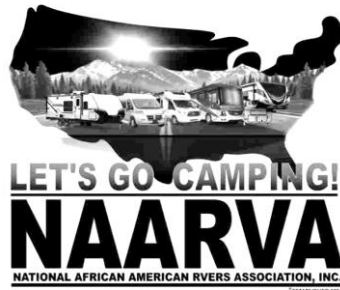


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From The President's Desk...

Nominations, National Rally, and the Holidays!



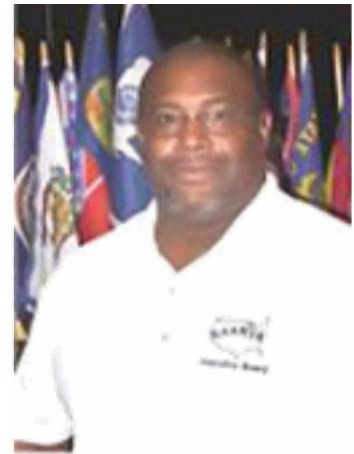
Hello NAARVA,

It is that time again, it is time to accept nominations for the 2027-2029 National Officers. Please keep a look out for Constant Contact to inform you with additional information about the election.

We are also excited to inform you that the Executive Board is very close to releasing the rally packet for the 2027 National Rally in Orange Beach AL. There will be some wonderful raffle prizes available for this event. Remember this is a first come first serve event and we have limited spots, so you don't want to drag your feet when it comes to sending your registration in for the 2027 National Rally.

I want to also wish everyone a great holiday season and to remember to give your love ones a big hug and let them know how important they are to you on a daily basis.

I look forward to seeing you guys and talking with you at the National Rally. As always, I wish everyone safe travels and most of all have fun and make plenty of lasting memories.



Rodney Thompson
NAARVA National
President



The Wharf in Orange Beach AL



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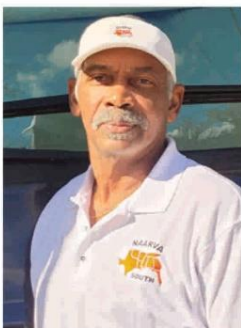
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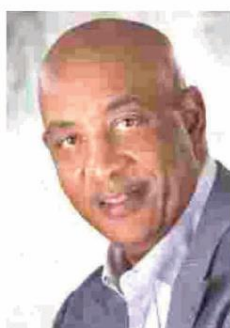
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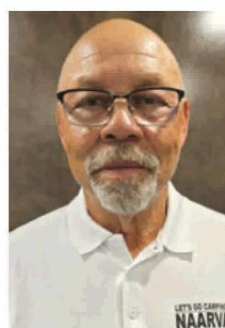
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Working closely with the Executive Board, Appointees will perform duties that complete many functions.

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The NAARVA President is responsible for appointing volunteers for various committees, and you may be called upon, please think about serving when it's your time to serve.

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August 26, 2026
NAARVA Executive Board
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Letter from the Editor.....

You Know the old saying.... *What more is there to be said?* After planning and reserving, driving and GPSing, staying out of the heat and clenching our teeth at soaring diesel prices, we are making our way to the end of another travel RVing season. **IT WENT TOO FAST! What and understatement!**



In the quiet of the evening while watching the screen or just sitting. Good memories flash by. That enjoyment of socializing with your club members, grilling, Bid Whist, the road, and memories of seeing partners from other regions and clubs, more often than not bring smiles and attempts to get your significant other(s) to remember something that happened on that second trip out! All this is good until the reality of now having to unload the rig and winterize brings us back to earth – **Bummer!!**

In this edition of the VOICE, our President as usual brings our attention to upcoming events, i.e. elections, Rally Registrations and the upcoming holidays. Joellen Davis provides us with new highlights on our budding scholars. Reverend Scott reminds us of the presence of God and the Holy Spirit that resides in us all. We welcome inputs from our Central, Southern, and Western Regions, and close as always with emphasis on our environment, and upcoming club and celebrational events.

As always Thank-you all for your participation!! Stay Safe, and pray for us all. James

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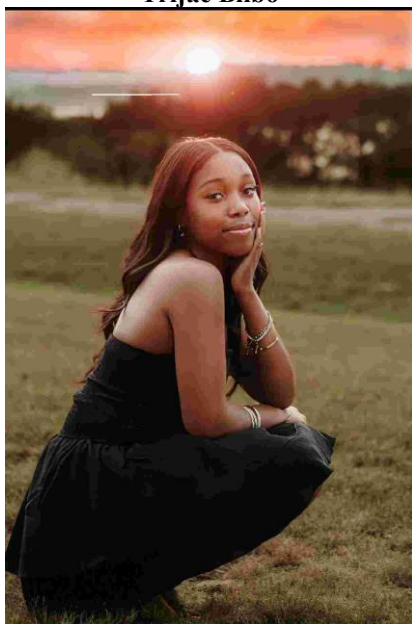
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Education Station

Joellen Davis, NAARVA Scholarship
Chairperson



Trijae Bilbo



Trijae Bilbo is a 2026 graduate from Lake Belton High School and had a dual enrollment at Temple College. Her combined GPA was 3.6

2026 NAARVA SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

As I end another NAARVA Scholarship year as National Scholarship Chairperson, I would also like to recognize the Committee Members who served on this Committee. They include: Joellen Davis, Chairperson – Central Region, Sandra Powell – Central Region, Lola Porter – Eastern Region, Lynda Daniel – Southern Region, Jim Rose – Western Region.

