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From The President's Desk...

As we gear up for our highly anticipated National Rally at Lake-wood Camping Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from Sep-tember 8-15, 2024, I want to take a moment to emphasize the impor-tance of traveling safely. As RV en-thusiasts, it's paramount that we pri-oritize safety on the road. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or a first-timer, please ensure your vehicle is in top condition, adhere to speed limits, and always stay alert while driving. Let's make this rally not only memorable but also safe for every-

one involved.

In other exciting news, we are pleased to announce that NAARVA members can now enjoy exclusive dis-counts from our new business partners: Big Rig Savings, Grouper, Blue Water RV Resort, Spacious Skies RV Resort, and Discount Tires. Take advantage of these fantastic offers as you plan your next adventure.

To streamline communication and keep you updated on all things NAARVA, we're transitioning to digi-tal platforms. We'll be sending more in-formation via Constant Contact, so



please ensure your E-mail addresses are current to receive the latest up-dates and announcements.

Lastly, I encourage all members to join our NAARVA Facebook group. It's a fantastic space to connect with fellow members, share tips, and stay informed about upcoming events and initiatives.

Thank you for your continued sup-port, and let's make this National Rally one for the books!

Rodney Thompson

**President
National African American
RVers Association**

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Group**



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Dear NAARVA members,

I hope this message finds you well!

I am writing to share with you the outcome of the recent voting process conducted on the sale of the NAARVA Office in Charlotte, North Carolina. A total of 1593 valid ballots were emailed, 371 were cast and received, with 310 in favor and 61 opposed to the ballot under consideration.

The majority vote was in favor of the ballot, with a significant margin.

Thank you to all who participated in this important decision-making process. Your engagement is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require further clarification regarding the results.

Best regards,

Brian Skipper

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NAARVA 1st Vice President

June 14, 2024

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS

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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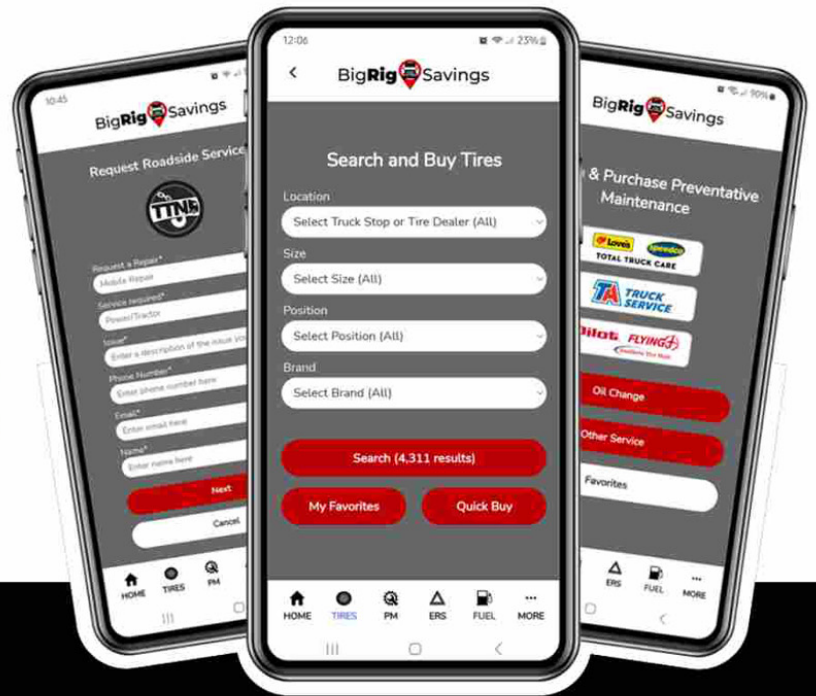
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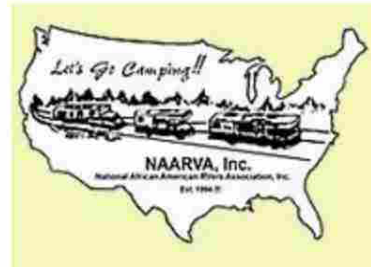
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NAARVA Executive Board
June 7, 2024
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A Word From the Editor...

Hallelujah Indeed!!Our summer has finally kicked off! Starting with the Western Region Rally, and moving through the Central Region Rally, and National Rally in succession, NAARVA is now in full swing! Check out this quarter's "**Looking Ahead**" section and discover all the local chapter's planned events. Note the support opportunities offered through NAARVA's partnerships with national vendors, the results of direct polling with/to the NAARVA membership, and the resulting excitement these things generate. NAARVA is

now in gear and moving.

