

THE NAARVA



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In Loving Memory of NAARVA's Beloved President...

President Carolyn Buford was a committed and supportive pioneer in NAARVA. She and her husband of thirty years, Luther Buford, joined NAARVA in 1997. Carolyn retired from AT&T after thirty years of service.

Carolyn was the founder and former President of the *Mo-Kan Road Runners*, Assistant Regional Director for two terms, and Central Regional Director for nine years. She hosted three exceptional NAARVA National Camp Rallies, including the 25th Silver Anniversary in 2017. As

the newly elected NAARVA National President in July 2017—she designated the theme for her term as:

“One Team, One Voice, One NAARVA.”

“It is hoped that this theme will guide us in the decisions that we make on behalf of the organization in our quest to establish a firm foundation for NAARVA to begin the next twenty-five plus years.” - Carolyn Buford.

Under the leadership of President Carolyn Buford many challenges were met.

A. Membership — Took appro-

priate steps to attract new members.

B. Communication — Explored new ways of communicating with NAARVA Members.

C. Leadership:

1. Ensured the successful transition of the payment system; use vouchers for all expenses showing reason for payment. No more credit card stipend payments.

2. Along with financial team reviewed and improved office phone service.

3. Reviewed and adjusted NAARVA office personnel; improving service quality.

4. Trained new office personnel during recent changes.

5. Replaced obsolete office equipment.

6. Established two new committees:

7. Lead the planning team for the 2018 NAARVA National Camp Rally.

8. Managed the NAARVA National Executive Board, that handles the business side of NAARVA.

The Executive Board misses President Carolyn Buford!

Gladys Curtis

1st Vice President



Dear NAARVA Family,

It is with heart-felt sympathy that I inform you that Mrs. Carolyn J. Buford, NAARVA President, passed away on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. NAARVA has lost a pioneer. Please continue to uplift her family, especially her husband Luther, in your prayers.

Carolyn's home-going services are as follows:

Wednesday August 29, 2018
St. Theresa Little Flower Catholic Church
5814 Euclid Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64138
Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Service: 10:00 a.m.
Burial: 12:30 p.m.
Leavenworth National Cemetery
Leavenworth, KS 66048



Cards and Acts of Kindness may be sent to: 5901 Woodside Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64133
Please respect Luther's privacy.
Gladys Curtis
1st Vice-President

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In Loving Memory



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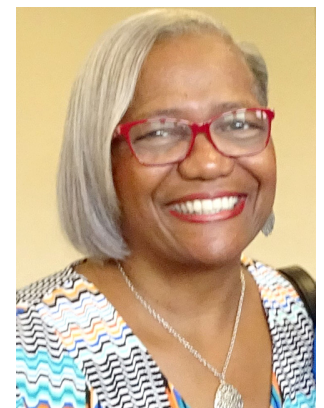
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A Word From the Editor

NAARVA RALLY ISSUE



GWYNNE TONEY
Editor

I trust that you had a safe return from your summer travels. With fall just around the corner, I hope your summer was filled with fun times and delightful memories. Hopefully, you'll have a moment to relax and catch up on what your fellow RV travelers have been doing, most specifically — news from the various NAARVA rallies across the country.

The Summer/Fall issue of **The Voice** has always been dedicated to news about the NAARVA National Camp and Regional Rallies. Our rallies provide NAARVites with unparalleled opportunities to meet and connect with RVer's from all across the country.

An RV rally is a gathering of travelers with other like-minded enthusiasts, primarily to meet and socialize around a series of events and activities. Rallies offer not only a social setting, but also fertile ground for sharing knowledge. Each time a rally occurs, our NAARVA family should grow and strengthen.

This year the 26th Annual NAARVA National Camp Rally, hosted by the Southern Region, was held in Sarasota, Florida at the lovely Sun N Fun RV Resort, July 15- 22, 2018. You can read all about it on pages 14 and 15 as well as view pictures from the event.

RV Cooking with Bev Ann



By Beverly Dailey
- MO/KAN
ROAD-RUNNER

My husband, Clarence, shared his Famous Chicken Pot Pie Recipe with me.

Ingredients:

- Pie Pastry Shells (2)
- 1 Can Chicken Broth
- Frozen Peas & Carrots (1 medium pkg.)
- Cream of Chicken Soup (1)
- Cream of Mushroom Soup (1)
- Poultry Seasonings (season to taste)
- 1 T. Flour (as a thickening)
- 1 C. Chopped Chicken Breast (grilled)



- 1/2 C. Potatoes (cubed and boiled)
- 1/2 C. Celery (chopped)
- Salt & Black Pepper (season to taste)

Boil potatoes in a small pot until almost done. Combine in a large pot the chicken broth, potatoes, celery, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup and frozen peas and carrots plus flour (for thickness). Cook ingredients until almost soft stirring constantly so it won't stick to the pot.

