

# NORVA NEWS

November 2022



## Who you gonna call?



**Congratulations to our very own Ghostbusters:**  
**NORVA Members Steven and Sheila Holt from Lorton, Virginia.** They took First Prize at the Alumalina 2022 Halloween Costume Contest. Competition was fierce as folks dressed up to win. The Holts' Ghostbuster gun was so inventive, a small Motor turns the green and red strings shooting out from the toy gun and creates a green laser effect. The Holts simply wowed the judges with their impressive creativity.

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### Important Notes:

1. NORVA Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 10 in Alexandria Virginia. Please sign up with coupon in this newsletter
2. NORVA January 28, 2023 Museum Rally – Please RSVP
3. 2023 Commonwealth Rally, September 21-24. Please reserve campsite now for preferred sites.
4. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to [NORVAnews@gmail.com](mailto:NORVAnews@gmail.com)



# Alumalina Rally 2022 – The NORVA Report

Written by Priscilla Harrell

NORVA was well represented at Alumalina 2022 with 21 Airstreams representing 36 individuals. This annual event is very popular and this year a record number of 286 rigs were in attendance. The rally was held at Camping World's Tom Johnson Campground in Marion, North Carolina. Our very own NORVA Past President Tom Carmichael representing Airstream of Virginia sponsored the first night's hot dog dinner for everyone who attended the rally, close to 500 people. The rally was held from October 27 to 30, three nights four days of great camaraderie, good food, excellent seminars, vendors, happy hours, campfires, costume contests, bourbon tasting, beer exchange, and so much more.







Fellow NORVA members enjoying the company of Dr Bob and Lois Hitchcock at dinner. BBQ on Friday night and Fish Fry on Saturday night



Richard and Sally Stutler taking a short break from marathon RV travel to “alumaline” with fellow NORVA members.



Brent and Paula Burger enjoying a good laugh



Left to right: Scott Arnold, Doug and Gail Perkins, Dana Hasty, and Tom Carmichael. Tom is checking the sole of his shoe...

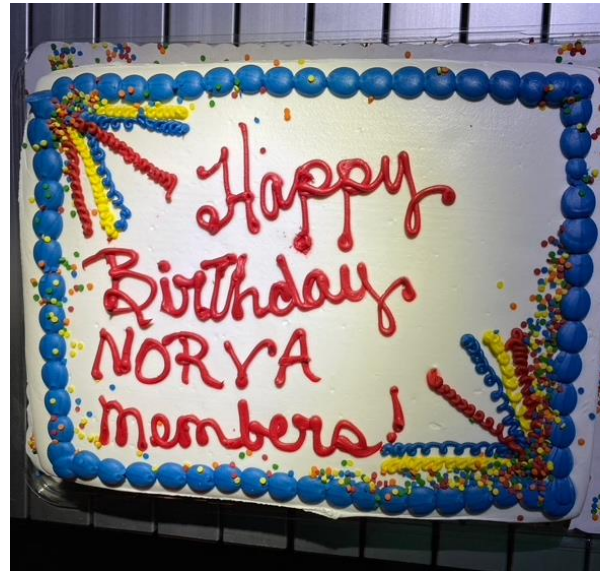


*Priscilla Harrell, NORVA First Vice President, always happy when NORVA members are having a good time!!*





Although NORVA officers are installed in September at the annual Virginia Commonwealth Rally, officers unable to attend the Commonwealth Rally receive their badges, flags, and other accoutrements of their office at the next possible event. Gerry Nagel receiving the NORVA President's Flag



Around the Campfire – A surprise party: We celebrated 8 birthdays and 2 anniversaries at Alumalina – NORVA Members with October and November Happy Occasions



NORVA President Gerry Nagel presenting Tom Carmichael with the Parliamentary Flag



Signature NORVA Therapy: Relaxing fireside chats with beverages





I saw T-Rex run across the field next to the event pavilion to join his friends in the park and I stopped talking in mid-sentence and smiled. Bob and Wendy Nickel's son Jacob, showing off his awesome costume. Bob is our Second Vice President and Caravan Leader to Wyoming.



Brand new NORVA members Sandi and Glen Kelly enjoying their first AlumaLine. They live in Rixeyville, Virginia. They just purchased their 2023 25-foot International.



One of our newest NORVA members Bob Fitzgerald saluting the American Flag during the singing of our National Anthem. Bob joined WBCCI and made NORVA his home club at AlumaLine



Mary Ann Henderson with her adorable pooch.



