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Important Notes:

1. All invited to May 21 "New Member Rally" to welcome recent members. Please see separate attached coupon. Signup still allowed.
2. July Maine Coast Caravan has one spot open, signups are first come first serve for all Airstream club members. Contact Peter West, pwest8@comcast.net.
3. Holiday party will be Saturday, December 10. Planning is underway. Please save the date.
4. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to NORVAnews@gmail.com



An Introduction with NORVA Membership Director, Lew Brodsky

Submitted by Lew Brodsky

Lew Brodsky is currently NORVA's membership director, serving in that position since October 2020. Lew has been active in NORVA since buying his 2001 Safari trailer in 2001. Over the past 21 years, he has served the club as its treasurer (3 years), 2nd VP, 1st VP, and president (2 consecutive terms, 2014 to 2016). Lew also was the editor of *NORVA News* from November 2017 to September 2020 and edited and published the last five NORVA Membership Directories, 2018 to 2022. In 2019, he served as public affairs/media coordinator and published the official rally program for the 62nd International Airstream Rally in Doswell, Va.



Lew and Cathy, his wife of 54 years, have lived in Springfield, Va., since 1975. Lew and Cathy came to Washington in 1972 for Lew's military assignment to the Pentagon as speech writer for the Chief of the Army Reserve. He remained in Northern Virginia for the next 32 years, completing a long and distinguished career of Federal military and civilian service.

When he retired in May 2004, he was the Acting Director of the U.S.

Selective Service System (SSS). The SSS is the independent Federal Government agency responsible for maintaining America's readiness to conduct a fair and equitable military draft. It registers all young men in America as they reach age 18. Under his leadership, the SSS was staffed by hundreds of full-time and part-time employees, military reservists, and more than 10,000 volunteers serving throughout the U.S. and its territories. Prior to being named Acting Agency Director by the White House in January 2003, Lew served as the Deputy Director and, from 1986 to 2002, as Director of Public and Congressional Affairs. He earned his appointment to the Federal Government's Senior Executive Service (SES) in 1995.

Prior to joining Selective Service, Lew served for six years as Chief of Public Affairs for the U.S. Army Reserve, a civilian position at the Pentagon. He supervised planning and execution of an Army Reserve



nationwide publicity program, which included production of speeches, broadcast materials, films, audiovisual kits, publicity packages, traveling exhibits, and media tours; all designed to support recruiting, retention, understanding, and public support. As editor-in-chief of *Army Reserve Magazine*, he was responsible for publishing the largest circulation, official military magazine in the nation. His all-encompassing public

affairs work for the Army Reserve earned two “Silver Anvil” trophies for excellence from the Public Relations Society of America.

Concurrent with his government civilian service, Lew served as an Army Reserve officer for nearly 30 years (commissioned in 1968 through ROTC) with assignments as a military journalist and media relations officer throughout the U.S., the Netherlands, West Germany, and South Korea. He retired from the Army Reserve in 1996 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Before moving to Washington in 1972 Lew, who is a native New Yorker, served as a faculty member of the Television Center, City University of New York, where he hosted, produced, and directed programs aired on New York public television stations. He also spent two seasons as a production and editorial assistant with ABC-TV Network News in New York City, contributing to the nightly *Peter Jennings World News* telecast, the national television pool news coverage of Gemini Space Flights 10 and 11, and the 1967 New Jersey summit conference between President Johnson and Soviet Premier Kosygin.

Lew’s undergraduate degree in Speech Arts is from Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York. He also holds a Master of Science degree in broadcasting from the City University of New York. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and earned certification as a Senior Manager in Government at the Kennedy School, Harvard University.

Lew and Cathy are most proud of their two grown children: Jordanna Max Brodsky, a magna cum laude Harvard graduate who is a four-time published novelist. Their son, James Brodsky, is an internationally recognized expert in computer security, currently working for Okta. James provided Lew & Cathy with grand-twins Ben & Lily, who will turn 14-years old this August, and have participated in a NORVA caravan.



Important Announcement – Please Read

MAY 21 RALLY – The PARTY starts 12 NOON

DOOR PRIZES – RAFFLE!