Season the mixture to taste with the poultry seasoning, salt and black pepper. Pour cooked ingredients into a pie pastry shell. Add the second pie pastry shell on top and pinch around the edges so ingredients won't leak out. Gently cut an 'X' on top of the second pie pastry shell.

Preheat convention oven 350 degrees. Bake until pie shell is golden brown. Yum, enjoy!

"Thanks for sharing one of many of your famous recipes with me, my love!"



It saddens me to announce that as this newsletter was going to print our beloved President, Carolyn J. Buford, passed away. As you read the acknowledgements in this issue, may the love and devotion that so characterized her life inspire you to do the same. It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember.

Gwynne Toney
Editor, *The NAARVA Voice*

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National Grievance Chair

~ A Resolution of Respect ~

Carolyn J. Buford
NAARVA President

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on this day, August 29, 2018, the Past Presidents of the National African American RVers' Association, Inc. acknowledge the passing of Carolyn J. Buford. Carolyn was a dedicated, devoted and determined member for the past decade and a half, serving first as Director of the Central Region and was only the second woman elected to the Presidency of NAARVA, where she had served for the past year, until her death.

Carolyn will be sorely missed. With her natural organizational skills she made the jobs of those of us who worked "for" her and worked "with" her by far, easier and less stressful. She ensured that jobs were completed with every "t" crossed and every "i" dotted. Even in her role as a leader she had the time and the capacity to be a friend.

Her passing has left a tremendous void in our lives and in the future operation of the organization. God granted her "immunity from suffering". May She Rest In Peace.

Submitted by:

Norman Ellis ...Founder and 1st President

Joseph Washington2nd President

Anne Shearer Steele....3rd President

Rev. John H. Womack...4th President

Elbert D. Smith ...5th President

Lemuel Horton ...6th President

NAARVA Chaplain's Corner... REVEREND THOMAS HANES

According to the Constitution and By-Laws Article IV, Section 5. CHAPLAIN / NECROLOGIST, I am required to post the list of deceased NAARVA members since the 2017 National Rally by printing them in the *NAARVA Voice*.

They were memorized at the National Rally at Sun 'N Fun RV Resort in Sarasota, FL.

Nollie Scott	Southern Region
Thomas Granville	Southern Region
Ora Reece	Southern Region
John Alexander Reams	Southern Region
Frank Range	Southern Region
Paulette Jackson	Southern Region
Arnold Tolbert	Southern Region
Lorietta Wilson	Southern Region
Betty Warren	Southern Region
Conne Cannon	Western Region
Edvine Evans	Western Region
Wendy Christian	Central Region
Laura Ray	Central Region
Charles Williams	Central Region
Edith Gulley	Central Region
Vivian Owens	Eastern Region
Raymond Standifer, Jr.	Eastern Region
Traci Ann Lynch	Eastern Region
Delores Johnson	Eastern Region
Marilyn Lewis	Eastern Region
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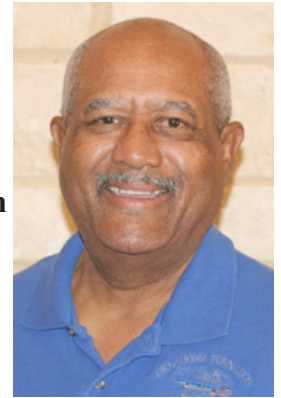
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National Chaplain serving "YOU"



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ANNUAL MEMORIAL Life Is But A Stopping Place

*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some
things,
but never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the lord*

-Author unknown



ECOLOGY! ECOLOGY! ECOLOGY!

NAARVA Ecology Mission Statement

To be a model RV — Camping/travel organization that will promote family values, camaraderie and economic development. We will support ecology and education in our efforts to maintain and improve our surroundings and ourselves. To fulfill our ecology mission, NAARVA has "planted a tree" at our National Rally Sites since Sparta, Illinois in 2008.

We continued this tradition and presented a beautiful Little Gem Magnolia tree to the 2018 NAARVA National Camp Rally location at Sun N Fun RV Resort, Sarasota, Florida on July 18, 2018.

Dr. Anne Shearer-Steele, Ecology Chairperson

Bereavement Information

A NAARVA member's death announcement should be given to your Chapter President, who will pass it along to your Regional Director. The Regional Director will submit the list of names to **Gloria Shelton, NAARVA's National Benevolence Chair**, at: shelt57@aol.com



NAARVA Proudly Awards and Salutes Our High School Graduates



Dr. Preston Bryant
National Scholarship Chairman

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The NAARVA Scholarship Committee and I salute our three 2018 Essay Scholarship winners. All winners as each received a one thousand dollar scholarship as they enrolled in their respective colleges.

