

The Road Awaits

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We Made It To 2022 - Not without challenges . . .

Most of us crossed the New Year starting line without falling.

. . . Not everyone, however. We all extend a lifting spirit and warm hand to our Nancy. She toppled backwards and banged her head, but is getting better. We also lift up our Cole, who slipped on that nasty ice just after the storm and mashed his hip. He's back home and has a visitiing "physical terrorist" – oops I mean THERAPIST.

Using the JotForm for Registrations This Year.

You will (and must) notice the registration method for our Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club events has evolved into a digital form. We create JotForm links for you to use. **We Really Need You To Use** them for registrations. They inform the leaders who is coming and take care of finances when \$\$\$ are involved.

If you haven't already signed up for the Valentine Party (see the notice later in the newsletter) you can use the JotForm link!!

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PresidentsCorner

Welcome to 2022, *Airstreamers*! Unless you are one of the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club rigs currently headed for Florida, the road may have to “await” a little bit longer. Florida does sound pretty good right about now.

I haven't seen any report of Airstreams stuck in the great 2022 I-95 Traffic Jam turning themselves into ad hoc food trucks to provide comfort to travelers. But it wouldn't surprise me. Airstream folks are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Christine and I will be heading down to Savannah for the Airstream winter IBT meeting in two weeks. Perhaps we'll see you there.

If not, don't forget to sign up for our Valentine Luncheon on February 12th. Then get ready to relieve your “hitch itch” by rallying together at Pocahontas SP March 18-20. Here is a map of our membership distribution throughout the state.

Joe Baum, President - Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club



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FuturePlanning

An Overview of Fun, Fellowship, and Learning

January 17-21, 2022

Annual Mid-Winter IBT meeting in Savannah, GA. Call the Creek Fire Resort to make arrangements.

February 12

Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club annual Valentine Lunch - County Seat Restaurant & Gathering Place - 3883 Old Buckingham Rd, Powhatan, VA

March 18-20

“Itchin’ to Hitch” Club Rally - Pocahontas State Park, Chesterfield, VA - Ken Tarrant, Wagonmaster

April 6-9

Region 3 Rally - Georgia Mountain Fair Grounds, Hiawasse, GA.

April 22-2

NORVA Maintenance Rally - Doswell, VA.

April 29- May 1

Camp & Ride Ranch Rally - Fort Valley, VA Trail rides, cast iron cooking, and more.

June 9-11

Catch the Summer Spirit Rally - Shenandoah Acres, Stuarts Draft, VA

July 23-29

International Rally - Fryeburg, Maine

Just about 750-800 miles up the coast to the western edge of Maine. Make a trip of it - cooler weather likely.

August 7-13

86th Annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention - Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA.

September 22-24

Annual Commonwealth Rally - Virginia Club in charge - Waynesboro 340 North Campground.

October 7-9

Virginia Piedmont Rally - Paradise Lake Family Campground (the one in Spout Spring, VA - not the other one)

October 19-23

Alumalina, Marion, NC - John Leake

November 11-13

9th Annual Grand Finale Rally - Camp Hatteras - Rodanthe, NC

December 10

Winter Holiday Luncheon = TBD



February 12 - Noon to 2 PM

Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club Valentine Lunch Party

*County Seat Restaurant
& Gathering Place*



We had to cancel this fun event last year. Let's try again. Bob and Lisa Sachs are arranging for us all to gather at the County Seat, 3883 Old Buckingham Road - Powhatan, VA.

We are trying a new reservation technology. Will you please click the link below to tell us you're coming (if you haven't done so already)!!

[Click here to reserve.](#)

**April 6-9 - Region 3 Rally
Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds
1311 Music Hall Rd.
Hiawassee, GA, 30546**



This rally fills fast. If you like a spot on the "good" side of the highway, you need to register NOW. Follow the link below to the Airstream Club Site to reserve.

<https://airstreamclub.org/2022-region-3-rally>

Itchin' to Hitch Rally **March 18- 20**

Pocahontas State Park, Chesterfield Virginia

<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas>



Pocahontas State Park

Just 20 miles from Richmond, Pocahontas offers boating, picnicking, camping, camping cabins, 90-plus miles of trails, and nature and history programs. The Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, dedicated to Depression-era workers who helped build the state park system, is one of a handful in the nation.

Weather

Daily high temperatures increase by 9°F, from 56°F to 65°F, rarely falling below 41°F or exceeding 79°F.

Daily low temperatures increase by 7°F, from 35°F to 42°F, rarely falling below 23°F or exceeding 56°F.

10 sites reserved—all 30/50 amp—all back-in gravel pads—water and electric—dump station. \$35/night plus tax and transaction fee---\$79.20/ two nights. ***Campsites at this park fill up quickly so make your reservations soon!!!***

Contact Ken Tarrant for reservations—804-357-9977 or kentarrant@comcast.net
RALLY FEE \$120, includes Camping - CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY.

Please help us manage these events by using the **CLICK HERE** links in the PDF.
Contact the wagonmaster or Greg Heuer if you are having problems with the links.

April 29-May 1 - [Fort Valley Ranch Rally](https://www.fortvalleystable.com/)

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

299 S Fort Valley Rd.

Fort Valley, VA 22652

Last year we had many disappointed camper members because they waited Too Late to commit to an event and make a reservation. *Don't Let This Happen To You!*

The Fort Valley Ranch and Stable is a rustic campground near Luray Caverns. Camping in the cleared forest, you walk over to the stable for your guided trail ride though the scenic Blue Ridge. More details on discounted camping fees, the small rally fee, and all the events will be coming soon. Interested? **Click on the link below.** No obligation at this point, but first come first served. We will keep a wait list.



interested

More Details on Coming Events Soon . . .

