheel and I just put it in the spare carrier so that when I got new tires I would have the same mileage on them. Now we knew getting home today before dark was not going to happen so we had to look for a place to stay overnight. The weather was cooperating so it would be cool enough to boondock and we headed up I-81 and stayed at the Cracker Barrel in Staunton, VA. We arrived there just before dark and had an uneventful evening in the Airstream.

The next day, Wednesday, August 5, we needed to find a location to clean out the tanks as the Airstream would be sitting for several weeks before our next trip. I used the website Sanidumps.com to find locations on our route home and found the Rivanna Waste Water Treatment Plant in Charlottesville, VA. It was free so we stopped there and dumped the tanks. Now we were on the last leg home and arrived in Occoquan mid-afternoon.

After 50 days and 7000 plus miles it was nice to get home. It was a wonderful experience and now it is time plan the next adventure.

Gerry



# RALLY REPORTS

(Editor's note: This is Part One of a series of three articles on the 2021 NORVA Caravan conducted in June 2021. Parts Two and Three will appear in the next two issues of NORVA News.)

## **NORVA's Ohio Caravan gets underway after a 17-month delay.**

### Part One – Touring Southwest Ohio.

It should have been called the "Perfect Timing" caravan. After a year and a half of scouting and planning, and twice postponed because of COVID-19, NORVA's Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom, decided to lead their history-themed "Ohio Presidents and Historic Icons Caravan." What's even more remarkable is that they made the "let's go" decision not knowing if many of the stops on their caravan would be open. The staffs at some of the presidential homes were not answering their phones and websites indicated they remained closed because of pandemic restrictions. There was also the probability that masks would have to be worn everywhere and that group meals might have to be outdoors, if allowed at all.

As things turned out, no worries! As the caravan was about to get underway, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine announced he was lifting nearly all COVID-19 restrictions, effective June 2nd, including the requirement to wear face coverings inside public buildings. For the caravan, the timing could not have been better! In fact, every venue on the planned schedule was now open, or would be open by the time the caravanners arrived.

NORVA is one of the very few local WBCCI clubs that conducts an annual club caravan open to all WBCCI members. Not so in 2020 because of COVID; ergo the postponements. But for 2021, the caravan finally launched, and 20 fully vaccinated Airstreamers signed up to participate (10 trailers). The 17-day adventure began on

June 3rd with the group coming together at the KOA campground in Lebanon, Ohio, near Cincinnati. It concluded on June 19th, the "head for home" day. NORVA caravans are open to all WBCCI members. For this year's event, seven couples onboard were NORVA members. In addition to the McBrooms, they included Gerry & Patsy Nagel, Dick & Jane Arnold, Lew & Cathy Brodsky, Chuck & Sally Walters, Bob & Lois Hitchcock, and Bob & Carol Luther (NORVA affiliate members). Three couples present were members of other Airstream clubs: Larry & Shala Wilson from Hartford, Ky; Dave & Kathy Carlig from Palos Heights, Ill.; and Stan & Andrea Patterson from Madison, Ala. During the caravan, the Carligs and Pattersons decided to formally join NORVA as affiliate members.

Over the next 16 days the pace was hectic as the travelers saw the homes or tombs of seven of the eight U.S. presidents who were either born in Ohio or had lived in the state. These men were all distinguished Ohioans who led the nation in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries. At each historic site visited, the McBrooms had prearranged for docents to give the group special, detail-oriented tours covering the life, times, and accomplishments of the presidents.

From the initial campground (the KOA in Lebanon) the touring began. America's 18<sup>th</sup> president, General Ulysses S. Grant (term: 1869 to 1877), was born and spent his boyhood years in Ohio. His birthplace is a small cottage along the Ohio River in the tiny hamlet of Point Pleasant. Just down the road in Georgetown, Ohio, was Grant's boyhood home. He attended a one-room schoolhouse there. In 1839, Grant's father wrote to a congressman



and got his 17-year-old son an appointment to West Point. All the caravanners were familiar with the rest of Grant's military and political history!

In North Bend, the group visited the monument and tomb of the 9<sup>th</sup> president, William Henry Harrison, who died of typhoid fever in 1841 after only 31 days in office. Usually under lock and key, the gates of Harrison's obelisk and tomb, sitting atop a hill, were opened just for the visiting Airstreamers by Bev Meyer, the woman heading a foundation responsible for the tomb's upkeep. She told the group about Harrison and his family, then took everybody to see artifacts she and others had assembled in a one-room museum in the nearby town of Cleves.