The awardees are: Troy Baughman (McKinney, TX), Makiyah Owens (Jeffersonville, IN), and Joseph Patrick (Baton Rouge, LA). A portion of each NAARVA's membership dues makes it possible for our young people to receive

these scholarships to advance academically. Thank you. Take a look at what these fine scholars have done and what plans they have for the future. Their biographic sketches spell success, determination and show signs of bright futures. *(Information and photo not received for Troy Baughman)*

Makiyah Owens



My name is Makiyah Owens. I am from Jeffersonville, Indiana, where I am a senior at Jeffersonville high school and will be graduating with a honors diploma and a 3.8 GPA. At Jeffersonville High School I was a part of various sports and organizations such as the Anchor Club, Varsity Basketball, Newspaper, National Honor Society, and Democrat Club. This fall I will be attending The University of Kentucky, majoring in political science in hopes of attending law school in the future. William and Martha McClain, my grandparents, are a part of the *Kentuckiana Camping Club*.

Joseph George-Michael Patrick



Dear Mr. Bryant and Committee,

I am writing to thank you for the generous scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn I was selected as the recipient of your 2018 NAARVA Scholarship. By rewarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus on school.

My parents, Joseph, Jr. and Carmen Patrick, along with my grandparents, Betty and Joseph Patrick, Sr., are extremely proud of me. "Thank You" for making it possible for me to attend college! I hope to one day be able to help students achieve their goals as you have helped me.

Sincerely,
Joseph Patrick

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Education Station



UPDATES:

Rhea Christmas



William (Bill) and Maxine Christmas are very proud of the accomplishments of their granddaughter Rhea Christmas, a 2014 NAARVA scholarship recipient.

Rhea graduated from Rutgers University in the top 2% of the 2018 graduating class. Rhea has been accepted to Yale University Law School and will begin this August 2018.

Listed are just a few of Rhea's numerous accomplishments while attending Rutgers.

EDUCATION: RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: New Brunswick, NJ
Political Science and Media & Journalism Studies, Graduation, May 2018

- GPA 3.95/4.00

(See Graduate Updates, p. 7)

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Graduate Updates:

- James Dickson Carr Scholarship (Full Tuition).

- Dean's List Fall 2014 to 2016. Spring 2015 to 2017.

INTERNSHIPS

U.S. Senate - Office of Senator Cory Booker, Washington, DC; Press Intern July 2016 — Aug 2016.

U.S. Federal Court - Chambers of Judge Freda Wolfson, Trenton, NJ Extern, March 2016.

ACTIVITIES

Phi Alpha Delta: Pre-Law Fraternity, Rutgers University Treasurer, May 2017 - Present.

Scholarship Chair, February 2016 — May 2017.

Dean's Student Advisory and Inclusivity & Diversity Committee, Douglass Residential College.

Committee Member, Nov. 2014 — Present.

We wish Rhea well in her new adventures and studies at Yale University Law School.

ABOUT PICTURES...

Please remember when taking pictures that you need to have your camera set on a high resolution (at least 250 dpi {300 preferred}) and USE your flash at all times, even when outside, as it dispels shadows especially on faces. Don't be afraid to get "close" to the subject, so we can "see faces" not a lot of background. Send your photos via E-mail in a separate .jpg file. Do NOT embed them in the article. If photos are too dark, blurry or too small, they will not be printed in *The Voice*. **Please limit your photos to 6 per article.**

Alexis P. Walker-Durham

Greetings to the National African-American RVer's Association Inc.!

My name is Alexis Walker-Dunham, and I am a 2014 \$1,000 scholarship recipient. My grandparents are James and Pat Walker (94-2665) of the **Rocky Mountain RV Rollers**, Central Region. I am writing this memo to update NAARVA on my academic success.

On June 9, 2018, I graduated from the University of Denver, summa cum laude, with a degree in Political Science and Communication Studies and a minor in Criminology. While attending the University of Denver, I participated in a number of extracurricular activities. I was a Denver Cheerleader, three-year Resident Assistant, a member of the Black Student Alliance, and inducted in several honor societies, such as the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Phi Beta Kappa.

I was also initiated into the Zeta Pi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where I served as the 2016-2018 President and the 2016-2018 Colorado State Facilitator.

Currently, I am studying for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), in order to begin law school in the Fall 2019 term. After graduating from law

school, I would like to become a civil rights attorney.

With these accomplishments in mind, I would be remiss if I did not thank NAARVA, again, for the investment in my academic future. I hope I have made you proud. Please enjoy this photo from graduation day!

