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We ALL had fun, but not more than Grace

How could we do it again? TWO fabulous events back-to-back!

Itchin' To Hitch & Fort Valley Ranch and Ride = GREAT!

The folks who couldn't come to these opening events of the Camping Year have ****really**** missed the most fun. We ALL missed our friends who had to cancel due to COVID. What a bummer! Stay safe out there!

Grace, above with Russell, is one of the family who own and operate the Fort Valley Ranch and Campground. These folks are the most friendly, helpful, and considerate camp hosts your Editor has encountered in some time.

When you want a special unique getaway only a few miles from home, book some camp-time with Fort Valley Ranch. Pictures on next page, many courtesy of Phil Miller, master photographer.

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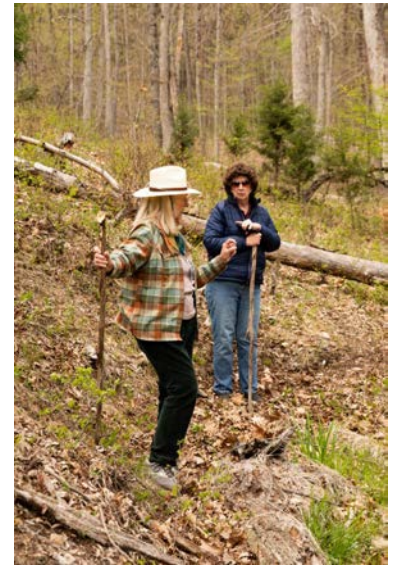




Jake and Julia



The Carters on the Trail



Linda and Connie



Bob, The Cook



Julia Grins on Rooster



The Boot

President's Corner

Airstream Club Region 3 Rally – Hiawassee Georgia - Georgia Mountain Fairground

Region 3 (Southeast) of the Airstream Club International held its annual Rally and Business Meeting. There were around 120 rigs in attendance. It was good to renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

The Spirit of Virginia was represented by the Baums, Tarrants, Lawns (our Road

Warriors) and the Lichtensteins. The campground is in a beautiful setting as shown.

The Rally was dominated by two things: (1) unusually damp, cold and windy weather [boo!] and (2) useful, spirited debates on the proposed administrative structure changes to the WBCCI.



3rd International Vice-President Karen Fisher generously came down from Michigan to assist in the information sessions.

I would be remiss not to mention a truly impressive array of Dutch Oven baked fruit cobblers on Friday Night. I haven't seen so many dutch ovens fired up since the 1973 National Boy Scout Jamboree! Well done! Thanks to Matt Hackney of Southeastern Camping Unit for leading this.



Joe Baum

FuturePlanning

An Overview of Fun, Fellowship, and Learning

June 9-11

Catch the Summer Spirit Rally - Shenandoah Acres, Stuarts Draft, VA

Adult Summer Camp - Frontier Museum Tour - Dinner in Staunton!

July 23-29

International Rally - Fryeburg, Maine

Just about 750-800 miles up the coast to the western edge of Maine. Make a trip of it - cooler weather likely.

August 7-13

86th Annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention - Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA.

August 11-Sept. 14

2022 Airstream Oregon Trail Caravan Wagon Train 1 departs from St. Joseph, MO. Sold Out.

August 25-Sept. 29

2022 Airstream Oregon Trail Caravan Wagon Train 2 departs from St. Joseph, MO. Still three spots open.

September 22-24

Annual Commonwealth Rally - Virginia Club in charge - Waynesboro 340 North Campground.

October 7-9

Virginia Piedmont Rally - Paradise Lake Family Campground (the one in Spout Spring, VA - not the other one)

October 26-30

Alumalina, Marion, NC - John Leake

November 11-13

9th Annual Grand Finale Rally - Camp Hatteras - Rodanthe, NC

December 10

Winter Holiday Luncheon = TBD



Catch the Summer Spirit!

