

NORVA NEWS

July 2022



Nagel in a Bagel



Important Notes:

1. Holiday party will be Saturday, December 10. Planning is underway. Please save the date.
2. Signup for Commonwealth Rally signup info enclosed
3. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to NORVAnews@gmail.com

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NORVA Luray River Rally Report

Written by Priscilla Harrell

Our annual River Rally was held this year from June 10 through 12th. We had 28 people attend (17 airstreams). Thank you to our Wagon Masters Doug and Gail Perkins for a fun rousing awesome great time!! You may have seen some of the pictures below previously, via our Facebook page but we are going to try to make this report even more exciting, if that is possible, by providing you with some of the stories behind the pictures you saw. **Who doesn't love a good story. Keep reading for sensational scoops!**

Bird's eye view of our campground and airstreams. Drone photographer may seem easy and fun, but drone pilot David Harrell once flew his drone into a skyscraper while on vacation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Christmas Eve. Fortunately, airstreams are low to the ground....no risk of drone interactions with skyscrapers here unless you count the Blue Ridge Mountains....





Ah, the Shenandoah Landscape, perfect for airstream camping, floating down the river in an inner tube, mud wrestling with your Golden Retriever, we won't judge: NORVA Mascot Seneca Perkins enjoying swimming and river retrieving so much he would not let go of his frisbee, a tug of war ensued along the muddy riverbank with Daddy, resulting in a busted inner tube. Not to worry we heard the inner tube could be patched up and will be ready for next year's Rally.



Seneca is sorry not sorry!





THE WINE TASTING – each airstream contributed 2 bottles of wine for this favorite rally segment. The Charcuterie Board was the entire length of the combined picnic tables.



Sometimes you just must be in the right place at the right time if you want to take a real-life action sequence: Past President Tom Carmichael, a perfect gentleman, helps to hold the inner tube steady to help some members onto their tubes. Alas he does not realize his own inner tube has floated away, carried by the swift river current. The ladies watch in horror when they look downriver and see the runaway inner tube with no one on board. We then see Carmichael running in the water towards his breakaway tube. He finally catches up with the tube. It was like being on the 50-yard line in terms of stupendous action and we have a frame-by-frame photo record.

The ladies gasped; they could not believe what was happening!





The very moment Carmichael notices his inner tube has floated away



The last action hero making waves, chasing after his river transport, run Tom run!



I am almost there
if I can justif I can
just reach
Gotcha!! Woohoo!!



The annual NORVA corn hole challenge is taken very seriously. The winners are celebrated the losers are also celebrated and comforted with a “better luck next year”. I have been told it’s all in the wrist. Some people just seem to be more natural at it. Some folks have great flare and are so fun to watch!!





Gail Perkins enjoying a solo moment



Lew Brodsky, winner of the National Parks Quiz!!



New Members Joe and Barbara Formoso



Dick and Jane Arnold got up to dance at Cooters just down the road from the campground. Every Saturday afternoon there is a free indoor concert, they played their song: The Dance, made world famous by Garth Brooks



Yours truly with honored guest Cynthia (Cyndi) Tom Carmichael's sister, who lives in Pennsylvania



Mom, I am upset because Choo Choo ate all the dog biscuits Miss Gail Perkins made for me, so I am running away from home, I am going to visit Phoebe and Winston Carmichael. TomPa is going to take me to see them, love Ella



NORVA Pet Competition
– Pet Tricks!! Gail Perkins made delightful homemade doggie biscuits, and each dog received their biscuits in a blue gift bag.



Cecil showing us how it is done





A Big Welcome to our June NEW MEMBERS:

Steven and Sheila Holt

We welcome New NORVA Members Steven and Sheila who live in Lorton, Virginia. They have a 2022 25-foot Flying Cloud. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 5356. Many NORVA members had an opportunity to meet Steven and Sheila who attended our “Welcome New Members Rally” held in May of this year. At the time they had just purchased their airstream and were visiting our Club event as prospective members. We are pleased they have joined NORVA!

Warren Lundblad and Lara Alderson

We welcome New NORVA Members Warren and Lara who live in Manassas, Virginia. They have a 2021 25-foot Globetrotter. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 6268. Welcome to NORVA!