**Warm Regards,
Alexis P. Walker-Dunham**



Rules for Submitting Articles to The Voice

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 Winter issue is January 5, 2019. RD's and contributing writers, please E-mail your articles to the Editor soon after the events.**

NAARVA members will receive *The Voice* by E-mail. You may access it through the NAARVA website: www.naarva.com.

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 three times yearly by NAARVA. Voice Editor: Gwynne Toney, naarvavoice@gmail.com.

EASTERN REGION



Chillin' On The Outer Banks may have been the theme for this year's rally, but by the Grace of God it wasn't a weather prediction. We were blessed with the most magnificent, awe-inspiring sunrises and sunsets with sunny clear blue skies daily; well until the last evening when we got quite a bit of rain, which didn't dampen our spirits.

Opening ceremonies had the pleasure of having the local Boy Scouts present the colors, and at the risk of sounding like a broken record, Anna Washington did a fantastic job with the presentation of our regional state flags, as did Bill Christmas as the Master of Ceremony.



Decorating the Rally cake.



Spectacular sunsets!

David, the rally coordinator for the resort was an absolute angel, he was kind enough to bake our rally cake which was comprised of six individual sheet cakes with three different flavors, yum.

Members enjoyed the old standby games, card bingo and the cake walk and as luck would have it, a first time ER rally attendee and first time card bingo player "with no partner" mind you, won her first game of bingo and first time doing the cake walk, and won several cakes. Congratulations, Cindy Simmons.

So many members took part in the other activities that we didn't have enough available to practice our bean bag baseball skills, but know this, we're coming back for our first place trophy.

Betty Thomas set up a "Tour of The Island" excursion which included a Pea Island Cookhouse tour. Many experienced a very important part of history relating to us as a people. They learned that the Pea Island Lifesavers were a part of the first lifesaving station in the United States where there was an all Black crew, with the first Black commanding officer. They also visited one of the many lighthouses on the Outer Banks.

Our Saturday night entertainment The Norrosha Band began with a few challenges when part of the band was

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delayed, but at the saying goes, "It's not how you start but how you finish." That couldn't have been more fitting because they ended the evening with a dynamic show.

All in all we had a wonderful time, thanks to our Regional Director Belinda Moore and her staff, along with Camp Hatteras rally coordinator, David and the resort staff, who went above and beyond making sure we had any and everything needed to make this rally a success. .

Until next year God willing and the creek don't rise, we're looking forward to seeing you at Chesapeake KOA in Cape Charles, VA. Safe travels.

*Submitted by Linda Tailleur
Royal Campers*



PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE. You will RECEIVE additional information soon.

WESTERN REGION



LOUISE GROGAN
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Western Region 2018 Spring Rally

“The Wild, Wild, West” is where members of the Western Region of NAARVA met, with the city of Pahrump, Nevada as the host site. May 1st to the 6th were the days for the 18th Annual Regional Rally held at the fabulous Nevada Treasure RV Resort, known for its well-designed RV sites with thatched roof patios and propane bar-b-que grills.

Thirty-one coaches were registered for the six day event, where Regional Director Louise Grogan and Wagon Master Bruce Toney had activities planned that brought the theme to fruition. Decorations, prepared by *The Voice* Editor Gwynne Toney, included visual representations of life-size cowboys that adorned the walls in the main meeting venue.



A special area was reserved for “selfie” Western photos.

Early birds arriving on Tuesday participated in a variety of activities and enjoyed “Taco Tuesday” served in Mark’s Grill on site, followed by a “Meet and Greet” which included a get acquainted ice breaker activity and Rally schedule review.

On Wednesday, Rally Attendees and



invited guests took part in the **Welcome Ceremony**. Nye County Commissioner, Dan Schinhofen welcomed NAARVA to the City of Pahrump. The Event Coordinator, Ashley Anderson, expressed what a pleasure it was to have NAARVA choose their resort as our Rally location. The Charitable Contribution was presented to Commander Greg Cardarelli of the Disabled American Veterans of Pahrump. Everyone enjoyed deli sandwiches, salad, chips and drinks!

The early part of Thursday included 21 members traveling to **Freedom Reins Ranch** for a tour which included lunch, cowboy style! The highlight of the Ranch was member Dorothy Smith on horseback!



Louise Grogan, WR Director and Barryington “Barry” Grogan Jr.

