

# NORVA News

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## Airstream display is a highlight of Washington Camping RV Expo



Thousands of camping enthusiasts crowded into the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, Va., Jan. 10-12, to see the hundreds of new trailers and motor homes displayed at this annual show. The largest exhibit spaces were occupied by Camping World's Gander RV, which included **Airstream of Virginia**. Tim Maxwell and Steve Hartman were on-hand from Airstream Corporate in Jackson Center, Ohio, to support Tom Alexander, Airstream of Virginia's General Sales Manager. NORVA President Tom Carmichael decided it would be a good idea to have the Club represented at the Airstream display; so he, Gerry & Patsy Nagel, and Lew Brodsky spent time talking to prospective Airstream buyers about the brand and the benefits of joining WBAC/NORVA if they buy a "silver bullet." Attracting lots of attention on Saturday was "Paisley—the Airstream Celebrity Dog." She is Lew's 12-year-old golden retriever, who was featured in an Airstream Factory Service Center advertisement that ran for two years in *Airstream Life* magazine. At the show, Airstream of Virginia sold two trailers and collected many leads for future sales.

*Top—Four trailers, plugged in and lit up for sale.*

*Left—"Paisley" wins a family's attention near her ad poster.*

*Below—Tom Carmichael (l.) shows a new 20-foot Caravel trailer to an interested couple.*



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# "Grease" Rally is a blast from the past!



NORVA's second non-camping rally of the season was held at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Fredericksburg on Jan. 12. Expertly hosted by Bill & Sylvia Worrall, 29 Club members and guests enjoyed a well-prepared and efficiently served dinner, followed by a rousing, nostalgic, staging of the hit Broadway musical, "Grease." Attendees included new members John and Beverly Bevis, who were enjoying their first NORVA rally.

Weather-wise, this rally was markedly different from 2019's ill-fated January dinner theater attempt, which was canceled at the last minute because of a huge snow storm! This year, the climate was extraordinarily cooperative. Clear skies and record-setting temps in the high 60s allowed members to meet in Fredericksburg without encountering any travel problems.

"Grease" spins a rock & roll song-laden tale about midwest high school students in the 1950s. For many in the large audience, their experience with this highly popular musical was limited to seeing the 1978 movie that

starred Olivia Newton-John, Stockard Channing, and John Travolta. Not many knew in advance that the stage production is somewhat different from the movie. Performed in New York from 1972 to 1980 (and continuing with today's revivals) the Broadway story line and dialogue are noticeably darker and the performances a bit more risqué. The stage version includes scenes that were omitted from the big screen and has several songs not heard in the movie. On the flip side, the movie features songs that weren't in the stage production.

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***Above:*** After the show, NORVA members and guests pose with the "Grease" cast. In front of the stage are (l. to r.) Brett Simmons, Edgar & Kathy Simmons, Norma & Eric Colby, Larry & Sun Riley (with service dog, Eureka), rally hosts Sylvia & Bill Worrall, Beth & Ed Jones, Susan & Doug Anderson, Beverly & John Bevis, Kevin Quinn, Tom Carmichael, Gerry & Patsy Nagel, Sue & Gary Shepard, and Elizabeth & Peter West.

***Below:*** Beverly & John Bevis are new Club members from Vienna, Va. They purchased a 2018 30-foot Classic trailer and joined NORVA last July. "Grease" was their first Club rally.



("Grease" Rally, cont. from p.2)

Two key cinematic songs were written specifically for Newton-John, who starred in the role of "Sandy," and they became huge pop chart hits: "Hopelessly Devoted to You" and "You're the One That I Want." In tribute to their immense popularity, the Riverside Center production included both songs in this production, with the latter song performed as an encore after the curtain call featuring the entire cast. It was a smart move! "You're the One That I Want" was Riverside Center's best-choreographed, best-performed musical number.

"Grease" has been pleasing audiences for decades. Like other iconic Broadway musicals, it quickly developed a "groupie" following. Groupies love a play so much they often travel long distances to see it again and again. Seated at a table in the middle of NORVA's seven tables were four women, decked out in "Pink Ladies" kimonos ("The Pink Ladies" is the club



name given to the cliquish high school girls in the musical). These four audience members reserved prime seats months in advance. They wanted a table centered on the stage so they could again immerse themselves in their favorite show. Apparently, with countless revivals of "Grease," the spirited rock & roll culture of the 1950s lives on forever!