In this edition of the *VOICE* you are getting communication of NAARVA partnerships offering savings benefits to members, our usual listing of Board members and appointments, more rally info and resulting event feedback, Travel Blessings, acknowledgement of High School Seniors applying for the 2024 Carolyn Buford NAARVA Scholarships, and some more special NAARVA offerings. Join in the Spirit!



As always Thank you all for your participation.

Until the next time...

James

Education Station



JOELLEN DAVIS
NAARVA Scholarship
Committee Chairperson

CONGRATULATIONS, ALL GRADUATING SENIORS!

I would also like to say, "Thank You" to all the Seniors who applied for the 2024 Carolyn J. Buford NAARVA Scholarships.

As the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, I am proud to say that NAARVA will be awarding six Scholarship Awards (4 - \$1,000.00 Scholarships and 2 - \$500.00 Scholarships). A presentation will be made at the NAARVA National Rally in Myrtle Beach, SC.

We wish ALL graduating Seniors the best of luck and success as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. Keep reaching for the stars!

CENTRAL REGION



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Hello, NAARVA! At the submission of this article, we were on the eve of our NAARVA Central Region Rally in Sparta, IL, at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex. The Central Region Executive Board had received calls from NAARVA members excited about the Rally and asking the typical questions before traveling to Sparta.

There is one membership area that has special meaning for this great organization — the NAARVA members who are not physically able to travel this year. Let's make sure to check-in with members who are not well enough to travel — in the hospital, scheduled or recovering from surgery or illness, and members with relatives in these situations.

Wishing members who are not well enough to travel this year the best we have to offer, our well wishes and prayers.

Sylvia Allen

NAARVA Chaplain's Corner...

Traveling Grace

Psalms 91:10



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Hello, my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Believe it or not, it's traveling season again. The grandkids are out of school and looking forward to a delightful RV road trip.

Going on a road trip in our RV, whether a class A, B, C, fifth wheel, bumper pull, etc., can mean anything from a short weekend trip near the neighborhood to an extended road trip across the country. But before leaving, some items need to be checked off depending on where you are going and the duration of your planned journey. That being said, everyone should review essential maintenance preparation checks before setting out.

Start planning 3 to 6 months before your scheduled trip. Before heading out on the road, you must check your RV's condition and ensure it is safe and ready for travel. The last thing you want to do is end up stranded on the side of the road dealing with mechanical or electrical issues instead of enjoying your vacation. Consider having your RV inspected by a certified technician at least annually. Also, keep up to date with your RV's scheduled preventative maintenance.

Many of us plan to attend the 2024 NAARVA National Camp Rally at Lakewood Camping Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from September 8 to 15. Remember, an ounce of prevention outweighs a pound of cure.

In the Book of Luke 4:1, Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, was on His way back from Jordan and was led into the wilderness, where the devil tempted him for forty days. We learned in verse 4 that Satan, the devil, also knows the Scriptures. He uses Luke 4:10, "For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee." to tempt Jesus into literally jumping off the highest point in Jerusalem, forcing God to pro-

vide a supernatural rescue.

The devil is twisting Psalm 91:11 in Luke 4:10 and Matthew 4:5-6. The devil implied that the words written in the Scriptures were a demand to God to act according to Jesus' will: that Jesus could do anything He wanted, and God would be obliged to keep Him from harm. In the following verses, Jesus said no, God is not obligated to protect Him from all physical damage, no matter what He does. As with Jesus' other tests, He appropriately responds by rejecting sin and choosing to trust in God's timing, Luke 4:12. Jesus doesn't suggest that God would abandon Him, only that it would be wrong to challenge or demand God as if daring Him to break His promise.

In Psalm 91:11, the psalmist celebrates the Lord's incredible ability to protect His people: "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." God's promise is conditional.

A significant and crucial component of our travel checklist should always pray for traveling grace. As we travel to and from our destination, remember Psalms 91:11. "God has

commanded His angels to watch, protect, and guard over us. God's angels, not our situation, can act on our behalf. God is our strength, not our genie in a lamp. (Philippians 4:13)

Father, we pray for safe traveling grace. We ask that no unexpected mechanical, electrical, tire, or health issues occur. Please keep us safe on these busy roads. As drivers, please give us the discernment to know when to take breaks and not to push ourselves beyond our limits. We ask that You release Your angels to surround us as we go to and from our destination. Lastly, Father, when we finish our travels and return home to our families, we ask that everything be as it were or even better than we left. In Jesus' name, we pray. Praise God, Praise God, Praise God.