On Friday evening, attendees were treated to an open “Margarita Bar,” served by volunteer bartenders. **Friday night’s dinner** was true to the Rally theme — each club brought their own “Western Vittles” paired with corn on the cob, provided by the region. Each table was decorated with a unique western theme. It was all fabulous! Cowboys and cowgirls dressed in cowboy boots, hats, shirts and broom stick skirts, danced to the beat of “Wild Wild West” by Kool Moe Dee. DJ, Mr. Danny Mack, and line dancing instructor, Ms. Roberta Mason, made the evening a time to remember.

Governing Assembly & Annual Regional Camp Rally meetings were very productive. Regional business included, Chapter Annual Reports, the election of officers, and plans for the 2019 NAARVA National Camp Rally, which will be hosted by the Western Region. The 27th Camp Rally will convene at the Mesa Spirit RV Resort in Mesa AZ, July 21 - 28, 2019. Members were treated to breakfast burritos on Friday morning prior to the Camp Rally Meeting.

Competition

The more athletic members participated in a Thursday Bowling Tournament “**Bowling for Fun**” in the Nevada Treasure Resort’s Bowling Alley. First Place: Jonathan & Raushanah Payne (*Fun Seekers Rain City Travelers* - Washington) and Second Place - Tony & Alice Harris (*California*

(See Western Region, p. 10)



Bruce Toney, Wagon Master and Gwynne Toney, Co-Wagon Master

Western Region Rally

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Cruisers).

The card wizards participated in a Saturday Bid Whist Tournament. First Place: Oscar Neal & Joe Patrick (*California Cruisers*) and Second Place - Tony Steele & Luria Walker (*The Original Las Vegas Rolling Wheels*).

50/25/25 Winners

Cynthia Neal (*California Cruisers*)
Mable Hinton (*California Cruisers*)
Vivian Ward (*Fun Seekers Rain City Travelers*)

Raushanah Payne (*Fun Seekers Rain City Travelers*)

Kevin Davis (*Member at Large*)

Sheila Davis (*Member at Large*)

Daily health walks were encouraged and members who were vigilant about healthy activity gathered to participate in the walk led by Lacy and Dorothy Smith - *The Original Las Vegas Rolling Wheels*. Continuing to encourage a healthy life style, Health Screening Seminars started Wednesday led by Bettie Bell, RN, PHN — *California Cruisers*. They included daily blood pressure checks and private consultations. She also made available fresh fruit and health related literature. Watch for this at the 2019 National Rally.

An informative and educational seminar entitled “How to Get Out,” focused on **RV Fire Safety**. It was led by Donna Locricchio.

The week concluded with the 2019 **Rally Planning Meeting** on Saturday morning, with all attendees invited to attend, the Members Flea Market during the afternoon, and the Rally Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Regional Chaplain, Rev. Melvin Walker - *The Original Las Vegas Rolling Wheels Club*, conducted the Memorial Service. He gave an inspirational sermon, concluding with a Blessing of the Travelers!
Submitted by: Anne Steele; The Original Las Vegas Rolling Wheels and Louise Grogan; Western Region Director

Thank You from Western Region Scholarship Recipient

To the Western Region Scholarship Committee,

As the 2017 Western Region Scholarship recipients, I want to thank you again for your thoughtful gift and encouragement. Your generosity was of great assistance to me. I was able to maintain above average grades in spite of the challenges I faced during my first year at Howard University - challenges related to being so far away from home for the first time.

During the summer, I had the honor and pleasure of interning at NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California, as a research intern under the mentorship of the inaugural Aminah Jahi Internship Program.

I am now entering my second year with five courses and I will continue to strive for that 4.0 GPA. Thank you



again for supporting the educational endeavors of students like me. I am deeply appreciative for that support as I continue to strive towards excellence!
In Truth and Service,
Daijon Bereola-Carson
Grandson of Bruce and Gwynne Toney

There's
An
App
for
That



By Bruce Toney



We've all been there, it's late at night and you're tired. Time to pull over for a nap or an overnight sleep. Don't really want to pay the expense for full hookups at an RV park that you don't need? So there's an App for that! When you're in your RV, where can you park overnight to sleep, just for one night? Where parking overnight to sleep will not result in eviction, a ticket, or being towed away in the middle of the night? Where can you get some rest without having to pay a dime? OvernightRVParking.com has the answers you need!

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SAVE THE DATE:

**2019 NATIONAL CAMP RALLY
NAARVA ACROSS AMERICA
(HONORING OUR VETERANS)
Colors - Red, White and Blue**

**SUNDAY, JULY 21st - JULY 28th
MESA SPIRIT RV RESORT
MESA, AZ**

**WATCH FOR EARLY REGISTRATION PACKETS - WITH DISCOUNTS AND
INCENTIVE DRAWING INFORMATION.**

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CENTRAL REGION



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Amazing Amana Adventure June 3 - 10, 2018

History of Amana Colonies

The Amana Colonies are not Amish. Both religious groups are German-speaking formed in Europe and settled in Iowa in the mid-1800's to escape the outside world. The Amish broke away from the Anabaptist Church in 1693 while the Amana Church broke away from the Lutheran Church in 1714.

