

# Keystone Kourier

Keystone Unit #092  
Region 2 - WBCCI



## President's Message



Hello and Happy February to you all!

Yes it's already February and to me that means in just over a month we will be de-winterizing and getting the trailer ready for another year of adventure. The good news for us is so far there are no signs of mice. Could it be the word is out that I loaded the place with 10 strategically located IED's and they wouldn't dare enter? I don't know, but so far so good. In addition the solar panels are doing a great job of keeping the batteries charged. Not running a charger (a heat source) may be another reason for the absence of mice. Those little buggers can zero in on heat from great distances. It doesn't matter how new or old your trailer, check it out from time to time in the off months - mice will find a way in and can do damage. Besides they are friggin creepy.

But wait! That's not all. In just over a week we will all be meeting for the great tour of Fonthill Castle and lunch at the famous Wycombe Publick House. Rumor has it George Washington (or was it Spahn) had a custom burger and the house beer here. So why not eat where George ate?

If you have not already contacted Peg to confirm your attendance please do so. See the details later in this issue.

On a more somber note, I understand the Region 2 rally is full and at this time they are not taking any more reservations. If you missed out don't despair the Tea Party rally is also going on that weekend in Chestertown MD and promises to be a great time. This is a great little festival and not to be missed.

So Friends, stay warm and safe, check out the Keystone Schedule and plan to have a wonderful time in 2020 as February's cold, snow and ice lasts only so long. Keep sending in your pictures.

That's all for now. Be Safe, Be Cool,  
Happy travels!

Jody Dietz

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, Feb 8**

Valentines Get Together  
Tour of Fonthill Castle &  
Lunch at Wycombe  
Publick House

**Saturday, March 21**

Spring outing at  
Ironstone Park,  
Boyertown

## Stay Connected

Keystone on the web  
<http://KeystonePA.airstreamclub.net>



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## Welcoming our 2020 Officers

Putting a face to the name on the right, we would like to thank our new officers for stepping up for action this year:



Jody Dietz  
President



Don Harrington  
1st Vice President

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Photo  
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YOU  
2nd Vice President



Howard Mergelkamp  
Immediate Past President



Rick Pitts  
Treasurer



Sue Walton  
Trustee



Mary Newnam  
Trustee

## 2020 Officers

### President

Jody Dietz

### 1st Vice President

Don Harrington

### 2nd Vice President

Open

### Treasurer

Rick Pitts

### Secretary

Sue Dietz

### 1 Year Trustee

Sue Walton

### 2 Year Trustee

Mary Newnam

### Immediate Past

### President

Howard Megelkamp

### Legislative

Jody Dietz

### Membership

Don Harrington

### Sunshine

Karen Kushto

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Andy & Rick Pitts

## Service Information



FYI – this spring **Colonial Airstream** is moving to a 50,000 square foot state-of-the-art RV showroom and service complex located at 595 NJ 33, Millstone NJ, just off the NJ Turnpike and closer to (our) home. Check their website for information and the grand opening date.

## *Upcoming Keystone Fun*

### **Valentines Get Together – Saturday, February 8**

George & Peg Spahn are hosting a tour of Fonthill Castle (525 E Court St, Doylestown, PA) and lunch at Wycombe Publick House (1073 Mill Creek Rd, Wycombe, PA). The tour will start promptly at 11:30, so please gather at the site by 11:00, so Peg can collect the money from everyone. The tour lasts about an hour and those interested will then travel to the Wycombe Publick House for lunch.



The cost for the tour will be \$10 per person, if we have at least 10 people on the tour. Otherwise they will charge the usual daily fee of \$13 per person. Peg is paying ahead of time and will collect your money at the Castle (correct change appreciated!)

The tour needs to be reserved in advance, so to facilitate, **Peg needs a definite count by no later than Feb 1**, and hopefully sooner! RSVP now! (pspahn1@verizon.net, 215-262-5380)

(site info at: <https://www.mercermuseum.org/about/fonthill-castle/> and <http://www.wycombepublickhouse.com/>)

### **Keystone Spring Picnic – Saturday, March 21**

Jody and Sue Dietz are coordinating our spring outing at Ironstone Park, 141 Gristmill Rd, Boyertown, PA. Bad weather location is at nearby Dietz Cabinetry.

**Joint Maintenance Rally** with DelMarVa and MAU in Centreville, MD the weekend of **April 24 – 26**. DelMarVa is hosting and Will & Karen Kushto are coordinating for Keystone.

**Eastern PA Opener** with Central Penn and Penn-Lehigh at Lum's Pond State Park, Bear, DE the weekend of **May 1-3**. All 70 RV sites have been reserved, but keep checking the reservations site (or call) as sites may open up (this is the same weekend as NASCAR event in Dover and some campers do cancel). This promises to be a fun weekend with rigs from our unit, Central Penn, Penn-Lehigh, MidAtlantic, DelMarVa and more.

