

# TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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## ***Welcome letter from the President***

### **Happy October Airstreamers!**

It has been an eventful year and members of our club have traveled coast to coast. We are celebrating our 50th year as a club and part of WBCCI – now WBAC. It is an honor and my pleasure to serve as club president during this time. Ellie and I have been on several camping trips this year in our '62 Safari. The highlight of our trips had to be the International Rally in Doswell, VA. It was our first international and we were very impressed at the organizational structure and traditions of our club. Wally Byam's cousin and travel companion on many an international caravan, Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn, happened by our campsite and spent an hour sharing his wealth of Airstream knowledge and answering our questions.



*Visiting with Pee Wee Schwamborn*

**Please join me in  
celebrating our 2019 new  
members.**



Nick and Jojo Lotuaco  
Virginia Beach

Matthew and Melanie Sawyer  
Suffolk

Kerry and Renee May  
Hampton

Tracy and Thomas Heiner,  
Williamsburg

Martin and Diana Berend,  
Lancaster

Edward Stillwell  
Hampton

William and Cris Plack  
Ocean Pines, Maryland

Edward and Patricia Fornel  
Ashland

**We all look forward to  
getting to know you and  
sharing some great  
Airstream adventures!**

We look forward to talking with him again at the 2020 International Rally in Loveland, CO.

As you can see our newsletter has a new look – thank you Frank Munoz for your work on this! We would like regular input from our club members about their Airstream adventures – large or small – that can be printed in our newsletter. We would also like to have a section celebrating **club members' birthdays** that month, anniversaries, or other special occasions you would like to share.

**Please email that information to me** - Ellie and I will be compiling that information and will work with Frank to get information in the newsletter. We are also looking to have a tech section in our newsletter about winterization, spring start-up, tech tips from the mothership, or special projects members would like to share.

Included in this newsletter is our draft calendar for 2020. Any TBD events are open for suggestion and we welcome members to pick one to host. - please let me know if you are interested. The bottom line is to have opportunities to get together and enjoy camping in our Airstreams. We want to firm up our calendar as soon as possible, as well as any updates to our member directory. Please send any new phone numbers, email addresses etc to me at [gworchester15@cox.net](mailto:gworchester15@cox.net). I can also be reached via text at **757-383-3400**.

Best wishes to all of you for the remainder of 2019 and into 2020.

**Happy Airstreaming!**

Greg Worcester

## *On the Road*

### *Highlights of 2019 Member Travels*

## *Fort Monroe Rally May 16-19*

The Tidewater Club gathered at The Colonies Campground near Fort Monroe, Virginia. The rally was hosted by Joyce and Bill Werner. Frank and I had never been to this campground and loved it! Nothing fancy but beautifully situated between Mill Creek and the Chesapeake Bay. The weather was perfect ... cool breezes prevailed the entire time. We particularly liked the fact that we could bike everywhere ... and made a few trips to the Casemate Museum. Joyce and Bill provided a delicious Brat dinner and we all had a great time. Frank and I visited the Casemate Museum and learned the history of Jefferson Davis' incarceration. We also learned about the courage of



*Under Construction*



Union General Butler who defined run-away slaves as “contraband”,



*Happy campers at Ft Monroe!*

thus creating a safe haven for run-aways at Fort Monroe during the Civil War. It was a great rally and a good time was had by all!

*Submitted by Jayne Munoz*

## *Galax Fiddlers' Convention Rally August 3-11*

The Galax Special Rally was held August 4-11<sup>th</sup>. This was the second time Frank and I have attended this rally. Approximately 25 Airstreams were in attendance at Robert Sell's *Cool Breeze Campground*. Our hosts, Betty and Junior Patton, filled the week with lots of fun activities, including breakfasts, historical re-enactments, a visit to Wayne Henderson's guitar workshop and a closing ceremony and dinner. Bluegrass bands entertained us every afternoon at the campground. However, the highlight of the week is, of course, The Fiddlers Convention which takes place from Monday through Saturday nights at Felt's Park, in downtown Galax, each night featuring competitions of individual instruments (fiddles, banjos, guitar, mandolin, and others). Friday and Saturday nights feature the bluegrass bands which attract the biggest crowds. For two Yankees

