

# NORVA NEWS

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## EARLY SPRING CAMPING AT DAMES FERRY STATE PARK IN JULIETTE, GEORGIA



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### Important Notes:

1. All invited to "New Member Rally" to welcome recent members. Please see enclosed coupon.
2. Tom Carmichael, NORVA Past President, joins Airstream of Virginia sales team. Details on page 13. This dealership is a regular sponsor of NORVA.
3. Maine Coast Caravan has one spot open, signups are first come first serve for all Airstream club members. Contact Peter West, [pwest8@comcast.net](mailto:pwest8@comcast.net).
4. Signup for the NORVA River Rally (AKA Outlander) in Luray, VA is open. Please see enclosed coupon.
5. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to [NORVAnews@gmail.com](mailto:NORVAnews@gmail.com)



## An Interview with NORVA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Priscilla Harrell

Submitted by Priscilla Harrell

*NORVA News: Priscilla, you joined NORVA in April of last year, Happy First Airstream Anniversary, tell us something about yourself.*

Priscilla Harrell: Why thank you! Let's see where do I start? Well, I am a US Citizen, married to the most awesome guy in the world, David Harrell, the NORVA News Editor. I was born and raised in Singapore, but the USA has been my home for the past 35 years. I recently retired, I was in the commercial mortgage banking industry as an underwriter for almost 30 years. Other than a 3-year stint in San Antonio, Texas in the late 1990s, I have been a Maryland or Northern Virginia resident, always in the Washington DC metro area. My husband and I currently live in Hollywood, Maryland, close to where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay.



*NORVA News: Any children? Any Hobbies besides Airstream camping?*

Priscilla Harrell: Isn't airstream camping enough? Well David and I married later in life, a first marriage for both of us. We are celebrating our 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this June. I wanted to have 5 children, David wanted no kids, so we compromised, we have no kids. We do have three badly behaved dogs. A Beagle and two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. All three spoiled dogs are harmless, they just bark at the most inopportune times.

I used to have many disparate hobbies when I was younger and single. I had a pilot's license, I would vacation in the wintertime north of the Arctic Circle in Alaska, my mode of transport would be dog sled team or snowmobile. A weekend warrior, I enjoyed fishing, tent camping, white-water rafting, I loved the outdoors. I get my creativity from my dad and my love of adventure from my mom.

These days David and I use our airstream, we take care of our pets. David has many other exciting hobbies, and I will let him tell you all about them when we feature the Newsletter Editor in another issue. Until recently, we did a lot of boating, we have a 2005 30-foot Grady White fishing boat that served us well for many years and we are still active members of our Solomons Island Yacht Club. Our new focus starting spring 2021, is on land adventures in our airstream.



*NORVA News: Ok so why RV camping, why Airstream?*

Priscilla Harrell: The inspiration came originally from my childhood in Singapore. My father was a boy scout and the stories he told of his scouting adventures in his youth always stayed with me. Singapore is an urban city-country and camping opportunities are limited since land is scarce. There are some tent camping opportunities but no RVs. I grew up reading lots of children's books written by English authors about caravans and people who live the lifestyle. All the hand drawn caravans printed in the books were shaped like airstreams, not some other brand.

One of my father's happiest memories was flying to the US and joining me on vacation. I was single at the time and we went camping in Shenandoah with some of my friends. He loved the hikes, cooking over a hot fire, the awesome camaraderie of being around the campfire. He led all of us in singing campfire songs but at night I drove him 40 minutes in the winding road through the Blue Ridge Mountains in heavy fog to the nearest Holiday Inn hotel in the valley, so he could have his private bathroom and bed for the night. Oh, if only there was a way to combine all the wonderful aspects of camping and still have your very own bathroom, a proper mattress for your back and other trappings of civilization....

