

NORVA NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, I'm sad to report that Jim Self passed away on March 6, 2017. Jim and Barbara were members since 1991 and gave up their membership when Barbara became ill. Barbara was our treasurer for a number of years. Jim's obituary can be found at

<http://covenantfuneralservice.com/obituaries/james-h-jim-self>.

I thought by now we would be thinking about getting the trailer ready for camping season but it's still too cold and we just finished shoveling snow. What a crazy winter! Lew was wise to have an indoor rally for March and he reported the bowling rally was a success with 11 attending. The Maintenance Rally at Safford, April 7-9, will be a



great one to attend as an Airstream mechanic will be available to answer all the questions concerning the operation and maintenance of our Airstreams. Jackson has arranged a very instructive rally. It's a particularly important rally for new members to attend and I'm glad to hear that some will be in attendance. Next is the Region 3 Rally in Hiawasse, GA from April 26 to the 30th of April. It's not too late to register for that rally and Lew has a detail write-up in the March issue of the NORVA News on how to register. Region 3 President John Frerk and his team have planned an interesting rally with a number of informative seminars and opportunities to eat, eat, and eat. The May rally is a service rally to be conducted at President James Monroe's Highland. Information on that rally is in this edition of the NORVA News. The campground for the rally, Misty Mountain, is filled but there are two other campgrounds within driving distance. One is the 340 North Campground on U.S. 340 near Waynesboro and the other is a KOA campground located at 2825 Red Hill Road, off SR 20 about 10 miles SSW of downtown Charlottesville. Then in June it's a mystery, the Mystery Caravan that is, lead by Edgar and Kathy Simmons. We still don't know where we're going but I think the destination is Cleveland, OH. Edgar finally asked for some money so things are looking up. Then in July 22-29 is the International Rally in Escanaba, MI. It's not too late to register for it. The rally site is filled, but our International President, Richard Girard, reports that there are additional places for members to camp during the rally at the Island Resort Casino located just outside of town. The Casino has 35 sites available for the time frame of the rally. People can make reservations by calling the direct reservation line at (877) 475-7375. The sites are \$20.00 per night. That includes water and electric hook up. There is a dump station at the entrance to the park. There are bathrooms, shower facilities, and coin-operated laundry available. Continued on page 3

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Maintenance RALLY

Fredericksburg/Safford's
April 7-9, 2017

1. Ken Baker (Airstream GM @ Safford's) will make K.J. (Technician) available on Saturday afternoon for several hours to ANSWER our questions and also COMMENT on common techniques for maintenance of Airstreams including recommending those jobs that can be done easily by the owner and those tasks better left to a professional technician or Jackson Center.
 - Best Intervals for critical LUBRICATION (techniques and materials to use)
 - Appliance Maintenance that can be done by the Owner (Refrigerator/ Hot Water Heater)
 - Oddball Conditions that may occur and techniques for addressing them
 - Common breakdowns of components based on age and miles of vibrations
 - Sensors that can be maintained by cleaning
 - Waste and Water Tank cleaning and maintenance (do's and don'ts)
 - Exterior Washing (do's and don'ts)
2. For VERY EXPERIENCED Airstream owners of this discussion may be redundant, however, it is useful to be reminded of what maintenance chores are realistically doable without costly mistakes and unnecessary expense incurred.
3. McBroom will be sending out a form about a month before the Maintenance Rally to solicit additional, unusual questions owners might wish to ask D.J.
4. There will be a COST for the Rally (we will be compensating D.J. for several hours of his time).

Call Jackson McBroom if you are coming to the Maintenance Rally.
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Call the Campground 1-800-562-1889 to reserve you site.
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If traveling **southbound take Exit 126**, south 4 miles on US 1, left 607.
Northbound Exit 118, left to US 1, north 4 miles on US 1, right on 607.



Presidents Message Continued.

There are plenty of opportunities ahead to join our fellow NORVA members to have fun, fellowship, and adventure.

