



NORVA NEWS

January 2024

Message from the President

We have some exciting events in the coming year. Please check the calendar for dates and points of contact.

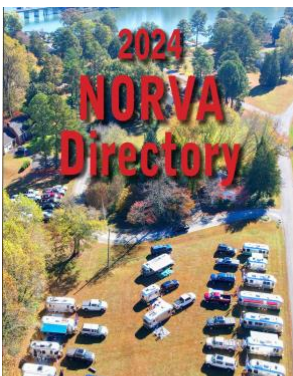
We have been asked by Christine Baum, Region 3 President, to handle the parking for the Region 3 Rally which will be held at the Meadow Event Park April 17 to 21, 2024. I am looking for volunteers to be on the parking committee. We will be parking approximately 150 trailers on the grounds of the Meadow Event Park. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this task.

During the Commonwealth Rally we held a raffle to support a local charity in the Shenandoah area. We chose Anicura which is a no kill veterinary service. We raised \$950.00 for them. Their thank you letter is attached.

Gerry Nagel, NORVA President

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Arriving at your home's mailbox in February

The 2024 edition of the Club's annual membership directory arrives next month! Mailed to all NORVA members, the colorful new publication is filled with information and photos. It lists member-households officially on NORVA's roster as of Jan. 1, 2024. It provides contact information for every member, WBAC headquarters staff, and key NORVA, International, and Region 3 officers. Additionally, the booklet features an updated list of repair and customization shops for servicing your treasured Airstream, a directory of Airstream-only parks, travel tips, and much more.

Many members have said they would like two copies of the Directory—one to have at home and another to keep in the Airstream. The first copy is sent to you at no additional cost, as a part of the 2024 Club dues you paid. A second copy can be purchased by sending a check for \$9.00 to cover printing and mailing. So, if you want to get two copies of the 2024 NORVA Directory, make your \$9.00 check out to "NORVA Airstream Club" and mail it to: Lew Brodsky, Directory Editor, 6829 Ridgeway Drive, Springfield, VA 22150. **Your check must reach Lew by Jan. 22nd**, so the additional copies can be printed and included in the February distribution.

NORVA Holiday Luncheon



The holiday season is not just about decorations and gifts; it's about forging connections, creating memories, and sharing moments of warmth. In a quaint corner of our community, members gathered for a holiday luncheon that transcended the ordinary, thanks to the charming setting of Edward and Beth Jones' home.

Amidst the glittering lights and festive decor, NORVA friends came together, bringing the spirit of camaraderie that defines our unique community. The Jones' graciously opened their doors to welcome friends into a cozy haven of holiday cheer.

The luncheon was a delightful blend of seasonal flavors and shared laughter. As conversations flowed seamlessly from one topic to another, stories of adventures on the road were exchanged. It was a moment to reflect on the journeys taken, both on wheels and in life, and to appreciate the friendships that had blossomed along the way. Whether gathered around a festive table laden with delicious treats or lounging in the comfortable glow of the living room, the NORVA friends created a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

As the day unfolded, it became evident that this holiday luncheon was more than just a gathering – it was a celebration of shared experiences and the enduring bonds that form when like-minded individuals come together.

A heartfelt thank you echoed through the air, not just for the delicious food and the festive ambiance but for the friendships that had been deepened and the memories that had been created.

In the spirit of the season, this holiday luncheon with NORVA friends was a reminder that, no matter where the road takes us, the connections we make along the way are what truly make the journey special. Looking forward to 2024!





New Member Introductions

As the new year begins, we wanted to take a moment and welcome a few of our newest members to the NORVA family. We thought it a good idea to have them introduce themselves, looking forward to meeting everyone in person.

Alan and Jill Rabb

Alan and Jill have been married for 37 years. An interesting fact is that they used to double date but each of them had a different boyfriend and girlfriend. Fate brought them together not too long after they both found themselves single again. Although they both moved around a bit as children they both have been in Atlanta for 50+ years. They have two children – Chase a sales executive in Orlando Florida and Spencer a CPA that lives and works in Atlanta. Their first grandchild was born this May!! They also have two dogs – a Maltese - Bogey (they live on a golf course) and a Morkie – Bella. They live in Greensboro, Georgia about 90 minutes East of Atlanta. They enjoy rooting for the Auburn Tigers and watching as much College football as they can – War Damn Eagle!!!!

