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DelMarVa Airstream
Club #026**

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From the DelMarVa Club Acting President

Andy Dowell

Hello DelMarVa Members,

Andy is on extended travel.

**Kind Regards,
Andy Dowell
410-212-4431 (phone/text)**

DelMarVa Airstream Club Calendar

Sep 20-22, 2024: DelMarVa Club Rally;
Location: Crisfield American Legion, MD;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club;
Contact: Roger Sansom

Oct 5-10, 2024: 2024 International Rally;
Location: Sedalia, MO;
Host is ACI

Oct 11-13, 2024: Joint Rally with Keystone AS Club,
Location: National Apple Harvest Festival at South Mountain Fairgrounds, Route 234 near Arendtsville, PA;
Campground will be near Gettysburg, PA;
Host is Keystone AS Club

Oct 25-27, 2024
DelMarVa Installation Rally
Location: 4H Club Campground, Centreville, MD;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club
More details in future issues

Region 2 President

By Gary Russo, BRN# 1061, President, Region 2

Hello DelMarVa Members,

Gary is on extended travel.

With that said, safe travels and see you down the road!

Gary Russo, BRN# 1061

Rivian R1T Electric Tow Vehicle Trip

The Voorhees Go Electric!

Text and Photos by Catherine Voorhees

EV Trip to Little Pine Creek State Park

We got our new tow vehicle in December, an all-electric pickup (Rivian R1T). Our first test towing our 25 foot International Airstream was journeying to Waterville, PA from Lewes, DE. The Rivian R1T has a trip planner including fast charge locations, which it prioritizes based on user reviews.



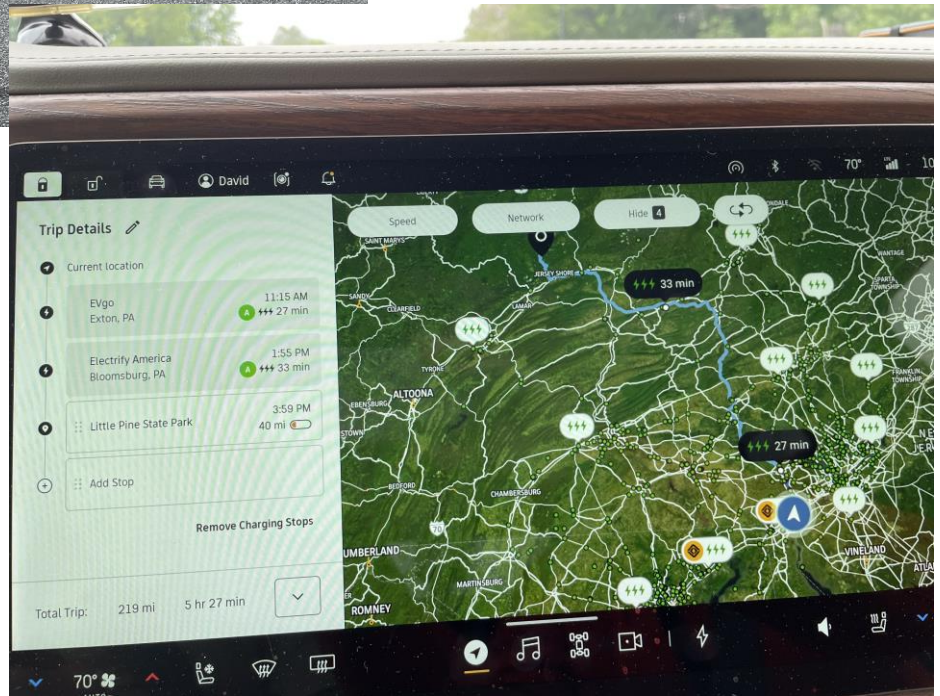
Charging at Christiana Mall

Our first fast charge was at a Rivian Adventure Network at the Christiana Mall (DE) and lasted about 20 minutes (averaged 90 kW/hour). Willy was walked during this morning stop.

We thought we could cut some mileage off by not traveling on interstate highways. Turns out the EV charging station not on the interstate highway was not as trailer friendly as the one suggested by Rivian's trip planner and did not charge as fast as advertised.

Screen Shot of the Rivian Trip Planner

We had to go east, instead of west, to get to another Fast DC charger. We were steered to an EVgo charger at a Home Depot in Trexlertown, PA as the Rivian warned us that we could make it to a charger outside of Allentown, Pa; but not to Bloomsburg, Pa. It was about an 80 mile mistake. We arrived with 25% of our towing range and 35 miles of range. The 350 kW DC charger in a Home Depot parking lot allowed us to charge while still hooked up, we ate lunch, and we were on our way after 20 minutes (max 200kW per hour).





