## TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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#### **New Club Officers**

Below are the new Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club officers as of the 2025 Commonwealth Rally (read more about the rally on pages 4-5):

President – Kathleen Holschuh
First VP – Michael Robertson
Second VP – Lynn Adornato
Treasurer - Kelly Holschuh
Recording Secretary - Ellie Worcester
Corresponding Secretary – Open

Past President – Rosemary Plum Trustee – Rhonda Evans Trustee – Lisa Blatner

Trustee - Open

**Below are the standing Committee Chairs:** 

Caravan Leaders – Open (as needed)

Constitution and By-Laws - Don Shafer/Open

**Directory - Greg Worcester** 

**Historian - Open** 

Hospitality - Ellie Worcester/Julie Byers

**Legislative - Open** 

Membership – Joanna Duncan Newsletter – Phoebe Richards

**Nominating - Open** 

Parliamentarian - Open

Safety – Larry Evans

Web Master/Social Media - Kelly Holschuh

Please note open positions that need to be filled. Our club runs on members volunteering their talents and time to keep the club running strong. If any of the open seats pique your interest, please contact Club President <u>Kathleen Holschuh</u>.

#### **Get Connected With Our Facebook Group!**



Join the Tidewater Airstream Club's private Facebook group for Rally information, camping tips, photos and more!

To join, visit the <u>Facebook page here</u> and click the "+ Join Group" button on the right.

#### From The President

Hello Tidewater Club 111 Airstreamers,

I have taken over as President for Tidewater Club 111 until September 2026. I am Kathleen Holschuh. My husband Kelly Holschuh and I have been married for almost 38 years. We've been with AIRSTREAM Club since we purchased our 2016 Classic coach in 2022. Kelly and I are U.S. Navy retirees and we have two children and a beautiful granddaughter. No pets, yet!

As the Club President for the 2025-2026 camping season, I want to, once again, express a sincere "Thank You" to Rosemary Plum for a successful year as President of Tidewater Airstream Club 111. I'd also like to thank her family, Dave Plum and Scooter, for their support too!

Also, want to give my deepest gratitude to those who stepped up and hosted a Tidewater Club 111 rally in 2025. Without your willingness to volunteer your special talents and time, the Tidewater AS Rallies would not happen. For those of you who have volunteered for the 2026 Rallies, I assure you that myself and the Executive Committee are here to assist you in any way, if needed.

Great news!! The Tidewater Airstream Club now has an official email address to ensure that all club members have a way to contact the Executive Officers with any questions, comments, or concerns with the Tidewater 111 Club that you may have.

#### Club111@airstreamclub.org

Please feel free to contact me using this email address and I will try to respond to you within 24 hrs.

I want to meet as many of our club members at this upcoming years club RALLIES and ENJOY GREAT CAMPING with EACH of YOU!!

Thank you for your time, and let's make 2026 a great TIDEWATER AIRSTREAM CLUB 111 camping year. I look forward to meeting ALL of you, in the near future, as our paths cross.

Kathleen Holschuh
Tidewater Club 111 President

# Mark Your Calendar! 2026 Rallies



February 21 at noon – Tidewater AS 111 Winter Cabin Fever Luncheon - Old City BBQ, Williamsburg

Notify Host if you plan to attend at <u>jemsb@aol.com</u>
 (Host: Elly & Jim Brennan)

March 4-8 - Region 3 Rally - Sun & Fun Aerospace Expo Campground, Lakeland, Fl

March 20-22 - Tidewater 111 Club Break Out Rally - Madison Vines, Madison, VA

• Call (540) 948-4186 for reservations, mention the "Tidewater Airstream Rally." (Host: Maggie & Dan Belliel)

April 17-19 - Kiptopeake State Park, Cape Charles, VA

• Visit <u>VA State Park Reservations</u> to make a reservation (Host: Lynnette & John Patterson)

May 15-17 - Fort Monroe Colonies RV Travel Park, Hampton, VA

• Call (757) 722-2200 for reservations – Mention the "Tidewater Airstream Rally." (Host: Kathleen & Kelly Holschuh)

June 12-14 - Belle Isle State Park, Lancaster, VA

 Visit <u>VA State Park Reservations</u> to make a reservation (Host: Jean & Jack Hogan)

July 10-12 - Rudd's Creek ACOE Campground (Loop B), Boydton, VA

 Reserve your site at <u>Rudd's Crk Reservations</u> beginning Jan. 9, 2026 (Host: Elly & Jim Brennan)

August 22-27 – 69th Annual Airstream International Rally, Minot, ND

More on the next page.



