

Tidewater News

**WBCCI Airstream,
Region 3, Unit III**

**December
30, 2016**

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Unit dues are \$20.00

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NOTE: Please send any news for our monthly TIDEWATER NEWS by the 15th of the next month.

January 14, 2017 - Luncheon at Honey Butters, Williamsburg, VA (Route 60 / I-64, exit 231-A)
Hosted by the Quades. 2:00 pm (Restaurant 757-903-2874)

President's Message

Christmas is over and we are ready to start a new year. Our December luncheon, hosted by the Germans, was very good. Barbara provided a poinsettia plant for each couple. In attendance was the Suttons, Quades, Messersmiths, Germans, Werners, and an old member & friend Gail Kempt.



Member Spotlight

June Quade's knee replacement looked to be very successful as she was up and running all over the place.

Nancy Lassiter lost her sister. We all send our thoughts and prayers to Nancy and her family.

Dave and Martha Messersmith are off for Florida.

Ron and Virginia Sutton are slowly recovering from their lighting strike. Waiting for their new stove, microwaves are great says Virginia.

Gail Kempt came to our December luncheon. She is now a member of the D.C. Unit. It seems they have more single members and move a little faster than our unit does.

The Germans brought everyone a poinsettia plant at the December luncheon.

Herb Quade served as the International Safety Officer for many years and contributed safety articles for our Blue Beret Airstream magazine. I forgot to mention that in last month's news letter. He is now our club's safety officer.

Skip and Kathy Smith have left for Florida where they are planning to stay for a couple months. They are working on our unit directory.

Greg and Ellie Worcester camped at Newport News Park the end of November with friends. Maybe they can tell us all about the new entrance building.

Cecil and Della Hoosier are our new affiliate members. Welcome! Della is the editor of the NORVA unit newsletter & Cecil is their storekeeper.

Rick and Carol Bell, past president of unit III and region president, came to our Holiday Train Show - for the first time - and seemed to enjoy themselves.

Virginia State Parks

First Landing State Park (first known as Seashore State Park) got its start in the early 1930's. June 15, 1936 Seashore State Park and five other Virginia Parks were opened to the public. Because of World War II, no state parks opened in 1943. Racial Integration closed the park from 1955 - 1965. There are now 30+ parks in our state park system. A few of the parks of interest are:

Kiptopeke (Native American word meaning "Big Water) State Park - 1992 - The state acquired Maddox's campground. Concrete ships were partially sunk as a breakwater off the beach. The ships were constructed in 1942 by McCloskey & Co. Of Philadelphia because of a steel shortage.

False Cape State Park - 1968 - one of the last undisturbed coastal environments on the east coast.

Chippokes Plantation State Park -1967 - remains a working plantation.

Natural Tunnel State Park -1971 - 850 foot tunnel nicknamed "8th Wonder of the World".

Ron Sutton (State Parks Commissioner from 1982 until 1991) has a lot more information about these and other parks. I got most of this information from Sharon B. Ewing's book on Virginia State Parks.

First Landing State Park



Following is "An Unlikely Pairing" found at www.airstream.com filmed 12/06/2016. Enjoy. ([airstream.com/community/live riveted stories](http://airstream.com/community/live_riveted_stories))
Different tow vehicle for Airstream Basecamp.