NORVA has been pleased with its visits to the Riverside Center and returns to this entertainment venue frequently. Productions the Club attended in past years include "Million Dollar Quartet" and "Mamma Mia." The food and service have consistently been very good. There is little doubt NORVA will plan another musical theater rally next year; same time, same place, different show.

*Above: The cast of "Grease" at Riverside Center included (standing) Justine Verheul as "Sandy" and Tyler Michael Breeding as "Danny." Taylor Lloyd (orange blouse) was a standout performer as "Rizzo."*

*Left: Delighted to attend another performance of their favorite musical, these four women wore silky "Pink Ladies" kimonos.*

Club President Tom Carmichael excitedly reports —

## 2020 will be a great year for NORVA!

Hello, NORVA friends! I hope 2020 His going well for you. I can report that NORVA is off to a great start, with lots of activity last month! Would you believe we gained five new members by the middle of January? It means NORVA has grown to 65 member households, and that cements our status as the largest Airstream club in Virginia!

Recently, NORVA conducted its first rally of 2020 and we thank Bill and Sylvia Worrall for expertly hosting it. Last month's "Grease" Dinner Theater Rally had a wonderful turnout. The exciting Sunday afternoon event was filled with good food and great "oldies" tunes, all wrapped in an iconic Broadway musical. What a treat!



*Tom Carmichael (l.) talks to prospective Airstream buyers at the Dulles RV Expo.*

Also in January, a few of us attended the huge DC-area RV show at Dulles Expo. We reached out to Airstream of Virginia and volunteered to be on hand to talk about our Airstreams and promote our Club. Gerry and Patsy Nagel were with me on one of the days. Patsy showed a slide show she put together showing off WBAC rallies and caravans. The following day, Lew Brodsky brought "Paisley" to the show and she greeting people as the "Airstream celebrity dog" (see the photo on page 1). As expected, the Airstreams were a big draw at this show and gave us opportunities to talk to potential buyers about the benefits of Club membership. In fact, one couple who purchased a new Airstream at the show said they were going straight home to sign up on-line with WBAC and NORVA! This year's Expo experience convinced

me we must continue working with Airstream of Virginia, our state's only Airstream dealership. To that end, we are sending printed copies of NORVA's monthly newsletter to General Manager Tom Alexander, who will display them in the showroom's customer lounge in Ashland. By the way, our Club's enthusiasm was also noted by Tim Maxwell and Steve Hartman of Airstream's Corporate Headquarters. Both men traveled from Jackson Center to attend the Expo and thanked us for our participation.

If you are new to NORVA, we hope you are looking forward to hooking up for many NORVA adventures in 2020. Perhaps you will be attending the Super Bowl Rally at the Hoosier's home on Feb. 2. Della and Cecil always have their beautiful home ready for the Super Bowl. As a group of friends, we view the game, eat, drink, cheer, and socialize. See page 5 for directions to the Hoosier's home.

"Newbies" are invited to a special "Day Rally Luncheon." On February 29<sup>th</sup>, we'll gather at the Golden Corral restaurant in Manassas, Va., to learn more about our Club, WBAC, and the many adventures and benefits that come with membership. Note: If you joined NORVA recently, you will receive a personalized invitation to this luncheon. For more details, see page 8.

There will be a much larger Airstream gathering in early spring! It's not too late to reserve a campsite at the big Region 3 Rally, which will be in Myrtle Beach, S.C., April 1-5. Converging from Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida, will be hundreds of Airstreamers and their Airstreams to attend this rally. The venue is Ocean Lakes Family Campground, which is like a little town right on the beach. Beautiful...and it's a great time of year to be there! For details, go on-line

to Region 3's website:

<https://region3.airstreamclub.net/2019-region-3-rally-pregistration/>.