# Mark Your Calendar! 2026 Rallies (continued)



September 11-13 - Grave's Mountain Farm & Lodge, Syria, VA

- Reserve your site at **Graves Mtn Farm Reservations**
- BOONDOCK Event (Host: Tia & Damien Leonard)

September 24-27 - Commonwealth Rally - Endless Caverns, New Market, VA Host: (Virginia Airstream Club)

October - Rally and venue TBD - (Host: Lisa & Darin Blatner)

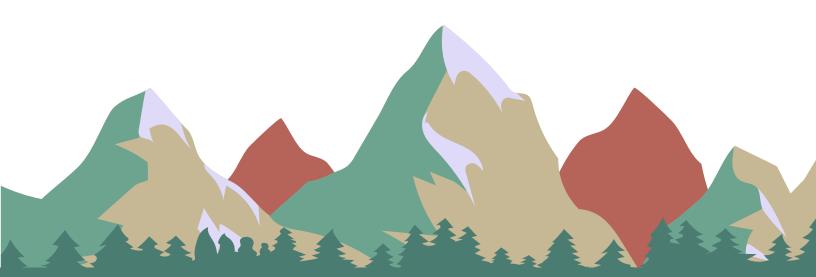
November 5-8 – Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally, Urbanna, VA

• BOONDOCK Event - (Host: Jayne & Frank Munoz)

December 2026 Holiday Season Dinner - Venue TBD (Host: Joanna & Richard Duncan)

NOTE: Reservations at State parks can be made 11 months out.
Please email Kathleen if you would like to host a 2026 Rally:

<u>Club111@airstreamclub.org</u>



## AIRSTREAM CLUB 111 HOLIDAY 'RALLY'

Sunday December 7, 2025

4:30: Dinner (individual checks) at HK on the Bay, 4600 Lookout Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 https://www.hkonthebay.com

The proprietors of HK on the Bay are Tidewater 111's very own members, Elle and Rich Coleman, who are excited to host our Holiday get-together. HK on the Bay is a groovy spot in the très cool Chic's Beach neighborhood of VB. The food and drink are superior.

Please bring canned or boxed goods for contribution to local Food Bank.

7:30 (approximately; on your own): Norfolk Botanical "Garden of Lights", a magical walk thru the gardens which are adorned with 1.5 million lights for the holiday season. Norfolk Botanical Garden is an approximate 15-minute drive from HK on the Bay. Tickets go on sale Oct. 1 and can be purchased at the website below. (Admission times are 6-7pm or 7-8pm or 8-9pm.) Group tickets are not available.

Norfolk Botanical Garden

6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 757-441-5830

https://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/dominion-energy-garden-lights/

RSVP Jayne Munoz Mobile: 703.969.1309 or email jayne.munoz@verizon.net



#### Virginia Commonwealth Rally 2025

Submitted by Rosemary Plum

A great time was had by all at the 55<sup>th</sup> Virginia Commonwealth Rally held in Williamsburg, September 26 -28. 48 Rigs (I think) with a total of about 98 people, including a few children attended the event.

We were extremely honored to have Don Shaefer welcome everyone to the 55<sup>th</sup> rally. Don, an original Wally Byam Airstream member, welcomed everyone at the very first Commonwealth Rally held in 1970. At that time, Don told us, there were only 3 Airstream clubs in Virginia.



Festivities started with Happy Hour on Friday night. The food was outstanding. Virginia Airstream Club outdid themselves with the spread they put on. In addition, most of the attendees brought an appetizer. 2 long tables were overloaded with delicious treats. No one went away hungry.

The wonderful S'mores bar was set up by the always creative Ellie Worcester and Julie Byers. Who knew there were so many types of chocolate to put into these wonderful delights! Our fire tenders did an excellent job of keeping the fires burning!

