

THE NAARVA



VOICE

VOLUME 25 ISSUE 4

©NAARVA All Rights Reserved

FALL 2025

From The President's Desk...

NAARVAFamily,

As the holiday season approaches, many of us are looking forward to hitting the road and enjoying time with family, friends, and fellow RV travelers. Holiday RV traveling brings its own unique joys, decorating your rig with festive touches, sharing meals around the campfire, and exploring new destinations that sparkle with holiday lights and traditions. Whether you're journeying across the country or staying closer to home, the holidays

are a special opportunity to create lasting memories on the open road. On behalf of NAARVA, we wish you safe and joyful travels this holiday season. May your adventures be filled with fellowship, fun, and the spirit of the road.

We'd also like to remind all members to visit the NAARVA Membership Portal to ensure your contact information is current. Keeping your profile updated helps us stay connected and ensures you don't miss important updates, announcements, or upcoming events.



Rodney Thompson

**President
National African American
RVers Association**



NAARVA Executive Board 2025 - 2027



RODNEY THOMPSON
President



BRIAN K. SKIPPER
1st Vice President



IRIS RAINES
2nd Vice President



ELAINE STANDIFER
General Secretary



JANICE CAMPBELL
Asst. Gen. Secretary



JAMES CAMPBELL
Financial Secretary



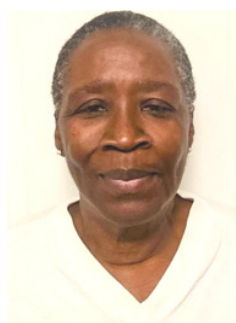
ALBERTA WILLIAMS
Asst. Fin. Secretary



SARAH RUNNELS
Treasurer



ANDREA JOHNSON
"AJ" HARVEY
Assistant Treasurer



LINDA TRILEUR
Director, Eastern Region



VENSON H. MILLER, SR.
Director, Southern Region



SYLVIA ALLEN
Director, Central Region



LIZ HEMINGWAY
Director, Western Region

Appointed Positions

Rev. Garland Scott
National Chaplain

Connie Malone
Parliamentarian

Jean Hampton - *Ecologist*

Ronald (Ron) Standifer -
Historian

Mila Turner
Public Relations Coordinator

Iris Raines
*Constitution &
By-Laws Chair*

Joellen Davis
National Scholarship Chair

Iris Raines
Benevolent Coordinator

Lonnie Fyles
Nominations/Elections

James H. Gregory, Jr.
*NAARVA Voice Editor
(Newsletter)*

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.

Letter from the Editor. . .

We say “time flies” to mean that a certain period of time has seemed to pass very quickly. For example, you haven’t seen your National Camp Rally Buds since the last Rally, but to you it seems like hardly any time has passed. You are happy and pleased at how it seems that old friends and surroundings have either changed little, or exactly in the way your communications, if any, have described. You say: “My, how time flies!” A good redundancy is that as many other summer days have passed, we get again to experience that feeling of rapidly passing time. There is a tenet that says this feeling comes with age, I think it is just a remanent of enjoying life.

So, it is again with this summer. If your local club has done as ours... we have checked off the next current outing, enjoyed the time, collected the pictures, and cycled forward to the next outing... to repeat the process again. Leading to our last camping outing for the year in September.

In this edition of the *VOICE*, you are getting to see your elected Executive Board, continuing reminders of NAARVA partnership offerings, Reverend Scott’s message, and introduction to our current NAARVA Scholarship participants, Central and Western Regional Director Greetings, our NAARVA Ecology reminders, and the next installment of our quarterly “Looking Ahead” listings of celebrations and club events. As always Thank You all for your participation. Until the next time....

James



Partner with NAARVA: Reach a Thriving RV Community!

NAARVA is the largest network of African American RVers and our National Camp Rally is the perfect place to showcase your brand. Sponsorship opportunities offer direct access to an engaged audience of travelers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Brand exposure at national and regional events as well as online.

Direct engagement with our members.

Marketing across NAARVA’s platforms.

Sponsorship levels available for all budgets!

Learn more:

[2025 Sponsorship
Campaigns](#)

Become a Sponsor:

[Sponsorship
Commitment](#)

Contact:

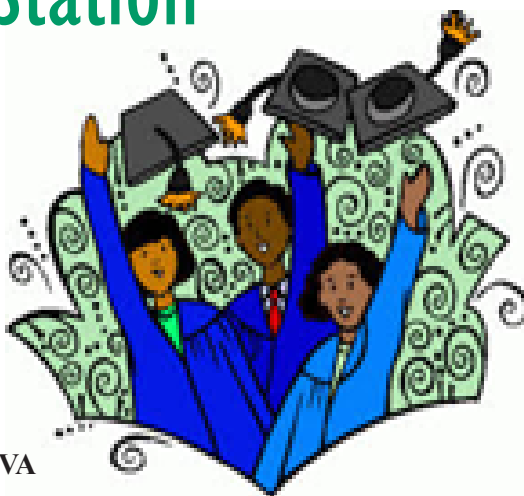
mila.turner@naarva.com

Education Station

Recipient JAMIE PATTON



JOELLEN DAVIS, NAARVA
Scholarship Committee
Chairperson



2025 NAARVA Scholarship Announcement

I have had the pleasure of being the Scholarship Chairperson for the 2024-2025 NAARVA Scholarship Program. I would also like to recognize the NAARVA members who served on this Committee. They include:

