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Clear skies and smooth sailing at the Oyster Festival Rally

NORVA again hosted a “dry camping” rally at the annual Oyster Festival in Urbanna, Va. While the number of Airstreamers attending was fewer than prior years, the enthusiasm of those who came was not. Good weather and a fun-filled festival made for an enjoyable weekend in this small Rappahannock River town.

With a population of only 500, Urbanna’s streets were packed with thousands of people on Nov. 1 & 2 for the town’s 62nd Annual Oyster Festival. The elbow-to-elbow crowds consumed

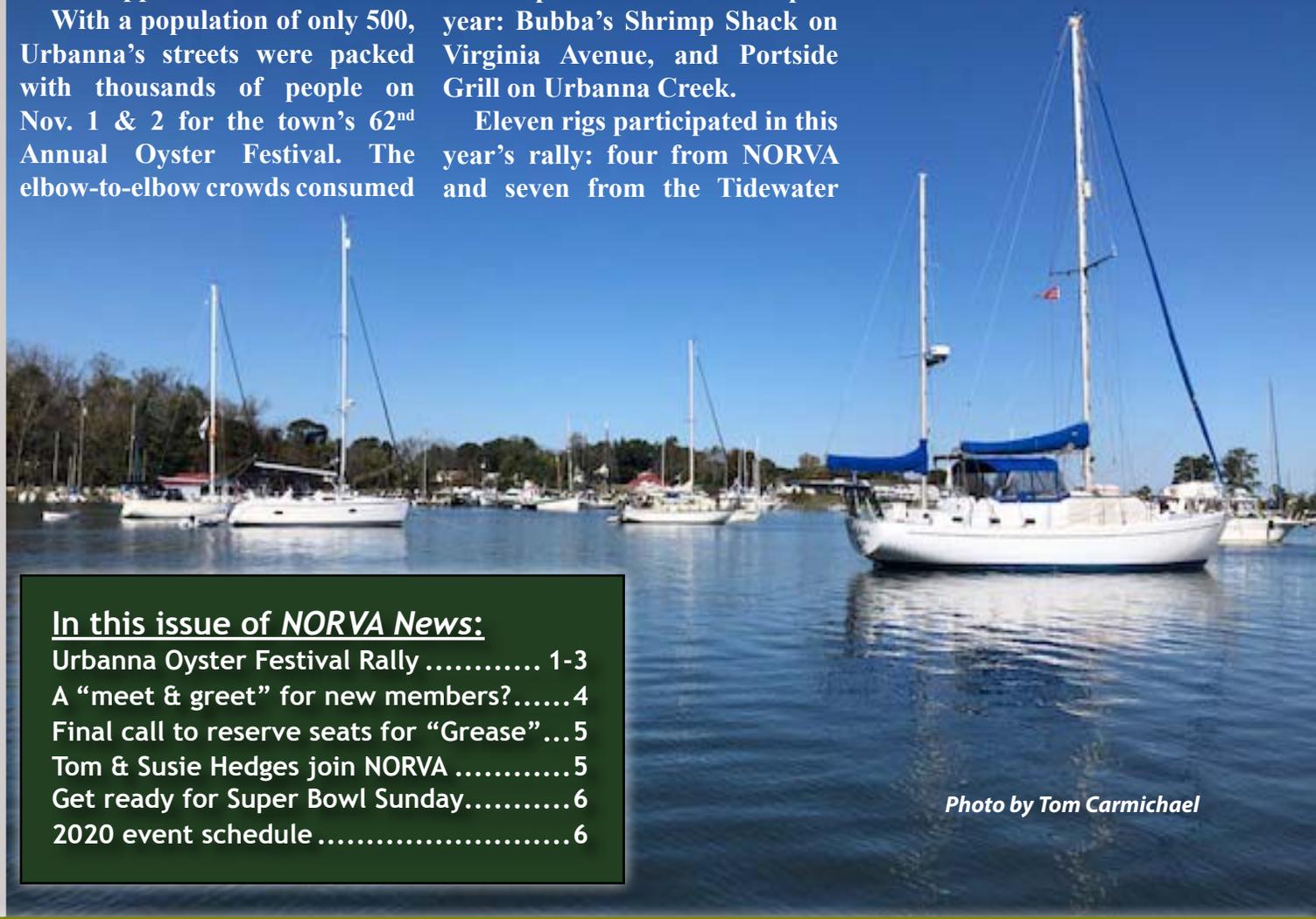
plentiful street food with a focus on oysters, crabs, and barbeque. There were also hundreds of craft vendor booths, wine tastings, band music, parades, boat tours at the marina, and museum displays. The town’s restaurants were very busy, day and night, including two new eateries that have opened within the past year: Bubba’s Shrimp Shack on Virginia Avenue, and Portside Grill on Urbanna Creek.