## ***Editors Note:***

***Greetings and thank you for giving me the opportunity to manage our club newsletter. I come to you with zero experience as a newsletter editor and pretty basic computer publishing skills. However like most things in my life that won't deter me from going for it! I want to make sure you know that this is your newsletter and should reflect your Airstream travel adventures and interests. I encourage you to share your ideas and travels with other club members through our newsletter. Simple is better - a brief write-up and a few pictures. I am experimenting with formats and expect the newsletter to evolve somewhat so if there is anything you would like us to include in the newsletter we will try to do that.***

***Happy Airstreaming!  
Frank***



*Carson Peters Iron Mountain Band*

like us (from Brooklyn and California), this week of bluegrass is a delightful education ... we actually came away humming "Boil them Cabbages Down".



*Stevie Barr sharing his fiddles with Bill Wild*

In addition to the wonderful rally program provided by our hosts Betty and Junior, the Cool Breeze Campground is located 3 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway where there is some great hiking, bike riding and the Blue Ridge Music Center. For a special treat it's a short jaunt to quaint Mt Airy (aka Mayberry) the birthplace of Andy Griffith and the inspiration for the Andy Griffith Show. *Submitted by Jayne Munoz*



*A visit with Andy and Opie*



*Airstreamers Jamming in Felts Park*

## *Rudds Creek Rally August 22-25*

Rhonda and Larry Evans hosted the Tidewater Club's August Rally in Rudds Creek from August 22-25. Five Airstreams were in attendance. We had so much fun with the entire Evans family who have been visiting Rudds Creek for about 30 years. We did a little shopping, visited a farmer's market (whoever heard of Hoop Cheese?), toured a museum and gardens in Chase City, swam in the lake (reservoir), kayaked and enjoyed some beautiful sunsets. Rhonda and Larry provided a delicious taco spread on Friday night and everyone agreed the dessert was "Better Than Sex"!! A great time was had by all!! Thank you, Larry and Rhonda!

*Submitted by Jayne Munoz*



*Vist to McCallum Museum*



*Happy Hour at Rudds Creek*



*Sunset over Rudds Creek*

## 2019 WBAC International Rally July 16-27

Wow, what can I say? This was our first International rally!! Where do I begin? I'm so glad we went ... we really didn't know what to expect. We rendezvous-ed in Williamsburg with 5 other Airstreams from our



*Dutch oven cooking demonstration*

Tidewater Club, then caravanned (via back roads carefully scouted out by Larry and Rhonda) to the Meadow Event Park, in Doswell, arriving around 3 pm on

Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Tidewater Club trailers were led to their parking places, and the fun began!

Within several days of our arrival, there were almost 750 Airstreams

parked in the Event Center. The weather was ... well, what can I say? ... excruciatingly hot ... heat index reached 108 degrees for the first week of the rally!! (apparently 2/3 of the country as experiencing this heat wave!). The program booklet that we

received was very helpful, however it was difficult to decide which seminars/lectures to attend. Frank and I attended many seminars (Airstream technical seminars and Airstream history seminars). Frank particularly enjoyed chatting up the technical folks in the Farm Bureau and I really enjoyed the historical reminiscing of Pee Wee Schwamborn, Wally Byam's cousin. We took the Secretariat Tour (Triple Crown Winner born at the Event Park) which revived our interest in horse-racing. We even got to meet Groundshaker, the beautiful granddaughter of Secretariat, who lives at Meadow Park. We enjoyed hunting down friends we have made at other Airstream gatherings. We had a couple of dinner outings, one at the historical Hanover Tavern and another at the in-store restaurant at Cabela's (with approximately 30 from the Tidewater Club in attendance ...



*Marshaling to caravan to the International*



*Our Tidewater Club was well represented!*

what fun!). The opening and closing ceremonies were refreshingly traditional and there were many Blue Berets bouncing up and down the aisles! We really enjoyed the “ride”!