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Catch the Summer Spirit!

June 9 – 11, 2022

Shenandoah Acres Family Campground

348 Lake Road

Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

<https://www.shenandoahacresfamilycampground.com>



Catch the summer Spirit in Stuarts Draft, Virginia.

Join us to explore nearby Shenandoah Valley attractions including:

The Cheese Shop

The Blue Ridge Tunnel

The Frontier Culture Museum

The Augusta Farmers Market & many more!!

15 sites reserved (Electric/Water/Sewer)

Campers should contact the campground directly by April 1st to book – First Come, First Served

Let them know you are with the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club!

Club Hosts: Beverly and Bob Bean

BeverlyBean@gmail.com

540-748-3551

Latitude: 37.99723610 Longitude: -79.02662410 coordinates in your GPS

Scouting Report

Fort Yargo State Park, [\[https://gastateparks.org/FortYargo\]](https://gastateparks.org/FortYargo)

Located between Atlanta and Athens, this popular park features a 1792 log fort built by settlers for protection against Creek and Cherokee Indians. Today, visitors come to Fort Yargo for its wide variety of outdoor recreation and scenery. A very pleasant park – Heuer’s have enjoyed it.



1,816 Acres with a 260 Acre Lake

16 Cottages

6 Yurts

47 Tent, Trailer & RV Campsites

2 Boat Ramps

Sand Beach – seasonal

Gift Shop

Playgrounds

Biking and bike rentals

Boating – private boats permitted, 10 HP limit

Disc Golf (fee) – annual passes available

Educational Programs

Fishing

Geocaching

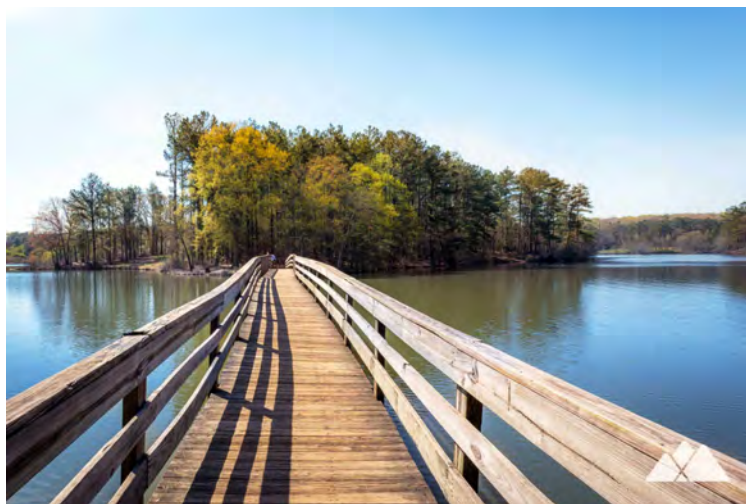
Hiking – 20.5 miles of trails

Miniature Golf (fee)

Muddy Spokes Club

Picnicking

Swimming



Jon Boat, Kayak, Canoe, Stand-Up Paddleboard & Pedal Boat Rental – April to October (weekends only in Apr, May, Aug, Sept). Hours and days of availability may change due to weather or seasonality. Please call the park office to confirm or check our web page for updates on availability.

Six tips for towing in snow

Dec 06, 2021 - by Rich Luhr

Nobody really wants to tow in snow or icy conditions. Slippery roads and reduced visibility are much harder to deal with when you're towing a trailer. For that reason our first recommendation will always be *Don't do it*. If you can wait a few hours or even a couple of days to get dry, clear roads, that's going to be a much safer choice. But snow happens. If it does, what's the best way to handle it and be safe? We've got six recommendations for you:

Make sure your weight-distributing hitch is dialed in

You might be able to get away with a less-than-optimal hitch setup in the summer on dry roads with no wind, but it'll be a much different story in tough weather conditions.

Beware steep downhill grades

One of the toughest driving situations is going down a steep grade with a trailer pushing you on a slippery road. This situation will raise the blood pressure of even the most experienced driver. (By "steep" I'm referring to a grade of 5% or more.)

4WD or AWD might be mandatory in the campground

You might have a perfectly good day of towing on mostly clear roads, and then get stuck in the last 40 feet of your trip. That's because a 2-wheel drive truck that is fine on dry highway is no match for an icy or snowy campsite, especially if that site is sloping.

Stay winterized if possible

If the Airstream has been winterized, don't de-winterize until the days are safely above freezing. Any water left in the plumbing system will likely freeze while you are towing, due to the increased cooling effect of highway speeds.

Remove salt immediately

The reason is that invisible pinholes in the paint or clearcoat will admit tiny particles of salt, and then you'll quickly see spots of rust (on steel) or white (on aluminum)-which indicates filiform corrosion. Once the damage is done it's hard to rectify.

Check hitch components regularly

Depending on what brand of hitch you have, there may be parts that require grease, or which need to be cleaned of ice in order to move properly. After towing in snowy conditions, take a moment to check the hitch. Lubrication is critical in very cold weather. Be sure to follow the hitch manufacturer's recommendations for lubricants, so you use the right stuff in the right places.

Plan for shorter towing days

Get yourself to the campground well before sunset so there's time to get parked before it gets hard to see obstacles near the campsite, like rocks and tree branches. Likewise, temperatures will obviously drop after dark and at that point you'll want to be set up in your campsite with the furnace running, especially if the Airstream isn't winterized.