

NORVA NEWS

January 2023



Keeping up with the Jones



Silver Bells...Silver Bells...its Holiday Time in the NORVA. We are so grateful to Ed and Beth Jones for hosting our Christmas, Hanukkah, and Holiday celebrations at their very lovely home in Northern Virginia.

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Important Notes:

- 1. NORVA January 28, 2023 Museum Rally – Please RSVP – LAST CALL**
- 2. NORVA February 2023 Superbowl Party Rally – Please RSVP**
- 3. New** - 2023 June River Rally – Please reserve campsite now
- 4. 2023 Commonwealth Rally, September 21-24. Please reserve campsite now for preferred sites.**
- 5. Please send any Airstream club newsletter contributions to NORVAnews@gmail.com**



Meet the President

Written by Gerry Nagel

Gerry Nagel is currently NORVA's President. He and Patsy have been active in NORVA since they joined in 2017 after they bought their 25 Foot RB Twin International Serenity. At the RV show in Washington, DC in 2017, Gerry ran into a gentleman who was wearing a University of Florida jacket and that started a conversation since Gerry graduated from there. The gentleman was Lloyd Ulrich who happened to be the President of NORVA at that time. Even though Gerry and Patsy were sold on the Airstream this added more reasons as the club would be a way to learn about the Airstream and camping as neither had done this before.

Gerry served as 2nd. VP in 2019 and he and Patsy led a 16-day club caravan "PA/NY Potpourri" which started in Lancaster, PA and traveled to Corning/Watkins Glen, NY, Cooperstown and Herkimer, NY and finished in the Hudson Valley area with visits to FDR home and library, Culinary Institute of America, 9/11 Memorial and West Point. He has also served as 1st VP, President, Past President and is now on his 2nd tour as President.

Gerry graduated from the University of Florida in 1970 and entered the Army in January 1971 as a Medical Service Corps Officer. He attended Rotary Wing Officer Training (Helicopter) and graduated with honors in June 1972. His career spanned 24 years with aviation assignments in Medical Evacuation units in Nha Trang Viet Nam, Fort Stewart, GA, Scofield Barracks, HI, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, and Grafewnoehr, Germany. Gerry also was a research aviator at the Aeromedical Research Laboratory at Fort Rucker, AL.

His non-flying assignments were Commander, 547th Medical Company (Clearing) at Fort Stewart, GA which was an Army Corps medical holding facility, personnel officer at the Army Medical Personnel Support Agency in Washington, DC, and Plans and Operations Officer at the 98th General Hospital in Nuremberg, Germany. His last assignment in the Army was with the US Army Drug and Alcohol Operations Agency as the Drug Program Manager for the Army's Drug Deterrence Program located Alexandria, VA.

After retiring from the Army in 1995 Gerry did some consulting work and became the operations officer on a contract supporting the Public Health Service Division of immigration Health. This position was responsible for hiring medical support personnel to work in health clinics at several immigration processing centers.

In 2000 Gerry became the Drug Deterrence Program Manager for the US Secret Service. He was in this position for six years and then moved to the US Department of Agriculture and ran their drug deterrence program for 9 years. He retired from government service in 2015 and started part-time with Pembroke Health Service as a drug testing collector. Patsy joined him in this endeavor after she retired from government service in 2018.



Patsy and Gerry like to travel, and they have been out west twice and look forward to the NORVA Cowboy Caravan, being led by Bob Nickel our 2nd VP, this June on the way to the International Rally.

Patsy's favorite National Park is the Smokey Mountains where we like to hike and go Elk watching in the fall.

My suggestion, to anyone in the club, is to participate in as many activities that you are able. Also, if asked to step up to be an officer or lead a rally, take the opportunity as you will find that you get more out of it than you put in.

We have an active rally season planned by Priscilla Harrell our 1st VP, so hook up your Airstream and get out there.

Go Gators!

NORVA News provides recent pictures of our NORVA President and First Lady:



NORVA News Editor Footnote: We tried but it was not easy to find a picture of President Gerry Nagel that did not feature him in his signature Florida Gators regalia. The above picture was taken in November 2022 at the Urbanna Rally.



Gerry and Patsy Nagel enjoying a lovely luncheon at the Old Fiddlers Convention Rally in Galax, Virginia. August 2022.