*Submitted by Jayne Munoz*



*Secretariat's granddaughter Groundshaker*



*Mona Heath WBCCI President*

## *The Werners Summer of 2019*



*Not an Airstream but it's aluminum and silver!*

We took an Amtrak train vacation to celebrate our 59th anniversary. It was a coast to coast adventure. Bill & I (Joyce) rode from the east coast to the west coast and back again - going the northern route and coming back the Rocky Mountain route. The food was fantastic, and the sleeping was fair. Seattle was a disappointment as the restaurant in the "Space Needle" was closed. San Francisco was great - 68 degrees with a 20+ wind blowing and lots of sightseeing. Upon arriving home, we had to head out to Doswell (sight of our state fair grounds) for an International Airstream Rally during one of the

hottest two weeks in memory with 700 Airstreams (RV). All the activities kept everyone hopping. We are glad to be home and in our own bed. Bill said he is going to do some serious fishing.

*Submitted by Joyce and Bill Werner*



*Joyce admiring a giant redwood*



*Bill touring San Francisco*

## *Technical Talk*

*Editor's note: If you have a technical issue you are interested in hearing about or have learned something of a technical nature that might be of interest to other Airstream owners please let me know. We'll include it in our newsletter. Please provide the source of the information as we want to give credit to the author(s).*

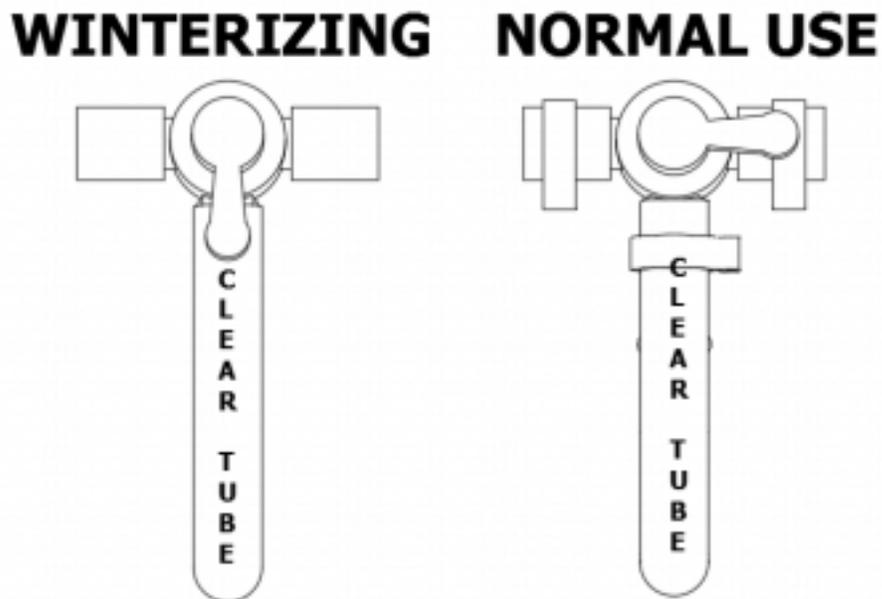
## **How to winterize an Airstream travel trailer** *by Airstream, Inc.*

When storing your travel trailer for short or long periods, use the same precautions as you would in your own home in regard to perishables, ventilation, and rain protection. In addition, for prolonged storage periods, flush out all the drain lines and the holding tanks. Also drain the entire water system including the water heater and the water storage tank. Instructions for draining the water system are explained in the following paragraphs on winterizing.

The main consideration in winterizing your travel trailer is to guard against freeze damage to the fresh water system lines, tank, and pump, the waste drain system including the traps and tanks, the water heater, and the batteries.

To completely winterize your travel trailer, follow this procedure:

1. Level the travel trailer from side to side and front to rear. Open all faucets.
2. Turn the water pump switch to the ON position to expel water from the storage tank
3. Open all drain valves including drain plug or valve on water heater and exterior water service valve.
4. While the water is draining from the system, open and flush the toilet-flushing valve. Depress hand spray lever while holding the spray head down inside the bowl. Depress hand spray thumb button on the telephone shower head while holding down inside the tub and drain all water from the flexible hose. Unscrew the heads on both spray units and store.
5. Turn the pump switch OFF after all water has been removed from the storage tank.
6. Disconnect outlet hose from water pump.
7. If your unit has a winterization kit installed, open valve to the winterizing position and remove plug. If your unit does not have this valve, disconnect the water pump inlet connection. Turn the pump on until all the water is expelled. This water, about 1/2 cup, can be caught in a towel or rag.



