

NORVA NEWS

December 2022



Top Fun Maverick and Iceman



Highway to the Silver Zone:
David Harrell "Maverick" and Doug Perkins "Iceman" enjoying a NORVA happy hour beside a great ball of fire (solo stove). Off-camera, their wives Priscilla Harrell and Gail Perkins, also known as "The Admirals", exchange notes on how best to continue providing these men with much needed firm guidance.

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Important Notes:

1. NORVA January 28, 2023 Museum Rally – Please RSVP
2. NORVA February 2023 Superbowl Party 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

A Message from The Hoosiers



Cecil and Della Hoosier would like to thank the NORVA Family for flowers, cards, well wishes and prayers. Thank you again.



Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally 2022 – NORVA Report

Written by Priscilla Harrell

NORVA was well represented at the Urbanna Oyster Rally with 15 Airstreams representing 27 individuals. This annual event is very popular and this year a record number of 29 rigs were in attendance. The rally was held in a beautiful level field along Waverly and Garnett Roads in Urbanna, Virginia. The rally was held from Thursday through Sunday, November 3 to 6, three nights four days of great camaraderie, good food, happy hours, campfires.





Welcome to Happy Hour - The Fellowship of the Urbanna Oyster Festival Airstream Rally – there are no second rows around the circle – we just make the one ring larger and larger till we can see everyone



Frank Munoz from Tidewater Airstream Club and Tom Carmichael from NORVA work closely together to make this rally a success. The two friends enjoying the fruits of their labor



Introductions – NORVA's Allysa Kropp (standing) introducing her mom, Marcia Kropp. Her mom usually lives in Maine, and we are so delighted to meet her



Elizabeth and Andrew Morgan with Champ Morgan. Champ has the coolest doggie stroller (stroller not shown in picture)



Dana Hasty with Dolly Parton Hasty. Dolly is an awesome lapdog

Getting down to some NORVA Business – Installation of Officers who were not able to attend the Commonwealth Rally back in September



President Gerry Nagel welcoming NORVA attendees at the Oyster Festival Rally



Our new Treasurer Sharon Haw receiving her NORVA Flag after taking her oath of office



Our new Legislative Director John Bevis receiving his NORVA flag



Installation Proceedings – John Bevis taking his oath of office



Travels with Dick and Jane

Written by Dick and Jane Arnold

We practice what we preach. Once you have packed the Airstream and are ready to go to a rally, don't stop there. Continue traveling. That's what we did last June. We went to the fun Luray Rally hosted by Gail and Doug Perkins. We continued for 10 weeks and 6,000 miles, returning in late August. Most of the time spent in Maine where there was no heat wave!!

The River Rally was a huge success. Very casual and laidback and we enjoyed meeting new members. The wine tasting was a fun event. The river was so close for those who ventured into it with or without tubes. We especially enjoyed our afternoon of professional music at nearby "Cooters."

From Luray we travelled to a campground on the Mohawk River, part of the Erie Canal, near Schenectady, NY. What a treat to have wine and cheese on the riverbank as we watched the boats go by.

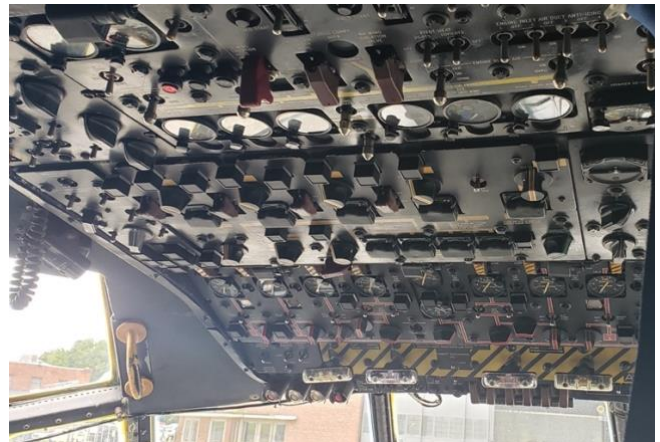


We went to a Saturday breakfast at the museum at the Scotia/Schenectady airport which is home to the New York National Guard squadron that flies C-130's to Antarctica - the "Red Tails." This is a 9,500-hour trip with 4 stops, often made to rescue someone with a medical emergency.



