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Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club Special

This is a special edition of The Road Awaits.

The World of RV Camping Has Changed! Planning for Fun is Required.

This issue gives YOU a chance to avoid **FOMO** (Fear of Missing Out). FOMO, you will find, is much worse the COVID. The negative effects of FOMO are longer lasting, though less recognized. When you avoid "missing out" you experience the JOY of friendship the Airstream Family brings.

The following three pages are the gateways to Airstream Fun.

11-21 April - Region 3 Rally at Meadow Event Park, Doswell

31 May-2 Jun - In The Shadow of the Blue Ridge Rally - Sherando Lake

11-14 July - Salute America Rally - Pipestem State Park, WV

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First Mate Joe Baum and I are excited about hosting our 2024 Region 3 Airstream Club rally at The Meadow Event Park at the State Fair of Virginia Fairgrounds in Doswell, Virginia. I am thrilled about our planned rally activities and enthusiastic to showcase and encourage visits to the nearby Richmond and Fredericksburg area historical sites. Above all, I'm ready for the fun of being together and enjoying each other's company.

The Region 3 Executive Leadership Team, including 1st VP Bob Ealy, 2nd VP Bob Hoffman and I, have been busy planning an exciting agenda of live entertainment, vendor booths, seminars, happy hours, and of course meals. You will find opportunities for day trips to explore the history within the broader Richmond area and much more. We are calling this year's Region 3 Airstream Club rally — 'Streams In The Meadow. Registration for the rally will include your camping reservation and rally fee, and can be completed by clicking the link below. Our preferred payment method is electronic (via Square), but we will also provide instructions to snail mail a check, if requested by you.

We welcome your attendance and participation at the 'Streams In The Meadow rally. And, we will need your volunteer help to make the rally successful. Many hands make light work! You will have an opportunity to sign up to assist by completing the separate volunteer signup form(s) that we will make available in the next few weeks.

Click below for the rally registration form; deadline is Monday, April 1, 2024.

NOTE: All electric power at the rally will be 30-AMP; please bring an adapter, if needed. Additionally you may want to bring extra water hoses, sewer hose extensions and water hose Y-adapters. Camping includes water and electric. Please plan on arriving to the rally with empty gray and black tank. The Meadow Event Park facility does provide access to multiple dump station locations for your "blue-boy" portable sewer container (should you own one) for emptying throughout the rally.

We will periodically provide you with updates for the rally via email leading up to the event dates. Stay tuned for additional info about the detailed agenda.

All the best and see you down the road!

Christine Baum, #257 & #4814 Region 3 President Airstream Club International 609.202.5015

Click here to Register

In the Shadow of the Blue Ridge Rally

Sherando Lake Recreation Area - George Washington Nat'l Forest - U.S. Forest Service

May 30 – June 2, 2024

To: Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club Regular & Affiliate Members

From: Rally Leaders, Jon Rathke & Joe Baum

We are pleased to offer our club members this first post-Memorial Day camping opportunity in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains.

If you have never been there, Sherando Lake Recreation Area is a CCC-era recreation and camping facility administered by the US Forest Service (USDA). It is in the George Washington Forest between Stuarts Draft and Wintergreen. We believe you will find it a refreshing break from the usual commercial campground fare. More information here:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/gwj/recarea/?recid=73959

The club has reserved 13 spots in very pleasant Loop C. Electricity (30/50 Amp) is provided, but there is no on-site water or sewer. There are three water stanchions on the short loop, but

come with your fresh water tank full and waste tanks empty. There is, of course, a dump station available. The updated Bath/Shower house is in easy reach of all sites (say 100 yards).

Secure your spot and pay the camping fee and rally fee, now, using the button below:

After Valentine's Day, we will offer any remaining sites to the rest of Airstream Club International members

Finally, here is the preliminary schedule of rally activities. A rally fee of \$20/adult will cover expenses for provided meals. Preliminary Schedule:

Link to Download Tentative Program

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11-14 July - Salute America Rally - Pipestem State Park, WV

Call WVa Parks at (833) 987-2757, saying you're with the Rally



If you've been to Pipestem, then you've probably already registered. It's neat!

There are Three (3) full hook up sites left in our HOLD. Don't miss out.

The campground also offers a few electric/ water sites as well, but getting one during this PEAK season for camping will be a challenge.

Many of us will take the Aerial Tramway over to the restaurant for a sumptuous meal on of the evenings we are there.

There is golf, disk golf, swimming pools, scenic hiking trails, and more.

10% Veterans Salute Discount

Learn more at the Park Link below

Click the Park Link here





Click here to Register

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.





