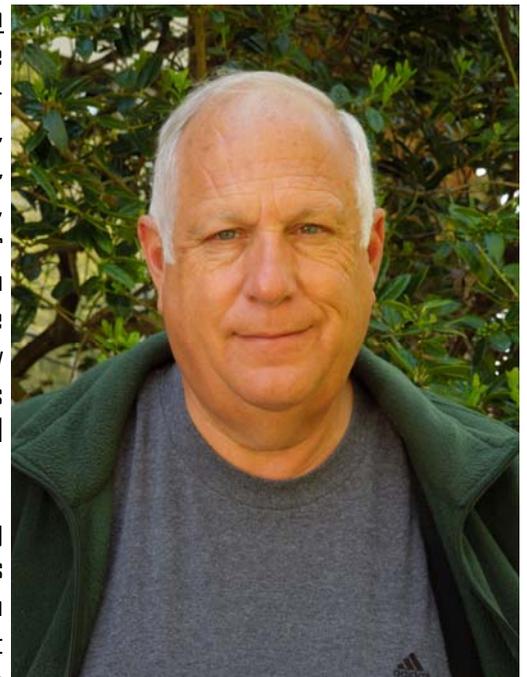


NORVA NEWS

President's Message for May 2016 NORVA News Lew Brodsky

Few things are scarcer and in higher demand on Memorial Day weekend than a premium campsite. But, guess what...NORVA has a select few to offer you. Be quick, they won't be available for long! Join many of your NORVA friends for three nights at the beautifully-wooded Pohick Bay Regional Park campground, sited along the Potomac River in Lorton, VA. We have several full-serve or water/electric sites reserved from Friday afternoon, May 27 to Memorial Day morning, Monday, May 30. The park has wonderful hiking trails, fishing, riverside picnic areas, and boating/canoeing. It also has a swimming pool, water park, public golf course, and a short walking trail through the woods to historic Gunston Hall, the 18th Century home of patriot George Mason. There will be a pot luck dinner at one of the park shelters on the Saturday evening. Be sure to reserve your campsite now by calling NORVA's 2nd VP, Jackson McBroom, at 757-345-0060 or 757-746-6535 for details and instructions. Enjoying nature with your Airstream in the company of family and friends is a great way to spend Memorial Day weekend!



As you read this May issue of *NORVA News*, our unit will have just completed co-hosting the 2016 Region 3 Rally at The Meadow Event Park near Doswell, VA. You will see photos on the pages which follow. Lots of volunteer hours and effort went into making the rally a success for the more than 160 attendees in 88 rigs who came from units all along the east coast of the U.S., from Virginia to Florida. Hats off to our unit members who handled the complex parking arrangements and worked with Region 3 officers, Caroline County officials, the Safford RV dealership, and park management; especially Tom Carmichael, Dick and Jane Arnold and Cecil and Della Hoosier. NORVA's contributions made this an event which will long be remembered.

Finally, I want to wish "safe travels" to Jack and Janice Hornbeck, who have transferred out of NORVA and joined WBCCI Unit 11-24, Denver, CO. After Jack retired from his job as president and executive director of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, the couple decided to move from Norfolk, VA, to Arvada, CO, to be close to their daughter and her family. We will miss having these classy Airstreamers on NORVA caravans and at rallies, but we can look forward to seeing them again on national caravans or at future International rallies. We know they will enjoy the clean air of Colorado's mountains and the wide open spaces of the prairie, not to mention the many spectacular places to camp out west. If you are traveling in that direction, be sure to look them up. They won't be hard to find...just scan the horizon for the smoke signals wafting up from Jack's notorious cigars!

Editor's Note: Next month is the June—July issue. Any information needed to cover June—August should be in the next newsletter. Sign up for "The Galax Special Event Rally" coming up Aug.7-14, 2016. Send me write-ups from your travels. Please

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Maintenance Rally and Safford Open House

Folks began to gather at the KOA Campground in Fredericksburg on Friday. The weather was beautiful but the air was crisp. Lew Brodsky built a fire that overlooked the lake for happy hour. Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom with their dog Gracie arrived just before happy hour. Dick and Jane our hosts for the rally were already parked and making sure everything was in order for the weekend. Cecil Hoosier was already out taking pictures. It was interesting to watch the fire being whipped around by the wind and trying to stay out of the smoke. Just as the happy hour was getting started we had visitors from the Central Maryland Unit, 116, they are Rune and Robin Moeller. They were invited by Robert Bolling and Sheila Cane who arrived early Saturday morning. The rally started with such a pleasant evening sunshine, a beautiful lake and wonderful friends and new acquaintances.