We sat at a table with a lone gentleman and talked about the Red Tails. (If you didn't know, Dick loves military history!) It turns out that this gentleman, Karl Doll, had retired from the Air Force and he had made this trip numerous times. He had also been instrumental in having the Red Tails squadron located here. As we finished our breakfast, the President of this Museum, Daniel Wilson, came over to chat with Mr. Doll. They have just acquired a C-130 from the Montana National Guard for the museum. One of the Museum members recognized the tail numbers as being an airplane he had flown in Afghanistan and Iraq. We were invited to accompany Mr. Doll and Mr. Wilson on a tour of this C-130.





What a treat climbing into the airplane and up the tiny steps into the cockpit. So many controls!!!

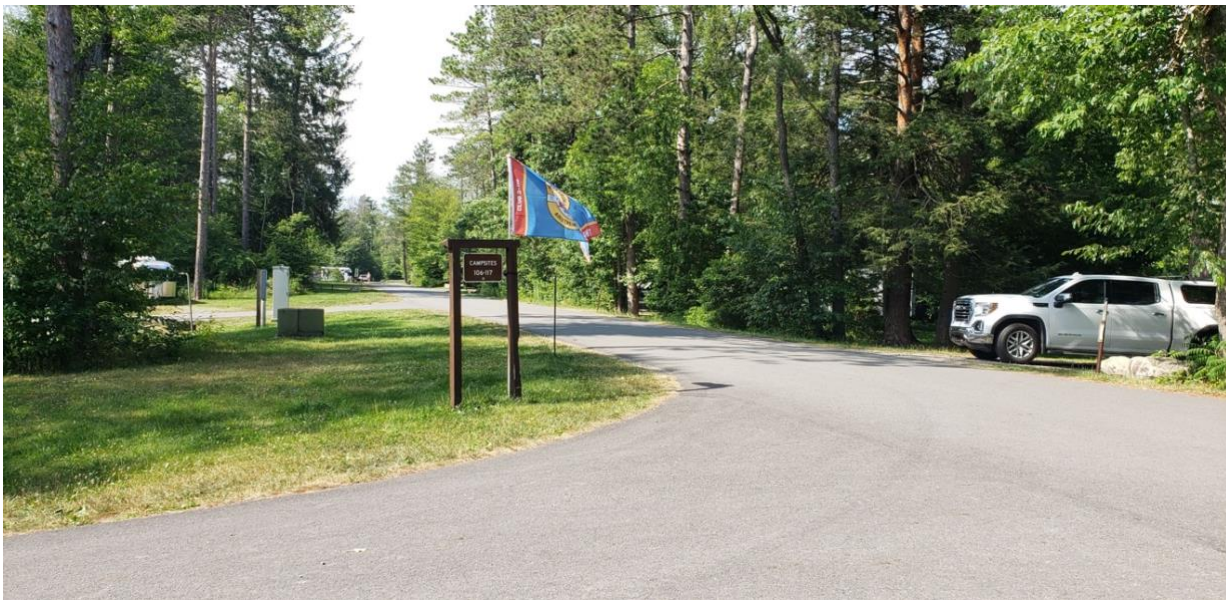
From NY we went to the Boston area. Why Boston? We have done all the American Revolution sites. This was the location of a national old Fire Truck Rally. (Once again, one of Dick's passions.) There were over 200 fire trucks. Many were pumpers and there was a competition with old hand pumpers with a dozen people pumping one vehicle.



From Boston we went way upstate New York to Plattsburgh. There is still an airport there but there had been a SAC base in Plattsburgh. Of course, there was an Air Force Museum which we visited. On display they had a B-47 and a F-111B, one of the fastest bombers the US had had. We had a good visit with the docent. It turns out he had flown the F-111B into Plattsburgh when it was donated to the museum.



Now it was time to join the NORVA Caravan in Pennsylvania for our trip to Maine on our way to Fryeburg and the International Rally. That Caravan, followed by International, followed by 2week Classic Airstream Caravan in Maine, followed by 2 more weeks in Maine made up our 10 weeks and 6,000 miles.



