

NORVA NEWS

March 2023



Superbowl Sliders with The Riders



Celebrating perhaps the most American of all sports traditions, the Superbowl Party was held this year at the home of Jim and Janeene Rider in Jeffersonston, Virginia. All Virginia Commonwealth Airstream Club members were invited.

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Important Notes:

1. For those who signed up, see you at the March 18, 2023, Welcome New Members Rally!!
2. **April 21-23, Maintenance Rally – Please send in coupon and payment.**
3. **June 2 – 4, River Rally, please reserve campsite now**
4. Sept 21-24 Commonwealth Rally, please reserve campsite now



Meet the Treasurer

Meet our Maintenance Rally Coordinators

Written by Sharon Haw



We love camping.

We love hiking.

We love the outdoors.

And then we love hot showers, and comfortable beds.

We are camping realists. Not glampers.

Barry's love for camping is one of the reasons why he joined the Army. He thought the army would be like one big camping trip. He was really surprised when he found that he didn't get to "camp" very much.

I have hiked the Appalachian Trail with just a pack of necessities and friends. I have back country hiked and camped in Yosemite. Waking with my feet in icy water because it rained all night on an early winter hiking trip. Starting a fire with flint and dry leaves. Clearly, minimalist camping is no problem for me and Barry.



When Barry and I started dating, we would go tent camping. We hiked everywhere we camped and even chose parks for the quality and challenges of the nearby trails. For the most part, normal camping. The one exception was our Bialetti espresso maker. There is nothing better than a strong espresso in the morning to prep for a pre-breakfast hike. The Bialetti is awesome.

When Sami came along, we wanted to share with her our love of the outdoors and hiking. We changed to cabin camping because we wanted to reduce set up and pack up to preserve the time we had for fun. We took her on easy hikes, and she loved it. Then life got more complicated, and we camped less and less frequently. School, sports, friends, other activities all took up our weekends and free time. We had such a good time with all these activities that we forgot that a simple camping trip can relax and rejuvenate.

One day Barry saw a Facebook post. It was a photo of an elderly couple asleep in an Italian gondola. The caption read, "Why you shouldn't wait until retirement to travel". It was a wakeup call for him. He decided right then that we needed to start our pre-retirement travel plan.

Barry and I have thought about retirement and what that means. One of our retirement goals is to travel around the states and run 5k and 10k races wherever we land. We decided that we want to maintain physical fitness so we can enjoy our retirement for as long as possible. Then we started thinking about logistics with hotel routes, cost, comfort. We had to think creatively. How could we travel freely, see the country, and stay healthy? We should get an RV!



Editor's Note: We want to thank Sharon Haw for stepping up to be our NORVA Treasurer as of October 1, 2022. Sharon Haw and her husband Barry Miller joined NORVA in 2020 and are active members of NORVA. They answered our call to lead the 2023 Maintenance Rally, a signature NORVA event. If you have not yet signed up for this event, please do so asap. The rally will be held Friday April 21 to Sunday 23, 2023 at the Meadow Event Center in Doswell, Virginia. Barry and Sharon are a super fun couple. They also have their own YouTube channel: East Coast Streamers. The channel has lots of practical useful airstream and truck information and they are highly entertaining.

NORVA Super Sunday- February Rally Report

Written by NORVA Member Eric Colby

Photos by Lew Brodsky and Eric and Norma Colby



SUPERBOWL LVII RALLY 2023 - At least for the 12th, there was a reason for not holding the Superbowl in Northern Virginia. It was a bitter, wet, miserable day and even with tickets for the big event, the game goers would have had a hard time keeping their spirits elevated. Not so the erstwhile and future traveling members of the Northern Virginia Airstream Club. Over the river (Rappahannock) and through the woods (Leopold's Preserve) we did travel to the architecturally interesting home of Jim and Janeene Rider.



The Rider Farm

The enormous front porch made for a great greeting place as our host and hostess recognized each arrival. Out of the rain, with plenty of room to meet and greet, it was a great idea for this custom-built home. Inside we noted a beautiful mantle and surround in the fireplace in the bedroom, a gleaming kitchen floor made from reclaimed (pine) tobacco barn boards, exposed trusses, and beautiful sliding barn doors on period hardware. A lot of thought was put into this house, and it shows.



Left to right: Jim Rider (our Host), Cecil Hoosier, Beverly Bevis, Janeene Rider (our Hostess)

NORVA has long been known for having some great cooks and this potluck was no disappointment. Gentle reader, this author did not sample every fare, but I especially enjoyed Lou Brodsky's peanut noodles, the Ed and Beth Jones' Seven Layer Mexican Dip, Elizabeth West's curry meatballs, and Norma's pineapple-orange sheet cake. I am Norma's husband, but when I got my third piece of her cake, she told me "That's enough!" So much for being husband.





