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From The President's Desk...

Turning Our Attention to the Future of NAARVA



Unity is an essential component of a successful organization and NAARVA is an example of **UNITY** at its best! Plans are in place for our 2022 NAARVA National Camp Rally, but keeping in mind that we are also looking toward to 2023 for our 30th NAARVA National Camp Rally. How excited is this and how do we best prepare for the future of NAARVA and recreational vehicle use/camping!

I am very excited about the time planned for our 2022 National Camp Rally. Most of all I hope to see many of you attending and enjoying this year's theme — "NAARVA Going Mardi Gras in Oklahoma", I am so ready to be in the parade, dance line, ladies' tea and I have plans to peep in on the men's event! Our host, Southern Region and the entire Rally Team is working toward a wonderful week

together.

Let's remember we will be conducting election of officers. This year in our Regions/Clubs and the National Elections in 2023! Although there are many characteristics we should look for in our clubs, regions, and national leadership teams that support membership team building, I would like to share just a few.

HONESTY - We must be committed to telling the truth in all forms of communication and in all actions. This includes never purposely telling partial truths, selectively omitting information, making misrepresentations or over-statements. Honesty also means reliably sharing both good and bad news with equal candor.

FAIRNESS - We must be founded on a conscious commitment to fairness, treating others as you would like to be treated. Fairness requires treating all individuals equally and courteously, never exercising power arbitrarily and never

exploiting weaknesses or mistakes for personal.

INTEGRITY - We must demonstrate integrity through consistency between actions and words that inspires trust and credibility. Integrity also means keeping promises, honoring commitments, meeting deadlines, and refusing to participate in unscrupulous activities or business dealings.

COMPASSION - We must foster an environment of empathy and compassion this requires a commitment to being kind and caring toward each other. Our goals must be benevolent, ensured by spending enough time to understand the needs and sensitivities of others.

RESPECT - We must recognize that everyone deserves equal respect and support for sharing ideas and opinions, without fear of any penalty or form of discrimination.

LOYALTY - We must never disclose information learned in confidence, by remaining faithful to the persons with whom we serve and the people we serve.

LAW-ABIDING - We must fully comply with all applicable laws and codes from local, state, and federal agencies developing policies, practices, and procedures to guide our activities.

Let's continue this journey to success, embracing one another's goals and aspirations for the future of NAARVA. UNITY at its best by doing our best! I look forward to seeing everyone in Shawnee!

**Louise Grogan
President**

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NAARVA 2022 National Camp Rally
August 7 - 14, 2022
"NAARVA Going Mardi Gras in Oklahoma"
Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center
Shawnee, Oklahoma
Hosted by Southern Region



Contributor - Elizabeth Hemingway

"Laissez les bon temps rouler"

"Let the good times roll"



We're headed to Shawnee, Oklahoma with Mardi gras in our soul
Wearing purple beads and gold bling, a fun time is our main goal
The atmosphere is electric, the crowds are something to see
NAARVA members dancing to zydeco, a true soulful jamboree
The handkerchiefs are waving as we walk in the parade
Throwing beads to everyone that's watching in the shade
We come from every region to join the masquerade
Old timers and newcomers, NAARVA friends being made
There's lots to see in Oklahoma, including a trip to "Black Wall Street"
And those that want to gamble, the casinos will save you a seat
We have "teatime 20's style", the ladies decked out in their best
The guys are cool at their event, whose 'tall tale' will pass the test?
The competition is fierce at all the games that we play
Golf, cards, or bean bag baseball, bragging rights are here to stay
Our kids are a priority, the parents can relax and rest easy
Night bike rides, games and movies, activities to keep them busy
Our members are really working hard to put on a fantastic show
Our goal is to hear everyone say "Let the good times roll"
Last year was sure a challenge and we're grateful that we're here
NAARVA is here to tell you let's have some fun this year!

ANNOUNCING The 2022 "BIG ROLLING WHEELS" CONTEST

Do your RV vacations involve winding through breathtaking landscapes, picturesque villages, and spectacular views of our natural American treasures?

Is your camera ready to capture these sights?

Is your computer on hand to record and share your adventures?

Then you are on the road to entering NAARVA's 2022 "BIG ROLLING WHEELS CONTEST"

Please bring the entry form with your travel submissions to the National Camp Rally in Shawnee, OK by 3:00 PM Wednesday, August 10, 2022. We can't wait to see and read about your adventures!



Anne Steele-Holsey

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - BIG ROLLING WHEELS CONTEST

A separate form must accompany each entry.

1. Author/photographer's name: _____

How you want your name to appear on the plaque if different from above.