Lady Luck: They say if you want to win a raffle, make sure to have Dana Hasty hold your raffle ticket for you. Fellow NORVA members have seen this awesome lady win so many coveted prizes. She is a phenomenon. Dana won the grand prize donated by a vendor at Alumalina – week-long riverfront RV camping in Tennessee.



The Carmichael shoe saga continues. The Harrells were surprised to find a burnt sole of a shoe stuck to their solo stove. Forensic investigation by our very own Detective Doug Perkins evidenced that it was Tom's cigar ring and cigar ashes at the scene. There were repeated denials from Tom and someone else came forward and said it was their shoe not Tom's, but we NORVA members know better. As chance would have it, Tom also won a pink shoe in the raffle at Alumalina, what are the odds? This pink shoe is now an official NORVA historical artifact.







# WBCCI Region 3 Rally – Old Fiddler’s Convention Galax Virginia – The NORVA Report

Written by Priscilla Harrell

This WBCCI Region 3 airstream rally is held every year at Cool Breeze Campground in Galax Virginia. This year 30 member households attended the Region 3 rally. The Old Fiddlers’ Convention is a week-long old-time and bluegrass music competition extravaganza from Monday to Sunday in downtown Galax. This year it was held from August 8 to 14, 2022. The airstream rally starts a day before the downtown festivities start and ends the day after the downtown festivities ends to ensure we do not miss any of the performances.

In addition to music being played in downtown Galax, the Cool Breeze Campground holds private concerts either onsite at the campground or in various nearby locations for the enjoyment of all Airstream and RV campers staying at Cool Breeze Campground. This year five NORVA member households (9 individuals) attended this music-filled event. That said this annual rally has been a NORVA favorite for many years now and though not everyone comes every year (there are some NORVA members who do); NORVA members have very fond memories of their awesome times at the Region 3 Galax Old Fiddlers Rally. Starting next year, this rally will be given a new status as a WBCCI National Rally and will receive more WBCCI spotlight and publicity.

In the picture below, Wayne C. Henderson and his band perform for us at a private concert at the Cool Breeze Campground. Mr. Henderson has performed at the White House and is a world-renowned luthier and picker. I felt so honored to meet him and shake his hand.





NORVA members: Jim and Janeene Rider, with Gerry and Patsy Nagel in the front row



Grand Prize Winners of the prestigious Youth Competition giving us a private concert at our campground. What a treat!



Cricket Rider enjoying the music.



Janeene Rider wins big in the Door Prize Drawing



Airstreamers caught flatfooted? – No way, we are just learning how to perform the dance – known as flatfooting



Dancers on stage performing clogging aka flatfooting



Airstreamers attending the Galax rally also learn about local history. In the great Carroll County shootout in Hillsville on March 14, 1912, a judge, a sheriff, a Virginia commonwealth's attorney, a juror, and a spectator were all killed by shots fired by Floyd Allen and others after Floyd Allen was convicted of assault. This is as close as you can get to an OK Corral type situation this side of the Mississippi. In those days it was not uncommon for defendants and spectators to carry personal firearms into a court room. Those were such innocent times in our nation's history.

<https://encyclopediavirginia.org/entries/allen-floyd-1856-1913/>



Cecil Hoosier pointing out the bullet holes on the original steps of the courthouse



Site of the Hillsville shootout



Gerry and Patsy Nagel enjoying the wonderful luncheon. A fellow airstreamer who lives in the Galax area cooked delicious ham for the whole group



Ladies and Gentlemen, Tom Carmichael is in the house



## A Big Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS:

### **Sandi and Glen Kelly**

We welcome New NORVA Members Sandi and Glen who live in Rixeyville, Virginia. They have a 2023 25-foot International. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 7027. The Kelly family joined our Club on October 3, 2022

### **David and April Igli**

We welcome New NORVA Members David and April who live in Sunderland, Maryland. They have a 2017 22-foot Bambi Sport. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 24006. The Igli family joined our Club on October 6, 2022.

### **Michael and Jennifer Weiss**

We welcome New NORVA Members Michael and Jennifer who live in Hagerstown, Maryland. They have a 2013 28-foot International Signature CCD. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 7060. The Weiss family joined our Club on October 8, 2022.

### **James and Frances Van de Voorde**

We welcome New NORVA Members James and Frances who live in Manassas, Virginia. They have a 2023 25-foot Flying Cloud. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 27643. James and Frances joined our Club on October 11, 2022.

### **Lisa Bryan**

We welcome New NORVA Member Lisa Bryan who lives in Reston, Virginia. She has a 2018 16-foot Bambi. NORVA is her home club. Her Big Red Number is 7090 and she joined our Club on October 11, 2022.

