



## February 2024

# NORVA NEWS



### Message from the President

Hope everyone is getting anxious to get their Airstreams out of winter storage and start a new year of camping. We have one more rally without the Airstreams. It is the New Members Rally on March 9. Invites have been sent directly to those who joined NORVA in 2023 and in early 2024. All members of NORVA are welcome to attend as we like a good representation of new and older members.

April will be a busy month as we have the Maintenance Rally that will be held in Urbanna, VA, 5-7 April. That is followed up by the Region 3 Rally in Doswell, VA 17-21 April. If you are going to Region 3 Rally please let me know. Info on these rallies can be found on NORVA'S Website:

<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia/norva-calendar>. Let's go camping!

Gerry

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### Right Around the Corner

**NORVA 2024 New Member Rally** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 9, 2024** from 11:30 am to 2 pm at the Lost Rhino Brewing Company, 21730 Red Rum Drive #142, Ashburn, VA 20147. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet our new NORVA Members! New NORVA members who have joined in 2023 to present will be officially welcomed. A presentation on Airstream Club International and NORVA to include our rallies and activities will be included!

We will have our own Private Party Room within the Brewery Restaurant.

Cost is \$15 per person payable by cash or check to Bob Nickel the day of the event. Lunch will be Pork Carnitas Taco Bar with Vegetarian option. Beer will be available for purchase. We encourage all members to attend. Registration **deadline** is **March 2, 2024**. Register here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2024-new-member-rally>

## Register today for the Williamsburg Rally – May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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://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](mailto:amorg210@gmail.com) or 747-849-2219.





## Register Now for the NORVA 2024 ENDLESS SUMMER CARAVAN

Dear Adventurers, We're thrilled to announce a significant update to the payment schedule for the 2024 Endless Summer Caravan. Your enthusiasm for this journey along the picturesque US southeast has been overwhelming, and we've been hard at work to accommodate your needs.

**Payment Schedule:** Initial Deposit: \$574.00 - Due by February 28th  
Second Payment: \$633.00 - Due by April 1st  
Final Payment: Estimated \$468.00 - Due by June 1st

We've restructured the payments to make it easier for you to join us on this unforgettable adventure.

**Please note that the first payment of \$574.00 is crucial due to the high demand for campsites along our route. By securing your spot early, you ensure that you don't miss out on this incredible opportunity.**

### Trip Details:

*Times:* July 10th to July 21st, 2024

*Route:* North Carolina to Georgia

*Itinerary Highlights:*

OBX Campground in Outer Banks

*Activities:* Wright Brothers Memorial, wine tasting, visit to Fort Sumter, downtown shopping, beach leisure, end-of-trip luau, waterpark, lazy river rafting, and more!

We understand that group sizes may vary, and will adjust later payments accordingly. Whether you're traveling solo or with a partner, there's something for everyone on this journey.

New Bern NC KOA (overnight stop)

Grapefull Sisters Vineyards and Winery

Charleston and its beaches (five-day stay)

Hilton Head (three-day stay)

Register Now! Don't hesitate to secure your spot by registering at the link below. The Endless Summer Caravan promises an experience of a lifetime, led by James Oxley, 2nd VP of ACNORVA. We can't wait to embark on this adventure with you!

[NORVA 2024 Endless Summer Caravan | ACI](#)





## A Good Time Was Had by All.....

### At the NORVA January Luncheon



### At the NORVA Super Bowl Party

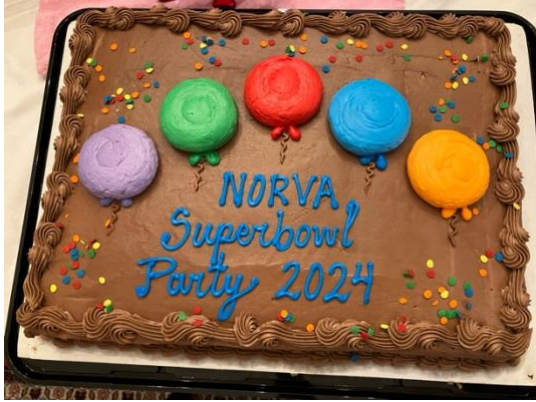
Perched majestically on a hill overlooking a scenic valley in the foothills of the Blue Ridge, the new home of Pete and Elizabeth West in Round Hill, Va., was the gathering spot for NORVA's Super Bowl LVIII Rally. Seventeen Airstreamers watched the game and cheered for both teams. Of course, those rooting for Kansas City had a bit more to celebrate, as the Chiefs edged San Francisco 49ers 25 to 22 in overtime, winning the game and the Lombardi Trophy.