NORVA Holiday Party- December Rally Report

Written by Priscilla Harrell

The NORVA Holiday Party held on Saturday December 10, 2022, was amazing, with 43 people in attendance. We want to thank our host and hostess Ed and Beth Jones for their great hospitality and wonderful generosity. Their home and hearth were filled with delightful decorations and holiday cheer. The conversations were meaningful and memorable, the wine was plentiful, the appetizers, main course and sides, first dessert course (chocolates), second dessert course (NORVA cake), third dessert course (pie), were deliciously prepared and presented with love. The optional Holiday sweater contest was very fun and engaging. Thank you to all members who came to spend a wonderful NORVA Christmas, NORVA Hanukkah, NORVA Holidays with us!! Happy New Year!!





Ed and Beth Jones, our Host and Hostess
The Jones have been members of NORVA since the year 2000.



Winner of "The Wow" Category - Holiday Sweater Contest: Lois Hitchcock. The Cat Sweater with 3 Dimensional ornaments and decorations was impressive.



Lloyd and Elaine Ulrich, guests of Ed and Beth Jones. Lloyd Ulrich is a NORVA past President. He introduced our current President and First Lady (Gerry and Patsy Nagel) to NORVA back in 2017. Former First Lady Elaine Ulrich was the Honorary Judge of the Holiday Sweater Contest.



Winners of the Couples Category for Best Holiday Sweaters/Best Holiday Theme: Our Immediate Past President and Immediate Past First Lady, Peter and Elizabeth West



During the NORVA Holiday Party, the special Golden Rivet Award was presented to NORVA members Della and Cecil Hoosier - In grateful recognition of two decades of selfless service in leadership positions with NORVA and the Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC).

Delia and Cecil voluntarily support the NORVA Airstream Club to the benefit of our members. Their practical “how to” advice inspire all our members to get more involved in our Club and to improve use and care of their Airstreams.

Della and Cecil’s expertise, immeasurably improve NORVA members and the club knowledge and skills. Contributions include and are not limited to, use and maintenance, RV organization and management, caravanning, print and digital communications, historical record keeping, creative photography, travel safety, and maintenance of RV electrical and mechanical systems.

Della and Cecil’s selfless leadership is rooted in faith, love, and compassion; passion for Airstreams; and a genuine desire to share knowledge freely. Their countless contributions, set a standard of excellence that we should all hope to reach.

NORVA and WBAC are forever in their debt.

Northern Virginia Airstream Club, Airstream Club Region 3-110



From left to right, Eric Colby, John Bevis, Norma Colby, enjoying some yuletide merriment. Norma won the contest for Holiday Creativity with her decorative and festive headpiece.



Larry and Sun Riley enjoying the holiday festivities.



From left to right, Beverly Bevis, Corey Langenwaller, and Kurt Langenwaller

We had a lovely selection of delicious home cooked foods!! I am still trying to get the recipe for that vegetarian lasagna, it was so good.



This year there was a surprise award given to the individual who best exemplified in his or her holiday party outfit a "Bah Humbug" theme, made infamous by Charles Dickens' The Christmas Carol. We thank our beloved associate member Kirk Demadaler for being such a good sport.



Membership Director's Report

By Lew Brodsky, NORVA Membership Director

Membership Update. As Calendar Year 2022 ended, so did the window for most (but not all) NORVA members to renew and pay WBAC and NORVA dues for continuing membership into 2023. Let me explain. Most people currently in NORVA first joined the Club prior to July 1, 2021. They are required to pay dues by Dec. 31st annually, to cover Club participation for the next calendar year. However, in Summer 2021, WBAC implemented a computerized system for adding "new" memberships and tracking existing members.

Here's how it works:

For "newer" members who first joined the club on or after July 1, 2021:

Your annual membership period and dues renewal are based on your "first joined on..." anniversary. If your household falls in this category, annual renewals and dues payments must be accomplished each year on or before the anniversary of when you first joined. For example, let's say you first joined WBAC and NORVA as a new member on Sept. 3, 2022. Thereafter you pay renewal dues on or before Sept. 3rd annually, and that will cover your membership through Sept. 2nd of the coming year.

For "older" members who joined WBAC and NORVA prior to July 1, 2021:

You are still required to renew membership and pay dues on or before Dec. 31st each year, which covers your continued membership through the next calendar year.

In both cases, WBAC Headquarters will send you e-mail reminders about renewing well in advance of your approaching renewal deadline.

For now, the Club is employing these two different membership renewal tracks. Over time, the Club will reach a point where all member-households are on the "first joined on" anniversary system. The transition is ongoing because all membership tasks are now computer-processed using the airstreamclub.org website. The shift to having renewals spaced throughout the year (instead of having every household meet a Dec. 31st deadline) eliminates the need to compute how much a new member must pay for a partial year when they first join. It will also spread-out record keeping and dues collection tasks over a full 12 months, easing what is now a year-end crunch on the WBAC headquarters staff, membership directors, and club treasurers. That said, NORVA will still take a measure of our Club's membership on January 1st of each year to determine who is aboard and still covered on that date by the dues they last paid.



