



Silver Bulletin

Winter 2026

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Kathleen Holschuh

Hello Dear Friends, as we kick off our 2026 camping season, the excitement is already in the air. We're just weeks away from gathering again, and even though winter still has its grip on us, those warm camping days are closer than they feel. I hope everyone is ready to shake off the cold and spring forward into a new year of adventures.

I'm eager to reconnect with longtime friends and welcome new faces into our Tidewater Airstream family. This club has always been about more than rallies it's about the friendships and community that continue long after the campfires fade. I often think back to our very first rally at Fort Monroe. It happened to be my birthday, and even though Kelly and I arrived without Oasis, we still showed up and I'm so grateful we did. I was included in the Happy Birthday song and cake was served. The goodbyes that weekend was heartfelt, and the hugs were unforgettable. Moments like those remind me why this community means so much. Hope to see you all very soon.

Here is a little about our Club's History:

When I became president of Tidewater Airstream Club; I was presented with our club's history stored in a container. I was reading through some archives of past club newsletters. Now remember snail mail and home phones were the best possible way to set-up rallies and disseminate any rally news. I read one newsletter that stated "It's Fun to be Friendly" was Tidewater's motto at the time, 1992. It also stated another motto from my dad which I've been using, "Many Hands Make Light Work". I was so amazed and thrilled to see that. We now have two renewed mottos. Thanks to our Inaugural Tidewater Airstream Club President Don Shafer.

FINANCIAL REPORT 01/20/2026
for year ending 12/31/2025
Kelly Holschuh

- Total Income: \$5,665
- Total Expenses: \$5,567
- Ending Balance: \$5,674.74 in Truist Bank account

Income was from unit dues and member payments for the 2025 Commonwealth Rally. The key expense came from Tidewater Club hosting the Commonwealth Rally. Overall, the club remains in a very strong financial position heading into 2026.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome New Members

BRN 06727 – **Gerald and Diane Johnson** - Williamsburg, VA, VA - 2023 International

BRN 01839 – **Catherine McDonald and Charles Swift** - Williamsburg, VA - 2021 Sprinter (transfer-in)

BRN 17385 - **Susan Bartyczak** - King George, VA - 2015 International

BRN 18990 - **Susan Lands** - Green Lane, PA - 1962 Overlander

Membership Count:

Total Members – 90 (as of 2/20/2026)

*Regular Members – 73

*Affiliate Members – 17



MEMBERSHIP NEEDS

Kathleen Holschuh

Please be thinking about hosting a rally in **2027** - it is never too early to plan. Also please know we have several positions open within the Club including **Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Legislative, Nominating** and **Parliamentarian**. Please consider volunteering your time.



Be sure to follow our Club on Facebook
Tidewater Airstream Club 111

MARCH 2026 BREAKOUT RALLY

Join the fun March 20th-22nd for our Spring Breakout!

Dan and Maggie Belliel are hosting at Madison Vines Resort and Cottages in Madison, Virginia – and it promises to be a weekend full of laughs and good company.

Friday Evening:

Bring your own beverage and an appie to share. Afterward, those who'd like can gather for dinner in the dining hall with the campsite hosts. Madison Vines offers dinner on both Friday and Saturday evenings throughout the season for a nominal fee of \$8-\$10 per person (menu and final pricing to be announced).

Saturday:

Breakfast is on your own. Then, for those ready for adventure, we'll head out for a pub tour "poker run" – always a crowd favorite! Prizes will be awarded. Saturday evening, the Belliels will serve up two hearty options: a beef chili and a vegetarian chili.

Sunday Morning:

We'll wind down the weekend with a continental breakfast before heading home. It's shaping up to be a wonderful weekend of fellowship, fun, and a few great stories. Join us!

APRIL 2026 RALLY

Eastern Shore anyone... Going to be fun April 17th - April 19th!

Join hosts John and Lynette Patterson for a laid back weekend on the Eastern Shore.