A few weeks after the R3 event, the 2020 camping season officially begins for NORVA with our annual Breakout & Maintenance Rally, scheduled for the last weekend in April. DJ Mastin will be our guest expert technician. If you've never met DJ, you will like him instantly. He is a skilled and certified Airstream mechanic and an all-around great guy. Join fellow Club members and DJ for this rally at Small Country Campground in Louisa, Va., which has new owners and is now upgrading facilities. It's an opportunity to meet other Club members, and learn things you may not know about your RV. I am told the campground will have live entertainment that weekend: "Battle of the Bands" is a benefit to raise money for a local charity. Watch for the Breakout Rally coupon in the March issue of NORVA News, and be sure to call the campground to reserve a site. I promise you will have a good time.

Do me a favor please, right now. Scroll to the last page of this newsletter and take a good look at the event schedule. See what awesome adventures await you in 2020. Hook up and join us! Attend a rally! Consider signing up for our spring Club caravan! Truly experience the fun and adventure of Airstreaming!

*Airstream technician DJ Mastin addresses Club members at the 2019 Breakout & Maintenance Rally.*



# How to drive to NORVA's Super Bowl Rally on Feb. 2

Directions to the home of Cecil & Della Hoosier  
 3448 Holly Springs Road, Amissville, VA 20106, Phone: 540-937-3527  
 GPS Coordinates: 38.65334N; -77.97430W

## From I-95 at Fredericksburg and points south

Take I-95 Exit 133B to get on U.S. 17 NORTH toward Warrenton. Drive on U.S. 17 NORTH for approx. 27 miles.

At the intersection/merge of U.S. 17 and U.S. 15 (a McDonalds is at this intersection) do not take the ramp to U.S. 15/17 north. Instead continue STRAIGHT across U.S. 15 onto Opal Road. Drive WEST on Opal Road for 4.5 miles.

Turn LEFT on Springs Road. Continue on Springs Road for 2.5 miles, then keep driving STRAIGHT onto Jeffersonton Road.

Continue on Jeffersonton Road for 1.2 miles, then turn RIGHT on Virginia Rte. 229, Rixeyville Road.

Drive on Rixeyville Road for 2.2 miles. It tees at U.S. 211. Carefully turn LEFT on this divided highway.

Travel SOUTH (WEST, really) on U.S. 211 for 3.2 miles. Watch for the sign to the Rappahannock County Animal Shelter at Weaver Road (Rte. 639), but don't turn right! Instead, turn LEFT across the highway median onto Holly Springs Road.

Continue on Holly Springs Road for 1.5 miles to #3448 (mailbox and driveway) on the RIGHT. Park at the top of the driveway near the house.

## From the I-495 Beltway in Northern Virginia

Take Beltway Exit 49A: I-66 WEST toward Front Royal and Vienna.

Drive WEST on I-66 for 21.5 miles to Exit 43A, marked "Gainesville" and "Warrenton," and "U.S. 29 SOUTH."

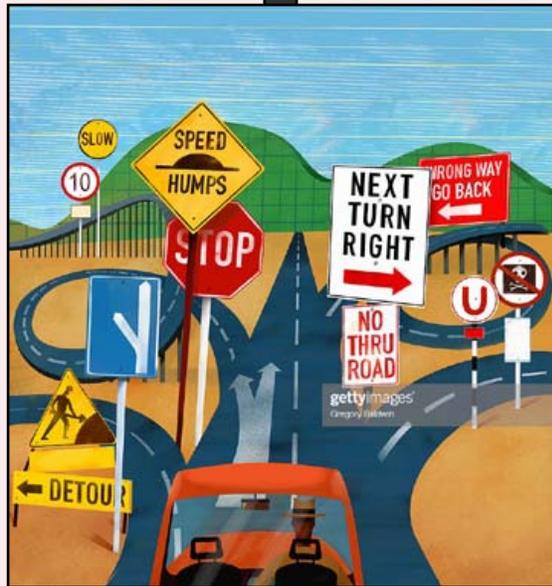
Take Exit 43A and continue SOUTH toward Warrenton on U.S. 29 for 11 miles.

At Warrenton, watch for ramp veering RIGHT marked "U.S.15 Business, U.S. 29 Business, U.S. 211" to "Warrenton" and "Luray." Take this ramp. This will put you into a commercial area of Warrenton on Broadview Avenue.