At six o'clock we all gathered for potluck dinner in the KOA building which was nice and warm from two heaters. Our dinner consisted of beef stew, chili, coleslaw and salad, apple pie, cookies and mint chocolate torte.



Joining us was Paul and Andi Gabler for the round table maintenance discussion. They live in Fredericksburg. It was great to put a face to the name.

Dick had a very organized maintenance discussion planned. He had carefully listed things by groupings to keep everyone on track. He started with the hitch and covered all types of different categories inside and outside.

There were lots of questions and the discussion lasted until nine o'clock. He left us with the thought that there would be twenty questions at breakfast Saturday morning. A young couple with a new airstream pulled in and they were invited to join us at Safford. They are Ken and Laurie Lutz with daughter Aubry who is seven years old.

Breakfast consisted of fruit and sweets. Dick handed out the twenty questions and we went over them some review and new subjects. Then it was time to head out to Safford for the open house and looking at new trailers.



We arrive at the Safford Service area for a talk by the service manager. When we got there I was delighted to see lots of other folks that had come for the day. There were several from the Tidewater unit and some from the Virginia Unit. Cathy Brodsky drove down to meet us for the weekend. Folks from Tidewater were Skip and Kathy Smith, Larry and Rhonda Evans, Pamela and Brook Gwathmy, folks from the Virginia Unit were Julia and Russ Harper. Carol and Harry Zint from our unit joined us at Safford.

The service manager gave us some information about what was happening there to better serve Airstream owners. They have purchased more building and space and it looks like the Airstream RV's will have their own area away from other types of RV's. Tom Carmichael arranged for this open house and he led us up to the sales area. Tom also works at the Airstream's

of Virginia. Interested in a new Airstream call Tom, smile.

The representative for sales is very knowledgeable about Airstreams. He came from California and mentioned other places that he has been in conjunction with Airstreams. He is in close contact with Airstream leaders at Jackson Center Ohio. After gathering what information we could we headed outside to look at Airstreams in the cold wind and blowing snow. There were several different models and several different layouts of these models. It was fun to go through and see all the new designs.

At twelve o'clock sharp we were at Anglos for lunch paid for by Safford. We had a lot of good fellowship, food and many fun facts about Airstream given by Tom Carmichael.

Lew and Kathy Brodsky, along with Tom Carmichael, Dick and Jane Arnold, and Cecil and Della Hoosier went down to Doswell to check out the parking for the upcoming Region 3 Rally.



**NORVA CARAVAN
May 27-June 8 2016**

Washington DC

Friday May 27th Arrival/Setup: COCKTAILS/HORS'D'OEUVRES at McBroom's AIRSTREAM SITE
LOCATION: Pohick Bay Regional Campground (Lorton, Virginia)
Camping Nights: Friday 5/27 - Saturday 5/28 - Sunday 5/29

Saturday, May 28th Tour George Washington's MOUNT VERNON
Group Pot Luck Dinner

Great Caravan lots of Info

Sunday, May 29th FREE DAY, Wash DC (Arrange tickets/museums etc.) Arrange tours on your own.

Charlottesville VA

Monday, May 30th TRAVEL to Charlottesville, (Memorial Day Celebration/Tribute)
LOCATION: Misty Mountain Campground (Greenwood, Virginia)
Camping Nights: Monday 5/30 - Tuesday 5/31 - Wednesday 6/01 - Thursday 6/02 - Friday 6/03

Tuesday, May 31st Tour Thomas Jefferson's MONTICELLO + UVA History Luncheon/Tour MICHIE Tavern

Wednesday, June 1st Tour James Madison's MOUNTPELIER, Half Day FREE Group Pot Luck Dinner

Thursday, June 2nd Tour James Monroe's ASHLAWN, Half Day FREE

Friday, June 3rd Tour Woodrow Wilson's HOME and LIBRARY (Staunton VA)

Williamsburg VA

Saturday, June 4th TRAVEL to Williamsburg, RECEPT/DINNER @ McBroom's
LOCATION: American Heritage RV Park (Williamsburg, Virginia)
Camping Nights: Saturday 6/04 - Sunday 6/05 - Monday 6/06 - Tuesday 6/07

Sunday, June 5th Tour JAMESTOWN (Museum/Ships/Excavation Site)

