



# NORVA NEWS

## March 2024



### Message from the President



NORVA has had two great rallies this month. The Maintenance Rally in Urbanna, Virginia information will be in an article by Tom Carmichael later in this newsletter. The other rally was the Region 3 Rally “Streams in the Meadow” held in Doswell, Virginia at the Meadow Event Park. NORVA was in charge of parking for the rally as it was a fairground without designated campsites. I would like to

thank the following NORVA members for their support in helping with the parking. Tom Carmichael, Cecil Hoosier and John Bevis were the welcoming committee directing the attendees into the Meadow Event Park off the main highway. Gail Perkins, Sylvia Worrall, Cathy Brodsky, Peggy Eckerman, Beverly Bevis and Patsy Nagel



manned the sign in location where the rally attendees arrived. Lew Brodsky, Don Eckerman and Steve Holt manned the holding area where they lined up the trailers until they could be led to the parking area by Bob Nickel and myself. Special thanks goes to Doug Perkins, Scott Arnold and Bill Worrall who coordinated the parking on the loop. They did

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an excellent job of getting everyone parked in an expeditious and efficient manner. In fact I heard many favorable comments about the parking from the rally attendees. In addition grateful thanks to Bob Nickel during the planning stages for the parking and to Bob and Patsy Nagel in laying out the parking spaces on Tuesday, 16 April before the kickoff of the rally on Wednesday, 17 April.

After the parking was concluded on Wednesday except for a few later arrivals NORVA attendees had a fun time as we were parked in the campground away from the crowds. In fact Wayne Clark, Region 3 Webmaster came by one evening and stated we were the only ones that were partying into the night.

NORVA has two rallies in May. The Chickahominy Rally in Williamsburg, VA hosted by Drew and Elizabeth Morgan and the Persimmon Hill Rally in Round Hill, VA hosted by Pete and Elizabeth West. Information on these rallies is on the NORVA website. June is the annual River Rally in Luray, VA hosted by Doug and Gail Perkins with Bob and Wendy Nickel as cohosts. Hope to see many of you at these rallies.

Gerry

## Upcoming Events

**Williamsburg Rally** (hosted by Drew and Elizabeth Morgan)

**May 2-5**

There may still be time to get in on this fun, historical, bike-friendly event.

Contact Drew Morgan at [amorg210@gmail.com](mailto:amorg210@gmail.com) 757-849-2219

Register here: <https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2024-chickahominy-riverfront-park-rally>

**Persimmon Hill May Rally** (hosted by Pete and Elizabeth West)

**May 31-June 2**

The NORVA May rally will be held at the West's Persimmon Hill house. It will be a dry camping weekend rally with trailer sites on the hill overlooking the Loudon Valley and the Blue Ridge Mountain down toward Front Royal. The rally will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 31st through June 2nd. If campers wish to come early on Thursday afternoon they may do so. We have two camping areas, one near the house lot and the other on the top of the hill. There will be water available at both sites and possible 15 amp power for charging (TBD – no



guarantees). We need to know who will be pulling their airstreams with a 4 wheel drive vehicle for the upper hill site.

We intend this weekend to be low key with plenty of sitting out on the porch and enjoying the views and some music and maybe some wine. We will go out to dinner at local restaurants both Friday and Saturday nights. Breakfast will be at our house and lunches will be on your own. We have not finished setting up activities for the two days yet but we will probably take a half hour trip down to the Sky Meadow Stater Park where you can hike and visit the Northern Virginia chestnut tree restoration orchard or people could go to the Virginia State Blandy Arboretum just over the mountain to see the chestnut orchard there and hike. On Saturday there will be a field trip to the lavender farm close by. Sunday morning we will provide bagels fruit and coffee before people begin to pack up and leave. You can stay throughout the day Sunday if you wish. The rally fee will be \$20 per camper unit and any excess will be donated back into the NORVA treasury. Be sure to bring your binoculars and hiking poles. Please e-mail us to register for the rally. Rally registration closes may the 15th or when we hit our maximum of 15 rigs.