Saturday morning breakfast from NORVA was delicious and enjoyed by all. Saturday was action packed with the installation of officers, Mark Twain presentation, wonderful dinner and music by Joe's Day Off. Despite the rain all events were well attended, and everyone had a great time.

Dinner from Pierce's Barbecue was delicious. Special thanks to Joanna and Richard Duncan for making the arrangements for dinner and driving through the rain to pick it up and deliver. Our volunteer servers did an excellent job. The apple pie dessert was a hit, and our pie cutters and servers did a tremendous job.



Toes were tapping to Joe's Day Off. Everyone agrees that this is a fabulous band. If you get a chance to see them in the Williamsburg Area, don't miss it.

Sunday's breakfast from Spirit of Virginia was fabulous and everyone lingered to talk and say "see you down the road" to old friends and new acquaintances.

A very special thank you to all the Tidewater 111 members present. Everyone pitched in to help make this a successful event. Many thanks to Joanna Duncan for the decorations and supervision of the decorating team as they created a beautiful Fall scenario in an otherwise very plain room.



Richard Duncan played an immensely important role in handling all of the registrations and money. With new registrations onsite and last-minute cancellations, it was not easy to keep track of. We want to thank Richard for his many years of dedication as the Treasurer of Tidewater 111.

I am now very pleased to hand the Presidency into the very capable hands of Kathleen Holschuh. Many thanks to those of you who stepped up to

host rallies and events this past year. I really appreciated everyone's hard work.

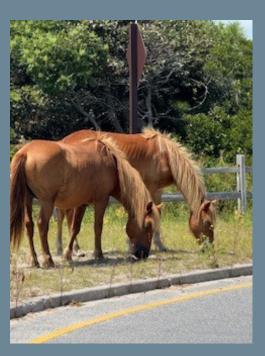
#### Pony Spotting on the Eastern Shore

Submitted by Jim and Debra Vollmer

In mid-August, we took a summer trip to the Eastern Shore and had a nice stay at the KOA in Temperenceville. Very relaxing with daily trips to either Chincoteague or Assateague to ride our bikes and hang out at the beach.







#### International Rally in York, PA

Submitted by Kelly Holschuh

In August, there were journeys from the Tidewater Region to the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Airstream International Rally at the Exposition Center in York, PA. From Tidewater Club 111, there were 15 rigs headed there. Kelly organized a meet-up point for the early rigs that wanted to enter as a group. Twelve of the 15 coaches met at a Walmart in Shrewsbury, PA and the smooth Caravan Adventure with 12 rigs trekked the final 18 miles to the fairgrounds without incident. Then, the fun began!!



As we were 1<sup>st</sup> Timers at an International Rally, Kathleen and I didn't know what to expect.

We soon found out there were so many things to do and see while in SUNNY York PA. The weather was awesome. Low to mid 70s!!!

Following the opening ceremonies on Aug 23, there were so many activities, too many to mention all, but the highlights of the 68<sup>th</sup> Airstream International Rally were the Welcome Dinner along with individual Regional Luncheons, Rally Exhibitor Show, the Vintage Airstream Dance and a Parade, Block Parties w/Airstreams Aglow, Casino Night, the Airstream 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Band/Concert Party, and many various seminars for all likes/tastes throughout the week ending with the Closing ceremonies.

Fun times had by ALL, and more photos on the next page. For those who have never attended an Airstream International Rally, we must say, it should be added to your itineraries. The 69<sup>th</sup> Airstream International Rally is being held in Minot, ND in August 2026. Check it out on <u>airstreamclub.org</u> and make your reservations soon.

















### Lake Michigan Memories

Submitted by the Chester Family

We had a family vacation at the Sun Outdoors Petoskey Bay Harbor. This is not your average RV park, and is a little pricier. We met many nice folks. The grounds are immaculate, and the facilities are clean. Location near

Lake Michigan and it's an easy drive to Mackinac Island.

Only downside is the local traffic. Minimum two day drive from Suffolk VA. There is so much to see in the area, we want to make it two weeks next year.





