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2024-2025

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Our President says farewell to the first generation BRN 17989 in which he and his family enjoyed 27 years of adventure. Congratulations and a warm welcome to **Aaron and Melinda Yoder** as they take the rig on new adventures.

Trustees:

Jill Bowman

Nancy Lawn

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Your President's Corner:

Now that we are well into camping season for 2025, I hope you are out and enjoying your rigs!

Membership:

Melodie Rochelle

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Jill & I have just returned from the "Olde Virginia Rally" that was hosted by Joe & Christine Baum at Chippokes State Park in Surry, VA. What a great rally, full of friends- old and new- and of course lots of laughter and food! The Baum's planned a tour for us of Bacon's Castle, the oldest brick home in North America (1665!) and another tour of R.M. Felts country ham packaging business. Both tours were just wonderful and enjoyed by all! There was also an opportunity to participate in a service project, helping with the gardens at Bacon's Castle after the tour, of which many people joined in!

Our next adventure will be Silver on the Seas - an Airstream sponsored cruise to Alaska in July! We are very much looking forward to a change of pace and scenery! We will be joined by Jon Rathke and Chris Ottersberg.

We were saddened to learn of the death of one of our founding members. Chip Rothery left this life on June 11, 2025. We send our prayers to his wife, Karen and family. We will publish funeral arrangements once we learn of them. The family has stated it will likely be around Labor Day.

We also lost another long time member of the club: Dorothy Alice McKinley. Dorothy left this life on May 28 at the age of 92. Prayers are asked for her husband, Tom of 74 years.

Click the link below to view the obituary for Dorothy Alice McKinley:

- <https://www.bennettbardenfh.com/obituaries/dorothy-mckinley>

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer with your families and hope to see you all down the road soon! Please join us at one of the upcoming events!

Safe Travels,
Devin Bowman



We are doing a special offer for WBCCI members to be able to “Rally Hop” from International to Alumapalooza and be able to land in Jackson Center, Oh after International ends.

Our offer is that if you pre-register for Alumapalooza we will add Early Parking to your registration for free, a \$50.00 value.

We start parking on August 29th, and will park over the weekend and through Labor Day.

Let’s talk about **Alumapalooza**!

For those of you that have not had the chance to attend, you should put this year’s Alumapalooza on your list to attend. The normal dates are September 2, 2025, to September 7, 2025. There is an early parking option as well that lets you come in starting on Friday August 29th.

Each year is different; we try to keep it fresh. There will be lots of learning opportunities from great presenters discussing many different facets of the RV lifestyle and tech. Airstream holds all factory tour spots for us for that week, and we will have busing to move you from the campsite to the new plant.

We do music. We have an open mic, so those among us that want the big stage can perform, and we bring in entertainment from near and far. One of our confirmed entertainers will be our trailer park friend Antsy McClain. We are still working on a Bluegrass band for our opening night.

There will be food! We hold a Labor Day picnic for the early parked attendees. There will be a WBCCI pizza party and we have the Chicken Lunch for charity. There will also be a free breakfast at the Legion Hall, an Airstream cookout, and a catered dinner. We will have fun, you will learn something new, and perhaps you will make new lifelong friends!

Pricing is \$50.00 for early parking (fee waived if you let us know in advance that you have attended International). Finding campgrounds on the holiday weekend can be difficult.

One attendee in a trailer is \$450.00
Two attendees in a trailer is \$545.00
Additional adults are \$140.00 each
Kids under 16 are free

Begin your registration at www.alumapalooza.com and click on the registration button and forward your York International receipt to info@randbevents.com for the free early parking. The Alumapalooza team looks forward to seeing you in Ohio!

Regards,

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The Olde Virginia Rally was held the weekend of June 12-15 at Chippokes State Park in Surry County. Twelve Airstreams (20 adults and two children) rallied together. The weather was a little warmer than normal but, except for a rained-out campfire, the festivities proceeded per schedule. On Friday morning we visited the R.M. Felts Packing Company, a producer of traditional dry-cured and smoked Virginia Country Ham in Ivor. What a fascinating and detailed view of the traditional process to dry-cure ham with salt (see pictures). This is how it was done in Olde Virginia before refrigeration. Many thanks to the folks at Felts who were so generous with their time. Really great folks. Many hams and bacon slabs left Ivor that morning in the back of our pickups! On Saturday morning, after a breakfast of Country Ham and biscuits, we toured the oldest brick domicile in North America, Bacon's Castle. A plantation house built in 1665 (!). it is maintained by Preservation Virginia along with many outbuildings including slave quarters. After the tour, we helped weed and straighten up the house's formal garden for an hour. It seemed like a long hour in the heat, but our Airstreamers are tough and we persisted (see pictures).