Amen



2024 NAARVA National Camp Rally

Don't forget to submit your form(s)!

"NAARVA's Family Reunion"



#1 Registration Packet

#2 Souvenir Booklet Ad Form – (go to naarva.com and get your ad form, complete it, and submit it for Regions, Clubs, and individual NAARVA members, and be a part of the 31st National Camp Rally history)

#3 Parade Entry Form

#4 Youth Activities Form

#5 Seminar Application – if interested in presenting a seminar during the rally

#6 Vendor Application – if interested in being a vendor during the rally

Please go to naarva.com and send the completed forms to:

NAARVA Office

P. O. Box 220246

Charlotte, NC 28222

#7 Rally T-shirt Order Form – Find form at naarva.com with additional information.

Make checks or money orders payable to NAARVA Eastern Region and mail form and payment to:

Thren Baugh

NAARVA Eastern Region

P. O. Box 13457

Richmond, VA 23225

June 7, 2024

NAARVA Executive Board

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"NAARVA's Family Reunion"



Come and enjoy "NAARVA's Family Reunion" at the 2024 NAARVA National Annual Camp Rally hosted by the Eastern Region at Lakewood Camping Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC from September 8-15, 2024.

Due to the possibility of COVID-19, NAARVA will be following the CDC regulations for South Carolina at this rally to provide a safe environment for our attendees. Your Saturday meal will be provided to you by two food trucks, Montana's Fish Fry and Jimmyz Hibachi. You will be able to select a meal from the truck of your choice. Meal tickets will be provided to you according to your menu selection form. There will be NO substitution.

Lakewood Camping Resort offers accommodations suited for Campers and Glampers while camping there. RV sites accommodate all sizes of RVs with 20/30/50 amp full-hook-up, plenty of room for slides, picnic table, daily onsite

trash removal service and free WIFI & cable.

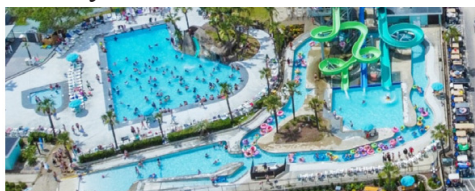
As you relax on your spacious back-in RV site, enjoy the water park, lazy river, indoor and outdoor pools, swim or walk on the 1/2 mile beach, putt a round of golf and disc golf, play basketball on the basketball court, play pickle ball, play volleyball, corn hole, shuffleboard and bocce ball.

The resort has a laundromat, full service bathhouses, propane refills, arcade, playground, free bicycles, pedal boats, kayaks and canoe rental. The resort also has fresh and saltwater fishing, ice-cream parlor, seaside cantina, coffee house and camp store.

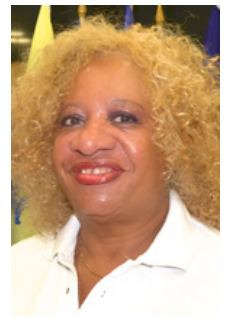
No need to carry cash/credit cards around when you use the Pay & Play wristband that Lakewood Camping Resort provides you with for you to use for any of your purchases.

Lakewood Camping Resort offers spacious vacation rentals for individuals who will not be living in a RV during the rally. To rent one of these call 1-800 258-8309 or 843 447-7373 Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.) Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. You can see the selections of vacation rentals online at LCR Vacation Rentals.

If you want to experience camping in a RV you can contact one of the rec-



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ommended dealers that Lakewood Camping Resort recommends such as: Camper Life 843-602-1859, Coastline RV 843 504-5447, Cozy Turtle RV Rental 843-455-3138 or on line at www.CozyTurtleRV.com. RV Rentals of Myrtle Beach at 843-698-6048, MB RV Rentals at 908-451-8600, Toney Transport Rentals & Camper Storage 843-455-9334.

In order for you to attend the rally, you must purchase a camp pass if you're renting a vacation rental or RV.

Personal golf carts or rental golf carts from outside Lakewood are not permitted on the campground. You can rent a golf cart from Graham Golf Cars on-site facility only after you have registered for the rally to obtain the discount price of \$35 per day.

Your registration gives you an op-
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WESTERN REGION

Greetings from the Western Region

It's that time of year again to put on our Regional Rallies. Here in the Western Region, we've had a fun time at the Black Oak Casino & RV Park, June 25 - 30. The RV Park is in sunny Tuolumne, California. Temps were in the upper 90's to low 100's, perfect for outdoor activities and grilling, exchanging stories with friends.

