



# TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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## ***Tidewater Club***

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## ***From the President***

Happy Fall!

It is now my great honor to be President of the Tidewater Club. I want to thank Larry Evans for being our President last year; Larry manages to do everything well and with a great sense of fun. I have a lot to learn from him (but please spare me hitch and inverter discussions!!) We have a great line-up of officers and we are busy putting together a great schedule of rallies for next year. Please consider volunteering to host one of our rallies; we especially need hosts (and a location!!) for the break-out rally in March!



Tidewater Club 111 is just coming off the great success of our Commonwealth Rally which was held in Williamsburg Sept. 24-26. Our club owes a huge debt of gratitude to the hard work of Joanna and Richard Duncan, who organized everything necessary to make the rally run smoothly.. from schedules, dinners, breakfasts, gourmet s'mores (superbly executed by Ellie and Greg Worcester), games, scary ghost tours, and even an outdoor concert! Thank you to all the Tidewater folks who helped make this year's Commonwealth Rally a big success. Our special guest was Christine Baum, VP of Region 3, who inducted the new officers of the four Virginia clubs with great flair and humor. Thank you, Christine. It was so great to see old friends and make new ones!

Be sure to visit the Airstream website [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) . It has lots of great info, including a list of events nationwide (including ours) and a very user-friendly international member

directory. Also, if you put "Tidewater" in their search box, the first link that appears will take you to OUR webpage, designed and maintained by Jojo Lotuaco (thank you, Jojo!)

Happy Trails, Jayne

## *Please Join in Welcoming our New Members for 2021*

Thomas & Joanne Warren  
Spotsylvania, VA

Robert & Wanda Trexler  
Dabneys, VA

Penny Buhler & Anthony Gagnon  
Virginia Beach, VA

Rambo Martin  
Virginia Beach, VA

Ed & Sharon Tyng  
Virginia Beach, VA

Wayne & Donna Blatner  
Williamsburg, VA

Susan Bartyczak  
King George, VA

David & Gina Clinthorne  
Fredericksburg, VA

Niall & Deborah Finnegan  
Onancock, VA

Tracey & Thomas Heiner  
Williamsburg, VA

Sarah & Roy Zinser  
Yorktown, VA

Ann & Harold Fulk  
Williamsburg, VA

Bill & Beth Allen  
Chesapeake, VA

Benjamin & Allison Cohen  
Virginia Beach, VA.

Thomas "Tag" & Jenna Gray  
Crewe, VA

## *William "Bill" Garland German*

*JULY 6, 1938 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2021*

I am sorry to pass on to Tidewater Airstream Club members, the death of Bill German September 3, 2021. Bill along with his wife Barbara of 56 years, were long time members and Bill was a Past President of our club. Bill was a friend with an easy-going personality who enjoyed life, had a love to travel, and liked to understand how things worked. His knowledge of Airstream systems was most helpful to us new members, and he was always willing to offer a helping hand when needed. Bill and Barbara traveled extensively through United States with the Airstream caravans and on their own, their Airstream never sat very long in their driveway. Our condolences to Barbara, daughter Sarah, son-in-law Joseph, and their two children. Bill will be missed by us all.

Larry Evans



*On the Road*  
*Highlights of Member Travels*

*Belle Isle State Park Rally*  
*June 11-13*



The Belle Isle Rally was hosted by Tim and Bev Supler. There were six Airstreams in attendance: Bev and Tim Supler, Brad and Angie Schwartz, Sarah and Roy Zinser (and Fallon, their very cool Scottish Terrier), Ellie and Greg Worcester, Rhonda and Larry Evans and us. The weekend started off damp .. rain began on Friday and ended Saturday afternoon.