Continue driving on Broadview Avenue for 1.9 miles to its intersection with Frost Avenue. Just before this intersection there is a Burger King and Red Roof Inn on the right. Stay to the right and

turn RIGHT onto Frost Avenue. This is U.S. 211.

Drive about 11 miles on U.S. 211 and watch for the sign to the "Rappahannock County Animal Shelter" at Weaver Road (Rte. 639), but don't turn right! Instead, turn LEFT on Rte. 639. This is Holly Springs Road. Continue 1.5 miles to #3448 (mailbox & driveway) on the RIGHT. Drive up near the house to park.



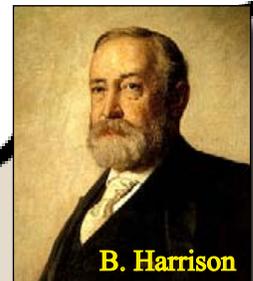
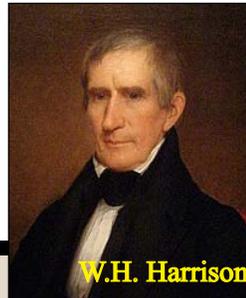
# Who were these guys?

## Visit their homes in Ohio and find out!

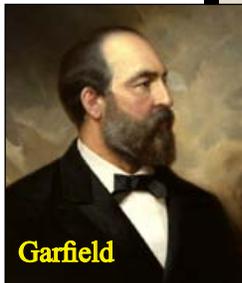
Planning is underway for **NORVA's ANNUAL CLUB CARAVAN** in the spring

This year's NORVA Club Caravan (May 28 to June 13, 2020) will explore birthplaces, homes, and lives of Ohio's U.S. presidents. Visiting these historic sites will be complemented by seeing an exciting array of other iconic cultural and historical venues, including the First Ladies National Historic Site, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, the Wright Brothers' Dayton origins, and two national Halls of Fame. In addition, the caravanners

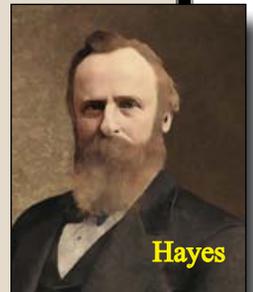
will tour the newly completed Airstream production facility in Jackson Center, Ohio. Caravan leaders Mary Ann and Jackson McBroom look forward to sharing with participants a wide variety of educational and entertaining moments to remember. NORVA is one of the few clubs in WBAC that regularly does a unit caravan. All WBAC members are welcome to participate, limited to a maximum caravan size of 15 Airstreams.



### CAPTURING OHIO'S PRESIDENTS AND ITS UNIQUE MIDWESTERN ICONS



- Caravan leaders: NORVA's Jackson McBroom and wife, Mary Ann. E-mail: [jtmcbm@aol.com](mailto:jtmcbm@aol.com).
- Participation limited to the first 15 Airstreams that sign up. Once filled, others will be "wait listed."
- Duration: 16 days/nights, all in the State of Ohio.
- Starts Thursday, May 28. Ends Saturday, June 13, 2020. Begins in Lebanon, OH; ends in Streetsboro, OH. Nights booked at three full-service campgrounds.
- Caravan fee (\$ TBD) will cover cost of camping, group meals, tours of presidents' homes and fees at several Ohio attractions.
- Details and RSVP coupon will be published in the March and April issues of *NORVA News*.



## Caravan guard dog in training?

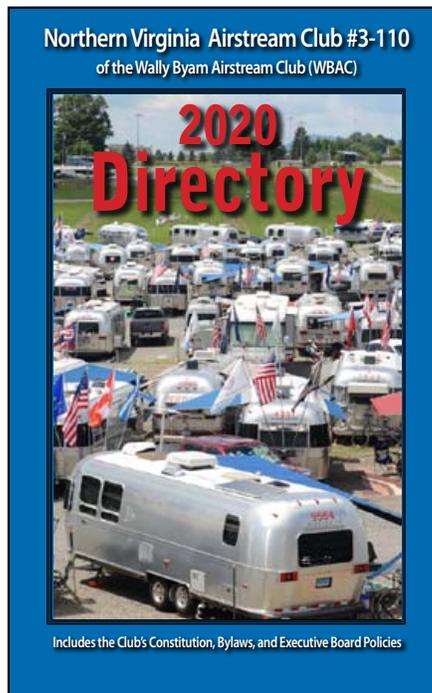
*"Dixie," Laural Veloz's canine companion, practices with miniatures to guard full-size Airstreams in Mexico. Laural is participating in WBAC's "Three Mexican Gems" National Caravan from February to April.*



