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The President's Corner

I would like to dedicate this President's Corner to recognizing the outstanding volunteer efforts of the Northern Virginia Airstream Club (NORVA) Board and member leadership team.



With the annual Maintenance Rally now complete, special thanks go to Past President Tom Carmichael for organizing another successful event, and to DJ Mastin for sharing his outstanding trailer maintenance expertise with our members. Thanks to their efforts, our members are well prepared for the 2026 travel season.

If you have not yet signed up for upcoming NORVA rallies or the club caravan, now is a great time to visit our club website at <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia> and register. New rallies and events regularly open for registration and often fill quickly.

Our website serves as a critical hub for club information and activities, and we owe special thanks to our Webmaster, Patsy Nagel, for the tremendous work she does maintaining and updating the site. Her efforts ensure members always have access to current rally information, event updates, and resources that help members get out and enjoy this great country.

I also encourage members to explore the National Airstream Club website <https://airstreamclub.org/members/login?destination=/members/dashboard> which lists rallies, caravans, and events hosted by clubs across the country that are open to NORVA members as well. These events provide outstanding opportunities to expand your travel plans and meet fellow Airstreamers nationwide.

A special shout-out also goes to our Newsletter Editor, Barbara

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Formoso, for her continued efforts producing and coordinating our club newsletter.

Below is a brief update on the ongoing work of our NORVA leadership team, beginning with this year's rally report from First Vice President Drew Morgan, who has done an outstanding job expanding our rally opportunities and events for the club. This is followed by Second Vice President John Bevis's report on the club's upcoming annual Caravan, where his extensive professional experience and leadership to the club continue to benefit NORVA and its members.

First Vice President: Drew Morgan

2025 has been a busy and rewarding year of rallies and events, with something happening nearly every month for members to enjoy. In April, Tom Carmichael once again led the ever-popular Maintenance Rally. Then, just a week later in May, the Club gathered in Williamsburg for a weekend rally hosted by the Morgans at the beautiful Chickahominy Riverfront State Park.



Looking ahead, June brings the return of the annual River Rally in Luray, hosted by the Perkins and Nickels families — always one of the highlights of the year. Over the Fourth of July weekend, a small group will test out camping at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA. Because site availability is limited, this year's gathering will serve as an opportunity to evaluate the venue for future rallies. The potential is exciting, as the Arabian Horse Championships, the Lexington Hot Air Balloon Festival, Lexington Food Festival, and local fireworks celebrations all take place during the same weekend.

August will feature two outstanding events: the annual ACI Fiddlers Convention in Galax, VA, and the NORVA Caravan to Minot, ND, led by the Bevis team to this year's Airstream International Rally.

Rounding out the year, don't forget the Virginia Commonwealth Rally at the end of September, the Urbana Oyster Festival in November, and our annual holiday gathering in December, with the location still to be determined. Our gracious hosts, Ed and Beth Jones, will be taking a well-deserved break from hosting the holiday party this year, so we welcome fresh ideas for a fun new venue.

Looking ahead to 2027, we are already considering several exciting possibilities, including new rallies at the Top of Georgia Airstream Park, making the Virginia Horse Center Rally an annual tradition if this year's trial run is successful, and organizing caravans to the Airstream International Rally in Rock Springs, WY, as well as

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

Wally Bayam

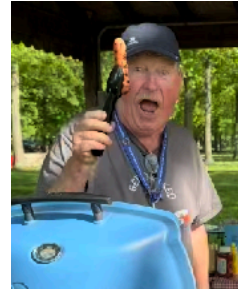
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potentially organizing a Florida caravan during March MLB Spring Training to visit multiple Major League ballparks and games.

More details will follow. Check the NORVA Club website for more info and registration, and we look forward to another great year of traveling, camping, and enjoying Airstreaming camaraderie.