While in Cincinnati, many of the caravanners took time to visit the home of President William H. Taft (27<sup>th</sup> president, term: 1909 to 1913). Taft's family was wealthy and his elegant home, now a property of the National Park Service, had just reopened to the public after COVID.

But presidential homes and tombs were not the only venues visited in Southwest Ohio. The area also earned a place in 19<sup>th</sup> Century American history for another reason. In the decades leading up to the Civil War, the river separating Ohio, a free state, from Kentucky, a state where slavery was legal, was frequently crossed by escaping slaves seeking freedom. Many abolitionists on the Ohio side gave the escapees shelter and helped them travel through Ohio to Canada in what became known as "The Underground Railroad." The caravanners toured the John Rankin House and John Parker House in Ripley, Ohio. Both families were instrumental in sheltering many escaped slaves and moving them north. Interestingly, from 1832 to 1850, Harriet Beecher Stowe lived in Cincinnati and was friendly with the Rankins. She learned about a young slave woman and her child crossing the frozen river, a story she later retold in her famous book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The group spent a full day visiting the Cincinnati Museum Center, a one-of-a-kind, multi-museum complex housed in the spectacular Union Terminal, an historic and repurposed Art Deco train station and National Historic Landmark built in the 1930s. The Center features an OMNIMAX theater, a city history museum, and a Holocaust museum.

The McBrooms are known for conducting unconventional caravans and this one was no exception. Because the historic Golden Lamb Hotel was close to the campground in Lebanon, they decided to have the customary "farewell" dinner on day 3 of the caravan, instead of at the end. Jackson felt that dining at the Golden Lamb was an opportunity that could not be passed up. The hotel is famous for hosting Charles Dickens, Mark Twain, Neil Armstrong, many other celebrities, and 12 U.S. presidents in its 215 years of existence. The McBrooms ensured that 20 Airstreamers were added to that list of distinguished visitors by hosting a special, sumptuous dinner for the group in the hotel's private "President's Room." Bon Appetit!

The Cincinnati portion of the caravan concluded with a visit to Carillon Historical Park in Dayton, Ohio. This Park is really a 65-acre museum campus with 30 re-located and restored historical buildings. There is a re-creation of the Wright Brothers bicycle shop, a bicycle museum, an exhibit showing the effects of the devastating 1913 Dayton flood, and a large room displaying the authentic 1905 Wright Flyer III airplane in the Wright National Museum run by the National Park Service. The historical park also features a "made in Dayton" technology museum, antique automobiles, and much more.

Most of the caravanners capped the day in Dayton by visiting the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The museum houses what is arguably the world's greatest collection of warplanes, featuring five interconnected hanger areas with hundreds of meticulously restored air and spacecraft on display, from vintage pre-World War I biplanes to today's rockets and supersonic fighter jets.





After a “free day” to relax, June 9 was a travel day. It was time to move the caravanners to a new base of operations in Central Ohio, near Columbus.

Moving around the state, the Airstreamers would see Ohio’s three largest cities and much of its countryside, logging many miles on Interstate highways and local roads. They would travel from Ohio’s southern boundary along the Ohio River, to its northeastern corner near Lake Erie. They would camp in three Ohio campgrounds spending multiple nights in each. And each day brought new adventures and new insights into America’s past.

(To be continued. Part Two of this story will appear in the next issue of NORVA News.)

*A special thanks to Lew Brodsky for writing this amazing article. I feel like I was on the caravan with you. Looking forward to part two and three.*



*Happy Hour Gathering*



*Grants Boyhood Home*

*Dinner at the Golden Lamb private Presidents*



*Dick and Jane Arnold*



Caravan Leaders Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom



Day One group discussion with caravan leader Jackson McBroom



At the John Parker house in Ripley

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4-in thick Driver's manual given to each caravanner with direction, pamphlets and histories of each Ohio president



Airstreamers tour the home of John Rankin Ripley the Abolitionist



Cabin where Grant was born





WWII Gallery at the Air Force Museum in Dayton



The Wright Flyer III at Carillon Historic Park in Dayton



The main lobby of Cincinnati's Union Terminal



The Golden Lamb Hotel



Patsy Nagel enjoys the view of Kentucky from the Ohio side



Harrison's monument and tomb





*The art deco Union Terminal is now the Cincinnati Museum Center*

*Scale model of downtown Cincinnati in the museum*



*Jackson and Mary Ann take a break from touring*



*Harriet Beecher Stowe House*



# Outlander River Rally Adventures!



A great big thank you goes out to Doug and Gail Perkins for hosting the Outlander Rally in Luray, VA. The weekend was full of things to do in the area and right there at the campground. I've heard chatter about the idea of making it an annual event for NORVA. Keep and eye out so you don't miss the fun next year.



