

THE NAARVA



VOICE

VOLUME 24 ISSUE 3

©NAARVA All Rights Reserved

SUMMER 2022 (July, Aug., Sept.)

From The President's Desk...

It is great that we have concluded the 2022 NAARVA National Annual Camp Rally and the Southern Region Rally Team along with the Executive Board members, worked to ensure that we had a wonderful time. The numbers are being calculated and the financial reports are being balanced as we continue to process all outstanding debts. There were many volunteers, named and unnamed but each member that was appointed a task did a great job! Thank you for your support.

Although we had a couple of bumps in the road, they were unplanned but addressed as quickly as possible.

We are now in the process of working on the 2023 — 30th Annual National Camp Rally — ***"Then and Now." (It's A Celebration!)*** and we will be working to improve the Rally experience where we can! Mark, your calendars, (July 23-30, 2023) and plan your journey to Hemet, CA — Golden Village Palms RV Resort. Watch for more information.

Now as we multitask, we must also turn our attention to Nominations and Elections. This newsletter includes the Nomination Form and many of you will be considering the completion of the form and entering the leadership team for

NAARVA 2023-2025. I applaud your sense of dedication and commitment to service. As you plan to serve, I recommend a book I read many, many years ago. *"The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People"* by Stephen Covey.

Habit 1: Be Proactive

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

Habit 3: Put First Things First

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand

Habit 6: Synergize

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

I personally recommend that any member considering nomination for an office, read this book, some of you may have read this book already and understand its importance. I draw your attention to only four of the seven habits.

— Always be proactive and be ready to work toward a resolution of all matters.

— Begin with the End in Mind, what will you do that will clearly be reflected at the end of your term?

— Think Win-Win, everyone at the table should win.

— Seek First to Understand, please request the description of duties for the office you desire.

In a later book by Stephen Covey, he gives other suggestions for living a good life "Live, love, laugh, leave a legacy."

Of course, we each have the responsibility to fulfill this suggestion, applying it to all areas of our lives. I encourage those of you that will participate in the 2023/2025 Nomination and Election process to take the time to "Live, love, laugh, and leave a legacy."

I am sure each selected officer will be an asset to NAARVA and look forward to the new leadership.

I leave you with the following quote:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

Best of luck to the Western Region and 2023 Rally Planning Team and each 2023/2025 Nominee!

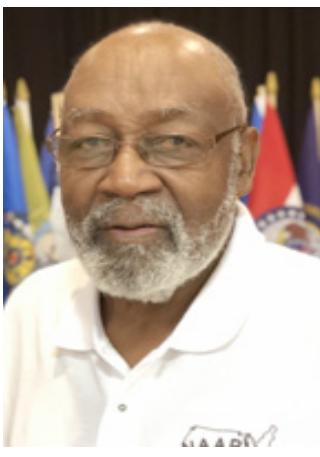
Best Regards,
Louise Grogan
NAARVA President



NAARVA EXECUTIVE BOARD - 2021-2023



LOUISE GROGAN
President
lg.naarva@yahoo.com



JOE BRADY
1st Vice President
jbrady1243@aol.com



RODNEY THOMPSON
2nd Vice President
rdnthmp@sbcglobal.net



ELAINE STANDIFER
General Secretary
standeo190@gmail.com



DOROTHY SMITH
Asst. General Secretary
ladylvnv@embarqmail.com



ROBERT JONES
Treasurer
robert.jones33@yahoo.com



ANDREA JOHNSON HARVEY
Assistant Treasurer
mtnestrver@gmail.com



SYLVIA ALLEN
Financial Secretary
spallen1972@yahoo.com



JOHN CANNON
Asst. Financial Secretary
jmcannonball@hotmail.com



BELINDA MOORE
Director, Eastern Region
queenbee2300@aol.com



CHARLES BREEDLOVE
Director, Southern Region
breedlve1@gmail.com



BRIAN K. SKIPPER
Director, Central Region
btmns@yahoo.com



CHARLES GILL, JR.
Director, Western Region
[cdg2511@comcast.net](mailto:cgd2511@comcast.net)

2023-2025 NAARVA National Executive Board Election of Officers

It is time for the election of NAARVA National Executive Board officers. If you are interested in running for an office, please complete the nomination form and E-mail it along with a biographical statement of your qualifications for the office of your choice, to the nomination committee Chairperson, Dorothy Redd.

The Nomination Form and the biography must be received by 7:00 CST, December 31, 2022 to dotreddl@gmail.com.

All positions are available for nomination:

- President
- 1st Vice - President
- 2nd Vice - President
- General Secretary
- Assistant General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Financial Secretary
- Assistant Financial Secretary



See subsequent editions of the NAARVA VOICE, and other communications, on the ballot distribution, and the date by which the ballots are to be returned to the Nomination/Election team.

