

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

WBCCI Al-Mon-O Airstream Club 131

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May, 2020

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I hope everyone is weathering the pandemic as well as possible – staying safe & healthy, coping with the effects of the stalled economy, and remaining optimistic for a smooth & speedy return to “normal”. These are certainly unique & anxious times. And there are many silver linings with these circumstances...plenty of quality time to spend with loved ones (either face to face or using an assortment of technologies), plenty of time to catch up on those long overdue home and Airstream projects, plenty of time to take up new hobbies & interests, and plenty of time to dream about those grand travel adventures on the horizon! Of course, any let down in pursuit of these silver linings ...for me at least... usually means getting sucked back into the 24/7 Coronavirus news vortex. Yikes!

We keep our Airstream parked in our front yard when we are not traveling; unfortunately, we've had to ignore its Siren's Call to get back on the road for the last 18 months or so. Soon we will be de-winterizing in hopes of getting back to it soon, but we may have to satisfy our itch by boondocking in our driveway now & then. There must be a clever word that has been coined sometime over the years that means “boondocking in one's own driveway”?! Anyone know that one? Still researching...

As you know, we have cancelled our April luncheon & nature walk and our May Buddy Rally. We are still hopeful about being able to gather for our mid-August Bluegrass Rally at Laurel Hill State Park/Kooser State Park. The Gibson's have kindly volunteered to host that event and they are closely watching & assessing the situation. If cancellation becomes prudent, we'll do that well in advance of the rally so that you'll have plenty of time to cancel your state park reservations.

Finally, as we continue to socially distance and stay home, I encourage each of you to be creative in finding ways to stay connected with others in our AL-MON-O family, whether by phone, email, AL-MON-O Group Facebook posts, or even by contributing articles or photos to our monthly newsletter. This

month, Gayle started a great running thread in Facebook that encourages members to share with each other what they've been up to while staying isolated at home. She's also written a newsletter article on how she & Denny are using their time during the pandemic. Cody wrote an article about a camping trip that he & Matt made in April. As I mentioned last month, the newsletter reaches all of our members and it's a great place to let others know about things like your current activities, traveling hobbies & interests, and memorable gatherings & adventures that would undoubtedly be of interest to others. Please take a few minutes to give some thought on how you might be able to contribute this way to your AL-MON-O friends. Thank you!

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

Vinny



DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Please add our newest member in your directories:

Mark & Tamara Steele
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Mars, PA 16046
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Cell: 412-551-4611
M: m.d.steele@verizon.net
T: tmanjerovic@gmail.com

2020 Officers

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| Vinny Rossitto | President |
| Julie Jansen | 1 st Vice-President |
| Cody Klingler | 2 nd Vice-President |
| Open | 3 rd Vice-President |
| Vinny Rossitto | Acting Secretary |
| Craig Jansen | Treasurer |
| Denny Gibson | Director – one year |
| Open | Director – one year |
| Dale Rossitto | Director – two years |
| Matt Moore | Director – two years |



BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



MAY

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 Ray Wagner | 1 Robert & Carol Anslinger |
| 9 Dale Rossitto | 5 Bernie & Do Solomon |
| 17 Juanita Manley | |
| 24 Bernie Solomon | |

CAMPING SPOTLIGHT

By Cody Klingler

This year will be a hard year on everyone because of COVID-19. However, many campgrounds are open and ready to take your reservation. Matt and I packed our camper and took off Easter weekend for the Mercer KOA. It was cold, but we had a great time. The campground had a dog park which we were able to take Cali to without her leash. They also have a pool, kids’ playground and lots of pull through sites with full hookups. While it wasn’t in our Airstream, I wanted to share photos of our trip.



We made Easter Dinner

Fear not, the Airstream did make it home from storage!

If you would like to be featured in our Camping Spotlight, send Cody Klingler a small write up and photos. We would love to see where people are going!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We receive a monthly update from International that provides a listing of those who purchased Airstreams in the previous month. The list contains those that are not WBAC members and those that are new members. I send out a letter to each set to either welcome them to the club or let them know there is an exclusive Airstream club available. In April, we saw 1 prospective member. Through April, we have had 8 prospects. Out of those 8, we had 3 become club members with an additional member joining. This means, we've had 4 new members join this year!

Also, please help me welcome our newest members, Mark and Tamara Steele. You'll find their info listed above. Welcome to Al-Mon-O!

QUARANTINE FUN

By Gayle Gibson

Hi! Are we all climbing the walls? Have you run out of things to do? Denny and I were quite busy for a while, but lately have been running out of supplies for any new projects. Right before our Covid-19 "lockdown" we had gone to Home Depot for a whole truckload of materials to get things done around the house. Our first project was to install four LED pot lights in our storage/laundry room area. We dry-walled and painted the ceiling. This was our first attempt at a ceiling install and it came out great! Now that area of our home is bright and clean-looking!

Denny got busy in the garage and made two workbenches and five shop wall cabinets. He also built a few organizational things – holders for his drills, nitrile gloves and rolls of tape.

Then we got crafty! Den made a beautiful oak ottoman which will go in front of the goucho in our trailer. It has three purposes. The padded top is a foot rest and the reverse side is a tray to be used as a small coffee table. And best of all, the inside is shoe storage, hopefully the cure for the growing pile of shoes right inside the door!