*NORVA News: What are your goals, what do you want to achieve for NORVA?*

Priscilla Harrell: I am honored to be elected Second Vice President and I take my duties and responsibilities seriously. I will do my best to assist the President and First Vice President of NORVA as we all serve the club members. I volunteered in order to give back to my community, the airstream community. I have a heart for those who are new or relatively new to airstreams or RV'ing. Many still consider us newbies as well, my husband and I have been RV'ing for only one year, our airstream is our first ever RV. We hope to meet and reach out to as many members of NORVA as possible to share mutual experiences, offer our friendship and let them know the local club is here for them. We want to continue encouraging and providing more opportunities for all members of NORVA to meet and interact with one another.

*NORVA News: This concludes our interview, thank you and we will see you down the road.*



## Welcome New Members

NORVA members, please give a very warm welcome to Anthony and Young Kim from Fairfax Station, Virginia. Their Big Red Number is 10586 and they are looking forward to meeting all of us. They joined NORVA at the end of February and have a lovely 25-foot Flying Cloud.





## Georgia on My Mind, March 2022 – Part One A Photo Journal – David and Priscilla Harrell

On February 23, 2022, NORVA members David and Priscilla Harrell with their three dogs, embarked on a road trip south in their 2021 27-Ft. Globetrotter. They travelled from their home in Hollywood, St. Mary's County, Maryland to Tallahassee, Florida; their goal, to join the WBCCI "Georgia on My Mind" Airstream Caravan. The caravan officially started on March 1 in Tallahassee and ended 12 noon on March 25, 2022 in Pine Mountain, Georgia. They have agreed to document their scheduled five-week roundtrip journey in three parts. In this April Newsletter, we provide Part One - Getting to Georgia:

### **February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Are we there yet? No, but lets stop for some Harvest Host Bourbon**

No trip south is ever complete without a stop at a favorite boutique bourbon distillery in Durham, North Carolina. Mystic Farm and Distillery is just that special. Founded by two friends and their spouses, who gave up their professional day jobs to pursue their passion. They make award winning bourbon in friendly, peaceful surroundings. They are open year-round and have awesome live music festivals, distillery tours, cocktail classes, and other special events. They also have a small event center that can host local club rallies.

<https://www.whatismystic.com>



Priscilla wants to "go where everybody knows her name". Yeah right, "Priscilla" happens to be the name of this piece of heavy machinery for heavy lifting, hence the placard. Each bourbon filled barrel is 900 pounds. One of the owners, Mike Sinclair giving David and Priscilla a tour of the distillery.





**March 1, 2022 – Day 1 of Caravan: Celebrating Mardi Gras at Bradley Country Store in Tallahassee, Florida**



This place has the best home-made sausages and smoked pork chops. David's piece of Mardi Gras King Cake had the baby in it. He who gets the baby must lead a caravan next year...



We camped for three days at this lovely setting across from the Bradley Country Store. We were surrounded by mature oak trees with Spanish Moss. There was a tranquil pond with alligators. There were 18 Airstreams, 33 people and 12 dogs on the Georgia on my Mind caravan.

**March 3, 2022, Day 3 Wakulla Springs, Florida**

The Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park is an amazing place, made famous by the Tarzan films and the Creature from the Black Lagoon. It was also home to Old Joe, a 650-pound 11-foot alligator. Killed by poachers, his body was preserved and

is in the lobby of the Lodge hotel. Wakulla's freshwater springs are among the world's deepest and largest, about 600,000 gallons flow each minute, the water is 70 degrees year-round. Mastodon bones have been excavated from a large cavern that begins 120 feet below the water's surface. The state-run boat tours feature a singing State Park Ranger and we saw alligators, manatees, turtles, and even a snake. 182 types of birds can be observed at this state park.