Monday, June 6th WILLIAMSBURG (Kimball Theatre + FREE DAY)

Tuesday, June 7th Tour John Tyler's SHERWOOD FOREST and William Henry Harrison's BERKELEY PLANTATION

Wednesday, June 8th DEPART for HOME

Spots still available

NORVA Caravan Coupon Touring the US Presidents from Virginia

Name: _____ Spouse: _____ WBCCI # _____
Phone (H) _____ @ _____ RV/Trailer Length: _____ Pets: Y/N _____ Handicap Y/N _____
E-Mail _____

Camping Cost per Unit: _____ \$716.00
Activity Cost per Person: \$246.00 X _____ = \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Please mail coupon and your check to Jackson McBroom , 1661 River Ridge, Williamsburg VA 23185

Questions call Jackson at: 757-345-0060 or 757-746-6535

Georgia Plantations and More Caravan

By Jane Quinn & Elaine Ulrich

The Georgia Plantations and More Caravan leads you to explore the western side of the state which may be a little less traveled than the I95 corridor to the east. We began our caravan at Kolomoki State Park where Native American mounds are preserved. We moved on to see many beautiful homes and gardens which thrilled the women, but the men were catered to with visits to a tree farm, a hunting preserve, and restaurants with great Southern cooking. There was time for explorations on your own, too. Kevin and Jane particularly enjoyed hiking the rim of Providence Canyon (Georgia's little Grand Canyon) and touring The National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, Ga. They also enjoyed the time spent around Tallahassee, Florida where we dry camped for 4 days in a field at a country store that sold delicious sausage. Jane.

The Georgia Plantation and More caravan was an interesting caravan but Lloyd and I really enjoyed the "More" part of the caravan when we visited "The Georgia Rural Telephone Museum." This museum is housed in a 1920's renovated cotton warehouse and contains the largest, oldest and rarest examples of tele-communication in the world from 1876 to present. We saw numerous beautiful wooden wall phones of every type and style. We saw an early liquid transmitter (1876) in which speech was first transmitted. Several switchboards were on view, front and back showing all the lines. We saw an open line display each carrying only 6 parties. In the early days, switchboard operators worked from home. Different style phone booths were on display including one containing a silver dollar phone. We also saw a Model A Ford truck reminiscent of service trucks used by telephone companies in the early 1900's. This museum also contained other antiques including vehicles, clocks, organs and furniture. A very interesting place to visit. Elaine.



Picture at Bradley's Country Store Quinn's & Ulrich's

**NORVA Members
Where are they?
2016**

International Rally WVA June-July

Paul & Cynthia Pearce
Don & Myrtle Bell
Cecil & Della Hoosier
Jim & Edie Caldwell
Ralph & Louise Uttech
Bill & Sylvia Worrall
Lloyd & Elaine Ulrich
Lew Brodsky & Paisley
Chuck and Sally Walters
Dick & Jane Arnold
Kevin & Jane Quinn
Chuck & Joyce Gregory
Richard & Donna West
Edgar & Kathy Simmons
Sheila Cane & Robert Bolling

April 17-30

Touring Italy

Bruce & Danette Campbell

May 22-June 3

Touring Ireland

Cecil & Della Hoosier

September-October

The American Revolution in the Northern Colonies

Ed & Beth Jones Leaders

Lew Brodsky
Dick & Jane Arnold
Chuck & Sally Walters
Edgar & Kathy Simmons

A few of Dick Arnold's Tips

HITCH

Lube: finger full white Lithium grease; clean once a year.

Tighten: Make sure everything is tight

Safety Chains: Crossed in order to catch incase of separation

Breakaway: never hook to hitch; check break-away switch.

PROPANE

Inspection Date on tank: 7 years

Leak Check

Gas pressure check(II) Regulator could be bad if problem with refrigerator; Auto cross over on tanks.

Travel (tight) Option to leave on or off; turn of through tunnels; don't leave hot water tank on; turn off propane at gas station.