Joellen Davis, Chairperson — Central Region

Saundra Powell — Central Region

Lola Porter — Eastern Region

Jean Hampton — Southern Region

Robert McLeod — Western Region

This year, we had **TWO** Applicants for the Carolyn J. Buford Scholarships. I would like to thank BOTH of the students for applying for these Scholarship opportunities.

NAARVA is proud to announce the two recipients of the \$1,000.00 Scholarship. They are: Jamie Patton and Xavier Dunn.

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

Joellen Davis

Recipient XAVIER DUNN



Xavier T. Dunn is a graduate of Prattville High School in Prattville, Alabama, where he finished with a 3.2 overall GPA.

Xavier was a member and secretary of Prattville Jr. Kappa League, where he devoted many community service hours. He was a member of Prattville High School's Basketball team. His discipline, leadership and hard work on and off the court earned him an athletic scholarship to John Melvin Christian College in Pace, Florida, where he will be attending this fall.

Xavier plans to major in Business.



Jamie Patton recently graduated with honors from The Early/Middle College at GTCC Greensboro, in Greensboro, North Carolina, with a 3.6 GPA. Jamie was dually enrolled and earned her associate degree alongside her high school diploma. In addition to her academic achievements, Jamie served as Secretary of both the Student Council and the National Honor Society, completed over 750 hours of community service, and worked a part-time job.

This fall, Jamie will attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to major in Political Science. Jamie's dream is to become a lawyer.

Jamie is the Granddaughter of NAARVA member, Toni Revis of the Southern Region.

Jamie wants to thank NAARVA for the \$1,000.00 Scholarship Award enabling her to further enhance her educational journey.

Xavier also attends Open Door Worship Center where he is active in the Young Adult Ministry.

Xavier is the Grandson of NAARVA members, Maurice and Phyllis House of the Southern Region.

Xavier wants to thank NAARVA for the \$1,000.00 Scholarship Award enabling him to further enhance his educational journey.

NAARVA Chaplain's Corner...

God Sees You!

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I do not know what trials and tribulations you are going through. Maybe you are dealing with circumstances that are so heavy that it's breaking you into pieces, or maybe it's unfavorable health diagnoses from your doctor, or maybe it's a broken relationship with your spouse that feels as though your marriage is beyond repair, or maybe your kids are disobedient, or maybe it's a deep constant mental stress of not knowing how you are going to make it from day to day.

No matter what you are going through, I have some good news from God: **He sees you!** He sees your struggles, He knows the weight you are carrying, He understands your tears, even when you think no one is around to see you cry, **He sees you.** Let me remind you of something that will help ease your mind and promote better sleep. God loves you, and He still works miracles.

Have you been stuck in a distressful situation for so long that you start



to believe things will not change? You told yourself this is how life is supposed to be. God has a message for you, His Word, Isaiah 41:10, NIV, *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

God spoke these words to the Israelites, who were ripped from their homes and driven hundreds of miles away to live under oppression in a foreign land. The Babylonians destroyed the Israelites' cities and burned down their temple, causing the Israelites to wonder: Does God not care about us anymore? Has he completely abandoned us? **Lamentations 5:20-23.**

After suffering in enemy territory for decades, it feels like God has forgotten His people, **Isaiah 40:27, 49:14.** So God reassures them, and he addresses the terror they felt un-

REV.
GARLAND
SCOTT
NAARVA
Chaplain



der their foreign overlords, declaring: *"Do not fear, I will help you."* God strengthens His point and repeats this reassurance three separate times.

But what will Israel's help look like? God's "right hand," a symbol of His power, will make things right for Israel by executing justice against the Babylonians for their brutality. God will raise a new power that will take the world by storm and make Israel's Babylonian enemies as nothing, **Isaiah 41:2-3, 41:11-12.**

Isaiah 44:28 and 45:1 - Identify this new power as Cyrus, King of Persia, who is prophesied to be God's instrument for rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple. God declares Cyrus to be my shepherd and states that he will perform all my pleasure concerning the rebuilding of Jerusalem. This verse is significant because it names Cyrus long before he was born, demonstrating God's foreknowledge and sovereignty.

Though it looks like their foreign overlords hold all the power, the Israelite captives can trust that this current suffering is temporary. To support this case, the passage appeals to Israel's relationship with God thus far and invites reflection on key moments, such as their exodus from Egypt. These moments provide insight into how God's help aligns with His past acts of redemption.

Babylonians could not stand before the God who had defeated Pharaoh

(Continued on page 6)

GOD SEES
YOU AND HE
CARES.

