

TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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From The President

Greetings Tidewater Airstreamers and welcome to 2024,

I hope you all had a blessed and wonderful holiday season and are resting up for our 2024 camping adventures. Jayne and I spent the holidays entertaining family and friends and are now catching up on a long to-do list, which included winterizing our Airstream. I highly recommend that you do that if you haven't already done so. It's easy to do and takes no more than an hour to complete.

Thank you, Greg Worcester, for assembling another great club directory. Our club now has 72 members (65 regular members and 7 affiliate). These numbers are based on the WBCCI database and online club directory. Only current members are included in the WBCCI directory so keep that in mind when it's time to renew your membership.

If you have not reserved a site for the 2024 Commonwealth Rally, now is the time to do so. This year's rally is being hosted by the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club. It will be in September and held at the Madison Vines RV Resort and Cottages campground near Charlottesville. Information regarding the rally is included on page 4 of this newsletter. Also, please review our 2024 Club Rally schedule and make your campsite reservations as early as possible to ensure you are able to secure a campsite.

One of our club's committee positions is Webmaster. Jojo Lotuaco has done a great job in this position for several years and is ready to pass on the responsibility. If you are interested or would like more information about the position, please contact Jojo directly.

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Tidewater Club

Officers

President - Frank Munoz
First Vice President - Rosemary Plum
Second Vice President - Kathleen Holschuh
Treasurer - Richard Duncan
Recording Secretary - Ellie Worcester
Past President - Greg Worcester
Trustee - Rhonda Evans
Trustee - Janea Whitacre

Standing Committee Chairs

Constitution and Bylaws - Don Shafer
Club Directory - Greg & Ellie Worcester
Membership - Joanna Duncan
Newsletter Editor - Phoebe Richards
Nominating - Ed Whitacre
Safety - Larry Evans
Sunshine - Ellie Worcester
Webmaster - Jojo Lotuaco

Kelly Holschuh has established a private [Facebook page](#) for the club. This will be an easy way to share camping experiences, technical information, communicate club happenings and anything that would enhance our camping experiences. Stay tuned for more information. Thanks, Kelly, for taking on this project.

A big thank you to Richard and Joanna Duncan for hosting our Christmas Celebration Rally in Williamsburg (photos below). We had a great turn-out and fun was had by all. Also thank you to Beth and Bill Allen for the gifts they made and provided to those who attended. Finally, a big thank you to all who are hosting Rallies this year!

Be safe and see you down the road!

Frank Munoz, Club #111 President



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Christmas Celebration Rally in Williamsburg

Get Connected With Our Facebook Group!



Join the Tidewater Airstream Club's new, private Facebook group for Rally information, camping tips, photos and more!

To join, visit the [Facebook page here](#) and click the "+ Join Group" button on the right.

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to Club #111! Recent new members include:

- Joseph and Christine Baum from Doswell, VA
- Rob and Julie Byers from Norfolk, VA
- Tim Powell and Alicia Hainsworth from Williamsburg, VA
- Michael and Polly Foote from Warsaw, VA
- Sharon Haw from Gaithersburg, MD



CAMPING HIGHLIGHTS

Virginia Airstreamers Come Together

*Club #111 celebrated leadership changes and birthdays at the 2023 Commonwealth Rally.
Submitted by Jayne Munoz.*



Northern Virginia Airstream Club hosted the 2023 Commonwealth Rally from September 21-24. We camped at Endless Caverns Resort in New Market, VA. There were 46 rigs parked up and down the hilly campground, of which 13 were Tidewater Airstream Club #111 members. The campground recreation center provided a great meeting place for breakfasts and dinners, and for the installation of new officers for the four Commonwealth Clubs.

Greg Worcester handed over the reins of leadership to Frank Munoz, who was sworn in as our club's new President, with Rosemary Plum as our First VP and Kathleen Holschuh as our Second VP.

Helene Butte was treated to a very special birthday celebration, as her sister and daughter surprised her by showing up at the campground. They rented a cottage together, and while Helene was busy at the Friday night dinner, they snuck into her trailer and decorated it to the hilt to commemorate her special day.

Side activities included a trip to the Virginia Museum of the Civil War and a tour of Endless Caverns. In addition, there was cornhole, bingo and a Grapes and Grain event at the campground. Despite the 36 hours of wind and rain that Hurricane Ophelia deposited upon us, it was a great rally. We always enjoy seeing old friends and hanging out with our Tidewater and other Virginia Airstream friends.





SAVE THE DATE!



Virginia Commonwealth Rally 2024 Sept. 5-8, 2024



Madison Vines RV Resort and Cottages: www.MadisonVinesRVResort.com
RESERVE YOUR CAMPSITE NOW!!!

The Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club (SOV) will be hosting the Commonwealth Rally at Madison Vines RV Resort the weekend of the Sept. 5-8, 2024.

Madison Vines is a newly renovated RV resort in Madison, VA—between Charlottesville and Ruckersville, VA on Route 29. The campground has been open for a year after a major top to bottom renovation. Upgraded sites and pool, new bathrooms and showers, office, store, meeting rooms and convention hall. SOV just finished a successful rally at Madison Vines the first weekend in October. Everyone raved about the campsites, staff, and the location.

If you are planning to attend the 2024 Commonwealth Rally, it is imperative that you reserve a campsite as soon as possible. This campground has become quite popular. September is one of their busier months. You can register for the rally with the SOV Wagon Master (POC) at a later date but you must reserve your campsite with the campground as soon as possible. The cancellation fee is only \$25, so do not delay.

To reserve a campsite with Madison Vines and receive the Rally Discount you must call in your reservation. Do not use the on-line system. The numbers to call are the following:

Primary number—540-948-4186

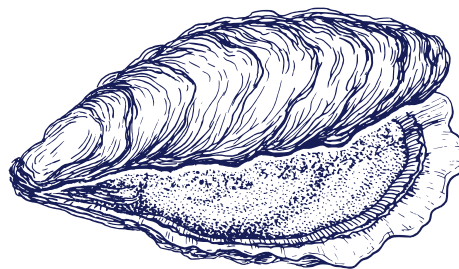
Secondary number—540-948-5161

When you call ask for Jamie McGuire (manager). Let her know that you are with the Airstream Group. They assign campsites based on the length of your rig.

We will be publishing a schedule with a rally fee later this fall.

The World's Your Oyster

*The 2023 Urbanna Oyster Festival offered food and fun.
Submitted by Frank and Jayne Munoz.*



Tidewater Airstream Club 111 hosted the Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally from November 2-5. This is the ninth year Airstreams from Virginia have converged upon the field behind the Urbanna Fire Department, just a short walk to all the activity the festival has to offer. This was the fourth Urbanna Rally Frank and I have attended, and it is always a good test of our “boon-docking” skills since there are no hookups or facilities available at this privately owned field. Our furnaces got a real workout this weekend as the weather was pretty chilly (the first two nights saw temps in the 20's and 30's). Despite the cold nights our Airstreams were nice and cozy.

On Thursday evening, our Tidewater Club hosted a pot-luck happy hour, where we all introduced ourselves and had lots of great conversation and food. Bare End Brewery (compliments of Martin Berend, brewmaster) once again provided delicious home brewed beer on tap. Thank you, Martin!



The festival was great. Virginia Avenue was lined with concession booths selling oysters in every way shape and form (raw, roasted, fried, fritters, po-boys) and crab delicacies (crab cakes, crab balls and crab bisque) and even corn dogs, funnel cake and BBQ (if you didn't go for the seafood). There were lots of crafts for sale. Some great local bands played at three different locations.

We walked to the Urbanna waterfront to see the visiting boats (including the beautiful tall ship, Lynx, from Nantucket), and the historical oystering vessels. Among the sailboats moored in the marina, was Sundown, formerly owned by Gordon Lightfoot. We always enjoy a visit to the Scottish Factor Store Museum on the way to the marina, where the 1755 John Mitchell map (of the Eastern US) is displayed.



This year our Airstream group was treated to a private tour of the historic Landsdowne House. Our tour guide was the home's owner, Colonel A.B. Gravit (USA, Ret.). Landsdowne House is an Early Georgian style brick home and was constructed about 1740. It was the home of diplomat Arthur Lee (1791-1792), who is buried on the property in the family cemetery. Lee helped to negotiate and signed the 1778 Treaty of Alliance, which allied France and the United States together during the American Revolutionary War. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is located in the Urbanna Historic District on Virginia Avenue.

On Friday night, the traditional fire engine parade was held. Fortunately, Frank came equipped with earplugs and generously shared them with those of us who forgot them. Those trucks and emergency vehicles sure are noisy! (Dogs were left back in the trailers for their own good!) On Saturday afternoon, the Festival parade took place, starring high school marching bands, Festival celebrities and the Shriners. I think all the guys wanted to sign up to be a Shriner because they obviously have so much fun wearing fezzes and circling in their mini-NASCAR racers. The Shriners also have amazing pirate and hillbilly floats. Not to mention the wonderful work they do to heal children in their Shriner Hospitals.

As usual, our rally was marked by impromptu get-togethers and happy hours outside our trailers by the light and warmth of a Solo Stove fire. A great time was had by all and we look forward to next year's event!





Fall Foliage At Its Finest

The Duncans enjoy autumn views at the Streamin' In The Gap Rally.

