

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

As I reflect on Memorial Day, a day set aside for us to remember and honor those who died while serving in the US Armed Forces, I'm reminded of the countless great freedoms we are able to enjoy and should never be taken for granted. These freedoms come with significant cost, especially the ultimate sacrifices made by our fallen. For me, the freedom



of traveling with our Airstream, whenever and wherever we choose, has become one of life's great pleasures – a culmination of so many of our basic freedoms and privileges.

Along with remembrance and commemoration, Memorial Day also serves as the unofficial start of the summer season. Here in western Pennsylvania, right on cue, the temperatures have suddenly warmed and the call to be outdoors can be heard loud and clear!

We are all living within the tension between returning to life as normal and complying with restrictions intended to slow down the spread of the virus. I'm sure that most of us have put a lot of thought into where we personally land within this tension and we manage our lives accordingly. Our Governor has recently eased some of these restrictions in our area for a variety of good reasons and we now have access to more resources, including campgrounds, parks, and stores. This also means we have more personal decisions to make.

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<https://al-mon-opa.airstreamclub.net>



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Thinking about how to responsibly begin resuming some AL-MON-O activities this summer, it's clear to me that a thoughtful and good sense approach to having fun and being safe should be an obvious starting point. Any AL-MON-O group activities that we set up in the coming months will need to be carefully structured to be in tune with current CDC, state & local rules & guidelines as well as with any WBCCI directions for group gatherings. We'll need to consider group size, social distancing, masks, etc., as well as carefully planning group meals, happy hours, and other group activities that we enjoy so much when we're together. Given the fluid nature of things these days, our adaptability and flexibility will also be key to resuming activities during the summer. AL-MON-O officers will be involved in reviewing the set up and planning for each event as an additional way to help make sure we are taking appropriate safeguards while maximizing our fun at gatherings. And of course, participation will be determined by your interest and availability, as well as your personal risk-benefit equations.

Cody & Matt have kindly volunteered to set up an AL-MON-O rally in mid-July (17-19 July) at Wolf's campground in Knox PA with a similar program as our cancelled May Buddy Rally and they will be communicating the specifics soon. I hope we'll have a great turnout and encourage everyone interested in participating to get involved with offering ideas for how to maximize our "safe & fun" experience!

Denny & Gayle continue to have their eye on the AL-MON-O Laurel Hill Bluegrass Rally scheduled 13-18 August. Laurel Hills and Kooser State Parks have re-opened most of their campground facilities and we are patiently waiting to see if the Laurel Hill Bluegrass Festival will still take place on the 15th & 16th of August (being told that the go/no-go decision should be made by the event sponsor by the end of June). Meanwhile, we're planning to move forward with this AL-MON-O rally, regardless if there is live music or not.

Show off your Al-Mon-O Pride! Order your club apparel today!

Order all club apparel from Mike's Embroidery, owned by Cody Klingler. Please visit the store at:
<https://stores.inksoft.com/almono>

You can also find WBAC goods at <http://store.wbcci.org>



President: Vinny Rossitto

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you who participated in the AL-MON-O email voting process related to the 3 proposed WBCCI amendments. The clear majority of your votes were in favor of approval of each of these amendments (#1: 100%, #2: 100%, #3: 90%). I'll cast our delegate votes accordingly in June. Additionally, I have just been invited to an online Region 2 Annual Meeting with an agenda to receive Reports, briefly discuss the 2021 R2 Rally and any old/new business, and officially elect the (full) slate of R2 Officers for the coming year. I'll keep you posted.

Please stay safe & healthy and keep your shiny side up!

Vinny



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HARVEST HOSTS

By Bert & Lia Gough

Harvest Hosts is a yearly membership program that provides access to an online network of wineries, farms, breweries, museums, and other attractions that self-contained RVers can visit and stay overnight for no additional cost. There is no limit to the number of nights, but you must contact the host at least 24 hours in advance for permission and you can only stay one night, unless invited to stay longer. Harvest Hosts is pretty strict about the protocol, which we find reasonable, but read the rules before joining.

This past year we decided to try the program out and based on four visits we found it to be a much more pleasant experience than a Walmart or Cabela's parking lot. Generally, Harvest Host Vineyards and Farms are a bit more off the beaten path, not far, but far enough to be more peaceful and quiet, which we like. Harvest Hosts encourages members to show their appreciation to the host by visiting the establishment. If you enjoy a glass of wine or beer, then you will enjoy that part of the experience. Museums are a good choice if you wanted to visit anyway, and farms have fresh products and sometimes serve meals.

