

The Road Awaits

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Your Editor has been on the road since June 7

There is a LOT to report since our last newsletter.

The road has been both long and rewarding. Many of you know me as the Conductor of the Airstream Club International Concert Band. Our Band and Chorus at International in Rock Springs was the Best Ever. We rose to a professional level. I'm so proud.

Some of you also know me as one of the leaders of 2023 Airstream Oregon Trail Caravan. We pulled hard to get back to the Missouri River after Rock Springs to begin the Caravan on July 5.

Here's my attempt to Catch Up for you!



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President's Corner

Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club - The Fun Group

July 2023 President's Letter

Hello all,

It's been a very eventful spring and summer. Caravans, Rallys and the International. Members traveling from coast to coast and border to border. We hope that everyone's travels have been safe. Now we're in the dog days of summer and looking to making through the heat and into the fall.

With great sadness, we announce the passing of Kay Bowman. Kay has been a long-time member of SofVA and participated in probably more events than most of us can imagine. She will be sorely missed. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Devin and the rest of the Bowman family.

Save the dates:

- Club Annual Meeting - September 9, 2023 – 1:00 pm
The home of Jon Rathke and Christine Ottersberg
1366 Rhue Hollow Road, Roseland VA 22967

Agenda:

Election of Officers and Board members for next year

BBQ lunch – Jon will be preparing BBQ. Please bring a side dish.

Beverages will be provided.

- Rally of the Presidents (previously called the Madison Vines Rally) – October 6-8, 2023 - **The proximity to the homes and historical locations of Presidents Madison, Jefferson and Monroe are the impetus for the Rally name. More details on the following pages.**

- *President Bob Sachs* — BRN 6384

FuturePlanning

An Overview of Fun, Fellowship, and Learning

August 6-13- Pg 5

Galax Fiddlers Rally - Cool Breeze CG

September 21-24 - Pg 6

Commonwealth State Rally - Endless Caverns - New Market, VA

October 6-8 - here + 7

Rally of the Presidents. Full Hook Ups. Madison Vines Campground, Madison VA. Contact the campground directly to make your reservation. Please tell them you are with the Spirit of Virginia Club.. Loop 800. Feel free to arrive early and stay late if you'd like. 10% discount for Rally Members.

Presidents Rally fee - \$10.00 per person

FRIDAY

- Potluck dinner
- Games and socializing after dinner.

SATURDAY

- Continental Breakfast provided by the Club.
- Free time during the day. Please see the list of activities and attractions in the area on the next page.
- Dinner at the Bavarian Chef at 5:30

<https://thebavarianchef.com/>

SUNDAY

- Continental Breakfast provided by the Club.
- Depart for home

Rally of Presidents schedule:

- Madison County
 - Old Rag Mountain (tickets required)
 - Dark Hollow Falls
 - Vineyards
 - Madison County Wines
 - Revalation Vineyards
 - Prince Michel Winery
 - Ducard Vineyards
 - Blue Quartz Winery
- Culpeper
 - Town of Culpeper
 - Downtown for shopping and dining
 - Davis Street
 - Main Street
 - Culpeper Museum and Depot
 - Graffiti House – (Brandy Station)
 - Vineyards
 - Old House Run Vineyard
 - Mountains Run Winery
- Orange County
 - Montpelier – Home of James Madison
- Charlottesville
 - The Rotunda – University of Virginia
 - Michie Tavern
 - Ashlawn
 - Monticello
 - James Monroe’s Highland

[87th Old Fiddlers Convention Rally – Aug 6-13](#)

We camp at Cool Breeze Campground - Full Hook Ups

YOU make your camping reservation yourself, AND Do It Now!

2330 Edmonds Rd, Galax, VA 24333-4170 - (276) 236-0300



87th Annual Old Fiddlers Convention

Our own Joe and Christine Baum are hosting the gang for this marvelous event. Make plans to attend now by reserving a camping spot at Cool Breeze directly.

More Information to follow. Minimal rally fee = pay on site.

