

NORVA NEWS

September 2022



The Wests at their Best



President Peter West and First Lady Elizabeth West leading the Maine Coastal Caravan, July 2022.

On behalf of a grateful Club, we would like to thank our President and First Lady for an awesome 2021-2022 NORVA rally and caravan season!!

Important Notes:

1. Holiday party will be Saturday, December 10 in Alexandria Virginia. Please save the date.
2. RSVP for October Alumalina Buddy Rally – see Calendar of Events
3. Signup for November Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally – a boondocking event
4. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to NORVAnews@gmail.com

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

As we enter the fall camping season, we look forward to the Commonwealth Rally, Urbanna Oyster Fest, and other rally events. This is the fun time of year to camp. We specially look forward to the Commonwealth Rally where we will install our '22/'23 officers. Please try to attend. I'm sure this will be a fun event.

The Maine coast caravan and international rally were well attended by 24 NORVA members who experienced many new vistas and friendships along The Maine coast.

I want to thank 1st Vice President Sue Shepherd for all her contributions to NORVA over the past year as she and Gary move on to their new home in Michigan.

Finally, NORVA has 99 household memberships to date, yet we sometimes get only 10-18 NORVA Airstreams that attend our Rallies. We should be able to do better. We have a great lineup of upcoming events, I'd like to encourage NORVA members who have not attended a rally in the past year, to make a special effort to come to at least one event this coming year.



Pictures - Left: President Peter West and First Lady Elizabeth West at the NORVA Maine Coast Caravan Final Banquet Dinner on July 21, 2022. Below: The Dynamic Duo charted the schooner named Olad, on July 17, 2022 for the caravan attendees out of Camden, Maine. There was even a rare whale sighting!!





NORVA Maine Caravan Report

Written by Priscilla Harrell

The NORVA Maine Coast Caravan was held from July 12 through 22th. We had 23 people attend (13 airstreams). Thank you to our Wagon Masters Peter and Elizabeth West for organizing and leading a great caravan! We also want to thank Sue Shepard our First Vice President for assisting with the organizing of meals on the caravan.

The caravan members met at the Promised Land State Park campground in the Poconos, Pennsylvania. After a night stay, we journeyed to Sturbridge Massachusetts for two nights. The stopover in Sturbridge allowed a full day to visit to the Old Shaker Village which was a walk back in time. Our Caravan's final campground destination was the Searsport Shores Ocean Campground in Maine. We utilized this Searsport location as home base and made awesome day trips for the next seven days.

I want to point out there are 25 people in this picture: Our caravan met the Morgans from Williamsburg Virginia who happen to be camping in their Airstream Interstate at our Searsport campground and they joined us for a picture. NORVA must have made a good impression because they are now new members of our club!! The group picture below was taken at the beach at Searsport Campground, our home base for our caravan time in Maine.





An awesome dinner at Young's Lobster Pound.



Caravan Co-Leader Sue and her most amazing cookies!!



Lew Brodsky and Ed Jones together with the rest of the caravan, enjoying a beautiful day on the water aboard Schooner Olad out of Camden Maine.





Top: Marshall Point Light House, Port Clyde, Maine

Bottom: Belfast Maine



A perfect day in Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor. NORVA Membership Director Lew Brodsky, together with his daughter Jordanna Brodsky and son-in-law Jason Mills, hosted a dinner for all members of the caravan at Jordanna and Jason's gorgeous log cabin home in Bar Harbor.

Jordanna Max Brodsky is an internationally renowned author.

<https://www.jordannamaxbrodsky.com>

Jason Mills is a renowned stage actor who among other roles, played the Phantom in Phantom of the Opera.