Eleven rigs participated in this year’s rally: four from NORVA and seven from the Tidewater

Club. Rally attendees arrived Thursday afternoon to set up camp on a private, grassy expanse close to the center of town.

Hosts Lew & Cathy Brodsky, and NORVA’s president, Tom Carmichael, welcomed

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Photo by Tom Carmichael

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each arriving Airstream trailer and arranged the weekend's only official group event—a Thursday afternoon Happy Hour and “Appetizerama” in the camp area—featuring heavy hor d’oeuvres to share. After this opening social gathering, the weekend agenda was simple...*enjoy the Oyster Festival!*

“In November the weather can be uncooperative,” Lew pointed out, “but we were lucky again this year.” Thursday was unseasonably warm with lots of rain after midnight, but each Festival day—Friday and Saturday—was sunny and brisk; perfect for an outdoor fall event. During the chilly evenings, groups of Airstreamers convened around portable fire pits for drinks and conversation.

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Above: NORVA President Tom Carmichael (standing) welcomes Airstreamers to the “Appetizerama” at the Festival camping site.

Right: Tom (l.) chats with Jackson McBroom as “Paisley” Brodsky wonders if Jackson has dog biscuits in his pockets.

Bottom: Some of the Airstreamers take a boat ride to visit the river’s oyster beds.

Left: A costumed interpreter cooks colonial oyster stew.

Below: A picturesque Urbanna boat house reflects on still river waters at sunrise.



(Oyster Festival Rally, cont. from page 2)

Urbanna holds its Oyster Festival on the first full weekend in November. This year's festival marked the fourth consecutive year NORVA conducted a rally in connection with it. The next annual Oyster Festival (the 63rd,) will most likely be held Nov. 6 - 7, 2020. Another Urbanna rally it is not currently on NORVA's 2020 event schedule but, if the private land for camping is still available next fall, there was some discussion that the Tidewater Airstream Club may host the Oyster Festival Rally next November.



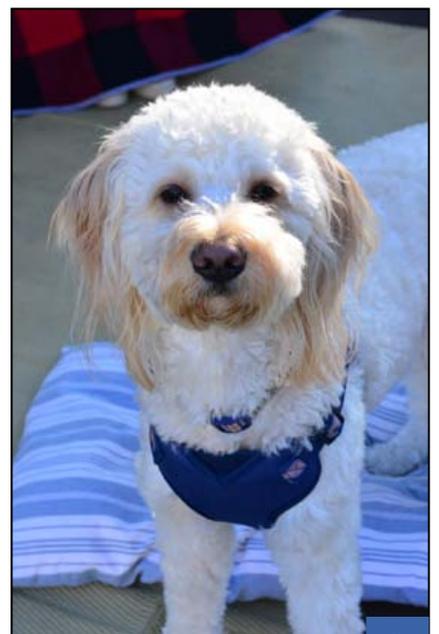
Top: On a Festival street (l. to r.): Cathy Brodsky walks with three Carmichaels: Tom, Amanda, & Joey.



Right: Craft vendors and crowds line the narrow road to the Urbanna Marina.

Below left: The Tidewater Club's Frank Munoz chills out at his campsite, guarded by his pug, "Winston."

Below right: "Riggins," a very cute golden-doodle, belongs to Joey & Amanda Carmichael (Tom's son & daughter-in-law).



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New member "Meet & Greet"?

President Tom Carmichael shares thoughts about the season and proposes a "new member" get-together

With this unseasonably chilly end to the camping season, I hope you have winterized your Airstream! Even better...maybe you're on the road to somewhere it's still nice and warm.

November was a great month. There was plenty to talk about happening just a few miles from Northern Virginia, and it wasn't politics. *How about those Nationals winning the World Series!* Note my cap in the photo below...I've been a fan of the D.C. MLB team since they were the Senators! I was lucky. I got hooked up with tickets and attended one of the World Series games (one of the three home games they lost).

