

NORVA NEWS

President's Message

Lloyd Ulrich

Elaine and I missed a wonderful rally in October at the Shenandoah River State Park because of illness. We understand new Airstream owners, Vern and Mary-Lou Fowler, enjoyed the weekend and may become members. There are two rallies remaining this year so there is still an opportunity to have fun with fellow Airstreamers. The Urbana Oyster Festival Rally, November 4-6, will be fun as it is a special festival with plenty of eats and activities. Wagonmasters Tom and Lew have arranged parking for the rigs right in Urbana. Maybe we could make this an annual event. What do you think? Then on December 10 the Holiday Rally will be in our home. Please refer to details in this newsletter. We are looking forward to hosting this event as Christmas is such a festive time of the year with the giving of presents, music, decorations and, for Christians, a very special time of celebration. Is it just me or are people nicer to each other at that time of the year? Anyway, we downsized nearly eight years ago to a smaller home in a Dell Webb 55 and older community. Because of the size, we can accommodate just 26 people comfortably so, like a caravan, we are going to have to limit the number of people attending.

Elaine and I attended the Commonwealth Rally in Williamsburg on Saturday, October 1, for the installation of new officers. Don Shaffer conducted the installation and instructed the new presidents on their duties, but he said the most important thing is to have fun. I don't think we in NORVA have a problem with that! Then the next Saturday, October 8, Elaine and I attended the funeral Mass for Jack Carmichael in Williamsburg. It was a beautiful service with his and Pat's son-in-law detailing Jack's life.

We have three new members, all joining in October. Larry and Sun Riley are enjoying their first trailer. Jay and Joann Stowe, who have a daughter living in Richmond, transferred from the Virginia Unit and live in Marietta, Ohio but are trying out different Virginia units,. April and Craig McDonald from Texas also transferred their membership as they moved to northern Virginia. Welcome to all of these folks. If my numbers are correct, we now have 46 Regular and Life members and 5 Affiliates. This is good news, but we need to get more of the new members involved. Tom is going to provide some information about one of the new members each month so we can get to know them better. Also, I want to reinvigorate the mentoring program



Lloyd Ulrich and Don Shaffer
Congregating Our new president

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whereby an “old” member periodically contacts a new member to find out, for instance, if they have any concerns about Airstreaming, their rig or to invite them to a rally. Della has included in this newsletter a list of the new members who joined in 2015 and in 2016 so far. Please select a new member to mentor and email your choice to me to prevent duplications. The Cruickshanks and the Zints already have mentors. Let’s support this effort as I think it will improve participation in rallies. What do you think about a wagonmaster for a rally in the future inviting a new member to help? Just a thought.

If you haven’t sent in your 2017 dues yet, let me urge you to do so. They must be received at WBCCI headquarters in Jackson Center, Ohio by November 30, 2016 for the name to be included in the 2017 printed directory. Have a great November!



Edgar, Kathy, Kay, Devin, Lew, Della, Cecil, Sylvia, and Bill.



October Rally

Della Hoosier

The rally began with Edgar and Kathy Simmons and Cecil and Della Hoosier arriving on Thursday afternoon. They wanted to be the first to pick up all registrations on Friday morning so they could tag sites that were close to each other. It was fun; sometimes they would ask folks that were leaving if they could put the site tag under their tag. Before noon the tags had been moved several times.

Sometimes a rally has its ups and downs. This weekend was gorgeous, the sun was beautiful, the air was comfortable and the fellowship was wonderful. We only had one down. Kathy Simmons fell getting out of the shower and broke her arm next to the shoulder. She was a trooper. After a visit to the doctors she came back and participated in all the activities.

Lew Brodsky and Paisley were the first to arrive on Friday. They were soon down by the river exploring so Paisley could swim in the river. By three o'clock Russ and Julie Harper of the Virginia Unit, Bill and Sylvia Worrall were in attendance. We also had Vern and Mary-Lou Fowler who are new Airstream owners as guests. We looked for Lloyd and Elaine Ulrich but they seemed to be late arriving. When Edgar and Kathy returned from the doctors we learned that Elaine was ill.

Friday evening we had pizza for dinner with cake and ice cream. We celebrated Edgar's eightieth birthday. It was a great time visiting with each other. Lew had a camp fire by his trailer.



On Saturday morning we all met at the Apple House for breakfast. Kevin Bowman and his mother Kay, of the Shenandoah Unit, joined us for breakfast. Not only do they serve a good breakfast but there are lots of things to look at for gifts. There was hardly a place that did not have something you could purchase. After breakfast we drove back to Front Royal for the walking tour. Some folks went in different directions but wound up in some of the same places.