National Executive Board Duties and Responsibilities From By-Laws of the National African American RVers - Final July 2021

PRESIDENT

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the organization. He/she shall appoint all persons and committees not otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws; act on behalf of the organization between annual meetings; provide direct supervision of the Administrative Office of the Organization; preside at the annual National Camp Rally Meeting; and carry out all other duties usually performed by the Office of President.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

The 1st Vice-President shall assume the Office of the President in the event of death, resignation, or removal from office. He/she shall preside over all meetings in the absence or incapacity of the President; shall serve as National Camp Rally Coordinator, and additionally, shall serve as chairperson of the Rally Oversight Team, including, but not limited to, recruiting replacement members for the team, he/she shall refer final selection to the President for appointment; and shall carry out all other duties assigned by the President or the executive Board.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

The 2nd President shall preside in the absence of the President and the 1st Vice President. He/she shall serve

as a liaison to the Youth Program Coordinator, and as liaison to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee; and shall carry out all other duties assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary shall exercise oversight of all secretarial duties; keep a list of all members of the executive Board, keep in permanent form a complete and accurate record of all organizational meetings at the national level; prepare and distribute to the executive Board members, within 45 days, the minutes of its meetings; prepare and read the minutes to the membership at the Annual National Camp Rally Meeting. He/she shall perform all other duties as the Bylaws of the organization may prescribe; and shall carry out all other duties assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

The Assistant General Secretary shall perform the duties of the General Secretary in his/her absence; keep and updated list of current members; certify Governing Assembly attendees; and monitor all membership activities at the Annual National Camp Rally, and shall carry out all other duties assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary shall verify all monies received by the NAARVA office through bank deposit, PayPal, Square credit card, and all other sources; verify weekly revenue reports received from the NAARVA office and make corrections if necessary; prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual financial membership reports; prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual revenue reports of the NAARVA merchandise sold; attend the Annual NAARVA National Camp Rally; receive all monies from every source at the Annual NAARVA National Camp Rally; maintain a three (3) part money receipt book at the National Camp Rally; to give copies to the following:

1. Member from whom money is received;
2. Assistant (Rally) Treasurer if applicable;
3. Copy for Financial Secretary's records. In addition, the Financial Secretary shall verify Membership of Members attending the National Camp Rally, and collect dues that cannot be verified as current; keep and accurate list of all NAARVA Chapters; notify Regional Directors annually when chapter dues will expire.

(Continued on page 4)

Executive Board Duties...

(Continued from page 3)

He/she must be proficient in the use of Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word programs; must have and use the latest version of Microsoft Windows; must be a member in good standing with NAARVA and his/her Region; and shall carry out all other duties assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Assistant Financial Secretary shall perform the duties of Financial Secretary in his/her absence. Additionally he/she shall assist in developing a budget and coordinate audit as needed; and shall carry out all other duties assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive all funds paid to the organization; render a re-

ceipt for same, and forthwith deposit same in the bank designated as a depository by the Executive Board, on the first available business day, credited to the organization; disburse funds by check signed by the Treasurer and the National President, keep correct account of disbursements, under the proper dates, with the proper amounts and purposes; at such time the Governing Assembly may direct, or the President requires, present for examination his/her books, papers, etc., that are necessary for the proper auditing of his/her accounts; prepare and present reports to the Executive Board and the Governing Assembly, and make copies of a report of all financial activities handled by the Treasurer during the year available at the Annual National Camp Rally Meeting. He/she shall also perform such duties as are required by the organization that are customary for the office of Treasurer, and shall be required to give bond to the organization in such sum as the Executive Board and/

or Governing Assembly may determine, for the faithful performance of his/her duties/ Such bond shall be executed by a reputable surety company. The cost of the bond shall be paid out of the National Treasury. Per auditing analysis, all applicable corrections, changes, etc., shall be done or completed on or before August 31 of each year. The Treasurer shall carry out all other duties assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

The Assistant Treasurer shall assist and perform duties of the Treasurer in his/her absence. Additionally, the Assistant Treasurer shall be known as the National Rally Account Treasurer. He/she will oversee the National Rally Account containing seed money, and all monies coming in designated for rally activities, and is responsible for paying all Rally expenditures by September 30; and shall carry out all other duties assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

Education Station

**Dr. Preston and Sandra Bryant
National
Scholarship Chairpersons**



**Become a Friend of
NAARVA.**



**Find us on
Facebook**



KELSEY BROWN

This year's NAARVA scholarship winner is Kelsey Brown, who is attending Georgia southern University. Grandparents are Alex and Jo Anne Fitts of Rocky Mountain RV Rollers. Her GPA is 3.58.



JASMINE BROWN

Our second scholarship winner is Jasmine Brown, who is attending the University of North Florida. Grandparents are Bennie and Dianne Jackson of the Broward County Kampers Club. Her GPA was 4.12.