This year, we had **SIX** Applicants for the Carolyn J. Buford Scholarships. I would like to thank ALL of the students for applying for these Scholarship opportunities. NAARVA is proud to announce the following: : **Four** Recipients of the **1,000.00 Scholarship**: Karis Dix, Ronald (Arjai) Williams, Michelle Watkins, and Trijae Bilbo. There are **two** Recipients of the **\$500.00 Scholarship**: Tyler Winns and Alexis Boykin

NAARVA Congratulates each Recipient and wishes them a successful journey in their educational endeavors.

Joellen Davis

NAARVA Scholarship Chairperson

NAARVA Scholarship Awardees

Trijae has been devoted to her academic focus very early on, and is a driven, first generation, college student.

Trijae graduated and she successfully earned an Associate of Science degree through Temple College's dual enrollment program while simultaneously completing high school and earning her Pharmacy Technician License. This fall, Trijae will be attending Louisiana State University (LSU) to continue her academic journey with a major in biochemistry. Her future goal is to be an anesthesiologist, and she will continue reaching for her dreams. While in high school, Trijae served as Vice President of the Texas Bioscience Institute (TBI) and was also involved in the Girl's Math Club.

Trijae is the granddaughter of Trina Poinson, a NAARVA member in the Southern Region.

Lastly, Trijae would like to say that she is beyond grateful to the scholarship committee for investing in her future and helping turn her dreams into reality as she takes this exciting next step at LSU. Trijae appreciates NAARVA awarding her a \$1,000 Scholarship.

Alexis Boykin



Alexis Boykin is a 17-year-old from Las Vegas, NV and attended West Preparatory Academy since elementary school, with a brief period at Nevada Learning Academy during the pandemic. Throughout high school, Alexis maintained a GPA between 2.9 and 3.9, working her best to keep it despite her lack of skill in math and sciences. While at West Preparatory Academy, Alexis earned many A/B honor rolls along with perfect attendance and made a good reputation for herself as a hard worker and social butterfly.

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During her senior year, she did a panel for middle schoolers, giving them advice and insight on how to navigate high school. She was also a student-aide for the elementary office where she was able to connect with younger students as well as helping with events. Alexis graduated with a 3.4 GPA.

Alexxus plans on attending the College of Southern Nevada, where she will major in Veterinary Science. She plans on attending multiple campuses and having some online courses.

Alexus is the granddaughter of Lacy and Dorothy Smith, NAARVA members in the Western Region.

Alexus wishes to Thank NAARVA for considering and accepting her application, and awarding her a \$500 NAARVA Scholarship.

Karis Dix



Karis was very involved within her school and community as she was a cheerleader for four years and served as the senior varsity captain her final year; a four-year Pike Athletic Council Member; a two-year National Honor Society member; and an active volunteer serving those in need, living in the downtown Indianapolis community. Karis worked very hard in the class room which allowed her to excel academically and receive many honors and distinctions such as being

named an AP Scholar with Distinction and passing the STAMP test which certified her proficiency in Spanish comprehension and speaking.

In the Fall, Karis will be attending Florida Atlantic University to study Biochemistry with a premed focus in order to fulfill her dreams of becoming a physician.

Karis is the daughter of Keith and LaToya Dix, NAARVA members in the Central Region.

Karis wishes to Thank NAARVA for considering and accepting her application and awarding her a \$1,000 NAARVA Scholarship.

Michelle Watkins



Michelle Watkins recently graduated from Yates High School. She is passionate about architecture and art and strives to do her best in both her studies and extracurricular activities. Michelle has been involved in a business club where she has developed skills in leadership, teamwork, and communication. One accomplishment Michelle is proud of is graduating in the top 10% of her class, with a 3.9 GPA.

After graduation, Michelle plans to study architecture at Greenville Technical College and pursue a career as an architect. She will be transferring to Clemson University in Spring, 2027.

Receiving this scholarship would help Michelle continue her education and move closer to achieving her goals.

Michelle is the granddaughter of Lorenzo and Doris Pugh, NAARVA members in the Eastern Region.

Michelle wishes to Thank NAARVA for considering and accepting her application, and awarding her a \$1,000 NAARVA Scholarship.

Ronald (Arjai) Williams



Arjai Williams is a graduate of Jack Yates High School, in Houston, Texas where he was a creative and multimedia skilled student. Arjai was enrolled in the Honors Program and graduated with a 3.9 GPA. Throughout high school, he focused on writing, photography, digital media, film production, and collaborative storytelling, taking on roles in projects that brought people together. At Jack Yates High School, Arjai built a strong portfolio across multiple creative forms. He wrote scripts, contributed to the yearbook, worked in photography, and practiced directing and editing through student media projects. He also participated in the G-Unity Business Foundation in collaboration with 50 Cent (the Entertainer), where his group's business won first place during Hustle Tank. His progress shows how dedicated he is to his work and how digital storytelling can become a meaningful career path.

Arjai will be attending Temple University in Philadelphia, PA to study film and media arts. He plans to continue developing his own projects and merge them with other forms of media such as comics and animated series while pursuing a career in directing and multimedia storytelling. His goal is to build a career that uplifts diversity and creates stories that inspire others.

Arjai is the grandson of Charlie and Joellen Davis, NAARVA members in the Central Region.

Arjai wishes to Thank NAARVA for considering and accepting his application, and awarding him a \$1,000 NAARVA Scholarship.

Tyler Winns



Tyler Winns is a graduate of Dutch Fork High School in Irmo, SC where he finished with a 3.6 GPA. He was a member of the Dutch Fork Silver Spirit Band and joined the lacrosse team his senior year. Tyler also completed the two-year program in Digital Art & Design through the Career and Technical Education Program offered at Dutch Fork High School.

Tyler participated in volunteer service projects through his membership with the Kappa League, a mentorship program through the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Tyler has also been a Scout member since 6th grade.