We had a great tour guide for the Belle Boyd house. We heard her story and she was a very brave young girl. She spied for the South during the Civil War. She got started in a very unusual way. A newspaper reporter from New York that reported for the Union army was

fascinated with Belle. He told her a little too much information about a meeting of the Southern officers. At this time Belle was sixteen years old. She made her way, in her bright blue dress, to the place for the meeting and went upstairs in a room above the meeting room. She lay on the floor and listened. She later wrote it all down and sent it to General Jackson. She sent the information by her servant girl. All the information was pinned under her dress or in a basket. We know that the General was appreciative because he wrote and thanked her. A good read of her story is something that would be great to do.

Nine of us met at the Main Street Mill restaurant for dinner. It was a great dinner and fellowship. Devin and Kay also joined us for dinner. The football prom was the same night and we were privileged to see the high school girls in their prom dresses. It was a beautiful rally and we had beautiful weather and great fellowship.

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 Gailes 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.



Della, Kathy, Edgar begin walking Tour



Touring Belle Boyd house Della, Edgar, Kathy, Tour Guide, Julie and Russ Harper



Bell Boyd's Dress



NORVA Members

Where are they?

2017

Spindletop Caravan

March 30-April 22

Edgar & Kathy Simmons

Spirit of Cleveland Rally

June 7-11

Edgar & Kathy Simmons

International Rally

July 22-29

Edgar & Kathy Simmons

Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights Caravan

July 30-August 13

Edgar & Kathy Simmons

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

A big Thank you



American Revolution Caravan

By Edgar Simmons

We are very fortunate to have National Caravan Leaders, Ed and Beth Jones in our NORVA Unit. They are wonderfully skilled in creating, planning, leading caravans.

It was suggested by Ed and Beth to prepare for the adventure by reading and watching videos related to the American Revolution. Visiting the sites where the conflicts took place become much more meaningful by

having some basic knowledge of the events. When you visited the many locations where Washington, Greene, Lafayette and others were, you get a feeling that cannot be described. When you try to put yourself in place of the patriot soldiers in their winter camps, being naked, hungry, no shoes, disease, raw weather, wet, no pay, despair; it makes you wonder why these men stayed on under those miserable conditions.

In addition to forts, encampments, historic buildings and battlefields, many of the places where we ate lunch had a revolutionary connection. Fraunces Tavern is in one of Manhattan's oldest building, where George Washington bid farewell to his troops. Colonial recipes were offered at City Tavern near Independence Square, Philadelphia. The wait staff wore period dress and you might expect Jefferson, Adams, Franklin or Revere to sit down at the next table.

The Yankee Doodle Tap Room in Princeton has photos of illustrious alumni, wooden booths and the largest and oldest mural by Norman Rockwell. Where else could we have eaten at a table where Albert Einstein carved his name. You might want to consider putting the American Revolution **Caravan on your bucket list**.



This photo taken on Friday at the banquet held at the Mount Vernon Inn, which concluded the American Revolution in the Northern Colonies caravan. Starting on the left is Bill German, Kath Simmons, Chuck and Sally Walters, Edgar Simmons, Dick Arnold, Lew and Cathy Brodsky, Beth and Ed Jones, Jane Arnold and Barbara German. The Germans are from Unit 109. The photographer was Dale Spillman of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOVEMBER OYSTER FESTIVAL RALLY

Everyone we have open spots for the November Oyster Festival Rally. Please contact me ASAP 804-245-1710 804-245-1710 or e-mail me tomc@sportsimageinc.com. The cost is \$75 for as many nights as you want dry camping. Lew will be there Wednesday. The parade is Friday so NO ONE CAN ENTER THE TOWN AFTER 3:00 till after 8:00 that night. Saturday is not a good day to come in town or leave town unless their is an emergency.....

**We are right behind the fire house in the middle of all the action. Please join us its some good times and good food..... Tom
 Thomas Carmichael
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Kay and Devin Bowman



Friday Night Pizza

New members 2015-2017

Last Name, First name and Spouse, Year joined
 Cooper, Jeffrey & Winnie, Glenna 2016
 Greer, Brent & Amy 2016
 Kaczmar, Stephen & Debra 2016
 McDonald, Craig & April 2017
 McGill, Christopher & Donna 2016
 Page, Roy & Sharron 2016
 Philpot, Greg & Debrah Farnell 2016
 Riley, Larry & Sun 2016
 Smith, Scott & Kelly 2015
 Stowe, Jay & Joann 2017
 West, Richard & Donna 2016
 Zint, Harry & Carol 2016



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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24 Don and Myrtle Bell

27 Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom



happy anniversary

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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	Shenandoah river State park Host Hoosiers and Simmons
April 27-May 1	Region 3 Rally Meadow Farms VA Meadow Event Park near Kings Dominion	November 4-6	Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally Joint Rally Host Tom Carmichael and Lew Brodsky
May 27-June 7	Virginia presidents Caravan Leaders —Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom	December 10	Holiday Rally Brunch Host Lloyd and Elaine Ulrich