Nomination Form for NAARVA Officers (2023 – 2025)

NAARVA MEMBER # _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

NOMINEE PRINTED NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NAARVA CHAPTER: _____ REGION: _____

NOMINATION FOR OFFICE (*please check one*):

PRESIDENT

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

GENERAL SECRETARY

ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

TREASURER

ASSISTANT TREASURER

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY

SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

1. Please review the NAARVA Constitution and By-Laws for qualifications to be a nominee for the office of your choice or you may request from the Nomination Chairperson listed below.
2. Attach a biographical statement including your qualifications for the office of your choice and your plans to advance the NAARVA organization.
3. The nomination form, biographical statement, and picture of the nominee must be submitted to

Nomination Committee Chairperson: _____

Dorothy Redd

431 Homestead Lane

Rockford, IL 61102-1139

or

dottedredd1@gmail.com

Phone Number: 815-985-4082

**Nominee must call Chairperson
to confirm that their Nomination
Form was received by 12/31/2022
prior to 7:00pm CST.**

*The deadline for receiving the nomination form and information is 7:00
2022.*

Revision Date September 2022

NAARVA NATIONAL CAMP RALLY



"THEN & NOW"



*It's a
Celebration!*

*July 23rd - 30th 2023
Golden Village Palms RV Resort
Hemet, CA*

Hosted By Western Region

More
Information
Coming Soon

JOIN THE FUN. JOIN THE FAMILY!



A Word From the Editor...

"Ahhh... Summer!" Time Flies Fast When You Are Having Fun. It seems like it was just a short time ago that I was asking you how was your first time out, now if you are like our club you may have just completed or anticipating completing your last group RV outing(s) for the year. You never really want summer and RV outings to end, but, fortunately we are now turning to the fall/winter phase of our RVing adventure. The camaraderie continues either indoors, at restaurant venues, or preparing to "Snowbird" in warmer sections of the country.

In this edition of the *VOICE* you are getting initial information for our pending elections, a heads-up for our upcoming 2023 National Camp Rally in Hemet, CA, a celebration of the Seven Days of Mardi Gras from our 2022 National Camp Rally in Shawnee, OK, the last of our Lagniappes, and our "Looking Ahead" for the Fall quarter activity caplets.

Continue to enjoy this experience we call NAARVA. I look forward to talking to you again in the Fall *VOICE*. - James Gregory, Editor



CheckCity.com/Blog

CENTRAL REGION

Hello NAARVA Family!

The Central Region had a great time in Branson. There were many first timers in attendance and they all enjoyed the rally. The Central Region honored one of the founding members of NAARVA, Norm Ellis, who was pleasantly surprised by the recognition!

The National Rally in Shawnee, Oklahoma was a success. Special thanks to Charles Breedlove and the rally team for putting together a great event!

I would like to thank the Central Region Executive Board for all their dedication to NAARVA. Now that the summer is over, we are hard at work planning our 2023 Central Region Rally which will be held in Hutchinson, Kansas (June 11-18). It will be a fun-filled event for all.

Next year's National Rally will be held in Hemet, California (July 23-30, 2023). Come celebrate NAARVA's 30th Anniversary with Charles Gill and his team from the Western Region. Until then, everyone stay safe. We are looking forward to the coming year!

There's An App for That!

By Bruce Toney

At the recent National Camp Rally, NAARVA member James Campbell, of S. Carolina shared with me an App that he discovered and



uses that saves him hundreds of dollars on diesel fuel cost each year. The App is called "Open Roads." Open Roads has partnered with several of the diesel fueling stations that we all have come famili-

iar with during our RV travels such as Love's, Travel Centers of America and many others.

Open Roads is a discount fuel program open to anyone who purchases diesel fuel, whether it be for a diesel pickup truck, RV, or a semi-truck. The App is free to download, and you can check in real time for diesel fuel prices near you or across the country.

Once you decide to register with Open Roads, they will send you a membership card that you may use at its partnering diesel stops for discounts on your diesel fuel purchases. No debit or credit card is needed at the pump.

BRIAN SKIPPER
Director
Central Region



btmns@yahoo.com

Additionally, current users of the App are saving an average of 30 to 40 cents per gallon off the pump price, and that can be a huge savings on a 100-gallon fuel tank RV. There are no signup fees or membership fees to join. There are no long-term contracts to sign and no hidden fees. You can download the APP from the Apple or Google App stores or visit www.myopenroads.com for more information on this fuel saving program.

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.

NAARVA Chaplain's Corner...

Demonstrating the Difference Between “Able” and ‘Habile’

There is an ancient Latin word “Habile” (pronounced HA-bol, like Able with an H). Its primary definition is “deft” and “naturally skillful”; it means to be characterized by facility and skill. The nuance of the word “deft” denotes an ability to do or learn things well and easily; a natural aptitude. My question is: “What does any of this have to do with NAARVA”? Before answering that question, I’d like to give you the historical aspect of the word.

In the early Latin language, the ancient word “Habilis” meant that a thing could be easily handled. By contrast, the early French language used the word “Habile” which meant skillful in one’s ability to perform a certain task.

The more common derivative of the word “Habile” as practiced in both Middle English and Modern English is the more familiar word “Able”! One might say, “The batter was well able to knock the ball out of the park!” In our modern way of speaking, we would be more apt to use the word “Able” rather than “Habile”. And while the pronunciations are similar, and the meanings are closely related, the word “Able” implies that the person at least has the basic ability to perform a specific task. But when the word “Habile” is used, the speaker is suggesting that the person is naturally capable of doing the job, and is quite skillful at it.

