



# Silver Bulletin

## Spring 2026

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Kathleen Holschuh

WOW! We started out our 2026 Rally Schedule with a Cabin Fever Luncheon at County Grill & Smokehouse in Yorktown, VA. The Hosts Elly and Jim Brennan's theme was Red White and Blue, and Elly made some awesome pot holders as swag gifts.

The Breakout Rally was a sight to see when we filled up Madison Vine Resort with 17 Airstreams. As I was walking around in the morning it felt like our own neighborhood with Tidewater members walking out and about saying good morning. Maggie and Dan Belliel did not disappoint with their Poker Run outing. Everyone was excited and I saw everyone enjoying themselves. We all were anxious to meet the Airstream Rally 1st Timers; Grant & Kris Wylie, and Gerald & Diane Johnson. It was so nice to meet you all! Hope to see you at many more!

We have a full schedule of monthly rallies so please come out and enjoy them. The April Rally is at Kiptopeke State Park followed by Ft. Monroe. The schedule is online at ACI and is included in all Newsletters.

Our Tidewater Club Flag has been busy. It was carried by BJ and Judy Roberts during the 2026 Region 3 Rally in Lakeland, FL. We had (3) Tidewater Airstream Coaches (Rigs) represent us. I finally had a chance to receive the flag and I'm very proud to represent our club as your President. I hope everyone gets a chance to view our club's flag. I would like everyone know that Janae' Whitacre hand sewed our flag years ago and our flag has tassels representing different Tidewater awards. One special tassel represents our founder Don Shafer as the President of Airstream International.

I want to wish everyone safe travels in all you do this year and I hope to see you all soon. ENJOY your summer camping season!!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Kelly Holschuh

•Balance: \$6,489 in Truist Bank account as of March 31, 2026.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Welcome New Members

**BRN 02974** Gary and Ruth Daiger, Colonial Beach, VA. Base Camp 20'

Membership Count:

Total Members – 93 (as of April 15, 2026)

\*Regular Members – 74

\*Affiliate Members – 19



Membership Chair: OPEN POSITION – Easy online access to membership information sent directly to your email and online letter input at your fingertips. Let me know if you are interested.

### MORE 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.

## RED STAR PROGRAM

Tidewater Airstream Club has adopted the **RED STAR PROGRAM** in 2026 which has been in effect for many years with Airstream Club International. The Red Star program awards members a red star for every five consecutive years of membership. This symbolizing their commitment to the club and the Airstream community. The stars are to be displayed along with your BRN numbers on the front and rear of your Airstream. Please note: Participation is not mandatory and Tidewater has many members with 5 to 62 years. If members want their red stars, they can be ordered online at ACI for free.

At the Break-Out Rally on March 21, 2026 the following Tidewater Airstream Club Members were **RED STAR** recognized:

**One Star** (5 years)

Wayne and Donna Blatner  
Brian and Beverlyn Patterson



**Three Stars** (15 years)

Larry and Rhonda Evans





FORTRESS MONROE, OLD POINT COMFORT AND HYGEIA HOTEL, VA

# 2026 Tidewater 111 BYTheBAYRally

Welcome Tidewater 111 Airstreamers,

We welcome you ALL to join us on the Chesapeake Bay and Hampton Roads Waterways for the club's Annual Fort Monroe Rally at the Colonies RV & Travel Park Campground for 2026.

With the beautiful surrounding of Ft. Monroe waterways and its rich history we'll come together with GREAT people, this should be the recipe for a HAPPY Camping weekend for ALL.

Kathleen and I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new Airstreamers for a weekend of AWESOME camping.