We were serenaded by a grillion frogs (no exaggeration!) The rain stopped in time for us to enjoy a delicious chili dinner at the Supler's campsite. Park ranger Katie Shepard spoke to us about the fascinating history of Belle Isle Park, which was a plantation dating from 1692. The biking was superb (all flat .. no hills!). The park has seven miles of shoreline on the Rappahannock River







and is surrounded by beautiful marshy creeks which we explored in kayaks and canoes. We biked to the Visitors' Center and enjoyed the Native Plant Garden and nesting barn swallows. Frank and I toured Christ Church in nearby Weems, a beautiful, historic spot



and visited Tides Inn in Irvington. Other points of interest included the Marina and Belle Isle House. It was a great weekend in yet another beautiful Virginia state park. One of our local favorites!

Bev and Tim will be hosting the Belle Isle Rally in 2022 (see the upcoming events section). You can make a reservation now if you would like to attend. It's a small campground so don't delay!

Submitted by Jayne Munoz

## *North Bend John Kerr Reservoir Rally* *August 13-14*

Our North Bend rally was a very relaxing get-together attended by Duncans, Evans, Zinsers and Munoz's. We were also joined by Leslie and Steve Lovett from NC (Piedmont Club). We camped on the beautiful "B" loop at North Bend right on Kerr Lake. The weather was hot, but beautiful, and we biked, swam, ate, talked and laughed a lot (as usual). On Thursday night, we enjoyed dinner at Pino's Pizza. We also dined together on Friday night, being treated to



Rhonda's delicious taco feast! Roy and Sarah surprised us with a tasty Dutch Oven brat delight. Maybe we can convince Roy to lead a Dutch Oven cooking rally (hint hint). We all spent a lot of time floating together (while flapping our jaws) in the lake with our noodles. All in all, it was a very relaxing camping weekend!

*Submitted by Jayne Munoz*



## *Alumapalooza, Johnson Center Ohio*

### *September 7-12*

Roy and I attended Alumapalooza 11 in Jackson Center, Ohio from 7-12 September 2021. Alumapalooza is a rally at the Airstream Factory and offered many different classes and seminars focused on all things Airstream. Bob Wheeler, CEO of Airstream, spoke one evening and we took a bike tour with Bryan Melton who is the general manager of Airstream's travel trailer division. We met several nice people and even two couples from within Region 3.



The field of Airstreams





A session with the heads of the trailer and motor-coach divisions.



Birdwatching walks offered by guides from Swarovski Optik.



Live music and talent shows in the evening.



Even bourbon tasting which was a lot of fun

*Submitted by Sara Zinser*

# Virginia Commonwealth Rally

## September 24-26

Our Airstream Club 111 hosted Commonwealth Rally was a great success. We enjoyed excellent weather and had forty-two rigs from the four Virginia clubs in attendance. The rally was held at American Heritage Campground in Williamsburg.



Our Friday night dinner was catered by Pierce's BBQ and was a big hit. Pierce's BBQ recently



celebrated its 50th birthday and is known throughout the area as the place to go for authentic southern BBQ. Region Vice President Christine Baum was on hand to swear in Jayne Munoz as Club 111 President, Frank Munoz as 1st Vice

President, and yours truly as 2nd Vice President. Saturday AM breakfast was hosted by the NORVA Club. After breakfast nineteen Airstreamers went on a walking ghost tour in historic downtown Williamsburg.



The Sprit of Virginia Club hosted a happy hour Saturday afternoon and our own Ed and Sharon Tyng facilitated a rousing session of "Flamingo Bingo" directly after. Saturday night rally attendees feasted on Frank's Franks and gourmet smores, by the band Winsome mellow hits from the 60s breakfast was hosted by Club, and Joanna inspiring reflections on day life. Airstream of attendance and brought an Atlas class B unit for provided some fancy raffle off which were won



and were entertained who played and sang and 70s. Sunday Virginia Airstream Duncan provided some scripture and modern Virginia folks were in a late model trailer and us to check out. They pop up chairs for us to by Joanna Duncan and



Ellie Worcester.