This rally was all about The Game. Well, maybe the game and the advertisements. The game had all a good game could offer - great plays from expert players, lots of scores to applaud, and a tight score to keep the suspense. The Chiefs won, as anybody who cares already knows. Which satisfied roughly half of the attendees. And the other half, didn't mind so much - it was a good game.





Door prizes? Always - a fixture of NORVA Rallies. Christine Baum (Region 3 President) won recognition for coming the furthest to celebrate the game (80 miles) and for matching the greatest number of mascots to teams. Norma must wait the longest for her next birthday, and Pete and Elizabeth West, congratulations for having been happily married the longest time.





For many years, the Hoosiers and Superbowl were synonymous. With Della's recent health issue, we are glad The Riders stepped forward to help us create our own memories. Cecil Hoosier was there, and reports that Della is doing fine, all things considered. The Hoosiers have a special place in NORVA's collective heart, and we continue to wish good things for them.





NORVA CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

Thank you to everyone who registered. We will see you at Lost Rhino Brewery Company in Ashburn Virginia on Saturday March 18 at 12 noon.

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. Registration [WBCCI Silver Signup](#)

Thank you to everyone who registered. We will see you in Myrtle Beach!!

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 4-7, 2023 **Cinco De Mayo Rally, Fort Valley Ranch, Virginia**

POC Bob Sachs, Hosted by the Spirit of Virginia Club

Contact the campground directly to make reservations. Mention Spirit of Virginia Rally

Campground info: 540-933-6633. fortvalleyranch@gmail.com

May 18-21, 2023 **Silver in the Street, Abingdon VA** Registration is full, waiting list available

POC Jeff Cutright, Hosted by the 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. Waitlist available

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 Rocksprings, Wyoming**

[WBCCI International Rally 2023 Signup Link](#)

Full hookups registration is full. Waitlist available



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>

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

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

Hosted by the Piedmont State Airstream Club

Save the Date

November 3-6, 2023 Urbanna Oyster Festival 2023, Urbanna, Virginia

Hosted by the Tidewater Club

<https://airstreamclub.org/urbanna-oyster-festival-rally>

November 9 – 12, Grand Finale Rally, Rodanthe, North Carolina,

Save the date. Hosted by the Spirit of Virginia Club

December 2023 NORVA Holiday Party

Date to be announced

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

The NORVA Funnies



LOST AND FOUND: NORVA artifact missing - Tom Carmichael has lost his pink shoe, he won it in a raffle at AlumaLine, October, 2022 in Marion North Carolina. It was then passed around to about 30 people throughout the evening at the very boozy NORVA campfire for everyone to admire and we believe it was then left on his small outdoor table next to his beer jug for the night. No one has seen it since...if you know the whereabouts of this important NORVA relic, please email norvanews@gmail.com so we can begin negotiations for its safe return, no questions asked....

-----End of the NORVA Funnies Section -----



We want you at the Maintenance Rally

You are an expert, yes YOU!!

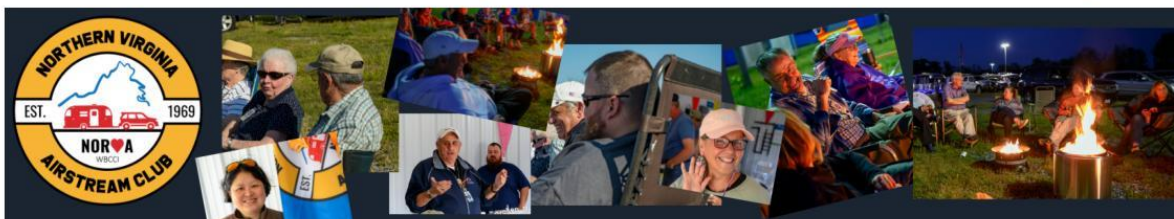
Propose a Show and Tell Idea – if your proposal is selected, you show and tell at the rally and win a prize – it's that simple! Do you have to show and tell to attend the Rally, No, of course not, but don't you want a prize and bragging rights? Below are some examples – pick one or come up with your own:

1. *Do you have a few favorite RV gadgets or Tow Vehicle electronics? Tell us about them*
 - a. *Levelmate*
 - b. *Tire Pressure Monitoring System*
 - c. *Thermostat – Micro-Air EasyTouch*
 - d. *Starlink*
 - e. *TV Antenna*
 - f. *Security and Door locks*
2. *How do I Winterize or De-Winterize*
3. *Its Electric – a Tutorial*
4. *Shitter's Full – Lessons Learned*
5. *Tires and Lug Nuts – Things that go round and round.*
6. *Battery – a case study*
7. *Everything you wanted to know about Propane but was afraid to ask.*
8. *The Walk-Around the airstream – what in the world are we supposed to be looking at?*
9. *Hitches – the good the bad and the ugly*
10. *Do you travel with dogs? Show us how you fit everything you need for your fur-baby in the airstream. Waggle – Doggie Temperature Monitor. Dog Hair and Furnace Vents*
11. *Did you renovate or modify your airstream? Add or remove furniture? Show Me*
12. *Decorating Tips - Custom cushions, throws, or curtains.*
13. *Are you an Organizer? Show us your airstream Storage Tips*
14. *Honey, I need more Tools – what do you recommend?*
15. *How to Maintain your water filter, hoses*
16. *How to Maintain your Furnace.*
17. *Do I need a Generator? Wait I have to maintain this thing?*
18. *Airstream Camping - Cooking and Tastings – we have some great cooks*
19. *Airstream Camping - Beverage Preparation and Tastings – come on shake those margaritas.*
20. *How to park an airstream and have your significant other still be speaking to you afterwards – yes this one is my favorite...*
21. *Roofs, Seals, Windows, and Doors*



