

NORVA NEWS



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The President's Corner

As this is my first President's Corner, I want to take a moment to say how excited I am to lead our club into another great year of Airstream fun. We have a fantastic team of experienced leaders ready to get things rolling, starting with this year's Urbanna Oyster Festival, led by one of our former presidents, Tom Carmichael (November 6–9). Tom is heading up this rally for the Tidewater Club. We still have spots open so register now:



👉 Register here by 31 October:

<https://airstreamclub.org/2025-urbanna-oyster-festival-rally>

We'll close out the year with our annual Holiday Party, hosted once again by another former NORVA President and First Lady, Ed and Beth Jones on December 13th.

👉 Register here: <https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2025-holiday-party>

Looking ahead to next year, we already have several rallies and a caravan in the works, beginning with the Region 3 Rally, held at the Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Campground in Lakeland, Florida, March 4–8. Registration is open now, giving our Northern Virginia Airstream Club members a chance to pull their campers out of winter storage and enjoy the warmth of the Sunshine State.

Just-in update: Unfortunately, reservations are now full however, the waitlist is open. I talked to the Region 3 President, and he told me he is working to find more space and expects cancellations.

👉 Register for the waitlist here: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/252885902073159>

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<https://airstreamclub.org>



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

Wally Bayam

The annual Maintenance Rally is also confirmed at Madison Vines RV Resort near Charlottesville, VA, April 24–26, again hosted by Tom Carmichael. Registration details will be shared soon.

More information will follow in our next newsletter about upcoming summer rallies and caravans, starting with the annual River Rally, led by Doug and Gail Perkins and co-sponsored by our Past President and First Lady, Bob and Wendy Nickel, June 5–7.

I plan to attend every rally this year and look forward to socializing with all our members—including those interested in stepping up to create new rallies or caravans. We’re also hoping to add a few pop-up micro-rallies at Harvest Hosts or other ad-hoc venues, providing great opportunities for members to take the lead.

Our First Vice President, Drew Morgan, is heading up the rally schedule, and Second VP, John Bevis, is leading planning for NORVA Caravans.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president.

Happy Streaming!

Jim

Commonwealth Rally 2025

Fall was ushered in at the lovely American Heritage RV Park in Williamsburg, Virginia, at the annual Commonwealth Rally hosted by the Tidewater Club. They did a terrific job of providing and coordinating meals and events in the cozy group meeting space at the campground.



The Virginia Club kicked the rally off in style with a wonderful “happy hour with heavy appetizers,” (aka dinner for most of us). The evening continued with a campfire gathering including Smores hosted by Tidewater.

After a hearty meal of breakfast sandwiches

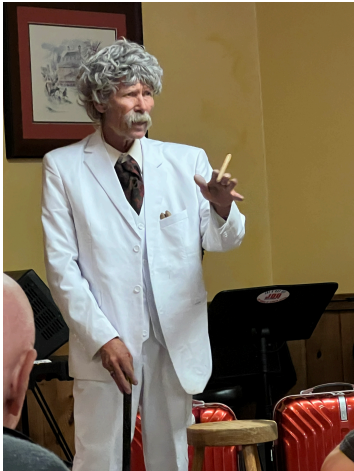
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came the traditional investiture of our officers for the coming 2025-26 year. Christine Baum, president of the Tidewater Club and former Region 3 President, did the honors for current region president, Bob Ealy, who was unable to attend. She added a sweet twist by presenting a symbolic fruit to each of the officers as they were invested. Jim Oxley received a presidential apple for being “the apple of our eye”; the VPs (Drew was not able to be there) received an orange (“orange you glad you are not president yet?”); Bev Bevis’ gift was, what else?, a lime to keep the treasury green; Doug and Gail Perkins, our membership directors, were given grapes for “doing a grape job.”



The installations completed, we spent time on our own to visit historic Williamsburg and find a bite of lunch. The highlight of the late afternoon was a visit from none other than the infamous Mark Twain in the flesh who regaled us with his wit and encouraged us to ask any questions we liked about his life and times.



The day ended with a great barbecue dinner followed by apple pie and ice cream provided by Tidewater and music by a terrific band. The last of the customary raffle tickets were sold and prizes awarded. Sunday morning breakfast of bagels and fruit hosted by Spirit of Virginia capped the weekend of sharing and camaraderie with our fellow Virginia clubs.



Of course there were informal gatherings. Doug, Gail and Seneca hosted campfires both nights for anyone wishing to spend time with NORVA friends and relax around a cozy campfire. Oh, and there was some rain but rest assured no spirits were dampened. We even managed to fit in a board meeting in the rain at the site of ever-hospitable Doug and Gail.



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Upcoming NORVA Events



November 6-9: Urbanna Oyster Festival

There is still time to register for this popular event and boondocking rally! Rally host Tom Carmichael has extended registration until November 1. We will camp within walking distance of the festival in Urbanna, VA. Besides oysters there are other foods, live music, parades and the Oyster Shucking Contest.

👉 Register here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/2025-urbanna-oyster-festival-rally>

December 13: NORVA Holiday Party

Mark Your Calendars for the Holiday Rally

by Beth Jones



*Haul out the holly,
As soon as Halloween is gone
and we've eaten those Urbanna oysters.
We may be rushing things, but let's starting partying soon.*

Sing or hum to the
tune of "We Need
a Little Christmas"

*For we need a jolly rally,
Midway in December,
Saturday the 13th,
12 noon, please do remember
At the Joneses in Mount Vernon.*
The link below is just the ticket
To sign you up, so please just click it.*



*Drive down to our house
And wear a festive outfit if you so desire.
Greet all our carolers
And meet a new one that we rescued from a Thrift store!*

Oh we'll have a little music



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*Have a lot of laughter
\$18 bucks per person
Food and drink and doggie craft
We'll have an Airstream Rally
"Happy ever after"
We'll have a jolly rally soon!*



👉 **Register here:** <https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2025-holiday-party>

* Please send your check for \$18 per person, made out to Ed Jones at 3704 Washington Woods Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22309 by December 1st.

Patsy Nagel, our most excellent webmaster, made a great suggestion at our last board meeting at Commonwealth: be sure to **bookmark the NORVA website** in your web browser to keep up to date on everything about our club. It's easy to navigate the site and it contains our calendar with info on all of our events and rallies, photos, back newsletters and much more. Here is the link (which you will always find in the sidebar on page 2 of every newsletter): <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia>

Other Regional Events

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>

