

# The Road Awaits



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**Membership Report = 58 rigs as of this month.**

## The Classic Wally Byam Wagon Wheel

The *few*, The *hardy*, The *boondockers* parked in the traditional way at the WARBIRDS Rally. Janie took a drone shot for us.



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# The President's Corner

Greetings from the West Coast! What a busy summer and fall this has been for the Riders. After 2+ months in Newfoundland & Labrador in June/July/August (best caravan ever!), we caught our breath for a few weeks, and then headed out again in the Airstream at the end of September for a cross-country trek to the Golden State for a family wedding. In between we enjoyed a week in Sedalia, MO at the International Rally before moving on to stops in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and finally California. We plan to reverse our direction across the USA with the goal of enjoying Thanksgiving dinner in Dallas with family before landing back in Virginia in December.



*Jim chillin' with Cricket in the Airstream in her cone of shame after ER visit.*

By the time you read this, our club's recent Warbirds Rally and the Grand Finale Rally will be "in the books". What a fun-filled year this has been thus far for the Spirit of Virginia.



*Happy to spend time in my hometown and attend childhood church in Duncan, OK*

Our last event of the year is the Holiday Luncheon on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Ridge Café in Ruckersville (see flyer herein) – make plans now to join us for this annual gathering of friends.

I also encourage you to take a few minutes to review the updated schedule of events & rallies for 2025 in this newsletter and include several (*or all*) of these in your 2025 plans. You won't be disappointed.

Until next time, I leave you with this thought: **Roses are red, Mud is brown; A night in the Airstream is better than any night on the town!**



*Mooch-docking at our son's home in Central California.*

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



# 2025 Rallies & Events Schedule

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(10/31/24)

Year	Month	Date(s)	Rally/Event	Location	Point of Contact
2024	Dec	14	Holiday Luncheon	Blue Ridge Café Ruckersville, VA	Lisa Sachs <a href="mailto:Lisalburg@hotmail.com">Lisalburg@hotmail.com</a>
2025	Jan	1	<p>“First Day Hike” at America’s State Parks. Join other Airstreamers for New Year’s Day hike at:</p> <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>		Lisa Lichenstein will lead the SoV hike (details to follow re: meet-up time and place)
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 House B&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	Jon Rathke / Ron Raymond <a href="mailto:Jon.rathke@gmail.com">Jon.rathke@gmail.com</a>
2025	Apr	TBD	Mosey to Charleston	Caravan to Region 3 “2025 Rally”	Ron Raymond <a href="mailto:raymondrc@earthlink.net">raymondrc@earthlink.net</a>
2025	Apr	9-13	Region 3 “2025 Rally”	Exchange Park Fairgrounds Charleston, SC	Wayne Clark <a href="mailto:wclark@airstreamclub.org">wclark@airstreamclub.org</a>
2025	May	2-4	Dark Skies Rally	James River State Park Gladstone, VA	Bob Sachs <a href="mailto:Safari27fbse@hotmail.com">Safari27fbse@hotmail.com</a>
2025	May	8-18	Chesapeake Adventure Caravan – SOLD OUT	Maryland/Virginia Eastern Shore	Greg Heuer <a href="mailto:gheuer@umich.edu">gheuer@umich.edu</a>
2025	<b>June</b>	<b>13-15</b>	<p>Rally Theme TBD</p> <p><b>Note date change!</b></p>	Chippokes Plantation State Park, Surry, VA	Joe Baum <a href="mailto:Baumjs@outlook.com">Baumjs@outlook.com</a>
2025	July	4-7	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.

