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From The President's Desk...



LOUISE GROGAN

Greetings NAARVA Family,

I am very excited about the enthusiasm of our Executive Board members, Regional Directors and Charter Club Presidents! Their commitment has resulted in the growth of NAARVA's membership.

Growth:

June 2020 reported 821 members and our current membership report is 1,030, this is great!

- Central - 241
- Eastern - 238
- Southern - 380
- Western - 171

2022 National Camp Rally:

The Southern Region Rally Team and NAARVA Executive Board members are busy planning for the 2022 National Camp Rally to be

held in Shawnee, Oklahoma August 7 - 14, at the Oklahoma Expo Center. Regional Rally Teams are planning for their 2022 Spring Rally Season. Please visit naarva.com to learn more about the dates, times, themes, and registration updates of all of the NAARVA 2022 rallies.

Elections:

2022 is also the time for all regions and some club Election of Officers! This is an opportunity for NAARVA members who are eligible to serve as regions and clubs' officers to be ready to submit your nomination forms. Regional Directors and Club Presidents are responsible for appointment of nomination and election chairpersons. Leadership of an organization is most successful when we form teams that embrace the development of new ideas!

Let's move NAARVA into the next generation by embracing ideas that include our families that tailgate, with A Class, B Class, C Class, toy haulers, trailers, etc. "Each one, bring one" into this new generation of RVers! **NAARVA will grow with new ideas — it begins with YOU!**

Our organization is approaching 30 years of recreational vehicle travel. Through NAARVA we have visited cities and states that we might have never visited and this has been an exciting period! Together, let's be sure that the next 30 years are filled with more adventures and into new horizons.

Lastly, I extend a Happy Holiday Season to your families and look forward to a **SAFE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR** with a tremendous amount of recreational vehicle travel!

NAARVA National Camp Rally

August 7-14, 2022

Oklahoma Exposition Center

Shawnee, OK



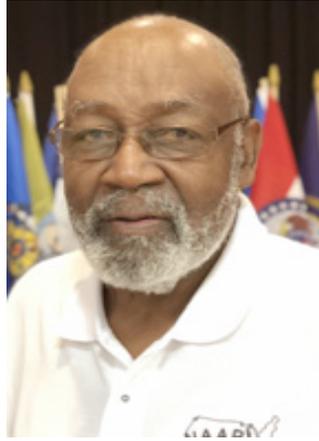
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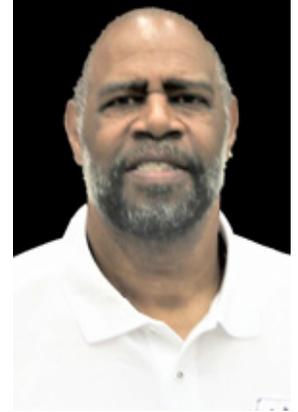
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:



NAARVA's MAILING address
has changed!

Effective upon receipt of this announcement, we are requesting that the following post office box address be used to send mail to the National NAARVA Office. Membership dues/registration packets and other packages are more secure using this mailing address.

NAARVA National Office
P.O. Box 220246
Charlotte, NC 28222

Please do not use the street address to mail items to the National Office. In addition, please **do not** use FedEx or UPS because there is no guarantee that staff will be available to receive or sign for packages. Our office has part-time staff, and mail has been left on the steps of the office, unsecure. Most mail services will not wait for a signature; they simply knock and drop! Leaving mail and packages unsecure.

November 22, 2021
Louise Grogan
NAARVA President
#022-2021



NAARVA NATIONAL CAMP
RALLY 2022

NAARVA Going Mardi Gras in Oklahoma

Shawnee, Oklahoma
August 7-14, 2022



Hosted by the Southern Region

A Word From the Editor...

First Some Cleanup... You have noticed by now that this is not the Winter edition of the *NAARVA VOICE* as so boldly announced in our last issue. It is correctly noted as the FALL 2021 Edition of the *NAARVA VOICE*. In going back to a quarterly publication we just needed some minor resets, so to make it clear from here forward — *the NAARVA VOICE* will publish four editions each year. **Winter Edition** - 1st quarter of the year, **Spring Edition** - 2nd

quarter of the year, **Summer Edition** - 3rd quarter of the year, and **Fall Edition** - 4th quarter of the year. Submission deadlines will always be by the 10th of March, June, September, and December for each corresponding quarter.