Statistically, where does NORVA's membership stand at the start of 2023?

As of January 1st, NORVA has a total of 96 member-households.

- 74 have NORVA as their "home club."
- 22 are "Affiliate" members of NORVA. Other WBAC clubs are their "home clubs," or they are "MALs" (Members-at-Large). They also opt to be NORVA affiliate members and pay NORVA dues.
- Virginia Club #109 reports they caught up with us and had 96 member-households on Jan. 1, 2023.

At year's end, 2022, NORVA listed 114 member-households on the roster, but 18 did not renew. The majority of those dropping out had sold (or were in the process of selling) their Airstreams. Others moved out of the area, transitioned to other clubs, or elected to disassociate locally and become WBAC Members-at-Large.

The 2023 NORVA Directory is going to the print shop now that we have accounted for each member-household. The publication will contain listings and photos of all members officially on NORVA's roster on Jan. 1, 2023. It is scheduled to be printed commercially later this month. USPS mail distribution to each household's address will occur in early February.

As was reported in the December 2022 issue of NORVA News (page 13), the cost to receive one copy of the 2023 Directory was included in the NORVA dues you've already paid. However, members can opt to receive an additional copy (or copies) for \$9 each, which will offset the added cost of printing and mailing the extra copies. Having two directories would mean you could keep one at home and one in your Airstream.

ASAP please let Lew Brodsky know if you want to receive more than one copy by sending him an e-mail: lbrodsky@cox.net. Then, before January 15, make your check payable to "NORVA Airstream Club" and mail it to Lew Brodsky, Membership Director, 6829 Ridgeway Drive, Springfield, VA 22150.



Lew and Cathy Brodsky,
taken in a downtown central
square in Lisbon, Portugal,

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

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



Glenn & Sandi 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 & 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.





Kevin Morgan and Tobey Samuel

We welcome New NORVA Members Kevin and Tobey who live in Fairfax, Virginia. They have a 2024 20-foot Basecamp 20X. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 22082. Kevin and Tobey joined our Club on October 22, 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.



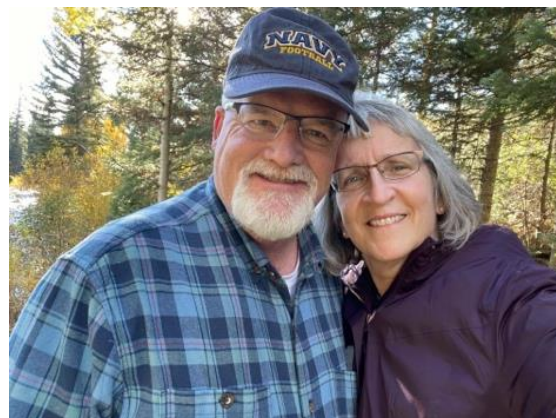
Thomas Raezer and Ingrid Zcintos

We welcome New NORVA Members Thomas and Ingrid who live in Reston, Virginia. They have a 2018 20-foot Flying Cloud. NORVA is their home club. Their Big Red Number is 6890. Thomas and Ingrid joined our Club on September 13, 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.





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

Please book your campsite now. Flyer is included in this newsletter.

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.

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
[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

The following 5 pages includes the Flyers for upcoming NORVA Rallies and Events.



NORVA RIVER RALLY

SPACIOUS SKIES SHENANDOAH VALLEY

JUNE 2 - 4, 2023

CAMPGROUND LOCATION

3402 KIMBALL RD, LURAY, VA, 22835

**Nominal Rally Fee: TBD. More info will be coming but
Campsite spots are limited so reserve your campsite now.**

EVENT COORDINATORS - Doug and Gail Perkins
gailprn@verizon.net

NORVA has reserved 20 sites that are pretty much all together: #12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 (Perkins are on site 21), 22, 23 & 24 (are buddy sites), 25, 26, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, & 50 (Harrells are in 50).

We will have full access to the building, picnic tables, and the huge open space area surrounding the building for our activities.

Special Discounted Price:

Some sites are \$82.80 per night, some are \$110.40 per night. This is peak season, and all these sites are greatly coveted.