Tyler plans to attend the University of South Carolina Aiken in Aiken, South Carolina and major in Applied Computer Science.

Tyler is the grandson of York and Karen Winns, NAARVA members in the Eastern Region.

Tyler wishes to Thank NAARVA for considering and accepting his application, and awarding him a \$500 NAARVA Scholarship.

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If you want to share news from your Club, or have something to say about RV'ing, E-mail your information to your Regional Director. **The deadline for the VOICE content submissions for Winter 2027 issue is December 10, 2026. Text content is requested in MS WORD compatible format, images should be either pdf or jpg. Hyperlinks cannot be used.**

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If you do not have an E-mail account or access to a computer, call 704-333-3070, and a hard copy will be mailed to you. The Voice is published four times yearly by NAARVA.

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As an ongoing practice all attempts will be made to post the next NAARVA VOICE edition in the first week of the month following the submission deadline month. The Winter 2027 NAARVA VOICE will be posted during the first week of January 2027.

Invisible Guest



We often talk about faith in terms of God the Father, God the Son, but let's talk about faith in terms of God the Holy Spirit. First, God the Holy Spirit is not a ghost, not a feeling, but a living, active, divine presence of God Himself, residing within every Believer. We can call Him the "Invisible Guest" sent to us by God the Son, Jesus the Christ, to influence our character and behavior; it is not subtle, it is essential and life-altering, **John 1:33, Luke 3:22, Mark 1:8, Matthew 3:11** and lastly **Acts 1:5**.

So, the question is: how does the Holy Spirit influence Believers? He influences us in three ways: Conviction, Transformation, and Empowerment. When we first come to Christ, the Spirit influences us by speaking to our conscience. He is the Divine prosecutor who shows us the state of our hearts.



Galatians 5:17

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

The world tells us our sin is just a mistake, or a weakness. The Spirit says it's an offense against a Holy God! He doesn't shame us; He loves us enough to show us the truth so that we can repent and find truth, freedom, and peace through Jesus Christ.

The Spirit directs us to Christ. His conviction is never designed to leave us in despair. It's always a flashlight pointing toward the Cross. He reminds us that Jesus is the answer to our sins that He exposes. John 14:26 tells us:

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

His influence is foundational: He guides us away from what is false, sin, and toward what is true, Christ.

After we are convicted, we are led into repentance. The Holy Spirit begins the deep, daily work of changing us from the inside out. This is the Divine architect shaping our character into a new creature. The most visible sign of the Spirit's influence is the change in our nature. It starts to cultivate the Fruit of the Spirit in us.

Galatians 5:22-23

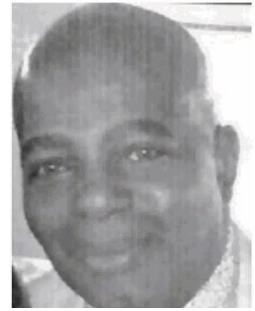
"Love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and temperance, meaning self-control."



We cannot manufacture this fruit on our own nor by sheer willpower. It is the natural outgrowth of the Spirit's presence in our life, like a branch bearing fruit when connected to the vine. It helps us to say, "No" to the desires of our flesh and "Yes" to the Will of God. This transformation is a process-sanctification and the Spirit is the one leading the charge, making us more like Jesus Christ. It influences us by molding our inner person, replacing anxiety with peace and self-interest with love.

Before Jesus ascended, He told His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. Why? Without the Holy Spirit their efforts would be their own.

**Rev.
Garland
Scott
NAARVA
Chaplain**



Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Spirit equips every believer with spiritual gifts, not for personal glory, but for the building up of the church and to advance the Gospel. Whether it's teaching, serving, encouraging, or administrating, every gift is an expression of the Spirit's influence in our lives to help others. His influence here is crucial for action: He takes our weaknesses and uses them to demonstrate God's unstoppable power.

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us. We don't have to beg Him to influence us; He longs to do so. The question is: Are you resisting, or are you receptive?

If you feel convicted, do not run from it! That is the Spirit calling you to peace with God through Jesus. If you long for a transformed life, ask the Spirit to take control of your life. Surrender your anxiety, your pride, and your will to His loving, shaping hand. If you feel weak and ill-equipped, know that the Spirit is your power source. Ask Him to fill you afresh for the tasks He has called you to do.

Surrender begins by recognizing the nature of the battle and actively saying "No" to the fleshly impulse inside each of us. The struggle between the Spirit and the flesh is a reality for every Believer. You must first acknowledge that the desires of your old nature, pride, selfishness, lust, bitterness, and fear, are still active, even though the power of sin has been broken.

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Galatians 5:24

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

To “crucify” means to put to death. You surrender the flesh by choosing not to act on its sinful desires when they arise. This is where repentance, a change of mind leading to a change of direction, becomes a daily rhythm, **Romans 12:2**.

Immediately confess the impulse toward sin as soon as you recognize it. Confession is an act of surrender. Confess by saying: “Dear Heavenly Father, I feel the temptation to be angry, lustful, and jealous right now. I surrender these desires to You!”

Surrender is not just subtraction (taking away sin); it is primarily addition (filling with the Spirit). The flesh is starved when the Spirit is fed. So, now the question is how do we feed the Spirit?

John 15:7

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

The Spirit uses the Word of God (Scripture) to guide us. When we fill our minds with God’s truth, we are actively submitting our thoughts to the Spirit’s influence, preventing the flesh from taking root in our minds.

We should make it a habit of reading Scriptures daily, a non-negotiable part of our life. Memorize verses that address our specific areas of struggle: lack of self-control, a need for patience, and worrying.



We have a powerful weapon to starve the flesh call “Prayer.” Prayer is the ultimate act of surrender, declaring our dependence on God the Father. When we pray, we are inviting the Spirit to take control of the situation, our attitude, and our desires.