**LUNCH AT THE HARBOUR GRILLE IN WOODBRIDGE VA – Choice of 3 entrees
and CELEBRATION CAKE FOR DESSERT**

\$31 per person

**REGULAR AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS, PLEASE COME AND WELCOME OUR NEW
MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP AND WHO ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
MEETING YOU**

**Dress Code: Casual – feel free to wear your NORVA t-shirts or other NORVA gear if
you want to**

**The May 2 deadline to sign up has been extended briefly to accommodate this
announcement**

**PLEASE SIGN UP NOW - RALLY FORM IS ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL or please contact
Priscilla Harrell at pris.harrell@gmail.com**



2022 NORVA Maintenance Rally

We provide words and pictures but those alone will not fully describe how practically useful, entertainingly educational, and memorably fun the April 22-24 Rally was. Folks it was over the top amazing!! We had 43 people attend; we had 24 airstreams expertly parked in a large field with full hookups. Our rally venue was the Meadow Park Event Center in Doswell Virginia, birthplace and home to Kentucky Derby darling Secretariat the 1973 Triple Crown Winner. The Meadow Park was also the location of our WBCCI International Rally July 2019.



Our weather was PERFECT, we had so much room to hike, bike, and walk our fur babies. Each evening we had the most awesome campfire with two very impressive propane high tech stoves that gave off plenty of illumination and heat as well as a brand-new bonfire-sized solo stove complete with spaceship looking heat deflector. Someone remarked they had never seen so many people at a rally hanging out by the fire for so long.

The seminars were held in a quaint little building with aluminum siding complete with HVAC and bathroom. Plenty of coffee and donuts to start out each day right. DJ Mastin and his wife Jessica from Broken Rivets gave

an awesome presentation on Airstream Maintenance, we had a very fun door prize raffle with NORVA Secretary Gail Perkins going home with one of a kind Flamingo earrings and other attendees winning various coveted items. NORVA member Cecil Hoosier gave a gripping presentation on electricity. Cecil is the only person I know who can explain reverse polarity in a way I can understand.

On Saturday afternoon, while some of our airstreams were being worked on by DJ, (it is a break-out/maintenance rally after all) most of us hung around chatting with fellow club members. We had friends from our Commonwealth club attend the rally as well and we really enjoyed getting to know them.

At 4 pm we attended an Open House at Airstream of Virginia. They rolled out the red carpet for us complete with dinner and refreshments, eye-popping door prizes, plus an insider's tour of the huge maintenance bays. The top prize was this plush luxurious camping chair won in the raffle by NORVA member Dana Jean Hasty. Many of us were also eyeing the unique "Airstream Home Sweet Home" floor mat, personally I had my heart set on the pair of plastic pink flamingos won in the raffle by NORVA members, The Hitchcocks.

As the Rally ended on Sunday mid-day, we all said our goodbyes or rather our "see you down the road" farewells. It did not matter if you were a 25-year experienced airstream couple, a young family enjoying their first airstream, a third-generation blue beret, or a young lady who just purchased her airstream last week, everyone was welcome at NORVA and all had a great time.



Seldom at a loss for words, Past President and Wagon Master Tom Carmichael enjoying an evening around the campfire. All attendees receive a warm welcome at the NORVA Rally.



Cecil explains electricity and safety precautions before you plug in.



DJ Mastin explains lug nuts, tires, pressure, jack points, how to maintain each type of exterior seal, plumbing, HVAC, rivets, when was the last time you washed the underside of your airstream?



We are so blessed, two separate door prize gift-aways in one weekend! Enjoying awesome hospitality at Airstream of Virginia in Ashland, just 10 minutes from our Doswell rally campground.



Maintenance Rally Attendees at Airstream of Virginia. We had a wonderful dinner, great hospitality and a generally good time.

Georgia on My Mind, March 2022 – Part Two 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 May Newsletter, we provide Part Two – Ancient Mounds, New Life-long Friendships, Great Story Tellers, Murals, Farmers, Ranchers, and Hunters.



Unless you have personally experienced the phenomenon, it is difficult to describe what it is like to take more than 30 people in 17 airstreams from all over the USA and Canada, with different backgrounds, life experiences, and world views, and have them all become one cohesive group so much so that by the end of the 25 days together many of them become life-long friends. By day 21 you may not know what day of the week it is, but you definitely know the favorite colors of your new best friends in Airstream 5555 and you have already invited them to join you on your next caravan up the coast of Maine this summer.

How does that happen? Why are shared experiences so powerful? It all starts with getting acquainted – in the photo below, David and Priscilla host a GAM (a getting acquainted meeting). Every airstream in the caravan is assigned to host at least one GAM and we sit around and introduce ourselves and tell stories.

Hosts have different creative methods to help guests feel at home and start talking. Grilled sausage with raspberry dip, peach salsa, gourmet cheese, pretzel bits, Dorito chips, are big hits, so are Georgian peanuts, M&Ms, and of

course wine. In the picture below, the GAM is sharing Mystic bourbon, scotch, Georgian rum, Harvest Host Georgia Fruit Wines, cheese, prosciutto, crackers, dips, and Pepperidge Farm Cookie assortments. It was a special evening of comradery with good story telling. Who knew there was a rum distillery in the whole state of Georgia? Count on an Airstreamer to find one.