Make your reservations by calling the

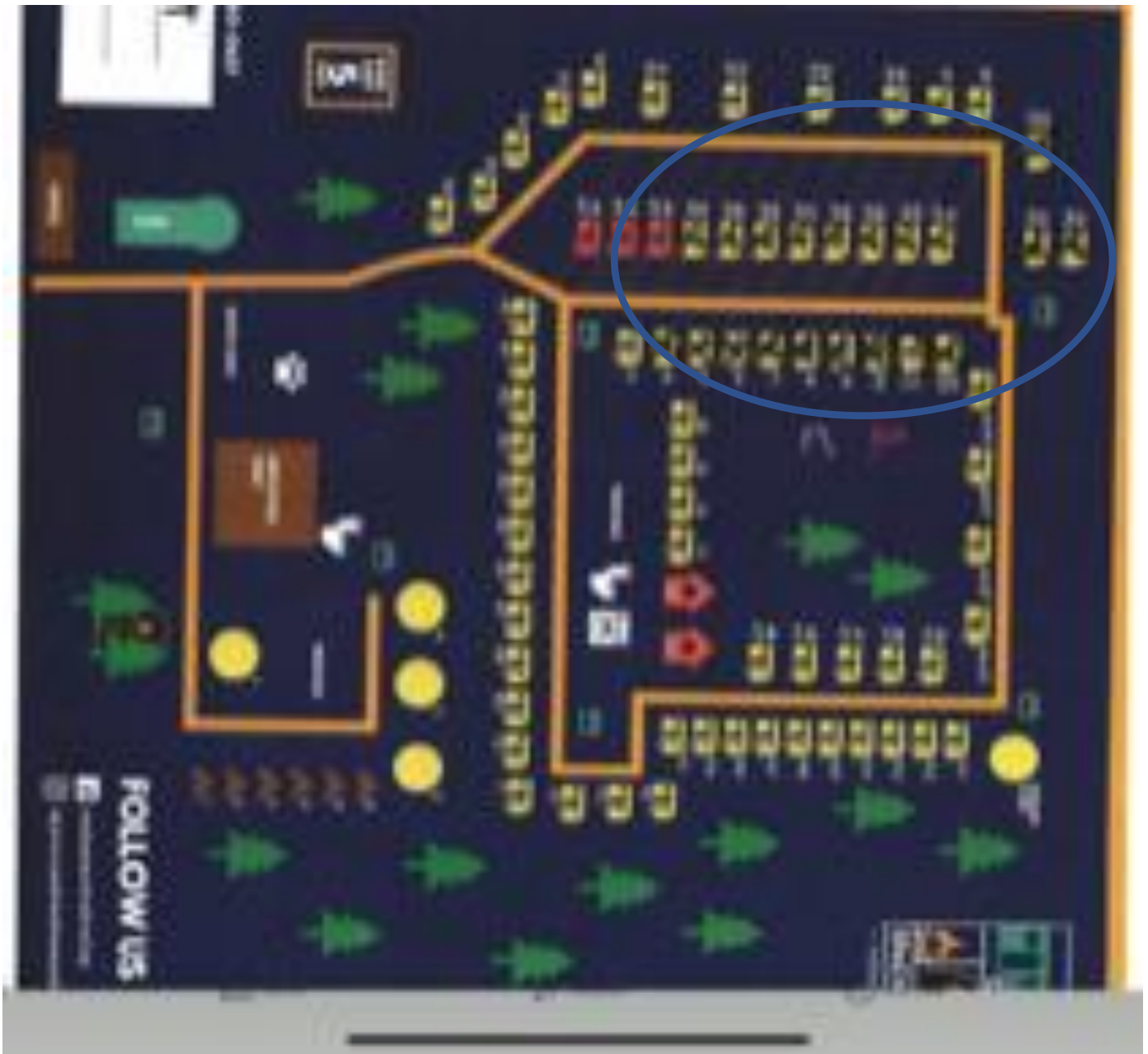
CAMPGROUND MANAGER: Kristine

Her number is: 540-743-7222

manager@campatshenandoahviews.com

You can check Spacious Skies Shenandoah Valley out at: [Spacious Skies Shenandoah Views Campground](#)

See Site Map ON NEXT PAGE - the Black X's are reserved for our club.





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



Contact Information:

<https://airstreamclub.org>

<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia>

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2022-2023 Executive Officers

President- Gerry Nagel

First Lady- Patsy Nagel

1st Vice President- Priscilla Harrell

2nd Vice President- Bob Nickel

Secretary- Gail Perkins

Treasurer- Sharon Haw

Membership Director- Lew Brodsky

Newsletter Editor- David Harrell

Legislative Director- John Bevis

Parliamentarian- Tom Carmichael

Immediate Past President- Pete West

Webmaster- Patsy Nagel



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