

# TIDEWATER NEWS

WBCCI AIRSTREAM, Region 3, Unit III

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



## President's Message :

In the February edition of the Blue Beret, Justin Humphreys, the Vice President of Sales, said Airstream sales are setting records. The factory at Jackson Center is building another expansion of 50,000 sq. ft. Also, Airstream will be featured in about 50 RV shows in the US and Canada this year. The factory now has about 739 hard working workers.

## Virginia State Parks

Hungry Mother State Park in Marion was the site of the opening ceremony on Saturday, June 13, 1936 for the first six state parks to be opened to the public on Monday, June 15, of that year. In the midst of the Great Depression, the opening of the state parks provided needed good news and brought jobs and economic opportunities in Virginia. The park's sand for its beach was transported from Virginia Beach. ( from the book by Sharon B. Ewing entitled Virginia State Parks.) Today the park offers 76 campsites, 30 cabins, 1 lodge, 11 tent sites, and many activities. The park is 2,435 acres and the lake is 108 acres.

# Future campouts or Rallys:

March 10 - 12, 2017 American Heritage RV Park, phone 888-530-2267, hosted by Ed and Jane Whitacre ( e-mail: [edawhit@msn.com](mailto:edawhit@msn.com) ). Barbara German wants to do a Saturday night supper. Ed and Janea will do breakfast on Sunday. Campground has elec, water, & sewer hook ups.

April 20 - 23, 2017 Fort Monroe, Hampton ( the Colonies RV Park) 757-722-2200 ([thecoloniesrvandtravelpark.com](http://thecoloniesrvandtravelpark.com)) , elec., water, & sewer. This park fills up early, if you want to come - CALL! Hosted by Bill & Joyce Werner. Friday night 4:00pm - 8:00pm serving Hatteras Style clam chowder & brats - cooked over a wood fire.

April 26 - 30, 2017 Region 3 Rally, Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiawassee, GA (706-896-4191 ). The Evans, Germans, & Suttons plan to attend.

May 6 - 7, 2017 Rudds Creek Recreational Park, 16064 US route 58, Boydton, VA ( John H. Kerr Reservoir ) phone 434-738-6827. Hosted by Larry & Rhonda Evans. ( [laweva@msn.com](mailto:laweva@msn.com) ) Elec, water, & dump station. The Evans are in site 73, the Werners are in #72,& the Germans are in #67.(very few sites are left that will hold a 30ft trailer) ([www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) )

June 10 -11, 2017 Belle Isle State Park, phone 804-462-5030, Hosted by Tim & Beverly Super ( e-mail: [blsupler@cstone.net](mailto:blsupler@cstone.net) )

July 22 - 29, 2017 International Rally at Escanaba, Michigan ( see the Blue Beret for details ). We can have a Campout for those not attending.

August 6 - 12, 2017 Galax Old Time Fiddlers Convention. 16th Special Events Rally, Galax, VA 866-342-0300

November 3 - 5, 2017 Urbanna Oyster Festival, no hook ups (NO water, elec, or sewer). The Virginia Unit is doing this. Last year the rate was \$75.00 for the entire time. This is within walking distance of the festival. Last year we could arrive Wed. , Thur. , or Friday. More later.

## ***Member Spotlight***

Happy Birthday to the "80's" club - Ron S (Feb. 11) & Bill W (my hubby-Feb. 4) - The 80's are the new 40's.

Barbara German reports Virginia Sutton is back home and doing great.

The Smiths - Skip and Kathy are back in Virginia after 2 months in Florida.

Larry and Rhonda Evans are very active in our Tidewater Airstream club. Rhonda serves as 1st Vice President and Larry serves as 2nd Vice President. They will host the May campout at Rudds Campground in Boyton, VA. They have been members since 2011. They have a 2005, 25 ft Classic Airstream and before that a 1974 Argosy.

They say the best part of owning an Airstream and belonging to WBCCI are the members, Rallys, caravans, and in general the camaraderie of other members. Their favorite trip or caravan was the "Southwest" Caravan. The most interesting place was a Taco Bell



in North Carolina where they had to back the trailer 12 or 15 times to get out. Their recommendations for camping are: Rudd State Park in Boyton, Belle Isle SP, Galax CG, and Edgar Evins State Park, TN ( phone 931-858-2618 / [tnstateparks.com](http://tnstateparks.com) ). Other than camping they are very involved with their church. Larry will do anything outdoors and Rhonda loves to sew. They both like planning their next trip. They just want everyone to know the best part of Airstream is the WBCCI.

# OUR FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

On the 11th we had a very good meal with eight members present. Karen Joyner, Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Peninsula Food Bank, spoke to us on how the Food Bank operates. She shared lots of facts with us : 1 in 7 Virginians struggle with hunger, the food bank provided almost 9.8 million meals to families in fiscal year 2015-2016, 1 in every 4 individuals they serve is a child, and many more facts. I (Joyce) want our unit to support the food bank by each member bringing one can good of food to every meeting or rally. I will carry all collected food to the food bank every quarter in the name of our Tidewater Airstream Unit III. When you see how many companys support the food bank I think you will be surprised ( to name a few: Food Lion, Ferguson, Newport News Shipyard, Costco, Smithfieldfoods, & Walmart). I hope everyone will support this new endeavor and feel as excited as I am to start a new community project.