Alan's hobbies include golf, photography, reading, traveling and a passion for swimming that spans 50 years – he has swum from Alcatraz to San Francisco 3 times. Jill's hobbies include knitting, crafts, reading, traveling, photography, biking and shopping. Alan & Jill purchased their first RV in 2017 – a Class A motor-coach – 1 long trip to Texas and they decided it was time to look for something simpler. In 2018 they bought a 27-foot Globetrotter – in this RV they were heading down the Florida turnpike and were struck by lightning – Airstream was OK but the truck never recovered. They say the third time is the charm and "Winston" their 30 foot Classic Airstream officially joined their family to stay in February 2020. They have logged about 15,000 miles in Winston so far and look forward to many more adventures.

We got our Airstream this summer, after many years of thinking about what it would be like to have one. We were able to get a 2022 Pottery Barn this summer and we have enjoyed it this fall. We especially enjoyed learning about all the systems on the Airstream, especially all the components that work with our lithium batteries and solar system. As retired military, we spent some time at the Fort Belvoir Travel camp for a shakedown trip. Since then we visited the Mountain Top RV Campground just outside of Pittsburgh and a trip to the Harrisonburg/Shenandoah Valley KOA. We spent much of November at the Nashville KOA, staying at the Crossville/I-40 KOA and the Wytheville KOA along the way. We are both retired military, although not completely retired yet. Mary Lou works as a consultant at Accenture Federal Services (AFS) and Andy teaches at Marymount University. We have a daughter Catherine who is an Army Captain and a son Oscar who is finishing up at Berklee College of Music in Boston. We are looking forward to venturing out on some new adventures in the spring and attending some rallies with the club.



Andrew and Mary-Lou Hall



Jim Johnston & Dori Schatell



Jim Johnston & Dori Schatell are high school sweethearts who've been married for 41 years and campers for 33, first in a Pop-Up, then a Gypsy Vardo we designed for Civil War Reenacting (Dori reads hands and Jim plays Faro). Finally, a love of flamingos and all things vintage (and Jim's formaldehyde allergy) led us to buy Serena, a '56 Caravanner, and have her remodeled, using green materials. We live in Catonsville, MD, and found NORVA when we accidentally attended your Maintenance Rally, which was the same day as our MidAtlantic group's, and had so much fun that we joined as affiliates and went to the Commonwealth Rally! When that group folded recently, we switched to NORVA.

Events that are right around the corner

On **February 11, 2024**, the NORVA Super Bowl Party will be held at the home of Pete and Elizabeth West. Details to follow.

On **March 9, 2024**, NORVA will hold its annual New Members Rally at the Lost Rhino Brewing Company, located at 21730 Red Rum Drive, Suite #142, Chantilly, VA 20147. The rally will begin at 11:30 am and will feature a taco bar (with a vegetarian option) and a cash bar featuring Lost Rhino's great beers. A JotForm link will be provided as we get closer to the date of the event.

Register today for the Williamsburg Rally – May 2nd – 5th 2024!

Calling all history buffs!

This year, we are adding a new rally to Williamsburg, VA, hosted by NORVA club members and Williamsburg residents, Elizabeth and Drew Morgan, at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park campground from Thursday, May 2nd through Sunday, May 5th, 2024. If you can't make it down Thursday, Friday arrival works too. The park is located 1 mile from the confluence of the Chickahominy and James Rivers and is large, open, and well off the highway, located next to the Virginia Capital Bike Trail, which runs from Richmond to Jamestown paralleling John Tyler Highway. The campground is convenient to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown Settlement, Jamestown Island archeological digs, the Colonial Parkway, Yorktown Battlefields, Busch Gardens, John Tyler's Presidential home, plantations and wineries along the James, local breweries, and a bunch of restaurants and other fun things to do in the area.

Itinerary:

Thursday: afternoon check-in and early evening BYOB and snacks Welcome Happy Hour.

Friday: individual or group exploration, tours, or activities with end-of-day meet-ups at a local brewery.



Saturday: individual or group activities; dinner TBD. *Sunday:* individual or group activity and departure.

The campground has 80 sites: roughly half are full hook-ups (\$57.48/night tax included) and the rest are water and electric (\$43.68/night). The dog-friendly (leashed) campground also hosts a newly renovated 290-foot fishing pier, is great for canoeing and kayaking, has covered pavilions, and a bathhouse with an upgraded heat and hot water system.

