

# NORVA NEWS

February 2023



## Team Oxley with Sikorsky



Honoring those who serve our country, with a visit to the National Museum of the Marine Corp. The event was organized by NORVA member James Oxley. Group picture by Lew Brodsky with a Marine Sikorsky H-34 Choctaw Helicopter in the background.

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# Meet the Second Vice President

Written by Robert "Bob" Nickel



By way of introduction, we are Bob, Wendy and Jacob Nickel. We have been members of NORVA since 2019 when we purchased our first of two Airstream trailers. Our first trailer was a 2019 19-foot Flying Cloud. We loved that trailer and took it across the country to Idaho that first year as well as to several NORVA rallies in Virginia. After a couple years we discovered it was a bit small for the three of us to fit comfortably, so we moved up to a 25-foot Flying Cloud and haven't looked back.





We've been able to travel out west several times to visit family and friends that happen to live near several national parks in Idaho and Utah. We have also spent time in Florida at Disney World and the beaches of the panhandle. We have really enjoyed spending time at rallies with all the folks from NORVA. We weren't sure what to expect when we first joined, but it has been fantastic. I can only hope the other Airstream units have half as much fun as we do in the NORVA unit.

I retired from the government about seven years ago now and then went to work for a government contractor. When COVID hit, I stayed home with Jacob (and relearned everything I forgot from 4th grade) while Wendy continued to work for the government. In 2021, I went to work part time for RV Life, the company that owns RV Life TripWizard, the RV travel planning software. I work on their help desk and occasionally do product reviews and write articles.

Having some free time has allowed me to take up the duties of the Second Vice President for the club. I was humbled to be asked to participate and it's been a great experience. We are looking forward to many adventures this year, including numerous rallies and a caravan to the ACI International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. We can't wait to see everyone out on the road!



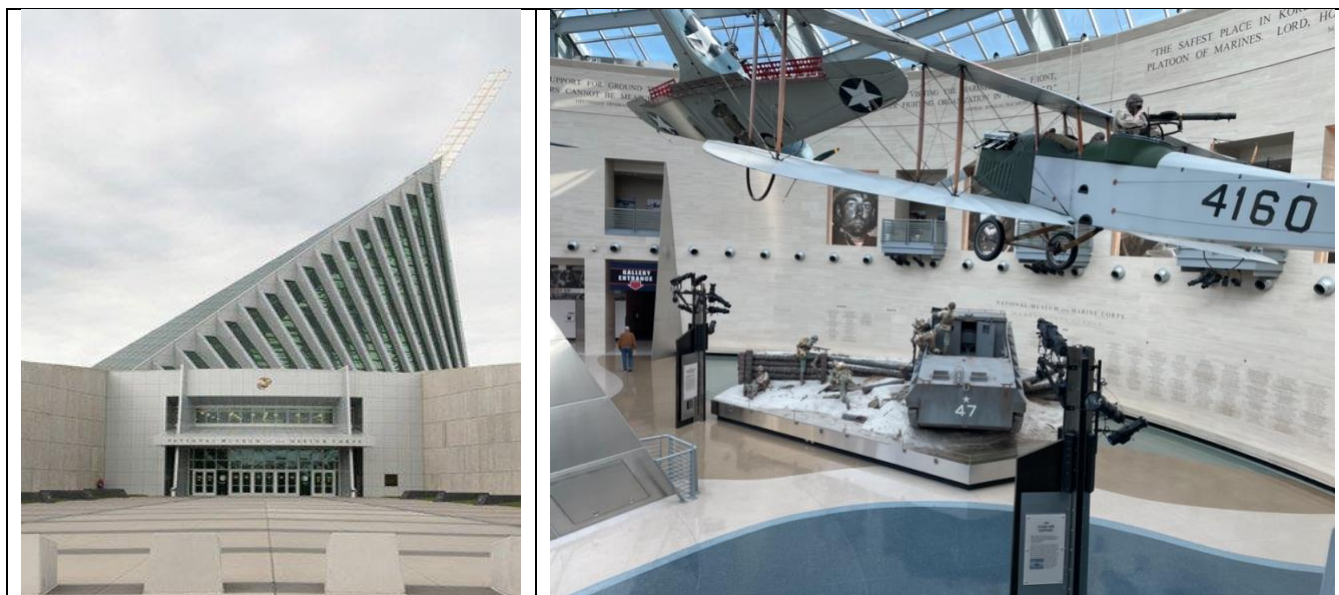
# NORVA National Museum of the Marine Corp Event- January Rally Report

*Written by NORVA Member Eric Colby*

*Photos by Lew Brodsky and Gail Perkins*

Twenty-six NORVA members attended the Museum Rally on January 28, 2023. We are delighted to have members-at-large as well as members from The Spirit of Virginia attend this event as well. We want to thank James "Jim" Oxley again so much for organizing this field trip to such an awe-inspiring place.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps opened November 10, 2006, the 231st anniversary of the Marine Corps. How can that be? In 2006, America was celebrating its 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Yep! The Marine Corps is older than the Nation itself.