## **Lake Michigan Memories**

Submitted by Greg Worcester

Ellie and I have been travelling up and down the eastern shore for several years now for our summer Maine trips. The last couple years we haven't been pulling a trailer to Maine as we have our little 62 Safari "Wally" in storage up there. Recently, however, we had call to camp with the 83 Excella "Stella" to and from the International Rally. We stayed at Killins Pond - DE State Park on the way up, and Cape Henlopen- DE State Park on way back. We've stayed at Killins Pond several times and have enjoyed the quiet and wooded campground. It was our first time at Cape Henlopen and enjoyed it. If you like the beach, bike trails, and coastal defense history - Cape Henlopen is a worthwhile stay.



#### **New England Airstreamers**

Submitted by Greg Worcester



Ellie and I joined the New England Mountaineers Airstream Club as affiliate members last fall. We seem to spend more and more time up north, so it made sense to see what Region One Airstreamers are like.

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We spent a long weekend with them near Meredith NH on Lake Pemigewasset.

The first timer hosts were super nice and put on a great rally. The Region 1 president and his family are active in that group and brought a beautifully restored 1963 unit. The rally activities were very similar to ours, except they showed a movie on the beach after dinner Saturday night. Popcorn n candy provided - just had to bring our chairs. Fun!



#### **Littlest Airstreamer**

Submitted by Derek and Phoebe Richards

Our son Daniel enjoyed a fun weekend camping in Williamsburg in July - one of the hottest weekends of the year!

We stayed at Williamsburg Campground (formally a KOA and very nice) and took him to Busch Gardens. He's a proud little Airstreamer!



#### A Visit To Silver Moose Restoration

Submitted by Greg Worcester

Years ago at the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine I met Jim, the owner of Silver Moose Restoration. He said to stop by the shop sometime so this year we did. He's in Monmouth, Maine and has a beautiful operation. Big shop, three techs working full time, and has the coolest office I've ever seen.

I thought maybe he'd take on the polishing of our '62 but I'd be in a long line waiting for work. Anyway, the place is amazing. He gave us quite a tour and had a piece of wheel well trim I needed for our '83 that I figured I'd never find anywhere.



His personal trailer is amazing and showcases the high-end woodworking he does. There were three large vintage units in his shop being restored at the time. His customers seem to want very modern interiors - very much like the new ones coming out of Jackson Center.



Jim is a real salt of the earth fellow - I think we got special treatment as I was wearing one of his company shirts I bought at the Fryeburg Rally. He had a help wanted sign out front — I said I wished I lived close enough to apply. He said, "You should — you already got the shirt!"





#### **Adventures In Canada**

Submitted by Dave and Rosemary Plum

This year's trip started on July 2, with an initial stay at the Virginia Horse Center for the Ballons over Rockbridge rally organized by the Virginia Airstream Club. This was a great event especially with the hot air balloons and an Arabian horse show going on simultaneously. Dave volunteered to help as a ground crew for one of the balloons and it was well worth the experience.

After the rally we headed west and stopped at the Dalton Union Harvest Host winery about 40 miles east of Jackson Center. If you are ever looking for an overnight stop close to Jackson Center, give them a try. From Marysville, OH, we headed north and spent a week in Reed City MI and visited with Dave's sister and brother. Rambadt Park is a nice small city owned RV/community park with about 20 sites. We were treated to free live music in the park on Friday night, which we enjoyed at our campsite.

After Reed City it was on to Dave's hometown of Charlevoix and another Harvest Host overnight at Blue Dot Farm winery and more live music. We even took a ¼ mile ride on the Ironton Ferry across the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix to get back to the winery from downtown Charlevoix as the Boyne Thunder offshore Powerboat rally was going on and traffic, as usual, was at a standstill.

After leaving Charlevoix, it was on to the UP and an overnight in Escanaba, MI where we enjoyed a local Pasty for dinner. St. Croix Falls, WI, Fargo, ND, Medora, ND and Havre, MT were the next overnighters before we got to West Glacier, MT and two nights at Moose Creek RV Resort outside the west entrance to Glacier NP. This was a second stay at the park and though the sites are small, the proximity to Glacier is great. A paved bike path goes past the campground and within two miles you can be at the entrance to Glacier. They now rent E-bikes at the campground.