Second Vice President: John Bevis

Caravan Update — North to Minot 2026 (August 7–20): 9 stops and 1,750 miles, We have a full complement of Airstreams heading to the International Rally in August. Most are from NORVA, with one from Florida who signed on from the ACI website. At first, ten units were registered, and there was a request to include an additional unit from the waiting list. We have contacted all campgrounds to obtain an additional site at each location, to enable eleven rigs heading to Minot. The route takes us from western Pennsylvania, across Ohio, and north through Michigan, where we spend three days on the “Upper Peninsula”, including a day trip to Mackinac Island. From there, we will follow US Route 2 across northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota



Along the way, we will visit several interesting locations, mostly centered on the Great Lakes. We will first visit the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo, Ohio, and its great ship display. Mackinac Island will encompass two days, after which we will see the historic and very scenic areas of Duluth, Minnesota. A scheduled two-day visit will take place in the northern Minnesota lake region. Our final stop is in Minot, near the International, where everyone can make sure to have empty waste tanks and full water tanks before entering the Rally the next morning. Participants have the option to park together, which will be finalized 30 days prior to arrival.

Besides the points of interest, there will be some group dinners, games, campfires, and generally good fun.

Recording Secretary: Leslie Stevens

Leslie is doing a superb job as our secretary. Over the past few months she has taken on the re-organization of our club records and correspondence to better support continuity, transparency, and effective communication within the club. Under Leslie’s purview and working with club leadership, the Secretary’s role has been expanded to manage the official Airstream Club email account, thanks to Leslie's stewardship we now have a repository for official club correspondence, meeting minutes, newsletters, membership and rally information, and club documents. This repository will help future officers by maintaining continuity of institutional knowledge and records.



Treasurer: Beverly Bevis

Beverly Bevis continues to provide outstanding stewardship of the club’s finances and works diligently behind the scenes to ensure NORVA remains financially strong, organized, and compliant with WBCCI standards. Her attention to detail and steady management help keep the club operating smoothly while supporting the many activities and events enjoyed by our members.



Beverly recently led the successful transition of the club to a new banking system with the assistance of Airstream Club International (ACI). ACI Headquarters, in partnership with U.S. Bank, has established a

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banking system designed to simplify and standardize financial management for Regions, Clubs, and Intra-Clubs. As part of this initiative, NORVA made the decision to transition our banking operations to U.S. Bank as well. Several clubs within Region 3 are now utilizing this system.

To further improve the documentation and consistency of club financial procedures, Beverly attended the ACI Treasurer's Roundtable in May 2025 where club treasurers discussed standardized financial practices and recordkeeping. As a result of this effort, the ACI Treasurer's Manual was established as a universal guide for all ACI clubs. NORVA's current financial practices already align well with these procedures.

In coordination with the Club Secretary, Beverly is also helping consolidate historical and current financial records, including tax filings, which will be maintained within the NORVA database for improved continuity, accessibility, and long-term record preservation.

Membership Directors: Doug and Gail Perkins

NORVA is fortunate to have Doug and Gail Perkins serving as our Membership Co-Directors. Through their dedication to welcoming, supporting, and staying connected with members, they continue to strengthen member retention and encourage steady club growth. Today, the NORVA Airstream Club includes 99 household memberships, consisting of 74 Regular household memberships and 25 Affiliate household memberships, representing a total of 186 individual members.



A key part of this success is the personal and organized approach Doug and Gail bring to membership engagement. From the moment a new member joins NORVA, they work to ensure members feel welcomed, informed, and connected to the club. Their efforts include maintaining club communications and directories, coordinating outreach to both new and renewing members, organizing the annual New Member Rally, and fostering an environment that encourages long-term participation and involvement within NORVA.

Newsletter Editor: Barbara Formoso

As noted earlier, Barbara's work as Newsletter Editor has been critical in capturing the spirit of our club and preserving the vision of our founder, Wally Byam. This being said, the newsletter is nothing without the inputs from our members. Let's all work to help with articles, photos and content that show our members' pursuit of fun, great adventures and incredible memories.



Legislative Director: Jeff Tlapa

Jeff was recently installed as NORVA's Legislative Director and has taken on the important task of reviewing and updating the Club's Constitution, Bylaws, and Executive Board policies. This comprehensive review was last completed approximately five years ago and much has changed within the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) since that time.