For a public facility that has been open for 16 years, the spit and polish of the building shines through the wear of some eight million people who have learned of, honored, respected this third oldest fighting force of the Nation. Gene Hackman, narrating the movie "We, the Marines" laid out what many Marines have said before him "Once a Marine, always a Marine". There is a camaraderie amongst Marines that exists because of the commonality of the tests through which they have been pushed, the mutual recognition of dependence on one another, and the expectation that a fellow Marine will perform as expected, when the challenge presents itself.





*The museum provides time for quiet reflection*





The Museum is located on a 135-acre plot of land, just off I-95, and between that highway and Quantico Marine Corps Base. It is operated by the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. The Northern Virginia Unit of our Airstream Club found our way easily to begin Jim Oxley's well-orchestrated hosting of our tour of the Museum.



## COMBAT CORRESPONDENTS

"I was with the Marines at the opening of the battle. I never saw men charge to their death with finer spirit."

—War Correspondent Floyd Gibbons, Belleau Wood, 6 June 1918

Dramatic news of American troops being committed to stop the German offensive nearing Paris attracted veteran combat correspondents to the vicinity of Belleau Wood. The first to arrive was the heralded 31-year-old Floyd Gibbons of the *Chicago Tribune*.

Ignoring wartime censors forbidding the identification of specific units, he filed his first report: "I am up at the front and entering Belleau Wood with the U.S. Marines."

On 6 June, Floyd Gibbons, by the 5th Marine assault, he was in the hospital of the battle.

As the military wounds, the killed and reports in headline SMASH bountiful

After watching the movie, Lew Brodsky organized a group photo before we all go to see the museum exhibits on our own time.





Around lunch time, some folks went to the Devil Dog Diner, a cafeteria style restaurant within the museum that simulates a marine mess hall. Other folks found our way to the Tun Tavern, a liberally interpreted re-creation of the Philadelphia Tavern in which the Continental Marines were formed in 1775. This tavern is also at the museum. The food was good, drinks were liberal and cold, and conversation lively. For what more could a traveler ask?





## Getting to know you – Member Bios or Member written interviews Elizabeth and Drew Morgan

Elizabeth and Drew Morgan retired to Williamsburg, VA in 2019 after wrapping up careers in the DC area. Their Airstream Interstate 24GT represents their first foray into the world of RVing. Elizabeth, a native Virginian, traveled the country in the museum and archives fields, then served as an executive assistant in the Pentagon while pursuing her passion for ballroom and international Latin dance. She regards Airstreaming as “a means to eliminate distractions and provide a sanctuary to read, write, and study history and philosophy in the great outdoors.” Drew was born in Japan and spent a lifetime traveling and living around the world and served 38 years as a career naval officer and then as a senior executive in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and then Army Headquarters in the Pentagon. Between them they have eight adult children, one grandchild, and are obedient masters to Champ, a senior Jack Russell terrier. They look forward traveling more throughout the US and meeting fellow Airstreamers.







## NORVA CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

**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](mailto:janeenerider@gmail.com)

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

Flyer is included in this newsletter

Please mail in your registration coupon and payment

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.

Flyer is included in this newsletter

Please mail in your registration coupon and payment

POC: Barry Miller and Sharon Haw

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

POC Jeff Cutright, Virginia Airstream Club

**June 2-4, 2023 NORVA RIVER RALLY**

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

Flyer is included in this newsletter

Please book your campsite

POC: Doug and Gail Perkins

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

POC: Bob and Wendy Nickel.

This caravan is full and there is a waiting list.

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**

[WBCCI International Rally 2023 Signup Link](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR (Continued)

**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~~

**THIS EVENT HAS POSTPONED TILL NEXT YEAR**

**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

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

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

Hosted by the Tidewater Club

Save the Date

-----End of Upcoming Events Section -----

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT** regarding **SUPERBOWL PARTY** at home of **Jim and Janeene Rider ON FEB 12**

For those who'd prefer to stay in the area overnight instead of driving back home after the game, here are available options to consider:

1. If you want to bring your Airstream to stay overnight, the **Riders have courtesy parking** available for a limited number of trailers on their property on a first-come, first-serve basis. 30 Amp service, water & sewer onsite. Please let them know if you're interested in this option.
2. Additional Airstreams might consider boondocking (dry camping) nearby at **Death Ridge Brewery** in Jeffersonton, VA. This **Harvest Host** has confirmed that they can accommodate 4 trailers on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. If traveling without a trailer, there are various hotels in the area, the two closest being ~15 minutes away in Warrenton, namely:
  - Hampton Inn at 501 Blackwell Rd, Warrenton, VA 20186 Phone: [\(540\) 349-4200](tel:5403494200) or
  - Holiday Inn Express (pet friendly) at 410 Holiday Court, Warrenton, VA, 20186 Phone: (540) 341-3461