## River Riding







## Cornhole Tournament







## Wine Tasting





## Campfires and a Pancake Breakfast



An extra special welcome to Priscilla and David Harrell. Although they have been members for a few months, this was their FIRST rally! They are hooked!







# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Meet Bob, Wendy and Jacob Nickel



It was a casual conversation with Gary and Sue Shepard, Norva Newsletter Editors. While talking with The Shepard's at a couple of rallies, they were intrigued by our purchase of multiple Airstream units in a short amount of time.

By way of background, Wendy and I are new to the Airstream community, but we both grew up camping with our families. My experiences were positive, tent camping all over the west, whereas

Wendy discovered tent camping was not

for her. We wanted our son, Jacob, to experience getting out in nature, but if Wendy was going to go along, it needed to be more of a glamping experience. I was getting tired of sleeping on the ground, so purchasing an RV wasn't a hard sale.



As far as the size and model of the trailer, we exactly what our needs would be, or what our tow, so we started looking at smaller, more affordable models. I was all about a Basecamp. It's small, our Honda Pilot could tow it, and it was the least expensive model available. Wendy took one look at the interior size and the wet bath and ran the other way! Fortunately, the dealer had a great deal on a 2019 19 foot Flying Cloud Corner Bedroom Bunk (CBB) model. It had a lot more room than the Basecamp and no wet bath! At the time, it seemed that it had plenty of storage for the three of us and it offered many of the upgraded features of a larger, more expensive trailer. It answered all of our needs so we were in! Little did we know, we had a lot to learn.



We knew we wanted a towable RV and had always liked the timeless looks of Airstream trailers, so we focused our search exclusively for a new Airstream. didn't know Honda Pilot could







The first thing we learned was while our Honda could technically tow the trailer, it was not the most comfortable situation. We immediately upgraded our tow vehicle to a Toyota Tundra for better towing capability. We loved our little trailer and took it out for long weekends many times in the first few months of ownership. We knew we had made the right choice to buy an Airstream and loved the time we were spending with Jacob out in nature and visiting historic sites around the country. The quality of the trailer was everything we expected and most importantly, we joined NORVA and learned how much fun we could have with all of our fellow Airstreamers! During this honeymoon phase, we began to notice some things we would like to change in the future. The main issue was storage; the 19 foot CBB is short on cupboard space due

to the bunk. We needed the bunk as we didn't want to break down the dining area every night to make a bed for Jacob. We found we were shifting bags back and forth between the bed and the dining area depending on the time of day. Everything on the bed during the day and everything in the dining area every night.

There is nothing wrong with the small trailer, as a matter of fact I loved it when I took a solo golf trip to Michigan. There was plenty of room for just my stuff and there was no shifting at all. The trailer is perfect for one or maybe two people, but not for three. There just wasn't the storage we needed for all of us.



Our first trailer showed us how much we loved Airstream trailers and most importantly how much we enjoyed the Airstream community, we just had to figure out which trailer would work best for us. Based on all we had learned from our initial experience, we decided a 25 foot Flying Cloud Front Bedroom was the answer. We've had the trailer about eight months now and it has been a much better experience for us. There is storage space for everything and we still have extra room. I'm sure we'll fill everything up at some point, but there is plenty of room for the basic necessities. The trailer is small enough to tow easily, yet big enough to meet all of our needs for long vacations as well as short weekend. The larger trailer pushed beyond the towing limits of the Toyota Tundra, so naturally we needed a new truck as well. We ended up choosing a Ford F-250. It has plenty of capacity for all of our glamping needs!



I've read in several places that most Airstreamers figure out which trailer they need by the third one they buy, we're hoping we got it right after two. Be sure to ask us in a couple of years!

Bob, Wendy and Jacob Nickel

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Camping Breakfast Burritos (A Preview for the Commonwealth Rally) by Sue Shepard

### Ingredients

- 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup frozen hash browns
- 8 oz cooked ham, diced
- 12 eggs
- 1 tablespoon Old El Paso Seasoning Mix
- 1 (4.5 oz) can Old El Paso Green Chilis
- 2 cups (8 oz) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 8 (12-inch) Old El Paso flour tortillas



### Instructions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet. Add the hash browns and cook for 1 minute, stirring continuously. Add in the ham. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until the hash browns and ham have both browned, about 8-10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, lightly whisk the eggs. Whisk in the taco seasoning. When the hash browns and ham have browned, pour the eggs into the skillet. Cook, stirring frequently, until the eggs have set. Stir in the green chiles, cheese and cilantro.
3. Warm the tortillas. Put 1/8 of the egg mixture down the center of each tortilla. Roll up like a burrito and wrap tightly in foil. Store in a ziptop bag in the refrigerator or in a cooler.
4. When ready to cook, place wrapped burritos in hot coals next to fire. Let the burritos sit in the coals, turning once, until heated through, about 10-15 minutes. (The time will depend on how hot your fire is.)