## Birds eye views of approaching storm at Dames Ferry State Park in Georgia.







## Rally to Welcome our New Members

This event is Open to All NORVA Members

**SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022**

12 NOON to 3 pm

**LUNCH at The Harbour Grille**

13188 MARINA WAY, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22191



Come Meet and Greet our New NORVA Members!  
After Lunch there will be a short new member orientation

*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. Questions, please contact Priscilla Harrell, NORVA Second Vice President at [pris.harrell@gmail.com](mailto:pris.harrell@gmail.com) or (301)785-2371*

### New Member Rally Coupon

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COST \$31 PER PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS OF ATTENDEE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

**Three Entrée Options: (If more than one person is attending, please identify entrée selected by each person)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Old Town Salad** (mixed greens, marinated chicken, tomatoes, red peppers, walnuts, gorgonzola cheese, carrots, croutons, granny smith apples, balsamic vinaigrette)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Riverside Burger served with French Fries** (half-pound Angus hamburger topped with spicy BBQ sauce, bacon, double cheddar cheese, toasted bun)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Marsala served with redskin mashed potatoes and vegetable medley**

Write Check payable to: PRISCILLA HARRELL

Please mail Rally Coupon and Check to PRISCILLA HARRELL

45335 SCOTCH NECK ROAD, HOLLYWOOD MD 20636

**PAYMENT Due Date: MAY 2, 2022**





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

 Great Food

 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.**



## 65<sup>th</sup> WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB

## ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★

★ July 23-29, 2022 ★ Fryeburg, ME ★

## REGISTRATION

**[AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg](http://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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2022. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at [rally@airstreamclub.org](mailto:rally@airstreamclub.org) for arrival date.

**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).

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## 65<sup>th</sup> 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:	
		<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		\$		

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

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





# NORVA Upcoming Events for 2022

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

**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*  
<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-streets-abingdon-va>

**May 21, 2022-** New Member Rally, The Harbour Grille, 13188 Marina Way  
13188 Marina Way, Woodbridge, Va. - *POC: Priscilla Harrell (301)785-2371*

**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  
<https://airstreamclub.org/2022-international-rally-fryeburg-maine>

**August 7-13, 2022-** Galax, Va.- Region 3  
<https://airstreamclub.org/021cac-2022-cool-breeze-campground>

**September 23-25, 2022-** Commonwealth Rally. Waynesboro, Va.- 340N Campground-  
*POC: Virginia Airstream Club 109*  
<https://airstreamclub.org/virginia-commonwealth-rally>

**October 26-30, 2022-** Alumalina Buddy Rally, Marion, N.C.-  
*POC: John Leake, [John@leakesantiques.com](mailto:John@leakesantiques.com), Palmetto State Airstream Club*

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



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



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### **2021-2022 Executive Officers**

**President-** Pete West

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**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-** Sue Shepard

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-** Priscilla Harrell

**Secretary-** Gail Perkins

**Treasurer-** Kevin Quinn

**Membership Director-** Lew Brodsky

**Newsletter Editor-** David Harrell

**Legislative Director-** Beth Jones

**Parliamentarian-** Ed Jones

**Past President-** Gerry Nagel

**Webmaster-** Patsy Nagel





## Announcement from Airstream of Virginia

Airstream of Virginia General Manager Ken Dillman announced that Tom Carmichael, a NORVA past president and active Airstream club member since 2005, has joined the sales team at the dealership's showroom in Ashland. "Tom brings to us a wealth of Airstream experience and sales knowledge," says Dillman. "Please stop by and congratulate him!"



For his part, Carmichael says he is ready and eager to give Airstream Club members special incentives if they are thinking about upgrading their RVs. "If you have a WBCCI 'Big Red Number' I'll do my best to help you find your next Airstream," promises Tom. "If you are considering upgrading your Airstream ownership experience, we have plenty of inventory, new and used. Additionally, we have an Airstream store in the showroom and you can also

stock up on supplies next door at Camping World."

Airstream of Virginia is located adjacent to I-95 at 10300 Northlake Park Drive, in Ashland. Use Exit 89. The phone number is (804) 496-4460. Tom Carmichael can be reached directly at 804-245-1710, e-mail: 2212tjc@gmail.com.



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