Our first experience with Harvest Hosts was at the Bluestone Vineyard west of Charlottesville, on the way to the 2019 WBCCI International Rally at Meadow Park in Doswell, VA. The Virginia countryside surrounding the vineyard was beautiful and extremely quiet though that may also be due to it being midweek. The vineyard does host events, especially on weekends, another reason that calling ahead to host sites is required. The only other RV in the parking lot was a Class A on their way to see family in Georgia. We enjoyed the tasting room, the complimentary wine tasting, purchased three bottles (one as a gift), and wandering around the vineyard taking photographs. This vineyard is no longer listed with Harvest Hosts, but each month we get an email newsletter that includes a list of new hosts, usually more than 30!



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NEWSLETTER IDEAS!

Hello WBAC members of the Al-Mon-O Airstream Club. Without news, there is no newsletter. Without rallies and luncheons, there is nothing to write about. Or is there? Some believe this is a time where we need one another even more. Please share articles, anecdotes, photos, recipes, jokes, member interviews, anything Airstream related that will let us feel connected. Throw out a prompt like "What is your new favorite small appliance?" or "Adventures with our first camper."

Please send your offerings to Cody Klingler (cwk5292@gmail.com) no later than the 25th of each month. Thanks!!!

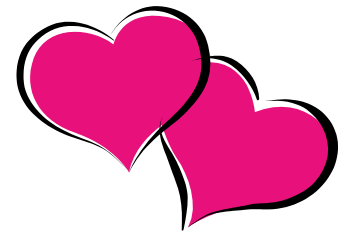
Meanwhile, be well and stay well.

Thank you!!

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES



JUNE

6	Bob Kuszyk	3	Tim & Patricia Rowlands
7	Mike Hamelly	4	Mark & Charlotte Headlee
9	Sue McLaughlin	10	Mike & Cherie Reilly
9	Bud Roberts	10	Vinny & Dale Rossitto
11	Gene Nelson	11	Tom & Juanita Manley
15	Sandi Labuda	18	April Claus & Patti Griest
20	Dolly Kulbacki		
24	Tom Manley		

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The Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, on our way to Acadia National Park, we stopped at Rose's Berry Farm in Glastonbury, CT. We parked next to a pond in their apple orchard with only one other RV. On Sunday morning, we enjoyed breakfast on a covered deck at the farm, with some of Bert's siblings and our youngest son. Anyone planning to stay over for the Sunday breakfast is advised to get in line early, as the fresh berries and fruits really draw a crowd. After visiting Acadia National Park, we returned to Rose's Berry Farm for another Saturday night and a Sunday breakfast. Highly recommended!

Our last Harvest Host stay of 2019 was at the Vineyard & Brewery at Hershey. At this Harvest Host we were parked around the rim of their extensive parking lot with a few other rigs. Despite the larger numbers of people and rigs it was a quiet and restful night with a beautiful sunset. We again enjoyed a complimentary wine tasting and purchased a couple of bottles.

When we joined the annual fee was \$49, and renewing members maintain that same annual fee. However, in 2018, a member liked Harvest Hosts so much he bought the company and the annual fee was increased to \$79. Currently on the website they are offering a 15% discount that they say will continue as long as you remain a member. So if you decide to join, look for the link to discounts. For an additional fee, there is also a network of golf courses that allow overnight stays, if you enjoy a "good walk spoiled."



Cooking Gluten Free

By Dale Rossitto

For many years, Vinny & I have restricted our diets in an attempt to eliminate our intake of wheat and gluten due to sensitivities we have developed for these very common ingredients. We're always on guard at mealtime, whether we are eating in the controlled environment of our home or Airstream, dining in restaurants, or participating in group meals like pot luck dinners and picnics.

When we travel in our Airstream, all meals prepared are gluten free. Often, I prepare gluten free meals at home, freeze them and take them with us. In this article, I will discuss gluten free bread. Our experience has been mixed with store bought gluten free bread. The quality and taste of the bread available in grocery stores spans a large spectrum and brand selection and style is often dictated by location and the store itself. Because we do not have an oven in our Airstream, I usually bake a half dozen loaves of GF bread at home, carefully seal each loaf individually, and freeze them for our trips.

Over the years, I have experimented with various gluten free bread recipes and have most recently settled on this gluten free flour mix and yeast bread recipe by Bette Hagman, which I found in her wonderful cookbook titled: *The Gluten-Free Gourmet – Living Well Without Wheat*.