Now, let’s raise the question again



of what this has to do with NAARVA! We are not only able to become the premier RV club that Norman Ellis and his RVing companions envisioned in the original charter of 1993, but we possess the skills necessary to do so. As an association, we have the innate ability to make NAARVA the best RV club in America. “Then,” you might ask, “what’s stopping NAARVA from being fun-filled and conflict-free. I’d like to suggest three things that impede our natural capacity to accomplish that task:

1. Selfishness: While many psychologists suggest that a minimum amount of self care is necessary for self preservation; like anything, selfishness can easily develop into a negative character trait when it becomes the reoccurring motivation for one’s actions. This can be seen when a person is willing to set aside the rules and practices of an organization for the advancement of their own political or social agenda. This type of person is more concerned about his/her own future than the well-being of the organization.

2. Disloyalty: In a well integrated society, people are often involved in more than one group of the same type. It is not uncommon to belong to multiple associations that engage in similar activities. This becomes destructive only when the conversations or activities of



THE REV. JESSE BATTLE
National Chaplain, NAARVA
bishopjessebattle@gmail.com

one group seeks to destroy the viability of the other group. Members who participate in this kind of behavior are being disloyal to the offended organization.

3. Dishonesty: It is amazing how often people say one thing in public while saying a different thing in private; or display different behavioral patterns in private versus public. It is impossible to draw legitimate conclusions from such actions; it’s very difficult to trust such a person. An association can only thrive in an atmosphere of trust among members. Good decisions are made in an atmosphere of trusted information.

Now, I’d like to suggest three things that will improve our natural capacity and render us “Able” and “Habile” to accomplish the task of making NAARVA a premier RV association:

1. Act and speak in a way that contributes to the health of NAARVA!

2. Act and speak in a way that demonstrates loyalty to NAARVA!

3. Be honest in your interactions with the governing body (National, Regional, Local Club) and members of NAARVA!

Lagniappe

If you don’t plan to use your RV over the fall and winter months, winterize the plumbing system to prevent freezing and prepare all of the other systems for short or long-term storage.

Rules for Submitting Articles to *The Voice*

If you want to share news from your Club, or have something to say about RV’ing, E-mail your information to your Regional Director. **The deadline for the Winter *VOICE* content submissions is December 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.

EASTERN REGION

Virginia Camping Cardinals New England Trip

Each year the *Virginia Camping Cardinals* embarks on an “unofficial trip” to broaden our horizons. During September 30 thru October 12, 2021 the Virginia Camping Cardinals travelled with 10 RVs over 2,000 miles and seven states on their Fall New England trip. The goal of the trip was not only to see the majestic changing of the seasons throughout the Northeastern United States, but to visit many of the historic sites along the way while simultaneously enjoying the camping lifestyle.

The trip began in Norfolk, Virginia traveling North through the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and onto the Eastern Shore to New Jersey for the club’s first stop at Liberty Harbors RV Park. The club stayed for three days and was able to enjoy the sites of New York City to include touring the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Times Square, Broadway, Central Park, Harlem including the Apollo Theater and ate lunch at the renowned Red Rooster Restaurant, and visited many other New York locations.

The club travelled to Connecticut where we spent two days at the Mystic Holiday KOA where we toured the world’s first nuclear powered submarine “The USS Nautilus,” and other historic sites.

Then we traveled to Bayview campground in Buzzard Bay, Massachusetts. There we stayed for three days

and wasted no time in not only enjoying the Fall weather but the sites as well to include Martha’s Vineyard, historic Boston, Plymouth Rock, Cape Cod, Salem Witch Museum, Freedom Trail, toured the USS Constitution and the entire Hyannis area.

It was then on to Timberland Acres RV Park in Trenton, Maine where the club spent two days camping and visiting Acadia National Park (not to mention the lobster feasts). As the club headed back south towards Virginia, we stopped over for a day to camp in Hartford, Connecticut and it was then on to the “City of Brotherly Love.” We spent two days in historic Philadelphia where of course indulged ourselves on the famous Philadelphia cuisine as well as toured the

(L.) Visiting the U.S.S. Constitution and below, the famous Liberty Bell.

BELINDA
MOORE
Director, Eastern
Region



queenbee2300@aol.com

many historic sites to include the Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall and other Museums and tours celebrating our country’s history which highlighted many African American contributions. Submitted by Jesse McRae, Michael Terrell and Patricia Terrell



SOUTHERN REGION

Greetings from the Southern Region...

First, I want to thank all the members who attended the 29th Annual NAARVA Camp Rally in Shawnee, OK from August 7-14, 2022. A special thanks to my Co-Chairs. Without them we wouldn't have had a successful Rally. I also want to thank all the Chapters/Clubs in the Southern Region and all the volunteers who worked very hard to make this Annual Camp Rally successful. We had a great week of reconnecting with old and new friends. We had something to do for all members who were in attendance, from a tour on Monday to Tulsa, OK and a tour on Tuesday to Oklahoma City. Just to name a few events that were scheduled that a fairly large number of members participated in were: seminars, games, night bike rides, line dancing, Table/RV vendors. We also had a Karaoke Night that was one of the highlights of the Rally. As the NAARVA Southern Region Director and Chairperson it was an Honor to host the 29th Annual NAARVA Camp Rally.