Friday Evening:

Happy Hour starts at 5pm
BYOB and munchie to share

Saturday morning:

Hike starts at 9am
Dinner at The Cape Charles Brewing Company

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast provided

Rally Time 2026

March	3/4	Region 3 Rally - Lakeland FL	
	3/20	<u>Madison Vines Resort and Cottages</u> <u>Madison, VA</u>	<u>Maggie and Dan Belliel</u> <u>mfbelliel@gmail.com</u>
April	4/17	<u>Kiptopeake State Park</u> <u>Cape Charles VA</u>	<u>Lynnette and John Patterson</u> <u>shoreriderses@gmail.com</u>
May	5/15	<u>Fort Monroe Colonies RV Park</u> <u>Hampton, VA</u>	<u>Kathleen and Kelly Holschuh</u> <u>club111@airstream.org</u>
June	6/4	<u>Silver Strikes Rally</u> <u>Wytheville, VA</u>	<u>Jill Bowman</u> <u>jillmillerbowman@gmail.com</u>
	6/12	<u>Belle Isle State Park</u> <u>Lancaster, VA</u>	<u>Jean and Jack Hogan</u> <u>jandjhogan@aol.com</u>
July	7/10	<u>Rudds Creek ACOE Campground</u> <u>Boydton, VA</u>	<u>Elly and Jim Brennan</u> <u>jemsb@aol.com</u>
August	8/2	<u>Old Fiddlers' National Rally</u> <u>Galax, VA</u>	<u>Christine Baum</u> <u>baumjc@gmail.com</u>
	8/22	69 th Annual International Rally Minot, ND	
September	9/11	<u>Graves Mountain Farm</u> <u>Syria, VA</u>	<u>Tia and Damien Leonard</u> <u>tmleonard@live.com</u>
	9/24	<u>Commonwealth Rally</u> <u>Endless Caverns</u> <u>New Market, VA</u>	Registration form will follow
October	TBD	TBD	<u>Lisa and Darin Blatner</u> <u>lblatner@cox.net</u>
November	11/5	<u>Urbanna Oyster Festival</u> <u>Urbanna, VA</u>	<u>Jayne and Frank Munoz</u> <u>jayne.munoz@verizon.net</u>
December	TBD	2026 Holiday Dinner	TBD



ACI WHERE SILVER MEETS GOLD 2028

Airstream Club International is thrilled to share early news of an extraordinary National Event Rally that promises to be truly once in a lifetime. We are exploring plans for an LA'28 Olympic Games National Event Rally, designed exclusively by ACI members, for ACI members, timed to coincide with the excitement, energy, and global celebration of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

This rally blends world-class sport, meaningful community, and the iconic Airstream lifestyle in a way that has never been done before. It's an experience that embodies the spirit of adventure and camaraderie Airstreamers know so well!

Where Silver Meets Gold
Tentative Rally Dates
July 13 - Jul 20, 2028



CLUB OFFICERS/VOLUNTEERS

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HOSTING AT THE TOP OF GEORGIA

Kelly Holschuh – BRN 11987

Do you ever want to spend time with the Airstream in the mountains of Georgia for an extended period of time, AND at a HOGO rate!! HOST 1 day and get 1 DAY FREE. Well, let me tell you how we did it!

At the 2025 Region 3 Rally in Charleston, SC, Kathleen and I were sitting down for breakfast and met the Harris' from Top of Georgia (TOG) Airstream Club. After noticing their name tags as officers of the Top of Georgia Club, we introduced ourselves to Maria and Bill.

During our conversations of the who's/where's/how's of Airstream Life that we all experienced, Maria told us about the TOG Airstream Park. We told her it was on our NEAR bucket list, as we wanted to visit the Jewell family; Kathleen's nephew Ryan, his wife Nykole, and their 1-year-old son Enzo. This is when the Harris' explained that there was a HOSTING program, where ANYONE can sign up on the club's HOSTING site and pick the dates you want to volunteer as the park HOSTs. We found the week of October 25 – Nov 2 was OPEN and committed to the task/journey.

When we arrived at Top of Georgia Campground, we were greeted by the HOSTs that we were about to relieve. For those of you who have not visited TOG, the park is nestled in the north mountains near Helene, GA. The Park has two sections of sites of 30 and 50A services with water/sewer. A total of 100+ sites. Not a bad site in the park!

As for the duties, they were very simple; Check in/out AIRSTREAM guests, maintain grounds (i.e., pick up litter), Maintain access to service areas (i.e., laundry, library, rally hall, etc.) Then at night, you turn the lights off, close the gate. Work hours are 9AM-6PM). Rather light duties for Kathleen and I to manage.

