

# The Road Awaits

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## Summer Fun Planning Edition

**Membership Report = 55 rigs as of this month.**

**March, April, May, June, July, August, September**

The early Spring this year really gets my “planning spirit” up and running.

I know many of you are already signed up for some of these events. Did you know our Shadow of the Blue Ridge rally is already SOLD OUT?

Gee we have FUN together. Don't miss out on *your fun* this year. Open your Calendar. Make a commitment to enjoy camping, eating, and gossiping with your Airstream family. (Remember! If you don't come we will talk about you.)

Almost every details page includes a simple, quick REGISTER HERE box you can use when you read the newsletter on your phone, tablet, or computer.

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# President's Corner

**As the Ides** of March and the warm weather approaches...slowly...you all must be looking to the “oracles” and “fates” to bless the upcoming camping season. Thus, we all must do as the Romans do and don our togas and head to Misty Mountain on the 14th of March. It will not be hard to find, just follow the rainbow to its end and you find a potful of “golden fun”.

**Now that was** a stretch, however I hope to see you all there. Janeene and crew have put out an incredible amount of effort to provide us with a memorable rally experience.

**A reminder on signing up** for the upcoming rallies:

**Fort Valley Ranch** and Hatteras are both “Buddy Rallies”. This means you can invite a camping friend who has an SOB (Some Other Brand) trailer or RV to our rally.

**The Region 3** Rally in Doswell is right around the corner in April. Christine and the Region 3 staff have put together a wonderful agenda.

**John and Joe** have nailed down the campsites at Sherando for June...it should be a blast!

**For those who** have grabbed a campsite at Pipestem for July, look for a JOT Form in the next 30 days with information on that rally.

**Speaking of JOT** Forms, who doesn't like a good questionnaire?! Joe Baum has put together a JOT Form questionnaire based on our 2025 Planning session. **You will find this hot link on the next page. Please take the time to fill it out,** so that we all will have a better feel for what type of events/rallies meet the needs and interests of our club members.

**One last note**, the next time you see Greg Heuer at one of our rallies let him know how much you appreciate what he does for our club in the way of communications. He is much more than the newsletter editor.

**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	14-17 Mar	Shamrock Ides Rally	Misty Mountain Camp	Janeene Rider
2024	5-7 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 <b>Buddy</b> 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 <b>Buddy</b> 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.

[Two-Year Annual Planning Form Hotlink](#)

*As with all things "calendar" related - Schedule subject to change. Stay turned.*





**SHAMROCK IDES RALLY**  
**Misty Mountain Camp Resort**  
**March 14-17, 2024**



**The Shamrock Ides Rally** is just around the corner. Your hosts are working hard to make this a memorable FUN rally to kick off the Spirit of Virginia's 2024 camping season. This is one outing you won't want to miss if you enjoy lots of food, music, entertainment, games, door prizes, and pot-of-gold raffle along with a little green beer, Irish whiskey, and good old-fashioned Airstream fellowship. If you're not one of the 17 rigs (and counting) who have signed up already, now is the time to make your reservation with Misty Mountain Campground at (540) 456-6409 to nab a campsite in the Airstream rally section before they're all gone! And, for those who have reserved a campsite but not yet registered/paid the rally fee, don't forget to do so via the "Click here to Register" button below.

**Seventeen (17) have** already registered. Join them.

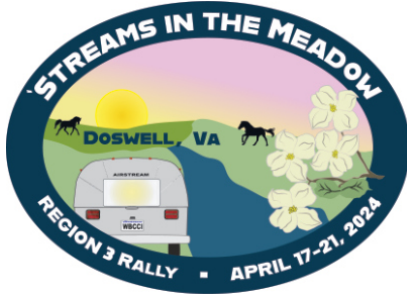
**Reminders:** In addition to bringing your queen or king-sized flat sheets (for Saturday's toga party), side dish to share (at Friday's BBQ) and white elephant prize (<\$7), please consider offering your time/talent by volunteering to fill one or more of the slots still available at [Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club: Shamrock Ides Rally \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com) so that everyone has a chance to participate in all the fun activities planned throughout the weekend. And, as the saying goes, "Beware the Ides of March" and "May the Luck of the Irish Be with You" until we see you on March 14th at Misty Mountain. Click the logo for more . . .



**Click here  
to Register**

# REGION 3 RALLY

## APRIL 17-21 - DOSWELL, VA



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 sign-up 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](#)

# 3-peat for the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club

## Cinco De Mayo Rally

Fort Vally Ranch/Campground - Luray, VA

May 3-6, 2024

### Trail Rides in the Forest

**For the third** year, we will be having a Rally at Fort Vally Ranch/Campground near Luray the first weekend in May, hence the name "Cinco de Mayo". Official dates are May 3-6 and you are welcome to arrive on Thursday for an evening in Woodstock, VA. If you haven't been there yet, you have missed a treasure. It is a family owned campground nestled in the hills. A weekend there will provide you a relaxed event in a beautiful setting. If you are interested, the campground has guided trail rides into the George Washington National Forest.