2. Author/Photographer's mailing address: _____

3. Author/Photographer's phone number: (____) _____ or cell (____) _____

4. Author/Photographer's E-mail: _____

5. Division/Category of this entry: A. Written narrative _____ B. Photos _____

6. Title of entry: _____

7. Information about your RV: Make/Model _____ Year _____

8. Information about you: The number of years that you have been RVing: _____

6 to 12 mos. _____ 2 Years _____ 5 Years _____ 10 Years _____ 15 Years _____ Over 20 Years _____

Working _____ Retired _____

9. Bring entry form along with your photos or narrative to:

The Rally Registration Area to Anne Steele-Holsey, Wednesday at 3:00 PM

DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022

A Word From the Editor...

Time's A Tickin'... Think about it - we have sprung forward to Daylight Savings Time and the Spring season, we have noticed for some time now that the days are getting noticeably longer, i.e. 5 o'clock in the evening ain't pitch dark anymore, the chilly winter mornings are turning more so into warmer (> 48 deg.) winter evenings, and as a result of these longer daylight hours we are getting a little more inspired to be more active. Also in addition to all these good things...the late tax filers are starting to scramble and worry about making the April 18th (Yep, April 18th not 15th) filing deadline. Time continues it's inevitable march on.... and we are marching along with it to the times to break out the rigs and going somewhere.

Last **VOICE** issue we dropped a few pointers on how to get our houses and selves ready for winter, in this issue we will start some "getting out of hibernation" Lagniappes (pronounced "lannyaps"). The use of this term is in the mode and guise of our National Rally Mardi Gras theme and in this context means — a little something extra.

By now all of the Regional and the National registrations are now either online or have been provided to the corresponding memberships. Looking through the flyers there is an exciting array of new learning experiences and opportunities represented in each region. I for one grew up within

Life teaches us to make good use of **Time**
While **Time** teaches us the value of **Life**.



50 miles of the Pea Island Surf Men's Station, and had no knowledge of them until I read about them in the Eastern Region's "Salute to Our Military Icons". Our rallies continue to provide to us, no matter how old or young we are, the opportunity to re-learn and experience our history while enjoying our shared humanity and comradery.

In the months to come we will have need to grow and nurture our shared identity and the **NAARVA UNITY** that our President speaks about so eloquently in her "From the President's Desk" article. Yes, Time's a Tickin'....enjoy it, learn from it, and live this new time.

JAMES GREGORY

Education Station

Dr. Preston and Sandra Bryant
National
Scholarship Chairpersons



"Education is the key
that

Unlocks the golden
door to

Freedom"

George Washington
Carver

Graduate

Watch our website – naarva.com

Graduating High School Seniors

**Scholarship applications release
date April 1, 2022!**

Eligibility requirements on application.

NAARVA Chaplain's Corner...

BY THE REVEREND JESSE BATTLE

*"If you're gonna play the game, boy
You gotta learn to play it right..."*
- Kenny Rogers, *The Gambler*

Success Is An Inside Job

One of Kenny Roger's most successful country hits was "The Gambler" in which he detailed one of the axioms of success in gambling. He wrote, "You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, and know when to run."

To a losing gambler, the idea of breaking even is good; but, the goal of gambling is not to break even! And, by no means does a gambler wish to lose! Success in gambling is to walk away with far more money than that with which you started. But, like any activity, our patterns determine success or failure!

To succeed is to achieve that which is desired and worked for; to have one's efforts turn out well. The need to succeed is regarded by Alfred Adler, a leading psychotherapist, as one of the most dominant impulses of humanity. People of all races and nationalities, regardless of age or gender, wish to succeed. Organizations, companies, fraternities, etc. all share the common need for success. But, many people and organizations find that success eludes them no matter how badly they want it. While the reasons for such negative experiences are innumerable,

many psychologists attribute the lack of success to internal conflict. Perhaps there is some truth to the old adage that we are often our own worst enemy. Success is not only limited by the external forces we encounter; but oftentimes, by the internal conflicts that immobilize us as well.

The good news is that we can choose to minimize the impact of external influences in our lives. We can also set the ground rules for how we handle internal pressures. To start, we must analyze our relationships to determine their level of toxicity. Toxic relationships are those who spend more time criticizing us than encouraging us. Antics such as guilt-tripping, one-upping, competitiveness, etc. are all forms of toxic behavior to be avoided, minimized or completely eliminated. When it comes to these relationships, we have to know when to hold them, know when to fold them, know when to walk away and know when to run.