Southern Region held its Bi-Annual Election for Officers for year 2022-2024. The new officers are: Region Director - Charles Breedlove, *Space Age RV Club*; Assistance Region Director - Venson Miller, *Texas Sojourners*; Secretary - Dianne Jackson, *Broward County Kamper Klub*; Assistant Secretary - Pamela Clayton, *Georgia Easy Riders RV Club*; Treasurer - Ray Raines, *Georgia Easy Riders RV Club*; Financial Secretary -

Alexis Jones, (newly elected) *Georgia Easy Rides RV Club*; Nominating Chairperson - Nita McGee, *Space Age RV Club*; By-Laws and Parliamentarian Chairperson - Lem Chance, *Texas Sojourners*; Policy & Procedures - Constance Malone, *Space age RV Club*; Webmaster & Public Relations - Robin Wagstaff, *Member-at-Large*; Chaplain - Ransom Stanfield, *Oklahoma Tornadoes* and Historian - Myrtle Mayfield, *Georgia Easy Riders RV Club*. Congratulations to all elected and appointed Officers who were willing to step up and serve the Southern Region.

NAARVA Southern Region will hold their next Region Pep Rally at Carolina Pines RV Resort, 5800 Highway 90, Conway, South Carolina. Dates for the Camp Rally are May 16-20, 2023.

Southern Region had an increase of 15 new members since the last Membership Roster. We have a total of 433 RVs that includes 133 Members-at-Large. I want to personally thank all of the new members for joining NAARVA and the Southern Region.

Now let's get ready to enjoy our 30th NAARVA Annual Camp Rally at the Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet, California.

Respectfully,
Charles Breedlove



CHARLES BREEDLOVE
Director, Southern Region
breedlove@gmail.com

WESTERN REGION

Greetings and Welcome from the Western Region

After a successful summer season, including our Western Region Rally and many of us attending the NAARVA National Rally in Shawnee, OK, we're ready and planning for the upcoming 30th Annual National Camp Rally.

The theme for our 30th Annual National Camp Rally is "NAARVA Then

and Now", "It's A Celebration". We'll look at highlights from back in the day, to where we are now. We're attempting to locate pictures and historic memorabilia from NAARVA's inception, which will bring us up to our current status.

As you know, our motto is "Endless Excitement Out West", and we are planning a fantastic week of tours

CHARLES GILL, JR.
Director,
Western Region



cgg2511@comcast.net



and activities as you join us at Golden Village Palms RV Resort in sunny Hemet, California. There will be swimming pools, pool tables, pickleball, line dancing and much more. Planning is underway for "Dancing in the Street" and a pool party. All we need is YOU! Registration packets should be available toward the end of this year, so please make plans to join us in our celebration out west. **Rally dates are July 23 - 30, 2023.**

NAARVA Ecology Program: Moving Forward



NAARVA members, we are well into our journey of planetary stewardship. I am happy to report the success of our NAARVA Ecology Program (NEP) activities held during the August 2022 rally. We delivered 38 lbs. of plastics (drained and capped plastic bottles) for recycling. NAARVA member Ramona Samuel collected the heaviest total, and was the winner of the \$50 gas card grand prize. Other winning members were Gwynne Toney and Iris Perkins. Amelia Wheeler won the \$25 cash award Ecology Seminar raffle. Beyond these bonuses, our NAARVA executive board supported the NEP presentation of an informative display table, conveying the value and strengths of our NEP maxim, "Loving our Earth, Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, Respect". Included were descriptions of the value of trees, the virtues of, and "how 2s" for recycling, informative graphics on both climate change and the fundamentals of ecosystems, illustrations of club ecology activities, various related world news reports, and a visual and instructive component on solar power utilization.

Not least of all, President Grogan and cabinet approved planting of 100 trees in the Amazon Rainforest through *One Tree Planted*, an international organization focusing on global reforestation. We are particularly grateful to our voluntary NEP team who, through each of their own accord, diligently undertook service to produce a successful NEP showing for this year's rally, and for continued advisement by our past NAARVA Ecologist and association president, Anne Steele Holsey.

It is essential now that we expand our NEP activities in the most documentary form, at once including standard acts to recycle and plant trees, while strengthening NAARVA involvement in environmentally conscious activities at both member and global levels. We are well aware that there are multiple activities and

changes needed on a global level for protection of our Earth from ecological injury, climate change, and the resulting damages of the intermingling synergism of the two. Vital ecological and environmental subject matter was presented and discussed during the rally Ecology Seminar. (The presentation is available on our website.) Included in the discussion were brief but wide-ranging reviews of existing ecological challenges and the ecological impact of humans, the "anthropogenic" impact. Attendees, while contributing to seminar discussion, asked the one powerful question, "What can we do?" I retain both resolve and hope regarding this question, and clearly see that others in our NAARVA family feel the same. Many NAARVA members already recycle regularly and expect as



much during rallies.

We move ahead to prime our
(Continued on page 12)



NAARVA Ecology Program: Moving Forward



(Continued
from page 11)

NAARVA family for more a comprehensive view of current ecology challenges, and for actions we may take as individuals, and as NAARVA colleagues to address these challenges.