To register, use the following link. The hosts suggest registering before the end of January 2024. The goal is 15 rigs, but more are welcome if campground space is available. Let the campground know you are with the Airstream party and they will group us close together.

Registration: <https://www.jamestowncitycountyva.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Chickahominy-Riverfront-Park-2>

Campground map: <https://www.jamestowncitycountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2264/Chickahominy-Riverfront-Park-Campground-Map-PDF>

Please contact **Elizabeth and Drew** for questions and when registered at amorg210@gmail.com or 747-849-2219.

Register Now for the NORVA 2024 ENDLESS SUMMER CARAVAN

Join us for the 2024 Endless Summer Caravan, where immediate openings await your adventurous spirit! Embark on a summer journey along the picturesque US southeastern coast, spanning from North Carolina to Georgia, from **July 10th to July 21st**. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

Time is of the essence, with high demand for campsites, so we encourage you to sign up as soon as possible. Secure your spot with a \$1,520 deposit by no later than February 25th. Additionally, anticipate a kitty fee of around \$300 per person due later as we approach the trip.

While our detailed itinerary is still in the works, we're planning a minimum of three-day stops at four locations and an overnight stay en route. Our reserved campsites include OBX Campground in Outer Banks, Emerald Isle NC, an en-route stop near Myrtle Beach, a five-day stay near Charleston, and three days at Hilton Head.

Aside from enjoying the beautiful beaches at each location, we have exciting activities lined up. Explore the Wright Brothers Memorial in OBX, visit The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, and experience the historical charm of Fort Macon State Park. During our extended stay in the Charleston area, expect special events such as a visit to Fort Sumter, downtown shopping, and leisure time on the beaches outside Charleston. Our journey concludes at Hilton Head National RV Resort with a memorable end-of-trip luau.

[Endless Summer Caravan Registration](#)

Don't hesitate! Secure your spot now by registering at the link above. The Endless Summer Caravan is led by James Oxley, 2nd VP of ACNORVA.

In Memoriam

As we bid farewell to a year filled with cherished moments and shared joys, it is with heavy hearts that we also acknowledge the losses we've endured. The past twelve months have been a journey marked by both celebration

and sorrow, weaving a tapestry of memories that encapsulate the depth of human experience. Join us in remembering the highs and lows that defined this chapter, as we honor the lives that touched ours and left an indelible mark on our hearts.



Della Fra Hoosier, age 83, loving mother of four, and a devoted wife for over 62 years to Wilburn Cecil Hoosier, passed away in her home on Friday, June 9, 2023. Della was born on January 8, 1940 to her mother Nada Blevins (Baisden) and her father, Clarence Victor Blevins, in Crockett, Virginia. Her maternal grandparents were Wilburn Amos Baisden and Lucinda Baisden. Her paternal grandparents were Wilburn Isaac Blevins and Minnie Huffman Blevins. She was the eldest of five children and her childhood was spent in Virginia and West Virginia. Della married Cecil in 1961, and they moved their family to northern Virginia in 1964 for better opportunities. Most of Della's career was working for the Department of the Army as a computer programmer. She retired from the Pentagon in 2002 after 32 years. Della was very passionate about studying the Bible and being involved with the church, helping with women and children's ministries. She enjoyed traveling, and was in all 50 states, 36 countries, and five continents. Della was preceded in death by her parents Clarence Victor Blevins and Nada Blevins (Baisden).

Della is survived by her husband, Wilburn Cecil Hoosier, and their four children, Deborah (Mark) Ruef, Wilburn Hoosier, Sharron (Vicente) Guadarrama, and Danny (Sandra) Hoosier. Her grandchildren, Alica Ruef, Taylor (Zane) Lester, Hannah Hoosier, Andres and Jose (Heather) Guadarrama, Tucker (Nicole) Hoosier, Wyatt and Grace Hoosier. Her great-grandchildren Jasmine (Josh) Guadarrama, Cruz Guadarrama, Lukas Bermudez, Angel Guadarrama, Braxton and Westlyn Lester, and Walker Hoosier. Her siblings Nada Hall, Dortha Williamson, Wilburn Blevins, and Phillip (Patricia) Blevins. Della was a committed member to NORVA for many years, she served as Secretary of Region 3 for 6 years and she was newsletter editor for NORVA for more years than Cecil can remember. Although a superstar in her own right, she and Cecil were quite the couple. They served on the Airstream International Electrical Committee for 10 year and were the official photographers for International Airstream rallies for 4 years.