When you feel a fleshly urge, immediately turn it into a breath of prayer. “Help me, Holy Spirit!” This act interrupts the fleshly thought process with a spiritual dependence. When you go into prayer, you are allowing the Holy Spirit to empower you and to help you to overcome temptation by providing you with strength, wisdom, and a way of escape, not by preventing the temptation, but by allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you, to help you to lean on God’s truth to discern right from wrong. If we rely on the Spirit’s power, it will help us resist temptation, **1 Corinthians 10:13**.



The Holy Spirit is powerfully present and active when we gather to worship and encourage one another. We must actively participate in the Christian community.

Confessing and witnessing our struggles and celebrating overcoming them are the actions of a trusted, mature Christian who is surrendering their pride, while at the same time, acknowledging their strongholds and inviting the Holy Spirit’s power of accountability into their life.

This act of sharing is the catalyst to empowering others through the power of the Holy Spirit so that their struggles and strongholds can be overcome.



The Holy Spirit speaks to our conscience, by means of the Scriptures, and through the wise counsel of other Believers.

Surrender means choosing to obey God’s quiet, guiding voice over the loud, demanding voice of our own desires. When the Spirit prompts us to be kind, to apologize, to forget, or to step away from something harmful, we should do it immediately. Delaying obedience gives the flesh, our minds, time to renegotiate and rationalize our thoughts against God’s Will, **Galatians 5:25**.

Instead of obsessing over the sin you want to stop, focus on the virtue the Spirit wants to produce. Surrendering to the Holy Spirit is a simple, repeated process: stop and recognize the voice of the flesh, and confess the desire. Yield and choose dependence on the Holy Spirit.



Lastly, obey and take the next step of action by allowing the Invisible Guest to align your recalcitrant heart with the Fruit of the Spirit to cleanse out the old disobedient nature and develop in you a new obedient nature in God the Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord in Savior.

Praise God, Praise God,
Praise God

In Jesus’ name

Amen

CENTRAL REGION

Central Region made their way back to where it all began 33 years ago in Ohio.

The rally was held at Cardinal's Center RV Park in Marengo, Ohio. It was a special treat and a blessing to have the founding President, Mr. Norman Ellis along with his lifetime friend Mr. Jasper Liggins in attendance, at ninety plus years and still rolling.

It was a perfect week for reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones. The atmosphere was full of fun and laughter. Our kiddos participated in a kid's fishing derby while the adults tag teamed putting together A 1000-piece puzzle throughout the week. It was a pleasure to recognize our lifetime members at the rally. And the ladies had fun making up line dancing moves to the central region theme song. We were also entertained on Friday night by The P & J Experience.

A great time was had by all! We look forward to coming together again in 2028. But as your Director I have been working with the other three regions to prepare for our 2027 rally being held August 8th – 15th, 2027 in Orange Beach, Alabama. Mark your calendars now and be prepared for information coming. To give you updates on rally packet availability. For now, stay safe. Happy RVING! Looking forward to seeing you in 2027.



Chuck Byrd
Central Region Director



STAY SAFE, CHUCK BYRD CENTRAL REGION DIRECTOR

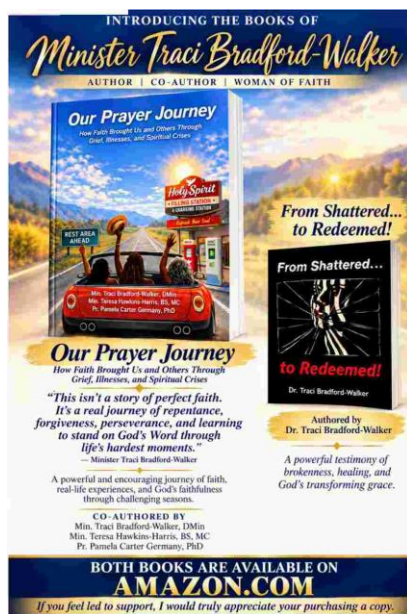


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Iris Raines, NAARVA 2nd Vice President is the Benevolent Coordinator.

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- Deceased Member's Full Name
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Hello All,

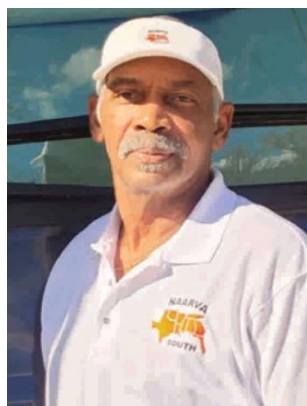
We constantly hear and get reports of authors writing and working to get their works published. The Rocky Mountain RV Rollers are doubly blessed, we know of such an author, and that author is a member of our club. Minister Traci Bradford-Walker is our literary star.

So, check out the attached flyer where Minister Bradford-Walker describes her journey an endeavors in her own words. These have resulted in not only one but two books by her and her peers.

This is shining example that faith, perseverance and trust in God always have, and always will, continue to result in blessings.

Joellen Davis President Rocky Mountain RV Rollers

Southern Region



**Venson H. Miller SR.
Director, Southern Region**

Hello from the Southern Region..!

We completed our Southern Region Rally back in April. The members turned out and we had a Good Time at Margaritaville in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. The park was truly nice and the staff was exceptional.



Congratulations to the winner of the Southern Region's Scholarship Award. It was won by Ms. Arielle King, who is the granddaughter of Kim and Jewel Henry of the Texas Sojourners. Ms. King is attending the University of Arkansas where she is studying to become a Veterinary Research pharmacologist.