Joe & Christine Baum

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In Loving Memory of:
Chip Rothery
&
Dorothy McKinley



Y e a r	Month	Date(s)	Rally/Event	Location	Point of Contact
2 0 2 5	July	4-7	Co-Rally w/ all 4 VA clubs for Up, Up, and Away Rally (Balloons Over Rockridge Festival)	Virginia Horse Center Lexington, VA	Led by Va. AS Club with support from 3 other VA clubs
2 0 2 5	Aug	4-9	Old Fiddler's Convention	Cool Breeze Campground Galax, VA	Christine Baum baumjc@gmail.com
2 0 2 5	Aug	16	Spirit of VA Annual Club Meeting & Officer Elections	Rue Verde Hacienda Roseland, VA	Jon Rathke Jon.rathke@gmail.com
2 0 2 5	Aug	23-28	Airstream 68 th International Rally	York Expo Center York, PA	Airstream Club Int'l rally@airstreamclub.org
2 0 2 5	Sept	26-28	Virginia Commonwealth Rally	American Heritage RV Park 146 Maxton Ln, Williamsburg, VA 23188 (757) 566-2133	Tidewater Club
2 0 2 5	Oct	17-19	Beyond the Shadow of Douthat (co-rally with other VA clubs)	Douthat State Park Whispering Pines CG Millboro, VA	Bowmans/Regans devinbowman@juno.com

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2 0 2 5	Nov	6-9	"Pearl Jam" tips, tricks or tech ideas	North Landing Beach and RV Resort 1-757-426-6241	Ken Tarrant Kentarrant@comcast.net
2 0 2 5	Dec	20	Holiday Luncheon	Casa Bowman	Devin & Jill Bowman devinbowman@juno.com
2 0 2 6	Feb	14	Valentine's Day Luncheon 12:30-2:30	Maggiano's - Short Pump 11800 W Broad St. Richmond, VA 23233	Greg Heuer
2 0 2 6	Mar	4-8	Region 3 Rally	Sun n Fun Aerospace Expo 4075 James C Ray Dr Lakeland, FL 33811	Bob Ealy bgealy@att.net (828)443-7918
2 0 2 6	Apr		Itchin' to Hitch	(tent) Cozy Acres 2177 Ridge Road Powhatan, VA 23139 (804) 598-2470	TBD
2 0 2 6	Apr- May	30-3	Cinco de Mayo Rally	Fort Valley Ranch 299 S Fort Valley Rd, Fort Valley, VA 22652-3109 (540) 933-6633	Bob Sachs

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2 0 2 6	Jun	TBD	Newport News Park Campground	Newport News Park Campground 13564 Jefferson Ave, Newport News, VA 23603 (757) 888-3333	Tarrant?
2 0 2 6	Jul	TBD	Pipestem Buddy and Fam Rally	Pipestem State Park 3405 Pipestem Dr. Pipestem, WV 25979	Phil and Connie Miller philmlrplm@gmail.com
2 0 2 6	Aug	TBD	90 th Old Fiddlers Convention	Galax, VA	Christine Baum baumjc@gmail.com
2 0 2 6	Aug	TBD	Spirit of VA Annual Club Meeting & Officer Elections	Rue Verde Hacienda	Jon Rathke Jon.rathke@gmail.com
2 0 2 6	Sept	TBD	Commonwealth Rally		
2 0 2 6	Oct	TBD	Shenandoah Valley Rally	TBD	Bowman/Regan

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2 0 2 6	Nov	5-8	Traditional Hatteras Rally	Camp Hatteras RV Resort 24798 North Carolina Hwy 12, Rodanthe, NC 27968 <u>(252) 987-2777</u>	
2 0 2 6	Dec	TBD	Christmas Party	TBD	TBD



Editor’s Note: I wish to thank Greg Heuer for all the years he has devoted to publishing the Spirit Of Virginia Newsletter. Greg has done a wonderful job of keeping us well informed with his beautiful newsletters. I will do my best to keep everyone informed but I know I have some large shoes to fill. Hats off to you Greg.

See you down the road.

Nancy Lawn