In pressing forward with added practices to safeguard the future of our home planet, I propose that each club develop an ET, an Earth Team (name it as you choose), to affirm NAARVA as a visibly involved organization for meaningful and measurable ecological activity. Club based activities may include rally recycling events, community involvement in neighborhood or

local clean-up projects, participation in nationwide environmental projects, educational/informational sharing activities, and projects that offer a youth component as we consider what we will leave for future generations. Activities may include support of existing ecological or environmental organizations at local, national or international levels.

**Specifically, we urge each
NAARVA member to take the
Keep America Beautiful
“#BERECYCLED” pledge.**

At this writing 87,833 people have signed this pledge. (Please review the KAB site, it is one of many that offers much information and inspiration for active involvement.) NEP aspires

to report at our next national rally an account of all NAARVA members who have taken the pledge, which displays a collective mindfulness of “Loving our Earth”. Additionally, NEP has planned expansion of future national rally activities to include expanded information on clean and renewable energy. We have several members that have already journeyed in the use of these innovations (including NEP volunteers Patrick and Josie Grant).

I look forward to my second year of chairing the NAARVA Ecology Program. Many thanks to President Louise Grogan and her executive cabinet, and the NAARVA membership for unwavering support of my opening year of service.

Most sincerely,
Jean M. Hampton

National African American RVers Association

100 Trees Planted in the Amazon Rainforest

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO PRIVILEGED AND DISTINGUISHED PARTNERS OF ONE TREE PLANTED WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE ESSENTIAL TO THE REFORESTATION, CONSERVATION, AND PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED FORESTS AROUND THE WORLD.

Matt Hill

MATT HILL

CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL EVANGELIST



August 29, 2022

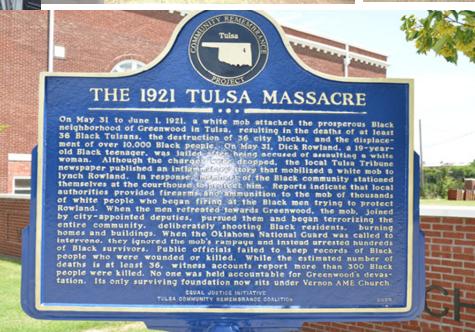
DATE

YOU CHANGED THE WORLD

Mardi Gras Day 1: Sunday - We Arrive and Check-in



Mardi Gras Day 2: Monday We Plan, Buy, Travel & Learn to Dance



Mardi Gras Day 3: Tuesday

Seminars, Youth Activities, Karaoke, 1st 50/50 and More Line Dancing



Mardi Gras Day 4: Wednesday - Parade, Opening Ceremonies



Mardi Gras Day 5: Thursday - Assembly Meeting and Night Rides



Mardi Gras Day 6: Friday - Ladies and Men's Luncheon and "Mardi Gras"



*Ladies'
Luncheon*



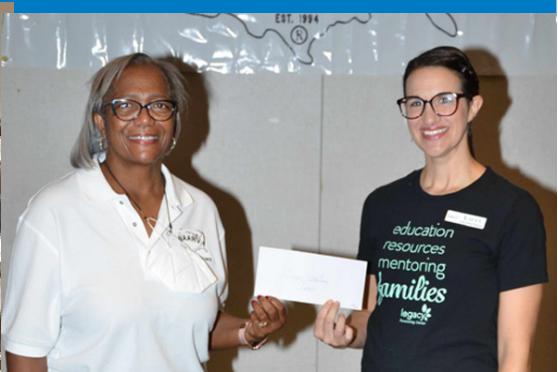
Mardi Gras Day 6: Friday - Ladies and Men's Luncheon and "Mardi Gras"



*Men's
Luncheon*



*Mardi Gras Day 7: Saturday -
National Camp Rally Meeting, 2nd 50/50, Closing Ceremony and Dinner*



Looking Ahead:

October, November, December Celebrations and Events
Includes Available regional Club Events

Saturday, October 1

International Day of Older Persons

We're fortunate to have older people around us, whether they're family, friends, or just general acquaintances. Older people are founts of wisdom, experience, and storytelling. They can inspire us to continue striving—or warn us of dangers we're unaware of. We should look to them for guidance whenever and wherever possible. Unfortunately, far too often we tend to forget—or, worse, downright ignore—the older people in our lives. That's one of many reasons why the International Day of Older Persons on October 1 is such a terrific holiday.



national black dog day



National Black Dog Day

National Black Dog Day is celebrated on October 1 of each year and seeks to change people's perceptions of black dogs. The event encourages the adoption of black dogs, and it's a great time to consider opening your heart and your home to a fuzzy companion in need of a loving family.

Sunday, October 2

International Day of Non-Violence

The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on October 2nd, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence. The International Day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of nonviolence, including through education and public awareness". It is to reaffirm "the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence" and the desire "to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence."

National Fried Scallops Day

October is a treasure trove of a month for celebrating seafood, and what better way to start the feast than by celebrating National Fried Scallops Day on October 2? When cooked the right way, scallops become the perfect melt-in-your-mouth delicacy, taking you on a food ride of oceanic excellence. Scallops are enjoyed in a variety of ways (i.e. in soups, pasta, or sushi), but one of the most popular and loved scallops are the ones fried in butter and a mixture of herbs and other flavors.



Lagniappes...

You don't have to travel far to have fun! You can still enjoy an amazing weekend camping trip close to home. Even better, close to home will save you money on one of the most expensive aspects of RV travel: fuel!