As we endure the Summer Heat of the South, the Southern Region is preparing for the upcoming 2027 National Rally, to be held in Orange Beach, Alabama. The National E-board is guiding the Rally Chairs, which consist of the 4 Regional Directors to put together a Rally to Remember. All designed to honor the members and ensure you have a pleasant time in Alabama.

Hats off to this Administration for being mindful of the cost to travel these days with the high cost of diesel. The cost of the Rally Package has been set to hopefully offset the financial impact of the fuel cost.

Getting Ready to Rally!

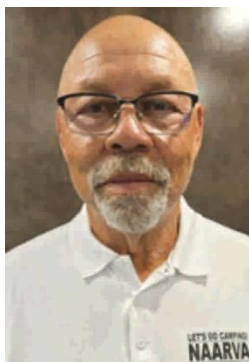
Oh, but the Southern Region E-board is getting NO rest..! After a year of planning the 2026 Southern Region Rally, we are now working on the 2027 National Rally. The Southern Region E-board is planning the "here before you know it"

2028 Southern Region Rally..! It's the Hot Topic on our monthly regional e-board meetings. We are looking at 2 possible choices now. And I'm confident either choice will be satisfactory to the members.

And speaking of the Southern Region E-board, I want to give them their well deserved recognition. Working with Pamela Clayton our Assistant Director, Annie Jenkins our Secretary, Lynda Daniel our Assistant Secretary, Marshalita Peterson our Financial Secretary, Alexis Miller our Assistant Financial Secretary, Ray Raines our Treasurer, Tee Huling our Members - @-Large Liaison, Connie Malone our (keep it moving) Parliamentarian, Myrtle Mayfield our Historian and last but not least Garland Scott our Chaplain. These team members have made my Directorship extremely easy. Every time I ask, they deliver, if I go astray they put me back on track, if I forget they remind me. So, please let's say.. Thank You Southern Region E-board Members for All that you Do..!!

**Venson H. Miller
SR Director**

Western Region



Rick Lewis

Western Region Regional Director

Hello NAARVA and the Western Region!

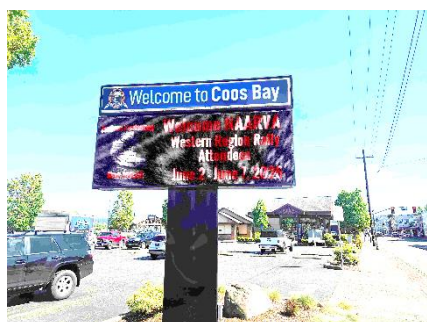
The Western Region Executive Board is searching for a site for our 2028 Western Region Rally; we are close to securing a site. Several Western Region Club members will make the trek to Orange Beach, Alabama for the rally and to re-claim the bean bag baseball crown.

I want to thank Liz Hemingway our past Regional Director for all the hard work she has done and is doing to advance the mission of the Western Region.

The Western Region is growing its membership and openly recruiting new members. I want to thank my executive board for all the hard work that they do.

Rick Lewis

Western Region Regional Director



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Jean Hampton, Ph.D., NAARVA Ecologist

AIR POLLUTION, GLOBAL WARMING, AND CLIMATE CHANGE – PARTNERS IN CRIME

Readers: Our next NEP VOICE article will review measures that RVers can employ to contribute to the fight against ecological and environmental threats. I strongly encourage your visit and review of reputable ecological and environmental centered resources. I am open to your interests and suggestions. Thank you for your concerns and attentions regarding our endeavors to leave in our wake a healthy environment for the future.

Climate conditions are naturally governed by the sun's unbalanced heating of the earth's surfaces. This unequally distributed solar energy drives global atmospheric and oceanic circulation systems, which jointly work to redistribute the heat across the planet. Solar heat (energy) received by different terrain, i.e. water, ice, forestry etc., vary with the earth's orbital position, spherical shape, and with earthly environment.

As earth is a globe, the hardest and most direct heat is received at the equator, while the least is received at the poles. This distinction creates patterns of atmospheric wind belts, and oceanic currents which subsequently create moisture patterns that produce rainforests when the air rises, and deserts when it sinks. The currents modify coastal climates by moving warm equatorial waters toward the poles, and polar waters back to the tropics. Landscape category, contour, elevation, and proximity to water each greatly impact atmospheric composition and natural events. As importantly, the various earthly terrains reflect solar heat back into space (*the Albedo Effect*), which heavily impacts resulting atmospheric composition. Ice and snow have a high Albedo, reflecting most solar heat energy back into space, which keeps polar regions cold. Darker surfaces like forests and oceans (our valued carbon

sinks) have a low Albedo, absorbing the heat. These occurrences and activities are natural, harmonious, and have naturally governed climatic conditions of our earth which have supported life as we know and expect.

Within lengthy time scales (decades), climate conditions can be naturally altered by shifts in the earth's orbit and tilt, and by volcanic eruptions that spew various greenhouse gases (GHGs) such as sulfur dioxide (SO₂), carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄) and others into the atmosphere. These natural productions of GHGs are essential contributors to atmospheric warmth. The earth, and life as we know it, could not survive without *naturally produced* GHGs, as it would be too cold, and hence uninhabitable. Natural productions of CO₂ and CH₄ via animal respiration and decay of biological materials are also emitted into the atmosphere.

Disturbingly, human activities have, in great excess, increased the amounts of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in our earth's atmosphere. This increase is far beyond the types and amounts of GHGs which naturally occur, and is wholly responsible for our alarming state of global warming and climate change today. Volcanic eruptions are often discussed in the context of climate change because they release CO₂ and other GHGs into our atmosphere. However, the impact of human activities that produce GHGs, far exceeds that of all the world's volcanoes combined, by more than **100 times**. Most regrettably, the planetary warming caused by GHGs resulting from human activities, which primarily, is from the burning of fossil fuels (oil, gas, coal), will persist for millennia. In July 2026 atmospheric CO₂ levels reached 429ppm (parts per million) after having never exceeded

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300ppm for the last 800,000 yrs.