June 9 – 11, 2022

Shenandoah Acres Family Campground

348 Lake Road

Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

(888) 709-1172

<https://www.shenandoahacresfamilycampground.com>



Rally Fee only \$10 - Click HERE to Register with US.

<https://form.jotform.com/220355005308141>

Then call the CAMP to reserve your camping spot.

Join us to explore nearby Shenandoah Valley attractions including:

The Cheese Shop

The Blue Ridge Tunnel

The Frontier Culture Museum - Friday, June 10 = 9:30 - 11:30

"Atlantic Migration & Westward Expansion"

Rally fee includes a private tour of the Frontier Culture Museum as recent settlers highlight their journey to America - and talk about their experiences in this Great New Land.

The Augusta Farmers Market, Dinner in Staunton, and much more!

15 sites reserved (Electric/Water/Sewer) - Only Four (4) left this date.

Campers should contact the campground directly to book – First Come, First Served. - (888) 709-1172, from their website shown above.

Let them know you are with the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club!

Club Hosts: Phil and Connie Miller - philmillerplm@gmail.com - (540) 578-1320

Latitude: 37.9972 Longitude: -79.0266 coordinates in your GPS

SummerCaravan



2022 “Nuts For Ruts: Finding the Oregon Trail”

<https://airstreamclub.org/nuts-ruts-finding-oregon-trail-caravan-d-2-2022>

We had a total BLAST on this caravan last summer. Most of you know what a good



time caravans can be. If this is your **FIRST** caravan, you couldn't pick a better one. We have seven spots available on the 2nd Wagon Train. **You will be leaving St. Joseph, MO, on August 25, and ending near Portland, OR, on September 29.** Early FALL is the best time to be on the Trail.

We only take 20 “wagons” at a time. The total Kitty Fee is \$3,830/couple. This is a “journey” caravan. It makes 16 stops in the 34-35 days we are together. We visit museums, historic forts, and the actual places the Pioneers walked during the great migration between 1841-1890. Your Kitty Fee covers all your camping fees, over a dozen great meals, entry to events and sights along the way, and all the FUN of finding the ruts left by the wagon trains of yore.

Click the hot link above to register. A deposit of \$750 will hold your spot. Join us!



ScoutingReport

Madison Vines RV Resort & Cottages: Camping Resort coming near us - Madison, Virginia

Madison Vines RV Resort & Cottages is opening in late Spring / early Summer of 2022. This will be the tenth totally renovated, sparkling RV resort managed by RV Management Services ("RVMS") whose other properties are very highly rated by the Good Sam Campground Guide (five properties at a PERFECT 10 / 10* / 10, with the remaining RV resorts all rated in the 9s and 10s).

madisonvinesrvresortandcottages.com



Madison Vines RV Resort & Cottages will have cottages, RV sites, a large beautiful pool, leash-free dog parks and numerous additional amenities.

Our 20 hand crafted, fully furnished, Cottages include one bedroom studios as well as one and two bedroom accommodations, all with kitchen and full bathrooms, that can accommodate from one to five people. Cottage rates

range from \$105 to \$144 per night plus tax during high season (May to October). Our 70 RV Sites are level, beautifully landscaped, with FHU at 50/30/and 20 amp connections. RV site rates range from \$53 to \$75 per night plus tax during high season (May to October). Our new resort style Pool has a "whale station" on one side and a "bubbler pad" for kids on the other side while our new 16 foot Spa is kept at about 102 degrees during the summer months with 12 intense jets of water massaging.

Madison Vines RV Resort & Cottages will also have:

- a large Reception Center with a store selling the basics as well as local artisan products;**
- a large Event Center that has a full "warming kitchen" with seating for almost 200, a 4k TV projector with 150 inch screen, and two TV wall mounted 70 inch TVs;**
- three Bathhouses with a total 18 private bathroom suites, each with granite walls and floors, a sink, a toilet and a full shower. (Laundry facilities at two of the bathhouses provide eight washers and eight dryers.)**