Photo by Laural Veloz

## Arriving at your home's mailbox in February

The 2020 edition of the Club's annual membership directory arrives this month. Mailed to the homes of NORVA's members, the new publication contains 60 pages filled with information and color photos. It lists all members officially on the Club's roster on Jan. 2, 2020, and provides contact information for WBAC headquarters staff, key International and Region 3 officers, and the four local club presidents in Virginia. The Directory also includes the complete text of NORVA's Constitution, Bylaws, and Executive Board Policies with amendments. Additionally, there is an updated list of repair and customization shops for servicing your treasured Airstream. Watch your home mailbox for this handy booklet!



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**A special invitation for new members and all those who joined NORVA within the past two years:**

This month, a get-acquainted luncheon is on the schedule, aimed at new NORVA members and those new to Airstreaming. That said, all NORVA members are welcome to attend. Place: Golden Corral in Manassas, Va., on Feb. 29, at 1:00 P.M. After the meal, there will be a

short presentation about the Club and the 2020 Rally schedule. Next will be open discussion about NORVA and WBAC, including information about rallies and caravans. Questions about your Airstream? Someone will have the answers, or will find someone who does.

Come meet other friendly NORVA Airstreamers at this informative lunch/rally! Learn what makes Airstreaming so special. Please RSVP to Gerry Nagel by Feb. 24, so that adequate restaurant space can be reserved. Phone: 703-963-4143, or e-mail: [gnagel@verizon.net](mailto:gnagel@verizon.net).



Golden Corral Buffet & Grill

Off I-66 Exit 47, at 10801 Bulloch Drive, Old Town Manassas, Va.

# NORVA EVENTS CALENDAR 2020

Check this schedule monthly. Dates and venues are subject to change.

Jan. 12, 2020 Sun. 1.00 p.m.	“Grease” the smash hit musical Riverside Center Dinner Theater Fredericksburg, Va. Hosts: Bill & Sylvia Worrall	July 17-19* Fri.-Sun. (Tentative) *corrected dates	Riverside Rally Shenandoah River State Park Host: TBD
Feb. 2 Sun. 5:00 p.m.	Super Bowl Party Amissville, Va. Hosts: Hoosiers	Aug. 3-8 Mon.-Sat.	Old Fiddlers Convention Rally, Galax, Va. Host: Julian Clements, Region 3
Feb. 29 Sat. 1:00 p.m.	New Member Lunch. Host: Nagel Golden Corral, Manassas, Va.	Sept. 11-13 Fri.-Sun.	Virginia Commonwealth Rally Small Country Campground Louisa, Va. Hosts: Tidewater Airstream Club
April 1-5 Wed. to Sun.	Region 3 Rally Ocean Lakes Family Campground Myrtle Beach, S.C. Host: John Leake	Oct. 22-25 Thurs.-Sun.	“Silver in the Street” Urban Rally Shepherdstown, W.Va. Hosts: Gary & Sue Shepard
April 24-26 Fri.-Sun.	Breakout & Maintenance Rally Small Country Campground Louisa, Va. Host: Tom Carmichael	Nov. 13-15 Fri.-Sun.	Exploring the National Museum of the U.S. Army Fort Belvoir Campground, Va. Hosts: Brodsky & Jones
May 7-10 Thurs.-Sun.	Spring Rally Philomont and Winchester, Va. Hosts: Peter & Elizabeth West	Dec. 5, 2020 Sat., 12 noon	Holiday Brunch Home of Ed & Beth Jones Alexandria, Va.
May 28-June 13 16 days.	NORVA Airstream Club Caravan In Ohio. Leader: Jackson McBroom		
June 20-27 Sat.-Sat.	WBAC International Rally Loveland, Colorado		