Science has clearly shown that human activity is responsible for the current “record-warm” seasons occurring in multiple global areas for 2026. For our United States, these occurrences are confirmed:

- August 2026 was the warmest month on record, eclipsing the previous tied records of 2023 and 2024 by 0.14°F (0.08°C). The June–August season was also record-warm.
- Global sea surface temperature reached an all-time high.
- The Northern Hemisphere experienced its warmest summer, while the Southern Hemisphere had a near-record warm winter.
- The Arctic and Antarctic had below-average sea ice extent.
- Global tropical cyclone activity was above average with 19 tropical storms.
- El Niño conditions (warm sea surface temperatures) persisted during August, driving record-high temperatures across vast areas of the central and eastern Pacific Ocean.
- Global land surface temperature was near-record warm for June–August.

Under the widely hailed 2015 Paris Agreement, a legally binding international treaty of 195 nations, participating countries agreed to substantially reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. (The US is currently withdrawn from this agreement.) This reduction would limit the increase of global average surface temperatures to no higher than 1.5°C above pre-industrial (before 1750 AD) global averages, consequently averting the worst impacts of global warming and climate change, preserving a livable planet, and avoiding imminent catastrophic outcomes, including flooding, health and death issues, and realizing disastrous atmospheric “tipping points” (see June ‘26 VOICE NEP article).

The countries expressed firm resolve to pursue and attain this goal, acknowledging that the science was clear: ***“To avert the worst impacts of climate change, global warming needs to be limited as much as possible, and as a matter of urgency.”*** **An average global temperature above 1.5 beyond that of the pre-industrial era**

was universally, and scientifically declared as **the** indicator of the point at which climate impacts become increasingly harmful for both people and the entire planet.

At our 2022 NAARVA CAMP, our NEP seminar informed on the *then remaining* 50:50 chance of achieving this international goal of preventing average global temperatures from reaching beyond the agreed upon 1.5 °C above average global temperatures of the pre-industrial era. Presently, average global surface temperatures have breached the 1.5 °C threshold, with recent years of 2024 and 2025 ranking among the hottest on record; roughly 1.44°C to 1.55°C above the pre-industrial era global averages. Monthly and annual breaches of 1.5°C does not mean that the world has failed to achieve the Paris Agreement’s temperature goal, as long-term temperature changes are typically considered on decadal timescales, not months or several years. Nevertheless, breaches of 1.5°C for a month or a year are early signs of our getting perilously close to exceeding the pursued long-term limit, and serve as clarion calls for increasing ambition and accelerating action in this critical decade). Ultimately, 1.5 remains a better choice than 2.0.

Our world has entered a new phase of planetary and economic challenges. Assuring the previous agreed upon threshold is now widely and scientifically assessed as assuredly unavoidable. It is now strongly suggested to revise the threshold to 1.8°C or 2.0°C. At an uninformed glance, these suggested numerical promises seem minor, but each degree of increase is proven to be associated with adverse environmental and health conditions for all life.

Every fraction of a degree of warming matters. With every additional increment of global warming, changes in extremes and risks become larger.



For example, every additional 0.1°C of global warming causes clearly discernible increases in the intensity and frequency of temperature and precipitation extremes as well as agricultural and ecological droughts in some regions. ***In 2024, the world experienced the warmest year in the 175-year observational record, with a global mean near-surface temperature 1.55°C (above the proposed goal).*** This was our first year in which the average global temperature exceeded 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. Though science assesses climate change over decades rather than calendar years, the signal is clear: **we’re heading for a future warmer than the Paris Agreement goal.** Indeed, if all climate commitments and policies are implemented, warming is projected to reach 1.8°C *at a minimum*.

Human induced (anthropogenic) climate change is no longer something that will happen in the future, but it is happening now. Ecosystems and people in the United States and around the world are today affected by the ongoing processes of global warming and climate change. Climate change affects the environment in many different ways including rising temperatures, sea level rise, drought, flooding, and more. Such events affect things that we depend upon and value such as water, energy, transportation, wildlife, agriculture, ecosystems, and human health. Drought can harm food production and human health. Flooding can lead to spread of disease, and can damage ecosystems and infrastructure. Human health issues that result from drought, flooding, and other weather conditions increase the death rate, change food availability, and ultimately diminish the productivity of world economies.

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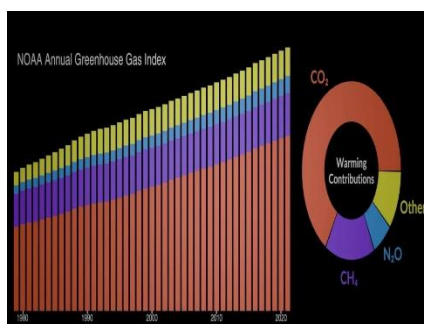
We are already experiencing increasingly severe heatwaves, fires, droughts, extreme weather and other risks for people and ecosystems. As we go beyond the proposed 1.5°C threshold, climate impacts will intensify non-linearly and complexly over time. This could lead to irreversible “tipping points” like the dieback of the Amazon rainforest, permafrost thaw and the collapse of ice sheets. (see NAARVA Voice 2026 Issue 3 Summer). Further “tipping point” events inevitably will intensify global warming.

Global warming and its climatic impacts, including tipping points such as sea-level rise from ice sheets, disappearance of mountain glaciers, and ocean acidification, are essentially permanent for many generations to come and will take centuries to thousands of years to restore to even today’s conditions. To minimize losses and damages, it is crucial to minimize the magnitude and duration of exceeding 1.5°C and to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by effectively phasing out the burning of fossil fuels.