**Tea Party Festival Rally** with DelMarVa in Chestertown, MD Memorial Day weekend of **May 22-25**. Jody Dietz is coordinating for Keystone.

*2020 Region 2 Rally - **Sold Out!***

*May 21-25, Rideau Acres Campground, Kingston, Ontario*

*2020 International Rally - **Sites very limited!***

*June 20 - 27, The Ranch Events Complex*

*5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO*

Call for reservations: Barb Langston, 937-596-5211

<https://airstreamclub.org/events/loveland-2020-international-rally>



## Sharing Adventures



**Rick & Andy Pitts** finished up their western adventure by joining the Rose Bowl Parade Rally in Pasadena. Wonderfully hosted by Region 12 the rally site was only 3 blocks from great grandstand seats for the New Year's Day parade. In addition to the parade, tickets were available for the Equifest, the Bandfest and Float Decorating events prior to the parade. Several of the pictures here were shared by



Vannie Harris #4097 – Thanks!



The weather was great each day and the equestrian and band festivals such fun.



Watching the floats get decorated, mostly by volunteers,



was really cool. And parade day was awesome – beginning with a flyover of the B2 Stealth, then floats, bands and more floats. It's a trek, but put this on your bucket list.

### Sunshine Report

Don Harrington had a battle with a firehose – and lost. A broken wrist is now on the mend. Our thanks to Don for his service, and wishes for a speedy recovery (doubt Phyllis wants to hitch up the rig...)  
Wayne Fitzgerald and Arry Mergelkamp are having some medical issues and are in the beginning processes of figuring them out. We wish them the best, and will keep you posted.

Let us know of illnesses, surgeries, friends needing a kind word - and better yet, recoveries.  
Karen (kkushto@comcast.net or cell 215-266-2410)

#### Happy Birthday to:

##### February

Lesley Heckenswiler (19<sup>th</sup>)  
Dan Keefe

##### March

Wilson Yerk (6<sup>th</sup>)  
Caryle Brayton (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Andy Pitts (13<sup>th</sup>)

#### Happy Anniversary to:

##### February

none to note

##### March

Jerry & Barb Hillegass  
Dan & Sharon Keefe

We have, and like to celebrate many birthdates and anniversary months but if we've missed you please email Rick/Andy (r\_pitts@verizon.net)

## *Preliminary 2020 Activities Schedule*

We have an interesting year lined up and we encourage all of you to participate as much as you can. We are still looking for **coordinators** and travel ideas so please let us know your suggestions.

**February 8 (Sat)** – Valentines Get Together, tour of Font Hill Castle (525 E Court St, Doylestown, PA) and lunch at Wycombe Public House (1073 Mill Creek Rd, Newtown, PA)  
Spahn's hosting

**March 21 (Sat)** – Spring picnic at Ironstone Park, 141 Gristmill Rd, Boyertown, PA  
Dietz's coordinating

**April 24-26 (Fri-Sun)** – Joint Maintenance Rally with DelMarVa and MidAtlantic  
Queen Anne's 4-H Park, Centreville, MD – Kushto's coordinating for Keystone

**May 1-3 (Fri-Sun)** – Eastern Pennsylvania Airstream Opener Rally with Penn-Lehigh and Central Penn  
Lum's Pond State Park, Bear, DE – Pitts' coordinating for Keystone  
Sites are already very limited due to NASCAR event that weekend in Dover  
<https://destateparks.com/PondsRivers/LumsPond>

**May 22-25 (Fri-Mon)** – Tea Party Festival Rally with DelMarVa, Chestertown, MD  
Dietz's coordinating for Keystone

**May 21-25 (Thur-Mon)** – Region 2 Rally at Rideau Acres Campground, Kingston, Ontario (**Sold Out**)  
??? coordinating for Keystone  
Registration now open: <https://region2.airstreamclub.net/files/2019/10/2020-R2Rally-flyer-v3.0.pdf>

**June 20-27 (Sat-Sat)** – International Rally, Loveland, CO (**Limited availability**)  
??? coordinating for Keystone

**July weekend tbd** – possible picnic or informal weekend (Jersey Shore Haven?) for those not traveling to Loveland  
Dietz's coordinating for Keystone

**August 8-22 (2-weeks)** – Caravan to New England - Let's find out what makes them tawk so funny?  
Keystone Unit Caravan, Dietz's coordinating

**September tbd** – Pennsylvania State Rally, Central Penn hosting  
??? coordinating for Keystone

**September 26-Oct 4** – invitation to join 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek OH  
Not yet listed on International webpage, but we think these will be the dates

**September 30-Oct 5** – invitation to join Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally, Jonesborough, TN

**October weekend tbd** – possible installation rally and maintenance support at French Creek State Park  
Deitz's coordinating

**November 6-8 (Fri-Sun)** – Time to Pack It In Rally, Harpers Ferry, WV  
Dietz's coordinating

**December tbd (Sat)** – Holiday luncheon, Plumsteadville Inn;  
??? coordinating

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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE UNIT?

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