Attendance - 67 Coaches

Activities

- Daily Morning Fitness Walks
- Card Bingo
- Bean Bag Baseball
- Open Horseshoe Play
- Bid Whist Tournament
- Line Dancing
- Cake Walk
- Ice Cream Social
- Central Region Yard Sale

NAARVA members placed items for sale in front of their RV's. It was an opportunity to meet new people and find a good bargain.

- Auction

Special Activities

• **Wine Tasting** during the Opening Ceremonies Reception presented by Ackerman Wineries of the Amana Colonies.

• **Amana Ticket Hunt.** Local stores and shops in the Amana Colonies provided special prizes to

NAARVA members who presented raffle tickets whose numbers matched the tickets that were posted in the stores and shops they visited.

• **Ladies African Themed Luncheon.** Ladies attended the luncheon dressed in beautiful African Dresses. All participated in a Fashion Walk Show of their African Attire.

• **Men & Que.** While the ladies had their luncheon, the men got together for fellowship and food.

• **Amana Colony Family Dinner.** Amana-style dinner provided by the Amana Colonies Heritage Haus.

Seminars

- Juice Plus - There are many ways to keep the body healthy.
- Sky Med

Tours

• African American Museum of Iowa
Plans are presently in the works for a location for the NAARVA Central Region 2019 Rally.

Central Region Executive Board Members newly elected during the Central Region Rally are:

Jerome H. Moore - Director

Joellen Davis - Asst. Director

Pat Walker - Treasurer

Pat Brady - Financial Secretary

Sylvia Allen - Secretary

Winner of "Big Rolling Wheels" Contest

The NAARVA "Big Rolling Wheels" Contest was created as an opportunity for members to share their traveling adventures throughout the year through written narratives and/or photos. Awards are given each year to applicants who show an understanding and completion of the requirements.

The 2018 winner of the "Big Rolling Wheels Contest" with a written narrative and photo entry entitled, "Touring Highways and Byways to NAARVA Rallies and Beyond," was Jackie Solomon, Lady J, from Penis, California, Western Region.

Jackie's entry included two large albums filled with visual displays of photos, artistry, pamphlets, and artifacts

as well as written information about her experiences as she traveled throughout the United States to NAARVA events. Her entry showed carefully painstakingly original design presentations. Congratulations to Jackie! Honorable mention goes to Oliver and Ceola Stepp from Brownsville, Tennessee, Southern Region, for their beautiful photo entry with large photos entitled, "It's a Hard Climb to the Top."

Thanks to all participants for taking the time and interest to enter the contest.

Article submitted by Brenda Dorsett, Anne Shearer-Steele, Contest Chair

*"Big Rolling
Wheels" contest
winner Jackie
Solomon (L) with
Brenda Dorsett.*



Your Health Matters...

By Gwynne Toney

Support Local Farmers' Markets

By late summer the lakes and pool warm up with the lazy, humid days of summer. The farmers' markets also heat up — with ripe, seasonal produce, and fruit and vegetable stands heaped with impressive selections. As my husband and I RV across the country, we often seek out local farmers' markets and road stands for the freshest produce for smoothies, juicing and eating. Here are some reasons to shop market-style for the remainder of the summer and into early fall:

Fresh and Local

Produce grown locally means it's picked at peak ripeness and it travels very little distance to customers — not sitting for weeks or months or traveling thousands of miles before it's sold.

Picked at Peak Season

Most grocery store produce are picked before they're ripe, to extend shelf life. However, picking early often compromises taste. Alternately, the produce you'll find at a local farmers' market is grown seasonally and harvested at its freshest point.



Peak Nutrition

Akin to taste, the most potent nutritional value is also compromised when fruits and veggies are harvested before they're ripe.

Support Your Local Economy

When you're home, choosing to shop at a farmers' market supports farmers and your local community by keeping consumer money directly in your area — funneled from you directly to the farmer.

Food Affordability

Organic foods are typically a lot more affordable straight from the farmer than from a specialty "organic" store or at your large grocery retailer.

Variety is the Spice of Farmers Markets

At the market, the variety of fruits and veggies is overwhelming. Plus, I have the option to try kale from several farmers and pick my very favorite variety (as they all grow differently).

TECH TALK

By Bruce Toney

Passive Steering on Motorhome Tag Axles



Many larger diesel pushers made today are equipped with tag axles. This is a third axle having single wheels at each side that resides behind the dual wheeled drive axle. This feature increases the carrying capacity to help meet the heavier optioned coaches. They also can reduce the weight distributed on the drive axle such that lower air pressure can be used in the rear tire sets. This often contributes to a smoother, softer vehicle ride.

