

# NORVA NEWS



## President's Message

First of all, on behalf of NORVA, let me offer my condolences to Jackson and Mary Ann as Jackson recently lost his brother to cancer. He has understandably been preoccupied with his situation which has delayed working on the rally schedule for next year, but now he is giving his usual excellent focus on it. If you have any suggestions for rallies or have a rally where you would like to be a wagon master, please give him a call.

It was a sad day on October 30 when Elaine and I winterized our trailer. We haven't camped since July 11 when I cracked my knee cap and sustained tendon damage. The knee cap is healed and the tendons are healing so we're looking forward to camping early next year. I understand the Oyster Festival rally was a success and Lew is making arrangements for a redo next year. That's good news. We have one more rally this year and that's the Holiday Rally at our home. We're looking forward to celebrating this festive time of the year with Airstream friends. I have the awesome responsibility of arranging for the Honey Baked ham, making coffee and setting up chairs. All Elaine has to do is all the cooking! There is still time to arrange to attend and you can pay on December 10, but Elaine needs to know who is coming to prepare an adequate amount of goodies so please call or email us if you are coming.

The new member mentoring program has not taken off as I hoped it would. We need volunteers for this to be successful. If you have any suggestions on how to get this moving, please let me know. Also, let me know who you want to mentor so we don't have more than one person mentoring the same new member. We are fortunate to have so many seasoned members who are experienced in all phases of Airstreaming and that experience needs to be passed on to the new members, particularly if they are new to RVing. There is no much to learn to minimize problems and get the full amount of fun and fellowship we have in Airstreaming. Elaine and I often go to our local Panera Bread for a bagel and coffee for breakfast. One of the employees just purchased his first SOB (some other brand) and is at the point where he doesn't know what he doesn't know. I've given him some pointers, but there's just so much you can do when you don't camp together. We in the club are so fortunate in that regard. Any problem one has had in the past has probably been experienced by someone else and the solution is readily available.

Let me take this opportunity to wish all our Christian friends a very Merry Christmas and our Jewish friends a Happy Hanukkah. It's a wonderful time of the year and I hope we all can enjoy it to the fullest



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happy anniversary

10 Scott & Kelly Smith

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1 Danette Campbell

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11 Jeffrey Cooper

17 Barbara Brpbst

29 Rita Avis

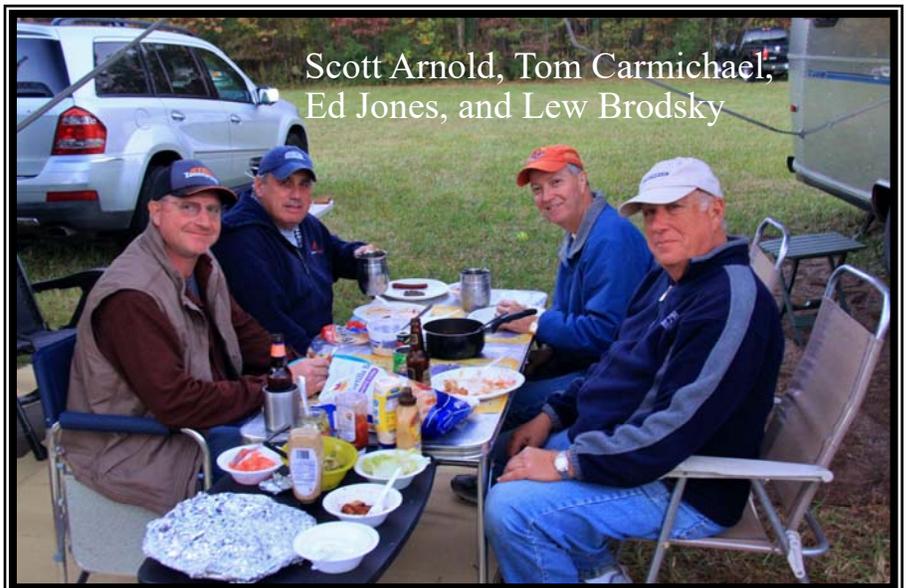


What a great event! Dry camping a block away from Virginia Street where the festivities started is a different experience as compared to the almost 80,000 who parked 1/2 mile to a couple of miles out and walked in. It was nice to go to an event and then back to the trailer and rest. There were several musical stages scattered around the fest. Food stands, vendors, restaurants, stores, street sales, historical displays, marina with the Godspeed, pirate school and encampment, wine tasting, pony rides, climbing wall, antique car show, oyster festival parade were some of the events that everyone enjoyed.