Chaplain's Corner:

Continued from page 5)

of Egypt and his vast armies. Just as God redeemed his people from slavery by reclaiming them from Pharaoh's wrongful possession, **Exodus 6:6**, now he will again act as their redeemer, wrestling them out of Babylon's wrongful grasp, **Isaiah 41:13-14**.

As He did before, God will help His people toward freedom again, leading them in a new exodus, out of exile and through the wilderness, back to their land, **Isaiah 40:3-11, 41:17-19**.

Help from God will come through divine justice, which sets people free and, at times, satisfies deep human desires, as stated in **Isaiah 40:41**. However, that's only part of the story. Help also comes through divine empowerment, enabling people to become what God created them to be, and to have their affections transformed so that their deepest desires reflect God's light and justice throughout the world.

God is not saying, "I might help you," or "I might show up if I have time." No, no, no, He says, "I will." That's a promise from the Creator to you. Now I know you might be thinking, Pastor, I have been praying for a miracle for a long time, nothing changed. But listen, just because you don't see the miracle right before you, doesn't mean God is not working on it. God works in ways you can't always see in ways you can't comprehend. Sometimes, God moves behind the scenes, setting things up, shifting your circumstances, and preparing the way for when your breakthrough comes. In other words, God is preparing you for the things to come and for His purpose, for your good.

What if your delay is not a denial, but God is preparing you for the blessing to come? Remember, God's timing is not our timing. We want things

to happen when we think we need them. But when you receive your miracle, you will look back and realize it happened at the exact moment you needed it.

As we wait for our miracle, we must continue to trust and rely on the Lord, as Habakkuk did. Praying, praising, and showing our appreciation for what He has done and believing in His promises.

NAARVA held its 32nd National Camp Rally on July 13th-20th, 2025, in Allegan County Fairgrounds, Allegan, Michigan. At the rally, a storm blew through at approximately 4 to 4:30 a.m., if my memory serves me correctly. Mr. and Mrs. William Moore of the *Broward County Kampers Klub* were inside their coach, parked under a large tree, sound asleep. My coach was parked four sites east of theirs. Early that morning, I was awakened by an unknown loud boom that sounded as though a tree limb or branch had fallen, but I thought nothing of it because it appeared to me all was well.

When I finally got out of bed and went outside, I noticed the Moores were surveying the damage to their coach. A large branch had broken off a tree and landed directly on top of their coach, causing damage to the roof. I spoke with Mrs. Moore on August 22, 2025. She praised and credited God for protecting and saving their lives while they slept. She informed me that they did not sustain any injuries, but their coach was beyond repair. I say to her, "Praise God." She replied, "God has always protected them in the past." When we think God is not responding to our prayers, remember, He is always there listening and preparing the way for our victory.

You must keep in mind that you did not arrive at this moment in your life by accident. God brought you

to your destination because He sees you. Look at **Isaiah 4:10** again, "Do not fear, for I am with you." You are not alone in your situation; God is with you. God sees you, in the middle of your pain, in the middle of your frustration, in the middle of your doubt. God sees you in your home when the bills are overwhelming. God sees you in the doctor's office when the news is not favorable. God sees you when you are at work and your supervisor is picking at you. God sees you when you are experiencing heartbreak. God sees you when your kids are acting up, and God sees you when you are unaware that you need His help. God says, I will strengthen you and help you, especially when you feel like you don't have an ounce of strength left to fight. God sees you, and He will carry you when you feel like giving up. He will hold you up with His righteous right hand even when you don't have the strength to stand. God sees you, and He knows your circumstances.

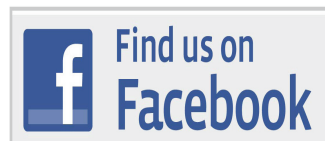
Never think God is not listening to your prayers. Keep calling on the name of the Lord, be faithful and obedient to His Word as you wait on His answer, and He will carry you through, because He sees you and hears your prayers.

Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

Easy Way to Pay NAARVA Dues!

Paypal provides an easy way to pay your dues and Charter Renewals. Check it out at naarva.com

Join Our NAARVA
Group



*In Loving Memory of Our
Deceased
October 2024 - 2025*



EASTERN REGION

Gregory Moore	The Royal Campers
James Briscoe	DC Connection RV Club
Merle Rivas	Virginia Camping Cardinals
Albert Thomas	Member-at-Large

WESTERN REGION

Barbara Wilson	California Cruisers
Marvin Powell	California Cruisers
Alfred Jackson	NorCal Family Travelers
James Andrews	Member-at-Large
Anthony Bell	California Cruisers
M. Lee Holsey	Original Las Vegas Rolling Wheels

SOUTHERN REGION

Larry Dove	Member-at-Large
Eddie Brooks	Texas Sojourners
Angeline Broussard	Texas Sojourners
Mae Bennett	Georgia Easy Riders
Clinton Marable	Georgia Easy Riders

CENTRAL REGION

Joseph Brady	Kentuckiana RVers
Irma Daniels	Member-at-Large
Barbara Woodard	Indiana Soul Journers RV Club
Nancy Steed	Mo/Kan Roadrunners
Alice Williams	Mo/Kan Roadrunners

***Rocky Mountain RVRollers
Celebrate 20 Years!***



On May 14, 2005, a group of ten Colorado RV enthusiasts met at the home of Russell and Joan Cole with the intent of forming a Colorado Chartered Chapter of NAARVA. Under the organizational guidance of Evelyn Whitlock and Joan Cole and the enthusiasm and overwhelming support of everyone in attendance, the *Rocky Mountain RV Rollers* was created.