**LIMITED SITES AVAILABLE**

501 Fenwick Rd. Fort Monroe, VA 23651 (757) 722-2200

May 15<sup>th</sup> Friday

5:00 PM - HAPPY HOUR  
(Hosts Site)  
BYOB, bring appetizer to share

May 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday

9:30 am Mini-Brunch  
(Host's Site)

5:00 pm - DINNER  
(Host's Site)  
Famous BRAT's

Kelly's Award-Winning  
Baked Beans & other sides  
Celebration Cake

7:00 pm

Come together campfire

May 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday

9:00 am - Salute  
(Host's Site)

Bring your coffee for a sweet  
goodbye

Rally Fee - \$12.50 PP<sup>3</sup>  
10yrs old and under Free  
SIGN-UP USING JOTFORM

# FLAG DAY RALLY

Belle Isle State Park

June 12 - 14, 2026



## OH HAPPY WEEKEND! Belle Isle State Park is throwing a concert for us!

Music by the River opens the season on the Saturday night of our rally. That is part of our activities. Chris and Jane are the duo. They sing country, rock and folk. Weekend details will be provided at the rally.

Kelly has set up a JotForm for you to sign up that you're coming and pay your rally fee. \$12.50 per person. Such a deal. Children get in free.

Activities:

Fun adventure awaits.  
A trip to Enchanting Warsaw.  
Concert in the park Saturday @ 6PM.  
Food.



See you down the road.

Jack and Jean Hogan

[jandjhogan@aol.com](mailto:jandjhogan@aol.com)

Jack 757-472-0855

Jean 757-472-0857

P.S. For new folks, dates are such that you arrive Fri., June 12 and depart Sun., June 14.

For everyone, we added a day before and after for us. (you should too)

What a deal! Jack and I got new tires for Tinker (our Airstream) and breakfast at the same building. A bonus was getting Tinker's VA State Inspection completed. Super deal.

Baughan Tire & Automotive and Delma's Family Cafe are next door to each other. A hallway is in between them if you don't want to walk outside from one to the other. Low key kind of place.

Location is at 2919 Walmsley Rd. in Lottsburg, VA, off Rt. 360 east of Warsaw.

We have used them for VA state inspection and breakfast or lunch for several years. Time for new tires, we turned to Baughan. They know where and how to lift the Airstream. They ordered the tires we wanted. The tires arrived in a few days, ready and waiting for our schedule. Baughan sells Michelin tires but ordered Goodyear for us.

They are probably out of the way for many of you, but we wanted to share the knowledge. However, if you're camping in the area, it might work for you. We stopped there once on the way home from camping at Belle Isle State Park for our inspection. Nice lunch, also.



**HOT TIP**  
to consider if coming  
to Belle Isle

## MARCH 2026 BREAKOUT RALLY

Fabulous friends, fabulous weather, fabulous fun—and really good beer! We had it all at our Spring Breakout Rally at Madison Vines Resort in March. Everything was perfect as we gathered to shake off winter.

We had 37 folks participate, with 17 rigs and one cottage. Wayne Blatner was the BIG WINNER of the poker run with four 8s—wow!

Three breweries were tested, followed by chili for everyone. Thank you all for making it such a fun and memorable event!

Maggie and Dan Belliel



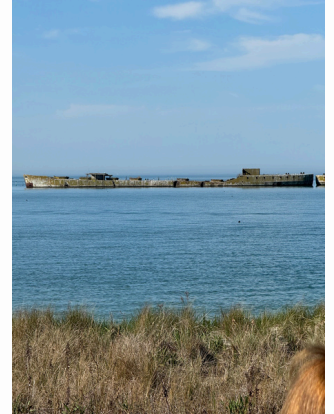
**APRIL 2026 RALLY**  
**Kiptopeke State Park**  
**4/17/26 - 4/19/26**

The Kiptopeke rally opened to nice weather on Friday evening with appetizers and a roaring campfire.

Saturday morning started with a hike through some of the park's trails. The views were gorgeous. Afterward some went to Cape Charles for the town wide yard sale or just hung out around the campground.

Saturday evening we went to dinner at Cape Charles Brewing Company. The beer was cold and tasty and the food was delicious. Then there was a dessert buffet and a campfire back at the campground.