Once you pack for a Rally, keep going!!



PS: Dick finally made it to Jackson Center to visit his sign. Enjoyed the museum (Heritage Center). Thought it was well done with timeline of Airstream history. Also, great tour of factory. Recommend to all Airstreamers.

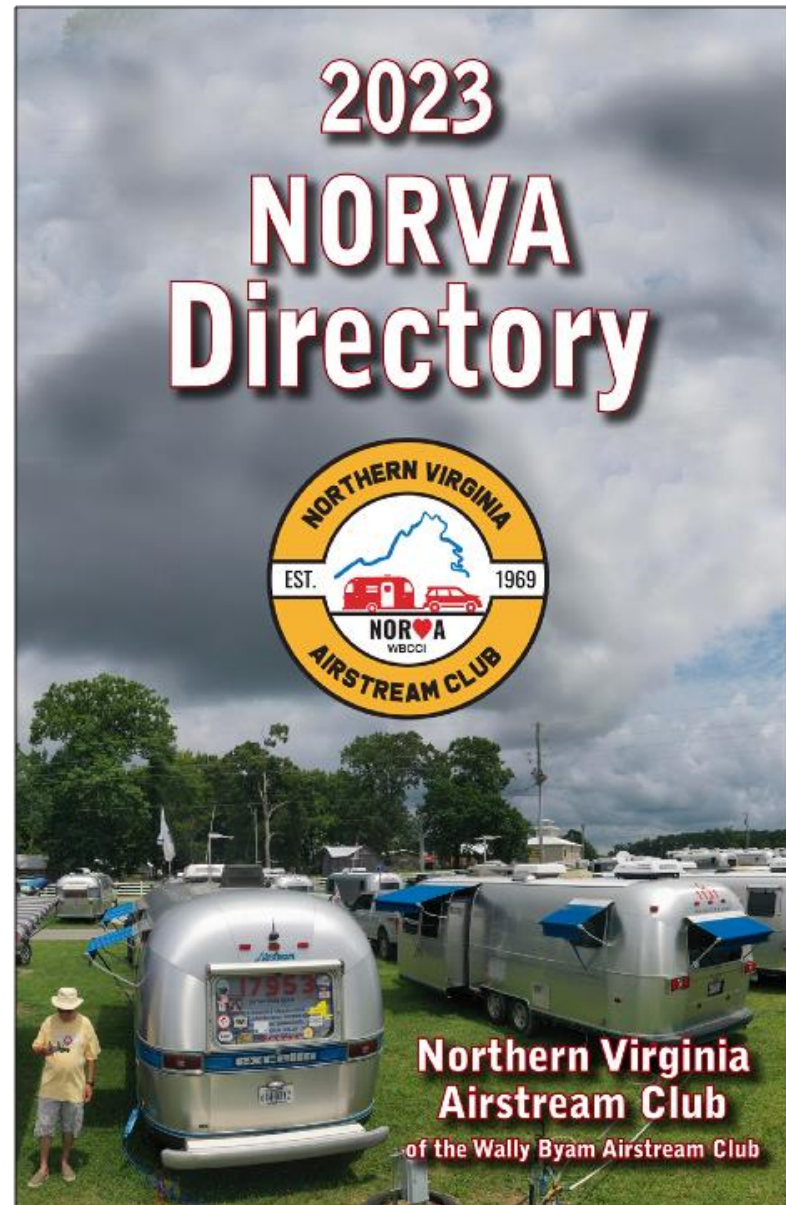


Membership Director Report

Membership Director Lew Brodsky reports that the 2023 edition of the Club's annual Membership Directory will arrive at your home in February. Mailed (USPS) to all NORVA member-households, the publication's pages are filled with useful information and lots of color photos. Every member officially

on NORVA's roster at the start of January 2023 (Regular, Affiliate, and Lifetime) appears in this Directory. For easy reference, listings are sorted by names and BRNs (Big Red Numbers). The booklet also provides contact information for NORVA, International, and Region 3 officers, as well as the full-time WBAC headquarters staff in Jackson Center, Ohio. Additionally, it contains travel tips, information about Airstream-exclusive campgrounds, and an updated list of repair and customization shops for servicing or updating your treasured rig. Watch your home mailbox for this handy booklet! It should arrive before mid-February.