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Special Private Showing of Airstream's New Facility



Artist Rendering of the new facility



"Under Construction"  
Courtesy of Lew Brodsky Photography

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the new Airstream facility. **This rally is 100% dry camping with no hookups.**

Due to the limited space, the Club will have a drawing to fill the 65 spaces available. If you are interested in attending this rally, fill out the form below. The drawing will be held on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> to select the members to attend the showing.

If you registered for Alumapalooza 11, we encourage you to keep that reservation.

[Entry Form](#)

This is a private member-only event, so please **do not share** this information on any social media platform. Only one entry per member and all entries must be received by midnight on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact HQ at [937-596-5211](tel:937-596-5211) or email [info@airstreamclub.org](mailto:info@airstreamclub.org).

Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you down the road!  
The HQ Team

[www.airstreamclub.org](http://www.airstreamclub.org)



## Have you signed up?

Airstream Incorporated is hosting a special private show of Airstream's new facility. Please check your email for the invitation to register and details that will be offered. Best of luck to you as only 65 units will be selected for this special private showing of the newest Airstream facility.







Galax, Virginia

# Old Fiddler's Convention

85th Annual

August 9 - 14, 2021

<http://www.olfiddlersconvention.com/>

Some NORVA members are staying at the Cool Breeze Campground

<https://www.coolbreezecampground.com/>

Check out the Blue Beret for further information.

This is a REGION 3 Event



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 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](mailto: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=  
\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed 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 \$10.00 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 or  
Richard Duncan, Treasurer at 740-319-8088

## SUNDAY BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY NORVA

NORVA CLUB has been asked to provide the breakfast on Sunday.

Sue Shepard has offered to coordinate the breakfast. If you are willing to help, please send a message to Sue. If she does not hear from you be on the lookout for an email from her asking for your help. Remember, the more you invest in the club the more you enjoy it.

Please send your offer to help with Sunday breakfast to Sue Shepard at: [NORVACLUB@gmail.com](mailto:NORVACLUB@gmail.com)





## Brew Ridge Joint Rally

Devil's Backbone- 200 Mosby's Run Roseland, VA 22967

October 17-20, 2021 - SPECIAL DEADLINE!!

**Reserve by March 10, 2021- It's NOT too late!**

By special arrangement we have 19 sites reserved for the long-in-the-future Brew Ridge Joint Rally from arrival Sunday, Oct. 17 to departure Wednesday Oct. 20.

The Devil's Backbone camp is very, very popular, despite some of the highest cost camping reservations in the market. The Fall Color is usually nice then.

FHU [orange] sites are \$65 a night + tax and a \$3.50 processing fee per order. Bring extra power and water lines. The hookups are "shared" between sites. Here is the quote from the camping manager: "If we do a site hold, just to be clear, your members will have to call us to reserve their site and will not be able to book online. If you want to go that route, we can place a hold on the sites until March 10. Your members would have the opportunity to call us to book until that date, then we will release any un-booked sites to the public." BOTTOM LINE: If you want to visit the breweries, wineries, and antique stores in the Rockfish Valley **BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY.**

Please call 540-817-6061 to book three nights and say you are part of the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club Joint Rally for October 17-20, 2021.

# Alumalina 2021

Procedures have changed for getting a camp site at Alumalina. You have to call to get a campsite and you are assigned a specific site. Sites cannot be held for groups anymore. Carmichael's and Nagels have reserved sites in the "R" area. They plan to arrive on 10/20 and depart on 10/24. If you want to park close ask for the "R" area when you register. The sooner you call the better as 100 Airstreams are already signed up. If you call and get a campsite, send Gerry Nagel a message and let him know what site you are in.