I was reading the Membership page in the February edition of the Blue Beret the other day which stated a WBCCI membership of 6,559 the end of 2016, the highest since 2009. There were 1,911 new members who joined last year. It's interesting that 79 % of them joined online and it was stressed in the article how important it is to maintain an up to date and interesting web site. Our web site, www.northva.wbcci.net, is maintained by Della and we are very fortunate to have her do this as it is an excellent web site. Thank you, Della! One more interesting fact is that there were 15 new Airstreams purchased in Virginia this past March. This may be a record for one month. Anyway, it gives our hard working Membership Director, Tom, an opportunity to turn on his captivating charm to get some of them interested in our unit

Splitsville Bowling Rally Della Hoosier

Bowling allies sure have change or the Splitsville Bowling Ally is unique. It was a very nice venue with a nice restaurant and good food. Eleven of NORVA members gathered in Fredericksburg Virginia with some difficulty getting there. The traffic on 95 was heavy plus there was an accident that Lew called about. Cecil and Della arrived around twelve fifteen and only a few folks were in the restaurant. So they could arrange tables for the group, everyone was present by one o'clock.

Tom Carmichael drove from Haddrus in time for the bowling.

Everyone enjoyed their meal and by two o'clock we were ready for bowling. For some of us it had been at least 30 years since we bowled. Lew had arranged for two lanes so we divided up in two groups. One team was made up of Doug Anderson, Gerry and Patsy Nagel, Cecil and Della Hoosier. Susan Anderson was unable to bowl because of a bad shoulder. On the other team we had Tom Carmichael, Edgar and Kathy Simmons, Lew and Cathy Brodsky,.

It was nice that we could have some helps. Our team had the gutter rails put up so we could stay out of the gutter. It was so much fun trying to get the balls down the ally and to keep it off the gutter rail and actually



knock down pins. Doug Anderson and Gerry Nagel both had scores over 100, but the rest of us on our team got up to about 85. I noticed on the other team that Kathy Simmons used the helper with the ball. You line up the helper and place the ball on the top and give it a shove. The most important thing about the rally was the fun and fellowship we had. We talked about rallies with this type of activity and thought it would be good to do again. Edgar even suggested Skeet shooting. Think about that!

Mystery Caravan June 2017

Caravan Start Date: June 2
Activity June 7-June 11
Caravan End Date: June 16

Caravan plans have been completed. Our rendezvous will be within 100 miles of Northern Virginia on Friday, June 2. Our final activity will be on Friday, June 16. You will be within a days drive from Northern Virginia. The caravan will have five stops.

There is one activity on the caravan that starts on June 7 thru June 11, 2017.

Reservations need to be made as soon as possible. There is a 50 unit limit to attend this event. It was sold out the last year it was held. As of February 17, there are still openings for this event. This activity is a dry camping event. There will be a free water service.

They will be asking for money around the first of April. The cost of this event is \$250.00 (175.00 singles) and is separate from the caravan fee.

I will continue to take reservations until the activity is filled. Let me know by text, email, or phone if you are interested in participating in this fun filled NORVA Mystery Caravan.

The total cost for the caravan is \$1200.00 (\$785 single) with a deposit of \$300.00 due before or on Friday, March 10. Check is to be made out to Edgar Simmons and mailed to 9070 Centerville Road, Bridgewater, VA 22812.

The only cancellation fee will be the non-refundable fees that have been made.

Edgar and Kathy Simmons

Caravan Leaders

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Updated



Photos from
Jordanna Brodsky's
Barnes & Noble, Reading and Book
Signing at Tysons Corner

Our own Lew and Cathy
Brodsky's daughter

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Bill and Sylvia Trip to Florida

By Sylvia Worrall



Historic Mermaid show at Weekie Wachee Springs State Park, Florida. My mother and grandma went here in the 1960's, and I always wanted to see it for myself. Since the 1940's, the audience has watched a fun 35 minute show in an underwater theatre in deepest natural spring in North America!

Note turtle & fish swimming with the "mermaids". Show & 25 min. boat ride & small reptile show all for \$13.00. A waterslide and pool is also open in warmer weather. Kayak rental for with shuttle service is also available at the park.