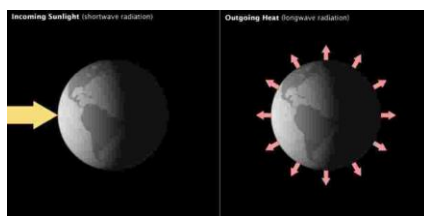
Atmospheric greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and water vapor) trap the heat from the sun near the surface of our planet. . . somewhat like a cozy blanket around the Earth. They let sunlight in, but they stop some of the heat from escaping back into space at night. This process is called the greenhouse effect. Under natural conditions, the Earth would be too cold for life to survive without it. **However, too great a measure of atmospheric GHGs becomes detrimental... trapping solar heat, and warming global temperatures.**

Changes observed in Earth’s climate since the mid-20th century are driven by human activities. . . particularly fossil fuel burning, which increases heat-trapping greenhouse gas levels in Earth’s atmosphere, raising Earth’s average surface temperature. Natural processes that have been principally induced by human activities also contribute to climate change, including internal variability (e.g., cyclical ocean patterns

like El Niño, La Niña and the Pacific Decadal Oscillation) and natural external forces (e.g., volcanic activity, changes in the Sun’s energy output, variations in Earth’s orbit). Global average surface temperature is an indicator of the state of **Earth’s energy balance**; that is, “how much solar energy is absorbed, minus how much heat is radiated back to space”. When these amounts are the same, Earth’s average surface temperature remains steady. When they are out of balance, Earth cools or warms. *Earth’s average surface temperature has been rising because human-produced greenhouse gases are causing Earth to absorb more energy than it radiates back to space.*



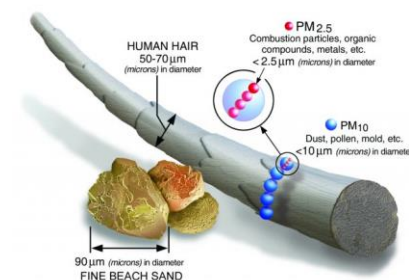
The NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Annual GHG Index from 1979 to 2021, illustrates the cumulative contributions of different greenhouse gases to global warming. The stacked bar chart shows the increase in GHG concentration over time, with each bar representing a year and the different colors indicating the contribution of specific gases: carbon dioxide (CO₂) in red, methane (CH₄) in purple, nitrous oxide in blue, and other gases in yellow. The accompanying donut chart on the right highlights the relative contributions of these gases to global warming... emphasizing the dominant role of CO₂, followed by CH₄ and N₂O and other gases.



This net flow of energy in and out of the Earth’s system is **Earth’s energy balance**. The energy that Earth receives

from sunlight is balanced by an equal amount of energy radiating into space. When the flow of incoming solar energy is balanced by an equal flow of heat to space, Earth is in radiative equilibrium, and global temperature is relatively stable. Anything that increases or decreases the amount of incoming or outgoing energy disturbs Earth’s radiative equilibrium; global temperatures rise or fall in response.

Air pollutants influence atmospheric conditions and temperatures, and as so, contribute heavily to our evolving climate change. With every breath we take, we suck in tiny particles that can damage our lungs, hearts, and brains (see previous NEP articles) and cause a host of health problems. The most dangerous of these particles include soot, soil dust, various sulfates, and plastics.



Note:

How small is 2.5 micrometers? Think about a single hair from your head. The average human hair is about 70 micrometers in diameter – making it 30 times larger than the largest fine particle.

Particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter can get deep into your lungs, and even get into your bloodstream. *Particles less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter, also known as **fine particles** or **PM_{2.5}**, pose the greatest risk to health.* Air pollution created by the burning of fossil fuels creates these small particles that can be inhaled, potentially causing asthma, respiratory infections, lung cancer, and heart disease. Fine particles are the main cause of reduced visibility (haze) in parts of the United States... including many of our treasured national parks and wilderness areas.

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The burning of fossil fuels (oil, gas, coal) is by far the largest contributor to the greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions that cause climate change and ultimately posing multiple risks to all forms of life on Earth. **Reaching net-zero CO2 emissions is crucial for containing the peak warming level.**

- Satellite observations have revealed that snow cover in the Northern Hemisphere has decreased over the past 5 decades, and snow melts occur earlier than previously. Global sea level rose about 8 inches in the last century.
- Rising sea levels in the last two decades is nearly double that of the last century, and is accelerating slightly each year.
- The number of record high temperature events in the United States has increased, while the number of record low temperature events has been decreasing since 1950. Increasing numbers of intense rainfall events had also occurred.
- Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolutions, the acidity of surface ocean waters has increased by approximately 30% due to humans emitting more CO₂ into the atmosphere. As oceans naturally absorb carbon dioxide, this additional CO₂ is thereby increasing oceanic acidity. 10.8 billion metric tons per year of human induced, or anthropogenic, carbon emission has been absorbed each year by our oceans.
- CO₂ reached atmospheric levels of 437ppm, after not having exceeded 300ppm in the last 800 years.

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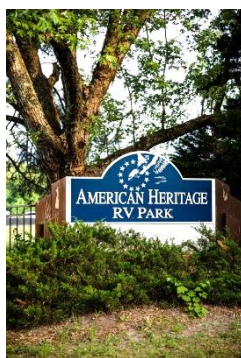
Celebrations and Regional Club Events

October

National Name Your Car Day

October 2, 2026

This day promotes the custom of giving a vehicle a personal name, whether it is a brand-new model, a family minivan, or a well-worn classic with countless miles behind it. Choosing that name reflects the bond drivers feel with the machine that carries them to work, on errands, and across the country.