In addition, we must determine the goals for our life and its activities. It is difficult to determine the difference between success and failure when we're not sure of where we're going, or what we're doing! The next step is to calculate the cost of success; con-



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sider what we must do and what we must give up. Are we committed enough to do the things we must do? And, are we willing to give up those things that must be eliminated? Above all, we must not be afraid to make adjustments as we move along! Our goal is to achieve a desired objective! Our goal is success! We alone determine the level of success that we will enjoy. Contrary to what anyone thinks or says, success is an inside job!

This is equally true of organizations! We, the members of NAARVA, can determine our level of success if we are willing to adhere to the same principles! We must identify our objectives! We must minimize toxic behavior! We must commit to those things that must be done! We must give up those things that weigh us down! We must not be afraid to make adjustments! We must know when to hold them, know when to fold them, know when to walk away and know when to run!

**NAARVA Unity
An Inside Job!**

**Lagniappe:
Charge the Battery!**

Your battery has been cold and unused all winter long. Now is the time to start charging the battery!

CENTRAL REGION

Hello NAARVA Family!

Spring is near us in the Central Region and that means it's time to start preparing our RVs for the summer rallies. Our Executive Board is hard at work planning the Central Region Rally. The rally will be held June 5th - 12th at America's Best Campground in Branson, Missouri. We have limited sites available for our members (100). When we reach our limit we will start a waiting list, in case we have cancellations, and you will be contacted in the order your registration form was received. There will be a fun time had by all! City Close-Country Quiet... "Branson Bound". We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Safe travels NAARVA Family!



BRIAN SKIPPER
Director, Central Region



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 Spring VOICE content submissions is June 10, 2022.**

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.

ARTICLES

Submissions chosen for publication may be corrected for length and clarity. Any submission to *The Voice* may be published in any issue.

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 **Beth Gill, NAARVA's National Benevolence Chair**, at: przr50@gmail.com

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Please remember when taking pictures that you need to have your camera (phone) 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 photos** 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.**

EASTERN REGION

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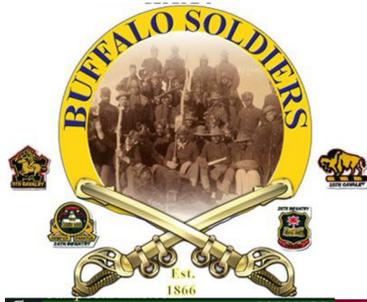
Hello from Belinda (Bee) Moore, Director of NAARVA Eastern Region.

This year NAARVA Eastern Region will be Saluting Our Military Icons at our Annual Camp Rally. “The TUSKEGEE AIRMEN RED TAILS, BUFFALO SOLDIERS, HARLEM HELLFIGHTERS, PEA ISLAND LIFE SAVING STATION SURFMEN, FREEDMEN HEROES and THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES.”

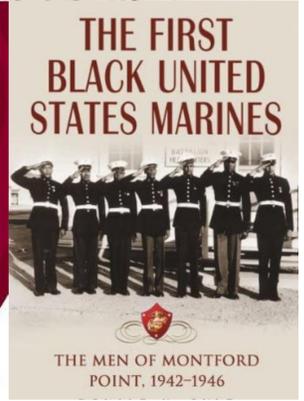
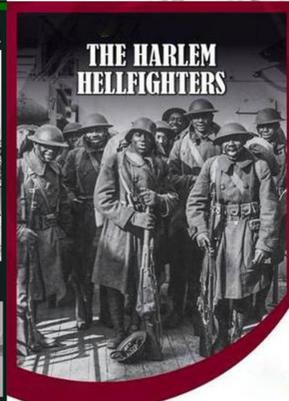
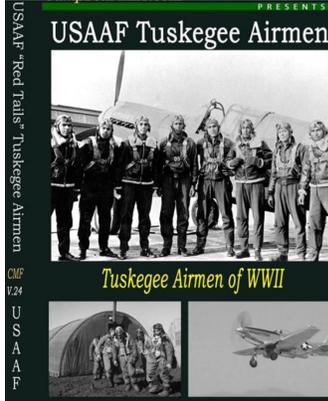
The rally will be held at Carolina Pines RV Resort in Conway, SC from May 12-15, 2022 with early admission commencing Sunday May 8th to Wednesday May 11, 2022. Please see the registration packet for fees and indicate your desired dates and amount. Rally Registration Packet will be posted on our website www.naarvaeast.com for your convenience to register for the rally.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 no tours are scheduled for this rally

Saluting Our Military Icons



Pea Island Life Saving Station Surfmen



and meals will be served as take out. A meal menu will be included in the registration packet for you to make your selection in advance. Meals will be distributed according to your menu selection form and there will be NO substitution at pickup time.



