

Keystone Kourier

President's Message

**Keystone Unit #092
Region 2 - WBCCI**



The family at the March Cherry Blossom Rally in DC

Hello March!! Around our place March means getting the rig ready for the coming season. This year it means a bit more as our new grand baby will be making his debut by mid-March (maybe sooner according to the Doc). There isn't much that getting ready to a new certainly is them and see him the family cake.

WooHoo - He's here!

beats tow but, grandson one of towing to and the rest of is just icing on the cake.

Camping excitement starts to build as March approaches. Already by 6:30 am it's nearly full daylight. Our senses are awakening, you can smell the open road. The sooner we get on the road the sooner we satisfy the need for asphalt. The pic in the corner is our family at the cherry blossom rally outside of DC in late March several years ago. It was wet, chilly, field was muddy, but man it was good to get out.

As the March weather ramps up your primal urge to get out and tow, grab your Keystone Rally Schedule and place those dates on your calendar. They are going to come fast and furious. Rallies you won't want to miss. Special Note: The Tea Party Rally has limited spaces so sign up soon. It's a cool place, you will like it.

As I wind down from the excitement of March anticipation, I need to highlight that the March picnic location has changed. Unfortunately the local park does not open its facilities until the middle of April. It is a bit of a bummer but I am sure we all agree a rest room is a must. We can check it out some other time. Anyway, the event will move to the back-up location, our place.

1984 Yarnall Road, Pottstown, PA 19464 See the March Picnic flyer later in this issue.

Before this message gets too long, a big thank you goes to Peg and George for setting up the Valentine tour and Luncheon. It was good to see you all again. There are so many interesting things to see so close to home, it's doubtful we will ever run out of local tours.

Get ready to hit the road!!!

Jody Dietz

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 21

Spring outing at Dietz's
Noon

April 24 – 26

Maintenance Rally

Queen Anne's 4-H Park,
Centreville, MD

May 1 - 3

**Eastern PA Opener
Rally**

Lums Pond St. Pk.
Bear, DE

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A Tour of our Local Heritage

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Thanks to Peg & George Spahn for hosting the February 8 tour of Fonthill Castle. Nice to see the Dietz's, Harrington's, Mergelkamps, Kushto's, Hillegass', Fitzgerald's and Sue Walton. Thanks to Karen for these pictures (and there are several more on the Keystone Facebook page):



Upcoming Keystone Fun

Keystone Spring Picnic – Noon, Saturday, March 21

Jody and Sue Dietz are hosting our spring outing at their place, 1984 Yarnall Road, Pottstown, PA. Bring a side dish or dessert and let Sue & Jody know by email (jdietz4361@gmail.com) or phone (610-327-3241) **Flyer attached.**

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

Eastern PA Opener with Central Penn and Penn-Lehigh at Lums 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. **Coupon attached.**

Tea Party Festival Rally with DelMarVa in Chestertown, MD Memorial Day weekend of **May 22-25.** Jody Dietz is coordinating for Keystone. Limited number of sites, book early. **Coupon attached.**

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 (WBCCI), 937-596-5211

Sunshine Report

Happy to report that Don Harrington, Wayne Fitzgerald and Arry Mergelkamp are all recuperating well and awaiting spring camping! Great to hear.

And more happy news as we learned that Sue & Jody's 2nd grandson arrived February 21, and everyone is doing well

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:

March

Wilson Yerk (6th)
Caryle Brayton (12th)
Andy Pitts (13th)

April

Janice Hicks (11th)
Jerry Hillegass (12th)
Rick Pitts (16th)

Alice Boeshore (25th)
Linda Ramsey (28th)
Carey Boland (29th)

Happy Anniversary to:

March

Jerry & Barb Hillegass
Dan & Sharon Keefe

April

None
to report

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).

2020 Activities Schedule

We have an interesting year in progress 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.

March 21 (Sat) – Spring picnic at Dietz Cabinetry, 1984 Yarnall Road, Pottstown, 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

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

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 11-13 – Pennsylvania State Rally, Centre Hall, PA
Central Penn hosting, ??? coordinating for Keystone

September 20-27 – invitation to join 58th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek OH

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

Spring Picnic

Dietz Cabinetry and Homestead

Saturday, March 21st High Noon

Hello All, is it spring yet?

Yes, officially by the time of the picnic, however we shall see what the 21st brings. This year I wanted to try and venture outside. As much as I wanted to go to a local (to us) park that has a pleasant view of a creek, meadow, stone hillside, old timber train trestle (still used) and hopefully see the Colebrookdale train chugging down the tracks. It isn't to be. Turns out the park doesn't open their facilities until Mid April so scratch the park and head to the Dietz Homestead. Same food, same fellowship and we can make our own "chug, chug" train sounds.

