

The Road Awaits

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Continuing COMMONWEALTH Concern

Your Editor (and the club leadership) are concerned that WE (all of us) are NOT STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE re: 2024 COMMONWEALTH RALLY.

ONLY 20 of the 60 hard-won sites held for us are reserved at this date.

The members of the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club are IN CHARGE of making the wonderful, annual Commonwealth Rally happen this year. We negotiated with MADISON VINES RV RESORT CAMP to hold sites for us, but ONLY until — FEBRUARY 1, 2024!

Please help us make our commitment to this fine venue AND secure your site so you can camp WITH us on 5-8 September 2024.

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 — or — 540-407-0559, Jamie direct

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.

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President's Corner

It's a new year and it looks to be an exciting one for our club! Please check your personal camping calendar against our rally schedule for this year. Make sure you have made your reservations. Campsites at Commonwealth, Sherando, Fort Valley Ranch, Pipestem and Hatteras are limited.

IMPORTANT: Reservations for The Commonwealth Rally in September at Madison Vines must be made with the Campground by the 1st of February.

If you plan to attend the Region 3 in Doswell in April (reservation open at the end of February) and/or Galax in August, you want to make those reservations as well.

Devin Bowman is excited about hosting the Valentine's Luncheon in February at his home. We would like to see everyone there.

One last note in this regard...The Warbirds Rally in October will be dry camping on private property. Please contact Nancy Lawn as soon as possible since slots for that rally will also be limited.

Several of us will be meeting at the Regan home this coming Saturday to discuss ideas around future rallies...most specifically 2025. If you are not able to attend that meeting and you have input feel free to send me your ideas by e-mail or text.

Joe Baum and Jane Tarrant have been working through the intricacies of Venmo and Zelle payments systems. Please read Joe's article in this newsletter for details. These solutions should enable the club to streamline collection and reimbursement payments around our rallies and events.

Take a minute to review your account of the WBCCI website (<https://airstreamclub.org/>). Please add a photo in your account page. This will help all in matching faces to names.

In conclusion, 2024 plans to be a great year for our club. To insure we execute those plans successfully we need everyone's help. If you are not currently helping run a rally, please consider volunteering. If you do not know who to contact, feel free to reach out to me and I will get you in touch with the right person.

See you down the road,

Ken Tarrant

Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club President

Future Planning

An Overview of Fun, Fellowship, and Learning

Year	Date	Rally	Location	POC
2024	13 Jan	Plan 2025 Luncheon	Regan's	Ken Tarrant
2024	10 Feb	Valentine Lunch	Bowman Home	Devin Bowman
2024	14-17 Mar	Shamrock Ides Rally	Misty Mountain Camp	Janeene Rider
2024	6-8 Apr	Maintenance Rally	Urbana, VA, (dry camping)	NORVA
2024	17-21 Apr	Region 3 Rally	Meadow Event Park	Christine Baum
2024	3-5 May	Cinco de Mayo Buddy Rally	Fort Valley Ranch	Bob Sachs
2024	31 May-2Jun	Sherando Rally	Sherando Lake	Jon Rathke\Joe Baum
2024	11-14 July	Salute America Rally	Pipestem Resort, WV	Ken Tarrant
2024	4-11 Aug	Fiddler's Convention	Cool Breeze, Galax, VA	Christine Baum
2024	17 August	Annual Club Meeting	Rathke\Ottersberg Home	Jon\Christine
2024	5-8 Sep	Commonwealth Rally	Madison Vines RV Resort	Ken Tarrant
2024	5-11 Oct	International Rally	Sedalia, MO - It's close; shall we Caravan out?	
2024	4-6 Oct	Warbirds Rally	Pungo, VA , (dry camping)	Nancy Lawn
2024	31 Oct-3 Nov	Grand Finale Buddy Rally	Camp Hatteras	TBD
2024	14 Dec	Annual Christmas Party	TBD	TBD

Buddy Rally events encourage participation by ALL types of campers. Invite the Family and Friends to join the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club for fun, food, and fellowship.

[As with all things "calendar" related - Schedule subject to change. Stay turned.](#)



ActionPage

- 10 Feb - Valentine Lunch - click link below to register.

[Valentine Lunch JotForm Link](#)

- 14-17 Mar - Shamrock Ides Rally - Misty Mountain - \$30/ea.
Plus camping fee as Misty Mountain - click link below to register.