Moving on... By now we should be settling into our going into Winter modes, i.e. inside safe gatherings, the still spur of the moment ZOOM call, brunches, lunches, dinners and bowling. The snowbirds who run away

from the cold to warmer climes should be there by now, and the occasional brave soul(s) who defy the time of the year and successfully go out to camp are telling their “adventure” stories. Through it all we continue to live and enjoy the blessings of home, family, and friends. Continue to stay safe in both endeavors, environment, and especially in health — making sure to get your shots and boosters.

Takeaways from this issue are the changes in the NAARVA mailing address, upcoming 2022 rallies and the continued growth of the NAARVA organization via a new Western Region chapter.

So hang in there through the Winter Blues, plan for our upcoming chances to get together again nationally and as always — look out for each other.

~ JAMES

2022 NAARVA NATIONAL CAMP RALLY
AUGUST 7-14, 2022 SHAWNEE, OK

Coming Soon!



T-Shirt Order Form will be available in the Rally
Registration Packet and Online

Easy Way to Pay NAARVA Dues!

Paypal provides an easy way to pay your dues and Charter Renewals.

Check it out at

naarva.com

ARTICLES

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

Can You Imagine?

*Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat;
Please put a penny in the old man's hat.
If you haven't got a penny, a half penny will do;
If you haven't got a half penny, then God bless you!*

This poem, performed as both a poem and a song by many artists as early as the 18th century, is a living memorial to the spirit of benevolence that encompasses the Christmas season! It reminds us that there exists an unwritten bond that goes from person-to-person throughout humanity. The essence of that bond suggests that we are responsible for each other. Indeed, we are our brothers' keepers.

The unfortunate reality, however, is that often we forget that the spirit of Christmas is not limited to the days surrounding December 25th. Quite the contrary, the warm fuzzy feelings that come with the holiday season must somehow be incorporated into our day-to-day lives during all seasons. The gifts of love expressed in the caring acts of Christmas must not stop as the calendar rolls into January and the rest of the coming year. Those who are connected to the love of God must somehow portray such love for fellow human beings all through life. No, it is not enough to care during Christmas, only to forget when the snows of winter melt away, and the rains of spring fill the day! We must not allow the heat of summer and the blustery winds of fall to erode the genuine acts of concern that flow from heart-to-heart. We must continue to love one another, and put forth the maximum effort to display that love during our routine activities. While it is imperative that we show love to even the remotest of strangers, it is even more crucial that we practice love among our NAARVA family! After all, the

scripture reminds us: *"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves ..."* (1 Peter 4:8)

It's interesting that throughout this discourse I have used the word "love". However, the above referenced scripture text uses the word, "charity"! Is there a difference in the meaning of those two words? Primarily, they are considered synonyms — two words with similar meanings. While love is charity, and charity is love; the historical nuance sets the difference. The nuance of love speaks to good feelings toward others; wherein the nuance of charity speaks to positive actions towards others. An ancient philosopher defined charity as "love in action"! It means to act (and react) positively towards those whom you love.

Imagine with me for a moment, that every member of NAARVA loved every other member! Imagine further that each member acted with charity towards each member! Can you imagine how wonderful our Annual National Rallies would be for the members of NAARVA? Can you



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imagine how uplifting the joyous experience of seeing each other would be? Can you imagine the transformation of spirit each of us would encounter as we gather in love with our NAARVA brothers and sisters? Can you imagine the awe on the faces of guests and vendors as they feel the electricity of love-based charity dancing freely around the room? And finally, can you imagine the impact upon the children and grandchildren who travel with us to these often far-away places where "never is heard a discouraging word, and where the deer and the antelope play"? The implication there is that our differences will no longer make a difference! Can you imagine?

By the way, the verse referenced earlier concludes with: "for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."

***"Faith makes all things possible.
Hope makes all things work.
Love makes all things beautiful."***

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 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