Monday, October 3

Butterfly and Hummingbird Day

National Hummingbird Day is usually celebrated on the first Saturday in September every year but this year it falls on Monday, September 3. Use this opportunity to educate yourself and others on how to care for, and support these amazing creatures. Some communities celebrate this day with activities that include educational viewings, and field trips. Hummingbirds share the raising of the chicks and males live a lot shorter because they use so much energy in defending their nests. They use a lot of energy in flying and need to rest every 15 minutes, so we must make our gardens hummingbird friendly.



National Consignment Day

For everyone that likes to be on-trend and still live green, National Consignment Day, held on the first Monday in October each year — on October 3 this year, is for you! The day encourages people to sell items we no longer use or want to consignment stores. You (and the consignment store) make some money, and someone gets to ethically buy and utilize a gently-used item.

Tuesday, October 4

National Cinnamon Roll Day

A warm buttery bun with sugar, honey, and cinnamon — sweet treats are made of these and who are we to disagree! Now on National Cinnamon Roll Day, held annually on October 4, you can indulge yourself. Everyone loves cinnamon rolls and everyone has their special favorite. This day was first celebrated 19 years ago in Sweden and the love for this day is just as sweet. All over the country, people bake and enjoy various types of cinnamon rolls on this day. Whether you buy 'em or bake 'em, on National Cinnamon Roll Day, let the sweet times roll!



National Taco Day

Consider National Taco Day, October 4 every year, a concentrated and intensified version of the "Taco Tuesdays" many restaurants offer in a bid to bring in Happy Hour-like crowds. On National Taco Day, we only need to grab some tortillas and stuff them with savory fillings, from the traditional carne asada, cheese, tomato, lettuce and sour cream, to more exotic gustatory delights like risotto, chorizo, even tongue, to name only a few of the "meat component" alternatives. Even the word "stuff" is no accident; many believe that the word taco derives from the Spanish "ataco," meaning "to stuff."



National Golf Lovers Day

Exhilarating and dispiriting, thrilling and embarrassing, joyous and depressing — no activity on Earth encompasses the full emotional spectrum like golf — and that's why we love it! This October 4, celebrate National Golf Lovers Day by recognizing one of the world's most popular sports. Hit the links and play a round as you enjoy a few competitive and friendly laughs with your fellow sufferers. While golf can drive even the greatest players completely bonkers, hitting just one good shot means you can't wait to tee it up again. In other words, "just grip it and rip it."

Wednesday, October 5

National Kale Day

The first Wednesday in October gives us the opportunity to celebrate National Kale Day each year, falling on October 5 this year. The celebration sheds light on the versatility and amazing health benefits of kale. The observance plays a crucial role in increasing awareness and encouraging the eating and growing of kale. It is a staple food in any healthy diet plan. Join the celebrations as we eat healthy to mark National Kale Day.



Thursday, October 6

National Mad Hatter Day

October 6th is a day set aside each year to bring out your silly side while celebrating National Mad Hatter Day. The phrase “mad as a hatter” comes from the late 18th and early 19th centuries when haberdasheries used mercury nitrate. The exposure to this metal over time caused the tradesmen to develop symptoms making people believe they were mad. Breakout from the usual routine. Ask ridiculous riddles, play croquet with plastic pink flamingos or wear a funny hat to work. Celebrate the day with silliness!

National Noodle Day

National Noodle Day is on October 6 and we are getting ready to celebrate by doing the best thing possible with noodles... eating them! Can you believe that noodles have been around for over 4,000 years? Noodles are popular all over the world and range in shape from flat, to round, to twisted, to sheets, to tubes, and many more. They can be made from rice, buckwheat, wheat, with or without eggs and even now from zucchini.



Friday, October 7



National LED Light Day

National LED Light Day, held on October 7, was first recognized by Bridgelux, which founded the day in 2016. The aim of the occasion was to celebrate the great discovery and creation of LED lights, and how they are used in everyday life. However, over time, the day also began to highlight the numerous advantages LED lights can have on the environment — which is now facing a tragic energy crisis. Want to contribute to the positive future of mother Earth? Celebrate the day with great fervor and spread awareness about all the advantages of LED lights.

Easter Region

October 7 - 9, 2022
Americamps RV Resort
11322 Air Park Road
Ashland, VA 23005
Phone: (804) 798-5298
<https://americamps.com>
Renfro/Standifer

**DC Connection
RV Club**



Saturday, October 8

National Fluffernutter Day

National Fluffernutter Day is October 8, when we fondly pay homage to the childhood sandwich of peanut butter and Marshmallow Fluff squished between two slices of bread. Fluffernutter holds a special place in the childhood memories of many New Englanders and is memorialized by its own special day on the calendar.



National Pierogi Day

National Pierogi Day is a day when you will celebrate with your favorite tasty and flavorful dumplings. On 8th October every year, the United States people celebrate by eating various dumplings. The food Pierogi is originally a popular food for the farmers. But nowadays, it has become one of the most popular food items across the country.