Now the specifics....

Location: Dietz Cabinetry and homestead. **1984 Yarnall Road, Pottstown, Pa. 19464**
The shop (picnic location) is up the driveway. Restroom facilities in the house.

What is to eat?

Keystone will provide Hotdogs, Burgers, Mac salad, 1 dessert, Beverages, paper and plastic ware.

Please bring a side dish, or dessert. Feel free to bring your fav beverage. It is a picnic after all. Some seating is provided however bring your fav camp chair just in case.

There will be electric for crocks, blenders or other items.

If possible, please let us know if you plan to attend:

an email works: jdietz4361@gmail.com

or phone: 610-327-3241

See You In March!!

Andy and Rick Pitts
930 Stoney Run Dr.
West Chester, Pa. 19382



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE UNIT?

Contact:

President: Jody Dietz

092info@airstreamclub.net

Membership: Don Harrington

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March 2020

Joint Maintenance Rally: Delmarva - Keystone - Mid Atlantic Units
4-H Park Centreville, MD

Rally Fee: \$75
Rally Fee covers:

2020

Friday-Saturday, Sunday
April 24-25-26.

1. Two nights camping with water and electric.
2. Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday Night Dinner.
3. Supplies for working on maintenance tasks; torque wrench, propane leak detector, battery tester, fluids, etc.
4. Expert Advice and Assistance.
5. Dump station is usually available.

Arrival after 10:00 am on Friday. Upon entering the Park several checks will be performed on your RV and tow vehicle: lights, hitch, safety chains, emergency brake cable, etc. Thursday afternoon arrival / Thursday night \$20.

Friday night dinner on your own - list of local options will be provided when you arrive.

Please join us and get your rig in "tip top" shape (and safe) for the coming camping season. More detailed Rally schedule will be provided.-

Hosts: **Delmarva-** Helwig... helwigcw@cloud.com Comstock..malvermont63@yahoo.com

MAU- Jacobs... alexcz2004@yahoo.com

Keystone- Kushto... kkushto@comcast.net

-----RALLY COUPON CLIP AND SEND-----

Name(s): _____ Unit: **Delmarva**
Keystone
Address: _____ **MAAC**

E-mail Address: _____ Cell# _____

Early Arrival Y ___ N ___ Airstream: (trailer or coach) _____ Length _____

Specific maintenance questions or topics you would like covered at the Rally.

(Use back, or extra sheet if needed)

Make checks payable to: Delmarva Unit WBCCI

Mail by April 17, 2020

Send to: DelmarvaTreasurer **Malcolm Comstock**
570 Banning Road
Camden Wyoming, DE 19934



EASTERN PA OPENER RALLY

Sponsored by Central Penn, Keystone & Penn-
Lehigh Airstream Clubs

May 1st – 3rd, 2020

Lums Pond State Park

(<https://destateparks.com/PondsRivers/LumsPond>)

1068 Howell School Road, Bear, DE 19701

If you have already booked your site please use this form to **register now** for this fun spring camping!

All sites are now reserved for the weekend, so if you have not secured a site keep checking the ReserveAmerica system so you can take in the beauty of the 200 acre freshwater pond from your kayak or try your luck fishing on one of several docks. Hikers will love the 8 mile swamp forest trail or if biking is more your thing, there are another 10 miles of multipurpose trails for that. Baseball, softball, football, soccer, tennis, basketball or volleyball fields and courts are available to use as well as horseshoes and disc golf. There is a playground and nature center for the kids, a nature store and programs you can attend. The park's 'Go Ape' treetop adventure courses feature a ton of fun with rope ladders, treetop crossings, tarzan swings, zip lines (four of them are over the water!) and more. And of course there will be plenty of Airstream activities to share experiences, learn new things and EAT.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

WBCCI# _____ Unit/Club _____ Reserved Site # _____

Rally Fee includes Friday doggie night, hot breakfasts Saturday & Sunday and Saturday catered dinner.

Rally Fee per person (Ages 13 and up, under 13 free) - \$26 x _____ = \$ _____

Please RSVP by April 12, 2020. Make check (USD) payable to: *WBCCI - Keystone Unit*,
Mail to: Rick Pitts, Treas., 930 Stoney Run Drive, West Chester, PA 19382

Airstream Club contacts:

Central Penn: Carey Boland (careyboland@gmail.com 610-905-0537)

Keystone: Rick Pitts (r_pitts@verizon.net 610-793-9262)

Penn-Lehigh: Jim Ridolfi (aston10@verizon.net 570-280-6673)