Register here: <https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2024-persimmon-hill-rally>

## **RIVER Rally 2024 Don't Miss It!**

**June 7-9**

UPDATE! Five additional campsites are now available for the always popular NORVA River Rally to be held June 7-9, 2024. Deadline for registration has been extended to May 15, 2024. Again this year the rally will be held at Spacious Skies Shenandoah View in Luray, VA. There will be a wine tasting, the world famous Charcuterie Board, bingo, Corn Hole contest, dog events, gatherings, Happy Hour, food and other games. You will need to call the campground and reserve your site and register for the rally. Here is the link to our web page with all the information about the rally, instructions for getting a camp site and registering for the rally. THIS IS ALWAYS A FUN RALLY!

Register here: [NORVA 2024 River Rally | ACI](#)

## **NORVA 2024 ENDLESS SUMMER CARAVAN**

**July 10-21**

The 2024 Endless Summer Caravan is currently full! If you missed the deadline, contact Jim and see about a wait list. The group will embark on a summer journey along the picturesque US southeastern coast, spanning from North Carolina to Georgia, from July 10th to July 21st. You can look forward to

updates and photos for sure along the way, so make sure you are following along on Facebook

The planned itinerary is a minimum of three-day stops at four locations and an overnight stay en route. Our reserved campsites include OBX Campground in Outer Banks, Emerald Isle NC, an en-route stop near Myrtle Beach, a five-day stay near Charleston, and three days at Hilton Head.

Aside from enjoying the beautiful beaches at each location, we have exciting activities lined up. We will explore the Wright Brothers Memorial in OBX, visit The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, and experience the historical charm of Fort Macon State Park.

Contact Jim Oxley, [NORVA2024Caravan@gmail.com](mailto:NORVA2024Caravan@gmail.com) with questions or comments.

## Recent Club Fun!

### Maintenance Rally

April 5-7

DJ and Jesse did a bang-up job with the seminar on Saturday morning. DJ is a real pro and we can't thank him enough for keeping



our Airstreams rolling down the road. It's fantastic that they now have an Airstream and can truly enjoy the rally life. Airstream of VA kept our tummies happy and our energy up with biscuits during the seminar. A big thanks to Cecil for schooling us on electricity, with his inimitable and entertaining delivery.



The set up was comfortable and practical as we were able to use the



firehouse for presentations and gatherings. Very welcome as it was chilly and windy most of the weekend. The women's final four was Friday night and our president

Mr. Nagel provided his phone so we could watch both games syncing up to the firehouse TV. As a special bonus, we were invited by a Purple Heart Vietnam vet officer to a private tour of his historic home in Urbanna. The tour concluded with a wonderful spread of food and



wine. Such kind people and what a treat!

This was our first boondocking maintenance rally and I want thank everyone who signed up. I sure hope it was helpful and just so you know, I had a blast!



## Region 3 Rally April 17-21

In addition to Gerry's terrific run-down of the rally, we have this special note from Tom Carmichael:

I want to thank Christine our Region 3 President and all the officers for selecting Salvation Army Central Virginia Area Command as one of the charity organizations the region traditionally supports at our rallies. I was so honored and blessed when she called to tell me. As most of you know my Mom and Dad were in the NORVA Club. My Dad fought in WWII and always told people he was lucky he survived. He said his survival strategy was that he "prayed everyday and you had to have a buddy" which still is so true today. Nobody can make it alone. WOW did Region 3 step up! It was truly impressive to see all the gifts to help the homeless get back on their feet. Additionally the region made a generous contribution to help the on-going work of the shelter. Now, that's a lot of buddies pulling together and I can't thank you enough. 🙏😊



And to close this month's letter, here are some more great pictures of the two rallies thanks to Don Eckerman and Tom.