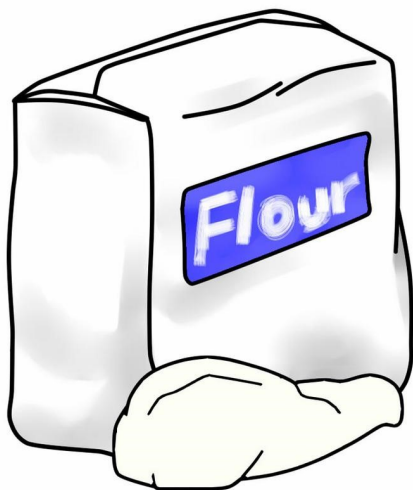
Here are my favorite gluten free flour mixes:

Basic Flour Mix:

- 2-parts white rice flour
- 2/3-part potato starch flour
- 1/3-part tapioca flour

Four Flour Bean Mix:

- 2/3-part Garfava bean flour
- 1/3-part sorghum flour
- 1-part cornstarch
- 1-part tapioca flour



Here is my favorite yeast bread recipe:

Ingredients:

- 3 cups gf flour mix
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 1/2 tsp Xanthan gum
- 2/3 cup dry milk powder
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp Sugar
- 1/2 cup lukewarm water
- 1 1/2 tsp yeast
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 1/4 cup water
- 1 tsp cider vinegar
- 3 eggs

Instructions:

- Combine flour, sugar, xanthan gum, milk powder and salt together.
- Dissolve 2 Tbsp sugar in lukewarm water, add yeast. Let sit until bubbly.
- Combine shortening and 1 1/4 cup water in pot. Heat until shortening melts.
- Add shortening water and vinegar to dry ingredients mix well. Add eggs. Mix well.
- Add yeast. Mix for about 2 minutes.
- Cover with plastic wrap. Sit in warm place for 1 1/2 hours or until doubled.
- Mix again on high for 3 minutes.
- Pour into prepared loaf pan.
- Let rise until near top of pan.
- Bake at 400 degrees until done. About 35 minutes.

Note: I add bagel toppings to batter to enhance flavor. Also, to extend life of loaf, I mix the basic gf flour mix with the four flour bean mix at about 1:2 ratio.



Region 2 News June 2020



Covid-19, the cancellation of this year's International Rally, and subsequent work-from-home orders have created unprecedented challenges for your leadership team and staff at HQ in Jackson Center. The Executive Committee, Lori Plummer, and her crew are all working awfully hard to keep everything on track. Delegate Voting this year will be done by either Electronic Ballot or Paper Ballot. Accordingly, we needed to provide HQ with one (1) delegate per local club and other pertinent voting information. I sent out an email to our local clubs and had the info HQ requested returned to them within 48 hours! I want to thank all

sixteen (16) of our local club Presidents for responding to me so promptly. Thank you all for your support. I greatly appreciate it. Voting materials will be provided by HQ in the coming weeks. We will be voting on our slate of International Officers as well as several amendments to our Constitution and By Laws. Details may be found in the most recent Blue Beret. If you have questions, please reach out to me. HQ and the Information Technology Committee are also working on the new membership database. Additions to our webpage will include a "members only" portal.

As mentioned previously, our Region 2 website has been transitioned over to the new AirstreamClub.org website. You can find us at <https://airstreamclub.org/region2>. Our Webmaster, Lawrence Northway, did a great job facilitating that transition and wrote two user manuals for our local clubs and Region webmasters to use. Those two tutorials, as well as three others, can be found at the Information Technology Committee site <https://itc.airstreamclub.net/airstreamclub-org-resources/>. Local club webmasters will find those user manuals and other valuable information there. Remember, it is the local clubs' responsibility to update their event calendar on the main airstreamclub.org website. You will be getting notice very soon to start transitioning your club website over. Now is the time to start planning an update to your club's site.

With many of our states starting to relax guidelines and opening their State Parks and other facilities to overnight camping, I have had questions as to whether the Club has an official position on local clubs holding rallies, etc. As far as I know, there is no official club directive other than to pay attention and adhere to local and state guidelines as well as CDC and health department directives. Be prudent. Be smart. Be safe and, importantly, mindful of others. I think we are all anxious to get out but wise enough to do so cautiously.

We still have a handful of our local clubs who have not taken the steps to change their names to include *Airstream Club*. I believe it is one of the most important things you can do to push your club forward. If your club has not, please consider doing so. I would like to see all the local clubs in Region 2 take advantage of our unique and valuable licensing agreement with Airstream, Inc. Please let me know if you need further info.

