

The Road Awaits

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The Fun Club is at it Again!

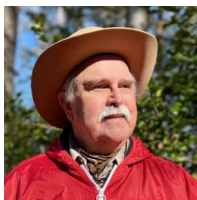
Membership Report = 55 rigs as of this month.

March came in like a Lamb, except at Misty Mountain

This is a "wild and crazy" bunch. As the *Reader's Digest* has said for many years, "Laughter is the best medicine."

Your club proved that again at the Shamrock Ides Rally last month. Check out the full report on the following pages, including hilarious pictures.

This all goes to show you and your family don't want to miss participating in at least a few of the planned events for 2024.



This April your editor and his partner-in-fun will be "on the road again" for most of the month. Many of the trips are car-only, but we'll be back with you all in the Silver Otter III for many of the gatherings for the rest of the summer.

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President's Corner

Spirits of Virginia,

I **need your** assistance. Please review the slate of officers for Region 3 listed below. I will be casting our club's vote for this slate of officers no later than the 10th of April. These candidates are all volunteers who have gone through a nominating process. There is a brief summary of each individual listed below. If you have a concern or issue with any of these individuals please let me know. At this time I plan to cast our vote in favor of this slate.

One other request...please fill out the Interest Survey ([Hotlink](#) on Page 6 of this newsletter). We will be using this to develop our rally/event schedule for the coming year and beyond. We *are* "the Fun Group" — we need your input.

Stay safe and we'll see you at Region 3's "Streams in the Meadow" in April.

Ken Tarrant, President - Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club

2024-2026 Slate of Officer Candidates for Airstream Club International Region 3:

President: Robert Ealy (BRN 9919)

First Vice President: Robert Hoffman (BRN 22384)

Second Vice President: Burt Broadway (BRN 6718)

Robert Ealy, Jr. (Bob):

Bob and his wife, Ginger have been a part of the Airstream family for the past five years. They currently travel in "Allie" their 2020 FC-30RBT.

In the past they traveled in a 5th wheel RV around the USA. After retiring in 2019 they returned to the RVing life. Since becoming Airstreamers, they have enjoyed many rallies and making new friends across Region 3. Bob has helped in the club by volunteering at both Alumalina and the International Rally.

A dentist by profession, he has experience in business management, nonprofit operations and planning regional yearly meetings. Civically, he served for several years on the county Board of Health and on the board of directors for the Good Samaritan Clinic.

Bob Hoffman:

Bob Hoffman and his partner, Wayne Clark, are from Charlotte, NC, and they travel in their 2020 Airstream Globetrotter. They have driven over 50,000 miles in their Airstream since taking ownership, and they have been to places as far north as Maine and as far west as Utah, with many stops along the journey. Bob is currently the Region 3 2nd VP, as well as a board member of Carolinas Airstream Club, which is his home club. In addition to his Regional and local club roles, he is also part of the International Rally Planning Team where he and the others on the team work hard to bring all our members the best possible experiences across the country at the International Rallies.

Since owning his Airstream, he also has the great privilege of being on the Airstream Customer Council, where he was able to share his opinions and experiences as an Airstream owner with the entire Executive Team of Airstream, Inc.

In his professional career, Bob is an enterprise manager for Advocate Health where his team focuses on building new hospitals, medical practices, pharmacies, laboratories, and medical schools all of which bring world class healthcare to the patients and communities across the Midwest and Southeast.

Burt Broadway:

Gail and I have made our home on Lake Wylie, Tega Cay, South Carolina for the past 41 years.

AIRSTREAM LIFE: BRN 6718, Named the Platinum Palace. It is a triple axel 34 foot Classic Limited.

On our first Adventure we went into 23 different States. We enjoy our 2 Rescue, German Shorthair Pointers, Romeo and Juliet, who have traveled every mile with us. We have one married daughter and 2 grandsons ages 20 and 18.

WORK LIFE: Retired 2016 after 35 years at FedEx as Worldwide Sales Manager. With FedEx, I traveled in 49 of the 50 States and 39 Countries.

PAST OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES: President of Optimist Club, Member of Kiwanis Club; Masonic Rite Member, York and Scottish Rite member; 43 years as a North Carolina Football Official, 30 years as a NC Softball Official, 40 years as a Basketball official; President of North Carolina's Largest Officials Association, North State Football Association.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES: Past President of Palmetto State Airstream Club, member of Palmetto State Airstream Club; President of Droptine Hunt Club. I hunt Deer and Turkey in Chester County, South Carolina; Avid Golfer- belong to the Gaston Seniors Golf League; Woodworker, Wood Turner

We enjoy Boating and all water sports on Beautiful Lake Wylie.

The “Ides” Had It!



This years Spring Breakout Rally Shamrock Ides, saw nineteen rigs in attendance over four days of glorious weather, food, fun, games, and enjoying each other’s company at Misty Mountain Campground in Greenwood. Rally hosts, **Janeene Rider** and **Tina Regan**, send a huge shoutout of thanks to all those who participated with such incredible enthusiasm and willingness. Attendees included members from Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club, Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club, Northern Virginia Airstream Club, ACI Members-at-Large and even two unaffiliated Virginia Beach area Airstreamers who happened to be camping at Misty Mountain.