After conducting a detailed side-by-side comparison of NORVA's governing documents with current WBCCI guidance and model documents, Jeff prepared several draft revisions for Executive Board review and comment. He then incorporated Board feedback and submitted the updated documents for an initial review by WBCCI's Constitution and Bylaws Committee (CBL).



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Following receipt of CBL comments, Jeff revised the drafts and presented the proposed Constitution and Bylaws updates during the Maintenance Rally. Additional member and leadership feedback received after that presentation was incorporated into the final draft package, which has now been resubmitted to CBL for final review and approval. Pending final CBL concurrence, the Club expects to present the updated Constitution and Bylaws to the entire Northern Virginia Airstream Club membership for a vote later this summer.

Parliamentarian: Gerry Nagel

Special thanks to a former NORVA President and now Parliamentarian Gerry Nagel, he continues his selfless service particularly in his current role, providing guidance on procedural matters at club meetings and has also provided important constitutional and bylaw continuity background as we work through the ongoing update process.



Webmaster: Patsy Nagel

Patsy is doing a stellar job maintaining and updating the Northern Virginia Airstream Club website and ensuring our club's information is reflected on the [Airstream.org](https://airstreamclub.org) WBCCI website. She continuously updates information on rallies/caravans and assists rally/caravan leaders in managing reservations. She has worked with Second Vice President John Bevis to post upcoming caravan details to the website and manage caravan registrations to include a wait list. Patsy also maintains membership access to NORVA Facebook group.



As a reminder, here is a link you can bookmark to our website:

<https://airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia>

There is a menu at the right of the page that provides access to all other NORVA pages. On a cell phone this is at the bottom of the page. Additionally, at the bottom of the page on both devices, are tiles with all upcoming NORVA events. The tile can be clicked to take you to that event's page with complete event information.

Past President: Bob Nickel

As the Past President of the club, the responsibility falls to him to help identify members for our club's leadership positions. This year all our current officers have agreed to continue in their positions as outlined in our club by-laws. The only position that needs to be filled is that of Second Vice President. Bob, along with Chris Braney and Andy Hall, who together make up this year's nominating committee, is working to identify candidates for club leadership positions. If anyone is interested in filling any of the club officer positions, please reach out to Bob, Chris or Andy and let them know. The election is scheduled to begin in late July with a two-week window to submit your ballot via JotForm. Details will follow.



There you have it — this month's President's Corner. A final thank you to all our volunteers and leaders who continue to make NORVA such an active, welcoming, and successful club.

Jim

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Maintenance Rally

Our annual Maintenance Rally, hosted by Tom Carmichael at Madison Vines RV Resort, was yet another terrific success. Lots of good time with seasoned members and members new to the club. DJ's presentation was as informative and thorough as always. It's a wonderful introduction to the club and kickoff to the camping season.



We were lucky enough for the rain to hold off until after the traditional opening happy hour with introductions, an overview of the weekend, and plenty of time to chat and catch up or meet new people. For the session with DJ, Tom provided breakfast biscuits from Yoder's Country Market (delicious) and on Sunday morning, pastries and coffee at his trailer. Tom put a lot of work into making this rally a success, right down to individualized signs greeting us at our sites. And, of course, a huge thank you for DJ Mastin, our very own Airstream maintenance magician. Here are a few shots (thank you Bill Worrall) for a flavor of the weekend:



Happy hour before introductions.



Evidence of Tom's attention to details.



Long time members Dick and Jane Arnold (foreground) joined us for the day.



A rainy Saturday did not dampen our learning and socializing.

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The Dream Team: DJ Mastin and Tom Carmichael!



A soggy Sunday morning at Tom's campsite. Tom's door is always open to everyone.

Springtime in Williamsburg

The Club held its second Williamsburg rally from May 1–3 at Chickahominy Riverfront State Park. Nestled at the confluence of the Chickahominy and James Rivers, this beautiful park remains one of Williamsburg's best-kept secrets. Elizabeth and Drew Morgan (1VP) graciously hosted the rally once again, following their first hosting in May 2024. With 12 rigs in attendance, the weekend was well supported—and despite a looming forecast for Saturday rain, the weather cooperated beautifully, making for a fantastic gathering.