TIRES, WHEELS AND BRAKES

Air Pressure (Check Spare) Have a pressure probe on tires;

Check dates and wear: 5 years

Pack Wheel Bearing (Every year)

Adjust breaks

BATTERIES

Life Expectancy

Clean Cables

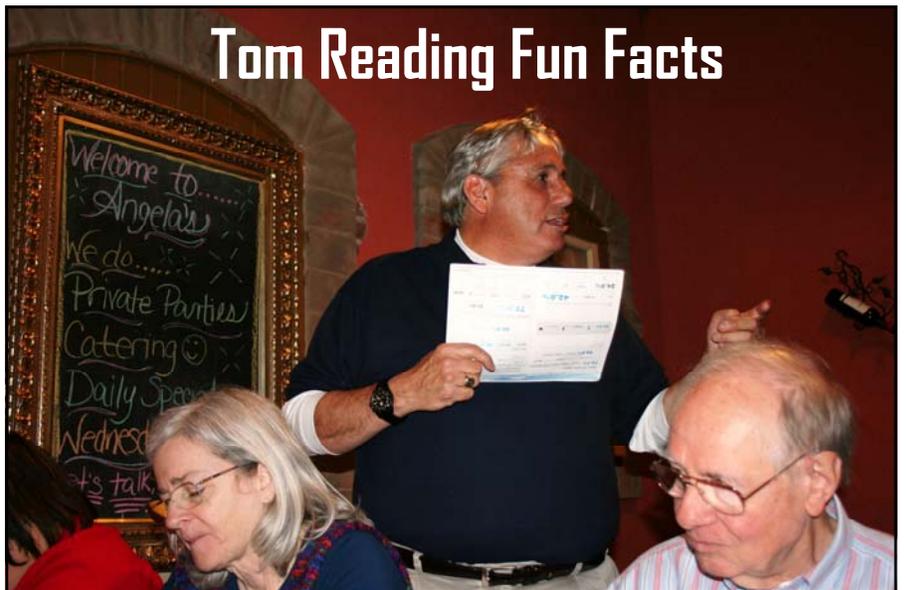
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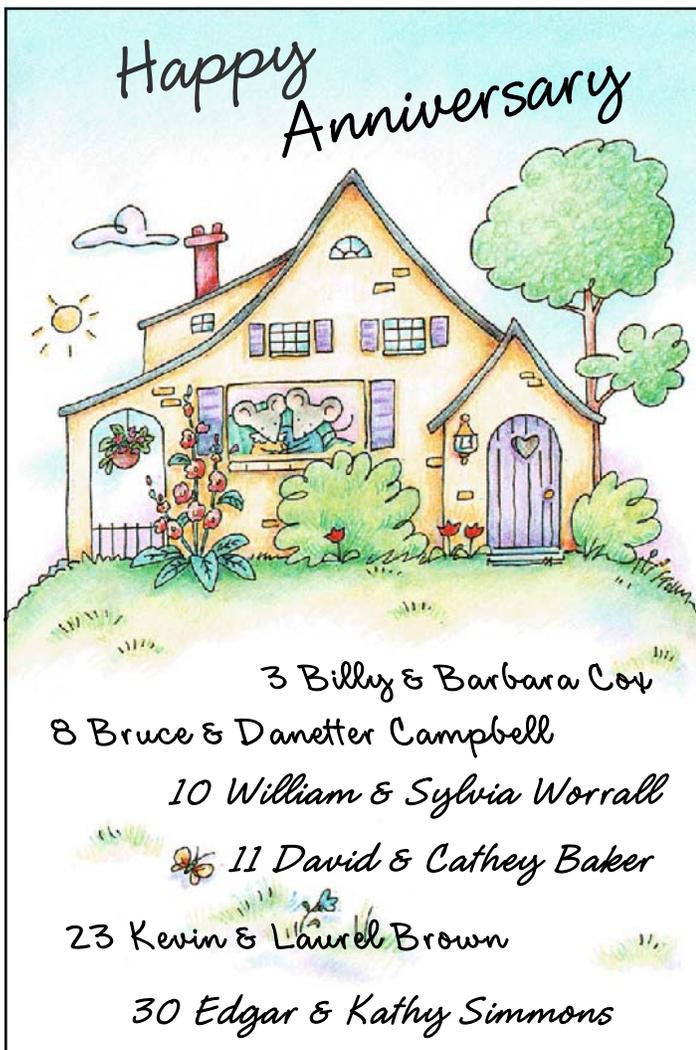
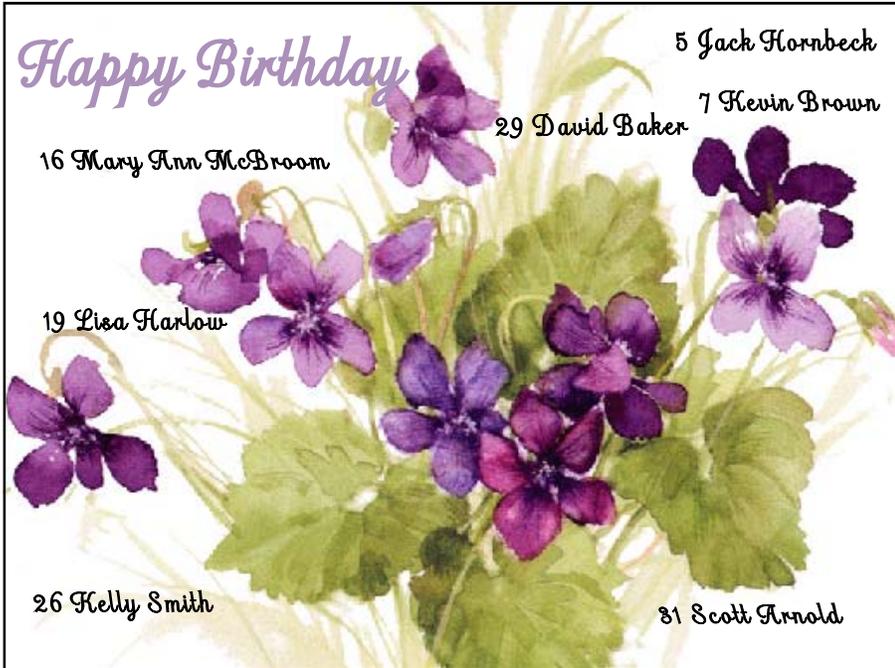
WATER

