

NORVA NEWS

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NORVA President Peter West,
1st Vice President Sue Shepard,
2nd Vice President Priscilla Harrell

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Important Notes:

1. Maine Coast Caravan still has space, signups are now being accepted till February 15. After that, the caravan will be open to all Airstream club members.
2. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to NORVAnews@gmail.com
3. The 2022 NORVA directory was mailed out February 2. Please watch your mailbox and notify Lew Brodsky at lbrodsky@cox.net when your copy arrives.
4. The Outlander Rally signup details are pending due to new management at the campground. Details on how to sign up will follow when available. The new campground name is Luray RV Resort on the Shenandoah River.



Introducing NORVA President Pete West

Submitted by Pete West

Pete grew up in Annapolis, MD and after high school there, attended the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill where he received a dual degree in Math and English. Upon graduation he was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy and served on the destroyer USS Allen M. Sumner (DD-692) and then taught computer programming at the Navy training Center in Dam Neck, VA.

The bulk of his 39 year professional career was with TRW Systems/Northrop Grumman as a systems engineer, project manager, and business development manager. He was a principal engineer in TRW's 911 dispatch center development business.

Pete received his initial fire-fighting training in the Navy and continued as a volunteer firefighter for 55 years. He was Chief of the Fair Oaks Vol. Fire & Rescue Co. from 1975 until 1996 and Volunteer Battalion Chief in Fairfax County, Virginia. This service was followed by 25 years and Fire Chief with the Philomont Vol. Fire Department in Loudoun County. He was also an officer in the Fairfax FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team (VATF-1)

In April 1995 he responded to the bomb-site in Oklahoma City to assist with the search and recovery of victims from the Alfred Murrah Federal Building. In August 1999 he responded with the Fairfax County VATF-1 to a major earthquake in Ismet, Turkey.

Pete's hobby is restoration and preservation of antique fire trucks. Pete restored a 1931 Buffalo from Reading PA. He also owns a 1925 Buffalo/Larrabee, and a 1928 Buffalo/Kearns-Dughie. His current restoration project is a 1922 White fire engine from Leominster, MA. He has written two books: "Buffalo fire Appliance Corp. - An Illustrated History" and "80 Years of Fire Rescue Apparatus in Fairfax County VA, 1923 - 2003."

In 2010 Pete and Elizabeth bought a 28' Airstream Safari which allowed them to travel across the US. They joined NORVA in 2013. They made one trip to San Francisco via the wonderful National parks in the southwest and another trip which included Grand Teton National Park in Jackson Hole WY, Yosemite National Park, and Glacier National Park. In most Septembers they have taken their Airstream to the mid-coast of Maine which has provided them the local Maine knowledge to lead our caravan next July to Maine.

As President of NORVA, he hopes by promoting teamwork to lead the club by encouraging interesting and fun rallies and caravans.

Wild Wonderful Winter West Virginia Rally

Submitted by Priscilla Harrell

You know NORVA members are adventurous when we sign up for an outdoor hike in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia in the middle of Winter. We are made of hardy stock indeed! The tour was imaginatively planned by our First Vice President Sue Shepard and the original schedule included a guided walking tour of historical highlights led by a member of the National Park Service; ending with an early dinner of home cooked chili. Due to weather conditions this January 22 event was postponed by a week, but icy conditions persisted, so the rally members did the following instead:



1. Winner, winner chili dinner

We met at 1 pm in Charles Town, near Harpers Ferry, at the home of Todd and Judy Smoot, close friends of Gary and Sue Shepard. We were treated to awesome home cooked chili and corn bread. There were three different kinds of chili, including a Texas chili (no beans).



2. Presentation of the President's Flag



NORVA President Peter West accompanied by First Lady Elizabeth West, was presented with the NORVA Presidential Banner.



First Lady with her raffle prize!



3. Precious Memories

Sue Shepard brought out rows of mementos that belonged to her parents, they had gone to every annual Airstream International for decades, and each souvenir was arranged by year and by location, it was so special.

4. The Long, Long Trailer

We huddled around a comfortable TV room and watched this awesome comedy starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. If you have not seen this movie we highly recommend it, though you might want to buy your trailer before you watch the movie.

5. Let them Eat Cake

After the movie, the revelers ate cake decorated with blue and white whipped cream, the Wild Wonderful Winter Rally dessert devoured, relished as if we had just hiked the Harpers Ferry Historic National Park

in 20 degree weather, rather than being warmed, fed, and spoiled comfy by our wonderful West Virginian host and hostess.

6. See you down the road

We adjourned around 6:30 pm with full hearts and full stomachs, it was a very good time.





