

# NORVA NEWS

March 2022



## 2022 Camping Season Has Arrived

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### Important Notes:

1. All invited to "New Member Rally" to welcome all recent members. See details on page 5.
2. Maine Coast Caravan still has space, signups are first come first serve for all Airstream club members.
3. Signup for the NORVA River Rally (AKA Outlander) in Luray, VA is now open. Please see enclosed coupon.
4. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to [NORVAnews@gmail.com](mailto:NORVAnews@gmail.com)
5. NORVA Airstream gear can now be ordered. See order form attached to your newsletter email.



# Introducing NORVA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sue Shepard

Submitted by Sue Shepard

*"I remember visiting and spending hours in the 1967 Overlander playing house. Everything was just the right size. I especially remember sliding the tamboured doors open and close."*

Sue grew up in Michigan. She went on her first camping trip (in a tent) when she was four months old. Her family took a six-week trip around the state of Michigan also known as "Ores and Shores". Her family's love of camping comes from years of familial experience. Sue's grandparents purchased an Airstream in 1967 and that began a whole new world of possibilities and adventures. Sue's grandparents traveled with the BRN 23024. They participated in their local Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) out of their home base of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.



Dr. and Nellie Bordine, Sue's grandparents.

Sue's mother and father took note of the wonderful experiences their parents had and, at their retirement, they started their adventures with WBCCI Mid-East Michigan Club in their 1995 Excella, BRN 3458. They became officers and lead



1967 Overlander, twin bed, rear bath.



Ray and Ginny Kohr, Sue's parents.

Caravans all over the United States and Canada during their 20 years of Airstreaming. When Sue's parents decided to stop pulling their Airstream, they asked Sue if she was interested in







taking ownership of their Excella. She told them “No”, because she didn’t think Gary would be able to maneuver a 30-foot trailer. She failed to mention this to Gary before she declined their generous offer. They sold the Excella to fellow members of the club. Three years later, Gary suggested that they take their camping experience from the rigor of



*1995 Excella, Rear bedroom.*



*Sue and Gary Shepard with their 1979 Excella.*

suggestion from the parents to look at purchasing a used unit which led them to a 1979 Airstream Argosy. Well, Sue’s dad proceeded to inform them that we should wait and get the “real” thing. They chose to forge ahead with the Argosy and were so glad they did. It became an icon for NORVA; the first Argosy in the club. It was a time capsule. Everything was original, in working order and in pristine condition inside and out. Two years later, they stumbled on another time capsule, a 1979 30 ft. Excella (same size as the one Sue’s parents offered). They purchased it, had DJ check it out and camped in it.

setting up a pop-up to a small Airstream. Well, after doing a little shopping, they decided a new Airstream, even a small one was not looking favorable while they were paying college tuitions and paying for wedding venues. In light discussion with Sue’s parents, Gary mentioned their interest in getting an Airstream. When Sue’s dad said, “I offered you one”, the contorted look on Gary’s face was less than pleasant.

This led to the



*1977 Airstream Argosy*



Gary and Sue have a few years until retirement. Due to the pandemic, Gary's company decided to close their offices and become remote. When they saw the 2021 Flying Cloud, BRN 5605, with the office, they took the plunge. In the summer 2021, they realized that Gary's availability to travel was going to be more difficult with some changes in his work responsibilities. So, he surprised



2021 Flying Cloud

Sue with a 2017 24 ft. Interstate. Sue was able to secure her grandparents BRN 23024 for the Interstate. In Gary's absence, Sue has embraced the challenge of hitting the road solo while still having the ability to stay active with NORVA.



2017 Airstream Interstate

but is looking forward to serving you as your 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Her main responsibility is to keep the events, rallies and caravans organized and growing. If you have any suggestions for a rally, please feel free reach out to Sue by phone (304-261-7360) or email ([noravaclub@gmail.com](mailto:noravaclub@gmail.com)).

When Sue is not attending to her duties for NORVA, she is working with her middle school students. Upon retiring, Sue and Gary will spend their time between their lake house in Bay Port, Michigan, the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, and Northern Virginia when they are not with three children, three children by marriage and seven grandchildren. Sue felt some sadness when she passed off the NORVA Newsletter responsibilities



## Welcome New Members

### **SAVE THE DATE** - New Member Rally

This event is Open to All NORVA Members

**SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022 12 NOON**

Lunch at The Harbour Grille – Come Meet and Greet our New NORVA Members

13188 MARINA WAY, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22191

<https://theharbourgrille.com>

**\$31 per person**

Rally Coupon will be provided in April newsletter

*Due to the pandemic, we did not hold a new member rally in 2021, so all members and affiliate members who joined NORVA in 2020, 2021, and YTD 2022 will be officially welcomed at this New Member Rally.*



### **Jacob and Olivia Shultz**

Jacob and Olivia live in Haymarket Virginia. They have three boys aged 12, 10, and 4. Jacob and Olivia are active in their community: in their free time, they coach Tee Ball and Baseball. They are excited to add airstream camping to their recreational activities. We are “total newbies” they say.



### **Robert Culp and Cathy Macmain-Cage**

Although home is Washington DC, we are honored that NORVA is “home club” for Robert and Cathy. They also have affiliate membership in Club 109-Virginia Airstream Club.