**Continuing the theme** of repeats, on Thursday evening, we will go into Woodstock for dinner and liquid refreshments at the Woodstock Brewery.

**We will have** activities at the Campground around the Cinco de Mayo theme. If you want to venture outside of the campground, see the list below:

**Near Bear Mountain Ziplining**

**Minutes from Luray Caverns**

**Shenandoah River Outfitters** located nearby for canoeing, tubing, and rafting

**Near Luray Animal Sanctuary Zoo**

**Close to scenic *Skyline Drive***

**Kennedy's Peak is** minutes away

**To reserve your** spot, please call the campground directly and tell them you are with the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club. 540-933-6633. Their website is: <https://www.fortvalleystable.com/>

**We look forward** to spending the weekend with you.

# 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

## This Rally is **SOLD OUT**

**Use the Hot Link below to contact the park directly to try for a spot.**

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234688>

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 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).

A rally fee of \$20/adult will cover expenses for provided meals.

Jon Rathke            [jon.rathke@gmail.com](mailto:jon.rathke@gmail.com)

Joe Baum             [baumjs@outlook.com](mailto:baumjs@outlook.com)

# 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 one 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](#)





## 4-11 August - 88<sup>th</sup> Old Fiddler's Convention - Galax, VA

### Cool Breeze Campground

**Do you love** American Bluegrass & Old Time music? Wonder what the difference is?

**This rally which** originated as a Virginia Unit event decades ago, is sponsored by Region 3. We rally at

Cool Breeze Campground <https://www.coolbreezecampground.com/> outside of Galax. The Convention is held at Felts Park in downtown Galax from the 5th to the 10th. But plan to check in at Cool Breeze on Sunday and depart on Sunday (7 nights). The campground is just off of the blue ridge parkway and lives up to its name (a plus in August!)

**One stop shopping....** register for a site and the rally through campsite owner, Robert Sales at (276) 236-0300 or [robert@coolbreezecampground.com](mailto:robert@coolbreezecampground.com) .

**The Convention activities** happen in the evening (except the final day, Saturday, which is all afternoon and evening). Check out their website to view the schedule.

**Daytime rally events** include outdoor activities (hike, tubing, flatfoot dancing) and "field trips" to explore local history and Appalachian Music Culture. Most evenings we have on-site performances at the Campground around Happy Hour time. Plenty of free time to do what you do. Find out why so many Airstreamers come back year after year.

**For more information**, contact Rally Leaders (Spirit of Virginia's Own) Christine Baum (609) 202 5015 or [baumjc@gmail.com](mailto:baumjc@gmail.com)