8. Lower the front of the travel trailer as far as the jack will allow until water ceases to drain, then crank the jack up as high as it will go and allow any remaining water to drain out.
9. After the water has stopped running from the drain lines, apply 50 lb. of air pressure at the city water inlet. An air-to-city water adapter is available from your dealer's RV accessory store. Be sure the toilet valve, all

drain valves, and faucets are open and pump outlet hose is disconnected. This can be done at a service station and will force any remaining water from the water heater and remove any water that may be trapped in low areas.

10. Pour a cup of non-toxic RV antifreeze that has been approved and listed by a recognized testing authority such as Underwriter Lab into the lavatory, sink and tub drains to prevent trap freeze-up.

11. Be sure to open the waste-holding tank dump valves and drain and flush the tanks thoroughly (this is very important as the sewage in the tanks, if frozen, could seriously damage the tanks). Plan ahead and have this done at a dump station.

12. Remove the batteries from your travel trailer and store in a cool, dry place where there is no danger of freezing. It is very important for optimum life of a battery to check it periodically and to keep it fully charged.

13. Remove any items (food, cosmetics, etc.) from travel trailer interior that might be damaged by freezing, or that might damage the travel trailer if containers should break.

*Remove all RV antifreeze spillage from all drain and faucet parts after winterizing. Failure to do so could result in damage to the plumbing fixture's finish.*

**An Optional method for winterizing protection**, is to add a non-toxic antifreeze (approved for drinking water system) to the water lines using the following procedure:

1. Reconnect all lines except the hose to the pump inlet port. If you have the winterization kit installed, just reconnect the outlet hose. Close all drain valves.

2. Turn water heater bypass valve to bypass position. Refer to Water Heater Bypass Valve illustration.

3. If you do not have the winterization kit, attach a length of hose to the pump inlet port. This piece of hose should be long enough for the free end to be inserted into and reach the bottom of the antifreeze container.

4. For antifreeze usages follow manufacturer's instructions found on label of container. 5. Open all water faucets.

6. Insert hose length into the antifreeze container, turn the pump switch on, and run the water pump until the antifreeze solution fills all water lines. Flush toilet. Work hand shower spray while holding down in tub.

7. Shut off the pump and close all faucets.

8. Disconnect the hose length from pump inlet fitting and reconnect water system inlet line. If you have the winterization kit, turn valve back into normal use position and reinstall hose plug.

# *Upcoming 2019 Tidewater Club Rallies*

## *First Landing State Park, Virginia Beach, VA*

2500 Shore Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

[http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/first-landing#general\\_information](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/first-landing#general_information)

Thursday October 10 – Sunday October 14, 2019



First Landing State Park campground is situated on the Chesapeake Bay, where the bay meets the Atlantic Ocean. We will be gathering near site 195. Make your reservations on <https://www.reserveamerica.com/>.

The first English settlers landed here in 1607 (13 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock), and, after a short stay, proceeded up to Jamestown.

The campground has bathhouses and a Visitor Center and boardwalks which lead to the beach. Activities that we can enjoy at the campground include beaching, swimming, biking, fishing, hiking, kayaking, birdwatching, dolphin-watching and a nature center. There is a trolley (bus) that stops every half hour inside the campground which will take you and your bikes to the oceanfront.

## **SCHEDULE:**

### **Thursday – 10 October**

Arrival and Set-up

6 pm – Happy Hour site 195, bring your chair and favorite beverage.

### **Friday – 11 October**

**10 am – Tour of the Military Aviation Museum 1341 Princess Anne Road Virginia Beach** - home to one of the largest private collections of World War I and World War II era military aircraft in the world. Each of the planes has been beautifully restored to its prior military condition, using original parts whenever possible. Most of the planes are airworthy and flown at the museum during flight demonstrations and at air shows throughout the year. Some being the last flight-ready aircraft of their time, and all of them being one of a kind.