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:

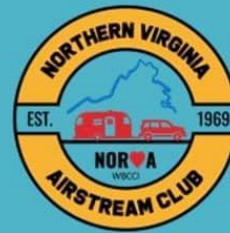
Site fee: \$ 90

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.

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

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.

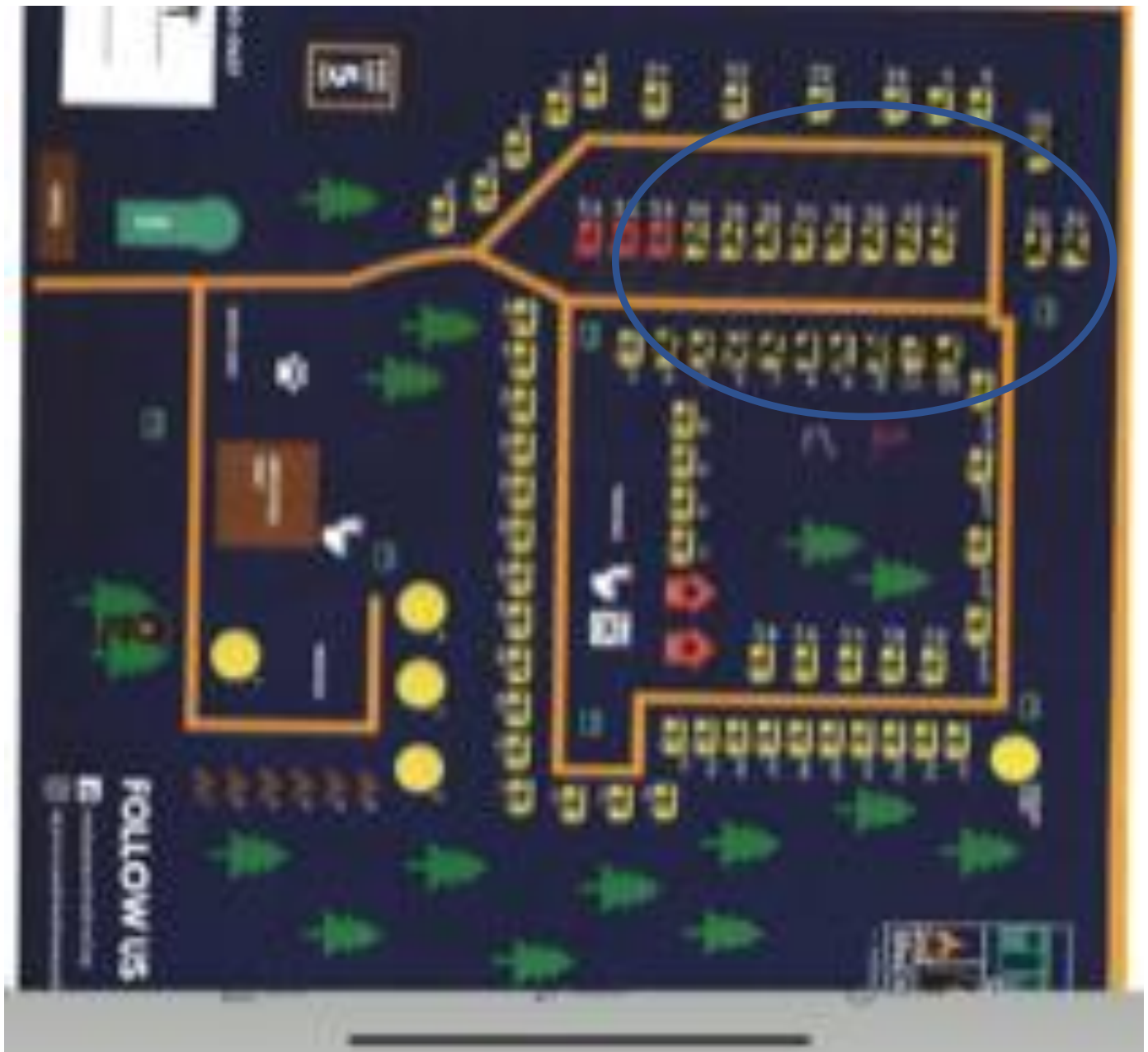
Special Discounted Price:

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

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



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



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