# **NORVA NEWS**



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# 2025 International Rally is in the Books!



Photo by Bob Nickel

Many NORVA members attended the 68th

WBCCI International Rally in York Pennsylvania. Ten rigs camped together with others camping with the Amateur Radio or Vintage clubs and elsewhere in the fairgrounds.

After waiting for over an hour in the blazing hot sun to be escorted to our sites, the 10 of us camping together were rewarded with an area better than we could have imagined: grassy, with a line of trees offering welcome shade



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"Let's not make changes, let's only make improvements."

Wally Bayam



just in front of us. We felt lucky as the other thousand plus trailers were lined up on the asphalt of the York, Pennsylvania, County Fair Grounds. The electricity and water crew met us at our sites and rapidly hooked us up with a daisy chain of hoses and electrical hubs. We were alerted that a dump wagon would pump us out every 4 days, (a challenge for some of

us infrequent dry campers).



At the opening ceremony, Bob Nickel did a great job, as usual, representing NORVA in the presentation of club flags. They were called out by region this time with a backdrop on the big screen of scenes and people from each region. Local club flags were followed by the flags of the eleven ACI Intra-Clubs. You can explore them all here: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/explore/intra-clubs">https://airstreamclub.org/explore/intra-clubs</a>)





Music for the ceremony and other events was provided by the Emigsville Band, "York County, PA's, most active community concert band providing musical entertainment to the region since 1878." The ACI Club band who perform every year at the International were terrific.

After being duly launched, the rally really picked up steam. There were all kinds of fitness activities offered, including an early morning bike ride on the Heritage Rail Trail that some of us enjoyed on our chilly mornings. There were jam sessions and presentations on all things Airstream, two of the most popular of which were presentations on the "State of Airstream" by Airstream, Inc. Chief Marketing Officer along with the VP of Sales and by the "famous" Patrick Botticelli of Colonial Airstreams. It is, of course impossible to list all the hundreds of activities, educational and social opportunities. But you gotta have a dog show!









Photos by Lew Brodsky

The Region 3 lunch on Monday was a good time to connect with each other and many other folks from our region.



Of course, we can't forget the Expo section of the main hall. There was a great display of national caravans and a terrific support center for all participants as we entered the Expo floor proper. So many vendors for everything you could think of to fix, add to, furnish or change anything inside and outside of our trailers. A great place to drop some cash and get pumped for the Airstream life. A highlight of the Expo is always the new models of trailers available to see and get excited about. A special trailer attracted a lot of attention: the new Frank Lloyd Wright Usonian limited edition (only 200 units will be produced). Oh my! It is a beauty. Pictures will describe it much better than words.







Photos by Lew Brodsky





One of the grand finale events other than the closing ceremony, was, of course, the Vintage Airstream Club's annual parade. Let Lew Brodsky's fine photos take you there.









The Bowlus trailer on the right is not vintage (and neither is our Cathy Brodsky). The first ones, built in 1934, are said to have directly inspired Wally Bayam in his design of the first Airstream in 1936.

Next year's International Rally will be held in Minot, N.D. For more pictures and accounts of this year's rally and up to the minute information about next year's as it comes out, check out the club's international rally facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/ACIRally



# 2025 Galax Old Fiddler's Rally: Also in the Books

Tom Carmichael kindly gave us a wonderful sense of the popular event this year through his terrific photos. No need for many words; IYKYK (If You Know, You Know).



Fries campground near Galax with a rainy start.



Awesome camp sites.



Not the Pep Boys, but three past presidents enjoying the music.



Big crowds enjoyed music made by all.ages in wonderful weather.



Great music and dancing everywhere.



Headed home through the mountains.

# **Upcoming Events**

Coming up very, very soon!

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

Registration: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/2025-commonwealth-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/2025-commonwealth-rally</a>

November 7-8: Urbanna Oyster Festival

Registration: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/2025-urbanna-oyster-festival-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/2025-urbanna-oyster-festival-rally</a>

**December 13: NORVA Holiday Party** 

Look for details in next month's newsletter and on our ACI website and our Facebook page.

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