**5 pm BBQ Dinner** hosted by Frank and Jayne Munoz; location is in Picnic area in the park across Shore Drive. Bring your favorite beverage(s) and set-up.

### **Saturday – 12 October**

**11 am – Dolphin Discovery – Virginia Beach Aquarium - 717 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach** - Boat trip, a 90-minute excursion aboard the Atlantic Explorer in search of the bottlenose dolphin. Pelicans, bald eagles, and other sea birds are frequently sighted, along with sea turtles. If you would like to participate please reserve a seat at <https://tickets.virginiaaquarium.com/shows/dolphin%20discoveries/events/3> . Tickets are \$22.95 per person.

**1 pm – Tour Virginia Beach Aquarium**

**6 pm – No host dinner – Dockside Restaurant 3333 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach** overlooking the Lynnhaven River;

### **Sunday – 13 October**

TBD – Depart first landing – safe travels

Suggestions: There is so much to do in Virginia Beach including the honky tonk of the beachfront and its boardwalk. Other things to do include:

Fort Story is a military base next to our campground which is accessible to the public. Fort Story has four historic sites. The [Cape Henry Memorial Cross](#) marks the location where the

Jamestown Settlers first landed in 1607. The Old Cape Henry Light was the first lighthouse authorized and built by the Federal Government. The Battle of the Virginia Capes Monument commemorates the famous sea battle on September 5, 1781 which prevented the British from reaching Yorktown during the American Revolutionary War. The new Cape Henry Lighthouse was completed in 1881 and is still maintained by the US Coast Guard as an active coastal beacon.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joint\\_Expeditionary\\_Base\\_Fort\\_Story](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joint_Expeditionary_Base_Fort_Story)

In addition, there is lots to see and do in nearby Norfolk, including visiting the Battleship Wisconsin and the world-class Chrysler Museum.

## *A Tidewater Christmas Celebration*



The Tidewater Airstream Club will celebrate Christmas together on Saturday December 14, 2019 at the fun restaurant CRAFT 31 at 3701 Strawberry Plains Road in Williamsburg. There is a complete menu for all. We will start ordering at 4:30 so that our evening can move along smoothly. There will be a very Special Guest there with us giving out some really valuable items which we all need for our trailers.

Following our dinner we will go on to the Williamsburg Christmas concert at 7:00pm. This will be a fun evening for all of us.

Please RSVP to Richard and Joanna Duncan by November 21 at 740-319-1950 or [richard.joanna.1972@cox.net](mailto:richard.joanna.1972@cox.net).

***We are planning of seeing you there!***

## *Other Club Rallies*

30 Oct – 3 Nov – Urbana Oyster Festival – hosted by NORVA Club – contact Tom Carmichael for details - [tomc@sportsimageinc.com](mailto:tomc@sportsimageinc.com) ; Phone: 804-245-1710

## *WBAC Tidewater Club 111 EVENTS 2020*

January 11 – New Years Dinner, Rib City, hosts Greg and Ellie Worcester

February – Lunch or Dinner TBD, *hosts needed*

March – Local event TBD, *hosts needed*

April – Region III Rally – Myrtle Beach April 1-5

Joint Breakout Rally with NORVA. Tentatively in Williamsburg  
late April

May 14-17 – Ft. Monroe – hosts Bill and Joyce Werner

June – International Rally in Loveland CO June 20-27

Belle Isle, hosts Tim and Beverly Supler, June TBD

July – Kiptopeke State Park, hosts Greg and Ellie Worcester

August – Rudds Creek – hosts Larry and Rhonda Evans

September 11-13 – Commonwealth Rally, Location TBD,  
hosts Unit 111

October TBD – First Landing - hosts Frank and Jayne Munoz

November – Urbana Oyster Festival, members make own arrangements

December – Holiday Dinner – TBD

*Dates will be firmed up as quickly as possible. Our monthly newsletter will have an updated calendar each issue.*