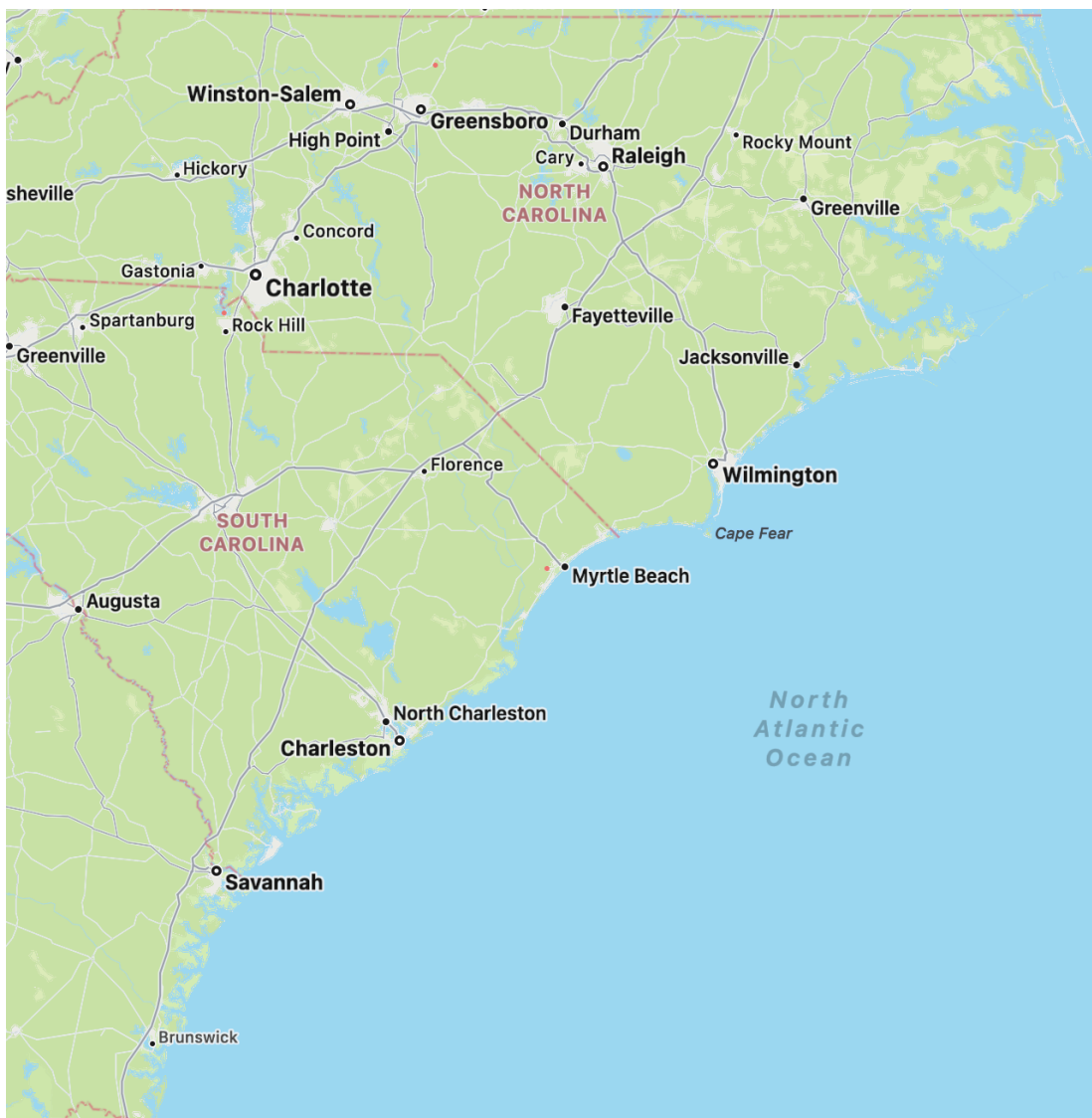


# 10-20 July - NORVA special offer ENDLESS SUMMER CARAVAN

**OUR sister club** is offering the few remaining spots for the NORVA 2024 Endless Summer Caravan! Embark on a summer journey along the picturesque US southeastern coast, spanning from North Carolina to Georgia. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

**Deposits are due** immediately for these coveted spots. A deposit of \$574 per trailer is required by February 28, 2024. Make check payable to James Oxley, 12706 Mill Glen Court, Clifton, VA 20124 and send via US mail. Second deposit of \$633 is due April 1, 2024. Final deposit of \$468 is due June 1, 2024.

Contact the Caravan Leader, James Oxley via email [\[oxley\\_j@msn.com\]](mailto:oxley_j@msn.com) for more information.



## 5-8 September - All Virginia COMMONWEALTH RALLY

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! We've arranged for a short extension on the hold. Register Now.

**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.**

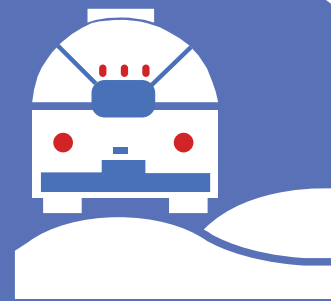
**They assign campsites based on the length of your rig.**

<https://madisonvinesrvresortandcottages.com/>

# Virginia



# 2024



# Commonwealth

# The Region 3 Newsletter Links

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club – ["The Big Bender"](#)

Carolinas Airstream Club – ["Tarheel Traveler"](#)

Florida Airstream Club – ["Good Life News"](#)

Florida Suncoast Airstream Club – ["The Sunbeam"](#)

Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club – ["Pirate FYIs"](#)

Low Country Airstream Club - ["Low Country Newsletter"](#)

Northern Virginia Airstream Club – ["NORVA News"](#)

Palmetto State Airstream Club – ["The Bell Ringer"](#)

Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club – ["The Shiney Hiney Review"](#)

Southeastern Camping Unit – ["SECU Camping Times"](#)

Carolina Coastal Airstream Club – ["SC Coastal Newsletter"](#)

South Florida Airstream Club – ["Fun Times"](#)

Spirit Of Virginia Airstream Club – ["The Road Awaits"](#)

Tidewater Airstream Club – ["Tidewater Tidings"](#)

Top Of Georgia Airstream Club – ["The Peach State Caravanner"](#)

Virginia Airstream Club – ["The Virginia Traveler"](#)

# 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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