Golden State Caravan

Written by Beth Jones

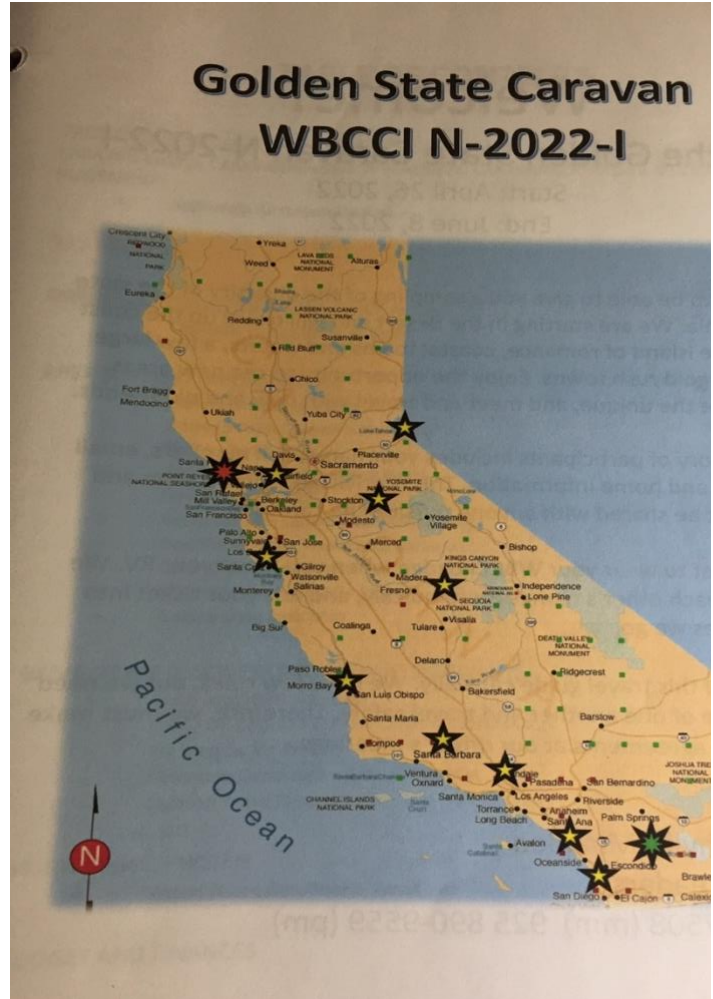


"California here I come, right back where I started from. Open up your Golden Gates, California here I come!" Born and reared in San Diego, my husband, Ed, was singing this song all the way from Virginia to San Diego where we visited high school friends and special places before we rendezvoused with the Golden State Caravan in Borrego Springs, on April 28th.

That first night our leaders, Phyllis and Mike Minadeo, treated us to a delicious Mexican dinner (part of the kitty fee) AND complimentary Margaritas out of their own pocket. It was an auspicious beginning. Forty-two days later and 10 pounds heavier in San Francisco, we bid fond farewells to our 34 newfound Airstream friends (and some long-time dear ones) from 15 states.



Lake Tahoe Memorial Day Picnic



During our wonderful adventure (depicted in the map), we marveled at the captivating beauty of the California coast, took fascinating bus tours of San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, went “26 miles across the sea” to Catalina Island, toured the famous Hotel Del in Coronado where Ed’s high school senior prom was held among other notable events including the filming of one of my favorite movies “Some Like It Hot” starring Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis, visited two beautiful missions – Mission San Juan Capistrano and La Purisima Mission (and Mission San Miguel on our own), had a guided tour of the Huntington Library (gorgeous gardens and historical artifacts – a gem I’d never heard about), had a lovely lunch beside Air Force One and a guided tour in the Reagan Library, toured the breath-taking Hearst Castle, spent hours at the awesome Monterey Aquarium (I especially liked the playful otters and learned that “To survive in cold water, an otter eats about a quarter of its body weight daily. A 180-pound person would need to eat 20 large pizzas every day to match that!” Isn’t that amazing?), visited majestic Sequoia and Kings Canyon, enjoyed an open-air bus tour of awe-inspiring Yosemite, toured Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, cruised on serene deep-blue Lake Tahoe and witnessed an incredible Magic Fusion show in town that none of us could figure out, had a superb tour of Castello di Amorosa (the Castle of Love in Italian, don’t you know?) where we were treated to a wine tasting with cheese and charcuterie pairing in the huge, elegant dining hall that