The Spirit of Virginia club announced the location of next year's Commonwealth Rally which they will host in Waynesboro – see our newsletter's coming events for more information. There was a lot of buzz about next year's Commonwealth Rally and the International Rally which will be in Fryeburg ME. Ellie and I plan to attend both as well as all our local rallies and will be happy to host one of them. Please let club leadership know your thoughts on our 2022 calendar as it is open and getting new ideas and hosts for rallies keeps things interesting and fun. We really want our rallies and events to reflect the desires and interests of our club membership. Thanks to all club 111 attendees for everything from checking in our guests and organizing our meeting room, to serving food and the always popular clean up. Special thanks to Joanna and Richard Duncan for going above and beyond in organizing our 2021 Commonwealth Rally – it went off without a hitch!

*Submitted by Greg Worcester*







# *Stella the Excella*

Ellie and I have taken on a restoration project of a vintage Excella 31. We're calling her Stella after Stella Byam for a bit of good luck (I think Wally would approve). I've been wanting a double axle unit for sometime, and Ellie has wanted a separate sleeping area so this 31 footer should do the trick. We remember seeing this trailer in storage years ago and were not interested as we were still working and didn't have time for another restoration.



Stella was purchased as is and was full of the owner's belongings. Everything from bikes and boogie boards, to dishes and appliances went to charity or were discarded. After two days clearing and cleaning

she was back in 1983 form. The shore power was hooked for the first time in years and the house lights came on. When hooked to

our truck,

surprisingly, tail lights and turn signals fired right up. Stella seems to still have some life in her and we will definitely get her back in shape for 2022 travels. We won't waste any time with 40 year old systems or appliances – if they don't work they're gone. No sense in not taking advantage of the new technology readily available at a reasonable cost.





Stella is home now and her restoration is underway - curtains, carpet, mattresses, and drapes were discarded first thing. Floor repairs and new floor insulation is the big task at hand right now. Major plumbing upgrades are next. Ellie picked out some nice laminate flooring that will go down soon as I finish the heavy work. Thankfully a friend of ours who likes working with electronics is giving a hand getting all things electric tuned up. In the meantime our 62 Safari remains on the job and continues to serve us well. I'll submit periodic updates on our project's progress to the newsletter. I'd like to thank the Evans, the Munozs', the Tyngs, and the Werners for their help and generosity on this project so far. Stella is happy to be getting back on the road!

*Submitted by Greg Worcester*

**Editor's Note:** *If you have taken a non-club trip with your Airstream and you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you. All I need is a short write-up describing your adventure and if you have a picture or two that would be great. We all are adventurers and looking for interesting and fun places to explore.*

## ***64th Annual Urbanna, VA Oyster Festival*** ***NOVEMBER 4-7, 2021***



For the last 64 years, the two day festival is on the first weekend in November, the small Town of Urbanna, Virginia has closed down their streets for a weekend full of festivities, food, and fun, all to celebrate our favorite little mollusk, the Oyster! The festival vendors offer about as many ways as you can imagine to enjoy these delicious – locally sourced jewels. If you are not an oyster eater there are many other food treats available. Even though taking part in the food fest, there are many other fun events throughout the two day celebration – live music, a car show, one-of-a-kind **Fireman's Parade with sirens blaring (bring your earplugs)**, Queen's Parade with floats, Shriner midget cars (my favorite) and marching bands.



In previous years, our friends from the Northern Virginia Club (NORVA) have sponsored a rally that allows Airstreamers an opportunity to park as a group close to the festival center (2-minute walk) in a privately owned field. The landowner has agreed to allow us to park there again this year. However, this year the NORVA Club has decided to step back from sponsorship in order to pursue other opportunities. We've had so much fun at past events, it would be a shame to lose the rally so our Tidewater Club has decided to step up and sponsor the rally. The NORVA Club has graciously offered to lend a hand which is most welcome. We will reserve a rally parking spot to the first 30 trailers who respond with a Rally Registration Form and a check for participation. If you sign-up but are unable to attend we will

The most difficult challenge is finding parking. Since we will be parked in a field adjacent to the festival – parking is a non-issue. The cost this year will be \$100 per trailer – that is for parking beginning on Thursday until Sunday (most people pull out on Sunday). It's a dry camping event with generators allowed. The owner of the property allows dumping of gray water if you need to do that. There is not a dump station so you'll have to dump your tanks on the way home. This is usually not a problem.