Attending this year's football party and sharing great food and drink were the hosting Wests, Bob & Lois Hitchcock, Eric & Norma Colby, Tom Carmichael, Cecil Hoosier, Bob Nickel, Jim & Nichole Oxley, John & Bev Bevis, and Lew & Cathy Brodsky.

And more than the big NFL game was celebrated. Several of those attending were also honored for special achievement, receiving "red stars" from WBAC for reaching "five-year anniversaries" in 2023 and 2024. To explain: each time member-households reach a five-year Club membership anniversary, they are entitled to display another red star alongside the Big Red Numbers on their rigs. Bob Nickel and the Bevises were recognized for being with WBAC and NORVA for 5 years and received their first red star, the Wests have enjoyed 10 years of membership and can now add another star, and Cecil Hoosier has been with the Club for 20 years, so he can now display four red stars on his trailer.



Observed Cathy Brodsky, "It was a wonderful rally. Not only did we socialize with great friends and witness exciting football; it was also a special treat to see and enjoy Pete and Elizabeth's gorgeous new home."



## NORVA Calendar of Events 2024

### **March**

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024

New Member Rally

Host: Bob Nickel

Lost Rhino Brewing Company

21730 Red Rum Drive #142

Ashburn, VA 20147

Registration:

<https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2024-new-member-rally>

### **April**

Date: April 5-7, 2024

NORVA Maintenance Rally

Host: Tom Carmichael

Registration:

<https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2024-maintenance-rally>

Date: April 17-21

Region 3 'Streams and Meadows

Meadow Event Park Doswell, VA



Click here for details and registration:  
<https://airstreamclub.org/region-3-2024-rally>

## ***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 31 - June 2, 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](mailto: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>

***Stay Tuned for more details on these future rallies:***

## **September**

2024 Virginia Commonwealth Rally

Date: September 5-8, 2024

Madison Vines RV Resort

Madison, VA

Hosted by Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club

## **November**

Urbanna Oyster Festival

November 1-2, 2024

## **NORVA's Red Stars!**

It's time to congratulate our members who, in 2023, earned Red Stars denoting a 5 year anniversary as members of NORVA (and the International Club)! Here are our stars:



25 years: Ralph Uttech and Chuck and Sally Walters

20 years: Cecil Hoosier, Kevin Quinn and James and Sally Timberlake

10 years: Peter and Elizabeth West

5 years: Amanda and Brian Daly; John and Beverly Bevis; Brent and Paula Burger; Mark and April Meyerson; Bob and Wendy Nickel; Kenneth and Susan Trahan

Below you will find a sample of the letter received by our star recipients:





**Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC)**  
**Northern Virginia Airstream Club #3-110 (NORVA)**  
**Gerry Nagel, 2022-2024 President**  
**P.O. Box 346, Occoquan, VA 22125**  
**C: (703) 963-4143**

January 2024

John & Jane Doe  
106 Someplace Road  
Somewherein, VA 22201

Dear John & Jane:

I am happy to provide you with the enclosed red stars. These recognize that 2024 marks a "five-year anniversary" of your WBAC membership. I salute you for being loyal Airstream Club members over the past 25 years and congratulate you on reaching this significant milestone! Now, at your option, you can proudly affix another star to your Airstream trailer alongside the Big Red Numbers.

Along with the stars, please accept a warm thank you and pat on the back from me, our membership chairman and the rest of your fellow NORVA members. As you know, it's the spirit of camaraderie and good cheer that is a hallmark of our Club, and over the years you have contributed to that spirit as members.

As devotees of Wally Byam's creed, we can look forward to enjoyable adventures still awaiting us down the road. Let's plan on sharing them for many more years to come!

With warmest best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry".

Gerry Nagel  
2024 NORVA President

Enclosures  
Red stars







## *Meet your Executive Officers* ...for the first time, or the umpteenth time...

We thought we would introduce a few of our officers each month. It might be new information for new members, or a little bit more info for others, or a none for some. In any case, it might give our newer members a head start in getting to know the people who keep the club running.