Carolina Pines RV Resort offers accommodations suited for campers and glampers while camping there. RV sites accommodate all sizes of RVs with 20/30/50 amp service, full hookups, plenty of room for slides, fire ring, picnic table, and free Wi-Fi & cable. As you relax on your spacious back-in/pull thru RV site; enjoy the Serenity pool/lap pool/spa, indoor pool and hot tubs, bowl a few frames at the mini bowling alley, putt a round of golf on the mini golf course, play basketball on the basketball court, play pickle ball and corn hole, pitch horseshoes at the horseshoe pits, play pool in the billiards room, work out in the fitness center, or meditate in the Yoga studio.

The resort also has a dog park/dog wash for your furry travel companions, laundry facilities that use credit/debit cards, comfort stations, playground, camp store and shuttle service. If you don't feel like cooking or leaving the resort

to get a bite to eat, you're welcome to dine at the on-site, full service restaurant and bar. Feeling pam- (See *Eastern Region*, cont. pg. 9)



EASTERN REGION
Annual Camp Rally
Salutes Military Icons

Carolina Pines RV Resort
 Conway, SC
 May 8-15 2022

SOUTHERN REGION

Greetings NAARVA Family and Friends:

On behalf of the Southern Region, the host Region for the NAARVA National Camp Rally, I'm grateful to provide the following rally updates. The NAARVA 29th Annual Camp Rally will be held August 7-14, 2022, in Shawnee, Oklahoma at the "Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center". Via the recent Constant Contact e-mail, the rally package has been released and you can find it on the NAARVA Website, at naarva.com. Let's get those registration forms completed and mailed and get ready to have a Mardi Gras Masquerade party. The rally week will be full of great fun, activities and family fellowship.

We are asking all members who want to park with their Club to send their registration forms in together. If you request a handicap site you will not be able to park with your Club. Please complete and return your registration forms to the NAARVA office as soon as possible, we only have a limited amount of full hook-up sites 50/30 amp.

EASTERN REGION

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pered, orders can also be delivered to your RV site or cottage.

Carolina Pines RV Resort offers spacious cottages/roof top terrace cottages for individuals who will not be living in a RV during the rally. For this accommodation you must be registered for the rally by purchasing a camp pass.



We are encouraging all members to purchase a Rally T-shirt if you are attending or not attending the NAARVA Camp Rally, you don't want to miss out on this year's rally shirt. The Southern Region Rally Committee, Executive Board, along with the NAARVA Executive Board have put together a Rally Package second to none. I'm asking all members to go to the NAARVA Website and review the Rally Package to see the work that went into planning a great rally for the NAARVA family.

Let's start making plans to head those Motor homes to Oklahoma. "NAARVA Going Mardi Gras" in Shawnee, Oklahoma August 7-14, 2022.



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NAARVA Going



In

Shawnee, Oklahoma

August 7-14, 2022

Hosted by Southern Region

Lagniappe: Propane on Board

If your RV uses propane you'll want to remove them from storage and place them back on their mount(s).

WESTERN REGION



The Western Region is getting ready for the Soul Train Party at our upcoming Spring Rally. We may be smaller in numbers than the other regions, but we know how to have a party. Reservations are coming in and we're gearing up to entertain our members with life in the great Pacific Northwest.

CHARLES GILL, JR.
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Our numbers continue to grow, as new families are inquiring about NAARVA in the Western U.S. Camping and RVing have taken an upward turn, especially for people of color.

Take a look at our Western Region Website and entertain the idea of coming out west in May and attending our Spring Rally. You won't be disappointed.

May 15th to May
22nd, 2022
Wildhorse Resort and
Casino
46510 Wildhorse Rd.
Pendleton, Oregon
97801



There's an App for That!

By Bruce Toney



MobileRVing



MobileRVing is a community for RV enthusiasts by RV enthusiasts. This MobileRVing app is easy to use yet highly informative. With over 48,000 RV Resorts and Campgrounds listed, it is the largest RV Travel Guide in North America. Custom searches allow you to search for RV parks by keywords, states, cities, amenities, or distance from your device.

The "Preferred Properties" profiles, allows users to view pictures of the RV resorts and informative descriptions. All properties listed within this app will have a five-day forecast, click to dial phone numbers and websites when available. You'll be able to leave reviews, no need to register or sign in. When you download this free app, you can leave a review which also communicates with the MobileRVing.com

website. Rate your experience and leave comments for other users to view. Find specials for MobileRVing App users.

The MobileRVing app also has business deals across North America offered by businesses that support the RV Lifestyle. Save money and visit excellent businesses from entertainment to restaurants to RV dealers and repairs all within the app. MobileRVing app also allows you to map your results.