**The number to call for a reservation is:  
828-634-4412 and ask for Noelle.**





# Urbana Oyster Festival 2021

## *2021 Urbana Oyster Festival Rally Registration Form*

The Tidewater 111 Airstream Club will be hosting this exciting event at Urbana, 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 \_\_\_\_\_. \$100.00 enclosed check to **Tidewater 111 Airstream Club, Richard Duncan, Treasurer**

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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 [frankmunoz19@gmail.com](mailto:frankmunoz19@gmail.com)





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p><b>Winter Lunch &amp; Bowling</b>  Location: Bowl America – Woodbridge, VA  Hosts: Laural Veloz or Scott Arnold</p> <p>January 16<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Caravan to International Rally</b>  Leaders: Scott Arnold &amp; Laural Veloz</p> <p>July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>CANCELLED</b></p>
<p><b>STRIKE!</b></p>	<p><b>Cancelled</b></p>
<p><b>Virtual Valentine's Day Cocktail Party</b>  February 14, 2021  4:30-5:30pm  Hosts: Gary and Sue Shepard</p> <p>February 14<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>International Rally</b>  Location: Lebanon, TN  Host: WBAC.</p> <p>July 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>HUGS and KISSES!</b></p>	<p><b>Total Success and Tons of Fun!!!</b></p>
<p><b>NORVA Maintenance Rally</b>  Location: Cozy Acres CG, Powhatan, VA  Host: Tom Carmichael</p> <p>March 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Galax Old Fiddlers Festival</b>  <a href="http://www.oldfiddlersconvention.com/">http://www.oldfiddlersconvention.com/</a>  Location: Galax, VA</p> <p>August 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Ready to Roll.....</b></p>	
<p><b>Region 3 Rally</b>  Location: North Fairgrounds, Tallahassee, FL  Host: Bill Wild</p> <p>April 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Commonwealth Rally</b>  <i>Location: TBD</i>  Host: Tidewater Club</p> <p>September TBD.</p>
<p><b>Tally Ho....</b></p>	
<p><b>Spring Rally /';l=</b>  Location: Winchester, VA  Hosts: Pete &amp; Elizabeth West</p> <p>May 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Brew Ridge Joint Club Rally</b>  Location: Devils Backbone, Nellysford, VA  Hosts: Spirit of VA &amp; NORVA Clubs</p> <p>October 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Lavender Ladies and Firetruck Fun</b></p>	
<p><b>NORVA Airstream Club Caravan in Ohio</b>  Leaders: Jackson &amp; Mary Ann McBroom</p> <p>June 1<sup>st</sup> -16<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Alumalina Rally</b>  Location: Marion, NC  Host: John Leake</p> <p>October 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b>Outlander River Rally</b>  Location: Overlander - Luray, VA  Hosts: Doug &amp; Gail Perkins</p> <p>June 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup></p>	



# CELEBRATIONS

## July – August Birthdays

Sun Riley	2-Jul
Ed Jones	3-Jul
Brad Wilkof	12-Jul
Robert Hitchcock	13-Jul
Christopher Meyer	13-Jul
Brent Burger	14-Jul
Amanda Daly	15-Jul
Tasha O'Donnell	16-Jul
Cecil Hoosier	21-Jul
Randy Rinehart	21-Jul
Larry Riley	24-Jul
Tom Slowe	27-Jul
Lynn Brink	29-Jul
Tim Merling	31-Jul
Sylvia Worrall	4-Aug
Jeff Dunkelberger	6-Aug
Tom Carmichael	7-Aug
Shin Knutson	8-Aug
Bob Nickel	11-Aug
Leigh Ann Schultz	13-Aug
Ed Matricardi	14-Aug
PJ Azzolina	15-Aug
Caitlin Garvey	18-Aug
Gail Perkins	22-Aug
Janet Barbee	26-Aug



## July – August Anniversaries

Tom & Cathy Carmichael	8-Jul
Alan & Janet Barbee	13-Jul
Sawaya & Mary Lekoshere	26-Jul
Gary J. & Lynn Brink	27-Jul
John & Beverly Bevis	29-Jul
Kevin & Jane Quinn	30-Jul
Gerry & Patsy Nagel	13-Aug
Tom & Maria Slowe	14-Aug
James & Nicole Oxley	15-Aug
Ed & Beth Jones	21-Aug
Steve & Stacie Plante	30-Aug







Bright Ideas are gathered from a group of Airstreamers who enjoy adventures. These ideas will be helpful for most and came from the user's experience. Please forward your own "bright ideas" for future use.



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hacks**

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At Shell gas stations, press the button on the side of the air pump three times. The pump will start without having to insert coins.

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Running your Bacon under cold water before cooking will reduce shrinking by up to 50%!

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NORVA Club Flags are available for purchase. If you would like to fly the club flag, please on the link and reach out to Jenn for further information.

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October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021



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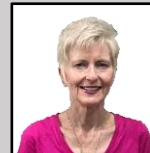
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