

# The Road Awaits

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## New Presidents And So Much More For 2025

**Membership Report = 57 rigs as of this month.**

**GEEZ! Some of you missed the Commonwealth Rally**



Hosted by our Club this year, we had the MOST glorious weekend at Madison Vines. Great food, Great firesides, Great adventures, Great people. It's all about the people, people!

We have a Great set of Club Leaders in all Four Clubs this year as well. Region 3 President Bob Ealy handled the ceremony with style and grace, including rewarding the Past Presidents in attendance with a ZERO bar.

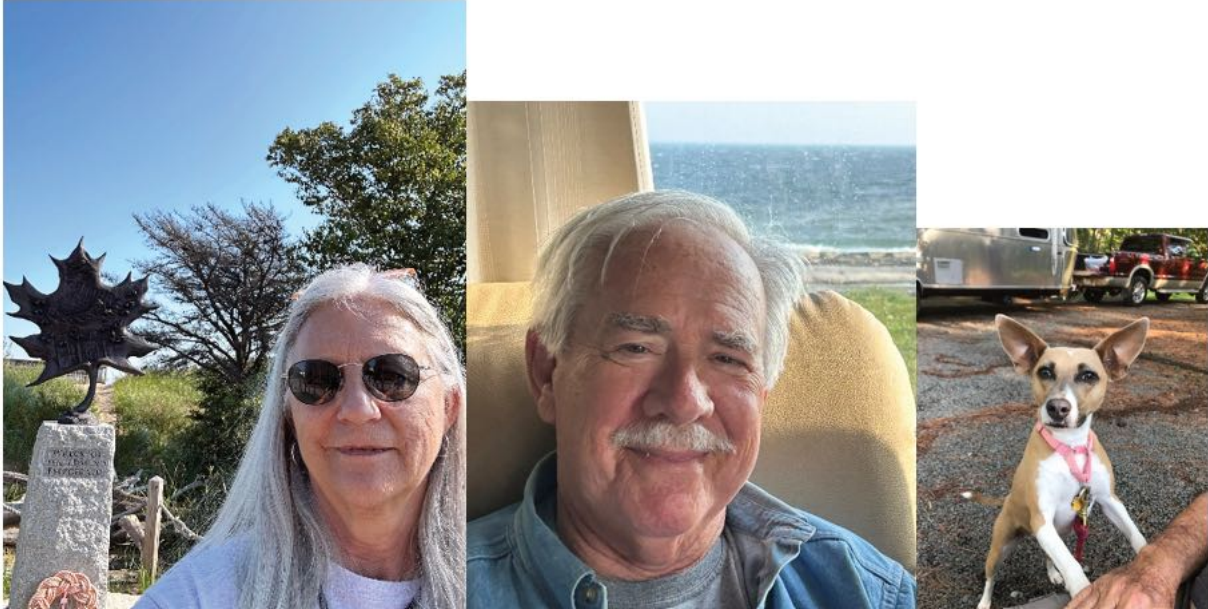


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# The President's Corner

Hi everyone. Although most of you know us, please allow me to officially introduce ourselves as your new *First Family* — Janeene, Jim, and Cricket Rider.



Along with our energetic team of newly elected officers and seasoned returning leaders, we look forward to enjoying a wonderful year together serving the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club.

What better way to end this year's camping season than to get out and join us for these upcoming events [*see full details inside this newsletter*]:

- First there's an exciting "no camping fee" boondocking rally in Virginia Beach starting October 5th at one of our nation's premier air shows, "Warbirds Over the Beach". Step back in time and re-live the glory days of WWII aviation while sipping a cold one.
- Following that, our season finale is a weekend in the Outer Banks at Camp Hatteras where, starting October 31<sup>st</sup>, you can sit back, relax, and enjoy the soothing sounds of the ocean. Rumor has it that some people plan to take advantage of this weekend together to winterize their trailer because, as you can guess, there will be no shortage of Airstream owners on hand who can coach you through it.
- Lastly, our club's Christmas Luncheon (a trailer-less rally) is set for December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Ridge Café in Ruckersville. Several of your officers personally checked out this venue while camping at Madison Vines in early September, and I'm happy to report that the menu, food, and service were outstanding. Come join us!

Looking ahead, 2025 promises to be an adventure-packed year for our club. Already we have over twenty events, rallies and/or caravans planned for next season. Take a few minutes to review the latest planning schedule included in this newsletter; you'll notice lots of novel places to go and things to do – and most events already have rally leaders lined up. Speaking of which, if this is your year to raise your hand to help lead a rally, please don't be shy. Call me and we will pair you with someone who has done it before and can show you the ropes. It's not hard, and I promise you will enjoy it so much more if you get involved in making it happen.