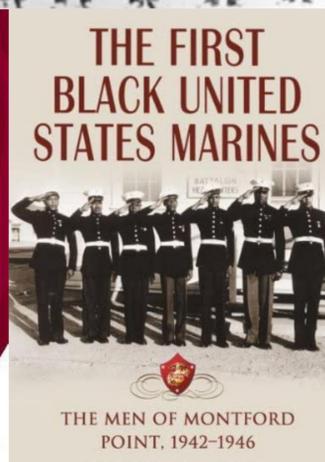
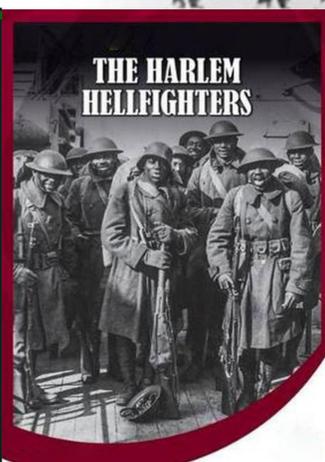
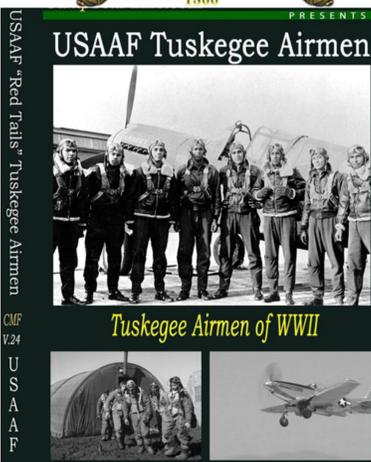
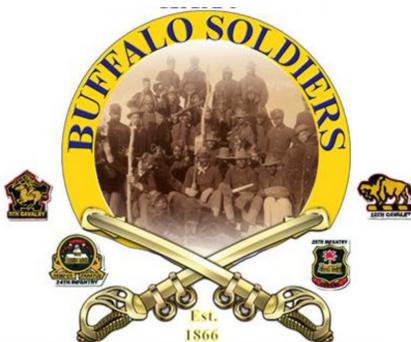
service, full hookups, plenty of room for slides, fire ring, picnic table, and free Wi-Fi & cable. As you relax on your spacious back-in/pull thru RV site; enjoy the Serenity pool/lap pool/spa, indoor pool and hot tubs, bowl a few frames at the mini bowling alley, putt a round of golf on the mini golf 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 pampered, 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. Please contact Belinda (See *Eastern Region*, cont. pg. 8)

Saluting Our Military Icons

Pea Island Life Saving Station Surfmen



Family Takes Road Trip of a Lifetime...

When it was announced that the NAARVA Rally would be in Gillette, Wyoming, my plans began to bring my family of thirteen together. My daughter, son-in-law, and their five children of Fredericksburg, VA and my son, his wife and four children of Pomona, CA were excited and eager to be together again. Our cross-country road trip to Gillette, began in Fredericksburg, heading out on the trip of a lifetime. The trip began July 12th with a four day stop in Williamstown, KY to visit the Ark Encounter, a life-sized Noah's Ark. At the same time my son, who had always wanted to go to Wyoming,

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Moore, Director of NAARVA Eastern Region at 570-977-9172, to make arrangements to rent a cottage/rooftop terrace cottage for the rally. Golf carts will be available to rent.

If you choose to bring your "personal electric golf cart" proof of insurance is required and a one-time registration fee of \$35 is to be paid at the time you register for the rally.

If you would like to play Beanbag Baseball for fun and excitement including bragging rights, please indicate so on your registration form. Otherwise, come ready to play Card Bingo and participate in the Cake Walk for delicious treats.

Club members/persons who wish to park together, must put their club's/person's name on their registration form to ensure that you are parked together. You will not have to send in your registration form together or arrive together. If you don't put that name on your registration form, we can't guarantee that you will be parked together. **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY ON-SITE REGISTRATION AT THIS RALLY.**

We look forward to your attendance at this rally as there is fun, fellowship with family and friends waiting just for you. Please stay safe during your camping adventures.

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GLOVER FAMILY

began preparing to meet us in Gillette. Their road trip included a stop at the Grand Canyon and a visit with family in Phoenix, AZ.

Upon receipt of my completed registration form NAARVA officials had questions pertaining to the way to process my request for full registration of nine children and five adults. We were able to register all of us for all activities.

My son was able to rent a house for his family in Gillette, since he doesn't have a motorhome. During our stay, we would all get together for meals not included in registration. We

would have breakfast at my motorhome and dinners and games at my son's rental. We would also be together for each NAARVA event. On the first day of the event my nine grandchildren participated in the kids' activities. They met and got along great with several of the other kids. As the days went on, they became closer and closer with their new friends. As it turns out several weeks after the event, my grandkids still communicate with their new friends and look forward to meeting them again in Shawnee, OK.

~ Jackie Glover

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 March 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 Gregoryimscholar2@cs.com.

ABOUT PICTURES...