Also nearby on the "Nature Coast" of Florida is Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. It houses and rehabilitates many animals and birds and also has hospital for manatees. Well worth a visit. It also had an interesting short boat ride. No camping at either park but there are commercial RV parks nearby.



Flamingo Lake RV park Our usual first stop in Florida for several years. We un-winterize here, stay a couple days then head to points south.

Airstreamers Gone Wild





Death of Longtime
NORVA Member

NORVA members, Jim Self passed away Monday, March 6, in Fredericksburg, VA. He was 85. A Masonic service was held Thursday, March 9, at Covenant Funeral Home in Fredericksburg with burial following March 10. Jane Arnold

*The family of
JIM SELF
acknowledges with deep appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy*

DEAR NORVA,
THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROUS
DONATION TO HOSPICE IN MEMORY
OF OUR DAD. HE AND OUR MOTHER
HAD WONDERFUL TRAVELS WITH
YOU AND SPOKE OF THEM OFTEN.
SINCERELY,
Coyne, Barbie & Family

NORVA MEMBERS WHERE ARE THEY?

Region 9 Rally March 20-26

Myrtle & Don Bell

Spindletop Caravan March 30-April 22

Edgar & Kathy Simmons

Springtime in Kentucky April 27-May 18

Kevin & Jane Quinn

Nor' by Nor' East July 8-August 17

Kevin & Jane Quinn

NORVA Mystery Caravan June 2—TBD, 2017

Leaders Edgar &
Kathy Simmons
Lew Brodsky
Cecil Hoosier
Ed & Beth Jones
Bob & Carol Luther
Larry & Sun Riley
Doug & Susan Anderson
Lloyd & Elaine Ulrich
Ralph Uttech
Dick & Jane Arnold

International Rally July 22-29

Edgar & Kathy Simmons
Lloyd & Elaine Ulrich
Myrtle & Don Bell
Dick & Jane Arnold
Paul & Cynthia Pearce
Lew & Cathy Brodsky

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights Caravan

July 30-August 13

Edgar & Kathy Simmons

"American Revolution - Southern Campaign" Sept 6-Oct 14 2017

Leaders Ed & Beth Jones
Dick & Jane Arnold,
Lew & Cathy Brodsky,
Edgar & Kathy Simmons,
Chuck & Sally Walters.

Region 3 April 26-30

Lloyd & Elaine Ulrich
Edgar & Kathy Simmons
Lew & Paisley Brodsky
Tom & Fred Carmichael
Darla Vest



A note from Newsletter Editor:

If you are on one of these caravans or attending one of these rallies, send an article to Della for the Newsletter. Just a short write up about your special interest. She does not need the whole thing just something you enjoyed. According to the number of folks traveling, she should receive lots of write-ups for the Newsletter

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2017 NORVA SCHEDULE

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| January 29 | Riverside Dinner Theatre Frederiksberg Virginia Host Jackson & Mary Ann McBroom | June 1– 16 | Mystery Caravan Edgar and Kathy Simmons |
| February 5 | “Super Bowl LI” Rally At the Hoosier Amissville Virginia Host Cecil and Della Hoosier | July 22-29 | International Rally Escanaba Michigan |
| March 11 | “Splitsville” bowling center, Frederiksberg VA 12:30 for Lunch and Bowling | August 7-12 | Galax Special Events Rally Host Region 3 Julian & Lynn Clements |
| April 7-9 | Maintenance Rally @ Safford Camp at KOA Campground Host Jackson & Mary Ann McBroom | September TBD | <i>Commonwealth ?</i> |
| April 26-30 | Region 3 Rally Hiawasse, Georgia | October TBD | |
| May 12-14 | “American Heritage” Service Rally James Monroe’s Highland Host Jackson McBroom | November 3-4 | Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally Folks want to do it again!!!! Host Tom Carmichael and Lew Brodsky |
| Date Change | | December TBD | |