The Urbanna Oyster Festival is the 2nd Oldest Oyster Festival in the world, and in 1988 was designated as the Official Oyster Festival of the Commonwealth!

We hope you'll join us this year! Mark your calendars!

Submitted by Frank Munoz

## ***2021 Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally Registration Form***

The Tidewater 111 Airstream Club will be hosting this exciting event at Urbanna, Virginia. The parking fee set by the landowner is **\$100.00 per trailer** which includes 4 days 3 nights of parking within 2 mins of the festival events. There will be a no-host happy hour with munchies

on Thursday and Friday evenings. Please make your reservation soon by sending in the below form with your Rally Fee. There are only 30 parking spots so the first 30 registration forms returned will be confirmed. We will keep a waiting list in case someone drops out.

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Member of which  
club \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_. \$100.00 enclosed check to **Tidewater  
111 Airstream Club, Richard Duncan, Treasurer**

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There is no cost for admission to the festival, however there are entrance fees charged by some venues.

*We have been provided an additional 5 spots so we can* A stand-by list will be maintained and if someone drops out you will be notified.

**Please send completed registration form with check to Richard Duncan,  
6907 Arthur Hills Drive, Williamsburg, Va 23188**

For additional information:

Jayne Munoz President, 757-340-1637 or Frank Munoz, Editor Tidewater Club 111 Newsletter at 703-969-7268 or send an email to [frankmmunoz19@gmail.com](mailto:frankmmunoz19@gmail.com)

## *For What It's Worth Product Review*

### ***AEROPRESS***

I love a great cup of coffee in the morning especially when we're camping. We have a nice small Mr. Coffee that works fine, however anyone



who has camped with me knows I like gadgets (much to Jayne's amusement). So as a coffee connoisseur I embarked on a more refined way to brew a cup of fine coffee on the road. I discovered the AeroPress Coffee and Espresso Maker with tote bag (\$31.95 Amazon). It's a new type of coffee press that uses a rapid, total immersion brewing process to make smooth, full flavored coffee without bitterness. The kit contains the AeroPress, funnel, scoop, micro-filters, filter holder, stirrer and a small tote bag that holds it all. All you supply is your favorite coffee and hot water. You can make 1-3 cups of delicious coffee in 2 mins. If you want a demonstration, next time we camp together drop by for a cup of morning "Joe" - but not too early!

*Disclaimer: My product reviews are based on my experience and opinion and are not intended to be endorsements by Airstream Inc or the Tidewater Airstream Club.*

## *Tidewater Airstream Club 111 Events 2021*

July TBD - We do not have a planned event for this month. We wanted to allow everyone to focus on the International Rally in Tennessee. However if anyone has an idea for a no host "pick-up" rally and would like to propose a place and date we can work on a host or make it a no host event. **The idea is to go camping!**

October 7 -10 – **First Landing State Park Virginia Beach** - **hosts Frank and Jayne Munoz** - We had a great rally last year and are planning to have an even better one this year. First Landing State Park is beautiful and there is so much to do in Virginia Beach and Norfolk. Please join us! **If you intend to participate please let us know as soon as possible.**

November 4-7 – **Urbanna Oyster Festival** - Our Tidewater Club will host this event with the support of the NORVA Airstream Club. Please see the information above or contact Frank Munoz at frankmmunoz19@gmail.com.