Sunday morning dawned a little dreary but the rain held off and a continental breakfast was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately the wind came up and closed the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel to trailers until afternoon so some had to wait at the welcome center before journeying home. Despite this a good time was had by all!



## Gulf Coast Crawl Caravan Jim and Nancy Corliss

Jim and I traveled in January with the Gulf Coast Crawl Caravan led by Trent and Jennifer Roberts. It was a wonderful 16 day trip across the gulf from Alabama to Louisiana. We had four stops—Dauphin Island AL, Biloxi MS, New Orleans LA and Carencro LA. We hiked and birded. We toured historic sites including the fabulous WWII museum in NOLA. We went to art galleries, historic homes and ate fabulous food. We even toured the unique Tobasco factory! I had traveled in 47 US states—all except AL, MS & LA! So, this was a bucket list accomplishment for me and what a wonderful way to do it! It was a mad dash coming home avoiding the ice storm that hit the southeast in late January, but worth the effort! We highly recommend it!

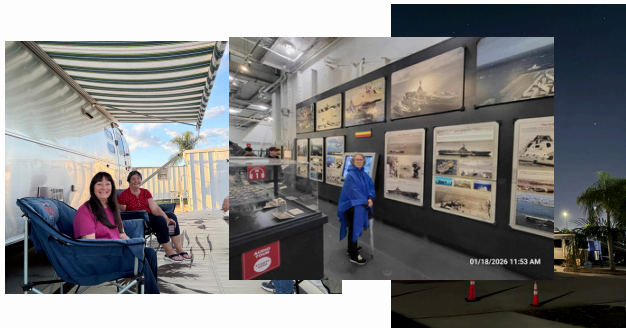


**Florida FUN!**  
**Richard and Joanna Duncan**

Richard and Joanna Duncan happily spent winter at Land Yacht Harbor in MELBOURNE ,Florida. Richard spent his mornings in the wood shop while Joanna did some quilting and line dancing. In the afternoon we drove over to the beach to be with long time AIRSTREAM friends at their lovely home near the beach or sat by the ocean reading. Our days were full as friends in the park just dropped by and visited daily. Land Yacht Harbor celebrated their 50th anniversary, so we were able to share our stories of visiting Richard's parents years ago when they wintered in the original Melbourne Port 'O Call.

We also took a day to join Airstream friends at Traveler's Rest near Ocala. It was fun to be with other Airstream folks we have traveled with over the years of Airstreaming.

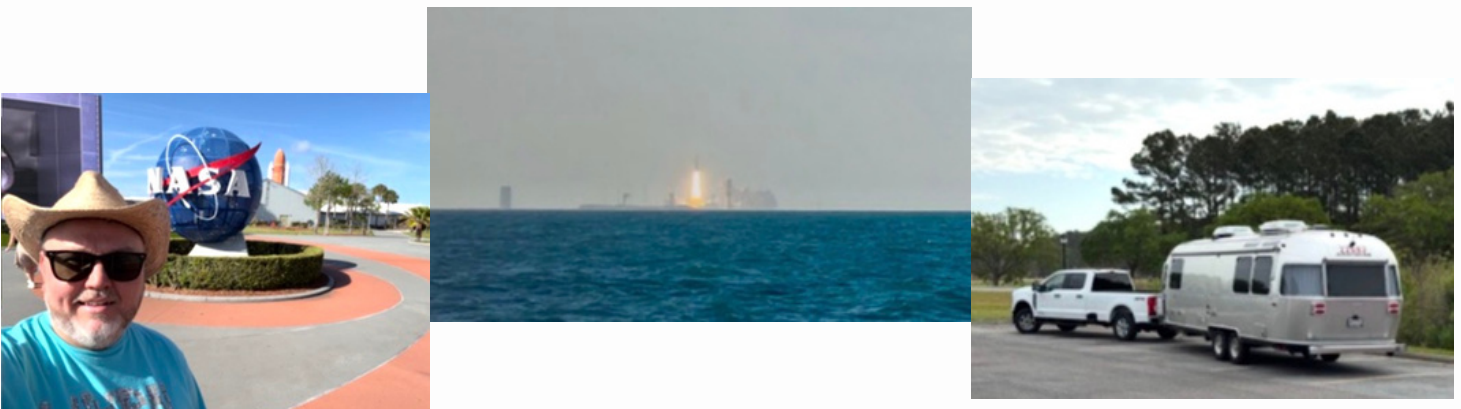
Please note we were able to see multiple Falcon 9 launches from Land Yacht Harbor, though we were heading home when Artemis launched. Maybe another time! We did launch from Dulles Airport for Hungary where our daughter and family are currently living then launched again for a quick trip to Munich to be with friends there. Hopefully we are home for the next month.