Jane Anita Lasley Quinn, beloved wife and mother, died at home in Culpeper, Virginia, on December 26, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. She was 81. Born in Front Royal to Alice (Seay) and John O. Lasley on November 20, 1942, she spent most of her youth in the Shenandoah Valley. Jane was graduated from Clarke County High School before attending Westhampton College (University of Richmond) where she earned a B.A. in English and met her husband Kevin. Jane and Kevin lived in Richmond for over twenty years, raising their family in Chesterfield County. During that time Jane earned a M.Ed. from Virginia Commonwealth University, after which she taught social studies and worked as a librarian for the New Community School in Richmond. Upon moving to Culpeper in the late 1980s, Jane worked at Floyd T. Binns Elementary School and later at the Corner Shelf Bookstore. She was a member of Culpeper United Methodist Church, the Culpeper Minute Men Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Northern Virginia Airstream Group, and the United Federation of Doll Clubs. Jane

had an insatiable curiosity about the world and loved to travel and read. She was a prolific correspondent and the glue that kept friends and family together. Jane is survived by her husband of 57 years, Kevin W. Quinn; her daughter Kathleen M. Quinn and son-in-law David H. Kime of Highland Heights, Kentucky; her daughter Stephanie (Quinn) and son-in-law Jason Lawrence of Fairfax; and her three grandsons Zachary Q., Ryan H., and Evan J. Lawrence, all of Fairfax. She was preceded in death by her parents and a twin brother, John O. Lasley, Jr.



Anicira

Northern Virginia Airstream
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Dear Northern Virginia Airstream,

Thank you for your generous support of Anicira and our effort to end animal suffering. Your gift of \$950.00, received on 10/31/2023, will help us provide life-saving veterinary care for sick and injured pets, nutritious meals for cats and dogs who would otherwise go hungry, and financial assistance for the most vulnerable members of our community.

We receive requests to assist sick and injured pets every day. Anicira is the only veterinary center in western Virginia investing substantial resources towards providing free and subsidized care. By providing accessible and affordable veterinary care, we are helping the pets who need us the most - cats and dogs with nowhere else to go for assistance.

With your support, we are able to save the lives of dogs like Chewy, a beautiful brown 3-year-old mixed breed dog who was attacked by another dog. The attack left Chewy with multiple wounds and an infection so severe that our veterinary team was unsure if he would survive. After a two-month battle and many follow-up appointments, Chewy fully recovered from his injuries and now lives a happy life with his mom. Chewy's care was covered by Sashi's Fund, which is supported by donors like you and provides pet parents financial assistance with any medically necessary veterinary care.

On behalf of the entire Anicira team, thank you for supporting our work to help every pet live a happier and healthier life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Chavez".

Dan Chavez
Operations Coordinator

— Thank you! —



NORVA Calendar of Events 2024

February

Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024
NORVA Super Bowl Party
Hosts: Pete and Elizabeth West
Save the date! Details to follow.

March

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024
New Member Rally
Host: Bob Nickel
Lost Rhino Brewing Company
21730 Red Rum Drive #142
Ashburn, VA 20147
Save the date! Details to follow.

April

Date: April 5-7, 2024
NORVA Maintenance Rally
Host: Tom Carmichael
Registration:
<https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2024-maintenance-rally>

Date: April 17-21, 2024
Region 3 'Streams and Meadows
Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA
Save the date! Details to follow.

May

NORVA Williamsburg Rally
Date: May 2-5, 2024
Chickahominy Riverfront Park Campground
1350 John Tyler Hwy.
Williamsburg, VA 23185
Hosts: Elizabeth and Drew Morgan
Registration:
<https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2024-chickahominy-riverfront-park-rally>

Persimmon Hill Rally
Date: May 9-12, 2024
Round Hill, VA
Hosts: Pete and Elizabeth West
Save the date! Details to follow.