### Gerry Nagle, President:

Gerry started Airstreaming in 2017. He was elected as NORVA 2nd VP in 2018 and led a 16 day club Caravan in 2019. The caravan was named Pennsylvania New York Potpourri because of the "Potpourri" of venues visited. The caravan traveled to Lancaster, PA, Corning/Watkins Glen, NY, Cooperstown, NY and the Hudson Valley, NY to include NYC. Gerry was NORVA 1st VP in 2020, President in 2021, Past President in 2022 and currently serving as President 2023 - 2024. He enjoys hiking, biking, golf and other outdoor activities. Gerry and his wife Patsy have traveled in the Airstream from Florida to Maine and from the East coast to Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and states in between. Gerry says they thoroughly enjoyed all trips especially South Dakota and Utah. Many new friendships have been made through Airstreaming and we look forward to making many more.



### Patsy Nagle, Web Master:

Patsy Nagel is married to Gerry Nagel, current NORVA President. They bought their Airstream in February 2017 and soon after joined the Northern Virginia Airstream Club. She and Gerry were very thankful for the mentorship and encouragement they received from the experienced NORVA members. In the Airstream community they have learned if you have an issue, someone else has probably experienced the same issue and is more than willing to help you.

Patsy enjoys many activities that include Jazzercise, hiking, biking, watching wildlife, and sewing and needlework (when she has time). She also has an Amateur Radio license which she upgraded to Amateur Extra in December 2023. Patsy has served as NORVA's webmaster since Spring of 2020.



### Gail Perkins, Secretary:

First, I'd like to share that as a child, my parents instilled in me to love of camping. They took my sister and I to many places out west...Yosemite,



Oregon, the mountains in Northern California....all in our little trailer my mom named the Lil Loafer...and it was tiny! My parents influenced my love for the outdoors. Unfortunately, I married quite young...17 years old. My first husband was not an outdoorsy guy, so my camping and outdoor activities came to a halt. Fast forward many years and that's when I met Doug. I was working in the ER and he was a patrol police officer. It was pretty much love at first sight. We married, the second marriage for both of us, and had a blended family of 5 children. We have been married 30 years now. Doug loved doing outdoor activities and taught me all the things I had been missing: rock climbing, snow skiing, white water kayaking and rafting, mountain biking, hiking, and of course...camping! We started tent camping, then progressed to larger trailers until we purchased our Airstream in 2018. We named our Airstream the "Riveted Butterfly" in memory of Doug's daughter Erica and my mom, both loved butterflies. We went to an RV Show in Richmond where we met Gerry and Patsy Nagel in one of the Airstreams, sharing information about NORVA Airstream Club. Because of them, we joined NORVA....so you can blame them!

My career has been in nursing. I started out in the ER. While working in the ER, I developed the Forensic Nurse Program at our hospital and was Manager of the program until my retirement 5 years ago. Forensic Nurses perform exams and collect evidence on patients of violence: sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and gun shot and stabbing victims. While caring for victims of violence in the hospital, I recognized a need for a Child Advocacy Center to serve children in the 5 surrounding counties. With the help of local agencies, I founded Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center in Fredericksburg, and it has been operating since 2008, serving many children who have been victims of abuse.

Our blended family has grown to 13 grandchildren (ages 3 – 30), and 5 great-grandchildren (ages 2 – 6). My children all live close by, so we get to see the grandkids and great grandkids often. Doug's daughter lives in upstate NY with 4 of the grandchildren, which we don't get to see as often. We are very blessed that our blended family is very close, and we all get together often.

Doug and I have hosted the River Rally for the past 3 years and will host it again this year. We love socializing and spending time with our Airstream family. We are ready for spring so we can hook up and go! See you all soon!

## NORVA Executive Officers

### 2023-2024

President: Gerry Nagel

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Bob Nickel

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jim Oxley

Secretary: Gail Perkins

Treasurer: Bev Bevis

Membership: Lew Brodsky

Webmaster: Patsy Nagel

Legislative Director: John Bevis

Parliamentarian: Tom Carmichael

Past President: Peter West

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changes, let's make  
only improvements,  
Wally Byam



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