Tag Axle Wear

One of the issues with the additional axle is that it can reduce the turning radius slightly. This is caused by somewhat simulating a longer wheelbase by moving the pivot point further back.

Additionally, abnormal tread wear can result on the tag's tires as they are forced to skid during a tight turning maneuver. To overcome both of these issues, the RV chassis makers designed a driver-controlled pneumatic suspension solution. The axle's air bag could be unloaded so the only weight during the turn would be that of the axle, or, aired fully up, lifting the axle tires from the ground. The method depended on the manufacturer, but ei-

ther worked well.

Passive Solution

Commercial vehicles like Prevost and MCI passenger buses adapted another solution and have used it for years. They used a steerable tag axle. The most common being a passive steer type. Basically, the wheels steer in the needed direction controlled by the vehicle's turning angle configuration.

In 2014 or so, RV makers and their chassis suppliers started offering passive steering tag axles. Perhaps they introduced it to one-up their competition. In my opinion, the air up or unload was all that was needed in the RV application.

So, why is this feature needed in the

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Highlights of 26th Annual NAARVA National Camp Rally

Greetings NAARVA Family,

The 26th Annual NAARVA National Camp Rally was a wonderful and successful event that was held in Sarasota, Florida at the beautiful Sun N Fun RV Resort, July 15-22, 2018. The attendance of 405 families was the largest attendance at a National Rally in years.

The rally was hosted by the 16 RV clubs and committees in the Southern Region, Karen Hammonds and Roman Williams, Co-Chairs, Sylvia Elam, Public Relations Chair, Rodney Thompson, Asst. Director and Dr. Monica Ford-Davis Regional Director.

Coaches and families started their arrival into Sun N Fun as early as the Wednesday before the rally. On Saturday before the rally vendors began to arrive. Excitement began to fill the

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commercial bus industry, but perhaps not beneficial in the RV application? Tour buses are engaged constantly in turning within a tight radius many times each day with the likes of hotel parking lots, etc. Motorhomes are not constantly challenged with this requirement and can turn as tight as a passive steer axle using the air-up feature. A steerable tag transfers the rear pivot point to the center of the drive axle. An aired up or unloaded tag also transfers the pivot to the drive axle center. There is no tighter a radius turn with either. Any statement otherwise is just smoke and mirrors.

But, like many new features being offered today, there are buyers that insist on such technology and those who do not. However, in most cases steerable tag axles either come with a unit or don't — it's another item to add to your list of considerations when shopping for a new RV.

*Reprint from Good Sam
by Peter Mercer*

air! The wonderful staff at Sun N Fun welcomed members of NAARVA and were there all week to assist as needed. A special thanks to Sun N Fun staff members Susan Shoemaker and Executive Chef Joan Powell.

Our major sponsors: Newmar (Ice Cream Social), Dometic Products (name tag wallets), Sun N Fun RV Resort (rally backpacks), Lazy Days (Glamper's Ball), Lamesa RV (Meet & Greet), NAARVA Southern Region (trollies), Freightliner and other contributors helped make the rally an awesome event.

There were 16 enthusiastic vendors at the Rally. Their products and services ranged from RV accessories and detailing, to alternate modes of transportation, to RV resort membership, to fashion and originally designed jewelry, to successful authors, to emergency medical assistance, to healthy teas. In addition to their high-quality products and services, vendors offered taste testing, giveaways, prizes and good advice. Many of the vendors also conducted interesting and informative

seminars.

As a show of appreciation to our vendors, Raymond Goodwill from the **Rollin' Buccaneers** served them a delicious Jambalaya lunch on their final day.

Fantastic tours included a trip to the Hardrock Casino in Tampa, Florida and Newtown Alive, an educational and historical tour of Sarasota's African American history.

Oh, what fun! Many of the NAARVA kids enjoyed a week at Sun N Fun's Summer Camp. They enjoyed games, water activities, bungee jumping, breakfast, lunch, snacks and a souvenir t-shirt. The Western Region hosted a movie activity for kids on the first day of the rally. Families had access to the beautiful pool and health center in the resort.