Best regards to all and we will see you down the road! Soon!

Rich Short #1512



WBCCI Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club (131)
2020 Schedule

Date/Time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
January 11 12pm noon	Luncheon	Rodney's Restaurant 555 Wendel Road Irwin, PA 15642 www.rodneysrestaurant.com	Denny/Gayle Gibson	digibson1@comcast.net 724-863-5305 RSVP by January 7 th
February 15	Luncheon	Palmieri's Restaurant 951 Old Frankstown Rd, Plum, PA 15239 https://palmierisrestaurant.com/	Bev/Don Clayton	aunt_bev@msn.com 724-325-1205
March 14 11:30am	Luncheon	Hartwood Restaurant & Whispers Pub 3400 Harts Run Road Glenshaw, PA, 15116 https://hartwoodrestaurant.com/menus/	Lia/Bert Gough	rocks2portraits@gmail.com 412-492-9541
April 25 11:30am	Luncheon	Evolution Grille 1186 Butler Road (Rt. 356) Freeport, PA 16229 www.evolutiongrille.com	CANCELLED ON 3/20/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)	
May 8 - 10	Al Mon-O Buddy Rally	Wolf's Camping Resort 308 Timberwolf Run Knox, PA 16232 https://www.wolfscampingresort.com/ (814) 797-1103	CANCELLED ON 3/20/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)	
May 21 - 25	Region 2 Rally	Rideau Acres Campground 1014 Cunningham Road Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V3 613-546-2711	CANCELLED ON 3/17/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)	
May 26 - June 17	Region 2 Caravan to International Rally	Depart: Kingston, ON Arrive: Loveland, CO	CANCELLED ON 3/17/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)	
June 20 - 27	International Rally	The Ranch Events Complex 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, Colorado 80538	CANCELLED ON 3/17/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)	
July 17-19	Al-Mon-O Buddy Rally	Wolf's Camping Resort 308 Timberwolf Run Knox, PA 16232 https://www.wolfscampingresort.com/ (814) 797-1103	Cody Klingler/Matt Moore	cwk5292@gmail.com 724-504-6884 RSVP by July 4
August 13 - 18	Al-Mon-O Bluegrass Rally	Laurel Hill State Park 1454 Laurel Hill Park Road Somerset, PA 15501 (Make reservations online at www.reserveamerica.com . Then contact the Gibson's with site number	Denny/Gayle Gibson	digibson1@comcast.net 724-863-5305
September 11 - 13	PA State Rally	Centre County Grange Fairgrounds 169 Homan Lane Centre Hall, PA	See Flyer: https://centralpa.airstreamclub.net/event/working-on-the-pa-state-airstream-rally-centre-hall-fairgrounds-september-11th-13th-2020-draft/ Contact: centralpenn164@gmail.com	
October 3	Octoberfest Pot- luck Luncheon	Rossitto Home 437 Markle Road Apollo, PA 15613	Vinny/Dale Rossitto	rossitto@comcast.net 724-568-4801
December 5 11:30am	Luncheon	Rachel's Roadhouse 100 Fairfield Lane Butler, PA 16001 https://www.springfields.com/rachels-roadhouse-butler-pa/	Vinny/Dale Rossitto	rossitto@comcast.net 724-568-4801 Please send completed coupon & payment to Vinny/Dale by November 15 th



JULY RALLY
July 17-19, 2020
Wolf's Camping Resort
308 Timberwolf Run, Knox, PA 16232
814-797-1103
Hosts: Cody Klingler & Matt Moore
724-504-6884 or cwk5292@gmail.com

Get your Airstream ready for the first rally of the season! This years July Rally will be a buddy rally. This means that you can invite a non-Airstream travel trailer to join us for the weekend.

Please make your reservation with Wolf's Camping Resort as they require a down payment of \$25 to hold your spot. Our reservation is listed under **"Cody Klingler"**. Please use this when you call to make your reservation. The campground fee will be \$41 per night. We have reserved 10 sites close together until June 30. After this date, we can't guarantee you'll be parked near us. You are welcome to come early and stay late. Please let the Campground know if you are not coming early.

Once your reservation is made, please reach out to Cody or Matt to let them know which site you have. The rally fee will be \$10 per person. This fee includes: breakfast Saturday morning, dinner Saturday evening and a continental breakfast Sunday morning. Please bring all drinks and table service to each meal. Saturday nights dinner will be a potluck dinner. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Friday, July 17:

Check in starts at 4 PM.