GONE TO TEXAS CARAVAN

Submitted by Beth Jones

In the fall of 2021, after enduring many months of cancelled caravan notifications, we were thrilled to grab a last-minute vacancy on the “Gone to Texas” caravan. Expertly led by Ronn and Rae Gilbert with co-leaders Tom and Vicki Ketchum, we spent 35 days exploring West and South Texas (with one border town, Del Rio) and the central Hill Country in 12 stops. From flat, dry, and dusty to lush green and hilly, we traveled on roads sporting 75 mph speed limits, soaked up the variegated Texas history, ate sumptuous barbeque and cornbread till the long-horns came home, marveled at the beauty of the land and sunsets, danced the Texas two-step, and came home with a “don’t mess with Texas” attitude and an Honorary Texan certificate to prove it, y’all. If you get the opportunity to take the Gone To Texas Caravan, we highly recommend it.



I wrote the following song to the tune of “The Yellow Rose of Texas”. It captures the highlights of our wonderful journey through the lone star state, and a couple of us sang it at the final banquet.

“We’re the Airstream Gone To Texas
Caravan it’s plain to see.
We love our fearless leaders Rae,
Ronn, Tom and Vicki.
We represent the country from 15
states it’s true.
From north and south and east and
west we’re such a motley crew.

We met in Amarillo, t’was dusty, flat, and hot.
The meal at The Big Texan was huge but hit the spot.
The Panhandle Museum, it took away our breath.
And the jeep ride was so awesome, but it scared some half to death!

We traveled down to Lubbock, our campground was pristine.
The Wind Power Museum showed energy so clean.
Then in Abilene and Midland more history we would know
Of frontier life and Indian strife and oil and buffalo.

The Prude Ranch at Fort Davis was Texan through and through.
The Observatory briefing taught things we never knew (and still don’t).
Star Party in the evening was thrilling from below.
But the Marfa Lights at Shurley’s Ranch too bad, they didn’t show.



Big Bend was overwhelming in beauty and in scope.
Some horseback rode and kayaked to that some folks said, "Nope!"
Del Rio and Sonora and Fredericksburg were great.
Hallie Stillwell and the caverns, Admiral Nimitz were first rate.

Loved the bat boat tour in Austin and Bob's cool bird slide show.
And the San Antonio Riverwalk "Remember the Alamo!"
At our final stop in Ingram we marveled at giraffes.
And at the farewell banquet we dined and hugged and laughed.

We'll remember Gone To Texas and all the sights we've seen.
But more than javelinas, much more than Judge Roy Bean.
We'll remember all the friends we made and treasure to our core.
For the bond of Airstream fellowship lives on forever more!"





Gone to Texas Sunset





NORVA MAINTENANCE RALLY 2022



Please join us at, The Meadow Event Park, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, Va., 23047, Gate 3,
April 22 - April 24. You will learn all about the care and operation of your Airstream.

D.J. Mastin, owner of Broken Rivets RV Service Inc., and, Independent Airstream Technician, will be holding an in-depth seminar, Saturday morning, April 23.

DJ will also be available the entire weekend for minor repairs and services at a discounted rate.

On Saturday, from three to six in the afternoon, we we will be visiting Airstream of Virginia dealership for an Open House, and they will provide meal for us. The dealership and Airstream corporate personnel will provide the most recent information "latest and greatest" with Airstream. Plenty of door prizes will be included during our visit at the dealership. We will have a bonfire each night with s'mores and more Airstream troubling shooting late into the night.

Deadline for registration is **April 1, 2022.** The cost is \$45.00 per night for a full-service site. Please submit your check for \$90.00 made payable to NORVA Airstream Club to cover camping costs. Additionally, Tom Carmichael will collect a \$15 per person rally fee (cash only, please), when you check in. These fees will support D.J. and cover other miscellaneous rally costs.

I will send a follow-up e-mail to everyone who has signed up for the rally; it will include a check in time and the weekend agenda.

Please mail camping fee check and coupon below to:

Tom Carmichael 2203 Turtle Hill Circle Midlothian VA 23112

Name of members attending _____ Total # _____
Airstream club _____ WBCCI # _____ Trailer size _____
cell number _____ e-mail _____

Please let us know if you need service during the rally. Give us a brief description for D.J.

Thank you for attending this year maintenance rally. Please understand, DJ will only be able to do minor repairs during this rally. If you have any questions call me anytime or send me an e-mail.