The cost of your copy of the new Directory is included in the \$20 NORVA membership dues you paid for 2023, but some members have mentioned they would like to receive two copies; one to keep and home; another to keep in their Airstream. If you want to receive two copies of the 2023 NORVA Directory, that option is available. To get your second copy you must send Lew a \$9.00 check (made out to "NORVA Airstream Club") which will



cover the additional printing and mailing cost. Lew must receive your check by January 15th, before the Directory is commercially printed. Mail the check to Lew Brodsky, Directory Editor, 6829 Ridgeway Drive, Springfield, VA 22150.



A Big Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS:

John and Linda Hill

We welcome New NORVA Members John and Linda who live in Falls Church, Virginia. They have a 2022 23-foot Flying Cloud. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 19986. The Hills joined our Club on November 12, 2022

Getting to know you – Member Bios or Member written interviews Jen and Michael Weiss



NORVA News: A written interview with Jen and Michael Weiss

New to RV camping? New to Airstream Camping? Yes, first RV is an airstream, bought it in September

Interesting Item: Michael works remote, and Jen homeschools the kids which allows us to use our Airstream often.

Career Info or if retired, what was your career: Michael works for Envoy Solutions who purchased his janitorial distribution company in 2022.

Hobbies other than Airstream, if any: Michael – running, Jen – Yoga, Charlotte – Art, Graham - Basketball



Any Children: 2, Charlotte 10, Graham 8

Any Grandchildren: None

Any Pets: None

Favorite Food: Jen and Michael are Vegetarians, and we just want the kids to eat 🌱



End of Written Interview



NORVA CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

Flyer is included in this Newsletter

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

POC: James and Nicole Oxley

Please RSVP to norvarally@gmail.com so we can have a headcount

February 12, 2023 Sunday: **NORVA SUPERBOWL PARTY POTLUCK**, Jeffersonton, VA – RSVP Now

Flyer is included in this newsletter

POC: Jim and Janeene Rider

Please RSVP to janeenerider@gmail.com

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

Location TBD. Save the Date – We are currently scouting locations – if your favorite restaurant has a party room that can hold about 35 to 40 people, please let pris.harrell@gmail.com know.

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. **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. Email invites have gone out to all NORVA members, if you have indicated your interest to attend, you have received further information, and costs. Currently accepting deposits for those who have RSVP'd.

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

Due to unprecedented demand, please register asap

[WBCCI International Rally 2023 Signup Link](#)

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

You can make your campground reservations now

<https://airstreamclub.org/galax-old-fiddlers-rally>

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

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

Hosted by the Piedmont State Airstream Club

Save the Date

November 2-5, 2023 Urbanna Oyster Festival 2023, Urbanna, Virginia

Hosted by the Tidewater Club

Save the Date



NORVA Superbowl Party

Members of all Four Airstream Clubs in Virginia are cordially invited to attend



**Sunday
February 12th
2023**

Start arriving at **5 pm**
(Game starts at 6:30 pm)



Location: Home of
Jim and Janeene Rider
19314 Walnut Hills Road
Jeffersonton, Virginia 22724



Potluck Supper

Bring a dish to share. Bring your favorite beverage

The Riders will provide seating, plates, cups, silverware, napkins, and ice

- Feel free to show your team spirit by wearing your favorite team's colors
- Enthusiasts wanting to participate in the friendly football score pool should bring one-dollar bills (\$1 per square) -- lucky winners will be determined at the end of each quarter as well as after the final score
- Join in the Super Bowl Commercials ranking game
- There will be a collection box available for those interested in donating non-perishable canned goods to be delivered to the local area Community Food Bank

RSVP to The Riders (janeenerider@gmail.com) to let them know you plan to attend. Please provide Name and Number in your Party



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 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



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



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2022-2023 Executive Officers

President- Gerry Nagel

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2nd Vice President- Bob Nickel

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Treasurer- Sharon Haw

Membership Director- Lew Brodsky

Newsletter Editor- David Harrell

Legislative Director- John Bevis

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