Sunday, October 9

Pastor Appreciation Day

October is observed as National Clergy Appreciation Month (also known as Pastor Appreciation Month), and Pastor Appreciation Day — a day set aside within the month to celebrate pastors — is October 9 this year. The month recognizes the contributions and services of pastors, priests, reverends, ministers, and all other clergymen. Devotees, on Pastor Appreciation Day, come together to express their gratitude to pastors and other staff of the church. Many congregations observe the day by taking up a special offering to bless their pastors. Others may show their gratitude through different means such as honoring their pastors with meals, gifts, and even paid vacations.



International Beer and Pizza Day

International Beer and Pizza Day is on October 9, and there's no better day to throw a pizza and beer party. When you think of pizza, you most likely think of Italy, but did you know that the first pizza was made by the Greeks and Egyptians, not the Italians? Pepperoni may be the most popular pizza topping in the world but in ancient times, the Greeks and Egyptians coated their flat-bread pizza in olive oil and spices.

Lagniappes...

One of the best ways to enjoy cooler evenings is sitting around the warmth of a campfire. Every good fire needs some s'mores, so pack the graham crackers, marshmallows and chocolate. Don't forget the sticks!

Monday, October 10

World Mental Health Day

Each year, World Mental Health Day is observed on October 10th to raise awareness around mental health issues worldwide and mobilize efforts in support of mental health. The day offers an opportunity to talk openly about mental health and the work that needs to be done to ensure people worldwide have access to adequate and affordable treatment and care.



Tuesday, October 11

National Face Your Fears Day

National Face Your Fears Day is celebrated on the second Tuesday of October every year, on October 11 this year. Whether you have a deep-seated fear of public speaking or are terrified of spiders, this day is an opportunity to step out and overcome things that are holding you back.

**YOU CANNOT KEEP
RUNNING AWAY FROM
YOUR FEARS. AT SOME
POINT IN LIFE YOU WILL
HAVE TO BUILD UP THE
COURAGE TO FACE AND
OVERCOME THEM**



Southern Food Heritage Day

Every year, Southern Food Heritage Day is celebrated on October 11. The Southern Food & Beverage Museum celebrates the culturally rich and delicious food of the Southern States in America. The cuisine deserves to be recognized and celebrated officially because it is a testament to American history and legacy. Southern food also represents the essence of America the coming together of a variety of people from all over the world, each bringing with themselves their own ingredients and recipes to create a unique cuisine. Iced tea, pickled shrimps, and fried chicken are some of the most loved Southern foods throughout history. Along with the cuisine, the day also celebrates the racial and ethnic diversity in America.

Wednesday, October 12

World Arthritis Day

World Arthritis Day is celebrated on October 12 every year. The day is designed to raise global awareness about the plurality of Arthritis. Doctors and well-wishers try to raise awareness through activities and awareness campaigns. Discussions are held regarding the symptoms connected to arthritis and the importance of early diagnosis. Patients are also told of the ways to gain access to proper medical treatment. Among the different types of arthritis are ankylosing spondylitis, gout, lupus, osteoarthritis, and rheumatoid arthritis. With timely medical intervention, patients can lead a comfortable life.

Emergency Nurses Day

Emergency Nurses Day is celebrated on the second Wednesday of October every year, which falls on October 12 this year. Nursing as a profession requires a great deal of compassion and expertise, and nurses working in hospital emergency wards have to deal with numerous difficulties all through their working hours. A special focus is placed on Emergency Nurses Day, which is a part of a wider celebration of Emergency Nurses Week. Events are held around the world to express gratitude and show support for emergency nurses, who provide invaluable care and assistance to those in need.



Thursday, October 13

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day on October 13 is a time to gain and spread knowledge of what sufferers are up against and how society can help. Metastatic means that what began as a case of early-stage breast cancer has metastasized, or spread to other organs (lungs, bones, etc) outside the breasts, and is now considered to be stage four cancer. At this point the only care option is to treat the advanced cancer and its side effects, including anxiety; there is no cure for metastatic breast cancer as of this writing. Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day is part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and presents an opportunity for us to increase awareness and visibility for those who are championing and fighting for scientific advances.



World Sight Day

World Sight Day is observed every year on the second Thursday of October, falling on October 13 this year. It was initiated by the Lions Clubs International Foundation during their 'SightFirstCampaign' in an effort to spread awareness about preventable blindness and help people who are visually impaired.

Southern Region Georgia Easy Riders RV Club

**October 13-16, 2022
GER Anniversary Celebration
Coastal Georgia RV Resort
287 South Port Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31523
Phone (912) 264-3869**



Friday, October 14

World Egg Day

World Egg Day was established at Vienna 1996, when it was decided to celebrate the power of the egg on the second Friday in October each year. Since then, egg fans around the world have thought up new creative ways to honor this incredible nutrient powerhouse, and the day of celebration has grown and evolved over time.



World Standards Day

World Standards Day is an international day celebrated internationally each year on 14 October. The day honors the efforts of the thousands of experts who develop voluntary standards within standards development organizations such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). The aim of World Standards Day is to raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardization to the global economy.

Lagniappes...

Mother Nature has fun during the fall season. One day she'll give us a break from brutal summer temperatures and fool us into thinking that fall has arrived. But before we get too comfortable the next day we wake up to a blistering heat wave.