### **Bob Fitzgerald**

We welcome New NORVA Member Bob Fitzgerald who live in Centreville, Virginia. They have a 2016 25-foot Flying Cloud. NORVA is his home club. His Big Red Number is 14405. Bob joined our Club while at the Alumalina Rally on October 28, 2022.

### **Gary and Crystal Sgarrella**

We welcome New NORVA Members Gary and Crystal who live in Lovettsville, Virginia. They have a 2023 25-foot FB Twin. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 22724. Gary and Crystal joined our Club on October 31, 2022.





## A Big Welcome to our NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS:

### Amber Hsu

We welcome New Affiliate Member Amber Hsu who lives in Potomac, Maryland. She has a 2005 19-foot Bambi International. Mid-Atlantic is her home club. Her Big Red Number is 10726 and she joined our Club on July 22, 2022.

### Pamela Reising

We welcome New Affiliate Member Pamela Reising who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. She has a 2016 22-foot Sport. Miami Valley Ohio is her home club. Her Big Red Number is 8844 and she joined our Club on October 14, 2022.

### David and Margaret Broad

We welcome New Affiliate Members David and Margaret who live in Tappahannock, Virginia. They have a 2015 25-foot Flying Cloud. Virginia Airstream Club 109 is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 2381 and they joined our Club on October 14, 2022.

**As of October 31, 2022, NORVA has 111 member households; a total of 195 individuals!!**



## Getting to know you – Member Bios or Member written interviews

### Anthony and Young Kim



New to RV camping and the first RV is an airstream 2017 Flying Cloud 25' bought in September 2019 for Anthony's retirement gift from two sons.

Our favorite camping spot is Loop B - Green's #104 at Point Lookout State Park in MD. The camping is closed this year for renovation.







*(Continuation of Anthony and Young Kim's Bio)*



We are planning a cross-country trip next year with the International Rally in WY. We were born and raised in Korea. Young and Anthony came to America in 1985 and 1975, respectively. Young worked as a nurse on and off for 35 years: Owned and operated a home healthcare agency from 2014 to 2021, sold the business last year and retired. Anthony worked as an auditor for VA OIG for 30 years and retired in 2019. We both are into running, biking, and hiking. In 2019, we ran three full marathons: DC Rock and Roll, Twin City, and DC Marine Corp. The last December, we ran the Honolulu Marathon with son who lives in Honolulu. We have two sons - one married last May. We have a handsome two-year-old standard poodle named Rocky.



*Rocky*

Our favorite food is spaghetti with Kimchi.

*End of Bio*



## NORVA CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS:

Don't miss out, please **SIGN UP** or **SAVE THE DATES** Newly added dates and info shown in Green Text

**December 10, 2022-Saturday - NORVA HOLIDAY PARTY** at the home of Ed and Beth Jones in Alexandria VA. Location address is in the Rally Coupon in this newsletter. \$15 per person. Please use the Rally Coupon to register asap.

POC: Ed & Beth Jones [thunderhorse16@yahoo.com](mailto:thunderhorse16@yahoo.com)

**January 28, 2023 NORVA JANUARY RALLY – RSVP Now**

**National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, VA (near Quantico)**

POC: James and Nicole Oxley

Please RSVP to [norvarally@gmail.com](mailto:norvarally@gmail.com) so we can have a headcount

**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**

Location TBD. 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**

The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia. Save the Date

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

**June 2-5, 2023 NORVA RIVER RALLY**

**Spacious Skies Campground, formerly known as KOA Luray. Luray, Virginia**

Save the Date.

POC: Doug and Gail Perkins

**June 8–23, 2023 NORVA CARAVAN from Ohio (near Jackson Center) to Rocksprings, 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.**





## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR (Continued)

**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 24-27, 2023 NORVA SOLOMONS ISLAND RALLY**

**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 21-24, 2023** NORVA will be hosting the **2023 VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH RALLY**

Location: Endless Caverns RV Resort – **FLYER is in this newsletter – please reserve campsite now**

POC: Priscilla Harrell [pris.harrell@gmail.com](mailto:pris.harrell@gmail.com)

**October 19-22, 2023 Alumalina 2023** Marion, North Carolina

Hosted by the Piedmont State Airstream Club

Save the Date



## **NORVA CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY**

**December 10, 2022, Saturday 12 Noon**

**Location:**

**At the Home of Ed and Beth Jones**

**3704 Washington Woods Drive**

**Alexandria VA 22309**

Point of Contact: Beth and Ed Jones

Tel: 703-780-6597

[thunderhorse16@yahoo.com](mailto:thunderhorse16@yahoo.com)

**Dress code: Casual, comfortable, and festive if you like.**

**Ugly Sweater optional - There will be a Holiday Sweater Contest....**



Please sign up to attend the Christmas/Holiday Luncheon Party at Ed and Beth Jones' home on Saturday, December 10th at 12:00 noon. The halls will be decked with boughs of holly and we'll join in fa la la la la la la la ing because it IS the season to be jolly. The Byers Carolers will greet you from every nook and cranny and music will fill the air.