The name was suggested by Jennifer Jackson and Willie James. The first executive officers were appointed: Joellen Davis, President; Evelyn Whitlock, VicePresident; Charles Houston, Recording Secretary; Robert Whitlock, Treasurer; and Barbara James, Financial Secretary. At a second meeting held at the home of Robert and Evelyn Whitlock, other appointments were made: Reggie York, Devotional Leader; Russell Cole, Wagon Master; and Willie James, Sergeant-at-Arms. At this meeting, the club decided upon a Constitution and By-Laws, club colors, which are: purple, black, white, and gold, and a club logo designed by Charlie Davis. Various committees were formed. It was decided that the first club campout would be held at the KOA campground in Fountain, Colorado, and that the club would host other NAARVA members from other areas in Colorado interested in becoming club members.

On August 3, 2005, Charter #46 was issued by NAARVA to the *Rocky Mountain RV Rollers*. From these humble beginnings, we now have 27 active memberships representing over 49 people living in Aurora, Castle Pines, Centennial, Colorado Springs, Denver, Fountain, Larkspur, Loveland, Strasburg, and Westminster, Colorado, and Lucas and Rio Grande City, Texas.

The Rollers are a VERY active RV Club and we get together once a month for an "outing," which may be a campout for a weekend, a dinner, a brunch, bowling, game night, jazz festival, annual fundraiser or a membership meeting. We have traveled as a club around the state of Colorado exploring the "Casinos of Central City" to the "Sand Dunes" of Southern Colorado, as well as attending a "Blues Festival" in Trinidad, Colorado, attending a "Wine Tasting" in Winter Park, and touring the "Budweiser Brewery" in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Wherever we go, we try to visit the local attractions

(See, Rocky Mountain, pg. 8)

How to Submit 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 Winter 2026 issue is December 10, 2025.**

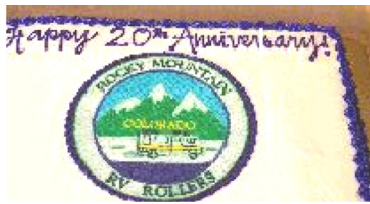
NAARVA members may access *The Voice* through the NAARVA website: www.naarva.com.

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 four times yearly by NAARVA. Voice Editor: James Gregory imscholar2@cs.com.

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 NAARVA VOICE will be posted during the first week of January 2026.

Rocky Mountain RV..

(Continued from pg. 7)



and we are always noticed by our "Purple Poles," which we proudly wear. We have also had extended trips to

Ogalala, NE, Nicodemus, KS, Mt. Rushmore, SD, Devils Tower, WY, and the International Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, NM (Which we plan to return to this year). For our Tenth Anniversary Celebration, we spent a week in Santa Fe, NM and also traveled to Taos and Albuquerque, NM.

For our 20th Celebration, we gathered together at a member's home and had a fish fry with all the fixin's and enjoyed each other's company! We reminisced about the past twenty years and shared pictures of previous trips and outings. Everyone received a "20th Anniversary Roller Coaster Set." It was a wonderful celebration.

Regarding NAARVA Rallies, the Rollers have attended many Central Region and National Rallies, from the East to the West, and the North to the South. As far as Central Region Rallies, the *Rocky Mountain RV Rollers* were the Host Club for the 2009 Central Region Rally. We had 94 coaches travel to the Rocky Mountain state and experience what Colorado had to offer (beautiful blue skies and perfect weather!)

The Rollers have also traveled to Central Region Rallies in Branson and St. Charles, MO; Beech Bend, KY; Goshen, Marseilles and Monticello, IN; Marengo, OH; Amana, IA; Hinckley, MN; Hutchinson, KS; and Sparta, IL. They have also been represented at National Rallies no matter WHERE they were held (and that was a real treat). We were fortunate to travel "as a group" to NAARVA's 25th National Rally in Hutchinson, KS, and to its 30th National Rally in Hemet, CA. The closest National Rally to Colorado was held in Gillette, WY, and the furthest we traveled to was to Myrtle Beach, SC in 2024.

As an RV group, we know we are very blessed and fortunate to have the lifestyle we have and meet such wonderful people from all walks of life. No matter where we go, we always have a good time! I can say, as President of the Rollers, we have **the best RV Club with the best group of people!** We genuinely care about each other and about our community. In the 20 years as an RV Club, we have had over 100 people "cross the paths of the *Rocky Mountain RV Rollers*." Unfortunately, we have lost 24 wonderful members over those same 20 years. They will always be in our hearts. They may be gone, but never forgotten!