Charging at the
Trexlerstown, PA
Home Depot

Our last charging station, Electrify America, was about 77 miles from Little Pine Creek State Park at a Sheetz in Bloomsburg, PA (elevation 531 ft). Again, Willy got a walk for the 15-20 minute stop. We made it to the campground with 16 miles (towing or 26 without) extra. Little Pine Creek State Park (elevation 710 ft) has 15/30/50 amp posts so we could charge the R1T at

about 20 miles an hour and plug the Airstream into the 30 amp plug. We met Cathe's brother and sister-in-law at the campground for three days of trout fishing. Waterville, PA is remote - lots of birds and fishing (rainbow trout, brown trout, and Palomino).

Our Campsite at
Little Pine Creek
State Park, PA

We learned to trust the Rivian Trip Planner. Until we get our Tesla adapter, we can use DC fast chargers and our experience indicates they work pretty well. Since we make lots of stops on our RV trips, we didn't mind stopping to charge and we used the charging to do things we would have done anyway. Going up hills uses more energy than flat driving, and going faster, 75 mph, uses more energy than 35 mph. We drive with the traffic flow, and so far, we haven't needed to slow down to extend range.



EV Trip to Shenandoah National Park

With the heat wave approaching Lewes, DE, we left for the Big Meadows Campground at MP 51.2 on Skyline Drive in Shenandoah NP on June 18th. We met our daughter, Marien, and her husband, Mark, and camped in sites 173 and 175 adjacent the Appalachian Trail. These two spots are great when camping with family and friends. The fire ring for site 175 was further away from the road so we used site 175 for cooking and fires. Site 173 is a pull through, but we went in the opposite direction so our awning would face site 175. Marien and Mark put their tent on a flat spot in site 173. Our initial EV charge was at the Queenstown Premium Outlets (about 66 miles) at an Electrify America DC Fast charger (max 200 kW per hour) where Cathe walked Willy for a short bit as our stay at the charger was about 15 minutes.



Charging in Haymarket, VA

Our next stop was in Haymarket, Va at another Electrify America fast charger adjacent to a Walmart (96 miles). We had lunch while charging the Rivian. A last charging spot before we boondocked at Big Meadows was at a Rivian Adventure Network fast charger in Front Royal, Va. where Dave charged the Rivian to 90%. Dave charged while John and I picked up 3 large items at Walmart, and he picked us up at the Walmart front door. We then entered Skyline Drive at the

northern entrance and drove 35mph to the Big Meadows Campground.

Our Campsite at Big Meadows, Shenandoah National Park

The entire trip with stops took about 1-1.5 hours longer than with no stops. And, we had 200 miles of range to enjoy the park without towing the Airstream. While we could drive for 150 miles (about 75% of our towing range), charger sessions go faster when one only needs to charge to 75% or less as the kilowatts of the 350 kW machines slowly decrease and take more time to get the last 25%.



We enjoyed mac and cheese with tomatoes and s'mores on our first night. While boondocking, we connect our Airstream to a 2000 watt Jackery so the microwave is functional and our electrical outlets work for small appliances. The mac and cheese is stored in microwaveable plastic containers so it is an easy meal to prepare.

The next morning, we met a couple who towed their Bambi with a Rivian SUV (also green). Airstreams are great for towing as the shape of the Airstream body provides less drag or resistance to wind. On Juneteeth we hiked the Limberlost Trail, a 1.6 mile ADA Trail through a shady forest. It was one of the longest ADA trails John has driven on with his power chair. We used an EV charger at the Big Meadows Visitor Center, it was a level 2 charger (20 miles an hour), we gained 10 miles while viewing the exhibits at the Visitor Center. Dinner was at the Big Meadows Lodge after a day sightseeing on Skyline Drive. More s'mores at the campsite Solo stove fire.



Thursday morning, we showered and did laundry. The ADA shower was locked, but once opened it had a great seat and European shower along with a private restroom. The laundry was \$1.00 for wash and \$0.25 for 7 minutes of dry. Very nice machines. In the afternoon, we drove south on Skyline Drive to the Swift Run Gap entrance at US 33 and exited the park so we could charge at the Waynesboro Rivian Adventure Network (54 miles). The Rivian Adventure Network is a DC Fast Charger so charged to 85% (350 miles), and then drove to the Rapidan Wildlife Management Area (57 miles from EV Charger) so we could let Willy run and swim at the Rapidan River (about 35 miles from our campsite).

John and the Fawn Exchanging Hellos

While Dave was hooking the Rivian to the Airstream, John, Willy, and Cathe walked a 0.5 mile loop around the campground. A doe and her fawn were feeding alongside the road to our campsite. But, when we stopped to

adjust John, the fawn came down a trail to the road to say hello.