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**Artemis II Launch**  
**Daniel White**

I went down to Florida for the Artemis II launch. First night was in a crackle barrel parking lot. Then stayed at a private residence through Hipcamp and on the way home hit up Charleston, SC KOA. Stopped at multiple Buc-ee's along the way.



## 2026 Region 3 Rally Silver in the Sunshine State Judy and BJ Roberts

The 2026 Region 3 Rally, Silver in the Sunshine State, was held March 4-8, 2026 at the Sun n Fun Campground in Lakeland, Florida. Three Airstreams from Tidewater Airstream Club 111, BJ and Judy Roberts, Rob and Nancy Smithwick, and Larry and Susan Bartyczak.

Sun n Fun Campground is on an active private airfield in central Florida. The aircraft activity was during daylight hours. There is an aviation museum on the campus, too. The sites were somewhat shaded and have water and 50 amp electricity and some had sewer.

Opening ceremonies and all sessions were held in Hangar D. Evening festivities were in the Sunset Grill an open air pavilion with great airflow and fans. Sessions were the usual ones like tips n tricks, weights and balance etc. Two sessions were most interesting to me: using your dash cam to memorialize your travels and how to plan a rally.

Of course there were vendors! Local honey, Zip-Dee-Awnings, Power Watchdog, Blue Compass RV and Airstream of Tampa. The new Stetson inspired model, the World Traveler, and the Classic 28 ft were on the floor for inspection. There was plenty of traffic on the floor.

Evenings were the most fun! Each evening was opened by Large Marge Margaritas at the Sunset Grill. One evening was a delicious Italian buffet with potluck desserts. Entertainment was a live band that did covers of music appreciated by our group. The next evening was whole hog barbecue with all the trimmings. Grapes and Grain sponsored a share and sip. Open mic was the entertainment that evening. Who knew we had so many talented friends!

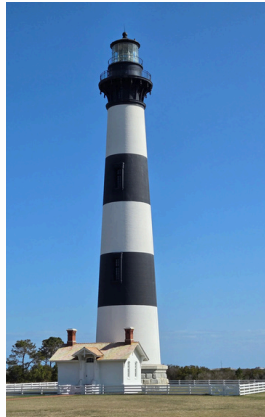


**2026 CABIN FEVER RALLY**  
**February 21, 2026**  
**Elly Brennan**

We had a wonderful gathering of 40 members at the 2026 Cabin Fever Rally at Country Grill & Smokehouse in Yorktown on February 21, 2026. The food was great, but having us all gathered together before we get our trailers out of hibernation was wonderful. Lots of catching up and sharing plans for the year's travels ahead. Just a few photos of who and what you missed.



## Tidewater Gang at the Beach! March in the Outer Banks



**Esteemed Tidewater  
Parade Officials**



**Float from OBX  
St. Patrick's Day Parade**



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## *Heartfelt Thanks to Joanna Duncan*

Hello Fellow Tidewater Airstreamers,

I'd like to invite you to join me in thanking a member who has been instrumental in growing our club—Joanna Duncan. From 2020 to 2026, Joanna served as our Membership Chairperson and helped grow our club from 45 rigs to an incredible 90 rigs today. Her dedication has truly made a lasting impact.