No matter if you are looking for a preferred property, business or quality property, you can map your searches to see your distance from the establishment, any specials offers, and RV resort rates and more. When you download the MobileRVing App, if you choose you can also receive notifications on RV resort deals across the country.

Let me know how you use the App or make a recommendation of an App that you would like to share with other RVer's. Contact me via the "Contact Page" on NAARVA.com.

Lagniappe: Tighten Connections

Hose lines require tight fittings. Turn your propane valve just slightly to open the line. Now place a damp and soapy sponge at the end of the connectors. Do air bubbles form? If so, you may have a leak in your line. Recheck or replace the connections. No bubbles? Then you are good to go!

Mindful of Mother Earth

RVing inherently underscores a robust measure of passion and gratefulness of earth and nature.

Historically RVing is largely respected for supporting our reconnect to nature, recollecting our human bond with our terrestrial surroundings, even in their most native and unaffected forms. RVers are known to favor remission from the press of urban settings, to relax under the cover of skies free from pollution, undue radiance and dominance of synthesized noise. We inherently desire clean and lusciously green locations, fresh spaces with attractive views and accommodations, untainted waters, and a natural atmosphere that dials out the clamor of a rushed existence. NAARVA members continue in seeking out the most agreeable locations to rally or to relax, and will absolutely submit review of visited sites to state our measure of appreciation.

Many of us may have run across the eco-based expression “There is no planet B”, and we can only all agree. Where else is there to live other than “Mother Earth”, who has for millennia taken such great care for us. Our earth, the pale blue dot (Figure 1.) that sits with shadowy silence in a vast and apparently unlimited universe, is the only home we have, is the only home our future generations will have, and is the home we must sustain and protect from irretrievable loss of life sustaining resources and irreversible damage.

The NAARVA Ecology Program (NEP) is proud to recognize that our organization remains mindful of the rapidly degrading vigor and sustaining capacity of our planet. Mindful that reckless human activities, unlike that of any other species, is responsible for current and impending deficits in, and damage to essential natural resources that afford us life as we know it. NEP currently targets several ecologically supportive actions toward servicing the direly needed human response to lessen, in the hope of reversing, planetary incapacity and ruin. Our program theme

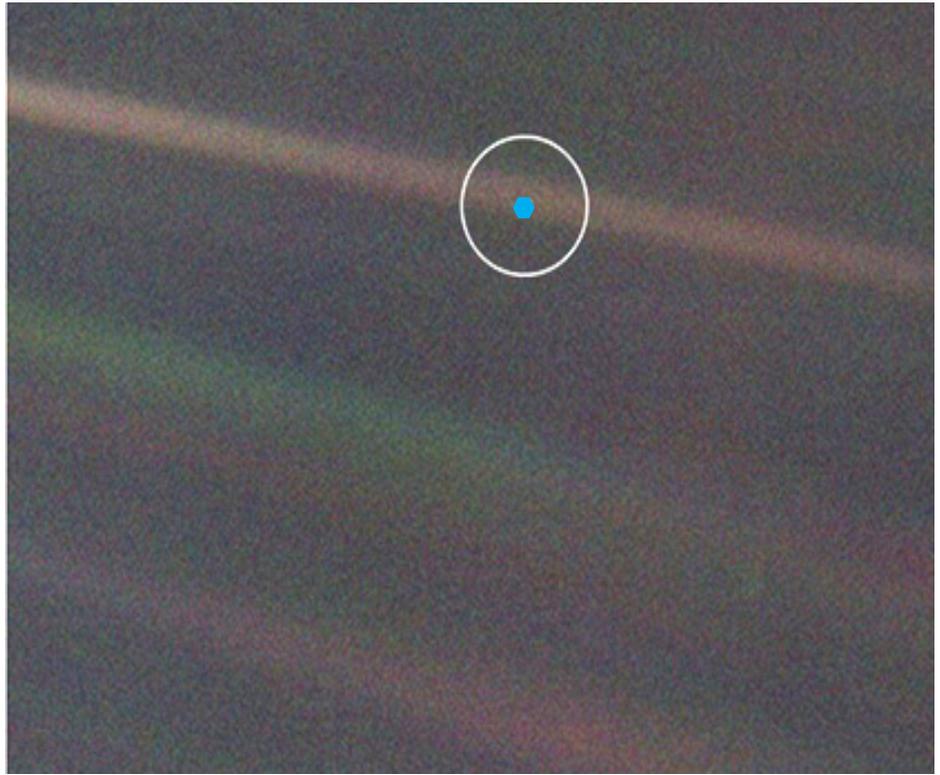
is “Loving Our Earth: Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, Restore”, with a current collective thrust on the recycling of plastics, and the restoration of earth's invaluable trees. We include in this writing two graphics that bring clarity to the reader on the value of (Figure 2. The Benefits of a Tree, pg. 12), and the “how to” (Figure 3. How to Recycle Guide, pg. 13) for these member-shared actions. We implore you to review them, commit to them, and initiate, continue, and even expand your participation within these actions. Additionally, and as importantly, we encourage our NAARVA family to involve themselves in any selection of numerous community efforts purposed toward preservation of our earth, and conservation of an eco-friendly habitat. Many community and national opportunities will present themselves as **EARTH DAY, April 22nd 2022**

is now approaching.