We know there are less fortunate people in this world, so we have our "Annual Gift Giving Tradition" where we provide various donations to charities, and try to "give back" to the communities in which we live. **Thank you Rollers!**

In closing, I am so proud to have been and continue be the President of the *Rocky Mountain RV Rollers*, and I look forward to the Rollers to...**Keep Rollin' On!**

8 — The NAARVA Voice

SOUTHERN REGION

Sylvia Allen
Director, Central Region

Hello Central Region and NAARVA. In July we had another great Rally and a chance to see our NAARVA family again. Each Rally we attend is a marker in NAARVA's history. We see ourselves and others in the rally pictures each year. It's fun to see our NAARVA family grow and see new members

joining each year. Norman Ellis lit the fire in 1994 and it's still burning bright. Let's continue to respect this great organization and each other, rather we agree or disagree, we are one family.

The Central Region is busy working on the 2026 Rally at The Cardinal Center, 616 State Rt. 61, Marengo, OH, 43324, June 7-14, 2026. We are planning a fantastic Rally with everything you have become accustomed to

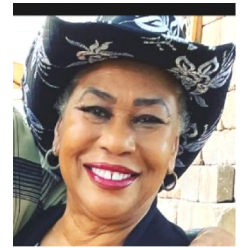


when attending a Central Region Rally. The Cardinal Center has an on-site restaurant, pool and full hookup.

Election of Officers for Central Region will take place in 2026, and all positions are open. Contact Pat Brady if you are considering running for office or have questions regarding the election.

The Central Region Board of Directors is considering a scholarship fund for members who have students graduating. Let us know your thoughts. We are also looking for volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Committee and the 2026 Rally events.

Chuck Byrd, Assistant Director
Saundra Powell, Secretary
Pat Brady, Assistant Secretary
Wanda Gibson, Treasurer
Donna Allen, Financial Secretary



WESTERN REGION



LIZ HEMINGWAY
Director, Western
Region

Hello to NAARVA!

The Western Region is on the move this year. Our clubs are expanding their membership and enjoying growth in the west.

We had a wonderful Western Region Rally. Our theme was *"Thank You for Your Service"*. We honored our veterans throughout the entire rally. We presented our veterans with a Certificate of Appreciation along with a souvenir coin as a gift.

Our members enjoyed lots of activities including a paint party, tie dye party, and a street block party. A good time was had by all!

We are looking forward to our Western Region Rally 2026 at the Ko-Kwel Casino in Oregon. Our theme is *"RVing On the Bay"*. The registration packet will be online soon. We hope to see you there!



NAARVA ECOLOGY PROGRAM

"Loving Our Earth - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Respect"

NAARVA Committed to the Resolve of Plastic Pollution

Jean Hampton, Ph.D., NAARVA Ecologist

Fellow Travelers,

It may be that I've exhausted your attentions regarding the hazards of plastic pollution. But this is so critical a topic that not enough can be reported or expressed. It is vital that our attentions remain firmly locked onto this progression of contamination across our globe, and indeed within our communities.

We are introduced to the burdens of plastic pollutants regarding the injury to, and the detriment of wild life. We are advised of the contamination of our oceans and other water ways, the poisoning of our air during both plastic production and disposal, and the potentially threatening, lately discovered, human bodily accumulations, including the unborn, that challenge our biologically natural existence,

Each day that God sends, the equivalent of at least, two thousand (2,000) garbage trucks, full of plastics, are dumped into the world's ocean, rivers and lakes. Each truck carrying a capacity of 9-10 tons of compacted

garbage. This likely conservative estimate is quoted by the United Nations Environment Program. Other estimates exceed this quantity.

It is crucial to repeat that over 50% of plastics are used only once, then thrown "away". But what is, and where is "away"? Realistically, there is no "away". The plastics remain in our environment in various forms, are contained in various objects (including us), and are part and parcel of long-lasting, injurious planetary impairment.

One plastic bottle takes an average of 450 years to break down. And this "break down" only produces micro- or nano- sized plastics, many of which are undetectable to the human eye, that inevitably enter into living organisms, both domestic and wild life, both plant and human life, and as well, our life-support systems, air and water.

Plastics are a constant in everyday life. They are irreplaceable as materials for medical devices and for food conservation, and because of their light weight, serve well for commercial

transport of various goods.

On the other hand, in addition to our excessive use of plastics, a greater problem stems from the unsustainable disposal of used plastic objects. This ultimately tragic disposal of plastic generates pollution of our landscapes, waterways, and general habitat, posing a threat to all life forms, and to related biodiversity.

It is unsettling to know that microplastics are now found in placental tissues, in major organ tissues, in blood, and in our food. Microplastics, generate harmful eco-toxicological effects on the health of animals and people. They are present in all ecosystems, atmospheres, soils, seas and oceans, and in many organisms including fish, birds, domestic animals and humans.