Until next time,

Janeene Rider  
Spirit of Virginia President; and,  
Region 3 Secretary



# Commonwealth Rally 2024



**On of the BEST breakfasts ever!**



**Arvin is BACK - YAY!**



**Jenga Into the Night - Tension!**



**Bob installs the Secretaries!**



# 2025 Rallies & Events Schedule

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(09/14/24)

Year	Month	Date(s)	Rally/Event	Location	Point of Contact
2024	Dec	14	Holiday Luncheon (2024)	Blue RidgeCafé Ruckersville, VA	Lisa Sachs <a href="mailto:Lisalburg@hotmail.com">Lisalburg@hotmail.com</a>
2025	Jan	1	“First DayHike” at America’s State Parks. Joinother Airstreamers for New Year’s Dayhike at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Powhatan State Park, Powhatan (led by Spirit of VA)</li> <li>· Hungry Mother State Park, Marion (led by Virginia)</li> <li>· First Landing State Park, Virginia Beach (led by Tidewater)</li> <li>· Mason Neck State Park, Lorton (led by NORVA)</li> </ul>		Eachclub will have a point of contact to coordinate meet-up place & time. All are welcome to join whicheverhike location they like.
2025	Jan	18	Planning Meeting: 2026 (Rallies/Events Straw-man Schedule)	Twilight Beach Farm Jeffersonton, VA	Janeene Rider <a href="mailto:Janeenerider@gmail.com">Janeenerider@gmail.com</a>
2025	Feb	22	Valentine’s Luncheon	Hotel 24 South Staunton, VA	Greg Heuer <a href="mailto:gheuer@umich.edu">gheuer@umich.edu</a>
2025	Feb	20-23	Staunton Staycation	Frederick HouseB&B Staunton, VA	Greg Heuer <a href="mailto:gheuer@umich.edu">gheuer@umich.edu</a>
2025	Mar	13-16	Itchin’ to Hitch Rally	Belle Isle State Park Lancaster, VA	JonRathke / RonRaymond <a href="mailto:Jon.rathke@gmail.com">Jon.rathke@gmail.com</a>
2025	Apr	TBD	Mosey to Charleston	Caravan to Region 3 “2025 Rally”	RonRaymond <a href="mailto:raymondrc@earthlink.net">raymondrc@earthlink.net</a>
2025	Apr	9-13	Region3 “2025 Rally”	ExchangeParkFairgrounds Charleston, SC	WayneClark <a href="mailto:wclark@airstreamclub.org">wclark@airstreamclub.org</a>
2025	May	2-4	Rally Theme TBD	JamesRiver State Park Gladstone, VA	BobSachs <a href="mailto:Safari27fbse@hotmail.com">Safari27fbse@hotmail.com</a>
2025	May	8-18	Chesapeake Adventure Caravan	Maryland/Virginia Eastern Shore	Greg Heuer <a href="mailto:gheuer@umich.edu">gheuer@umich.edu</a>
2025	June	6-8	Rally Theme TBD	Chippokes Plantation State Park, Surry, VA	JoeBaum <a href="mailto:Baumjs@outlook.com">Baumjs@outlook.com</a>

Year	Month	Date(s)	Rally/Event	Location	Point of Contact
2025	July	4-7	<a href="#">Under discussion: In lieu of River's Edgelater in July</a>  Co-rally with all 4 VA clubs for "Up, Up, and Away" Rally (at Balloons Over Rockbridge Festival)	Virginia Horse Center Lexington, VA	Balloon festival rally led by Virginia Airstream Club with support from other 3 VA clubs.
2025	July	11-13	Rally Theme TBD ( <a href="#">see possible alternate rally at Rockbridge Balloon Festival July 4-7</a> )	Rivers Edge Campground Bergton, VA	(will advise)
2025	Aug	4-9	Old Fiddler's Convention	Cool Breeze Campground Galax, VA	Christine Baum <a href="mailto:baumjc@gmail.com">baumjc@gmail.com</a>
2025	Aug	16	Spirit of VA Annual Club Meeting & Election of Officers	Rue Verde Hacienda Roseland, VA	Jon Rathke <a href="mailto:Jon.rathke@gmail.com">Jon.rathke@gmail.com</a>
2025	Aug	TBD	Virginia Commonwealth Caravanto York	<a href="#">(All 4 VA clubs discussing caravanning together to International Rally)</a>	(will advise)
2025	Aug	23-28	Airstream 68 <sup>th</sup> International Rally*	York Expo Center York, PA	Airstream Club Int'l <a href="mailto:rally@airstreamclub.org">rally@airstreamclub.org</a>
2025	Sept	26-28	Virginia Commonwealth Rally	American Heritage RV Park Williamsburg, VA	Tidewater Club
2025	Oct	17-19	Rally Theme TBD  <a href="#">Under discussion: This could be a co-rally with Tidewater Club.</a>	Douthat State Park Whispering Pines CG Millboro, VA	Bowmans / Regans <a href="mailto:devinbowman@juno.com">devinbowman@juno.com</a>
2025	Oct	23-26	Alumalina*	Tom Johnson's Camping Work Rally Park Marion, NC	John Leake <a href="mailto:john@leakesantiques.com">john@leakesantiques.com</a>
2025	Nov	7-9	Rally Theme TBD	North Landing Beach CG Virginia Beach, VA	Ken Tarrant <a href="mailto:Kentarrant@comcast.net">Kentarrant@comcast.net</a>
2025	Dec	TBD	Holiday Luncheon (2025)	Casa Bowman	Devin & Jill Bowman <a href="mailto:devinbowman@juno.com">devinbowman@juno.com</a>

