

NORVA NEWS

June 2022



New member rally



Important Notes:

1. Holiday party will be Saturday, December 10. Planning is underway. Please save the date.
2. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to NORVAnews@gmail.com

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President's Corner

Submitted by Pete West

At the new member luncheon in May I was asked to make a few comments to the new members. The short version of my comment was "The club is only as good as you make it."

That message really applies to every single member, not just the new members. Certainly you could run for one of the club officer positions but that will only involve a half dozen or so persons. We all have to participate if we are to continue our success. I want to encourage you to participate in some small way. We all need to get engaged. How you ask? Here are some suggestions:

- Call one of the current officers and offer to help them carry out the tasks of their office – you can learn more about how the club runs
- Research a club related topic and prepare an article for our newsletter – *The NORVA News*
- Submit a newsletter article about upgrades to your trailer (or someone else's)
- Submit a newsletter article about interior improvements made to a trailer
- Research and submit a newsletter article about common maintenance issues like batteries, tires, LED lights, solid state thermostats, black tank maintenance, etc. The list is unending.
- Write an article about different ways to find good campgrounds for folks not on a caravan

You get the picture – please consider how you might support your club..

Safety – There are two types of opportunities for accidents as we Airstream around the country. One while we are on the road (any problem on the highway is a potential accident) and the second while in camp. I will not dwell on club actions and solutions here in this article but I do want to create a club safety program and to that end I am soliciting a NORVA member to step up and lead a safety program. This mostly will consist of creating an awareness of potential safety practices as we Airstream. If you might be interested in this position I will share my thoughts and guidance to get you going.

Have a good Airstreaming summer!!



An Interview with NORVA 2nd Secretary Gail Perkins

Submitted by Gail Perkins

Born in Jacksonville, NC

Lived in Syracuse, NY until 3rd grade

Moved to Antioch, CA until graduated high school.

Full maiden name was Gloria Gail Cousineau. THAT HAIR!!!!

Married Doug Perkins in 1993 (2nd marriage for both of us)



Miss Gloria Cousineau



Doug has 2 daughters: Erica (deceased) and Jessica



Gail has 3 children: Robby, Ava, and Christal



Between all the kids, Doug & Gail have 13 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren (and 5 grand-dogs)



Grand dogs (missing one):



Gail has worked many jobs, to include: at an accountants office during her senior year of high school (Girl Friday), service rep. for the telephone company, Secretary to the Vice-President for Development at the University of Mary Washington, and provided child care for many years while her children were young.

Gail volunteered with the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad for 10 years and developed a love for taking care of people and the medical field. She went to nursing school and received her RN degree in 1989.



Gail immediately was accepted to work in the Emergency Department (ED) at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, VA. While working in the ED, she met Doug Perkins who was a patrol officer for the Fredericksburg City Police Department. Gail also worked in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (Recovery Room) for a few years.

Gail saw a need for a Forensic Program at Mary Washington Hospital. She received specialized training and was the first forensic nurse at Mary Washing Healthcare. She was Manager of the program. She hired and trained RN's to become Forensic Nurses to care for patients of violence, such as; sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse, and gun shot & stabbing patients. She collected evidence, photographed injuries, and testified in court as an expert witness.

Gail was instrumental in the development and opening of Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Fredericksburg. She brought a team of professionals together (Commonwealth Attorneys, Law Enforcement, Child Protective Services, Victim Witness Directors, and hospital administration) and after many years of planning and grant writing, Safe Harbor was opened to serve children of abuse in the community. Gail has served on the Board of Directors for Safe Harbor for many years. Children are taken to Safe Harbor instead of the police department or the Emergency Room to be interviewed on-site, to received trauma focused therapy, and can have their medical/forensic exam performed on site vs going to the ED.



Gail has received many awards and professional recognition in her nursing career. One she especially treasures is the National Spirit of Women Award. Out of many finalists throughout the country, Gail was presented this award in Boca Raton, FL for her outstanding care to victims of violence and the development and opening of Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center.



After 30 years in the nursing/forensic field, Gail retired in 2018. Of course she had to have a party!!!



Gail now has time to enjoy many activities such as: fishing, paddle boarding, kayaking, walking Seneca – their 7 year old yellow Labrador retriever, attending family/grandkids events, and of course, camping in their Airstream.



Enjoying a sunset paddle on their paddleboards.



Catching Red Drum!

Doug and Gail joined NORVA after talking with Gerry & Patsy Nagel at the Richmond RV Show. They have so much enjoyed the friendships they have met, and the great camping trips they have attended. They hosted the Outlander River Rally last year with 15



Airstreams attending. They are hosting it again this year with 20 Airstreams attending, and unfortunately, some NORVA members were not able to reserve spots...the campground filled up.

Gail currently serves as Secretary for NORVA, and looks forward to sitting around a campfire, having a glass of wine, and talking with the awesome members of NORVA, and of course, spending time with Doug and Seneca.



Rally to Welcome our New Members

Submitted by Priscilla Harrell

On Saturday May 21, 2022, we held a Meet and Greet Luncheon to welcome all new members of NORVA who joined our club between March 1, 2020, to present. Due to COVID disruptions, we did not hold a new member rally in 2021. Everyone who joined NORVA since the previous new member rally in February 2020 was considered a “newbie” for the purposes of this welcome celebration. The event was held from 12 noon to 3:30 pm at the Captain’s Lounge, a private event room within The Harbour Grille restaurant in Woodbridge Virginia. We had 25 people attend the event. After lunch, Lew Brodsky our Membership Director gave an orientation presentation to all attendees. The rally ended with celebratory cake cutting and raffle (door prizes).



Peter West,
President of NORVA,
gave a welcome
speech and
everyone was
encouraged to
introduce
themselves



Lew Brodsky provides important information on WBCCI International, Regional, and Local Clubs, Rallies and Caravans



It was a bright sunny day with the beautiful Occoquan River right outside the doors of our Captains Lounge. Some of us sitting towards the back of the room followed the presentation slides from a PDF file on our smart phones due to the glare from the huge windows. Our presenter thought of every eventuality



Past President Gerry Nagel on the left with current President Peter West on the right. Smiles all around.



New member Corey Langenwalter with her door prize



First Vice President Sue Shepard with her beautiful NORVA flag



NORVA Secretary Gail Perkins holding up her door prize raffle ticket (or is that a pink cigar???)



Wonderful to see so many new faces. A big welcome to all our new members!! In the picture below, Young Kim a 2022 new NORVA member cutting the cake on behalf of all the new attendees, it happened to be her birthday as well

**WELCOME TO THE
NORTHERN
VIRGINIA
AIRSTREAM CLUB!!**

**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.

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65th 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:	
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

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
<https://airstreamclub.org/urbana-oyster-festival-rally>

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



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



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2021-2022 Executive Officers

President- Pete West

First Lady- Elizabeth West

1st Vice President- Sue Shepard

2nd Vice President- Priscilla Harrell

Secretary- Gail Perkins

Treasurer- Kevin Quinn

Membership Director- Lew Brodsky

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