Our Theme for the rally was Juneteenth. What a fitting celebration for us. We've asked members to include Juneteenth clothing on one day of the Rally, as well as club and regional shirts the other days.

We continue to add members to the Western Region each month. The word is

still getting around regarding NAARVA, and more families are choosing to experience the RV lifestyle with us.

Safe travels to everyone who is out on the road, and we look forward to seeing everyone in Myrtle Beach.

CHARLES GILL, JR.
Director,
Western
Region



“NAARVA’s Family Reunion”

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portunity to join in all planned Rally activities such as card bingo, cake walk, Lip Sync, Karaoke, Beach Party with Live Entertainment, Golf, Beanbag Baseball, Spades, Dominos and Bid Whist Tournaments, Doors Prizes and a chance to win the 50/25/25 cash prize.

You can also increase your RV knowledge at a seminar and take a tour to the International African American Museum in Charleston, SC on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Club members/persons who wish to park together must put their club's/person's name on top of your registration form to ensure that you are parked together. You will not have to send in your registration form together or arrive together. If you don't put that name on your registration form, we cannot guarantee that you will be parked together.

Don't delay, register today and purchase your NAARVA Family Reunion T-shirt by downloading the Registration packet on www.naarva.com or www.naarvaeast.com. We look forward to your attendance at NAARVA's Family Reunion as there's fun, fellowship with family and friends waiting just for you as you've come to love and expect at a NAARVA National Camp Rally.



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July

Looking Ahead: July, August, September 2024

Celebrations and Regional Club Events

July 4, 2024

We think of July 4, 1776, as a day representing the Declaration of Independence, America's revolutionary Charter of Freedom, and the document upon which the nation's founding principles were established. But July 4 wasn't the day that independence was declared. Nor the day that the Declaration was officially signed.

This holiday commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by delegates from the 13 colonies on July 4, 1776. On the 4th, the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence. This is the day we celebrate the birth of the United States of America.



Eastern Region New Horizon RV Club

July 11 - 14, 2024
Palmetto Shores RV Resort
5215 Dingle Pond Road
Summerton, SC 29148

Eastern Region Virginia Camping Cardinals

July 11 - 14, 2024
Fayetteville RV Resort and Cottages
6250 Wade Steadman Road
Wade, NC 28395-9096
Hosts: Group 3 Wagon Master Thren Baugh



July 12, 1949

Frederick McKinley Jones, inventor, entrepreneur, engineer, winner of the National Medal of Technology and an inductee of the



National Inventors Hall of Fame, Patents the Air-Conditioning Unit (Patent 2475841.) He innovated mobile refrigeration technology, receiving 61 patents, including 40 for refrigeration technology. He also revolutionized the cinema industry by creating a superior sound system for projectors at the time.