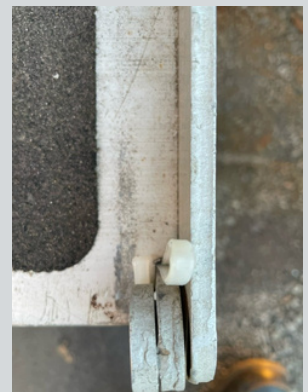


Richard and Joanna Duncan attended the third annual Streamin In The Gap Rally. The rally was well planned and the weekend was perfect. The fall colors here in the Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky area were spectacular!



TECH TIP *Submitted by Tag Gray.*

For those of you that have an uneasy feeling about the folding steps with the bottom step in place, to keep from metal to metal and the slots being made bigger with use of the bottom step you will need 4 zip ties. Fold each zip tie in half and feed up from the bottom of the top step at the pivot point. One will be straight and one will be at an angle. This will reduce the metal against metal friction and will stiffen any loose feeling or uneven bottom step. We used ours for 2 trips so far before needing to be replaced. It's a lot cheaper than the step brace and no kneeling on the ground is needed.



Pocahontas State Park



Pumpkin Spice Rally 2024

Preliminary – Subject to Change (Only for the Better)

Friday, October 18, 2024

Meet and Greet – gather around the campfire
Can you say spiced cider?



Saturday, October 19, 2024

Men's Breakfast

Ladies sleep in – Let the men do the cooking



Walk on the Wild Side Trail Hike



At the Campfire: I'll Show You Mine If you Show Me Yours
Gadgets and Hacks to make camping more fun



Triple B Cowboy Dinner:

Brats, Buns, Beans

Yes, there will be Pumpkin pie



Sunday, October 20, 2024

Coffee and left over pie



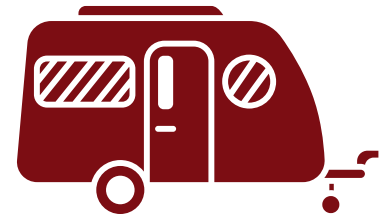
See you down the road

Hurry!

Only a few sites left in our section!

Sign Up – Contact Jean Hogan (757) 472-0857, jandjhogan@aol.com

Upcoming Rallies



February 24: February Restaurant Rally at Williamsburg Winery; lunch at 11 a.m. followed by a winery tour at 1 p.m., hosted by Jim and Elly Brennan - Williamsburg, VA
(RSVP to Jim and Elly Brennan by calling 757-570-3444 or emailing jemsb@aol.com)

April 12-14: North Landing Beach RV Resort & Cottages, hosted by Kelly and Kathleen Holschuh and Darin and Lisa Blatner - Virginia Beach, VA
(Sites available are 624, 625 and 219-223. All units will have to back down to these sites - assistance will be available! Email info@nlbrv.com for reservations and say you're with the Tidewater Airstream Club. Reserve your spot ASAP!)

April 17-21: Streams and Meadows, hosted by Region 3 - Doswell, VA

May 17-19: Fort Monroe, hosted by Bill and Joyce Werner - Hampton, VA

June 7-9: Belle Isle State Park, hosted by Don and Helene Butte - Lancaster, VA

Aug. 2-4: North Bend Park and Campground, hosted by Dave and Rosemary Plum - Boydton, VA
(The Plums plan to reserve site 173 so try to reserve sites 172-182 in USACE North Bend Park, Area C. Reserve your spot on Feb. 2!)

Sept. 5-8: Virginia Commonwealth Rally, hosted by Spirit of Virginia Club

July 12-13: Holiday Trav-L-Park, hosted by Greg and Ellie Worcester (site 402) - Virginia Beach, VA (Club-reserved sites have expired so all sites are now open to the general public.)

October 18-20: Pumpkin Spice Rally at Pocahontas State Park, hosted by Jack and Jean Hogan - Chesterfield, VA

Nov. 1-3: Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally, hosted by Frank and Jayne Munoz - Urbanna, VA

Dec. 7: Christmas in Williamsburg program and dinner, hosted by Richard and Joanna Duncan - Williamsburg, VA

Please give rally hosts an RSVP a couple weeks in advance so they can plan accordingly and be sure to book your campsites as early as possible. Virginia State Parks open for reservations 11 months in advance so mark your calendar to book accordingly!

Upcoming International Rallies

OCT. 5-10, 2024 | 2024 INTERNATIONAL RALLY - SEDALIA, MISSOURI

AUG. 23-28, 2025 | 2025 INTERNATIONAL RALLY - YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

Attending the 2024 International Rally? Tell us!

If you plan to attend Airstream Club International's 2024 International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri please let us know by emailing Phoebe.W.Richards@gmail.com.