Most plastics can be given new life, if disposed of methodically, correctly sorted after disposal, and sent for recycling. When that doesn't happen,

(Continued on page 10)

THE FACTS



10 MILLION

TONS OF PLASTIC ARE DUMPED IN OUR OCEANS ANNUALLY. THAT'S EQUAL TO MORE THAN A GARBAGE TRUCK LOAD EVERY MINUTE!



LESS THAN
9%
OF ALL PLASTIC
GETS RECYCLED



100%

OF MUSSELS TESTED
HAVE CONTAINED
MICROPLASTICS

50%

OF ALL PLASTIC PRODUCED
(380 MILLION TONS PER YEAR)
IS FOR SINGLE-USE PURPOSES
- USED FOR JUST MINUTES
AND THEN THROWN AWAY



1 MILLION

MARINE ANIMALS ARE KILLED
BY PLASTIC POLLUTION
EVERY YEAR



HUMANS EAT OVER
40 POUNDS
OF PLASTIC IN THEIR LIFETIME

**"THERE WILL BE MORE
PLASTIC IN OUR OCEANS THAN
FISH BY 2050."**

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation



PlasticOceans.org

(Plastic Oceans International - The Ellen MacArthur Foundation)

(Continued from page 9)
plastic most frequently ends up in the seas.

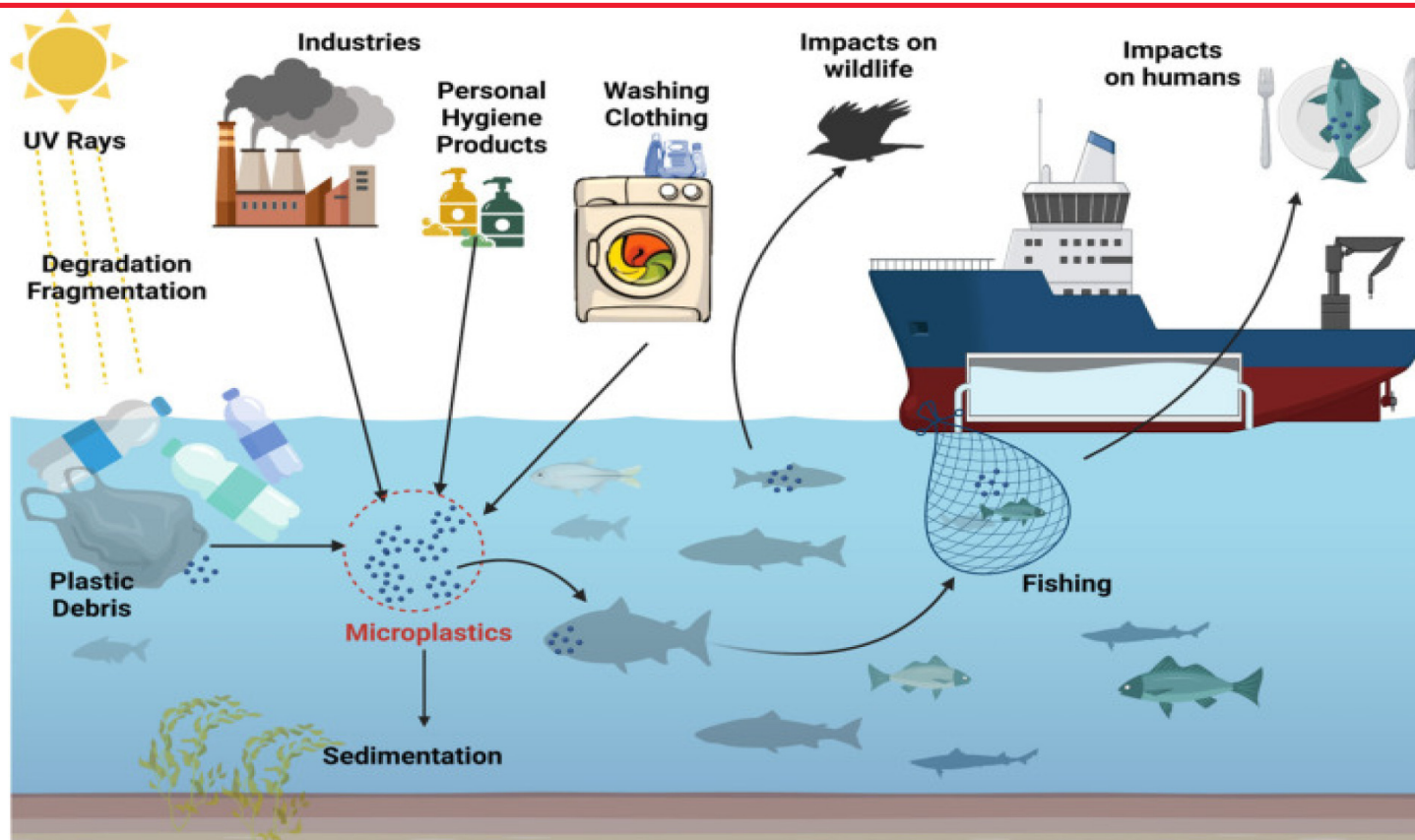
Environmental studies to remedy plastic pollution point to development

of what is described as acircular system wherein plastic products are designed to be reused, recycled, and repurposed. Legislative statutes to ensure these designs are required for

community, national and global redress of plastic pollution.

