



Virginia Airstream Club Rally – Abingdon VA

“Abingdon Silver In the Streets”

May 12 -15, 2022

Welcome

- **The Virginia Airstream Club** is happy to extend an invitation to the Abingdon “Silver in the Street Rally” and we are going to have a great time! The town of Abingdon has given the rally its blessing and has been very supportive for the success of this project. The rally starts on Thursday afternoon May 12 and ends Sunday morning May 15. The registration is initially open to all four Virginia Airstream Clubs with open registration to other Airstreamers on March 15. Maximum number of rigs is 22 - we will open a waiting list once our maximum number of rigs is reached. If you register and decide to cancel please let us know as soon as possible.
- **Covid** – The rally is planned with the expectation that participants will have been vaccinated. The weekend schedule has no inside events, no large gatherings, and encourages Airstreamers to gather in small groups wearing masks and respecting social distancing where appropriate. If circumstances necessitate the organizers to cancel the event or if the Town of Abingdon withdraws its approval for the rally, participants will receive a full refund.

Preliminaries

- **Rally Fee**- \$95 per rig. Please use these links to register online and pay by credit card or PayPal. The fee covers one Airstream and two members. For additional children, friends, add \$10 per person. Checks should be sent to Xan Rinehart, VAC Treasurer, 952 Marsh Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22903.
- Register at <https://forms.gle/mj5MvDUGWRMsUS2N9>
- **Charity**– We will be supporting Meals on Wheels and the Abingdon Farmers’ Market. Since we incur no camping fees, and a small cost for breakfast and pizza dinner, the majority of the rally fee will go to charity.
- **Name Badges** - Wear your **ACI badge**. We want to be recognized in the community. There may also be some discounts offered. We are visitors in town, be courteous and professional. We are Ambassadors for our club and we want the Town to invite us back.
- **ACI Big Red Number** - Having your number on the front and rear of your rig would be very helpful when parking. This will help to identify your rig in an emergency and appropriate parking based on size.

- **Weather** - Who knows? The weather is normally moderate this time of year. Weather statistics suggest typically mid 70°s during the day and cool 50°s at night. This can change, so bring a variety of clothing to meet changing weather conditions. Of course, always have your rain gear available.
- **Pets** - Since we are parking very close and in town, pets are not recommended for this type of Rally. If you do bring a pet, it must be under your control at all times with a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pets must be well behaved at all times and cannot be left unattended outside your rig. Pets will not be allowed at Rally events and gatherings.
- **Communications** – The rally mobile phone number entered on the registration will be used to communicate with participants before and during the rally. The rally organizer will communicate by SMS text messaging to keep you informed about events and activities, reminders, changes in plan, timing changes. You may add additional numbers for your partners.
- **Hook Ups** - None. This will be dry/boondocking camping rally for 3 days. Please arrive with **Charged batteries, Full propane tanks, Full fresh water tank and empty gray and black water tanks.**
- **Flags** – Bring your flags to show off your rig.
- **Parking** - This is NOT an event where you can show up at any time and park. Parking is the most challenging part of this event. The Town of Abingdon has designated where they want us to park. We have developed a parking plan to fit everyone in the designated areas. It will be Rally style parking on both sides of a city street with parallel parked rigs with door opening facing the center of the street. (This means the rigs will be very close to each other, under street lights, so we will hear traffic, city noises, water heaters, furnaces and generators). Detailed instructions will be sent nearer the rally date.
- **Generators** - Quiet generators (65db or less) will be allowed 8:00AM to 9:00PM. (Please no loud industrial generators). A limited power supply will be available for rigs that need to power medical devices overnight. Please note on the reservation form so that your rig can be placed near a source.
- **Dump Station**- We will publish a list of camp grounds or public facilities with dump stations that you may wish to visit on your homeward journey.
- **Info Bags** - The Chamber of Commerce will be putting together bags with information and maps. Gary and Lynn Brink will be welcoming each rig on Remsburg Drive with the Abingdon info.

Rally on Remsburg Drive

- **Welcome Evening** - We will have a welcome Happy Hour/Social/Information Session hosted by the club president at 5:00 PM on Thursday evening at the Farmers' Market Pavilion, We also plan to have an Abingdon introduction by a representative of the town tourism and a presentation by a historian re-enactor who will conduct tours on Saturday. Bring your chairs and your happy juice in a cup.
- **Pizza Dinner** - We plan to order pizza dinner for our rally members for 6:00 PM Thursday at the Farmers' Market Pavilion at the east end of Remsburg Drive. A coordinator for this event will take your order preferences and place the order with the local Mamma Mia restaurant. (included in kitty).
- **Friday Breakfast** - From 8:00 AM on Friday morning we plan on offering coffee and biscuits on Remsburg Drive. A club members will coordinate any special requests. (Included in kitty)
- **Mayor's Welcome** - The Abingdon Town Mayor's will give his Welcome to the Virginia Airstream Club and make announcements, 5:00 PM Friday at the Farmers' Market Pavilion at the east end of Remsburg Drive. Everyone please attend to show our support and to be part of the donation presentation to the Charity. After the presentation you are encouraged to sample many of the excellent local Abingdon restaurants. A list of recommendations will be published nearer the date.
- **Tour of the Silver in the Street** – Optional activity offering visitors an opportunity to meet Airstream owners on Saturday morning 10:00 AM to Noon in conjunction with the Farmers' Market.

- **Happy Hour** - Happy Hour is planned for 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Abingdon Vineyard a ten minute drive west of town, The venue has wine and snacks for purchase and there is usually live music.
- **Video /Photo** – We would like to ask for volunteers to take videos of the event or to gather photos so we can publish a gallery after this event. Please indicate your interest on the registration form.
- **Alcohol** - Abingdon has an open container law. Do not walk out of a restaurant or bar with a drink. Do **NOT** display alcohol containers outside your trailer.
- **Local Businesses** - We encourage you to patronize the local businesses, shops, restaurants, bars, tours, museums, etc. There are many places close to our parking downtown for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Abingdon Activities

- **Historical Tour** - We have invited a local historian to give our group an introduction to Abingdon on Thursday evening and lead a downtown tours on Saturday. (included in kitty)
- **Bicycling Activities** – The Abingdon area is renown for its excellent biking trails including the Creeper trail. A complete factsheet will be published to assist you in making decisions on cycling either Friday or Saturday. Due to high weekend activity we strongly suggest Friday as the best day to bike the trail. Check out: <http://spokesmagazine.com/blog/fall-bike-riding-in-abingdon-virginia>
- **Antique Car Rally** – A local car club holds a regular Antique Car rallu in the adjacent parking lot.
- **More info on Abingdon** – To learn more about what to see and what to do in Abingdon you can visit this website: <http://visitabingdonvirginia.com>
- **Abingdon Activities** – A full list of recommended activities for Airstreamers both in and around the local area will be published nearer the time. This will include wineries, breweries, biking, museums, cultural centers, theatre, speedway and much more. This weekend is the annual Trail Days - a lively celebration the Appalachian hikers centered in Damascus.