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.**

SOUTHERN REGION

Greetings and best wishes to all my NAARVA family and friends, on behalf of the NAARVA Southern Region, the host region for the 29th Annual National Camp Rally that will be held August 7-14, 2022 at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The NAARVA and Southern Region Executive Boards would like to welcome all NAARVA members to come and join us for a full week of great fun, activities and family fellowship.

Registration packets should be available online in February 2022 at Naarva.com. We're asking all NAARVA members to please return your rally packet as soon as possible, because we only have a limited amount of 50/30 AMP full hook-up sites, after that we will offer 50/30 AMP water and electric only sites. We will keep you updated on the registration status of full hook-up sites through Constant Contact and on the NAARVA website. In addition, we will offer early registration incentive drawings for those who register for Sunday to Sunday rally attendance, so take advantage of that great offer!

This will be the first NAARVA National Camp Rally that will offer to ship T-Shirts to any member upon request with the cost of shipping, which will be shown on the T-Shirt order form. You can still pick up your pre-ordered T-Shirt at the rally and there will be a limited number of T-Shirts for sale on-site at the rally for an additional fee.

The NAARVA National Camp Rally Theme is *"NAARVA Going Mardi Gras in Oklahoma."* Get those golf carts decorated for the parade on Wednesday before the Opening Ceremony. On Friday, wear your Mardi Gras Masquerade costume for the Mardi Gras Line Parade by Region and Chapter/Club before our big Masquerade Dance on Friday night!

The NAARVA Southern Region Executive Board is looking forward to seeing all NAARVA members in Shawnee, Oklahoma for a great time!



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~ Charles Breedlove
Director, NAARVA Southern Region

CENTRAL REGION

Hello NAARVA Family,

We started 'em up and rolled 'em in to the showdown and had a GREAT TIME in Gillette! Considering all that we went through this last year with the virus, I am happy to report as of September 1, 2021, we have not had any reports of members contracting COVID 19 from the rally. Kudos to all who stayed safe and enjoyed themselves. The final count for the rally was 195 rigs in attendance and over 500 individuals.

I would like to give a special thanks to Louise Grogan, President of NAARVA, Central Region Executive Board, club Presidents in the Central Region and all volunteers, vendors and the staff at Cam-Plex for making the rally a success! We are already looking forward to the 2022 National rally in Shawnee, OK hosted by the Southern Region. Stay safe NAARVA Family!

~ Brian Skipper



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NAARVA Central Region Rally

City Close,

Country Quiet -

Branson Bound

June 5 - 12, 2022

America's Best

Campground

499 Buena Vista Road

Branson, MO 65616

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WESTERN REGION

We send greetings to all NAARVA members from the Western Region. It was a wonderful time seeing all the participants at the 28th Annual Camp Rally this past summer in Gillette, Wyoming. Seeing faces from the past as well as new members was overdue and motivating.

We are pleased to announce a new Charter Chapter to the Western Region. They are the **NorCal Family Travelers**, based out of the Northern California/San Francisco area. As they join the NAARVA family, they start with 17 families and more are on the way. We welcome them and are excited to have them on board.

We are also excited to announce and welcome everyone to the West-

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ern Region 2022 Spring Rally, “Soul Train Party”, taking place May 17 - 22, 2022 at the Wild Horse Casino & RV Park in Pendleton Oregon. Come and get a taste of what the great Pacific Northwest has to offer. Final details are being worked out and registration form will be posted on the NAARVA website in the near future.



NorCal Family Travelers

Who would have thought that an idea placed into a few minds at the 2021 National Rally in Gillette, WY would end up a reality?

A group of recreational vehicle travelers in Northern California wanted to form a chapter to explore the world.

NorCal Family Travelers was organized in October 2021 and chartered in November 2021. **NorCal Family Travelers** are ready to make plans, starting their engines and getting on the road to travel and have some fun. We are all excited to be a part of a club, that is not only part of the Western Region, but of NAARVA, too.



New NAARVA Chapter!

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



Loving Our Earth: *Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, Restore*



**JEAN HAMPTON, NAARVA
Ecologist and Texas Sojourner**

It is commendable that NAARVA has an Ecology Program. We are a social, recreational organization with a distinguished civic purpose, a purpose outside of ourselves, recognizing and responding to a global promise of green, sustainable living.

Yes, RVers, we who open-endedly travel the roads in extensively constructed vehicles, have actively concerned ourselves with reconciliation of anthropogenic (human generated or influenced) environmental change and its consequences. We “love our earth” and are prepared to support a global effort to “recycle”, to “reduce”, to “re-use” and to “restore”.