We left the campground and drove south along Skyline Drive. Right after we passed Swift Run Gap, a bobcat ventured out onto Skyline before he saw the Rivian. Dave and Cathe got a great look at the

distinctive face of the bobcat before it turned back and disappeared into the forest. It was Dave's first sighting of a bobcat despite our numerous backpacking hikes through Shenandoah and the nearby National Forests. Cathe had seen the rear end of a bobcat while camping during one of our backpacking trips.

Stopped at one of the Shenandoah Park Overlooks

We went back to Lewes, DE via Fredericksburg, VA (89 miles) charged at a 150 kW Electrify America, then used the Harry Nice Bridge over the Potomac River (33 miles), charged at an EVgo charger at Marlboro Crossroads,



Upper Marlboro, MD (44 miles), and then took the Chesapeake Bay Bridge over the Chesapeake Bay. We had two EV stops in populated areas but managed to snag a charger at each location without waiting.

We didn't need to use our generator on this boondocking experience as the Rivian charged our Jackery while we were sightseeing.

The Rivian Adventure charging network and other networks appear to be sufficient for our Voyageurs National Park (MN) and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan tour at the end of the summer. We should receive our Tesla adapter for our Florida trip in December.

All in all, we like our Rivian truck.

Renovating My 1961 Airstream Safari

<https://delawaretoday.com/life-style/home-garden/airstream-renovation/>

Text and Photos by Shannon Stevens

Shannon Stevens wanted to share his Airstream story which has been published in Delaware Today. Click on the link above.

Take some time to check out the whole story, what a great effort.

When Shannon (seen here enjoying the canopy with his daughter) purchased the Airstream, the interior had been wrecked by forest animals and the elements, and even the façade was dull and beaten up. But once it was polished, its shine hid most of the dents and dings.



The DelMarVa Airstream Club Picnic Was a Great Success June 15, 2024

Nearly thirty folks from the DelMarVa Airstream Club showed up at Bob and Laurie Pullman's home to enjoy a great afternoon of food, Airstream stories, and descriptions of trips taken and planned.



The shade was welcome, it was a very sunny day

Bob did the honors with the grill, turning out heaps of hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken. Laurie organized the kitchen, the sides, and the desserts.



Bob and Laurie's driveway made a great gathering place for renewing friendships.



Crisfield, Maryland Rally

A DelMarVa Airstream Club Rally

September 20th - 22nd, 2024

Location: Crisfield American Legion 126
Lorrie Quinn Drive, Crisfield MD.

To reserve your waterfront site, mail an
\$80.00 check (for a two-night stay) to
Chuck Helwig, Club Treasurer, by July
26th. Early arrivals or late departures are
available for an additional \$40 per night.
The sites offer electric and water hook-
ups, a dump station is available. Make
checks payable to: Delmarva Airstream
Club.

Chuck Helwig, 206 Rocky Meadow Lane
Dover, DE 19904



Sites are limited ! (only 12)
Sign-up early!



A Taste of Crisfield!

Photos from a Past Crisfield Rally

2021



A Taste of New York – August 1 to August 5

A Joint Rally of Hudson Mohawk, Metro NY, and NY Finger Lakes Airstream Clubs

Tired of looking at your trailer in storage or the driveway?



If you attended last year's Sampson Rally, we hope you have fond memories. This year the theme is 'A Taste of New York'. The New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club along with the Hudson-Mohawk and Metropolitan New York Airstream Clubs have partnered together to add to those fond Airstream rally memories or to create new ones. We plan to showcase the taste of New York. On Friday we plan to have tastings under the tent. The tastings will include wines and craft beers from the region. Each trailer will be provided with a Charcuterie Board box (enough for 2 people) and a bag of decadent popcorn, both provided by local vendors. Last year the event started with check in on Thursday and check out on Monday morning. This extended time was a real hit with the Canadians last year because they have a long weekend.

So, add your trailer to the August 1-5 shindig. As in the past, we have sites already reserved at Sampson State Park for the event (limited now to 97 sites), a larger meeting tent, and a live band. Cost information and registration using the JotForm is below.

<https://form.jotform.com/240374986998177>

Meet the DelMarVa Airstream Club Officers and Volunteers

Being somewhat new to the DelMarVa Airstream Club myself, I thought it would be great to publish photos of our Officers and Volunteers so you might be able to pick them out at upcoming meetings and rallies.

The President and Vice President positions are Vacant at this time



Chuck Helwig, Treasurer
(with Maggie)



Katharine Dowell, Recording Secretary and Trustee



Andy Dowell, Webmaster and Trustee



Roger Sansom, Membership Chair
(with Celeste)



Denis Clements, Newsletter Editor

The Looking for Information, Advice Corner, and For Sale Items from our Members

If you would like to post a question or comment for the DelMarVa Airstream Club folks, please let me know.

Looking for nuggets that would be good info for our club members.

Looking for questions that you would prefer to keep in the club.

Editorial Review

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