Elizabeth Rouse

We welcome New NORVA Member Elizabeth who lives in Vienna, Virginia. She has a 2008 19-foot Safari Bambi. NORVA is her home club. Her Big Red Number is 6347. Elizabeth is also a member of the WBCCI Grapes and Grains Intra Club. Welcome Elizabeth!

Brian and Lauren Summers

We welcome New NORVA Members Brian and Lauren who live in Ashburn, Virginia. They have a 2022 28-foot Pottery Barn. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 7225. Welcome to NORVA!

A Big Welcome to our June NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS:

Amy and Richie Fisher

We welcome New Affiliate Members Amy and Richie who live in Brunswick, Maryland. Their home club is the DC chapter. They have a 2022 22-foot Bambi. Big Red Number is



9396. Amy and Richie will be in Fryeburg Maine for the WBCCI International so we are excited to meet them this month!

Dan and Heather Watson

We welcome New Affiliate Members Dan and Heather who live in Haymarket, Virginia. Their home club is The Spirit of Virginia. They have a 2019 23-foot International Serenity. Their Big Red Number is 5253. Welcome Dan and Heather!

As of July 2, 2022, NORVA has 92 member households.



Georgia on My Mind, March 2022 – Part Three

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 July Newsletter, we include Part Three, the Final Part covering our adventures while staying at the following campsites: **March 8 through March 12, 2022 – Brickyard KOA in Americus, March 13 through 15 Hard Labor Creek State Park in Rutledge, March 16 through 19 Dames Ferry State Park in Juliette, March 20 through 25 FDR State Park in Pine Mountain.** Part One and Two were printed in the April and May newsletters respectively.

After spending time in Blakely, Americus seemed like a big town. We liked Americus, not only because the glass sculpting, the experience was mind blowing, pun intended, but because it was close to other historic attractions. It even has a WalMart¹ The HQ of Habitat for Humanity is in Americus and from here we made day trips to Andersonville and The Plains.

March 11, 2022 – Day 11 of the Caravan – Andersonville, Georgia

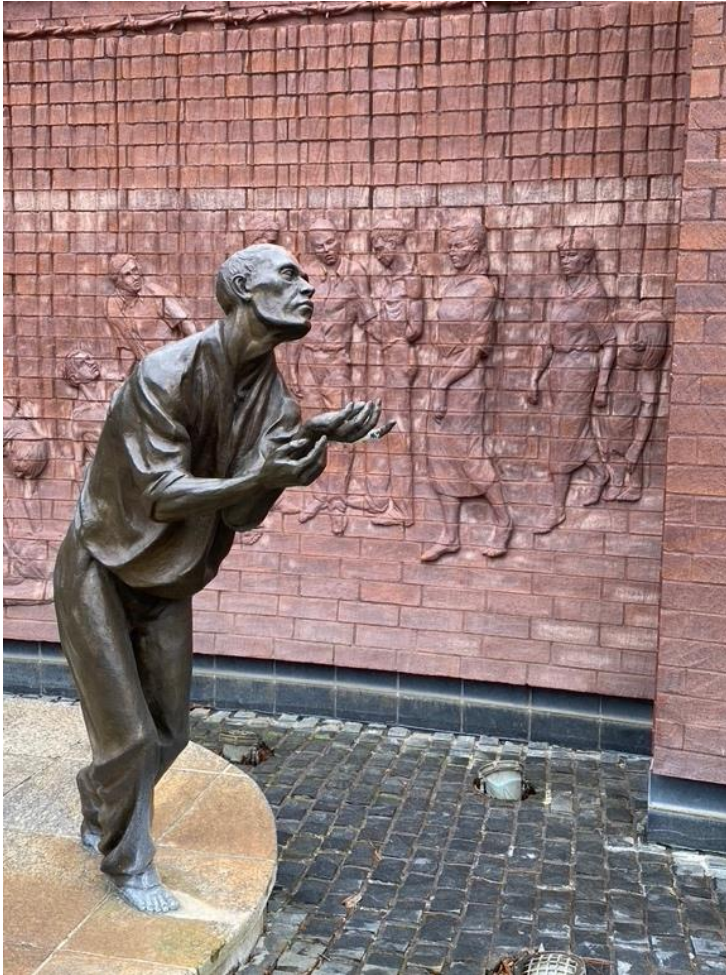
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Andersonville National Historic Site was one of the largest of the Confederate military prisons established during the Civil War. Also known as Camp Sumter, it held four times the number of prisoners than it was supposed to. In the 14 months the prison existed, of the more than 45,000 Union soldiers confined to this stockade, 13,000 died from disease, poor sanitation, malnutrition, overcrowding or exposure to the elements. The site is now the only park in the National Park System to serve as a memorial to all American Prisoners of War (POW). Prisoners were not provided with shelters or tents, they had to make do with what they brought with them. In the picture