We know that commercial, affluent and lawmaking bodies are, by all reason, those bodies that must contribute, and most charitably, toward realizing the healing of our suffering planetary ecosystems. However, the individual “drop in the bucket”, becomes communal, becomes regional, and becomes global drops that can lead to comprehensive changes in universal mindfulness and practice toward sustainable living. We commend our NAARVA national and club leaders in their support of our NEP.

Mother Earth has been wonderful to us, restoring and resetting herself on countless occasions, without our assistance, understanding or even our awareness. It's our turn now.

Let's show Mother Earth what we can do. Jean Hampton Ph.D., NAARVA Ecologist



Lagniappe: Change the Filters

Always change your filters. If you have an air filter change it. If you use a water or air filter, change those too. Feeling energetic? Rinse your window screens. These screens will act a filters throughout the summer so make sure they are clean and bug free!

Reduces Stormwater Runoff

Rainwater that runs off our roofs, streets, and lawns can pick up pollutants that flow into our lakes, rivers, and streams. Trees help to absorb this "stormwater", keeping our water safe.

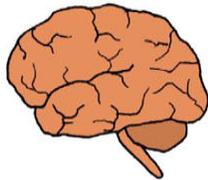


Provides Wildlife Habitat

Many native species require a variety of plants and multiple layers of canopy to forage and nest.



Provides Us with Oxygen



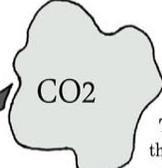
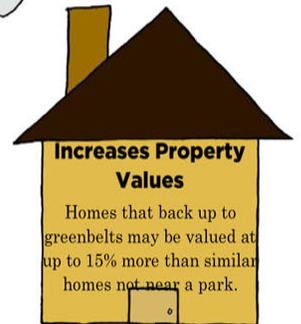
Improves Public Health

Forests and other green spaces promote mental and physical health. They help people relax and reduce stress, promote social cohesion, encourage physical activity, and reduce exposure to air pollutants, noise, and excessive heat.

The Benefits Of A Tree

Increases Property Values

Homes that back up to greenbelts may be valued at up to 15% more than similar homes not near a park.



Improves Air Quality & Mitigates Climate Change

Trees absorb carbon dioxide and store the carbon in woody tissues. The surface of leaves trap airborne dust and soot.

Buffers Noise

Tree canopies dampen sound by intercepting sound waves.



Provides Shade

Trees cool our atmosphere and act as a windbreaker.

Creates the Foundation for New Life

The dead leaves that fall from the trees, resulting in a layer of leaf litter, provide the foundation for new life on the ground.



Improves Water Quality

Tree roots absorb water from the soil and help to filter out pollutants. This helps make water healthier for salmon, other fish and wildlife, and people.



Reduces Erosion

Treetops help slow the speed of falling rain, and slower rain is less likely to erode soil. Tree roots also hold layers of soil together to prevent erosion.



Texas Sojourners (l. to r.) A. Busby, Dr. M. Greer (President), L. Hampton, C. Dean in "eco-action" at 2022 March rally.



Lagniappe:

Get Your Pump On
Check your water pump to make sure it's working. Shut off the outside water and make sure you are only using your RV water tank. Now, turn on the electric pump. Make sure all your faucets are closed. Give the pump a few minutes to reach full pressure. It should stop running.

Recycle **clean, dry** plastic bags and film packaging



Produce Bags



Newspaper Bags



Case Wrap
(e.g. snacks, beverage cases)



Retail Bags



Napkin, Paper Towel, Bathroom Tissue and Diaper Wrap
(packaging)



Food Storage Bags

**Recycle if
Clean & Dry**

PLASTIC

BAGS / FILM / WRAP



Bread Bags



Air Pillows



Dry Cleaning Bags

how2recycle.info

- ONLY frozen food bags with the above how2recycle label
- NO prewashed salad mix bags
- NO degradable bags



Recycled plastic bags and wraps can become new packaging or durable home building products.



plasticfilmrecycling.org

Looking Ahead: Spring Quarter Celebrations and Events Includes Available Regional Club Events

APRIL

April 1: April Fool's Day

Kick off the month with some lighthearted pranks. But keep in mind that not everyone enjoys being on the other end of a joke, so take care to respect the wishes of those who may not appreciate the gesture.