November 17 - 20 — **North Bend Army Corp of Engineer Campground on John Kerr Reservoir**. The campground is closed to reservations however Loop B is open on a first come first served basis. We camped at North Bend last year and it was absolutely great fall camping. We had no problem getting a site since we arrived during the week. The bathhouse is open and there are 30 amp electric sites with water available, however depending on the weather the water may be off. Arrive when you can and join the fun. This is a great way to end the 2021 camping season! **No host.**



December 11 **Tentative** – Holiday Dinner Williamsburg – *hosts Richard and Joanna Duncan* - Plan on celebrating the 2021 Christmas season together with a dinner in Colonial Williamsburg where we can enjoy the traditional colonial style decorations and a meal on Duke of Gloucester Street. You will receive an invitation, in November. Watch your inbox and respond to Richard and Joanna Duncan so that we may have an accurate count for the meal. Last year we had a wonderful time together. Plan to meet some of our new members, and fellowship with those of us who have been around for awhile.

*Editor's Note:*

- 1. Dates and locations will be firmed up as quickly as possible for all events.*
- 2. We all love to camp - that's why we are part of this wonderful community. If you have a hankering to go camping, and want some company, please let me know. We'll get it out to members via email.*

***Camping is good for the spirit and soul!***

## ***Tidewater Club 111 EVENTS 2022***

Editor's note: Reservations are becoming increasingly more difficult to get at popular campgrounds, so I am working to keep a 2 year calendar updated to help with this challenge. Many of the Virginia State Parks allow booking 11 months in advance. If you are interested in hosting an event please let us know. If you are planning on sponsoring an event please let me know the details, especially the dates, as soon as possible.

February – TBD

March TBD - Break-out Rally - Location - **TBD**, **hosts TBD**

April 6-9 Region 3 Rally - Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, 1311 Music Hall Road, Hiawasee, Fla. Reserve your campsite now by calling 706-896-4191. Mention that you are coming to the WBCCI Region 3 Rally for early registration. Anyone interested in attending and caravanning to the rally please contact Frank Munoz [frankmmunoz19@gmail.com](mailto:frankmmunoz19@gmail.com).

April - TBD. Anyone interested in sponsoring a club rally in this month please contact Jayne Munoz - [jayne.munoz@verizon.net](mailto:jayne.munoz@verizon.net).

May 13 - 15 - Ft Monroe Colonies Campground - This is a small campground so make your reservations early. Good bike riding along the beach. Camp phone # 757-722-2200 - **hosts Joyce and Bill Werner**.

June 10-12. **Belle Isle State Park**. **hosts Tim and Beverly Supler**. Reservations can be made now for this rally on the Reserve America website.

July 23-29 – **2022 International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine**. See the WBCCI website for rally details and registration. Several of us have been discussing a possible mini-caravan to the rally let me know if you are interested.

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August TBD **North Bend Army Corp Of Engineering Camp Ground John Kerr Lake Va**. **Larry and Rhonda Evans hosts**. We will be trying to reserve sites on Loop B of the park.

August 8-13 - Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA. This an annual event that is well attended and a great week of blue grass music with all the “trimmings”. Region 3 sponsors this event. Contact Christine or Joe Baum [baumjc@gmail.com](mailto:baumjc@gmail.com) for information.

September 22-24 **Commonwealth Rally** Host Club Virginia Airstream Club. Waynesboro 340 South Campground, Waynesboro, VA. (I did an internet search and have only found a Waynesboro 340 North Campground so we'll have to sort it out with the Virginia Airstream Club. More information to follow.

October 6 - 9 – **First Landing State Park Virginia Beach** - **hosts Frank and Jayne Munoz** - First Landing State Park is beautiful and there is so much to do in Virginia Beach and Norfolk. Great bike riding and kayaking. Please join us! Reservations are difficult to get so as soon as they open highly recommend making them. Plan on a Happy Hour Thursday evening - Smoked ribs and Pulled Pork on Friday - No host dinner at Dockside (great local seafood on the Lynnhaven River. **If you intend to participate please let us know**.

November 3 - 6 – **Urbana Oyster Festival** - Our Tidewater Club will host this event. Details will follow in future calendar updates.

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