

# NORVA NEWS

December 2021



## AIRSTREAM DREAMIN' with President Ron

Submitted by: Ron Raymond



Chris and I wish everyone a December filled with friends, family, and special moments. Appreciate your traditions, sharing with others, and mostly enjoy the electricity of the season. Smiles are contagious!

Look forward to seeing those of you able to make NORVA festivities.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

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# A Little Slice of NORVA's History

Submitted by: Gary and Sue Shepard

As the newsletter editors, we also wear the Club Historian hat. We have been working to digitize all the NORVA newsletters since their origination 1969. So, let's do a little math here; that is 52 years times, eleven newsletters a year; that equals 572 newsletters that will be uploaded to the NORVA website at the completion of this project.

Yep, that is a lot of sorting, scanning, and saving. However, with this challenge comes lots of joy. It is fun to see the rallies that those that came before us held with thoughts of reviving for today's members. Also, we thought it would be fun to share some of the words of wisdom from the past for us to consider as we seek to give our best to the future. Here is a page from the Dec. 1992 and 1993 NORVA News.





WBCCI, Northern Virginia Unit #110

December 1992

**LETTER  
TO THE  
EDITOR**



**Rx For WBCCI Good Health** - Looking back on this past year, our unit conducted some pretty good rallies - let me change that - they were great rallies and social events. For the most part they were attended by members who are fortunate to live in the NORVA Unit area. Lets qualify that - Dick and Jane Arnold live in Long Island, NY and they attended two rallies (we know their hearts are really in Spotsylvania, VA) and for the rest of our unit members who live outside the NORVA area, they are probably counting their blessings for not being in the rat race.

Aside from that, those who live far away, we know it's impossible for you to attend unit activities but we think of you and wish you were with us. We all realize the busy schedules of family life and the necessary attention required to care for the needs of our individual families, our children and our grandchildren. The reality is that every rally can't be attended by every member. We can only hope that collectively we take the time and interest to attend as many activities as possible, because each and every wagonmaster who volunteers to assume the responsibility to organize and conduct an activity fills with joy when they see your smile appear at the rally site.

Rally and social activities are important to the membership for many reasons. They keep us in touch with friends we haven't seen for awhile and they provide a special opportunity to learn something new, see something different, experience new challenges and most importantly to enjoy travel in our Airstreams. Rallies get us involved and help us to breakout of our day to day routines. They provide a breath of fresh air and for those who still work, a chance to get away from the rat race.

For those who cannot attend, we know that rally reports and newsletter articles are equally important - they bring back good memories of those places and faces we haven't seen for awhile. The unit news keeps us in touch with our club activities and the whereabouts of our friends.

When we step back and look at WBCCI, at NORVA and each of us individually, it's a never ending circle of involvement. Without our memberships attendance and support, without our wagonmaster's volunteered efforts to organize and conduct events, and without our articles and reports to communicate unit activities there would be no rallies and memories to cherish. There would be no WBCCI!

A new year is upon us, so make a renewed effort and pledge to yourselves this very moment, PLEASE - stay involved - contribute to our rallies - keep in touch with your NORVA/WBCCI family. Signed - A Member Who Cares - a member of YOUR Airstream family.

From the December 1992 NORVA News





Newsletter: Volume XXV NO. 3

December 1993

CARAVAN '93  
Original Poem by Soula Phillips.

Tw'as the night before departure  
When all through the 'Stream  
Was packed all our goodies  
Nearly bursting at the seam

The pantry was all stocked  
With many kinds of delights  
Our clothes were all packed  
For changeable days or nights.

So we all hit our beds  
To do some fast sleeping,  
Tomorrow it's Stroudsburg, P.A.  
For our first drivers' meeting

Chuck and Joyce were the assistants  
Nina and Ven led the caravan  
Lots more fun when all help out  
So jobs were assigned to every man.

Off to see the Delaware  
and tour the Water Gap  
Our trolly's name was Look-a-Like  
No use had we for any map.

A visit to the Pocono Potties  
Those little houses on the hill,  
Then off to see the local sites  
The ride was quite a thrill.

Dutotsburg was first its name  
Put on the map by Waring,  
Mosier's Knob and Shawnee Inn  
It all was worthwhile seeing.

Among the other sites we saw  
Were Bushkill Falls, the Craft  
Gallery  
Not to mention the Chocolate House  
And oh, those pies at the Bakery.

Onward to the state of Vermont  
Manchester, our destination  
Touring the home of Lincoln's heirs

On to Salisbury - on Lake Dunmore  
A potluck dinner with games galore  
So much fun and jocularly,  
We couldn't yell or laugh anymore.