April 2: Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

A peanut butter and jelly sandwich is a lunchtime staple, so it's no wonder the sweet and savory sammie gets its own day of celebration. The origin of this national day is unknown, but the mention of this pairing of peanut "paste" with jelly on bread was in an article written in 1901.

April 6: National Twinkie Day

National Twinkie Day was first formally celebrated in 2012, the same year Twinkie production was temporarily suspended due to Hostess Brands filing for bankruptcy. But this snack cake has been around since 1930. Enjoy the day by indulging.

April 12: Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day

Whether you love a simple slice of American cheese on white bread or aged brie on sourdough, grilled cheese always make for an awesome meal. Whip up your favorite grilled cheese sandwich for breakfast, lunch, or dinner to celebrate today.

April 22: Earth Day

April 22, 1970, was the first Earth Day, and the date has been observed every year since as the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement. Mother Earth may only officially get full attention one day a year, but you can try to take care of the planet every day. Today's the day to learn some ways you can help protect the environment.



April 22 - 24: Eastern Region DC Connection RV Club

North Landing Beach RV Resort, April 22 - 24, 2022, 161 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23457, Phone: (757) 426-6241. www.northlandingbeach.com



April 23: Central Region, Rocky Mountain RV Rollers

Brothers Bar & Grill Northfield,
Saturday, April 23, 2022 @ 12:00 P.M.
Sherman and Deshawn Gilliam - (720) 346-2680



April 27: National Prime Rib Day

Often considered the “king of meats,” prime rib arguably is the finest cut of beef there is. You can celebrate this day by making your own recipe (wear an apron to avoid staining), or enjoy prime rib from your favorite restaurant.

April 28-May 1: Central Region, Akron Adventurers Kampers Club



Evergreen Lake Park - Conneaut, 703 Center Road
Conneaut, Ohio 44030, located off I-90, exit 241, Conneaut,
Ohio. Off the exit ramp, you will head North on Ohio Route
7. In approximately 1/4 of mile get in the left lane at the first
traffic light and turn left onto Gateway Avenue. Call for
reservations after January 1st - (440) 599-8802.

Website: <https://evergreenlakecampground.com/conneaut-campin>

April 29: Arbor Day

Since 1872, Arbor Day has been observed as a day to encourage tree planting and to raise awareness of the importance of trees and forests. If you have the space in your yard, today’s the day to plant a new tree. Otherwise, look for events to help with local tree plantings or green space cleanup.



May

May 1: International Workers’ Day

Also known as Labour Day in most countries and often referred to as May Day, is a celebration of labourers and the working classes that is promoted by the international labour movement and occurs every year on May Day (1 May).

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

This is an annual celebration held on May 5, which commemorates the anniversary of Mexico’s victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. More popular in the United States than in Mexico, Cinco de Mayo has become associated with the celebration of Mexican-American culture. Celebrations began in California, where they have been observed annually since 1863. The day gained nationwide popularity in the 1980s due to advertising campaigns by beer, wine, and tequila companies.





May 9: Mother's Day

Is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations, largely pushed by commercial interests, honoring family members, such as Father's Day, Siblings Day, and Grandparents' Day.

May 12 - 17, 23 2022: Central Region, Rocky Mountain RV Rollers

Ogallala KOA, 221 Road East 85, Ogallala, Nebraska 69153. Hosts, Bobby and Evelyn Whitlock (720) 352-0102, Abe and Karleen Williams (505) 270-1899.



May 13: International Hummus Day

On May 13th, join millions of people around the world in celebrating their love for hummus. Consume, share, celebrate and profess your love for this special food. 2022 marks the 10th official International Hummus Day.



May 13 - 15, 2022, Southern Region, Georgia Easy Riders RV Club

Time Away RV Resort, 160 Summer Dale Lane, Lincoln, AL 35096. Host: CJ — Twala Johnson / Ray Iris Raines. Phone (205) 855-3033. April 15, 2022 - deadline for reservations, please see cancellation policy on website.

May 20-22, 2022, Central Region, Ebony Dream Makers

Galesburg East Campground, 1081 U.S. Highway 150 E, Knoxville, IL 61448, 309-289-2267.



May 20-22 2022: Eastern Region, DC Connection RV Club

RV Resort at Carolina Crossroads, 415 Wallace Fork Road, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870
Phone: (252) 538-9776.

<https://033b649.netsolhost.com>



May 31: Memorial Day

Originally known as Decoration Day, is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.