## 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](mailto:2212tjc@gmail.com)

## "LET'S GET HOOKED UP"



For Reservations Call (540) 743-5540 Reserve Your Site ASAP  
Doug and Gail Perkins Rally Hosts Ph# 540-847-9559  
doug2@verizon.net

 Dog Activities

 River Tubing

 Wine Tasting

 Corn Hole

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 Many Local Attractions

**OUTLANDER RIVER RALLY 2022**  
**JUNE 10, 11, 12**  
**LURAY, VA**

Rally Fees  
\$15.00 Per Adult  
Pay at Rally

**UPDATED**

#### Luray RV Resort and Shenandoah Rally Update

**Please register directly with the campground, ask for Kim Scott- 410-213-1900 ext. 1146**

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

Kim Scott is the point of contact for group reservations. Please reach out to Kim at the campground to register for the **NORVA River Rally**. Kim recommends making the reservation ASAP. They have already placed a couple of campers in some of our "reserved" sites. However, if they did not pay the \$25.00 to lock in their site, they will be moved from our group if we need those sites.

This is the list of sites that are left.

The rally hosts, Doug and Gail Perkins are on site #24, next to the shelter.

33, 32, 29, 26, 25, 23, 21, 20, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 are available.

The pull-thru sites are: 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19.

**Once you have registered, please send the Perkins your site number.**

Because you will be given a group rate, you must call the campground directly.

You **will not** be required to pay the \$25.00 fee to hold your site. **NO FEE for PETS.**

The sites will remain blocked 45 days prior to the Rally, then they are open to anyone.

CONTACT Kim at: **410-213-1900 ext. 1146**

**The Rally Fee is \$15.00 per person.**

**Rally fee is payable upon arrival to Doug Perkins.**

## NORVA Maine Coast Caravan

July 12 – 22, 2022

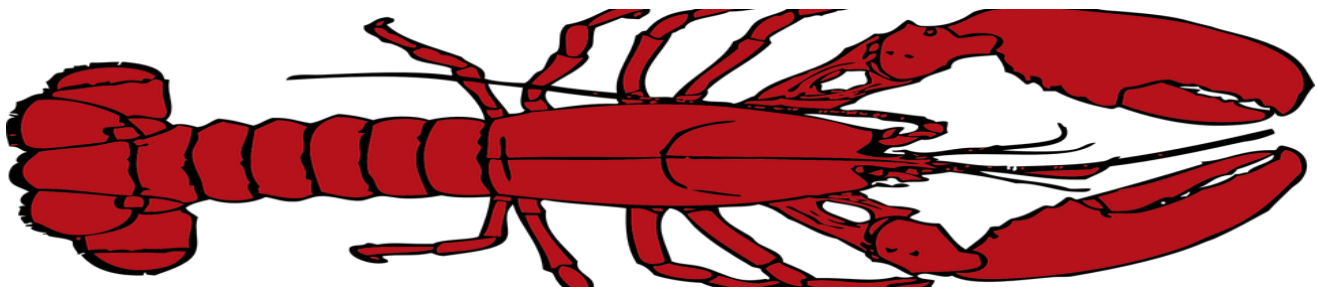
Please join us for an event-filled caravan to the scenic Searsport/Camden area of the Maine seacoast. *You won't soon forget this one!!!*



*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.

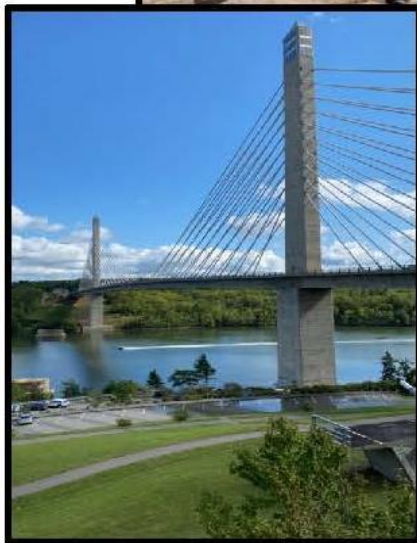
Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Please mail coupon and payment to:

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

Phone: 540-270-0200 Email: [pwest8@comcast.net](mailto:pwest8@comcast.net)



*Schoodic Seashore National Park*



*Bucksport Bridge Observation Tower*



*Sturbridge Village*





**[AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg](http://AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg)**

**#ACIRALLY2022**

**HOW TO REGISTER** – Go to [airstreamclub.org/Fryeburg](http://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](mailto:rally@airstreamclub.org).

## 65<sup>th</sup> WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY

**BIG RED NUMBER:**

**Zip/Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (C):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (H):** \_\_\_\_\_

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



## NORVA Calendar of Events for 2022

Submitted by: Sue Shepard, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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

**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, Fredericksburg, Va. POC: Priscilla Harrell and Susan Shepard

**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)

**May 21, 2022-** New Member Rally, Harbour Grille, Alexandria, Va.- POC: Priscilla Harrell

**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 26-30, 2022-** Alumalina Buddy Rally, Marion, N.C.-  
POC: John Leake, Palmetto State Airstream Club

**November 3-6, 2022-** Urbana Oyster Festival, Urbana, 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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