We kicked things off Friday evening with our traditional Welcome Happy Hour, always a highlight and a great way to connect. It was especially nice to welcome several first-time attendees to the rally.



Saturday offered something for everyone. A group of riders set out from the campground along the scenic Capitol Trail, biking to Jamestown. Along the way, they explored historic sites, enjoyed views of the James River, and finished at Frothy Moon Brewery for coffee and breakfast treats. Others chose a more relaxed pace—some stayed back at the campground, while others headed out early to explore Williamsburg's many historic attractions. In the afternoon, several members visited Jamestown Settlement, taking in the impressive museum, Native American village, and the reconstructed Jamestown Fort. The Glass House demonstration and the three replica ships—modeled after those that carried settlers across the Atlantic in 1607—were highlights. Meanwhile, others explored the surrounding area, enjoying nature walks, visits to Colonial Williamsburg (“CW” to the locals), or a



Jim and Sam Masoudi with the excellent spread.



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stop at the nearby home of President John Tyler.

By late afternoon, the group regrouped at Billsburg Brewery, a local favorite located just across from the Settlement. It was the perfect spot to relax, refresh, and enjoy good fellowship. The day concluded with a fun and casual Kentucky Derby-themed pizza party at Elizabeth and Drew's home. Their property, next to the James River, also holds historical significance as part of the Revolutionary War-era Green Spring Battlefield—where Rochambeau landed French and American troops who helped push Cornwallis toward Yorktown.



Sunday greeted us with clear skies and sunshine. Members enjoyed a leisurely morning before gradually heading home around midday, wrapping up a truly memorable weekend. All in all, it was a terrific rally filled with camaraderie, exploration, and just the right mix of activity and relaxation. Drew hinted that while next year may be a pause, the rally is likely to return in 2028. Even for those who have visited Williamsburg before, there's always more to discover—often in places even seasoned tourists haven't found.

We hope you'll join us when this rally returns!

Adventures with Dick and Jane

We are "Snow Birds" spending the winters in Florida. For the past 10 years we have stayed at Land Yacht Harbor Airstream Park in Melbourne, Florida. Usually we enjoy relaxing, visiting with friends, and watching rockets take off from Cape Canaveral. This winter was very different.

In February Jane went to the Emergency Room with severe abdominal pains which resulted in abdominal surgery. This required a 40 day stay in the hospital which would be followed by several weeks of Physical Therapy. Time to contact Sky Med to make arrangements to be flown home for the PT and Rehabilitation needed in my Bridgewater Retirement Community. The Sky Med representative and hospital representative made contact and the necessary arrangements.

The day of Jane's discharge from the hospital the Sky Med Escort/Nurse Maria arrived in the hospital room at 3:00am with 2 wheelchairs - the easiest way for both of us to travel and board airplanes. She was given Jane's medical history and medications as she was responsible for giving them out as we traveled. Maria had arranged for our transportation to the Melbourne Airport. She had our tickets, boarding passes, gate number and kept checking on departure times. We didn't have to do anything. Being in wheelchairs we were the first to board. During the flight Maria took Jane's blood pressure and gave her some medications which were due.

It was a quick flight to our change in Charlotte where we had a long wait until our next flight to the Shenandoah Regional Airport outside of Harrisonburg. Sky Med treated us to lunch as we waited. Maria kept track of boarding times, more BP and meds. Another short flight to Shenandoah Airport where Maria had transportation waiting to take us to our Bridgewater Retirement Community about 10 miles away. They had a room waiting for Jane in their Nursing Care Facility.

We can't say enough good things about Sky Med. We have been members since 1996 when we went on the Alaska Caravan. What would we do if we got sick so far from home? They provide more services now - ambulance, helicopter, and closer to home. Sky Med has been a supporter of Airstream and they advertise in the Blue Beret. Also often have seminars at rallies. You might want to check it out.