\*Included for planning purposes (to avoid scheduling conflicts)

For schedule updates, please visit: [Spirit of Virginia Events | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://airstreamclub.org/spirit-of-virginia/spirit-virginia-events)  
<https://airstreamclub.org/spirit-of-virginia/spirit-virginia-events>





Airstream Warbirds Rally Boondocking Event Oct 4-6, 2024 at 1847 Munden Point Rd, Virginia Beach.

Come boondock on private property just 8 miles south of the Military Aviation Museum, Virginia Beach to rally together and attend the Warbirds Over The Beach. There is no camping fee for this event.

Tickets for the Warbirds show are now on sale at the below link. Advanced tickets sales are \$45 for each day and person.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/warbirds-over-the-beach-air-show-2024-tickets-949003463907?aff=oddtcreator>

You are not required to attend the WarBirds over the Beach event to join us for a weekend of relaxation.

[Eventbrite Ticket Link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/warbirds-over-the-beach-air-show-2024-tickets-949003463907?aff=oddtcreator)

## Warbirds Rally (continued)

Local visits include:

Sandbridge Beach (19 miles)

Backbay National Wildlife Refuge (21 miles): There is a small entrance fee or your National Parks Pass is eligible for your entry. False Cape State Park is the southern most state park in Virginia and only accessible through Backbay National Wildlife Refuge by biking or hiking.

Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center (19 miles)

Virginia Beach Boardwalk (21 miles)

Rally schedule:

Arrive: Friday October 4. Dinner will be provided around 5:30. (Current menu thoughts are either Chili or taco bar)

Saturday Oct 5: Breakfast of Scrambled eggs, bacon and toast will be served around 8 am (bring your morning drink)

Attend the Warbirds Rally, see event details at the link to purchase tickets.

Saturday 6 pm social: bring snacks or food to share for social time and campfire.

Sunday is departure day, if you wish to stay for the events on Sunday or touring Va Beach you may depart on Monday.

**NOTE: You may arrive as early as Thursday. No Extra Charge!**

Please Advise Nancy Lawn of the dates you plan to Arrive and Depart.

You will NOT have to back you rig into a parking place, we are told <grin>

## Warbirds Rally (continued)

Current attendees:

Darin and Lisa Blatner  
Wayne and Donna Blatner  
Devin and Jill Bowman  
Dick Bratcher  
Spencer and Tina Estabrook  
Tom and Nancy Lawn  
Jon Rathke and Christine Ottersburg  
Ken and Janie Tarrant

Contact Nancy Lawn at 540-850-7601 for further details.  
Those attending please text or call about 10 minutes before you arrive so we can safely park you. We will be pulling through a driveway, no parking required.

Please bring plenty of water, your generators, and empty black tanks. We will permit "gopher holes" for Gray Water draining. Bring a spade. North Landing Beach Campground is 2.2 miles south of our boondocking location. They allow sewer dumping for a fee of \$10.00.



Military Aviation Museum  
1341 Princess Anne Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23457  
(757) 721-7767

### HOURS

Open Daily, 9am – 5pm  
Closed Thanksgiving  
& Christmas Day

### MUSEUM ADMISSION

- FREE for Members & WWII Veterans
- \$17 – Adult
- \$15 – Senior (65+), Military, Teachers
- \$10 – Youth (ages 5-13)
- Free - Youth 4 & Under



# 31 Oct - 3 Nov - All Virginia Buddy Rally GRAND FINALE HATTERAS RALLY

NOTICE - for those of you who haven't signed up for the **Grand Finale Rally**, but might still be considering, there are still camping openings. You can come early and stay later for the same rate.

As we wind down the camping season in Virginia, don't forget our GRAND FINALE RALLY on the outer banks.