Joanna has a special way of making people feel welcome. From her handwritten notes to new members to the personal connections she makes at rallies, she is often one of the very first people you meet—and she makes sure she gets to know everyone. Our club has greatly benefited from her time, energy, and enthusiasm, and she will be deeply missed in this role.

Please join me in thanking Joanna for everything she has done for our community.  
Lynn Adornato

# Rally Time 2026

<b>May</b>	5/15	<u>Fort Monroe Colonies RV Park</u> <u>Hampton, VA</u>	<u>Kathleen and Kelly Holschuh</u> <u>club111@airstream.org</u>
<b>June</b>	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>
		*** currently there is no availability at Belle Isle Rally. Please keep checking back.	
<b>August</b>	8/2	<u>Old Fiddlers' National Rally</u> <u>Galax, VA</u>	<u>Christine Baum</u> <u>baumjc@gmail.com</u>
<b>September</b>	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
<b>October</b>	TBD	TBD	<u>Lisa and Darin Blatner</u> <u>lblatner@cox.net</u>
<b>November</b>	11/5	<u>Urbanna Oyster Festival</u> <u>Urbanna, VA</u>	<u>Jayne and Frank Munoz</u> <u>jayne.munoz@verizon.net</u>
<b>December</b>	12/5	2026 Holiday Dinner Smithfield Station, Smithfield, VA	<u>Rhonda and Larry Evans</u> <u>Laweva@msn.com</u>





## **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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## 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.

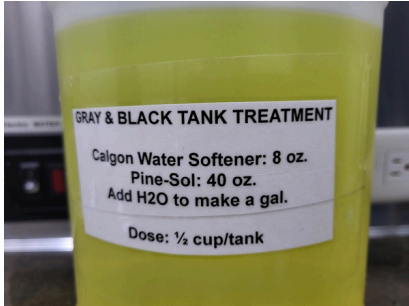
Want to HOST a rally in 2027:

- 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



Try this instead of spending more on tank tablets.  
Here is the Secret Sauce that you can make yourself!  
Bruce Julian

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Want to increase the airflow from your ducted AC/Heat Pump without spending any \$\$\$? Takes about an hour for five diffusers.

## Step #1

Remove the diffusers. Some simply snap in, others may require drilling out a rivet or two. Rivet(s) are exposed by rotating the diffuser.

## Step #2

Grind off the center rivet to disassemble and discard the plastic baffle [Pic #1]. This baffle blocks 50% of the air flow.

## Step #3

Use a 1-1/8" hole saw to drill out the webs [Pic #2]. Be careful not to cut the braces to the center section. This is an exacting process and using a drill press works best. You could also elect to use a 1" hole saw.

## Step #4

Reassemble with an 1"x8-32 SS machine screw using three washers between the two parts [Pic #3]. Use a nylon lock nut so it stays snug.

## Step #5

Reinstall diffusers.



## Step #6

Open a cold beer.

Bruce Julian



**Crock Pot Breakfast Casserole  
Elly Brennan**

**1 bag 26 oz frozen hash browns**

**12 eggs**

**1 cup milk**

**1 teaspoon ground mustard**

**1 bag turkey sausage crumbles (fully cooked)**

**½ teaspoon salt**

**½ teaspoon pepper**

**16 oz shredded cheese**

**In large bowl add eggs, milk, dry mustard, salt & pepper mix well - set aside**

**Spray crock pot with Pam**

**Spread hash browns evenly in the bottom**

**Add sausage on top of hash browns**

**Add cheese spread evenly**

**Pour egg mixture over top spread evenly**

**Crock pot on low for 6-8 hrs.**