

The Road Awaits

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For Linda and Greg

- 10,828 miles pulling
- 18 States
- 37 Camps

Fiddling, Commonwealth, Presidents - You all had a blast while we were gone.

The road certainly *awaited* Linda and I this summer. Combining the International, the Band, and the 2023 Airstream Oregon Trail Caravan into one summer was a LOT, and that's two summers in a row for multiple cross-county adventures.

We made it to the End of The Trail and we got home exhausted.

Of course, we've recovered and we are ready for more adventures in the Silver Otter III with our Favorite People - YOU!

Read on and **mark your calendars to join us.** There are so many names we need to put with faces this year.

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President's Corner

As the leaves fall and the barn beckons, it is time to applaud the efforts of last year's Spirit of Virginia Board. Bob and Lisa Sachs and their team did an amazing job coordinating last year's activities and events—from Cinco de Mayo to Madison Vines. As usual, Greg Heuer kept us informed by publishing and distributing our newsletter. John D'Atre continues to provide us with an active internet presence. A master of persuasion, Joe Baum was able to pull together a nominating committee, and more importantly a solid slate of officers for this year. Of course, Janie Tarrant continues to grease the financial wheels of the club as "Treasurer for Life".

The bar has been set high, but as your new President I will attempt to meet the challenge of leading "The Fun Bunch". I will need your help to keep our club glowing and growing. Spirit of Virginia (SOV) has 50 (fifty) registered member rigs and yet for any of rallies we may only see 12 -15. Recently I reviewed our roster (downloaded from the WBCCI website), I could honestly say I only knew a third of the members listed not counting the affiliates. I know I need to do a better job in welcoming and integrating new members into our club. I believe this is our biggest challenge—transitioning "new members" into "active members".

Please take a minute to review our Schedule for 2024 and plan to attend as many rallies as possible. Do make your reservations with the campground and the POC for the rally as soon as possible. Download a club roster for the WBCCI website. Identify and connect with a member who is near to you but is also new to you. The more engaging events we hold, the more active members we will have, the more new members will join.

I am here to listen to your concerns. Send me your ideas...and complaints. We are going down this road together.

- *President Ken Tarrant*

Future Planning

An Overview of Fun, Fellowship, and Learning

| Year | Date | Rally | Location | POC |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2023 | 9-12 Nov | Grand Finale Rally | Camp Hatteras, Rodanthe | Nancy Lawn |
| 2023 | 2 Dec | Christmas Luncheon | Southern Kitchen, New Market, VA | Lisa Sachs |
| 2024 | TBD-Jan | Plan 2025 Luncheon | TBD | Ken Tarrant |
| 2024 | 10 or 17 Feb | Valentine Lunch TBD | Bowman Home, Harrisonburg, VA | Devin Bowman |
| 2024 | 14-17 Mar | Shamrock Ides Rally | Misty Mountain Camp, Greenwood, VA | Janeene Rider |
| 2024 | 6-8 Apr | Maintenance Rally | Urbana, VA, (dry camping) | NORVA |
| 2024 | 17-21 Apr | Region 3 Rally | Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA | Christine Baum |
| 2024 | 3-5 May | Cinco de Mayo Rally | Fort Valley Ranch | Bob Sachs |
| 2024 | 31 May-2 Jun | Sherando Rally | Sherando Lake, VA | Jon Rathke\Joe Baum |
| 2024 | 17-14 July | Salute America Rally | Pipestem Resort, WV | TBD |
| 2024 | 4-11 Aug | Fiddler's Convention | Cool Breeze, Galax, VA | Christine Baum |
| 2024 | 17 August | Annual Club Meeting | Rathke\Ottersberg Home, Roseland, VA | Jon\Christine |

It's Our Year to host the Commonwealth - The Fun Group can Do It!

