



TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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Happy Fall!

It looks like autumn is in full swing .. based upon the number of bags of leaves we have filled already!

Frank and I are heading to Alumalina next week in Marion NC .. first time for us. I look forward to getting out onto the Blue Ridge Parkway and do a little hiking, birding and sight-seeing. Frank is looking forward to all the seminars involving aluminum 😊!

We had a great time at our annual First Landing Rally .. happy the weather cooperated (not as much rain as predicted!).

Please remember to send dates of birthdays and special celebrations to our Sunshine Gal, Ellie Worcester (who also doubles as our Recording Secretary!) .. we will publish these in our newsletters.

Remember to reserve your camping sites for next year's rallies .. state parks accept reservations 12 months in advance; Army Corps of Engineers accept reservations 6 months in advance.

We decided to go from the Oyster Festival in Urbanna directly to North Bend. Note the dates below. Reservations cannot be made for Loop B at North Bend .. it is "first-come, first-served".

I am aware of at least 4 Airstreams from our club going to Fryeburg, Maine for the International next year. Greg Worcester is working on a plan for us to meet outside Fryeburg so that we can enter the International Rally together .. which assures that we will be parked together. Please let us know if you plan to go to the International so we can include you in the plans.

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

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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

Ruth Fuller & Michael Schmid
Irvington, VA



Happy Birthday Tidewater Airstream Club Members

If you would like our Sunshine Gal (Ellie Worcester) to wish you a Happy Birthday in our newsletters, please send Ellie your birthday (year will not be mentioned!). She would also like to celebrate special anniversaries or other special events! elworchester1018@gmail.com



On the Road
Highlights of Member Travels

First Landing State Park Rally
October 7-10



First Landing Rally 2021

Frank and I hosted the Tidewater Club's October Rally at First Landing State Park from October 8th through 10th. There were eight Airstreams 'in attendance' (Lotuaco, Evans, Schwartz, Zinser, Tyng, Worcester, Duncan and Munoz). We all met Thursday night at the Munoz campsite for a welcome happy hour that included Frank's Franks, fresh from a debut at the Commonwealth Rally. On Friday night we had a pulled pork and rib fest (Frank's creations) at our campsite, and were joined by Virginia Beach locals Rosemary and Dave Plum, who are awaiting delivery of their new Basecamp 20. The Plum's recently sold their Basecamp 16 and are anxiously awaiting their new Airstream. We were also happily joined by my 95 year old Mom, Gene, who lives in VB. She finally got to meet all of our Airstream friends! After dinner I held a club business meeting. We discussed upcoming

events, treasurer Richard Duncan summarized our Commonwealth Rally expenses and the club finances and we discussed other club business. On Saturday morning, Rhonda, Sarah and I took a walk through Pleasure House Natural Area, in search of birds, plants and critters. Saturday night fourteen of us had dinner at Dockside Restaurant on the Lynnhaven Inlet, one of our local seafood favorites. In addition, we enjoyed bike rides in the park and walks (and sits!) on the beach. It was a great weekend! Next year's First Landing State Park Rally is scheduled for 6-9 October.



Submitted by Jayne and Frank Munoz





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.



For What It's Worth Product Review

Solo Stove - Bonfire

Campfires are an important part of the camping experience. Most campgrounds provide a fire ring for building a campfire. Although they require a lot of work to light and keep going, under most circumstances they work fine. The Solo Stove company has virtually solved the challenges of conventional fire pits. The Bonfire Solo Stove's unique design allows you to quickly start a fire and with very little effort keep it roaring. The Bonfire's unique design is made up of a stainless steel cylinder with a large number of holes in the interior bottom and top. This allows air to flow into the fire pit providing just the right amount of oxygen. The holes that surround the top rim allow for the total combustion of the gases so there is virtually no smoke from the fire. Smoke is always a challenge with conventional fire pits. The Solo Stove is very efficient at reducing the wood fuel to very fine ash. The Solo Stove I have come with a sturdy carrying bag which makes transporting easy. Another nice design feature of this stove is the bottom portion remains cool to the touch. So if you put it on grass or even on a wooden deck there is no danger of burning the grass or deck. One caution though is the stove does get very hot above the very bottom (I have very personal experience with this - ouch!). The Solo Stove Bonfire is the medium size version and the one I take camping. It is a little pricey but its sturdy stainless steel construction ensure it will be around a long time. I give this product a thumbs up.



Safety Corner

This is a new column that we will include in our newsletter on a regular basis. In it we plan to cover topics that will make our Airstream experience more enjoyable and safer. We encourage you to submit items you would like us to cover and if you have a safety related story you would like to share, please feel free to let me know and we'll work to include it.

Larry Evans has agreed to be our safety committee chair. Larry has a great amount of safety related experience both as an Airstreamer and during his working career. We're looking forward to sharing Larry's experience.

What do I do if my trailer begins to sway while towing?

If sway occurs, the following techniques should be used:

1. Slow down immediately, remove your foot from the accelerator. Avoid using the tow vehicle brakes unless there is a danger of collision. Reduce speed gradually whenever possible. If you can do so safely, use the brake hand controller to gently and progressively apply the trailer brakes. This will help to keep the vehicles aligned. Practice using the brake hand controller on a deserted parking lot. Do not wait until an emergency occurs before using it. Location of the brake hand controller is important and should be made easily accessible
2. Steer as little as possible while maintaining control of the vehicle. Because of natural reaction lag time, quick steering movements to counter trailer sway will actually cause increased sway and loss of control. Keep both hands on the wheel. Hold the wheel as straight as possible until stability is regained
3. Once the swaying is under control, stop as soon as possible. Check tire pressures, cargo weight distribution, and look for any signs of mechanical failure. Travel at reduced speeds that permit full control until the problem can be identified and corrected.
4. Do not jam on the brakes or attempt to press on the accelerator to speed your way out of the fishtailing. Both actions make the situation worse and could cause severe injury or death.