June

June 4: Donut Day

National Donut Day falls on June 4th this year. Be sure to visit your favorite donut shop, choose a variety of chewy deep-fried or baked goodness and enjoy the favorite treat of Barack Obama.



June 5: World Environment Day

Is celebrated annually on the 5th of June and is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of the environment. First held in 1974, it has been a platform for raising awareness on environmental issues such as marine pollution, human overpopulation, global warming, sustainable consumption and wildlife crime.



June 6: National Yo-Yo Day

For over 30 years June 6th has officially been recognized as National Yo-Yo Day. This day to honor the Yo-Yo, was placed on the late Chicago businessman Donald F. Duncan's birthday. America owes its fascination with the yo-yo to Mr. Duncan.



**June 10 - 12, 2022: Eastern Region,
DC Connection RV Club**

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park - Delaware
Beaches, 8295 Granary Road, Lincoln, DE
19960 Phone: (302) 491-6614,
www.delawarejellystone.com/



June 15: Fly a Kite Day

The National Kite Flying Day is a worldwide movement that people celebrate or to promote the art of kite design and flying.

People around the world gather on this day to display their unique kites and actively fly them in the skies. The influence of the wind on objects like tree leaves, buildings, and shelters where people live and the function of the wind in blowing ships and keeping them moving in the seas are all explored on National Kite Flying Day.

June 18: Father's Day

Father's Day is a holiday for honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 as Saint Joseph's Day since the Middle Ages. In the United States, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd, and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910. The day is held on various dates across the world, and different regions maintain their own traditions of honoring fatherhood.



June 19: Juneteenth

Is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865. The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. Juneteenth's commemoration is on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865, announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army General Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas, which was the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery.



June 21: First Day of Summer

The first day of summer (June solstice) is when the sun is in its most northern position directly over the Tropic of Cancer. This is referred to as astronomical summer or the summer solstice. The summer solstice means that on this day the sun will be at its highest and most northern point in the sky, maximizing the amount of sunshine the northern hemisphere gets. Practically speaking, this means that it is the longest day — as defined by the number of hours of sunlight — and the shortest night



June 23-26: Central Region, Akron Adventurers Kampers Club

Harbortown Campground,
14931 Laplainsance Rd, Monroe, MI 48161,
I-80 W (turnpike) to I-280 N, exit at
Laplainsance Rd., left to Campground. Call
for reservations after January 1st - (740)
454-0925. Website: harbortownrv.com

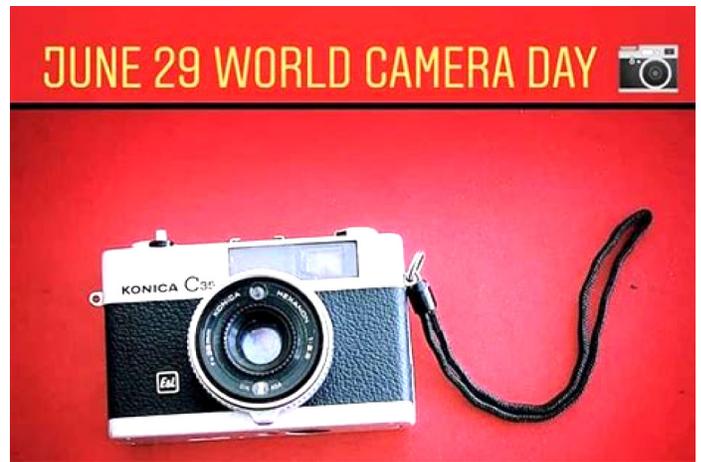


June 25: National Catfish Day

Is a national observance of the United States celebrating “the value of farm-raised catfish.” The day was designated as June 25, 1987, by an issued Presidential Proclamation after the U.S. Congress called for the day to be established in House Joint Resolution 178.

June 29: Camera Day

The origin of Camera Day is unknown but it is the day that commemorates the camera and photographers who have left an indelible mark in history. The camera is celebrated in all of its many forms. After all, the device has become a major part of our lives. Of course, it's of greater significance and importance to professionals. But the influence of the camera has transcended color, caste, religion, and region for many years now.



June 30: National Meteor Watch Day

June 30th is National Meteor Watch Day. It is a night you might want to let your kids stay up late to celebrate the wonders outside of our world as we know it. All you need is a blanket, your backyard, the lights off, and a cloudless sky; maybe you'll be lucky enough to spot a glowing streak of a meteor entering our atmosphere!

These are just a sampling of the coming days celebrations, outings, and things to enjoy. Be safe, observant, and collect memories to share with us all in the Spring *VOICE* Edition.