Eastern Region D.C. Connection RV Club

October 2 – 14, 2026
American Heritage RV Park
146 Maxton Lane
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Eastern Region Triangle RVers

October 3 - 5, 2026
Mayberry Campground
114 Byron Bunker Lane,
Mount Airy, NC 27030



Western Region California Cruisers RV Club

October 7 - 11, 2026
Emerald Desert RV Resort
76000 Frank Sinatra Dr.
Plam Desert, CA 92211

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Western Region

Funseekers/ Rain City Travelers

October 8 - 11, 2026

Brookhollow RV Park

2506 Allen St

Kelso, WA 98626



Black Girl Day Off

October 11, 2026

Black Girl Day Off is observed every October 11, encouraging Black women to prioritize their mental and emotional well-being. This vital day promotes self-care, rest, and reflection to combat chronic stress and health disparities. Take a moment to recharge, connect with supportive communities, and advocate for accessible mental health resources.



Western Region

Norcal Family Travelers

October 14 - 18, 2026

Yanks RV Resort

40399 Livingston Rd

Greenfield, CA 93927



Central Region
Lake Erie Travelers

October 15 – 18, 2026
Mt. Gilead KOA Holiday
901 E. High St
Mt Gilead, OH 43338



Central Region
Rocky Mountain RV Rollers

October 15 – 18, 2026
Gopher Gulch RV Campground
2343 CO-66
Longmont, CO 80504

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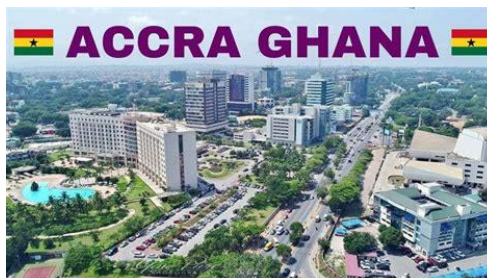


Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight saving time (DST) will end on **November 1, 2026**. At 2:00 a.m., clocks will be set back one hour to 1:00 a.m. This change will result in earlier sunrises and sunsets

Eastern Region **Virginia Camping Cardinals**

November 6 – 16, 2026
Trip to Africa
Accra, Ghana



Southern Region **Texas Sojourners**

November 12 - 15, 2026
Great Escapes RV Resort
4600 Leonard Rd
Bryan, TX 77807

Central Region **Rocky Mountain RV Rollers**

November 14, 2026
Perfect Landing Restaurant
7625 S. Peoria St.
Englewood, CO 80112



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Kiss Your Girlfriend Day

November 17, 2026

Celebrate National Kiss Your Girlfriend Day with fun romance ideas and couple activities. Discover ways to deepen your connection and make lasting memories.

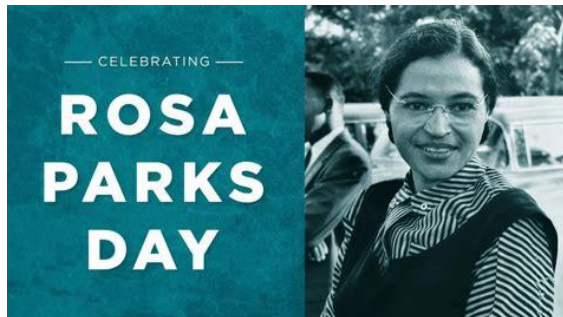
Thanksgiving Day

November 26, 2026

This year's Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, November 26 in the United States. It is a U.S. federal holiday observed on the fourth Thursday of November, with the common Thanksgiving weekend continuing through Sunday, November 29.



December



Rosa Parks Day

December 1, 2026

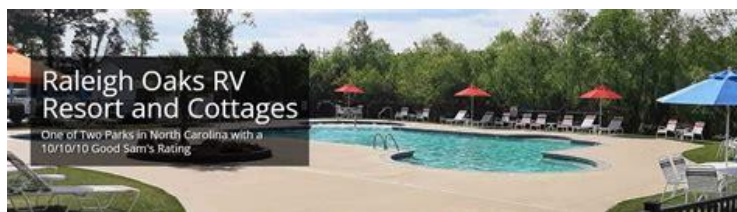
Rosa Parks Day is celebrated every December 1 to honor the brave civil rights activist whose courageous act sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Reflect on her enduring legacy, learn about the ongoing fight for justice, and advocate for equal rights and opportunities for all communities.

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Western Region **California Cruisers**

December 2, 2026
Pala Casino and RV Resort
11042 Hwy 76
Pala, CA 92059



Eastern Region **Virginia Camping Cardinals**

December 5, 2026
Christmas Party
Raleigh Oaks RV Resort
517 US Hwy 701
Four Oaks, NC 27524

Central Region **Rocky Mountain RV Rollers**

December 6, 2026
Annual Holiday Party
Doubletree Hotel
3203 Quebec St.
Denver, CO 80207



Eastern Region **The Innovators of North and South Carolina**

December 10 – 12, 2026
Willow Tree RV Resort
520 Southern Sights Dr.
Longs, SC 29568

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Eastern Region New Horizon RV Club

December 10 – 13, 2026
Savannah South KOA
4915 US Hwy 17
Richmond Hill GA 31324



Southern Region Texas Sojourners

December 11 – 13, 2026
A Red and White Christmas Night
Canopy RV Resort
1160 Lakeside Pass
New Granfels, TX 78130

Eastern Region Triangle RVers

December 12 - 14, 2026
Briarcliffe RV Park
10495 N. Kings Hwy
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572



Christmas (*"The Mass of Christ"*)

December 25, 2026

A Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the Son of God It is usually celebrated in December, with the main day being Christmas Day on 25 December.