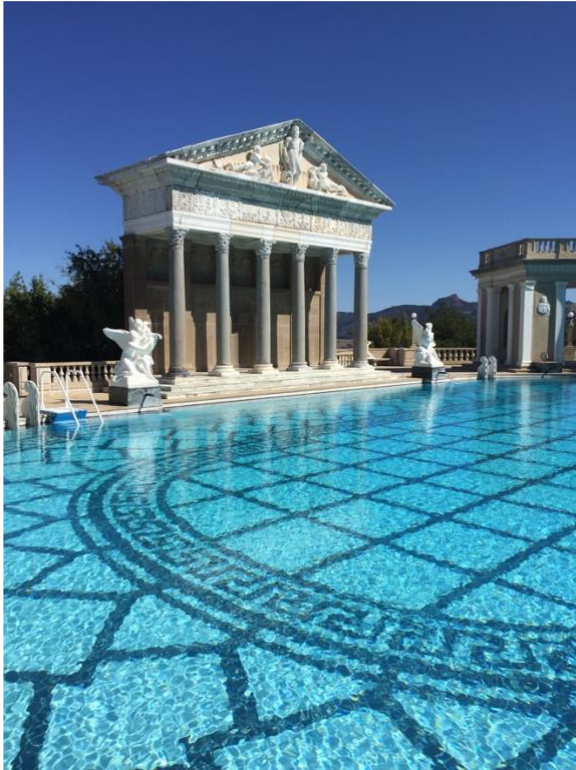
rivalled the one at Hearst Castle (with five wines to taste plus other tastings on the walking tour, some people took a nap in their trucks before driving back to the campground!), had a guided tour of the Culinary Institute of America at Graystone (not as grand as the CIA in New York, but still impressive), and last as well as least, toured Alcatraz Prison. It was Ed's third time there (just to visit, of course) and my first and last. While these were the highlights of the caravan, there were many other things not mentioned – such as everything we saw on the bus tours, the side trips we took on our free days, and fabulous dining experiences. At each of the 12 stops, our leaders tried to give us a free day and the Driver's Manual (now titled the Travel Guide) listed MANY optional things to do on our own plus recommended restaurants in the area. Ed and I thoroughly enjoyed the Golden State Caravan and highly recommend it. Our only regret is traveling cross country, in California and then back home again when fuel prices were at the highest rate ever. Oh well, the memories are more precious than the money.



Ed on VH-3



General Grant Sequoia in Kings Canyon



Upper Left: Pool at Hearst Castle

Upper Right: Wine and Charcuterie at Castello di Amorosa

Lower Left: Mission San Juan Capistrano



A Big Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS:

Colin Elsasser and Jennifer Cunningham

We welcome New NORVA Members Colin and Jennifer who live in Quantico, Virginia. They have a 2021 25-foot Flying Cloud. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 6323. Colin and Jennifer joined our Club on July 17, 2022.

Angela Goodman

We welcome New NORVA Member Angela Goodman who lives in Ashburn, Virginia. NORVA is her home club. Her Big Red Number is 7138. Angela joined our club on August 31, 2022.

Andrew and Elizabeth Morgan

We welcome New NORVA Members Andrew and Elizabeth who live in Williamsburg, Virginia. They have a 2022 24-foot Interstate. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 31234. Andrew and Elizabeth joined our Club on July 22, 2022.

Tony Stafford

We welcome New NORVA Member Tony Stafford who lives in Ashburn, Virginia. He has a 2020 33-foot Classic. NORVA is his home club. The Big Red Number is 6712. Tony joined our club on August 25, 2022.

Todd and Colleen Heron

We welcome New NORVA Members Todd and Colleen who live in Manassas, Virginia. They have a 2022 27-foot Globetrotter. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 22613. Todd and Colleen joined our Club on July 28, 2022.