Good Eats - Recipes for on the Road

Mexican Dip and Fritos

Discovering tasty treats on a road trip are always a big part of our Airstream adventure - finding a new hole-in-the-wall restaurant along the way or being treated to something delicious at one of our rally get togethers. During our recent First Landing State Park Rally, Angie and Brad Schwartz shared a great appetizer - thank you Brad and Angie - Enjoy!

- 1 can Mexicorn (drained)
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 cup mayo

1/2 cup Parmesan Cheese
1/4 cup diced Jalapeños

Mix all together, place in a baking dish

Bake 350 degrees for 25 minutes, until bubbly

If you have a favorite “road” recipe or one that would do well on the road please send along.



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.

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 find a dump station. 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!

Since we're so close to this event if you would like to attend please contact Jayne or Frank Munoz. We have 5 spots available.

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



Christmas in Williamsburg *December 11, 2021*

The Tidewater Airstream Club 111 Christmas Dinner will be hosted by Richard and Joanna Duncan in Williamsburg on Saturday, December 11, 2021. You are all invited to come to Williamsburg for the afternoon where you can stroll Duke of Gloucester Street admiring the

beautiful Colonial Decorations, visit the Christmas Market in Merchant's Square or sit on in the Square enjoying a hot cup of coffee/tea or chocolate. We are meeting from 3-4 pm for a docent-lead tour of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum (see below for details). A special attraction at the museum is its Grand Perennial Christmas Tree, adorned with 2,000 folk ornaments. At 6pm we will meet for dinner at Sal's by Victor at 1242 Richmond Road. Their extensive menu is online.

Please RSVP to Richard and Joanna @ richard.joanna.1972@cox.net or by phone (740) 319-1950. We are looking forward to a wonderful attendance once again.



Tidewater Airstream Club 111 Events 2021

Camping is good for the spirit and soul!

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 7 - 11 — **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– **Christmas Dinner and Celebration** in Colonial Williamsburg - will be hosted by Richard and Joanna Duncan in Williamsburg on **Saturday, December 11, 2021**. You are all invited to come to Williamsburg for the afternoon where you can stroll Duke of Gloucester Street admiring the beautiful Colonial Decorations, visit the Christmas Market in Merchant's Square or sit on in the Square enjoying a hot cup of coffee/tea or chocolate. 3-4 pm Docent-lead tour of Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum. A special attraction at the museum is its Grand Perennial Christmas Tree, adorned with 2,000 folk ornaments.

Cost is \$13/person - Museum address: 301 S Nassau St, Williamsburg, VA 23185 Phone: (877) 848-8039.

We will meet for dinner at Sal's by Victor at 1242 Richmond Road at 6 pm. Their extensive menu is online.

Please RSVP to Richard and Joanna @ richard.joanna.1972@cox.net or by phone (740) 319-1950.

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.

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. If you plan to participate in a rally, please let the sponsor(s) and me (Frank Munoz) know as soon as possible.

February – TBD

March 18 - 20 - **Break-out Rally** - Location - North Landing Campground, Virginia Beach - **hosts Greg Ellie Worcester**. We have ten sites "penciled-in under name Greg Worcester". If you call to reserve one of the following sites please tell them you want one of these "penciled-in sites". They are being held until Nov 22, 2021. If we use them up, try for a site in general area of the following sites:

314 – back-in site, Greg and Ellie reserved host site
315, 317, 318 back-in sites available for our Club
306 through 311 pull-through sites – available for our Club

The sites have full hook-ups. The resort is very nice with plenty to do. Biking, kayaking, mini golf, tennis, pickle ball, spa, fitness room, and big screen movies on Friday nights. There is a club house for our Saturday night dinner - we will probably bring in catered food.

Our sites will be close to beach that offers excellent sunset views over the North Landing River.

Ellie and I booked our site for a day early arrival and a day after to leave. The cost was \$223 for four nights. (Discounts available with AAA, AARP, Military). The sooner you book the better the prices. Request a specific site per above, "penciled in under name Greg Worcester" if you would like to attend. Please call before Nov 22, 2021. Thank you.

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.

April - **TBD**. Anyone interested in sponsoring a club rally in this month please contact Jayne Munoz - 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.

July - **TBD** - Anyone interested in sponsoring a club rally in this month please contact Jayne Munoz - jayne.munoz@verizon.net.

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 for information.

August 26-28 **North Bend Army Corp Of Engineering Campground** John Kerr Lake Va. [Larry and Rhonda Evans](#) hosts. We will be trying to reserve sites on Loop B of the park. You can make a reservation 6 months out.

September 22-24 **Commonwealth Rally Host Club Virginia Airstream Club**. Waynesboro 340 North Campground, Waynesboro, VA. You can call and make a reservation now. Phone: (540) 943-9573. Make sure you tell them you are participating in the 2022 Airstream Commonwealth Rally. 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 – [Urbanna Oyster Festival](#) - Our [Tidewater Club](#) will host this event. Details will follow in future calendar updates.

November 6 - 10 — [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 2022 camping season! [No host](#).

December TBD – [Holiday Dinner Williamsburg](#) – [hosts Richard and Joanna Duncan](#) - Plan on celebrating the 2022 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. Every year we have a wonderful time together.

