## July 2020

# Keystone Kourier

## President's Message

Hello All

Hope everyone is well and hitting the road. According to the Keystone Facebook page I see the Mergelkamps and the Pitts were in the PA park system. From earlier feedback Sue Walton was at Lums Pond and I imagine there were others out as well. Don't forget to post a few pics on the FB page or send them to Andy for publishing. We enjoy seeing where ya'll have been.

Club Business anyone? Hahahaha, yea I know but I'll try and keep it short. Item 1. As to the international voting, new slate of officers 100% yes. Motion 1 and 3, 100% yes. Motion 2, 80% no, 20% yes. Those are our results. Gotta wait for Internationals. Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Item 2. Our unit needs you!! Yes we need some officers. Know anyone that would do a good job? I do.....you!! Please consider being a unit vice president. Give it a go. One of the best parts of our unit is you will always have help. You learn as you go. Give me a call if you have any questions. What can asking a few questions hurt?? Talk to you soon! And we thank you. 610-327-3241

Item 3. Unit rally schedule. Sadly the Covid has pretty much decimated the year's rally schedule. With the latest news on the cancelation of the state rally, I took a look at what is left of the pieces of the unit's schedule and this is what I found, July nothing, The caravan in Aug canceled, State Rally in Sept canceled, October Service at French Creek canceled, November rally still on. Yea!!

As for the caravan, the cog railway just opened, the quarry tours are still closed, restaurants are 25%, Rinebeck is open. At this point it's pretty much miss and hit with more than ½ the stops either closed or partially open. I'm thinking by August things should be open, but there is really no way of knowing and then pulling this together at the last minute. Next Year???

So fellow Keystoners, I am asking for ideas to fill the schedule. (BTW Jersey Shore Haven is closed to non-members for an indefinite amount of time, so take them off the list) At this time suggestions have been PA Grand Canyon, Camping near Longwood Gardens, Mooch Docking at the Pitts (no word from them on this), Camping at a Lunatic Asylum in West Virginia, July picnic. September at the Delaware Shore. Good news is this list was just started and we already have some good ideas. Just send me a request and if your rally is chosen you may be the **top prize winner**!! jdietz4361@gmail.com

Concerning the early November camping at the Harpers Ferry Civil War Battlefield KOA. It's a mouth full but don't confuse it with Harpers Ferry KOA. Two different places. The official dates are 6-8 but we will most likely arrive the 5<sup>th</sup>. Don't call for reservations yet. I'm trying to reserve a block of sites but I need to get the manager's approval or pay \$20 a site extra to reserve certain sites.

So, there it goes. Shall we squeeze out a rally schedule? Yes we shall. Until we meet again,

Be Cool.

Jody Dietz

Keystone Unit #092 Region 2 - WBCCI







## **Upcoming Events**

September 11-13 PA State Rally - Canceled Grange Fairgrounds Centre Hall, PA

Be sure to check the AirstreamClub.Org website for the status of events that you may want to attend with other units/clubs.

## Stay Connected

New address: Keystone on the web https://Airstreamclub.org/ Keystone-Pennsylvania



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### 2020 Officers

**President** Jody Dietz

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Don Harrington

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Open

Treasurer Rick Pitts

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

Kourier – Web Pages Andy & Rick Pitts

## Sunshine Report

Happy to report that we continue to know of no one in our unit with Covid-19 related illness.

Also, Vaughn Brayton had successful kidney stone removal on Friday with placement of a stent that will be removed in the office in two weeks. Caryle was allowed to stay with him before & after surgery. He is recouping at home. They send their thanks for our healing prayers and send virtual hugs to their Keystone Family.

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:

July Vaughn Brayton (12<sup>th</sup>) Melissa Goins (14<sup>th</sup>) Bud Vogt (28<sup>th</sup>) Sharon Keefe

#### Happy Anniversary to:

July Bud & Cheryl Cattell Don & Joan Weaver Wilson & Cindy Yerk August Jody Dietz (5<sup>th</sup>) Wayne Fitzgerald (8<sup>th</sup>) Sam Engelman (17<sup>th</sup>) Jeff Michael (27<sup>th</sup>)

August Vaughn & Caryle Brayton Will & Karen Kushto

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).

## WBCCD Election Update

Delegate election results were reported at the IBT meeting on June 24. All International officers and the 3 constitutional amendments were approved as proposed. Further details are available on the WBCCI site.

## Did You Notice?

The Keystone Unit is one of the first to migrate to the new Airstream Club portal at Airstream Club.org Check out the crisp clean look of the new page, with links to your favorite Airstream information pages. Be sure to change your bookmarks to <u>https://Airstreamclub.org/Keystone-Pennsylvania</u>

The Information Technology Committee of WBCCI is busy upgrading web resources. Review page 14 of the June Blue Beret for more information on the Self-Service Portal coming mid-July!

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## Re-opening Rigs

With cautious optimism many of our unit members are breaking out and enjoying the outdoors. Here are a few of the stories and pictures:



Sue & Jody Dietz headed to the Virginia/North Carolina shores to visit their son and family before they ship out overseas. Our best wishes to the family, and thanks for their commitment and service.

Karen & Will Kushto opened up their rig at Jersey Shore Haven and got to enjoy some comfortable beach days at Sea Isle, and strolls on the Ocean City Boardwalk.





Mary & Ted Newnam hitched up Zelda and spent time with their family at French Creek State Park. After returning home they found someone else interested in the shiny rig...

Arry & Howard Mergelkamp and Andy & Rick Pitts met up at Gifford Pinchot State Park and then motored through Gettysburg to Caledonia State Park. Both campgrounds now offer full hook-ups (and great scenery and trails).









Kathleen & Pat Quinn have been heading out all over the area. Their recent stay took them to Cape Henlopen State Park (DE) and some great home-bbg eats!

Sue Walton packed up her shiny toy in Center City and headed to Lums Pond State Park (DE).

We're hearing that sites book quickly, even during mid-week. **Plan ahead and book early to enjoy a great get-away in your rig**.

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Checkout more pictures on the Keystone Facebook page (and thanks to all for posting)!

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## 2020 Activities Schedule

Stay tuned for updates as plans and schedules continue to remain in a state of flux.

August tbd – Caravan to New England - Let's find out what makes them tawk so funny? Keystone Unit Caravan, Dietz's coordinating Canceled

September 11-13 – Pennsylvania State Rally, Centre Hall, PA Canceled

- September 20-27 58th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek OH Canceled
- September 30–Oct 5 Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally, Jonesborough, TN Canceled
- October weekend tbd installation rally and maintenance support at French Creek State Park Canceled

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

December 12 (Sat) - Noon – Holiday luncheon, Plumsteadville Inn; Barb Hillegass coordinating

### Very Preliminary 2021 Activities Schedule

- April 23-25 (Fri-Sun) Joint maintenance rally with DelMarVa and MAAC Queen Anne's 4-H Park, Centreville, MD
- May 14-16 (Fri-Sun) Eastern Pennsylvania Airstream 'Opener' rally Lums Pond State Park, Bear, DE – Howard Mergelkamp to coordinate Reserve your site now! https://destateparks.com/PondsRivers/LumsPond

July 16-24 (Sat-Sat) – International Rally, Lebanon, TN

September 26 - October 3 – invitation to join 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek OH http://www.swiss-festival-national-rally.net/

September 29 – October 4– invitation to join Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally, Jonesborough, TN



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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE UNIT?

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