

NORVA NEWS



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A Message from our Membership Director

Doug Perkins

I want to thank all members for appointing and voting for me to this important position within the club. I am greatly honored and accept the challenge given to me. I would also like to thank Lou Brodsky for the years of commitment he gave the club, upholding this position. He is currently serving as club Parliamentarian. I hope to just come close to the standard set by Lou and others that held this position before me.

Membership update:

The club remains healthy with 72 regular household members and 19 affiliate household members, for a total of 91 household memberships. Sadly, our club has lost an unusual number of members over the past year. I have been in contact with most of them. The number one reason was health issues, with several of them being multiple long-time red star members. We had three households move to other states. Another reason was economic reasons, due to the International club membership going from \$75 to \$99 per year. Several households made up the difference in price by not renewing affiliate memberships they really were not using, and I fully understand their decision. On a very positive note, we have gained eleven new household members since last year. When I was going through the directory, I realized what a great rally it would be if just half the membership attended.

Membership Directory:

The club Board voted this year to move away from the popular paperback NORVA Directory, mainly due to production costs. The board voted to produce a simple-to-use file directory with an easy to

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“Let’s not make changes, let’s only make improvements.”

Wally Bayam

remember password. This directory is simple to use. It places a name to a picture, which is the main reason for a directory. Our Board fully realizes this password protection is like a bicycle cable lock, it can easily be defeated by someone with determination, but it’s better than nothing. The Board also voted not to release the street addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of the membership. Our membership directory will direct you to your on-line International club portal where you can quickly access all this information about membership within a more secure setting. I have personally bookmarked this page for quick access. I will publish and update our directory twice a year with the winter/spring edition and a summer/fall edition. Please feel free to download this file to your secure personal devices. I have concerns when I read directories from other clubs who appear to have no security concerns with personal information. Remember, criminal fraudsters start by building a victim portfolio from different sources of information. Another advantage for fraudsters is the ability to connect individuals through sources like a directory. NORVA will always protect your privacy.

In this month’s edition of the Blue Beret, it was announced that a new mobile app will soon be available that will include their full membership directory. I will follow this development and pass along any new information to you.

New Member Briefing:

Thanks to Jim Oxley for organizing the New Member briefing at Bunnyman Brewing in Lorton VA, on March 22nd. We had an encouraging new member showing of sixteen new members and thirteen regular members in support. The fellowship was great, and the beer and food were excellent. Looking forward to seeing all our new members at an upcoming rally and catching up with all the members in NORVA.



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Region 3 Rally

NORVA was well represented by the Doug and Gail Perkins, Gerry and Patsy Nagel, Jim Oxley, Beth Keller and Amanda Zbinden, Ron and Leslie Stevens, Tom Carmichael, Bev and John Bevis and Bob and Wendy Nickel. Bob represented NORVA admirably carrying the flag in the opening ceremony. The whole rally was a good mix of learning and camaraderie. There were presentation on caravans, weight and pulling safely, general tips and tricks for Airstreamers..



Airstream of Greensboro was an active participant during the rally and a generous presenter with nice giveaways. There were two fund raiser raffles with member Gail Perkins snagging a set of flamingo wine glasses, while Amanda Zbinden walked away with a



Blackstone grill. The food was terrific, too. Mexican night had great fare and John Leake brought a margarita machine which was definitely a hit. A low country boil and bingo rounded out the group meals and fun. Campfires had to be gas rather than wood, due to heightened fire risk. Nevertheless, they as usual, they ended the evenings with more companionship and sharing.

Maintenance Rally

We had a wonderful maintenance rally this year thanks to a lot of work by Tom Carmichael and DJ Mastin. DJ gave an informative presentation as always, updated by Jessica Mastin, covering topics on all things Airstream maintenance. Their handout page with room for notes kept us on track and moving with a list of systems and areas on our units. Cecil's annual presentation on the electrical systems was as informative and colorful as ever with plenty of stories and anecdotes as only Cecil can do. Members had plenty of opportunity to ask questions of DJ and Cecil. Longtime members were also able to offer insights from their experience. Jessie Mastin supported DJ's presentation and livened things up at the end with a fun raffle with great prizes.



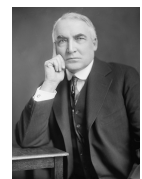
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Madison Vines offered meals that were a steal at \$5 each night. After a simple offering the first night, they outdid themselves on Saturday with two kinds of brats, baked beans, roasted potatoes, coleslaw and a brownie with whipped cream. There were three exciting bingo games after Friday night's dinner with increasing cash prizes each round. Three NORVA members made out like bandits. Happy hours and campfires each night kept the camaraderie going and offered opportunities to get to know new members and catch up with old friends. Tom provided farewell coffee and donuts on Sunday morning as we said our goodbyes and shared plans for a fun summer of more NORVA rallies.



Upcoming Events

May 12-24: NORVA Caravan



Dead Presidents and a Bourbon Chaser

Hosts: Drew and Elizabeth Morgan

Even though registration for this event is closed, look for a full report in the May newsletter of all the action, festivities and shenanigans. It promises to be a good time for the 15 individuals in 9 rigs heading out in May for a little learning and a lot of fun.

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June 6-8: NORVA River Rally

Hosts: Gail and Doug Perkins/Bob and Wendy Nickel

Flash! There may be a couple of spots still available. If you want to join this super-fun rally, call or email Doug and Gail. Then make your reservations at Spacious Skies, Luray. Be sure to ask Doug about the possibility at this late date of joining the rafting trip on Sunday.



Rally Fee \$20 per adult collected at the Rally

You need to do two things to be part of this rally: reserve your campsite and once that is done, register at the link provided above.

Late Summer and Fall NORVA events:

August 4-9 Old Fiddler's Convention, Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA

Host: Christine Baum

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/galax-old-fiddlers-rally> August 23-28

August 23-28 : Airstream 68th International Rally, York Expo Center, York, PA

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025>

Plans are in the works for a rally point on Friday to go into our sites together. Stay tuned here and on Facebook for specifics.

September 26-28: Virginia Commonwealth Rally, American Heritage RV Park, Williamsburg, VA

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/2025-commonwealth-rally>

November 7-8: Urbanna Oyster Festival

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/urbanna-oyster-festival-rally>

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To check out other opportunities for fun rallies and events with other Region 3 clubs, click on the link below:

<https://airstreamclub.org/events?from=&to=&type=736&state=-1&club=-1&list=1>