On a more personal level, we can help reduce the size of the problem of

(Continued on page 11)



Microplastic entry into our food and water sources.

ECOLOGY

(Continued from page 10)

plastic pollution problem by limiting our use of plastic products in our everyday living, using paper or reusable utensils for eating, bagging, and packaging. And remaining environmentally-conscious regarding product purchasing and disposal choices.

We can lobby for enforcement of effective circular economic systems; designing and ensuring the availability, and the use of plastic products that are reused, recycled, and composted.

NAARVA travelers, let us be encouraged to expand our commitment to both ecologically responsible travel, and life in general. We currently engage in planting a tree at each national rally. This wonderfully responsive, and well received “green” act, contributes to circular ecology as trees improve air quality by filtering pollutants, act as carbon sinks while providing oxygen, support wildlife habitat, prevent soil erosion, and other environmentally supportive achievements. All this in addition to their natural beauty, and soothing comforts. (See pic below from our July 2025 Allegan, Michigan national rally.) NAARVA has also committed to the planting of trees at a global level through donations to recognized international reforestation projects.

We are encouraged to broaden our ecological mindfulness through support of various types of reforestations, and by reducing our carbon footprint. In short, let us attend to our NAARVA Ecology Program mantra: “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Respect”. Let us demonstrate our support of planetary health through rejection of single-

use plastics (employing alternative utensils), and through lobbying for regulated production and disposal of plastic materials.

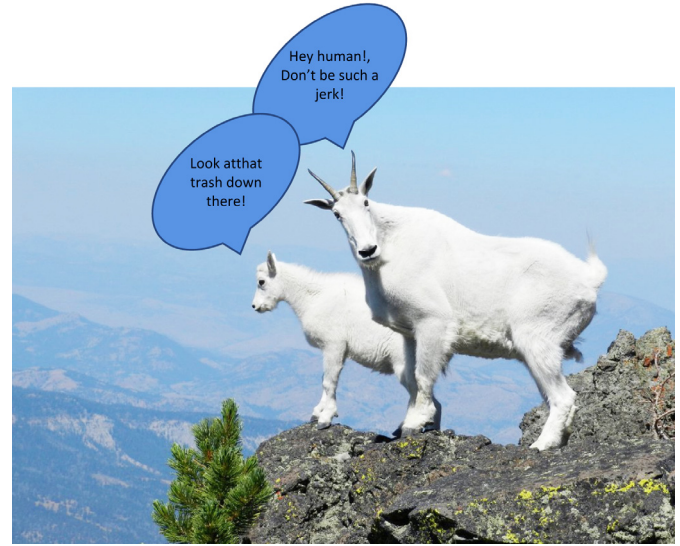
Such actions offer hope for our future generations to enjoy, as we now do, natural, clean and healthy RV travel adventures.

(References: Plastic Oceans International-The Ellen MacArthur Foundation; “Be the Story.com” September 2025 (Jeronimo Martins); United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP unep.org, Sep. 2025; epa.gov Sept 2025; PMC.ncbi.nlm.gov Microplastics: A Real Global Threat for Environment and Food Safety” A State of the Art Review, Ziani, et al.



RED SUNSET MAPLE TREE

**Donated by NAARVA;
enlarge to read plaque).
Beautiful! In so many ways!**



Looking Ahead: October, November, December

Celebrations and Regional Club Events

October

World Vegetarian Day

October 1, 2025

**A day to encourage people
to try a vegetarian lifestyle
for health and environmental
benefits.**



Western Region California Cruisers RV Club

October 2 - 5, 2025

**Sun Outdoors, Paso Robles
800 Golden Hill Rd.
Paso Robles, CA 93446**

Eastern Region The Innovators RV Club

October 2 - 5 2025

**3rd Quarter Meeting
Harriet Barber House
115 Barberville Loop Rd.
Hopkins, SC 29061**



Eastern Region DC Connection RV Club

October 3 - 5, 2025

**Washington DC/Capitol KOA Holiday
768 Cecil Avenue N.
Millersville, MD 21108**

Eastern Region The Triangle RVers

October 3 - 5, 2025

**Mayberry Campground
114 Byron Bunker Lane
Mount Airy, NC 27030**



Looking Ahead: October, November, December

October

Celebrations and Regional Club Events

Central Region Rocky Mountain RV Rollers

October 5 - 10, 2025
Albuquerque Balloon Festival
9401 Balloon Museum Drive
Albuquerque, NM 97113

