

# The Road Awaits

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### Do you remember WHY you went to the kitchen? Some quick tips and techniques for using "checklists"

Like many of you, Linda and I are getting more and more forgetful. We misplace our keys to the Airstream. We leave the house on errands and forget to take the recycling.

We've begun to adopt the '**handle once**' program. When we pick it up we act on it; place is where it goes; avoid putting it off until . . . Well, you know [select one] 1-Later – 2-Never.

### 2023 has so much to offer - choose it or lose it!

Last year some folks were left out of the events they wanted to go to because they failed to plan ahead and commit to the dates.

Look over this issue. Click the links, make notes in your calendars. Join your friends for support, comraderie, good food, and laughter.

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# President's Corner

## Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club - The Fun Group

February 2023 President's Letter

Hello all,

Hopefully, we are nearing the end of winter and looking forward to warmer and clear skies. Let's all get out there and Airstream!!! We have a number of events planned for this year and are eager to see you at as many as you can schedule. These include Spirit of Virginia events, Region 3 happenings and of course, International at Rock Springs Wyoming.

Just a quick reminder to prepare your trailers for the roads ahead. Torque the lug nuts, check tire pressures, test your lights, verify that your brakes are working as they should and de-winterize the on-board systems.

Below is a link to our JotForm where you can indicate which events you will be attending. For the camping events, please reach out directly to the campgrounds to make your reservations.

<https://form.jotform.com/230326070189149>

Lisa and I are so very ready to start our time on the road for this year and hope that you are too.

- *President Bob Sachs* — BRN 6384

# FuturePlanning

## An Overview of Fun, Fellowship, and Learning

### February 12 - Pg. 4

Super Bowl Party – Jeffersonton VA –  
Janeene and Jim Rider hosting —  
Please RSVP to [janeenerider@gmail.com](mailto:janeenerider@gmail.com)

### March 18 - Pg. 5

St. Patrick's Day Lunch—1:00 PM—  
O'Briens Irish Pub—380 Broadview Ave,  
Warrenton, VA 20186

### March 29-April 2 - Pg.6

Region 3 Rally - Ocean Lakes - Myrtle  
Beach, SC

### April 21-23

NORVA Breakout Maintenance Rally -  
Meadow Event Park, Doswell VA —  
POC: Barry Miller and Sharon Haw

[Hot Link to NORVA information](#)

### May 4-7 - Pg. 7

Cinco De Mayo Rally - Fort Valley Ranch

### May 18-21

Silver in the Streets Rally - Abingdon,  
VA - Virginia Airstream Club—Members  
and Affiliates can now register now.  
Registration is exclusive for members  
only through February 15, 2023.  
Registration will open up to all  
Airstreamer's on February 16!

### June 24-30-SoldOut

International Rally - Rock Springs, WY

### August 6-13-more soon

Galax Fiddlers Rally - Cool Breeze CG

### September 21-24 - Pg 8

Commonwealth State Rally - Endless  
Caverns - New Market, VA



Northern Virginia Airstream Club (NORVA) | January 2023

# 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**

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**March 18**

**St. Patrick's Day Lunch – 1:00 PM**

Bob & Lisa Sachs hosting

**O'Briens Irish Pub**

**380 Broadview Ave, Warrenton, VA 20186**

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**(540) 359-6937**

This is our 1Q pre-camping season luncheon (a change of pace from our typical Valentine's Day Luncheon. Come and meet new club members and catch up on the doings of your old friends.

[O'Brien's Home \(obriensirishpubva.com\)](http://obriensirishpubva.com) pub website

Note: vegetarian options are limited to Impossible Burger, soup and salad. But I imagine the chef might modify some other menu items to comply to your needs. You might give them a call if you have concerns.



## Region 3 Rally – Silver On The Sands, Take #2

March 29 - April 2, 2023

First Mate Joe Baum and I are excited about hosting our first Region 3 rally at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. You will love the proximity to the onsite Recreation Center building where most of the planned rally activities will take place and also to the beach.



**W.B.C.C.I REGION 3  
SILVER ON THE SANDS  
TAKE TWO-2023**

There will be live entertainment, vendor booths, seminars of many types, happy hours, of course meals and opportunities for day trips to many great restaurants, nearby gardens, shops, golf courses, the beach, and much more.

Registration for the rally, which is separate from your campground reservation, can be completed by clicking the link below. Our preferred payment method is PayPal, but you can send in a check if you prefer.

This year, the ACI Region 3 Board selected The Shepherd's Table as our local charity. This great charity in Conway, SC, provides lunch and dinner - five days a week, monthly fresh boxes of fruits and vegetables, and a homeless pantry featuring food with easy-open 'pop-tops' for those in need in the Myrtle Beach area.

Please ensure you have separately made your own camping reservations at Ocean Lakes Family Campground (ph# 877.510.1113 and reference 2023 Region 3 Airstream rally).

Click below for the rally registration form; deadline is Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

*Christine Baum, #257 & #4814 - Region 3 President*

**[Rally Registration Hot Link](#)**

## Cinco De Mayo Rally – May 4-7

Fort Valley Ranch - Bob & Lisa Sachs hosting

299 S. Fort Valley Rd., Fort Valley, VA 22652

38.75372, -78.51314



(540) 933-6633



Fort  
Valley  
Ranch

Back by popular demand, we'll rally at Fort Valley in our lovely Shenandoah Valley. This time, leave your Stetsons at home and bring your Sombreros and Serapes, muchachas & muchachos (is that enough cultural appropriation for one sentence?)!! Hiking and horseback riding plus the usual fun and feasting.