# NORVA Superbowl Party

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



**Sunday  
February 12<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:janeenerider@gmail.com)) to let them know you plan to attend. Please provide Name and Number in your Party**



## Rally to Welcome our New Members

This event is Open to All NORVA Members

**SATURDAY March 18, 2023**

12 NOON to 2:30 pm

## Venue: The Lost Rhino Brewing Company

21730 Red Rum Drive, #142, **Ashburn VA** 20147

<https://www.lostrhino.com>



We will have our own Private Party Room within the Brewery Restaurant

### Lunch and New Member Orientation Presentation

**Appetizers: BBQ Chicken Wings and Bavarian Pretzel Bites with Queso**

**Main Course: Build your own tacos with Slow Roasted Pork Carnitas.** Served with warm flour tortillas, pico de gallo, jalapeños, and crispy slaw. Vegetarian option: Black Bean Salad instead of Pork Carnitas. **Dessert: NORVA Celebration Cake**

**\$25 per person**

**Cash Bar**

**Come Meet and Greet our New NORVA Members!** We officially welcome our New Members who joined NORVA in 2022 to present. Questions, please contact Priscilla Harrell, NORVA First Vice President at [pris.harrell@gmail.com](mailto:pris.harrell@gmail.com) or (301)785-2371

**Rally Coupon: March 18, 2023 – NORVA New Member Rally at The Lost Rhino Brewing Company**

**TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL COST \$25 PER PERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAMES OF All ATTENDEE(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS OF ATTENDEE(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

Anything we need to know? Food Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need the vegetarian option? # of people \_\_\_\_\_ Black Bean Salad (if left blank, means No)

Write Check payable to: PRISCILLA HARRELL

Please mail this Rally Coupon and Check to PRISCILLA HARRELL

45335 SCOTCH NECK ROAD, HOLLYWOOD MD 20636

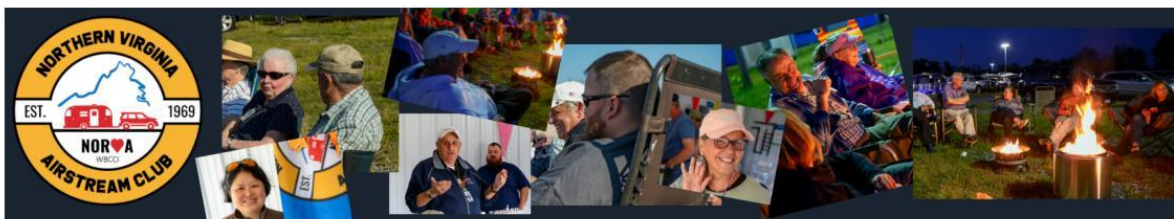
**PAYMENT Due Date: FEBRUARY 18, 2023**





## NORVA Maintenance Rally - April 21-23, 2023

Join us for our annual season opener - The 7th annual NORVA Maintenance Rally!



We're heading back to Doswell, Virginia to stay at the Meadows Event Park. Sites are \$90 for the weekend (Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23). The rally fee is \$20 per person and will cover rally costs and provide a thank you gift for DJ. **Deadline to register is April 1, 2023.**

We'll kick off Friday evening with a BYO cocktail party. We'll provide light hors d'oeuvres. You bring your favorite beverage and chair.

On Saturday morning, we will enjoy breakfast favorites and coffee while DJ Mastin shares his expertise. DJ owns Broken Rivets RV Service dedicated to Airstream maintenance, renovation, and repair. DJ will also be available during the weekend to assist with minor repairs, and questions.

Saturday afternoon we will have a member show-and-tell. Submit your favorite modifications, tips, or lessons learned along with your registration. We will choose 5 members to share at their trailers. Members chosen to show-and-tell will receive an appreciation gift.

**To make your Rally reservation, fill out and mail the coupon below and send it with your check.** Write the check to Sharon Haw. Mail your check and the coupon below to 23805 Echo Creek Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882.

**Camper Family Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

### Calculate your fee:

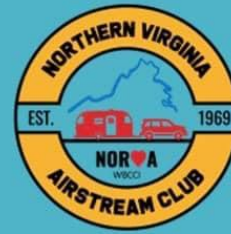
**Site fee:** ..... \$ 90

**Rally fee:** \$ 20 x \_\_\_\_ (# of campers) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total check amount:** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in presenting for show-and-tell? Share your story on the back of this coupon or email [Barry@EastCoastStreamers.com](mailto:Barry@EastCoastStreamers.com).