March 4 through March 7, 2022 – Kolomoki, Mounds a plenty.

Day 4 through Day 7 on our Georgia on my Mind caravan we made camp at Kolomoki Mounds State Park, Blakely Georgia. Many airstreams had waterfront sites facing Lake Kolomoki.

<https://gastateparks.org/KolomokiMounds>

The mysterious handiwork of the Woodland Period Native American mound builders and the efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps, make Kolomoki Mounds State Park an attractive destination. Who knew there was so much history in rural southwest Georgia? This state park is the oldest and largest Woodland Indian site in the southeastern United States, occupied by Indians from 350 to 750 A.D. Georgia's oldest great temple mound, standing 57-feet high, dominates two smaller burial mounds and several ceremonial mounds.





The park's museum is built around an excavated mound, providing an unusual setting for learning who these people were and how they lived. In the picture provided you can just see the exterior of the mound to the left of the building. Inside, visitors will find numerous artifacts and a film. Walking into the building auditorium and seeing the carved out cross section of one of the ancient burial mounds as if it was a birthday cake with a slice removed was quite memorable.

One of our favorite things from the Georgia caravan was the opportunity to meet the locals. We met a peanut farmer Joe King, who in his free time sponsors a small half-way house for young men who have fallen on hard times due to drug addiction. He gave us a talk at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Blakely, Georgia and gave us a glimpse into his world. The Log Cabin Restaurant is in the middle of nowhere with yummy fried catfish as the main stay. Friendly dogs walk among your tables if you eat on the restaurant patio, of course we must eat out on the restaurant patio as a group.



March 5, 2022 – Day 5 of the Caravan – Colquitt, Georgia

The next day in Colquitt, Georgia we met a local resident, Barry Fuller, whose Mormon ancestors founded the town. He did tremendous research into his great grandfather and grandfather and wrote a book about their lives. They had many children and they travelled like nomads through several states including Florida and Georgia. They were medical doctors. His dream is that a big time Hollywood producer will buy the rights to the story someday. He is not sure who he wants to play his grandpa, maybe Kevin Costner, my money is on Tom Hanks.

Speaking of showbusiness, the entire group of us airstreamers made for a mighty fine contingent when we went to see a local play in Colquitt. <https://swampgravy.com> Tour buses come from all over Georgia and panhandle Florida, bringing church groups, social club members to see Swamp Gravy perform.



The town of Colquitt has many exterior wall murals and a walking tour is recommended. The largest and most famous mural is called The Spirit Farmer, painted by Charlie Johnston of Winnipeg Canada. Agriculture is a big part of daily life in southwestern Georgia and peanuts, cotton, and pecans are cash crops. Pecans must be pronounced pee-cans around these parts.

March 6, 2022 – Day 7 of the Caravan - White Oak Pastures



Grass fed cows and sustainable agriculture is a trendy new thing in these parts too as we could tell touring White Oak Pastures in Bluffton, Georgia. White Oak Pastures is a six generation, 152-year-old family farm that takes pride in farming practices that focus on regenerative land management, humane animal husbandry, and revitalizing the local rural community. Radically traditional farming creates products that are better for the land and livestock. The farm is proud of their zero-waste production system that utilizes each part of the animals they pasture-raise and hand-butcher on the farm.



In the picture, soap is made for sale in the General Store. Usually, Georgian red clay topsoil is lost due to erosion and years of cotton farming take up lots of nutrients from the soil. In the glass bottles on the table in the picture, the bottle on the left with rich black soil represent the product of White Oak Pastures' sustainable use of the land,



bringing hope and good soil back to the landscape.

<https://whiteoakpastures.com>



March 7, 2022 – Caravan Day 7 – Quail Country Plantation

David having a great day shooting five stand (flying clay targets) with fellow Airstreamers. The plantation roasted a hog in our honor. We had pulled pork, fried quail, and peach cobbler.



March 10, 2022 – Caravan Day 10 – Trying our hands at Glass Sculpting in Americus Georgia

Before the caravan if you told me I would be holding molten glass in my hand with nothing but steam and a pad of wet newspaper buffering me from the liquid glass, I would have thought you must be just joking.....no not a joke just ask the folks at <https://hotglassacademy.com>



**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.

65th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY**July 23-29, 2022 ★ Fryeburg, ME**

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 Upcoming Events for 2022

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, NC-
POC: John Leake, John@leakesantiques.com, Palmetto State Airstream Club

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

December 10, 2022- Holiday Rally, POC Ed & Beth Jones, Save the date.



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