Dinner (to be determined) at 6 PM at Matt and Cody's Airstream

Saturday, July 18:

Breakfast starts at 8:30 AM at Matt and Cody's Airstream

Lunch on your own

Wine excursion to Deer Creek Winery at 1 PM (3333 Soap Fat Rd., Shippenville, PA 16254). We can carpool if needed. (PENDING)

Happy hour at 4 PM

Potluck Dinner at 6 PM with campfire to follow (weather permitting)

Sunday, July 19:

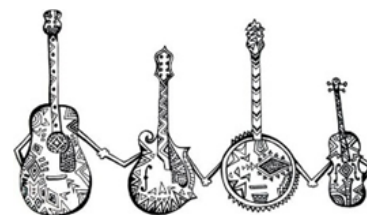
Continental breakfast begins at 8:30 AM at Matt and Cody's Airstream

Check out by 3 PM

2020 AL-MON-O Bluegrass Rally



Laurel Hill State Park
Somerset, PA 15501



AL-MON-O Bluegrass Rally

When: August 13-18, 2020

Location: Laurel Hill State Park
1454 Laurel Hill State Park Rd.
Somerset, PA

Overflow/Alternate: Kooser State Park
Location: 943 Glades Pike
Somerset, PA

Campground Reservations: Make reservations online
at www.reserveamerica.com. Then
Contact Denny or Gayle Gibson
(djgibson1@comcast.net) with site
Number

Rally Fee: \$10/person for Friday group meal*

Group Meals: Outdoors with appropriate distancing

Thu 13th: Dinner—Walking Tacos!

Fri 14th: Dinner* - Hamburgers, potato salad,
baked beans, salad and dessert

Laurel Hill Bluegrass Festival

When: August 15-16, 2020

Location: Laurel Hill State Park
1454 Laurel Hill State Park Rd.
Somerset, PA

<https://www.laurelhillbluegrass.com/index.php>
This annual festival showcases musicianship,
craftsmanship, stewardship and friendship. Seven
bands, artisans, food vendors, period reenactors,
children's activities and wagon rides await.

The festival is free of admission and sponsored by
the Friends of Laurel Hill and many other local
businesses.

From past experience, entry is first come, first served.
Bring your folding chair! It's about 1/2 mile walk
From our Laurel Hill State Park campsites



Pennsylvania State Rally 2020

Hosted by:



September 11-13 2020

Centre County Grange Fairgrounds-169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA

'Exploring State Parks at the PA Rally'

The Centre County Grange Fairgrounds offers a great location with many options for visitors. The camping area is large, open and grassy as well as flat. The campsites will have 30amp electrical service with water hookups and are pet friendly. There is a dump station at the entrance of the grounds and a large hall will be available for our use for meals, activities and demonstrations.

The Centre County area offers a great variety of activities for everyone, such as exploring one of the nearby State Park's to go kayaking (rentals available at Bald Eagle State Park), hiking, biking or wildlife watching. You may also enjoy local wine tasting, relaxing while learning at the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens in the Arboretum at Penn State, or a visit to a local brewery. The Nittany Antique Machinery Assn. fall show (which includes a large flea market, daily tractor parades, antique car & truck displays, antique small engines & garden tractors, tractor pulls, steam tractors, cider press & apple butter) as well as the Outdoors Sportsman's Club gun show will also be held during these dates. America's oldest antique automobile museum, the Swigart Museum may also be of interest or a visit to the largest cavern in PA or America's only all-water cavern. We hope you take advantage of this great opportunity to explore Centre County where great opportunities and fun adventures await!

Names: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Volunteer? _____ (Yes)

WBCCI#: _____ Unit/Club: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Camping per night (Water/30amp/dump) \$40 a night X _____ nights = \$_____

-You may arrive on Thursday 9/10/20 NO earlier than 3:00 P.M. and must depart by Noon on

Monday 9/14/20 a MAX of 4 nights. *No open flames will be allowed on the fairgrounds

Rally fee includes two breakfasts, catered dinner, 1 night entertainment

Rally Fee per person (Ages 13 & up, under 13 free) \$50 x _____ = \$_____

Rally T-Shirt's available: size (adult)- _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL (additional \$2.50 fee): Total : _____ (shirts) @ \$15 each= \$_____

RSVP by June 30th with T-Shirt orders

RSVP by: August 3, 2020 (with no T-Shirt order)

Make checks payable to: WBCCI Central PA Airstream Club. Send Payments To: WBCCI Central PA Airstream Club, C/O Roxann Bare, 3551 Holly Road, Dover, PA 17315.

Contact: centralpenn164@gmail.com with any questions.