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New Members Profile: Calvin and Christine Carlsen



Calvin and Christine (BRN#9699) joined Airstream International and the Northern Virginia Airstream Club on March 30, 2026. It was the same night they purchased their first Airstream, a 2020 25ft Globetrotter, and were spending the night in the trailer at the Colonial Airstream dealership in New Jersey. They had been looking at airstream trailers for the last four years, visiting several dealerships as well as the RV shows in Hershey Pennsylvania. After first retiring from the Army with 30 years in 2013 and then Department of State IG Office in December 20205, the airstream became the focus for 2026. After multiple overseas tours and travel, Calvin and Christine are looking forward to crisscrossing the United States in their new Airstream and meeting and learning from fellow airstreamers.

Upcoming Events

Next up: **River Rally**

A promotional poster for the NORVA RIVER RALLY 2026. The poster is purple and white. At the top, it says "For Campground Reservations Call (540) 743-7222 - Ask for 'Jamie'" and "Rally Hosts: Doug and Gill Perkins Plus (540) 647-4680". It also lists "Co-hosts: Bob and Wendy Hinkel 703-282-0349" and "doug@varianc.net". The main text reads "NORVA RIVER RALLY 2026 JUNE 5, 6, 7 (JUNE 8TH IF RAFTING) LURAY, VA". There are several small images showing people at the rally, a dog, wine, corn, and food. A QR code is in the bottom right corner. The text "(Or) Register Here" is next to the QR code. On the right side, it says "Rally Fees \$20.00 Per Adult Pay at Rally" and "Registration is Open: https://airstreamclub.org/members/login?destination=/norva-2026-river-rally".

Register here: <https://airstreamclub.org/norva-2026-river-rally>

Here is more information from our hosts of this special event:

Now that we are finally into Spring, it's time to start thinking about camping! We want to give you some information on the River Rally. It is held at Spacious Skies Campground in Luray, Va. The dates are June 5-7 (Friday – Sunday), however, if you would like to do the rafting trip Sunday afternoon, you will need to extend your reservations to Monday the 8th. Several members arrive on Thursday, including us, but the actual event starts Friday at 4:00 PM. We have reserved 25 sites. You do not have to stay on one of these sites as all sites are fairly close together. But to receive you 20% discount, you must identify yourself as attending the “NORVA 26 Airstream Rally”. The phone number is (540)743-7222. Anyone can help you, but we have had better luck asking for “Jamie” who handles group reservations.

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The rally fee is \$20.00 per adult person. You will pay your rally fee when you arrive at the rally and will receive a folder of local hikes, entertainment, and interests.

Below are some of the activities planned for the River Rally:

- Friday –Happy hour, Pizza (provided) and Bingo (fun prizes)
- Saturday – Dog playtime, Wine tasting/pot luck dinner, Corn hole tournament
- Sunday – Pancake breakfast (provided), and Rafting trip.

The rafting trip is through an Outfitter Company. We will obtain their fees at a later date, which you will pay separately. It's a gentle part of the river, about 4-5 people to a raft, and just a fun time to float down the river and enjoy the scenic beauty.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Doug or Gail Perkins, or Bob or Wendy Nickel.

Our next big club event is our caravan to the **International Rally in Minot, ND**, hosted by John and Beverly Bevis. (See John's piece above for more specifics.)

Register here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/norva-north-minot-2026-caravan-lc-2026-2>

August 2-8

Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA This is a National Event Rally.

More Info to Follow!

August 22-27 (You can register for this event even if you are not signed up for the caravan.)

69th Airstream Club International Rally, North Dakota State Fairgrounds, Minot, ND

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia/norva-calendar>

September 24-27

Virginia Commonwealth Rally

Dates: September 24-27, 2026 Endless Caverns Resort, New Market, VA

Hosted by Virginia Airstream Club

Registration: <https://airstreamclub.org/northern-virginia/norva-calendar>

October Date TBD

Alumalina Buddy Rally

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The Alumalina campground site is being restored/refurbished and we are looking forward to ALUMALINA 2026 in Marion, NC!

More Info to Follow!

November 5-8

Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally

More info to Follow!

December Date TBD

NORVA Holiday Party

More Info to Follow!

Other Regional Events

For tons of upcoming events with other clubs in our region, click here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/events?from=&to=&type=736&state=-1&club=-1>



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Blue Compass RV
has a brand new Airstream location!