If you would like assistance from DJ during the rally, use the back of the coupon to describe your work request. DJ may reach out to you in advance if to clarify your request.



## NORVA RIVER RALLY 2023

June 2,3,4  
Luray, VA



Corn Hole



Wine Tasting



Gatherings: Happy Hour,  
Food, and Games



Dog Events

For Reservations Contact Kristine at (540) 743-7222  
Doug and Gail Perkins Rally Hosts Ph# (540) 847-4480  
[gailprn@verizon.net](mailto:gailprn@verizon.net)

Rally Fees: \$15 Per Adult  
Collected at the Rally

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

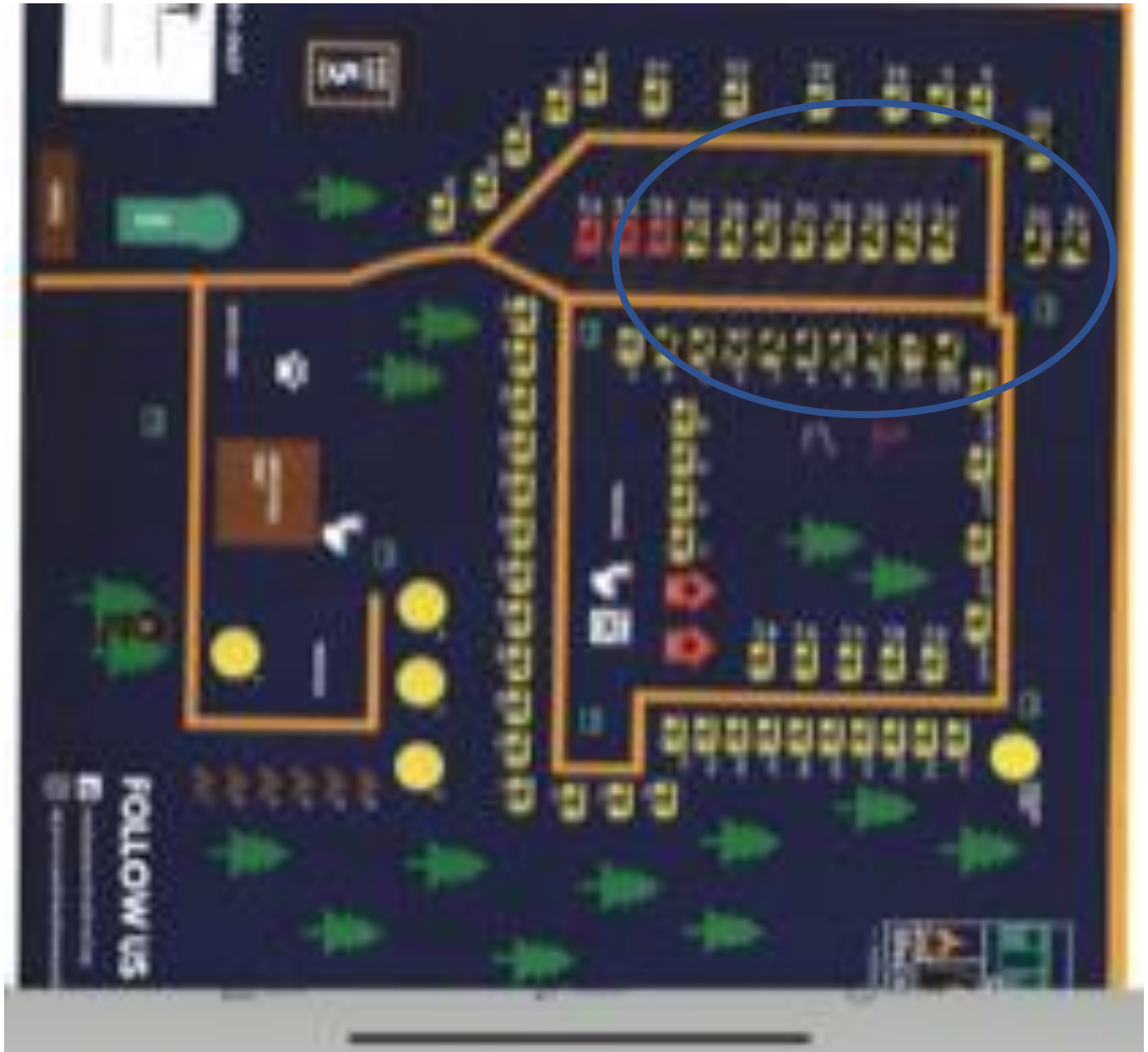
[manager@campatshenandoahviews.com](mailto:manager@campatshenandoahviews.com)





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

The Black X's are reserved for our club.





# 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

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