Rode a ferry across Champlain  
To where the Green Mountain Boys  
Took ole Fort Ticonderoga  
Without a single shot or noise.

Over a pretty marble bridge  
To the Vermont Marble Exhibit  
Many patterns of the "Sparkling  
Stone"  
The purchased gifts, a Xmas hit!

We also visited the Shelburne Museum  
What a great treat lay in store,  
Oh those carved circus figures  
The toy shop and much, much more.

The Webb Memorial Building  
The quilts, dolls and etched  
scrimshaw  
Wooden Indians, paddlewheel steamer  
We walked, we looked, we saw it all!

Colchester was our very last stop  
From Burlington we took the ferry  
Across the beauteous Champlain  
The day was sunny, we were merry!

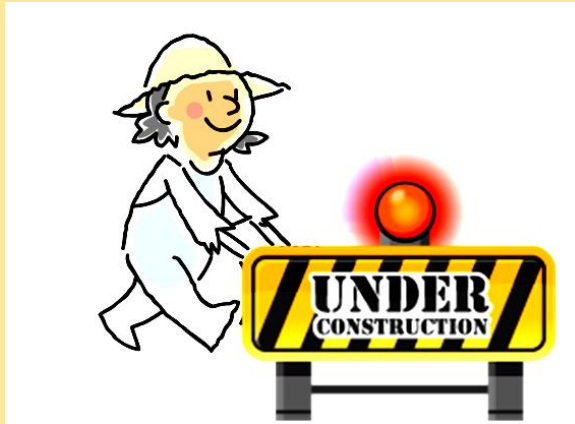
Ausable Chasm, the site we saw  
caused by glacial ice and river  
Along stone galleries with steps up  
and down  
Boating Brand Flume gave one the  
shiver.

Now the caravan is over  
Tis time to head for home.  
We've all kinds of memories  
Of places that we did roam.

*From the December 1993 NORVA News*



2022-2023  
Events Schedule  
is  
**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**



Let us know if you you'd like to host a rally or know of a great place NORVA could gather for some sightseeing and outdoor wonderment.

You've all been places, seen some awesome things, and have great experiences to share.

The Executive Board will be meeting on December 11, 2021, so send your ideas.



2021-2022

## NORVA BOARD MEMBERS

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The office of 1<sup>st</sup> vice president is still open. Please reach out to one of the officers if you are interested. Until then, Seneca, the Perkins Lab, has agreed to fill in.





## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to join NORVA. We have had RVs since 2006. We owned four Class A motorhomes during that time. My sister and brother-in-law have had RVs since the 1980s and they finally convinced us to get into this hobby. I sold my last Class A in 2017 and have thought of owning an Airstream since then. We finally placed our order for a 2021 Flying Cloud 25 FB in September of 2020. We received it from the dealer that following May.



I retired from the FBI as a Supervisory Special Agent in 2000 and began a new career at Fort Meade, MD as a counterintelligence instructor. The unit that I worked in moved to Quantico in 2011. In 2012, I took the plunge into full retirement. My wife, Frances, of 55 years taught in middle school for 35 years. She retired several years ago. We were both raised in Halifax County, VA and currently live in Spotsylvania County, VA.

My wife is involved with the Links Organization and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. I am a member of Alpha Phi Alpha

Fraternity. We have two daughters and one son. We have three granddaughters. One graduated from Missouri a few years ago, one will graduate from NYU next spring, and one is a Junior at Rutgers. My hobbies are travel, photography, and genealogy. So far, I have added 4,600 people to my family tree. We are members of the Virginia Camping Cardinals of the NAARVA since 2006. Most members in that organization still have Class A RVs.

We look forward to great times with NORVA.

*Irvin and Frances Sugg*







## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Wild, Wonderful, Winter*

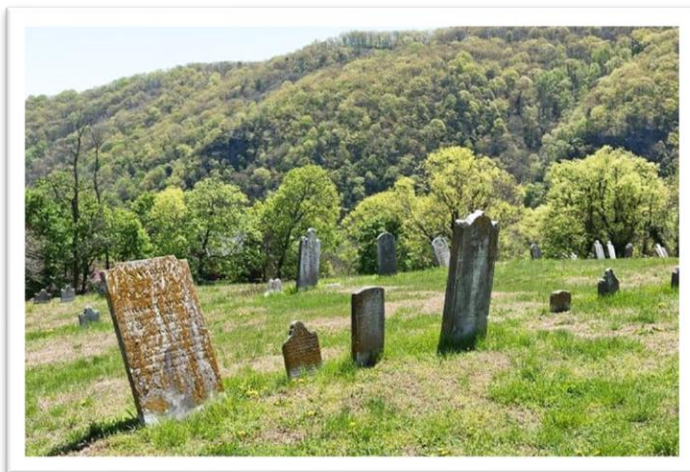
#### *West Virginia Rally*

**HARPER'S FERRY, WV RALLY HOST: Gary and Sue Shepard**

**January 22, 2022**

Bundle up in your warm winter gear and head to Harpers Ferry, WV for some never to be forgotten sights. We will start the day at the Train Station and make a day of it. Plans are still being finalized with the National Park Tour Guide but, we plan to stop at the following exhibits:

The Point: no doubt, one of the mesmerizing things to see in Harpers Ferry. From this vantage point, you'll catch sight of 3 states – West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland and a photogenic view of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

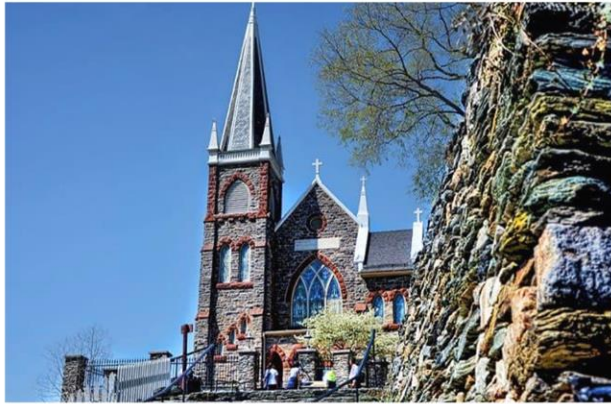


Harper Cemetery: from the Lower Town, we'll take an easy hike up to the up to this cemetery and savor stunning panoramas of the area. While there, see the cemetery's most notable residents, including the Revolutionary War heroes.





Jefferson Rock: one of the eye-catching natural attractions in Harpers Ferry. Named after the renowned Thomas Jefferson, this landmark will enthrall its visitors with its wondrous rock formations. Thomas Jefferson stood in this exact rock in 1783.



Roman Catholic Historic Church: you will be dazzled with the amazing architecture but also the sweeping views will take your breath away.

Wax Museum: a beautifully curated collected of unique dioramas with a hint of a haunted house feel.



The Appalachia Trail Conservatory Headquarters: the midpoint of the majestic Appalachian Trail – isn't just visitor center and a convenient pit stop. It has a gift shop and educational exhibits including more than 30,000 pictures of hikers who have explored the Appalachian Trail. You can even snap a selfie on a famous iconic landmark.



We will warm up at the end of the tour/hike with all you can eat Red Beef Chili, White Chicken Chili and Cornbread.

*Bad Weather Date is January 29<sup>th</sup>.*





## A **LOVE** Story to Remember Valentine Rally

February 6, 2022

Dinner: 12:30-2:30pm

Show: 3:00pm



Hosted by: Priscilla Harrell and Sue Shepard

Come join the group for matinee performance of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." The romantic comedy-drama film was produced in 1967.

This well-known film is being taken to the stage by the Riverside Performing Arts Broadway cast. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy a three-course meal and professional production. Click on the link below for more details. <https://www.riversidedt.com/guess-whos-coming-to-dinner-2022>

*The Plot: When Joanna Drayton, (Katharine Houghton, 1967), a free-thinking white woman, and black doctor John Prentice (Sidney Poitier, 1967) become engaged, they travel to San Francisco to meet her parents. Matt Drayton (Spencer Tracy, 1967) and his wife Christina (Katharine Hepburn, 1967) are wealthy liberals who must confront the latent racism the coming marriage arouses. Also attending the Draytons' dinner are Prentice's parents (Roy E. Glenn Sr., Beah Richards, 1967), who vehemently disapprove of the relationship.*



To accommodate the Riverside Center reservation requirements, we will need to submit payment and head count for NORVA'S group by December 10, 2021.

### A **LOVE** Story to Remember Rally COUPON

NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$71.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total Amount Enclosed)

NAME(S) OF THOSE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Priscilla Harrell. Please mail check and Coupon to:

**Priscilla Harrell, 45335 Scotch Neck Road, Hollywood, MD 20636**

Entrée Options and Selections will be provided when your coupon is received.



**COMING SOON...**

## ***NORVA 2022 Club Caravan***

Space is limited. Keep an eye out in next month's newsletter for details.



Caravan Host and Hostess:

**Peter and Elizabeth West**





## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS


Janeene Rider..... 1  
Susan Anderson ..... 5  
Doug Anderson ..... 5  
Karen Hendricks ..... 8  
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