Surely none can argue that we humans are the stewards of the earth, with both innate and divinely appointed responsibility to tend to its health, robustness and longevity. And stewards we should be, as we are the only beings that can produce effective measures of recovery and sustainability for our earth.

And yet, we are the only beings that can elicit irrecoverable damage to the life supporting capabilities of our only home. Trash alongside our roads, and

plastics in our waters and park grounds are only there because of human recklessness. Environmental pollution only becomes detrimental to planet life and vigor due to human overreach in consumption, production or utilization. Only humans can reduce, remove and/or repurpose dis-posables in a safe, protective and time-sensitive manner. And though only power embossed human systems can insert

regulatory installations to check waste and contamination, there remains, loyal and disposed to action, the RVers, NAARVA, a resolute, grassroots, ecologically primed African-American organization, committed to the health and sustainment of our environment.

In providing both education of, and active involvement in, ecological activities, we inspire measurable individual, community and organizational incentive and impact toward the purpose of environmental and planetary preservation for present and future generations. Many of us are parents, grandparents, or are guardians of various sorts to the youths of our generation, often bringing them along to revel in the recreational adventures of our design, located within fresh and unspoiled environments. Surely our wish is that they would have the same available resources of nature that would afford them the same, or superior, opportunities for their own adult camping and glamping recreation. And as well, that all

youth can enjoy the benefits of healthy, clean and green living.

We’re not big business, but we can position ourselves as consummate grass roots eco-activists. Our seemingly small but constant contributions as ecosystem benefactors are of fertile service to global efforts of greener and sustainable living, and planetary safekeeping.

Often times, an organization becomes known by some serviceable protuberance. It would be well that we become “branded” as an environmentally conscious, ecologically functional, population of RV volunteers, demonstratively active toward saving our planet.

Let’s recycle my friends, let’s plant trees toward urban reforestation, and let’s practice these and other ecology activities (see NAARVA Voice Vol. 23, Issue 1) at home, within our community, our clubs and our rallies.

The NAARVA Ecology Program will announce potential and available activities in forthcoming newsletters and NAARVA communications. See you in action, loving our earth!

~ Jean Hampton, Ph.D.



Texas Sojourner Livingston Hampton disposing of newspapers — City of Houston Community Recycling Drop-Off.

Getting Ready for Winter...

1. Get a humidifier

The humble appliance helps you lower heating costs, preserve your wood furniture, keep your skin hydrated, stay healthy, and stop snoring. Basically, it's your wintertime best friend. If you don't have one yet — why?!

2. Clean Your Windows

Move this usual spring cleaning task to wintertime to make sure as much warming sun is streaming into your home as possible. You'll experience less winter blues thanks to the natural light, and you'll experience as much natural warmth as possible, making small-but-helpful dents in your heating bill.

3. Load Up on Baking Soda

You know that winter's going to wreak havoc on your skin, so head the problem off at the pass and take care of it all winter long with this frugal DIY solution. Adding a mix of baking soda and baby oil to your bath keeps your skin soft and healthy.

4. Learn Some New Warm Beverage Recipes

Hot chocolate is great. Three months of it though, gets a little boring, so use this winter as an opportunity to try out different kinds of warming beverages like Sweden's blueberry soup, Canada's London fog, Russian hot honey beverage, or Vietnamese coffee. Or for that matter update some of your old favorites. A little brandy in almost anything makes it better.

5. Store Your Summer and Fall Clothes without Wasting Space

Those Summer/Fall clothes need a lot of room, so make some space by storing your summer and lighter fall clothing in vacuum-sealed storage bags.

6. Keep Your Bike Working for You

You might not be able to ride your bike in wintertime, but you can still make it work for you! Mount it on a sturdy wall and it can function as an extra clothing or curtain rod.

7. Protect Indoor Pipes

Pipe insulation, which you can install yourself around any exposed copper or PVC water pipe, costs as little as 50 cents per linear foot. Use it under sinks, in attics and crawl spaces, and on pipes along exterior walls. Pay special attention to basements, where 37 percent of all burst pipes occur.

8. Swap In Storm Windows

Remove and store all window screens. Install glass storm windows, creating an insulating layer of air between your windows and the cold outside air. These also provide an added layer of protection against driving rain and snow during a heavy storm, even if you have newer, double-paned windows