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| 2024 | 5-8 Sep | Commonwealth Rally | Madison Vines RV Resort, Madison, VA | Ken Tarrant |
| 2024 | 6-10 Oct | International Rally | Sedalia, MO - It's close; shall we Caravan out? | |
| 2024 | 4-6 Oct | Warbirds Rally | Pungo, VA , (dry camping—private) | Nancy Lawn |
| 2024 | 7-10 Nov | Grand Finale Buddy Rally | Camp Hatteras | TBD |

As with all things "calendar" related - Schedule subject to change. Stay turned.



NOTICE - for those of you who haven't signed up for the **Grand Finale Rally**, but might still be considering, there are still camping openings.

As we wind down the camping season in Virginia, don't forget our GRAND FINALE RALLY on the outer banks.



Where: Camp Hatteras, Rodanthe, NC.

When: Nov. 9-12, 2023.

Don't call the campsite general number, call Jen at (252) 987-2777, jen@camphatteras.com

Jen is the only person who can make your reservations for the rally. Her days off are Wednesday and Thursday,

Here is the rough schedule of the events:

Thursday: Dinner at the Froggy Dog (Cost is on your own, not included in the Rally Fee)

Friday Evening: Bring light snacks/BYOB for social hour and a movie featuring: *Nights In Rodanthe*

Saturday: Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, bacon and fruit (Covered by Rally Fee)

Afternoon: Crafts led by the lovely and talented ladies: Christine Baum and Janie Tarrant

Dinner: The famous Meatloaf Mania competition continues. Enter your favorite meatloaf to win the honors of carrying the Meatloaf Mascot Trophy on your Airstream Adventures for a year. This is a potluck dinner.

Sunday: Breakfast: Light Snacks before departure (Covered by Rally Fee)

[2023 Christmas Holiday Luncheon Social](#) [December 2, 2023 starting at 12:30 PM](#)

A new venue this year - The wonderful Southern Kitchen in New Market, VA

Founded in 1955 by the Newland family, Southern Kitchen has been serving historic New Market, VA with their family style dining for over 65 years. The classic southern cooking makes this restaurant a local favorite, as well as a great destination for visitors, but the southern hospitality is what keeps them coming back time and time again. Southern Kitchen is committed to keeping traditions and the old school recipes alive for the next 65 years.



Please join us between 12-12:30 PM for a casual meet, greet, and eat. (No presents)

9576 South Congress Street
New Market, VA, US 22844

(540) 740-3514

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR
RESERVATION:

[Club RSVP Jot Form](#)

View the menu at this link:

<https://southernkitchenva.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SK-Menu.pdf>



SHAMROCK IDES RALLY
Misty Mountain Camp Resort
March 14-17, 2024



Who doesn't like a good reason to rally to herald Spring's arrival? Come out and join us March 14-17, 2024, to see what happens when Julius Ceasar meets St. Patrick! *Hint:* Think Toga Party, Green Eggs & Ham, Corn Beef & Cabbage w/Green Beer & Irish Whiskey, etc. A "spirits" tasting event featuring local fare from area wineries, breweries and distilleries is also being planned.

You'll want to reserve your spot soon at Misty Mountain Camp Resort at 56 Misty Mountain Road in Greenwood, VA, before they are all gone. **Sites 1 through 25B have been set aside at a 10% discount for this Spirit of Virginia Airstream Rally. Call Misty Mountain now at (540) 456-6409** to grab one of these full hook-up sites (including Wi-Fi access & cable) while you still can... and may the luck of the Irish be with you!

A daily schedule of rally activities and club JotForm signup sheet will be circulated well in advance of the rally. Meanwhile, don't forget to reserve your campsite today directly with Misty Mountain Camp Resort – be sure to tell them you are with the Airstream group to get one of the discounted sites. After you've made your reservation with the campground, please send a note to one of the rally hosts at janeenerider@gmail.com to let them know your confirmed site number.

Whether you are new to Airstreaming or a lifetime member; new to this or another Airstream Club or have belonged for generations; have never been to a rally or attend multiple rallies a year...*or are just looking for something different* – don't miss this one! You'll be glad you did, as all are welcome and sure to have fun.