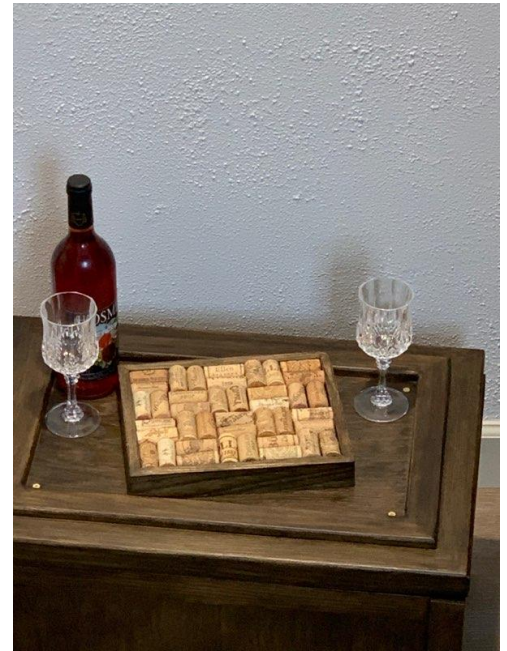


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Other wooden projects were an oak-trimmed wine cork trivet, a wood tray to carry food and drinks in and out of the Airstream, and a beautiful cornhole set, complete with bag storage! We ordered a great decal from Cody, which we still need to apply. (And if we ever get out to get paint, there will be a few stripes on this also!)



We recently purchased two Zip Dee chairs (from Do and Bernie Solomon, friends and alumni Al-Mon-O members). So out came the old Singer and I sewed up a storage/tote bag for each of them. I up-cycled the bedspread that originally came on our Airstream's mattress. (Does anyone actually ever use them?)



Also sewed up a few masks so we can be "stylin'" if/when we ever get out of the house!



For whatever reason, Denny has been infatuated with sour dough. (To me, it's too much like a science experiment!) BUT – I'll tell you what – along with my homemade sauce, it made the BEST sourdough crust pizza! He's also been making tortillas and homemade white bread, which we eat with my homemade beef vegetable soup. YUM! Once a week I make cookies or brownies just for something to do. So we have definitely been eating well – probably too well!



On the upside, our home is clean and the laundry is caught up. I go outside to work in the yard on nice days. Just love the smell of the earth! Started a few veggies and flowers from seeds, but I definitely do NOT have a green thumb so time will tell. I've had time to read and to work on a few crafts – cotton bolls for one! We take walks around the neighborhood and have fallen into taking naps a couple of times a week, I think out of sheer boredom!

Den and I are really looking forward to going out in our Airstream and sitting in front of a campfire. Sounds safe, right? Hope to see you all soon. Keep well and stay safe. Oh, and bring the marshmallows!

REGION 2 UPDATE

Although our rally and travel plans have been put on hold the last few months, our Region 2 has been busy. R2 Membership Chair Lea Plant #2256 has been working with our local club membership chairs in welcoming 46 new members to the Region. As part of her outreach, Lea has also been sending congratulatory notes to new Airstream purchasers, introducing them to our Club and directing them to the Region 2 and local club websites. Lea reported that in the six months ending March 31st, she had sent over 150 notes to new Airstream owners, enclosing the new colorful Airstream Club brochure. Her letter invites new owners to learn more about the Airstream Club and the local clubs in our Region. Way to go, Lea, and thank you!

Webmaster Lawrence Northway #17410 has gotten our Region 2 website updated and transitioned over to the new AirstreamClub.org site. <https://airstreamclub.org/region2> is the link. In addition to the new layout, Lawrence and I worked together to edit and add to the content. A new Region 2 Google photo album has been linked to the site as well. In the spirit of Airstreamers helping Airstreamers, Lawrence also created a PowerPoint tutorial as a learning tool to help other Regions and local clubs update their websites to the new platform. A big thank you to Lawrence for his efforts and to our Club's Information Technology Committee for their support. Our R2 website and the AirstreamClub.org site keep getting better and better!

In another example of Airstreamers working with Airstreamers, AlMonO Airstream Club member Cody Klingler #3937 has helped several local clubs in our Region set up on-line stores in their websites, to create and purchase apparel emblazoned with their club logo. Cody's family owns an embroidery and imprint business and has offered to assist our local clubs bring some pizzazz and style to their club attire! To see some examples, you can check out the Watchung NJ Airstream Club store <https://stores.inksoft.com/watchung/shop/home> as well as the AlMonO Airstream Club store <https://stores.inksoft.com/almono/shop/home> here. Thanks, Cody! I wear my Watchung NJ club sweatshirt all the time! You can Contact Cody directly for more info.

In more good news, it looks like Ontario Canada #124 will be the latest to vote a name change to include Airstream Club. Congratulations to President Kate Dowsett and the members of the Ontario Club. In a few days I will be submitting their name change Motion to HQ for approval!

All refunds for the cancelled May 2020 Region 2 Rally have been completed. Thank you to R2 Treasurer Will Kushto #2518 and Ontario club member/Registrar John Gough #2154 for their efforts. Although it was disappointing to cancel our Rally scheduled for Kingston Ontario, with the pledge of help from the Ontario club #124, I am excited to say we will be planning to hold the 2021 Rally in Kingston. Planning for that Rally will pick up where we had to leave off and the 2021 R2Rally will be even bigger and better! Stay tuned for information as it develops.

I encourage all our local clubs to continue to use good sense in planning and holding future rallies. Keep an eye on directives and guidelines from the states and locales in which you will be traveling. We are all anxious to get out, travel and camp...let's stay safe and healthy. Let's continue to be mindful of others while enjoying our Airstreams and the great outdoors.

Kathi and I hope to see you down the road soon.

Rich
#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	djgibson1@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)	
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 TBD with site number	Denny/Gayle Gibson	djgibson1@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 Potluck 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

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.