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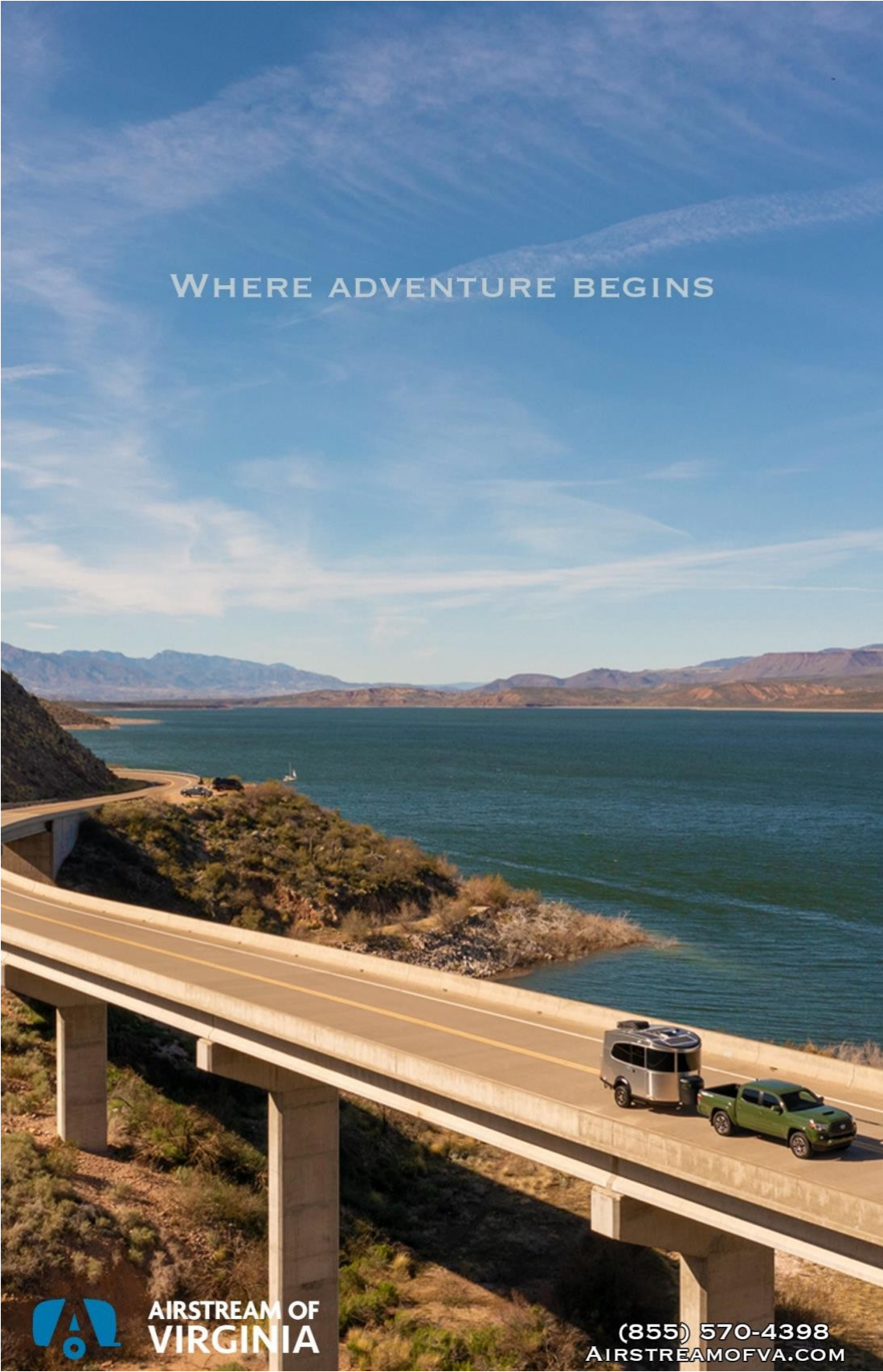
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improvements.”

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