June

Date: June 7-9, 2024
NORVA River Rally
Spacious Skies Campground
Hosts: Doug and Gail Perkins
Co-Hosts: Bob and Wendy Nickel
Registration:
<https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2024-river-rally>

July

Date: July 10-21, 2024
NORVA 2024 Endless Summer Caravan
Jim Oxley Caravan Leader
A caravan spanning the southeastern coast from North Carolina to Georgia.
Contact Jim Oxley, NORVA2024Caravan@gmail.com
with questions or comments.
Registration:
<https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2024-endless-summer-caravan>

August

Date: August 6-12, 2024
Old Fiddlers Convention
Galax, VA
National Event Rally
Registration:
<https://airstreamclub.org/2024-galax-old-fiddlers-rally-national-event-rally>



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



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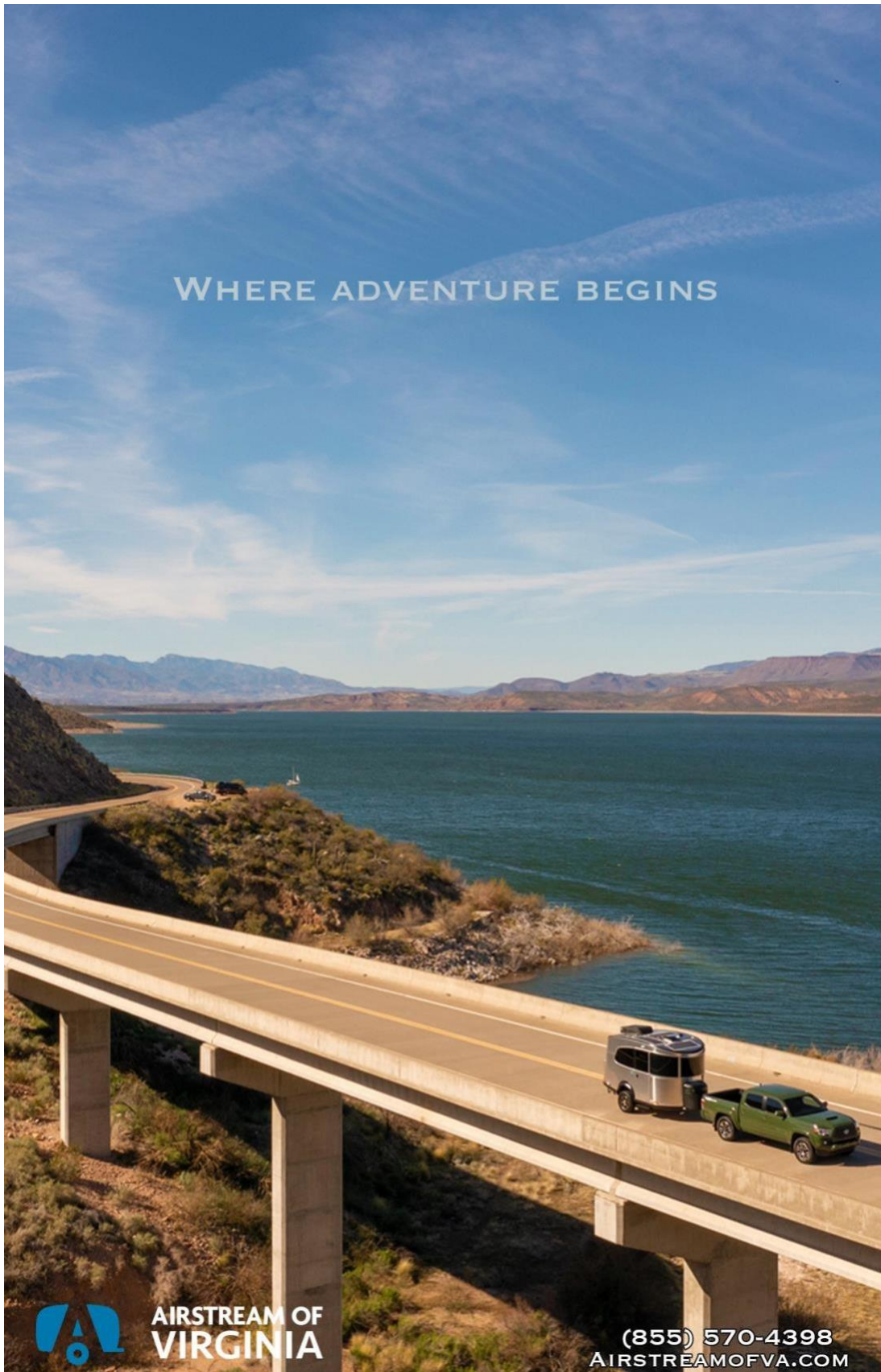
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