Clean and disinfect tank: use 10oz of liquid bleach . Pour into freshwater tank. Fill with water, Run water through all faucets until you smell the bleach. Let stand about five hours. Drain and refill tank a couple of time until you don't smell the bleach.

White Hoses: Clean inside and out. Cut off a small piece of Scotch Bright and put in hose and force through with water.

MORE NEXT MONTH





A Few of Tom Carmichael's Fun Facts

Airstream Owners

Top two Decisions to buy Airstream

Product Quality 61.5%

Design 32.0%

Airstream New Owners 73.7%

45.4% owned other brands

65.6% First Time RVers

63.4% Male buyers

14.9% Female buyers

21.8% Couples

Age Group Majority 50-69

1.3% 80

11.9 % 70-79

42.8% 60-69

The Purchase

59.7% searched online

62.1% RV show

Shopping duration

57.7% 1-5 months

17.0 6-12 months

How paid

44.5% financed through dealership

42.1% paid Cash

Other Brands

68.1% considered other brands

Airstream Models

50.9% bought Flying Cloud

15.5% bought International Signa-

ture

12.9% bought Sport

Size

23' 138 units

25' 257 units

31' 16 units

Other sizes not mentioned here

RVers VS Non-RVers

46.0% owned other RV

54.0% New to RVing

Travel Companions

90.1% spouse or significant other

58.2% plan to travel as a pair

23.7% with Children

44.0% pets



The region 3 rally opened on April 27 with announcements and the flag ceremony. Before that volunteers from the NORVA, Shenandoah and Virginia unit's were at work by seven thirty in the morning. The parkers met with Lew Brodsky on the porch of a nearby building where he set up parking control. Campers came in steadily during the day Everyone got parked even though the campground was not quite ready, but they got everything in place so people could park. Guys that helped with parking were Kevin Quinn, Edgar Simmons, Cecil Hoosier, Cole McGregor, Guy Sager, and Dick Arnold who drove his Subaru to guide folks to their parking sites, and Tom Carmichael.

Ladies manned the table and help the Caroline County folks with handouts and questions. The ladies that helped were Page Landes, Dot McElroy, Anita McGregor, Jane Quinn, Jane Arnold, Della Hoosier, and Kathy Simmons.

After the opening ceremonies four guests were invited to speak. We were welcomed by folks from Caroline County and the fairgrounds. Also two gentlemen gave an update on Airstreams of Virginia.

Several seminars were given during the rally and were attended well. I noticed that all of NORVA folks attended most of the seminars. We had leadership training, fire safety, maintaining your rig, Skymed just to name a few. A lot of helpful tips were given. Look for some of these in later issues of the NORVA News.

A couple of tours were provided. There was the Assassins trail of John W. Booth and a tour of the Meadow Event park where Secretariat was born and reared. The Assassins trail tour included visiting Port Royal, an old historic town where John W. Booth came for help and was turned away by ladies because no men were home. We visited Bowling Green and went to an art gallery which had pictures that were painted on wood and had hung outside for forty years. They were waxed every year with car wax to preserve them in the elements. They were to be stored in a damp basement and were rescued by the art gallery. There was food and wine tasting included. The folks were invited to see the Masonic lodge and see a couple of painting that were given to them from a bank.