Eastern Region The Triangle RVers

July 18 - 21, 2024
Crossroads Motorcoach Resort
Lake City, SC
843-374-2131

Looking Ahead: July, August, September 2024

Celebrations and Regional Club Events



Western Region

Funseekers/Rain City Travelers RV Club

July 18 - 20, 2024

Wine Country RV Park

Prosser, Washington

Hosts: Melvin & Lois Harris

<https://winecountryrvpark.com/>

Eastern Region

DC Connections RV Club

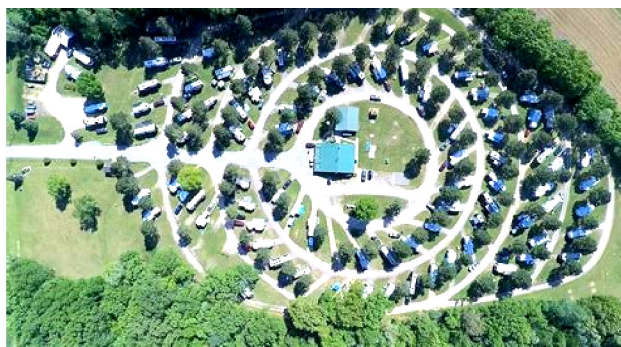
July 19 - 21, 2024

Spacious Skies Shenandoah Views

3402 Kimball Road Luray, VA 22835

Phone: 862-777-0319 Ext. 361

<https://spaciousskiescampgrounds.com/>



Central Region

Ebony Dream Makers Club

July 19 - 21, 2024

At the Country Roads RV Park

1633 State Hwy. 23

Lake Delton, WI 53940

608-253-2132

Central Region

Akron Adventurers Kampers Club

July 25 - 28, 2024

The Resort at Erie Landing

4495 W. Darr Hopfinger Rd.

Port Clinton, OH 43452

419-734-2460



Looking Ahead: July, August, September 2024

Celebrations and Regional Club Events



Eastern Region

The Innovators of North & South Carolina RV Club

July 26 - August 2, 2024

Washington, Cherry Hill Park,

9800 Cherry Hill Road

College Park, MD 20740

Hosts: Norman Butler, Robert Garrison

Central Region

Rocky Mountain RV Rollers

July 27, 2024

Spero Winery

3316 W. 64th Ave.

Denver, CO 89221-216

720-0519-1506

Hosts: Willie and Delores Rosaya

Michael and Traci Walker



August



August 4, 2024 - Friendship Day

Friendship Day (also known as International Friendship Day or Friend's Day) is a day in several countries for celebrating friendship. Initially promoted by the greeting card industry; social networking sites shows a revival of interest in Friendship Day that may have grown with the spread of the internet, particularly in India, Bangladesh and Malaysia. Mobile phones, digital communication, and social media have contributed to popularize the custom.



Eastern Region

New Horizon RV Club

August 8 - 11, 2024

Crossroads Coach Resort at the ROB

243 S, Church Street

Lake City, SC 29560

843-374-2131

Looking Ahead: July, August, September 2024

Celebrations and Regional Club Events

Eastern Region
DC Connections RV Club

August 9 - 11 2024
Candy Hill Campground
165 Ward Avenue
Winchester, VA 22602
Phone: 540-662-8010
<https://candyhill.com>



Western Region
Funseekers/Rain City Travelers RV Club

August 14 - 17, 2024
American Sunset RV & Tent Resort
Westport, Washington
<https://www.americansunsetrv.com/>

Central Region
Rocky Mountain RV Rollers

August 15 - 18, 2024
Pueblo South/Colorado City KOA Holiday
9040 Interstate 25 South @ Exit 74
Pueblo, CO 81004
Hosts: Alex and Jo Ann Fitts



Central Region
Ebony Dream Makers Club

August 16 - 18, 2024
Rustic Barn RV Park
3854 Dry Hollow Rd.
Kieler, WI 53807-9374
608-568-7797

Looking Ahead: July, August, September 2024

Celebrations and Regional Club Events



World Photography Day August 19, 2024

World Photo Day celebrates the day when the French government purchased the patent for the daguerreotype process. The daguerreotype process is a photographic process that creates highly detailed images on a sheet of copper plate with a thin coat of silver. The day requires participants to share a photo of their world, which can be anything the photographer chooses. The word "Photography" comes from the Greek word *phōtós*, which means "light" and *graphê* which means "drawing" or "writing."

Central Region Akron Adventurers Kampers Club

August 22 - 25, 2024
Maumee Bay State Park Campground
Park Road 10
Oregon, OH 43616-5632
419-836-7758



Eastern Region Virginia Camping Cardinals

August 22 - 25, 2024
Old Mill Stream Campground
Lancaster, PA - - 717-299-2314
Hosts: Group 2 Wagon Masters
Vera and Mike



Central Region
Akron Adventurers Kampers Club
August 29 - September 2, 2024
Evergreen RV Resort
16359 Dover Road (250)
Dundee, Ohio 44624
888-359-6429

September

Labor Day September 2, 2024

Labor Day is on the first Monday of September every year and is a national holiday in the U.S. It has its origins in the labor movement and is a day to celebrate American workers. People celebrate Labor Day with picnics, sports events, and street parades. Labor Day has become the unofficial end of summer - after labor Day Weekend kids are back in school.



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Celebrations and Regional Club Events

NAARVA National Camp Rally

September 8 - 15,
2024

Lakewood Camping Resort

5901 S. Kings Hwy,
Myrtle Beach, SC
29575-4967



Registration: www.naarva.com



Western Region

Funseekers/Rain City Travelers RV Club

September 12 - 14, 2024

Harmony Lakeside RV Park

563 State Route 122

Silver Creek, WA 98585-9729

Hosts: John and Vivian Ward

<https://rvinnstyleresorts.com/washington/harmony-lakeside-rv-park/>



WORLD HEART DAY

SEPTEMBER 29

World Heart Day

September 29, 2024

The World Heart Foundation organizes World Heart Day, an international campaign held on September 29 to inform people about cardiovascular diseases, which are the biggest cause of death. The day promotes prevention measures to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

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 VOICE content submissions for Fall 2024 issue is September 10, 2024.**

NAARVA members may access *The Voice* through the NAARVA website: www.naarva.com.

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