As of August 31, 2022, NORVA has 99 member households; a total of 187 individuals!!

Thank you, New Members who have recently sent us photos:



Warren Lundblad and Lara Alderson

Warren and Lara live in Manassas, Virginia. They have a 2021 25-foot Globetrotter. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 6268.



Elizabeth Rouse

Elizabeth 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.



Brian and Lauren Summers

Brian and Lauren live in Ashburn, Virginia. They have a 2022 28-foot Pottery Barn. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 7225.



Amy and Richie Fisher

New Affiliate Members Amy and Richie live in Brunswick, Maryland. Their home club is the DC chapter. They have a 2022 22-foot Bambi. Big Red Number is 9396. Amy attended the Fryeburg International Rally in July and many of us had the opportunity to meet her.





EVENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR: Oct. 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2023

Don't miss out, please **SIGN UP** or **SAVE THE DATES**

October 27-30, 2022- **Alumalina Buddy Rally**, Marion, NC

Although you register when you get there, if you are attending, please let the POC know ASAP via airforums (see link below) so they can plan the food. Also, if you would like to park with fellow NORVA members, please let NORVA Past President Gerry Nagel ([Gerry's email link](#)) know.

To inform the Alumalina organizers of your plan to attend, [Alumalina Signup Forum](#)

POC: John Leake, ([John Leake's email link](#)), Palmetto State Airstream Club

November 3-6, 2022- **Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally**, Urbanna, VA

POC: Frank Munoz and Tom Carmichael, Tidewater and NORVA Clubs

Get the form to print out and send in at: [Urbana Registration Click Here](#)

December 10, 2022-Saturday - **NORVA HOLIDAY PARTY**, Alexandria VA

Save the Date. POC: Ed & Beth Jones

January 2023: **NORVA JANUARY RALLY TBD**

POC: James and Nicole Oxley

February 12, 2023 Sunday: **NORVA SUPERBOWL PARTY**, Jeffersonton, VA

Save the Date. POC: Jim and Janeene Rider

March 18, 2023 Saturday: **NORVA NEW MEMBER RALLY**

Save the Date

POC: Priscilla Harrell, NORVA First VP and Lew Brodsky, NORVA Membership Director

March 29 to April 2, 2023: **Silver on the Sands Take #2**, Myrtle Beach SC

This is a WBCCI Region 3 Rally. You can register now

[WBCCI Silver Signup](#)

April 21-23, 2023: **NORVA MAINTENANCE RALLY**

Save the Date

The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia

POC: Barry Miller and Sharon Haw

May 18-21, 2023 **Silver in the Street**, Abingdon VA

Save the Date

POC Jeff Cutright, Virginia Airstream Club

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EVENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR (Continued)

June 2-5, 2023 NORVA RIVER RALLY

Luray RV Resort on the Shenandoah River, Luray, Virginia

Save the Date.

POC: Doug and Gail Perkins

June 2023 NORVA CARAVAN to Rockspring, Wyoming

POC: Bob and Wendy Nickel

Yes, you will be able to attend both the NORVA River Rally as well as the NORVA Caravan to Wyoming.

June 23-July 1, 2023 WBCCI International Rockspring, Wyoming

You can register now

[WBCCI International Rally 2023 Signup Link](#)

August 6-12, 2023 Old Fidler's Convention, Galax, Virginia

Wow, this event has been upgraded to a WBCCI National Rally with sponsorship from WBCCI Region 3.

Save the Date

August 25-27, 2023: NORVA SOLOMONS ISLAND RALLY - NEW

Solomons Island Naval Recreation Center, Solomons MD

Unique Opportunity, this campground is not open to the public, we will have this rally only if there is sufficient interest 6 months in advance.

POC: Lew Brodsky

September 2023 – NORVA will be hosting the 2023 VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH RALLY

Date and Virginia Location: TBD, we are currently scouting locations

POC: Priscilla Harrell



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



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2021-2022 Executive Officers

President- Pete West

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