Watching the oyster shucking contest was a unique experience. It took a contestant about 2 1/2 to 3 minutes to shuck 24 oysters and display them as you would see in a restaurant. After the display was judged, the oysters were passed out to the crowd. Debra Pratt, a four-time world champion, offered commentary on what it takes to shuck an oyster.

The fire truck only parade was held after dark and all of the lights were flashing which had a visual impact. All sirens and horns blew continuously on the 80 pieces of equipment. The sound was deafening to say the least. There were trucks of every size and age. I've never seen a parade like this one! Oh yea, from our viewing spot the parade went down the street, around several blocks, and came back by us. It was great fun!

Saturday around 5:30, we were at the Virginian Street Cafe eating crab cakes. Festivities were winding down, many folks had left, and the street thru town was still closed. We saw a police officer stop a woman who was driving down the closed street. He made her park right in the spot and she couldn't leave until the road opened at 8:00 pm. ooh!



Scott Arnold, Tom Carmichael,  
Ed Jones, and Lew Brodsky

This was the first NORVA rally for members, Greg Philpot and Debrah Farnell with grandson John. Also having fun were Scott Arnold, David and Margaret Board, Ed Jones, Larry and Sun Riley, Edgar and Kathy Simmons. Thanks to Lew Brodsky and Tom Carmichael for their leadership as hosts. Great job as always! We were happy to have Richard and Mary Bartelt (associates) from the Virginia Unit and from the Tidewater Unit-Larry and Rhonda Evans join us.

**Come Celebrate the Holidays with a Brunch at the Ulrich's**



*Date: December 10, 2016*

*Time: 1:30 pm*

*Place: 20425 Bunker Hill Way*

*Ashburn, Virginia*

*Cost: \$10 per person*

*RSVP: 703-724-3954 or egulrich1@yahoo.com*

*Please RSVP and send check to Elaine before December 1st*

*Come join us for fun, food and fellowship as we celebrate the holiday season together.*

*The holiday's are upon us and a brunch is a nice way to eat, relax and catch up on each other's activities and trips taken. Hope to see you on December 10th.*

**Directions to our home**

*From Route 7*

*Take the Loudoun County Parkway South*

*At the third light turn right onto Marblehead.*

*At the four way stop sign turn right onto Western Gables Road*

*(which is the entrance to Potomac Green).*

*Bear left at the Club House which is the large building in front of you.*

*This will be Casablanca. Go one-half mile on Casablanca and turn left onto Panther Ridge.*

*Turn left onto Bunker Hill Way and we will be the second house on the right side of the street.*

*Turn right at the end of our street for VISITOR PARKING if our driveway is full. Four cars can park in our driveway if you pull all the way up to the garage doors.*

*There is no ON STREET PARKING.*



**Thankful**

*Week before Thanksgiving,  
I limp around real strange  
Huddle in the corner,  
As though I have the mange.  
All the other turkeys,  
Just gobble, gobble on.  
I'm silent, and I act  
As if my gobbler's gone. Everyone is thankful  
On Thanksgiving Day.  
Friday it's forgotten.  
You all go on your way.  
I know what thankful is  
So listen when I say.  
"It's great to be a turkey,  
After Thanksgiving Day."*

**Best Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is here, so our minds have turned  
To what time has taught us, to what we've learned:  
We often focus all our thought  
On shiny things we've shopped and bought.  
We take our pleasure in material things,  
Forgetting the pleasure that friendship brings.  
If a lot of our stuff just vanished today,  
We'd see the foundation of each happy day  
Is special relationships, constant and true,  
And that's when our thoughts go directly to you.  
We wish you a Thanksgiving you'll never forget,  
Full of love and joy—your best one yet!  
*By Joanna Fuchs*

