

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Just when you thought this year couldn't get any stranger, we just saw our national pastime - major league baseball - gloriously opening its abbreviated season with no fans in the stadium...although some stadiums did fill their seats with cardboard cutouts instead! And, others used crowd noise sound effects from a popular baseball video game to add yet another dimension of realism to the experience! The good news, of course, is that there was no heckling of Dr. Fauci when he errantly threw out the ceremonial first ball at the Yankees/Nationals opener...he later joked he was used to throwing to first base when he was a little league short stop! Oh my, what crazy memories we'll have of 2020.

Many, many thanks to Matt & Cody for planning & hosting a terrific Buddy Rally in mid-July. Those of us who attended the rally were treated to a terrific time and a brief reprieve from this year's turmoil. Along with great fellowship, excellent meals, happy hours & campfires, there were many activities to enjoy - including on-premise golf, comfortable bike riding on the Allegheny River Trail, wine tasting (a bit discombobulated due to very recent changes in State gathering rules), maintenance activities, and an outdoor showing of the classic movie "Long, Long Trailer". Check out the pictures posted on our "AL-MON-O Airstream Group" Facebook site and in the newsletter. What a perfect weekend!

Our August rally at Laurel Hill State Park (and overflow at nearby Kooser State Park) is still on, even though we have received word that the Laurel Hill Bluegrass Festival and associated arts & crafts exhibits will not be offered this year. We're planning to make our own bluegrass music and have a relaxed gathering with a few activities. Many thanks to Gayle & Denny for planning & hosting this rally.

You should have received an email from me requesting that you review and vote to approve our updated AL-MON-O Constitution, Bylaws & Policies for adoption. Updating our governance document is the key part of the 5-year re-chartering process that helps to keep us aligned within WBCCI. Thanks for your support and participation in this process.

Finally, I'd like to thank Bud Roberts for volunteering to serve in the 2-year role of Director starting next year. We're looking forward to Bud's leadership and experience in helping to guide our Club. We still have 2021 critical vacancies for 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents and ask that you consider volunteering to serve AL-MON-O this way. These roles are very important and don't involve a whole lot of work. They make for an easy way to contribute to our Club and to help continuously improve the Airstream experience for our AL-MON-O family. Please let me know if you might be interested.

Well, that's all for now. I've got a "Rocky Top" bluegrass earworm going on and am looking forward to seeing those of you who choose to go to the August Rally.

Please take care & keep your shiny side up!

Vinny



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JULY 2020 SUMMER RALLY

By Cody Klingler

What an amazing weekend! We had 8 campers at the Summer Buddy Rally. Many of us arrived on Thursday and decided to have an impromptu Happy Hour at Jan & Larry's camper. It was nice to get together with friends and socialize. Friday morning saw Vinny & Cody playing a round of golf on the course the campground owns. Tiger Woods, I mean, Vinny, won. The rest of the group arrived Friday afternoon and we officially kicked off our first rally of the season with Happy Hour followed by pizza for dinner. Doug & Cindy Field had a nice campfire to end the evening. Saturday morning, Matt cooked a wonderful breakfast for everyone. In the afternoon, a group went to Deer Creek Winery and enjoyed live music. A potluck dinner with a custom cake was had after Happy Hour. Some of the guys got together and discussed various maintenance topics and even discovered a gas leak on Vinny's propane tanks. To end the evening, Cody & Matt entertained everyone with a showing of The Long, Long Trailer, starring Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz. Finally, Sunday morning began with a continental breakfast and ended with everyone saying their goodbyes. We certainly had a great time and look forward to getting together with everyone at the Bluegrass Rally in August!

On the next page are some of the photos from the rally. To see all the photos taken, please visit our photos page at: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bAm5LnFjxbptCX63A> or by visiting our webpage and clicking the "View All Photos" link in the middle of the page.

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>





2020 Officers

President

Vinny Rossitto

1st Vice President

Julie Jansen

2nd Vice President

Cody Klingler

3rd Vice President

Open

Treasurer

Craig Jansen

Acting Secretary

Vinny Rossitto

1 Year Directors

Denny Gibson

Open

2 Year Directors

Dale Rossitto

Matt Moore

Immediate Past President

Denny Gibson

Membership Chair,

Webmaster &

Newsletter Editor

Cody Klingler

BLUEGRASS RALLY

AUG. 14 – 16, 2020

LAUREL HILL STATE PARK

HOSTS: GAYLE AND DENNY GIBSON

CO-HOSTS: CRAIG AND JULIE JANSEN

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUG 13TH (For those who arrive a day early!) Cindy and Doug Field have graciously offered to serve “Walking Tacos” at their Airstream, which will be over at Kooser State Park Campground, a short 10 minutes away from Laurel Hill. (No charge) Bring your wine or beer for Happy Hour at 5:00 pm and a chair to sit in. Tacos at 6:00 pm, forks provided. Bring your own beverage of choice.

