

# The Road Awaits



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**Membership Report = 65 rigs as of this month.**

## Spring Has Sprung in Central Virginia

The "Itchin' To Hitch" rally was wonderful. We really wish MORE of our Spirit of Virginia Airstream Club member rigs could come out for these family events.

Yes, I know there's lots of things to do these days. Personally Linda and I get a real boost from being together with our Airstream friends. A quick weekend event recharges our batteries. We feel we get a REAL get away even though it's only for a few days.



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# The President's Corner

Hello Fellow Streamers!

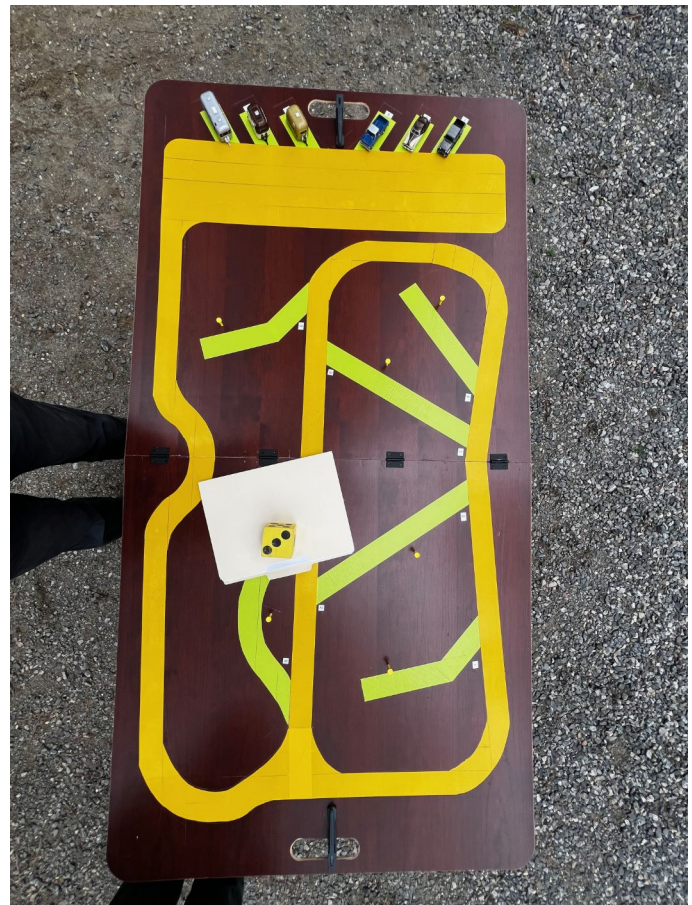
In the wake of Janeene Rider stepping down as President of the Spirit of Virginia Club for 2025, I was officially sworn in to fulfill the position for the remainder of the year. I would like to thank Janeene for all of her hard work getting the year started and wish her & Jim the best as they move and transition to their new club in Region 6.

Camping Season is finally upon us! We have just returned from the Itchin' to Hitch Rally at the beautiful Belle Isle State park. What a great weekend! Special thanks to Jon Rathke & Christine Ottersberg and Ronald & Chris Raymond for planning so much amazing food, fun, and fellowship! We had 14 rigs, representing 4 different clubs in attendance! Ask an attendee about the "Itchin' to Hitch Game" where participants got to show off their trailering skills, producing so many laughs from the spectators! We also had a great presentation of the Oyster Story from one of the Park Rangers. Special thanks to Ken Tarrant for leading us in a planning meeting while I was under the weather to get the ball rolling for many exciting outings in 2026.

Our next gathering will be the Region 3 Rally in Charleston, SC, with future rallies planned at James River State Park, Chippokes Plantation, the Fiddlers Convention, and Douthat State Park. We hope you will join us for some or all of these!

Wishing you all safe travels as you adventure this year,

Devin Bowman





# The President's Corner





# 2025-26 Rallies & Events

## Schedule, some Tentative

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(03/28/25)

Year	Month	Date(s)	Rally/Event	Location	Point of Contact
2025	Apr	TBD	Moseyto Charleston	Caravanto Region3 "2025 Rally"?	Ron Raymond <a href="mailto:raymondrc@earthlink.net">raymondrc@earthlink.net</a>
2025	Apr	9-13	• Region3 "2025 Rally"		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[one spot left]*	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.
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	(All 4 VA clubs discussing caravanning together to International Rally)	(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 Possible co-rally with Tidewater Club (and potentially the West VA unit)	Douthat State Park Whispering Pines CG Millboro, VA	Bowmans / Regans <a href="mailto:devinbowman@juno.com">devinbowman@juno.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>