on the left, you can see a thin horizontal line, a rope held up by short wooden posts between the makeshift shelters and the high timbered stockade. If a prisoner even touched or tried to cross this

horizontal line, guards hovering in the “pigeon roosts” located at intervals along the top of the stockade would shoot them dead, hence the term DEADLINE



Poignant POW sculptured remembrance wall at the on-site Museum. The weather on the day of our visit being cold, cloudy, and rainy provided the appropriate backdrop to this somber location. In the next picture, on the grass, David in his red raincoat standing in front of one of the many memorial monuments at this historic location. The bulk of these monuments were built between 1899 and 1916 and split between the National Cemetery and the prison site. In most cases, the monuments were built with funds appropriated by state governments.

As we were taken around the camp by a National Park ranger, we happen to meet a gentleman and his family who was at Andersonville to pay respects to his grandfather who was a POW at Andersonville. His grandmother was much younger than his grandfather which made this biologically possible. We sometimes think these tragic events happened a very long time ago but really, it is the recent past.

March 12, 2022 – Day 12 of the Caravan – Train to The Plains – ALL ABOARD!



You can read fascinating history about the train at www.samshortline.com but in terms of more recent events, this excursion train project started in 2000. It took two years to locate and restore the train cars that were built between 1939 and 1949. The first public run was on Oct. 26, 2002 and maximum capacity is 80 people. The excursion train follows the historic route from Cordele to Plains, gliding through cotton fields, pecan groves and peanut farms and over Lake Blackshear. Passengers ride in climate-controlled, train cars to visit sites such as the Georgia Rural Telephone Museum, Historic Downtown Americus, President Jimmy Carter's hometown of Plains and his boyhood home & farm in Archery. The track was recently improved to increase speed from 10 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour in some stretches. One of my favorite aspects of the train ride was the opportunity to meet the locals who help with boarding and general questions. We took the train to Plains Georgia, a small town made famous by native son President Jimmy Carter. What struck me about this Presidential campaign headquarters, the

train station in Plains, Georgia was just how small it was. From this building Jimmy Carter and his team led a successful journey to the White House. Pretty incredible when we think about it.

March 18, 2022 – Caravan
Day 18 – Whistle Stop
Cafe





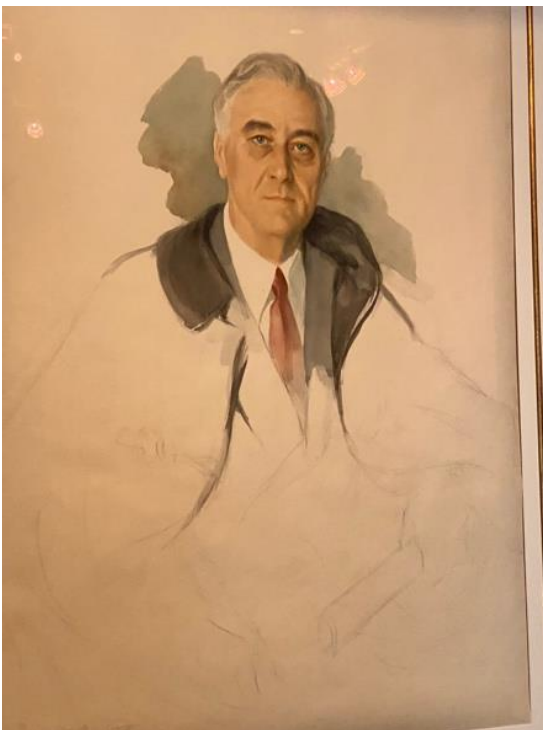
Anyone watch Fried Green Tomatoes the Movie? This is the town of Juliette, Georgia created by Hollywood for the movie. Good food at the famous Whistle Stop Café. The dish of fried green tomato on the menu is a must. I was told the BBQ is to die for I did not try it. We are quite a large group, but the restaurant was able to accommodate us. We sat with our new friends Pat and Tim Rowlands from our caravan group, and we told them so many outrageous true stories about ourselves that we did not realize how long we had stayed for lunch. Other folks from our caravan were long gone, they were shopping at the interesting shops all along the one short road. I hung out at this café so long someone mistook me for wait staff and I helped to sit a new party of 6. I felt quite happy to help the café proprietors. <https://thewhistlestopcafe.com>.