**The cost is \$15 per person.**

Please complete this coupon below and mail it with your check payable to Ed Jones;

Mail to **Ed Jones, 3704 Washington Woods Drive, Alexandria VA 22309**

**NORVA CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY – December 10, 2022, Saturday 12 noon**

**Please complete this coupon and return it with the check to**

**Ed Jones, 3704 Washington Woods Drive, Alexandria VA 22309**

**Sign up by December 1, 2022**

**Name(s) of Attendee(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendee(s) Phone and Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any Food Allergies?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount – Check Enclosed \$15 per person: \$** \_\_\_\_\_





# NORVA January Rally

## National Museum of the Marine Corps

**January 28, 2023**

**Meet at 10:30 am**

Point of Contact: James and Nicole Oxley

Meet at the Museum at 10:30 AM and we will start our tour by seeing the Medal of Honor Theater's 38-minute signature film *We, the Marines* at 11:00 AM. After the film has ended, our group will have a self-guided tour of the museum and then have lunch together at either the Devil Dog Diner (cafeteria-style) or Tun Tavern, located within the museum. <https://www.usmcmuseum.com>

The Medal of Honor film is shown at a nominal fee (group rate is \$7 this year, the 2023 rate has not been announced but we do not expect it will be significantly different).

Please RSVP at [norvarally@gmail.com](mailto:norvarally@gmail.com) that you plan to attend this awesome museum tour so we can provide Jim and Nicole Oxley with a headcount. The RSVP will also allow them to provide you with their contact details and any additional info. There is no need to pay a rally fee in advance. Just pay for the film ticket and your own lunch when you arrive at the rally.





# COMMONWEALTH RALLY

Endless Caverns RV Resort - September 21-24, 2023

The next **joint rally of All Four Virginia Airstream Clubs** will be held at Endless Caverns RV Resort located at 1800 Endless Caverns Road, New Market, Virginia 22844. <https://endlesscaverns.com>  
The rally will take place Thursday through Sunday, **September 21 through 24, 2023.**



Campsite Daily Rate: \$42 ++

Works out to \$50.53 per day when taxes and fees are included. All sites have Full Hookups.

**Please BOOK NOW** to lock in your preferred campsite and special daily rate.

We will be in Section E (Green Section). <https://endlesscaverns.com/campground-map/>

Prefer a pull-through to a back-in campsite? No problem, we negotiated the same rate for all sites.

A one-night deposit is required to reserve your campsite. The rate will be honored for stays from September 19 to September 26, 2023 (up to 2 days before and up to 2 days after the rally). Due to the unique topography of this mountainside campground, please arrive to park your airstream at the campsite during daylight hours. Note the actual campsites are terraced and therefore reasonably flat, so just your usual leveling blocks will be needed if at all. We have reserved only 60 campsites. Once the 60 spots are taken, we will create a waiting list. Registration deadline is August 12, 2023. Most rally group events will be held at the campground's rec center building which has plenty of parking.

**To Book your Campsite, please call**

**Lisa Mannon, Regional Sales Manager.** Telephone Number: **(443) 664-3375**

Promotion Code: **Northern Virginia Airstream Club September 2023**

Please feel free to leave a voicemail message for Lisa Mannon. She is prompt at returning phone calls during business hours.

Rally Fee: To Be Determined. We will announce the Rally Fee payable to NORVA, at a date closer to the event when we are able to finalize the cost of food and catering services. Additional rally questions, please contact **NORVA First VP, Priscilla Harrell at [pris.harrell@gmail.com](mailto:pris.harrell@gmail.com)**





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



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## 2022-2023 Executive Officers

**President-** Gerry Nagel

**First Lady-** Patsy Nagel

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-** Priscilla Harrell

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-** Bob Nickel

**Secretary-** Gail Perkins

**Treasurer-** Sharon Haw

**Membership Director-** Lew Brodsky

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**Legislative Director-** John Bevis

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