**NORVA Members**

Where are they?  
2017

**Spindletop Caravan**

March 30-April 22  
Edgar & Kathy Simmons

**International Rally**

July 22-29  
Edgar & Kathy Simmons

**Ores, Shores,  
Waters, and Lights  
Caravan**

July 30-August 13  
Edgar & Kathy Simmons

**NORVA Caravan**

Leaders Edgar & Kathy  
Simmons

Lew Brodsky  
Bill and Barbara Geman  
Cecil Hoosier  
Ed & Beth Jones  
Bob & Carol Luther  
Larry & Sun Riley  
Chuck & Sally Walters  
Lloyd & Elaine Ulrich  
Ralph Uttech

Signed up for a Caravan,  
going to a Region or Inter-  
national rally. Please let me  
know. If you have been on  
a Caravan, visited a Rally  
send me a write up.

**A big Thank you**



Pictures from the Oyster Fest rally were by Edgar Simmons and Lew Brodsky



# Mystery Caravan



## JUNE 2017



Start Date: TBD- Around June 1-Just depends?

Activity June 7-June 11

End Date: TBD Around June 21

We are in the very early preliminary planning stages and will scout the route during the last week of October. You will get date and time as soon as we have made that determination.

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 for this activity. There is a 50 unit limit to attend this event. It was sold out the last year it was held.

This activity is a dry camping event. There will be a free water service.

No money is needed at this time but the cost of this activity is \$250.00 (175.00 singles). You will probably be requested to make this payment before years end. Let me know if you are interested participating in the NORVA Mystery Caravan 2017 and I will register you. I talked to Kelly on October 20 and spaces are still available. Five

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## Super Bowl Rally— February 5, 2017

It is hard to believe that we can start thinking about the Super Bowl Rally. It is only a couple months away. The Hoosiers will host again this year. So put February 5, 2017 on your calendar and plan to join everyone at the Hoosiers. The Super Bowl LI will be hosted in Houston, TX this year.

We will do a pot luck which seems to go over well with everyone.



Directions to the Hoosiers;

From Culpeper take route 229 which brings you into route 211 at the Seven Eleven. Turn left and follow route 211 about 3 miles and turn left on county road 639, Holly Springs Road. From route 211 is one and one quarter miles to their home.

The address is 3448 Holly Springs road, Amissville VA 20106.

Look for additional details in the January Newsletter.

# Go Redskins

# Fall Chores

Fall is such a beautiful time of the year. Trips upon skyline drive and through the country have been very enjoyable watching the leaves change colors. We have lots of leaves around our house. Cecil just loves this time of year. He gets to play in the leaves. There are times when things are quiet and then I notice this sound outside. It is the leaf blower. We live in a clump of trees. Several types of Oaks, Hickory, Tulip Poplar and many more. A couple of the Oak trees wait unit spring to shed their leaves. The assumption is made that the spring leaves push them off, but the real reason is nature. On three occasions this fall, Cecil said to me, get your jacket I am going on the roof. So not only do I put on my jacket, but I take the walk-about phone with me. His coming off the roof may not be by the ladder!



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## 2016 NORVA SCHEDULE

January 23	Safford RV 10:00 –2:00 Saturday Lunch in Thornburg Host Tom Carmichael	June 28-July 4	International Rally Lewisburg WV
February 7	Welcome to the Super Bowl Rally At the Hoosiers. Host Cecil and Della Hoosier	August 8-14	Galax Special Events Rally Host by Region 3
March 18-20	“Take Pride in America” Clover Hill, Appomattox, VA Joint Rally Host Virginia Unit	September 30-Oct 2	Commonwealth Rally Williamsburg VA Host —Tidewater Unit
April 8-10	Maintenance Rally Camping KOA Fredericksburg Host Dick & Jane Arnold ; Tom Carmichael	October 14-16	<b>Shenandoah river State park</b> <b>Host Hoosiers and Simmons</b>
April 27-May 1	Region 3 Rally Meadow Farms VA Meadow Event Park near Kings Dominion	November 4-6	<b>Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally</b> <b>Joint Rally</b> <b>Host Tom Carmichael and Lew Brodsky</b>
May 27-June 7	Virginia presidents Caravan Leaders —Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom	<b>December 10</b>	<b>Holiday Rally Brunch</b> <b>Host Lloyd and Elaine Ulrich</b>