March 22, 2022 – Caravan Day 22 – FDR Little White House

Franklin D. Roosevelt built this now National Historic Landmark in 1932 while he was governor of New York. He first came to Warm Springs Georgia in 1924 hoping to find a cure for polio that had struck him in 1921. Although the hot springs did not cure him, the waters did improve his health and mobility. President Roosevelt loved Georgia and this Warm Springs Pine Mountain area and spent quite a bit of time here. The Little White House provided a sanctuary



for the President during the darkest days of the Great Depression. Many of his New Deal programs were conceived there as he looked with sympathy upon the desperate conditions suffered by his rural neighbors. Their tragic sufferings prompted him to create the Works Progress Administration or WPA which created jobs that helped many families avoid starvation during the Depression. His policies also brought schools, electric power, paved roads and parks to the rural South, opening the door to a



new era in the region. The Little White House also provided a place to escape the stress of Washington during World War II for President Roosevelt. He spent much time here while plotting the nation's course through the challenging years of World War II. While posing for a portrait on April 12, 1945, FDR suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died in this house. The unfinished portrait can be viewed at the museum on-site. We also show a picture of FDR's dining room. The wooden ship was a hand carved gift which FDR insured for the same amount of money as the entire house structure. We also show a picture of the hot springs pool that FDR used to swim in together with many child polio patients. He was happy here at this polio sanctuary. We are hopeful someday the pool can be restored to its original glory and be open to the public for swimming. The hot springs is still there, and you can touch the water which is always a constant 88-degree temperature.



March 24, 2022 – Caravan Day 24 – Last Night of the Caravan, Final Banquet at Carriage & Horses Restaurant, Pine Mountain



On the last night of our Georgia on my Mind caravan we had a memorable banquet dinner and entertainment. The slideshow which included drone footage was very good. The Trivia Caravan Quiz was rowdy and exciting with prize peanuts flying all over the place when someone got their answer correct, this game was so fun we were still playing it via group text all the way into April and May with the questions getting harder and harder, and some of us owe a lot of additional peanuts to our fellow participants, debts will be settled in Fryeburg Maine at the International. Our ad hoc choir performed our caravan song sung to Ray Charles's Georgia on my Mind. The words of this beloved and well-known song were customized for our caravan. We also had a hilarious skit that no one is allowed to talk about, ever, what happens at the Georgia caravan final night banquet stays in Georgia....



2022 Virginia Commonwealth Airstream Rally

September 22-25, 2022



The Annual Commonwealth Airstream Rally is a cross-club event for all of the Virginia Airstream clubs to rally together and induct the new club officers.

Join your fellow Airstreamers and enjoy all Waynesboro and the Blue Ridge has to offer in early fall!

Rally Highlights

- ✓ Arts & Antiques
- ✓ Breweries & Wineries
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Campfires & Community
- ✓ Swannanoa Palace
- ✓ Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Parks
- ✓ Biking & Hiking
- ✓ Farmers Markets
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- ✓ Shopping

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\$45
/Person

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\$42.12
/Night

Rally Dates

September 22-25, 2022

Location

Register Today <https://airstreamclub.org/virginia-commonwealth-airstream-rally>



NORVA Upcoming Events for 2022

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 27-30, 2022- AlumaLine Buddy Rally, Marion, NC-

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

November 3-6, 2022- Urbana Oyster Festival, Urbana, 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.

2023 NORVA - SAVE THE DATE

Planning is already underway for these awesome 2023 NORVA events so please save these dates:

MAINTENANCE RALLY - April 21-23, 2023

The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia

April 21- 23, 2023

Wagon Masters: Barry Miller and Sharon Haw

LURAY RIVER RALLY - June 2 - 5, 2023

Luray RV Resort on the Shenandoah River, Luray, Virginia

June 2 - 5th 2023

Wagon Masters: Doug and Gail Perkins

(We are still negotiating Contract and Group Pricing, we will let everyone know later, when the Luray campground is ready to accept reservations, right now just save the date.)



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



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