

# The Road Awaits



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**Membership Report = 61 rigs as of this month.**

## This Fall has been a long one for your editor

The *storm* in North Carolina affected our family, too. All is well. Everyone is safe, healthy, and dry. The home is whole and the the neighborhood came together in remarkable ways.

As a result we have missed some of the GREAT Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club events we always kept on our calendar.

Linda and I are looking forward to seeing our friends over the holidays. **[PLEASE buy your Valentine Tickets now.](#)**



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# The President's Corner

Greetings from Dallas, Texas, where we've been spending the Thanksgiving holiday with my three sisters and their families (this is the first time in decades that we've all been together for this holiday). As mentioned in my last message to you all, Jim and I have been on a multi-month trip in our Airstream to California and back throughout this Fall.



*Peaceful Hip Camping for a few days at a calf-roping ranch in the hills of Arizona.*



*Fun with friends at Frank Lloyd Wright's winter home, Taliesin West, in Scottsdale, AZ.*

As some of you may have heard, we stopped on our trek west to buy a house in Tennessee! That's right, we've decided to pull the trigger and buy an RV home in the beautiful Cumberland Plateau at The Gardens RV Village Homes in Crossville, TN. We've had our eye on this community for a while and decided the time was right. While we are excited about this down-sizing move to Region 6 (no more barn stalls to muck, pastures to bush-hog, board fences to paint, etc.), it will be difficult to say goodbye to our many treasured Region 3 friends here in the Virginia/DC/Maryland area. That just means we'll be even more excited to see you at future International Rallies, National Events and forthcoming Airstream Caravans wherever they may take us.



*Cricket popping her head out to see which state the Airstream is parked in today.*

Don't forget the Christmas luncheon for our club at Blue Ridge Café in Ruckersville, VA (coordinated by Lisa Sachs) as well as the First Day Hike (led by Lisa Lichtenstein) at Cold Harbor Battlefield in Mechanicsville, VA. See enclosed for details of these and many other upcoming events.

And remember: The only thing better than a good campfire is a good story around it.

Happy Holidays,

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



# 2025 Rallies & Events Schedule

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(11/23/24)

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 DayHike” at America’s State Parks. Join other Airstreamers for New Year’s Dayhike at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cold Harbor Battlefield, Mechanicsburg, VA (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 <a href="mailto:LisaLichtenst3@gmail.com">LisaLichtenst3@gmail.com</a> <b>Note location change!</b>
2025	Jan	18	Planning Meeting: 2026 (Rallies/Events Straw-man Schedule)	<b>Location TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
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	Moseyto Charleston	Caravanto 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	June	13-15	Rally Theme TBD	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 RVPark 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**

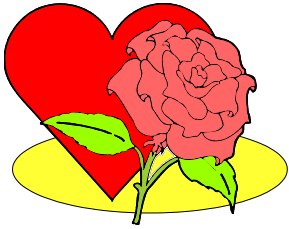
**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

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

- **Cold Harbor Battlefield, Mechanicsburg (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 . . .



## 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 buy your tickets NOW so we can pay the Hotel Deposit - DEADLINE: 2 Dec. 2024.**

[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"](#)