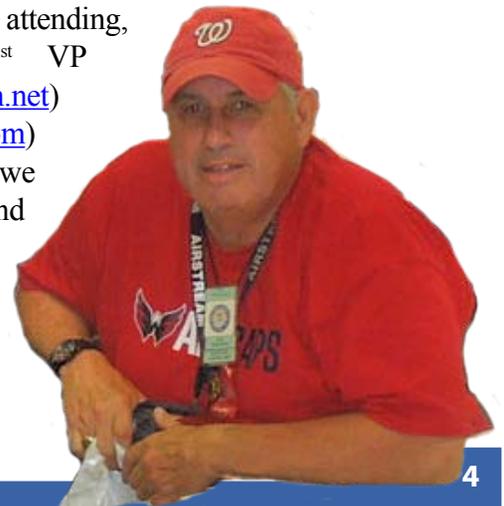
We had plenty going on in November. All four Virginia Airstream clubs had well-attended rallies. You can read about the Urbanna Oyster Festival Rally in this issue of the newsletter. There were 11 trailers there and we got lucky again with the weather.

Now is that wonderful time of year for celebrating the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. I hope it's a safe, joyous time for everyone, spent with family and friends. Speaking of which, we are having our Holiday Rally Dec. 7 at the Alexandria home of Ed & Beth Jones. I hope to see my Airstream "family" there! In connection with this rally, we will hold a business meeting. I promise it will be brief and informative. If you are not able to attend this month, I wish you and yours safe holidays leading up to a Happy New Year.

Please note we also have two great indoor rallies coming up in 2020. Get signed up and hook up with us for the "Grease" Dinner Theater Rally on Jan. 12 (coupon on page 5) and the Super Bowl Rally on Feb. 2 (see page 6).

Although it's not yet on the events calendar, we are also considering doing a "meet and greet" for new NORVA members, perhaps over a meal at a Northern Virginia restaurant (location TBD) on Saturday, March 14th. Those attending would get an introduction to the NORVA Airstream Club and meet other new members. We would cover things you should know when you hook up to go. So, if you are new to NORVA and Airstreaming, we would like to hear from you. If you like the idea, and would consider attending, please e-mail NORVA's 1st VP Gerry Nagel (gnagel@verizon.net) or me (tomc@sportsimageinc.com). If we get a good headcount, we will let everyone know where and when.

I wish everybody a blessed holiday season and all the joy your Airstream can give you in the coming year.



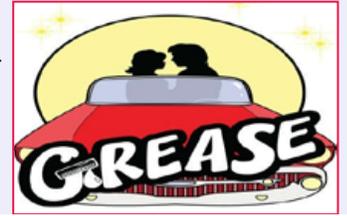
The deadline to reserve seats is now!

Join fellow Airstreamers for dinner and a great musical show on Jan. 12, 2020. Send this coupon with your check, payable to "NORVA," to rally host Bill Worrall today!

Reserve your seats **now** for NORVA's exciting dinner theater rally!

"Grease" the smash hit musical, live onstage!

Rally hosts: Bill & Sylvia Worrall, (H) 540-364-6146; (C) 540-270-3895



Join your Airstream friends for an afternoon of good food and live, on-stage entertainment on **Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. Dinner: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Show: 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

Location: Riverside Center for the Performing Arts, 95 Riverside Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22406
The discounted, per-person price for dinner, show, and tax is \$60. For more information visit www.riversidedt.com.

Reserve your seats NOW by sending an e-mail to rally host Bill Worrall: wworr@wildblue.net.

Then, complete this coupon and mail it with your check, **made out to "NORVA."**

Mail to: Bill Worrall, Rally Host, P.O. Box 623, Marshall, VA 20116-0623.

Name(s): _____ Member of which club: _____

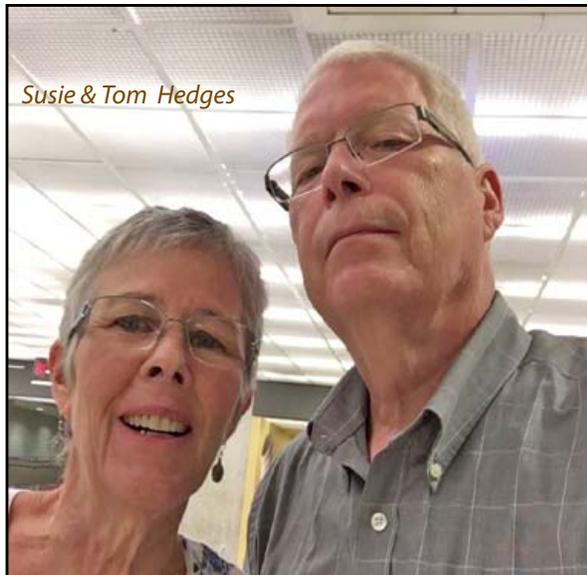
Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____ No. attending: ___ X \$60 = \$ _____