And all of this was completed from here during our stay:

A 1961 Tradewinds Airstream that was at NASA in Houston, TX from the times of the 1969 Lunar Landing Mission. It was an office of the NASA scientists on the mission. I thought it was VERY COOL! And nicely restored by Top of Georgia Club members.

As we were relieved after a week of meeting GREAT Airstreamers, we were able to take in the sites around Top of Georgia. Visited Helene on the last day of their 2025 Octoberfest Celebration and experienced some exquisite German cuisine, song and dance. Hiked to two sets of water falls, Anna and Dukes falls. They were amazing.

And then for the main reason for our TOG adventures, we were finally able to meet Mr. Enzo Bear Jewell for the first time! An 11-day journey that will forever be remembered. Plus, we still have 4 days of FREE camping at TOG Park sometime in the near future.

Top of Georgia pics!



TIDEWATER HOLIDAY RALLY AT HK ON THE BAY RESTAURANT

Jayne Munoz



Approximately 50 of our Tidewater Airstream Club 111 members gathered on the frosty evening of December 7, 2025 to celebrate the holiday season. The owners of HK on the Bay in Virginia Beach, Elle and Rich Coleman (members of our club!), greeted everyone at the door with joy. Elle, in the spirit of the season, gave each couple a Christmas tree ornament (a holiday rendition of an Airstream trailer) that she had handmade. It was a very festive and fun gathering. The food and drink were excellent, and the wait-staff was fun and helpful. The group sang Happy Birthday to Don Shafer, one of our exalted members. (Don actually founded our Club 55 years ago at Seashore State Park [now First Landing State Park]!) Don's two daughters, Janaé Whittaker and Robin Kipps, were with him to celebrate

After the dinner, some folks took advantage of the proximity to Norfolk Botanical Gardens in order to take in the holiday display called Garden of Lights.

It was a sign of the friendships we have formed in our club that so many members came to Virginia Beach from so far away ... from as far as Smithfield, Williamsburg, Suffolk, Walkerton, Cape Charles and Poquoson!. We really had a joyful time! Thank you, everyone, for making it a great gathering!





2027 RALLIES - NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING

Everyone loves to attend Tidewater 111 Airstream Rallies. In the past, the same people have been hosting rallies and I want to open up the 2027 Rally season to members who have NOT hosted in the past.

Want to HOST a rally in 2027:

- Check with your current President to make sure the month you want to host is open.
- Choose the dates of your RALLY.
 - o Normally, a rally shouldn't be planned on a holiday weekend. Traffic with your AIRSTREAM in tow can be nerve racking, especially on holiday weekends!!
- Choose a location of the rally.
 - o Examples can include State parks, County parks, National Parks, US Army Corps of Engineers Parks & private campgrounds. The CHOICE is yours!!
- Notify the President once you have decided on the dates and the location ASAP, so we start disseminating the information to fellow Tidewater Airstreamers to save the dates (i.e., emails, newsletters, Facebook (Tidewater Airstream Group), and the Airstreamclub.org Rally Page). Send an EVENT flyer with pertinent dates, and reservation details and necessary contact information.
- Continue with making another flier with the schedule for the Rally to hand out to attendees. Once complete, please forward it to the President so all media avenues can be updated with the schedule.
 - o A Rally normally start around 5:00 pm Friday afternoon and end on Sunday morning.
 - o A typical weekend Rally follows the schedule below.(Add or subtract as you see fit!! Nothing is set in STONE. Be as creative as you want).
 - Friday - BYOB Happy Hour and airstream attendees bring appetizers
 - Saturday - Your decision to schedule
 - Breakfast - Lunch, and/or Dinner; most people do dinner (It can be camp made or dining out).
 - Sunday - Early breakfast (ask for ideas)
 - o Normal Rally Fee is \$12.50/person, kids 10 and under Free to offset the costs. Pls let the President know ASAP if this fee is NOT enough, so we can plan to either raise the Rally Fee or have the club subsidize the Rally with additional funds.
 - o Everyone is welcomed to come earlier and leave later, on their dime.
- Ideas for your Rally:
 - o Themes have been a hit recently. If you feel a theme, go with it.
 - It's good to know how many rigs are coming - This is where the New JotForm sign-up comes in. It not only registers the attendees but collects the fees.
 - Keep your receipts to get reimbursed from the club Treasurer(Kelly Holschuh). If he's at the rally turn receipts in to him, not at the rally mail the receipts and total amount to him.
 - Talk to President about issues you may have or help you may need.