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2025	Dec	20	Holiday Luncheon (2025)	Casa Bowman	Devin & Jill Bowman <a href="mailto:devinbowman@juno.com">devinbowman@juno.com</a>
2026	Jan	TBD	Planning Session for 2027	Casa Regan	Tina Regan <a href="mailto:reganty@yahoo.com">reganty@yahoo.com</a>
2026	Feb	14	Valentine's Day Luncheon 12:30 - 2:30 PM	Maggiano's – Short Pump 11800 West Broad St Richmond VA 23233	Greg Heuer <a href="mailto:gheuer@umich.edu">gheuer@umich.edu</a>
2026	Mar	4-8	Region 3 Rally	SUN'n FUN Aerospace Expo Campground 4075 James C. Ray Drive Lakeland, FL, 33811	Bob Ealy <a href="mailto:bgealy@att.net">bgealy@att.net</a>
2026	Apr		Itchin' to Hitch 2026	[tent.] Cozy Acres	TBD
2026	May	1-5	Cinco de Mayo Rally	Fort Valley Ranch?	Sachs?
2026	June	TBD	Newport News City Camp	TBD	Tarrants?
2026	July	TBD	Pipestem Buddy and Family Rally	Pipestem State Park Lerona, WV 25971	Phil and Connie Miller <a href="mailto:philmlrplm@gmail.com">philmlrplm@gmail.com</a>
2026	Aug	TBD	90 <sup>th</sup> Old Fiddlers Convention	Galax, VA	Christine Baum <a href="mailto:baumjc@gmail.com">baumjc@gmail.com</a>
2026	Aug	TBD	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>
2026	Sept	TBD	Commonwealth Rally*		
2026	Oct	TBD	Shenandoah Vally Rally	TBD	Bowman/Regan
2026	Nov	5-8	Traditional Hatteras Rally	Camp Hatteras	Jon Rathke <a href="mailto:Jon.rathke@gmail.com">Jon.rathke@gmail.com</a>
2026	Dec	TBD	Christmas Party	TBD	TBD

\*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>

# 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.**



## 89th Old Fiddlers' Convention - Galax, VA - August 4-9, 2025

Before International there is this Most Fun Event. Here's your link for the latest:

<http://oldfiddlersconvention.com/>

The schedule is about the same as ever. YOU know to be there for the Monday show to see the kids!

Monday, August 4, 2025, 5:30 PM - Fiddlers' Youth Competition

Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 6:00 PM - Old Time Fiddle, Dobro, and Mandolin Competitions

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 6:00 PM - Bluegrass Fiddle, Dulcimer, and Bluegrass Banjo Competitions

Thursday, August 7, 2025, 6:00 PM - Clawhammer Banjo, Autoharp, and Guitar Competitions

Friday, August 8, 2025, 6:00 PM - Old Time Band and Bluegrass Band Competitions

Saturday, August 9, 2025, 12:00 PM - Folk Song and Flatfoot Dance Competitions

Saturday, August 10, 2025, 6:00 PM - Bluegrass Band and Old Time Band Competitions

Registration is easy. Just call the Cool Breeze Campground [267-236-0300] - reserve a site for at least three nights.

Here's your link: <https://www.coolbreezecampground.com/>





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**STANDARD VEHICLE PRICE: \$30,875.00**

**SALES TAX: \$1,850.00**

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**DELIVERY FEE: \$500.00**

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**DESTINATION FEE: \$750.00**

**DELIVERY FEE: \$500.00**

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**TOTAL VEHICLE PRICE: \$33,965.00**

**MPG: 19 City / 24 Highway / 5.3 gal/100 miles**

**You Spend \$2,750 more in fuel costs over 5 years**

**Annual Fuel Cost: \$1,950**

**GOVERNMENT 5-STAR SAFETY RATINGS**

**Overall Vehicle Score: 4.5 stars**

**Frontal Crash: 5 stars**

**Side Crash: 5 stars**

**Rollover: 3 stars**

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**ENGINE: UNITED STATES**

**TRANSMISSION: UNITED STATES**

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**Bowman Rig for sale, too!**

## **1991 Airstream 30 Foot Classic Excella**

**This rig was featured on the cover of Airstream's Blue Beret Magazine in the Winter 2024 Edition!**

**This 1991 30' Excella Airstream Classic has been our "home away from home" on many journeys. It has been to Alaska twice , the west coast ten times, the entire east coast, parts of Canada, and numerous trips out west. It has been a staple in the our family for 27 years and it was purchased from the original owner.**

**This Airstream has been garage kept and very well maintained. The roof was re-finished in 2022. It has new 15" wheels and tires as of 2022 with a tire pressure monitoring system included.**

**The Original camper had rear twins that have been converted to a king, tempur-pedic mattress. Camper will come with original twin mattresses and vanity to easily convert back if desired.**

**Comes with standard Class IV hitch .**

**Sofa has been removed to be ready for re-upholstering. Message for more details !**

**Devin : 540-908-0356**