Tom Carmichael 804-245-1710 / e-mail 2212tjc@gmail.com

"LET'S GET HOOKED UP"

NORVA Maine Coast Caravan

July 12 – 22, 2022

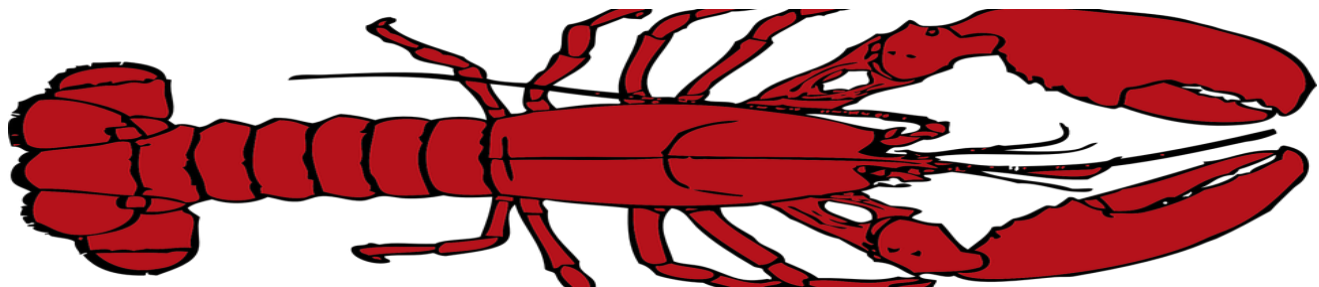
Please join us for an event-filled caravan to the scenic Searsport/Camden area of the Maine seacoast. ***You won't soon forget this one!!!***



Caravan Leaders: Pete and Elizabeth West



We have planned a three-day trip up to Maine. We will begin the caravan at Promised Land State Park, located in the Poconos, Greentown, Pa. Then, we travel to Sturbridge Village, Mass., touring the 1800's Shaker Village. We'll stop for a quick visit at the **L.L. Bean** flagship store as we pass through Freeport, Maine. Next, we will make our way to Searsport Shores Campground, Searsport, Maine, located about 150 feet from Penobscot Bay. Using the Searsport Campground as our base for six days, we will take scheduled trips up and down the Maine coast in pursuit of the perfect lobster and clam chowder. Once the caravan is over, interested campers may then caravan with us 135 miles to the WBCCI International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine, or return home.





Searsport Shores Bayside Campground on the Penobscot Bay

The following events are included in the itinerary:

- A day trip to the Owls Head Transportation Museum and lighthouse, the fishing village of Tenants Harbor, and Port Clyde.
- A day trip to Camden and Rockport harbors, and a 40-mile view from the top of Mt. Battie.
- A four-hour sailing trip on a 60' sloop/schooner in the Penobscot Bay (see note below).
- A day trip to the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland to see the Andrew Wythe collection and eat lobster rolls by the lighthouse museum.
- A day trip to Fort Knox (1845) and the Bucksport Bridge Observation tower (420' – 360-degree view of Verona Island).
- A day trip to the Schoodic National Seashore Park, the beautiful but lesser-known part of the Acadia National Park.
- A day trip to Castine, Maine – A beautiful 1800s seaport village occupied by four different countries from 1750 to 1820. We will visit a fine museum, the home of the Maine Maritime Academy and an 1812 British earthen fort.
- The Penobscot Marine Museum in historic Searsport (as time allows).



Here are some additional details:

Utility Services: The Searsport Campground provides electricity and water hookups. They also have a honey wagon – you get one free pump-out during the week, and they have a dump station to use when you leave.

Pets: The Searsport Campground allows pets on leash. It does not allow pets to be left in campers during the day while we are out sightseeing. Sturbridge Village does not allow pets and leaving pets in cars in the summer is not a good idea.

Sailing Trip: The sailing trip will be on the beautiful Penobscot Bay and is usually not a choppy ride. The sailing sloop holds a maximum of 22 persons. Since everyone can not fit on one trip, we will charge separately for the sailing and make reservations for the first 22 that register to sail. The cost is \$80/person to be added above the kitty fee.



Sailing Sloop



Young's Lobster Pond

Cancellations: If you must cancel your reservation between Feb. 1 and June 1, 2022. The cancellation fee may be \$100.00 if your spot cannot be filled by another Airstreamer.

Rally Fee: \$2000.00 for two persons, \$1,500.00 for singles.

Deposit: \$500 due Jan. 31, 2022.

Attendees will be registered in the order of deposit received. Anyone not making

the first 15 registrants may contact the campsites directly, make their reservations, and attend the Maine day trips at their own expense. We will develop a waiting list for those who sign up past the first 15.

Coupon: Please fill out the attached coupon and return it with your \$500.00 deposit. Reservations are first come – first reserved.