[Shamrock Ides JotForm Link](#)

- 6-8 Apr - NORVA Maintenance Rally - Urbana, VA
(Dry Camping) Contact NORVA to register xxx-xxxx
- 3-5 May - Cinco de Mayo BUDDY - Fort Valley Ranch and RV
Call the Ranch to Register for camping - 1-540-933-6633
- 31 May-2 Jun - Sherando Lake Rally - more information soon
- 11-14 July - Salute America Rally - Pipestem State Park, WV
Call WVa Parks at (833) 987-2757, saying you're with the Rally
- 4-11 Aug - Fiddler's Convention - Cool Breeze, Galax, VA
Call Cool Breeze to reserve a site - 1-276-236-0300
- 5-8 Sept - **Commonwealth Rally - Madison Vines**
Call 1-540-948-4186, saying you're with the Rally for discount.
- 5-11 Oct - Sedalia International Rally - possible club caravan.
Register at the ACI website - <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024>
- 4-6 Oct - Warbirds Rally (private dry camp)
Email Nancy Lawn to register: thelawns@comcast.net
- 31 Oct-3 Nov - Grand Finale @ Hatteras - more news soon

BankingPage

For the last three or four years, **Spirit of Virginia** has been utilizing *jotform* software to create a portal for event signups, club elections, etc... Many thanks to Greg Heuer for his leadership here.

This year we look to improve the ease of use for our members and the connectivity to our club bank account (Truist) by incorporating two commonly used electronic payment apps (*Zelle* and *Venmo*) in the jotforms.

If you routinely do your banking on tablet or cellphone, *Zelle* will be very familiar to you. This is a pure bank-to-bank transaction and neither you nor the club incur any service charge. Almost all banks offer *Zelle* in their apps (It was created by the banks as a service to their customers.).

Venmo is very popular and commonly app used to transfer funds between friends (e.g. splitting the bill at lunch), paying the guy who cuts your grass, point of sale purchases at stores, restaurants, farmers' markets, etc... The service fee the club incurs is only 1%, less than a credit card.

If neither of these suits you, you can pay by check to our Treasurer.

Please send checks to Janie

Tarrant, 13021 Singer Road,

Midlothian, VA 23112. Make the

checks payable to: **Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club**. **Always** make a note on your payment telling the treasurer what you are paying for.

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venmo



zelle

ScoutingReport

ROBERT NEWLON AIRPARK, HUNTINGTON, WV

Usually, *Scouting Reports* are limited to places to stay in Virginia. But we stayed at this **handy** campground twice last year and really enjoyed it. It is located at the Robert Newlon Airpark, a grass runway airport used by small private planes and the local skydiving club.

From Central Virginia, it is a perfect distance for the first night or last night on the road if you are headed to/from the west. It is located a few miles off of I-64 in Huntington, West Virginia, on the Ohio River. The sites are all full hookup, pull-throughs. The management has been expanding the number of sites over the last several years. Besides skydiving, they hold several music concerts/festivals during the year.

Perhaps the best part, is the on-site restaurant that is open Thursday through Sunday. It is a classic “locals bar”, decorated with vintage aeroplane memorabilia, super friendly and surprisingly good seafood. I had a very nice pan-fried trout there this Fall.

So, go ahead and camp under the spotlights at a Cracker Barrel if you must. But you might want to give the Airpark a touch-and-go landing!

Robert Newlon Airpark is located at 6090 Kyle Lane, Huntington, WV 25702. The phone number for Robert Newlon Airpark is (304) 733-1240.

Joe Baum, 1st VP

AirstreamTechTalk

Attached is a direct link to a document you might want to keep on file if your rig has a traditional Atwood tank water heater. It is a 50-page maintenance and repair resource that is comprehensive and just technical enough. If anyone want to upload it but can't get the attached file to work, send me an email at baumjs@outlook.com and I'll be glad to forward it to you.

ELECTRONIC IGNITION MODELS



[ATWOOD WATER HEATER MANUAL LINK](#)

MembershipUpdate

The new year is underway. Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club has 54 enrolled member units as of this date. Only three didn't renew and we may still hear from them.

You can always look up a member here:
<https://airstreamclub.org/>

You can download a current list of our members here:

[Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club](#)