Riveting Revelations

SnapPad Xtra RV Leveling Pads:

Permanent Jack Stabilizers for RVs - 6" Square Leveling Jack Pads for LCI Leveling System. PERMANENT STABILIZERS: Snap Pads are a onetime installation cover for jack feet that gives protection, leveling, and vibration dampening to RVs. No more crawling under your rig and no more throwing away damaged leveler blocks! Snap Pads snap on once and they are good to go forever! Found on Amazon.



SnapPad Xtra RV Leveling Pads - Permanent Jack Stabilizers for RVs - 6" Square Leveling Jack Pads for LCI Leveling System - Heavy Duty...

4.7 ★★★★★ (3.1K)

\$134⁹⁵

Niffgaff 6 Pcs Anti-Slip Mattress Gaskets:

Mattress Gripper for Metal Frame - Adjustable Wider and Thicker Bed Slip Stoppers. Reported by one of our Tidewater Airstream members with a Classic 30, this product gives more space to walk around the bed when the headboard is in the raised position. Mattress also stays in place when traveling. Found on Amazon.



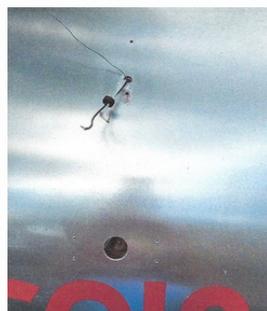
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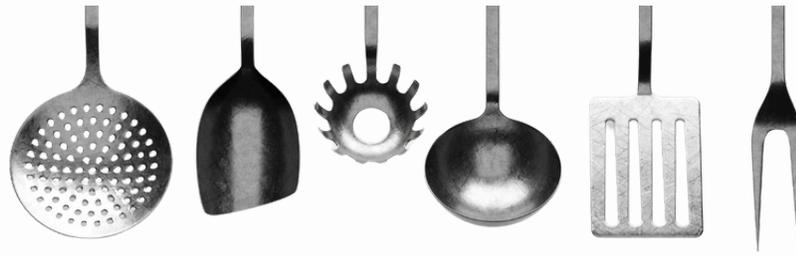
4.4 ★★★★★ (152)

500+ bought in past month

\$15⁹⁹

If you want to add a rear camera and have a truck built in the last few years, it will likely have Pulse Width Modulation [all major brands] so you may need to install a filter such as the one in the pic [about \$15]. This Furrion Vision S [wireless] camera did not have a filter built-in]. Contact Bruce Julian if you want more details.





AUTHENTIC CINCINNATI CHILI

Cincinnati chili is a unique type of chili that's flavored with not just chili powder but lots of other spices, including cinnamon, allspice, and cloves. Serve with spaghetti, raw chopped onions, and grated mild Cheddar. Serve garlic bread on the side.

Allrecipes Test Kitchen: Prep Time: 15 mins. Cook Time: 3 hrs. 30 mins. Servings: 10

Ingredients

2 pounds lean ground beef
1 quart water, or amount to cover
2 onions, finely chopped
1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce
2 tablespoons vinegar
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
½ (1 ounce) square unsweetened chocolate
¼ cup chili powder
1 ½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
5 whole cloves
5 whole allspice berries
1 bay leaf

Place ground beef in a large pan, cover with cold water, and bring to a boil, stirring and breaking up beef with a fork to a fine texture. Slowly boil until meat is thoroughly cooked, about 30 minutes.

Add onions, tomato sauce, vinegar, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, and chocolate. Stir in chili powder, salt, cumin, cinnamon, and cayenne pepper until well mixed. Add cloves, allspice berries, and bay leaf.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat to a simmer, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 hours. Add water if necessary to prevent chili from burning. Serve on bed of spaghetti.

Thank you chef Joanna Duncan from 2022 Belle Isle Rally.