The tour of the Meadow Event farm was a tram ride to the Manson and barns. We were told about the birth of Secretariat and some of the things that happened. He was a

large horse and had a heart that was twice as big as most horses. After hearing his history we watched all three races. I would never thought much about a horse race, but when listening to the story made the race very exciting.



They board meeting went very well, a proposal about what to do with extra money left over from the Region 3 rallies was approved. The proposal gave the board the discretion to either return the money to the units or give it to a charity.

During the rally we were provided with catered meals, which were very good. It was a great rally. Della



Top: NORVA group at Region 3 and cook out
Middle: John W. Booth and Caroline County tour
Bottom: Meadow Event Park tour



Top: Secretariat
Assassins trail tour group
Middle: Campground and
Gathy Brodsky with tour guide
Bottom: Tom Carmichael

Virginia Commonwealth Rally

September 29 - October 2
2016

American Heritage RV Park, Williamsburg, Virginia

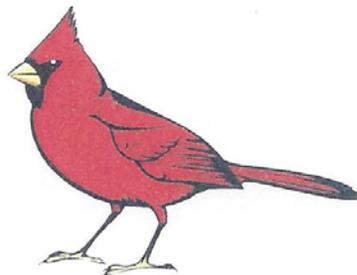


The Army
Transportation Museum



The Mariners Museum

The Virginia
Living Museum



Winery, Distillery, and Brewery tours



The Civil War sites of Lee Hall,
Endview Plantation, and Fort Monroe



The "Historic Triangle"
(Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown)



Restaurants and boat tours at
Yorktown Riverwalk Landing

Special tours of the **Decorative Arts Museum** at Colonial Williamsburg and a **Segway** tour of Yorktown are being arranged. Details will be made available to rally registrants. There will also be a **Pumpkin Carving Contest** to be judged on Friday evening. A pumpkin will be provided, or you can bring your own.

Virginia Commonwealth Rally Registration Form

Name: _____, _____, _____
(Last) (First) (Spouse)

Address: _____

Unit: _____ Trailer #: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

_____ X \$20.00 = _____
of persons Rally Fee Total Fee

If you would like to participate in the pumpkin carving contest, and you would like us to provide a pumpkin, check here: _____

Rally Fee includes: dinner on Thursday and Saturday nights; entertainment Saturday night after officers installation. There will be a pot-luck breakfast Sunday morning.

Please make checks payable to: Tidewater Virginia Unit.

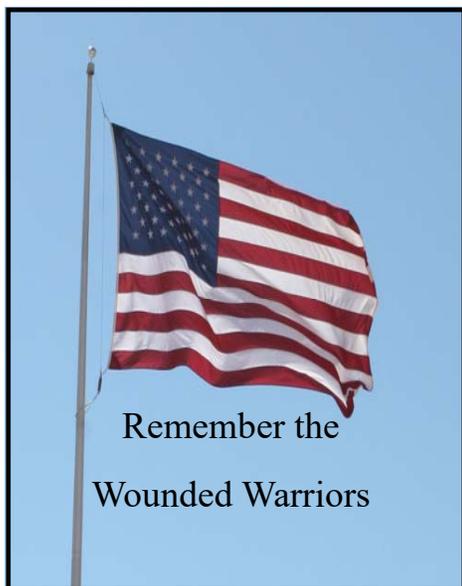
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Williamsburg, VA 23188
757-566-2133 or 888-530-2267
americanheritagerv@gmail.com
www.americanheritagervpark.com

40 sites are being held for our rally until **August 18**. Please call the campground to make a reservation by that date to reserve your site. After August 18, there is no guarantee of site availability. Price will be a group rate of \$39.00 plus tax (no discount cards are accepted with this rate).

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2015-2016 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 Newport News VA Host –Tidewater Unit
April 8-10	Maintenance Rally Camping KOA Fredericksburg Host Dick & Jane Arnold ; Tom Carmichael	October 14-16	Shenandoah river State park New Market VA Host TB D
April 27-May 1	Region 3 Rally Meadow Farms VA Meadow Event Park near Kings Dominion	November 4-6	Urbana Oyster Festival Rally Host TBD
May 27-June 7	Virginia presidents Caravan Leaders –Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom	December 11	Holiday Rally