**NORVA's 2022 MAINE COAST CARAVAN
COUPON**

Number of persons attending: _____ Big Red Number: _____

Name(s): _____

Email: _____ Mobile Number: _____

\$500.00 Deposit Due by: January 31, 2022 (\$2000.00 couple or \$1500.00 single)

Sailing trip: \$80.00 per person. Please include with your deposit.

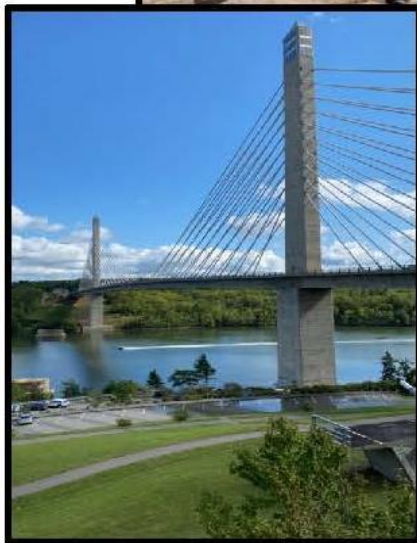
Amount Enclosed: _____ Please mail coupon and payment to:

Peter West, 36645 Jeb Stuart Rd., Purcellville, VA 20132

Phone: 540-270-0200 Email: pwest8@comcast.net



Schoodic Seashore National Park



Bucksport Bridge Observation Tower



Sturbridge Village



65th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB

★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★

★ July 23-29, 2022 ★ Fryeburg, ME ★

REGISTRATION

AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg

#ACIRALLY2022

RALLY FEES – \$435 for an RV On-Site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-outs; \$130 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you bring your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation with you to the rally.

REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the rally are entered into a prize drawing. Over \$2,000 in gift certificates for parts and service will be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2022. If you can't make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Arrivals after 8:00 pm may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests received by May 28th, 2022, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 29th, 2022, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 9th, 2022. *If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.*

RALLY PARKING DATES – General parking is tentatively scheduled to begin around July 20th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2022. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at rally@airstreamclub.org for arrival date.

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to airstreamclub.org/Fryeburg, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form and make a check payable to WBCCI, in **US Funds Only** and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.

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65th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY

July 23-29, 2022 ★ Fryeburg, ME

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BIG RED NUMBER: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Email: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Phone (C): _____ Phone (H): _____

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Parking Options	Yes
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$435.00	\$	Vintage	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$130.00	\$	First Time Attendee	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$	ADA Accessible	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$-20.00		Intra-Club:	
GRAND TOTAL:				\$		

Registration Date: _____ Rec'd By: _____ Registration Source: ☐Mail ☐Online ☐Rally

Payment Type: ☐Cash ☐Check ☐Credit Card Amt Paid: \$ _____ Check #: _____



NORVA Calendar of Events for 2022

Submitted by: Sue Shepard, 1st Vice President

January 29, 2022- Wild, Wonderful West Virginia (Non-camping) Rally, Harpers Ferry, W.Va.-
POC: Susan Shepard

Completed Successfully

February 6, 2022- A LOVE Story to Remember (Non-camping) Rally: Enjoy a Sunday afternoon dinner theater performance of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts, Frederickshurg, Va. POC: Priscilla Harrell and Susan Shepard

Cancelled Due to the Pandemic

April 22-24, 2022- Maintenance Rally, Doswell, Va.- POC: Tom Carmichael
The Meadow Event Park, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, Va., 23047, Gate 3, (804) 245-1710

May 12-15, 2022- Silver in the Streets, Abingdon, Va.- POC: Virginia Airstream Club 109 (Spots will open to other clubs on March 15, 2022)

June 10-12, 2022- Outlander Rally, Luray, Va.- POC: Doug and Gail Perkins
4253 US-211, Luray, VA 22835, (540) 743-5540

July 12-21, 2022- Maine Coast Caravan. Location- Multiple coastal spots in Maine-
POC: Pete and Elizabeth West, (540) 270-0200

July 22-29, 2022- International Rally, Fryeburg, Maine

August 7-13, 2022- Galax, Va.- Region 3

September 23-25, 2022- Commonwealth Rally. Waynesboro, Va.- 340N Campground-
POC: Virginia Airstream Club 109

October 19-23, 2022- Alumalina Buddy Rally, Marion, N.C.-
POC: John Leake, Palmetto State Airstream Club

November 3-6, 2022- Urbana Oyster Festival, Urbanna, Va.-
POC: Frank Munoz, Tidewater Airstream Club

December ??, 2022- Holiday Rally, Location TBD, POC?



Let's not make
changes, let's make
only improvements,
Wally Byam



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