Friday morning rally goers got down to the not-so-serious-business of making their unique togas and headpieces in keeping with the rally’s theme of “When Saint Patrick Meets Julius Caesar.”

Friday night’s grilled burgers & hot dogs with scrumptious potluck side dishes and desserts provided much-needed nourishment for the evening’s fun and games which included: matching the Roman Gods & Goddesses to their mythical talents, a hilarious cotton ball relay and several rousing rounds of Irish Bingo. Numerous door prizes and white elephant prizes



punctuated the festivities, keeping the participation and hilarity going throughout the evening.



On Saturday morning, a nourishing green eggs & ham breakfast greeted everyone while volunteers busily worked in the background preparing nine crock pots filled with the evening meal.

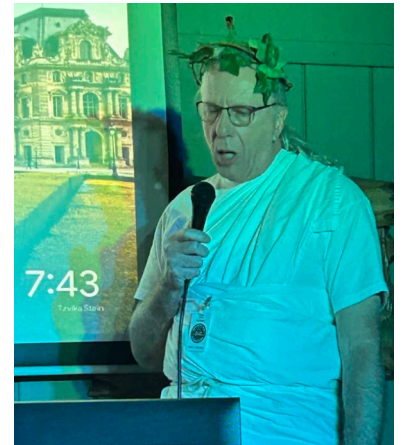
Irish background music by Tommy Hepner's Sound Solutions serenaded toga-wearing Airstreamers that evening while enjoying a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef, ham, cabbage, and potatoes with Irish soda bread – and, of course, green beer and Irish Whiskey.

Following dinner, prizes were awarded to the first person to identify the title and artists of various songs played by Hepner; then everyone's attention diverted to the incredible hidden talent of all the Airstream karaoke singers who walked up on stage to strut their stuff! And, if our sides were not already hurting from all the

laughter, the group was called upon to burn a few more calories during the evening's "twist contest."



Congratulations and best female and male toga prizes went to Roman god and goddesses, Brandon and Trish Lohman, from Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club! Jon Rathke earned the best Karaoke singer and



Janie & Ken Tarrant walked away with the best twist dancing couple title.



Meanwhile, Cricket Rider pondered the frivolity of the whole weekend and invites you to see more pictures (many courtesy of Dave H) at this [HOTLINK](#).

Future Planning

An Overview of Fun, Fellowship, and Learning

Year	Date	Rally	Location	POC
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 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.

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

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



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

Joe Baum 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 - 88th 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 .

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

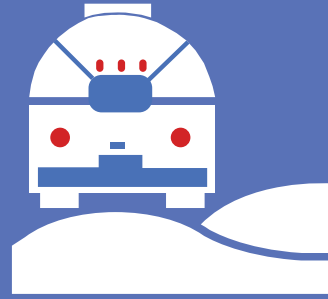


5-8 September - All Virginia
COMMONWEALTH RALLY

Virginia



2024



Commonwealth

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/>

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"](#)

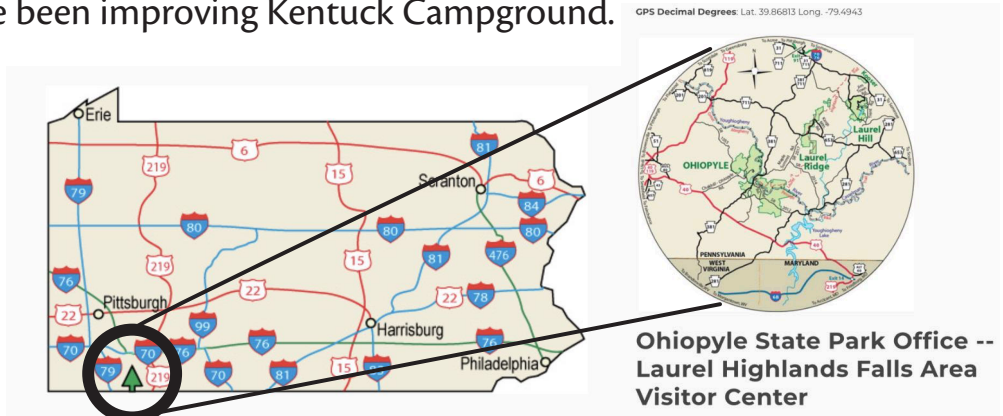
ScoutingReport

Some of you joined us for our small (and way too “eventful”) Fallingwater Caravan in 2021.

This Scouting Report is about [Ohiopyle State Park](#) just across the border into Pennsylvania. For the past year they have been improving Kentuck Campground.

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Ohiopyle State Park Office --
Laurel Highlands Falls Area
Visitor Center

Not only is the park wonderful, but also you are just a skip away from Frank Lloyd Wright’s Falling Water home and Kentuck Knob home — both worth a visit.