**Where:** Camp Hatteras, Rodanthe, NC. [SPECIAL RATES]

**When:** 31 Oct - 3 Nov, 2024

Don't call the campsite general number, FOR RESERVATIONS call Jen at (252) 987-2777, [jen@camphatteras.com](mailto:jen@camphatteras.com)

Jen is the only person who can make your reservations for the rally. Her days off are Wednesday and Thursday,

**THIS IS A BUDDY RALLY FOR ALL OF VIRGINIA - All Rigs Welcome**

Here is the rough schedule of the events:



**Thursday:** Dinner at the Froggy Dog or Other fun place TBD (Cost is on your own, not included in the Rally Fee)

**Friday Evening:** Bring light snacks/BYOB for social hour and:

*Movie Night and/or Caravan Slide Talks*

**Saturday:** Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, bacon and fruit (Covered by Rally Fee)

Afternoon: Crafts led by the lovely and talented ladies: Christine Baum and Janie Tarrant

Dinner: The famous Meatloaf Mania competition continues. Enter your favorite meatloaf to win the honors of carrying the Meatloaf Mascot Trophy on your Airstream Adventures for a year. This is a potluck dinner.

**Sunday:** Breakfast: Light Snacks before departure (Covered by Rally Fee)



Spirit of Virginia  
Holiday Luncheon

Please join us as we celebrate the season together at a **Holiday Luncheon** sponsored by the Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club.

**When:** Saturday, December 14, 2024  
12:30 pm

**Where:** Blue Ridge Café  
8315 Seminole Trail  
Ruckersville, VA 22968



The Blue Ridge Cafe is an American Grill with an international flair, featuring delicious appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, steaks, seafood, poultry, burgers, and Italian specialties. The café's Virginia-inspired menu coupled with a Virginia wine selection and a full bar combine to create a wonderful place to relax and enjoy a festive holiday meal with fellow Airstreamers!

**To reserve your seat at the table, please contact Lisa Sachs at:**

Email : [lisalburg@hotmail.com](mailto:lisalburg@hotmail.com) Phone : (434) 414-0599



# ScoutingReport

## Bay Shore Campground

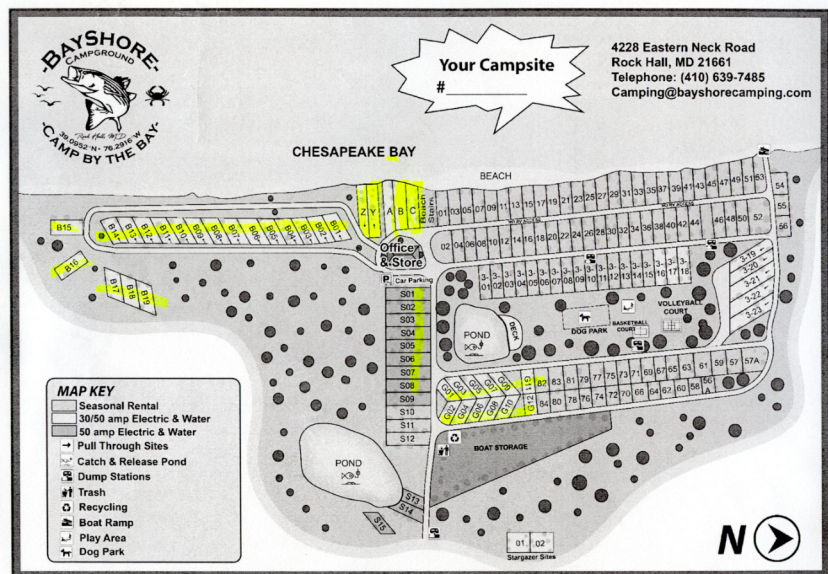
4228 Eastern Neck Rd., Rock Hall, MD 21661  
<https://bayshorecamping.com/>

We found this winner while scouting the Chesapeake Adventure Caravan. Tucked away in Rock Hall and right on the Bay, it's a lovely park.

Bayshore Campground is located along the Eastern Shore of Rock Hall Maryland, directly on the Chesapeake Bay. This waterfront destination offers a great camping experience, unique to other campgrounds. Our campground sits one story above sea level, offering breath taking sunsets every night and amazing views of the landscape. This elevation provides a nice breeze on hot summer nights. There is not much of a beach, but when the tide is low, you can search for valuable sea glass and seashells.

Three miles south of Bayshore Campground is Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, which includes great nature trails, amazing bird watching and access to the meeting point of the Chester River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Three miles north of Bayshore Campground is the town of Rock Hall, also known as the Pearl of the Chesapeake. Rock Hall is a charming town including restaurants, shopping, marinas, coffee shops, entertainment and much more to explore.





## The Region 3 Newsletter Links

Use these links to see one past issue of each Club's newsletter. From there you can contact the leadership to get up to date on Club Activities.

Club editors are encouraged to send more recent links to [gheuer@umich.edu](mailto:gheuer@umich.edu) to update this ongoing listing.

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"](#)