Note: To meet the theater's reservations deadline, Bill must receive your check and coupon by Nov. 30, 2019.

Say "Hi" to new club members in Haymarket

Tom & Susie Hedges, who live in Haymarket, Va., looked at all options before buying an Airstream.

"We had a few requirements, says Tom. "It must include a shower and a bathroom and they must be separate, and a queen-size bed with space on the sides for making up the bed. Since we have not been RVers before, we were looking for the smallest profile that met our requirements. Large motor homes are nice but expensive. They require pulling a second vehicle and



come with heavy maintenance needs. Fifth Wheels are very big, larger than we needed. Airstream trailers were clearly the best built in our eyes and have a great reputation."

The couple is very happy with their choice: a 27-foot Globetrotter. They look forward to many Airstreaming adventures and hope to see the parts of the U.S. and Canada they've not yet seen, while making many new friends.

So why did they join NORVA? Says Tom, "As I described it to a friend; Airstreamers seem to have created a sub-culture—a group of people clearly committed to the joy of seeing the world and helping each other along the way. Seems like a sub-culture Susie and I should be part of."

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Attend NORVA's Super Bowl Rally in February

Watch the big game and enjoy a potluck dinner with fellow Airstreamers in Amissville, Va.



Airstream club members are invited to the home of Della & Cecil Hoosier for NORVA's annual **Super Bowl Rally** on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, in Amissville, Va. Plan to arrive around 5 p.m. It will include a "potluck" dinner, so bring your favorite Super Bowl dish to share. Della will provide soft drinks. You may also bring your favorite drink, if other than soft drinks.

Come ready to root for your favorite team. Della laments that NORVA has not been able to cheer for the Redskins when she and Cecil have hosted this rally in years past, and it doesn't look very promising this year, either! Nevertheless, everybody will have a good time cheering for either of the two teams that wind up in Miami's Hard Rock Stadium!

The Hoosier's address is 3448 Holly Springs Road, Amissville, VA 20106. A coupon to RSVP for this NORVA special event will appear in the January issue of *NORVA News*, along with directions to the Hoosier home. But you don't have to wait until then to tell Della you will attend. You can e-mail her anytime: hoosierw@sprynet.com.



Jan. 12, 2020 Sun. afternoon	"Grease" the smash hit musical Riverside Center Dinner Theater Fredericksburg, Va. Hosts: Bill & Sylvia Worrall	July ?	Rally TBD Location: TBD Host: TBD
Feb. 2 Sun. evening	Super Bowl Party Amissville, Va. Hosts: Della & Cecil Hoosier	Aug. 3-8 Mon.-Sat.	Old Fiddlers Convention Rally, Galax, Va. Host: Julian Clements, Region 3
March 31-April 7 One week	Region 3 Rally Ocean Lakes Family Campground Myrtle Beach, S.C. Host: John Leake	Sept. 11-13 Fri.-Sun.	Virginia Commonwealth Rally Location: TBD Hosts: Tidewater Airstream Club
April 24-26 Fri.-Sun.	Breakout & Maintenance Rally Location: TBD Host: Tom Carmichael Presenter: D.J. Mastin	Oct. 22-25 Thurs.-Sun.	"Silver in the Street" Urban Rally Shepherdstown, W.Va. Hosts: Gary & Sue Shepard
May 7-10 Thurs.-Sun.	Spring Rally Philomont/Winchester, Va. Hosts: Peter & Elizabeth West	Nov. 13-15 Fri.-Sun.	Exploring the National Museum of the U.S. Army Fort Belvoir Campground, Va. Hosts: Brodsky & Jones
End of May- Early June June 20-27	NORVA Airstream Club Caravan Leader: Jackson McBroom WBAC International Rally Loveland, Colo.	Dec. ?, 2020	Holiday Social Location: TBD Hosts: TBD