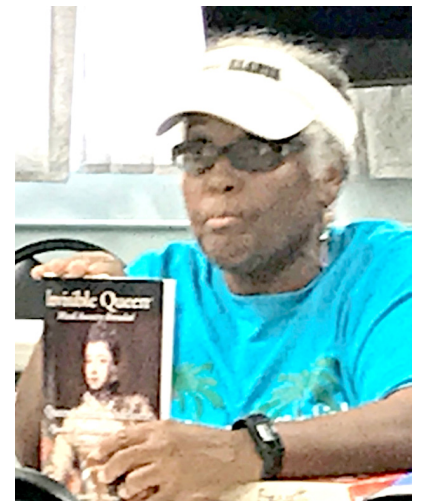
Seminars were fun and educational. Highlights included:

- **Buffalo Soldiers Seminar and Exhibit:** The primary mission of the Buffalo Soldiers Historical Society is to preserve, promote and perpetuate *(See 26th National Camp Rally, pg.15)*

NAARVA BOOK REVIEW

The discussion on *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* was exhilarating, which led to comments on Medical Apartheid. In honor of Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry's African ancestry, Queen Charlotte Sophia, was presented.

Send suggestions for next year's book review title to Brenda Dorsett at j.dorsett2@live.com. Rally to be held in Mesa, AZ.



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the history of African American military units. Their primary focus covers from 1775 to 1951. Thanks to Joe Tillman for bringing his traveling exhibit for NAARVA members to enjoy.

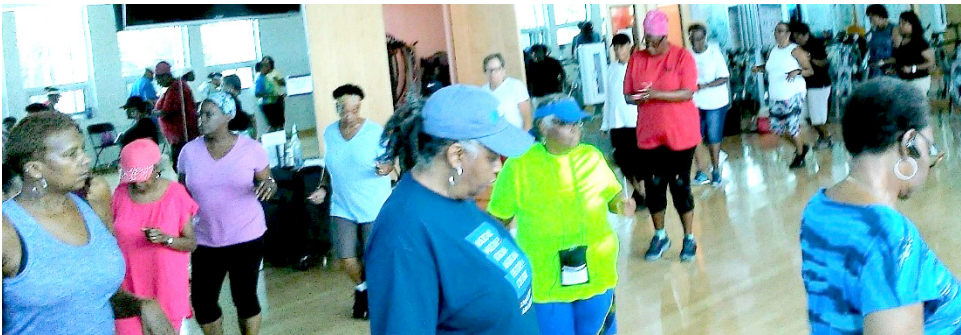
• **Dresses for African Girls:** The

104 dresses were graciously made with the help of the *Innovators, Rhythmic Rollers, Northeast Florida Campers, New Horizons Club* and others. A special thanks goes out to Faith Temple Church of Capital Heights, MD, for contributing many

dresses for club through member Dorothy Brown of the *Happy Travelers*. Thanks, Alyne Fulton



NAARVA Rhythmic Dancers, lead by Brenda Dorsett, did their thing at the 2018 rally in Sarasota. Every day was filled with excited participants who were willing to DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!



for coordinating this event.

• **Other Seminars included:** Lazy Days Confidence course, RV Awnings - Almost Everything You wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask, Safe-T-Plus, Love and Care of your RV, RV Fire Safety, Freightliner Fireside Chat, Health Benefits of Tea Talk and Tasting and others. Visit Sarasota Visitor's Bureau provided informative area information to members with its traveling visitor's van.

We did not forget to give praise for our many blessings. Two Bible studies were led by the Rev. Thomas Hanes, National Chaplain with the assistance of Rosemary Range, Southern Region Chaplain and other club chaplains. The rally's Church Service was held on the final day of the rally. Second Chances Renewing Lives was the charity that was supported with church donations.

Familiar activities such as the Red Hat Tea, Gentlemen's Forum, Golf Tournament, Bean Bag Baseball, Line Dancing and the Book Talk made the 2018 NAARVA National Camp Rally unforgettable.

Thank you for your support!
Dr. Monica Ford-Davis,
Southern Region Director
On behalf of the Southern Executive Board and Clubs

The 26th Annual National Camp Rally is now history, but you can experience the good times through these photos, which were submitted by Robert Holloway and Dr. Monica Ford-Davis.















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COMBAT RECORD

Year	Number of Airmen	Number of Aircraft	Number of Missions
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1946	120	12	120
1947	150	15	150
1948	180	18	180
1949	200	20	200
1950	220	22	220
1951	250	25	250
1952	280	28	280
1953	300	30	300
1954	320	32	320
1955	350	35	350
1956	380	38	380
1957	400	40	400
1958	420	42	420
1959	450	45	450
1960	480	48	480
1961	500	50	500
1962	520	52	520
1963	550	55	550
1964	580	58	580
1965	600	60	600
1966	620	62	620
1967	650	65	650
1968	680	68	680
1969	700	70	700
1970	720	72	720
1971	750	75	750
1972	780	78	780
1973	800	80	800
1974	820	82	820
1975	850	85	850
1976	880	88	880
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