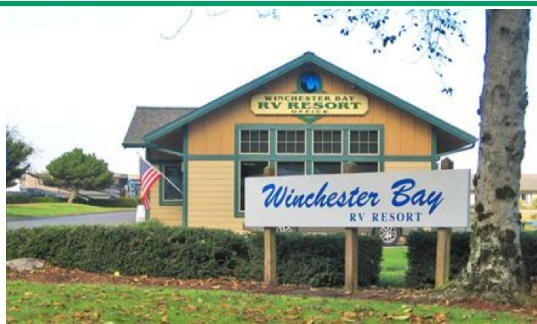


Central Region Lake Erie Travelers

Thu, October 16, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
Evergreen Park RV Resort
16539 Dover Rd.
Dundee, OH 11624

Western Region Funseekers/Rain City Travelers RV Club

October 23 - 25, 2025
Winchester Bay RV Resort
120 Marina Way
Winchester Bay, OR 97467



Halloween - October 31, 2025

A global celebration with costumes, trick-or-treating, and spooky decorations, activities during Halloween include **trick-or-treating** (or the related **guising** and **souling**), attending **Halloween costume** parties, carving pumpkins or turnips into **jack-o'-lanterns**, lighting **bonfires**, **apple bobbing**, **divination** games, playing **pranks**, visiting **haunted attractions**, telling frightening stories and watching **horror or Halloween-themed films**.

November

Use Your Common Sense Day

November 4, 2025

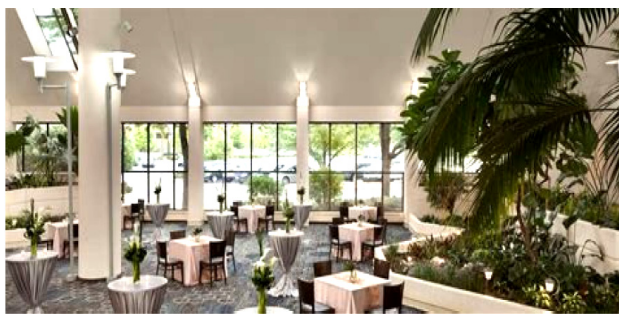
Celebrate Use Your Common Sense Day by simply doing exactly that, namely, use your common sense! Take a little more time to stop and consider your options before acting on impulse. Before you decide that something is a good idea, be sure to stop, take a breath, and look it over and make sure you aren't about to become an object lesson.



Looking Ahead: October, November, December

November

Celebrations and Regional Club Events



Central Region Minnesota Voyagers RV Club

November 14, 2025
Annual Holiday & Retirement Diner
Double Tree Hilton
1500 Park Place Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55416

Eastern Region
The Triangle RVers
November 14 - 16, 2025
Fort Eisenhower, Blythe, GA
or
Pointes West Army Resort
6703 Washington Rd.
Appling, GA 3080

need rest of
zip code!



Central Region Rocky Mountain RV Rollers

Perfect Landing Restaurant
7625 S. Peoria St.
Englewood, CA 80112

Thanksgiving **November 27, 2025**

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November each year. Traditionally it is a time to give thanks for all the sacrifice and hard work done for the harvest. In modern times people take time off work (4 day weekend starting Thursday) and spend time with family and friends over a large feast held on Thanksgiving Day.



December



Western Region California Cruisers RV Club

December 3 - 7, 2025
Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort
2711 W. Windmill Ln.
Las Vegas, NV 89123-1037

Looking Ahead: October, November, December

Celebrations and Regional Club Events

December

Eastern Region **Virginia Camping Cardinals (VCC)**

December 4 - 7, 2025
VCC Christmas Party
Raleigh Oaks RV Resort & Cottages
527 US Highway 701 S. Four
Oaks, NC 27524



International Volunteer Day **December 5, 2025**

A day to celebrate the contributions of volunteers worldwide and promote the importance of volunteerism in creating positive change in communities. This day serves as an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the selfless efforts of individuals who dedicate their time and skills to help others.

Central Region **Rocky Mountain RV Rollers**

December 6, 2025
Annual Holiday Party
Double Tree Hotel
3202 Quebec St.
Denver, CO 80207



Eastern Region **New Horizon RV Club**

December 11-14, 2025
James Island County Park
871 Riverland Drive
Charleston, SC 29412

Looking Ahead: October, November, December

Celebrations and Regional Club Events

December



Eastern Region **The Triangle RVers**

December 12 - 14, 2025
Briarcliffe RV Park
10495 N. Kings Hwy.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Eastern Region **The Innovators RV Club**

December 18 - 20, 2025
Annual Christmas Outing
Willow Tree RV Resort
520 Southern Sights Dr.
Longs, SC 29568



Christmas **December 25, 2025**

Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A liturgical feast central to Christianity, Christmas preparation begins on the First Sunday of Advent and it is followed by Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night.

National Fruitcake Day **December 27, 2025**

Share a fruitcake story or recipe. Or maybe share both. Invite someone to enjoy some fruitcake with you. Made with chopped candied or dried fruit, nuts, and spices and sometimes soaked in spirits, fruitcake has been a holiday gift-giving tradition for many years. Recipes for fruitcakes vary from country to country, depending on available ingredients and tradition.