Addmission to the Convention is in addition to the Rally Fee. The prices vary by day of the week. See Website here: <https://www.oldfiddlersconvention.com/tickets.htm>

Bring lawn chairs, usually one for the Convention which you leave there all week, and one for the Campground to enjoy the nightly entertainment.



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**

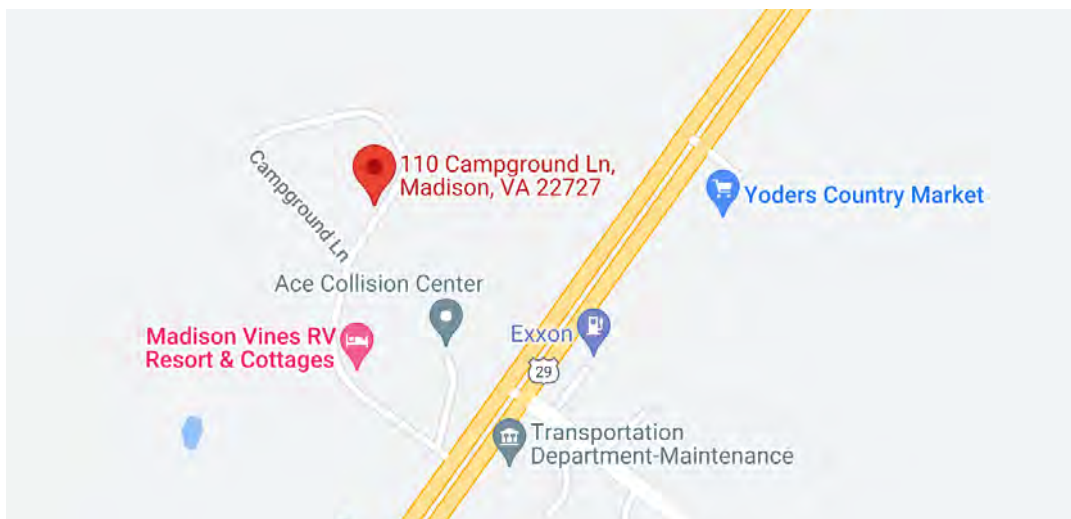
Please feel free to leave a voicemail message for Lisa Mannon. She is prompt at returning phone calls during business hours.

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**

Rally of the Presidents - October 6-8

Madison Vines RV Resort has it all: <https://madisonvinesrvresortandcottages.com/>

- 1 Three styles of Amish hand crafted cottages (studios, one bedroom, and two bedroom);
- 2 Full hook up RV sites with 20/30 and 50 amp service available, decent WiFi and cable TV;
- 3 A huge pool and spa with an outdoor shower, comfortable deck furniture, colored umbrellas; a kids "bubbler pad"; and an adult "whale station" to lounge chest high in the water;
- 4 Half court basketball with an adjustable hoop height;
- 5 A full tournament worthy beach volleyball court with 18" deep pure white sand;
- 6 An outdoor, lighted "teen tent" with pool tables, ping pong tables, foosball, big four, cornhole, and air hockey;
- 7 Two side by side, regulation pickleball courts set in the gently shaded woods;
- 8 Two leash-free dog park areas;
- 9 A free breakfast every Sunday morning with coffee and juice, serving either pancakes, waffles or eggs.



Virginia Airstreamers @ Rock Springs 2023



Passing the Baton to another Virginian - Mindy Downie

Your Conductor of the Airstream Club International Concert Band is NOW Melinda Downie as Greg Heuer passes the baton to her for the Sedalia International.



Melinda Downie (Mindy) is a proud alumni of Bridgewater College in Virginia. She retired in 2019 following a 31 year career as a middle school band director in Roanoke.

Mindy is married to Steve and they are enjoying the airstream life traveling the country with their Spoodle Josie. When at home, she enjoys spending time with her grown children, gardening and playing in their church praise band.

She is very excited to be conducting the Airstream Club International Concert Band.