We arrived early enough that we made the trip up to Logan Pass and were fortunate enough to catch the mountain goats near their usual haunt and we encountered a bear crossing the road just above the tunnel on the Going to the Sun Road as we were headed back to Apgar Village.

Our second day at Glacier took us up the west side of the park to Bowman Lake. When we arrived at the park contact station, the ranger asked us for our Timed Entry Pass. We didn't have one, but since it was early in the day and we were really in the middle of nowhere, she let us in, and we were able to make the 7-mile drive up to the lake on a very narrow road to get to the Bowman Lake campground. It was beautiful! On the way back we stopped at Polebridge Mercantile. This general store is the only one for miles around, and they had a little bit of everything.

#### **Next Stop CANADA!**

From West Glacier, we headed west to Whitefish and the Roosville Port of Entry into British Columbia. This route took us up the west side Banff and Kootenay Provincial Parks and followed the blue waters of the Kootenay River. We entered Kootenay PP at Hot Springs and took Hwy 93 over the pass to Castle Mountain and then headed north on Hwy 1 to Lake Louise Hard Sided Campground. As expected, the mountain scenery was spectacular, and the brilliant blue rivers and lakes are hard to describe.

Since it was mid-July, the crowds were everywhere. Parking was at a premium. We visited the small shopping area in Lake Louise Village and drove up to the actual lake and the huge Fairmont Hotel. We had planned to hike up to the Plain of Six Glaciers Tea House and found out that to get a parking spot near the Fairmont Hotel, and trail head, you had to arrive by 5 a.m.





which we eventually did. It was 2 degrees Celsius when we arrived before dawn and waited til after sunrise and the temperature rose to 8 degrees before we started up the trail. We also hiked the Bow River trail from our campground to Lake Louise village which was a very nice walk along the banks of the river.

Other sites visited were the Spiral Tunnels for the railroad that traversed the mountain between Lake Louise and Golden, BC, Takakkaw Falls, Emerald Lake and Natural Bridge, where the Kicking Horse River squeezes between a narrow cut in the rocks. Another excursion took us up the Icefields Parkway to Wildfowl Lake. On the way we stopped at Bow Lake, Peyto Lake and numerous smaller lakes to marvel at the ice blue water and mountain backdrops. At the Wildfowl Lake campground, we met a camper taking his bird for a walk!

Next stop Banff and Tunnel Mountain Motor Court and crowds of people! As expected, the mountain scenery was beautiful, but getting around Banff and finding parking was difficult. While in Banff, we got in hikes around Johnson Lake, up to Sundance Canyon, and to the Bridge over the Cascade River that drains into Lake Minnewanka (we were prohibited from hiking farther around the lake with Scooter due to bear sightings).



After departing Banff, we headed south and passed by Calgary on our way to a brief stay at the prairie town of Claresholm, AB. This was a great place to decompress from the crowds in Banff. From Claresholm, our final stop in Canada was Waterton Park which sits on the US /Canada border. Upon arriving we were warned to expect big crowds as it was a weekend with a national holiday. Guess all the crowds were in Banff, as we had a great stay at the Waterton Park Townsite campground. The

weather was beautiful, (NO RAIN!!) and we hiked along Waterton Lake and up to Cameron Falls from our campsite. We also drove up to Cameron Lake and hiked along the lake one day. We attempted to hike up to Blakiston Falls on another day, but the nearest parking area was at least a mile from the parking lot. This was the only crowded place we experienced in Waterton.

We reentered the US at the Waterton Park border control point and headed south toward Babb. From there We passed thru Dupuyer, Great Falls, overnight south of Helena, Butte, Dillon, Idaho Falls and an overnight at Blackfoot, ID where we stayed at the free City Park campground with water and electric hookups! In Blackfoot, we also visited the Idaho Potato Museum!

Our original plan was to hit Flaming Gorge Reservoir on the Wyoming /Utah border and then travel down the western side of Colorado, but due to numerous wildfires and a suspicious worn-out trailer tire that made us detour to Airstream of Colorado and the purchase of a new spare tire, we abandoned that part of our travels and headed home.