Year	Month	Date(s)	Rally/Event	Location	Point of Contact
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 Caravan to 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="#">Possible co-rally with Tidewater Club (and potentially the West VA unit)</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>

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



# **First Day Hikes in Virginia**

**Powhatan State Park**

**Hungry Mother State Park**

**First Landing State Park**

**Mason Neck State Park**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

**“First Day Hike” — Join other Airstreamers for New Year’s Day hike at:**

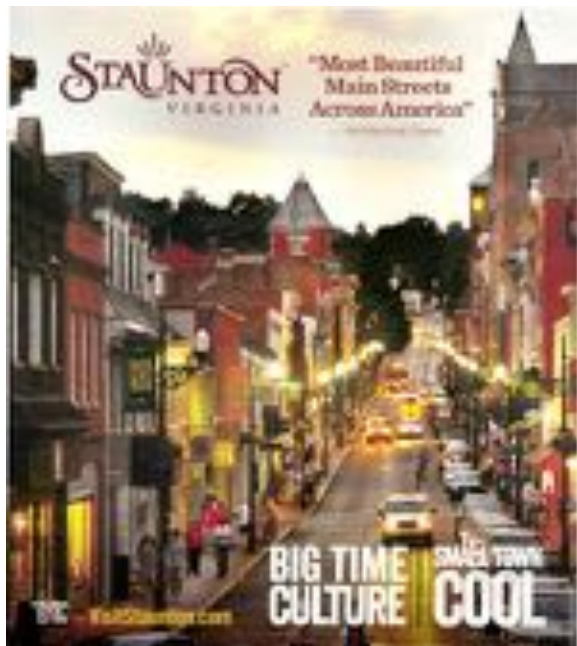
- **Powhatan State Park, Powhatan (led by Spirit of VA)**
- **Hungry Mother State Park, Marion (led by Virginia)**
- **First Landing State Park, Virginia Beach (led by Tidewater)**
- **Mason Neck State Park, Lorton (led by NORVA)**

**Each club will have a point of contact to coordinate meet-up place & time. All are welcome to join whichever hike location they like.**

More News Soon . . .

# Staunton Staycation

GREG HEUER - EDITOR



The Club will be hosted in Staunton, Virginia. We will stay in the Frederick House, a B&B inn, comprised of 5 historic houses, located in scenic downtown Staunton, Virginia. Dinners will be at local fine restaurants.



Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum

## Sign Up for “trailerless” fun, food, and friends - Feb. 20-21-22, 2025

We have planned a special event for the weekend of Feb 20-23, 2025, (Thurs-Sun). The event is limited to 15 BRNs, single or double.

**The Kitty Fee for this is  
Single: \$1085 or Double: \$1,395.**

Included in the Fee: three nights first-class lodging (Thurs, Fri, and Sat night), three breakfasts, a reception, two dinners, two theater events, and an illustrated handout listing our *agenda* plus local *attractions* and *adventures*.

A deposit of \$395 secures your reservation. A waitlist will be maintained, and we will try for flexibility in the case of over-subscription.

[Click here to Register](#)



## Linda and Greg Heuer

CARAVAN LEADERS

“We keep our *stuff* in Virginia, but our hearts live in the Airstream..”

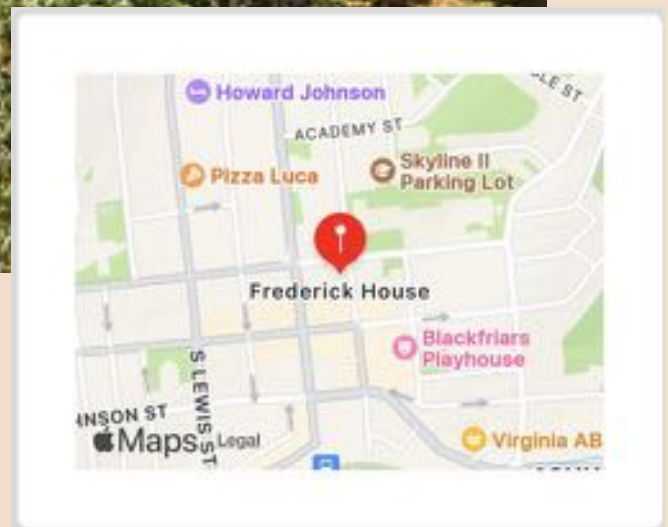
## FREDERICK HOUSE

### Unique B & B

It offers the privacy of a hotel, with the personal experience of a Bed and Breakfast.