More Information to follow. Minimal rally fee.

Horseback riding is your option and at your expense.



# 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)



## Is it time to update your Airstream checklists?

Linda and I rely on our Loading Checklists. We've stopped using our pre-launch and break-camp checklists after well over 1,000 camps. They are NOT a bad idea.

We just updated our lists. If you're interested in them [CLICK HERE](#) to download.

**Cheryl Toth published a great checklist piece in Airstream Life. Here are some excerpts from the January 30, 2023 article.**

Whether you're a newbie or a seasoned Airstreamer, using checklists is a simple way to make sure you get on the road safely and don't forget anything important.

That's why we are big believers in checklists. Airline pilots use them. Surgical teams use them. Airstreamers should use them too.

Ironically, the more experienced Airstreamer you become, the more you think you don't need a checklist, because you "know it all." We have been reminded of this folly on recent trips.

We'd fallen into the trap of thinking "well, it's only a quick/last minute trip and we're only traveling a few hours..." Ha. Well last week, we arrived in the quirky little town of Quartzsite, AZ without Rich's ear plugs, honey, hot sauce, flavored seltzers, or enough olive oil for the trip.

So, as we recommit ourselves to using checklists in 2023, we're also updating our existing ones. Although Rich and I make small changes to our lists after every trip, an annual review of every list is good practice—especially if you've added new equipment or upgrades.

Here are a few suggestions about our recommended checklists, and how we approach our own.

## The Ubiquitous *Departure and Arrival* Checklists

Everyone should have a personalized version of these two essentials. You can find samples and templates all over the Internet, and Rich includes them in his [Newbie's Guide to Airstreaming](#) book.

Departure and Arrival checklists are pretty generic, but they are terrific when you are a new Airstream owner because that's when you need to know the basics and establish a routine.

These two checklists include things like this (excerpt from our personal list):

### Campground Arrival

- Use leveling blocks to level the trailer
- Plug in [EMS](#) to campground power, and connect to Airstream
- Attach [drinking water hose](#)
- Attach sewer hose
- Deploy stabilizers
- Pull out [RV mat](#), Zip Dee chairs, side table

### Campground Departure

- Inside -
  - Turn off pump
  - Secure shower door
  - Pull bathroom ceiling fan vent closed
  - Lock windows and pull shades
  - Turn off all lights and pull all curtains closed
  - Remove and stow knives from magnetic strip
  - Put kitchen tool holder in overhead compartment
  - Put paper towels in drawer

- Outside -
  - Unplug and stow power cord and EMS
  - Unhook and stow the water hose
  - Dump black and gray tanks and stow sewer hose
  - Check tire pressure and tire condition
  - Verify hitch is good to go, chains are not dragging, etc.
  - Walk around the Airstream to make sure all windows and doors are shut
  
- In Truck –
  - Turn on TST
  - Turn on back up camera
  - Make sure brake controller is set properly and working

### **The Keep it Stocked Checklist**

The impetus of this checklist was my frustration of arriving at several destinations over the last six months, only to find that several important items that are supposed to always be in the Airstream, were not there. (Thankfully, none of them was toilet paper.)

Have you ever seen the cleaning/paper product stock checklist in the restrooms at large retailers like Target or Home Depot? I borrowed this idea from that. I like to keep the Airstream bath stocked with items that I don't have to remember to pack every time. These include:

- Hand towels, bath towels, wash cloths
- Toilet paper
- Cotton balls and Q-Tips
- Tweezers and nail clippers
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums

Let's talk "checklists" the next time we are together. We'd like to know what lists you use and if you'd be willing to share them.

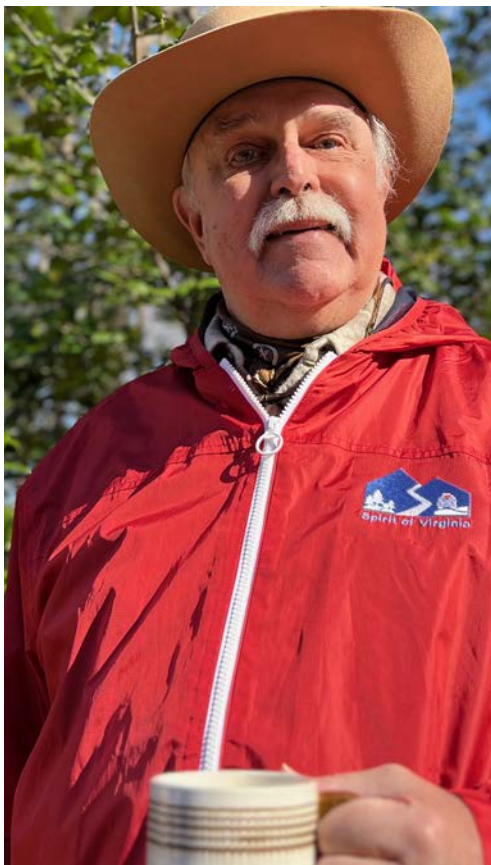
## Shameless Advertising – You're welcome . . .



As you start the 2023 Camping season you'll need a good waterproof windbreaker.

I bought this one from our private Land's End Store last year, and I **\*\*love\*\*** it!

You can buy nearly anything in the Land's End catalog and have it personalized with the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club logo. You can even change the logo colors at no extra charge. Add your logo to anything for \$6.95.

Click the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club graphic link below - Cllub Spring Shopping.



ITEM	QTY	PRICE
 <b>Men's Waterproof Packable Windbreaker Jacket</b> Item# 508792CX6 Size: XXL Color: COMPASS RED	Qty: 1	\$62.97
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