In the morning, enjoy a hot, homemade breakfast selected from their popular and highly rated breakfast menu. Each guest room is unique in both size and style.

The Frederick House Hotel is located in the center of historic downtown Staunton, just one block off of the main street in town, and directly across the street from Mary Baldwin University. From the Frederick House you can easily walk to a variety of shopping and dining experiences, the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse, and the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum.





A gala weekend with your friends awaits you in this charming and historic town. You deserve it!

Click Below to Register.  
No Money Due today.  
When your registration is accepted you will get a link for payments.

[Click here to Register](#)



## KITTY FEE PAYS FOR FOOD AND FUN

**3 Nights Hotel — 2 Dinners — 2 Shows**

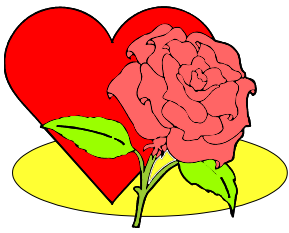
Breakfast is included at the hotel. Dinners Friday night and Saturday night will be hosted by the Club at two different local fine restaurants (adult beverages on your own).



Friday evening will include a performance at the Blackfriars Playhouse.  
Saturday evening will include a movie of your choice and popcorn at the unique Visulite Cinema.



**Like a “Cruise” without leaving Virginia**  
2 PM Friday offers the “on-your-own” opportunity to visit the Accordia Wine Bar for a private charcuterie and wine tasting seminar from the owners. [\$33.69 per person - 114 East Beverly Street in Staunton.]



## Valentine Luncheon

Hotel 24 South

**12:30 PM - Saturday, February 22, 2025**

“DURING THE **STAUNTON STAYCATION** ALL ARE INVITED TO THIS GALA LUNCHEON”

Buoyant frivolity takes place at the annual Valentine Lunch this year in the midst of the first ever **STAUNTON STAYCATION**. The lunch is on-your-own @ \$25 per person ++.



The elegant Banquet Room at the Hotel 24 South will seat our party. The delicious buffet will include your choices from Roast Beef, Smoked Turkey, Ham, Pasta Salad, Tuna Salad, American and Swiss Cheeses, Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Kaiser Rolls, Mayonnaise, Horseradish Cream Sauce, and Mustard. Served with Homemade Potato Chips and Crisp Pickle Spears.

You must register (no \$\$ now) so we can prepare the tables and food - DEADLINE: 12 Feb. 2025.

[Click here  
to Register](#)

# Dark Skies Rally

## James River State Park

### May 1 thru May 4, 2025

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the park features rolling grasslands, quiet forests and beautiful views, as well as 3 miles of shoreline along the James River. The park's size is 1561 acres.



James River received the **International Dark Sky Park** designation in 2019 and is ideal for stargazing.

Lisa and I will be the Rally Masters for this event. We have reserved 12 sites in the Red Oak Campground. The Campground has sites with water and electricity and a full-service bathhouse with laundry facilities and a dump station. The links below show a map of the campground and photos of the camp sites. Pets are permitted (Dogs must be on a leash)

- <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/document/site-spec-jr.pdf>
- <https://www.flickr.com/photos/vastateparksstaff/albums/72157662668300168>

We will work with the Park Ranger to arrange 1 or more interpretive sessions.

Depending on the weather, you can do a 2 hour or 6 hour float trip on the river. To lessen debris and its impact on wildlife, James River is a trash-in, trash-out facility.

The camping fee for 3 nights is \$113.00. We will advise you of the Rally Fee as we get closer to the Rally dates.

Please contact us to make your reservation: [safari27fbse@hotmail.com](mailto:safari27fbse@hotmail.com) or 202-577-5860.

**A good time will be had by all.**



## 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"](#)