FRIDAY, AUG 14TH We will be kicking off the rally with grilled burgers, baked beans, potato salad, iced tea, and cookies at the Gibson’s Airstream, Site 70 at Laurel Hill State Park. (\$10 per person) Bring your chair over at 5:00 pm for Happy Hour with your beverage of choice. At 6:00 pm dinner will be served. Stay afterwards to socialize around the campfire, weather permitting.

SATURDAY, AUG 15TH At 8:30 am a breakfast of French toast, eggs, bacon and juice will be served at the Gibson’s Airstream. Please bring your own coffee.

Here are a few activity suggestions for after breakfast:

Hiking trails and kayak rental at Laurel Hill

Kentuck Knob, 723 Kentuck Rd, Dunbar, PA 15431

Falling Water, 1491 Mill Run Rd, Mill Run, PA 15464

At Ohiopyle State Park, 124 Main St, Ohiopyle, PA 15470, there is the Great Allegheny Passage Trail (GAP), which you can hike or bike. Local bike rentals are available.

Glades Pike Winery, 2208 Glades Pike Rd, Somerset, PA 15501

Green Dance Winery at Sand Hill, 306 Deerfield Rd, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

At 6:00 pm the Gibsons will be hosting a Ham BBQ Dinner. Please bring a side dish along with your beverage, table setting and chair. An Ice Cream Social will follow and weather permitting, we will be having a movie, (equipment supplied by Cody and Matt – Thanks guys!)

SUNDAY, AUG 15TH A continental breakfast will be served, again at the Gibson site, where we can all say our “goodbyes” until our next event – Octoberfest Pot-Luck Luncheon, outdoors at the Rossitto home on October 3rd.



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



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FOR YOUR INFO!

The Al-Mon-O Airstream Club is among the first to change to the new Airstream Club portal located at [AirstreamClub.org](https://airstreamclub.org). Make sure to check out the new look of our page, with access to all your favorite Airstream information pages. Be sure to change your bookmarks to <https://airstreamclub.org/al-mon-o-pennsylvania>



64TH WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY REMINDER!

This is a reminder that registration for the 64th WBCCI International Rally, to be held in Lebanon, TN July 17-24, 2021, is set to open on August 5th. The Registration link located here <https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon>. If I hear anything or receive any additional info from HQ prior, I will pass it on. I believe HQ will be making an announcement and I'm sure there will be info in the upcoming new edition of the Blue Beret.

Rich

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REPLACING AN EXTERIOR RIVET

By Vinny Rossitto

After cleaning the dust off of our Airstream this last weekend, I noticed that the head of one of the exterior rivets on a panel near the door had sheared off, resulting in loss of an important fastener and a new source for water ingress. Neither of these is a good thing! So, I figured that this should be dealt with sooner than later. This article describes the experience of exterior rivet replacement and will inevitably be very basic to some and hopefully informative to others.

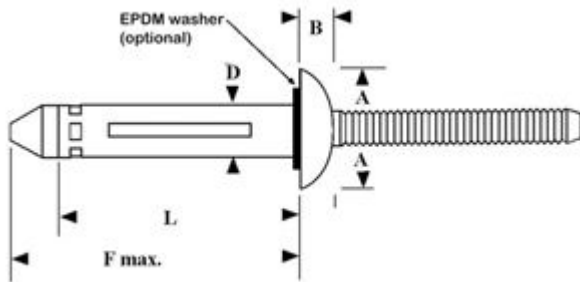


Brazier head aluminum buck rivet head (5/32" dia. grip, 5/16" dia. head) sheared off, near the door (common location). Most likely cause was Airstream body twisting while towing, hitching or unhitching on uneven surfaces.

Having not noticed this before, I assume that the rivet failure probably happened due to Airstream body twisting while towing, hitching, or unhitching on uneven surfaces. I've heard that these types of rivet failures, while not very common for Airstream trailers, generally happen near the door. I assume this is because of the shear stress risers in that area that occur due to the large fenestration (door opening) in the body.

I've replaced numerous interior POP rivets, but have never had the occasion to repair a failed exterior rivet. Many Airstream owners have removed and restored panels as part of larger scale refurbishment projects and, because the interior panels are removed and they have practical access to both sides of the rivet, they correctly choose to replace the stronger Brazier head buck rivet with like kind. In my case, this repair was best performed with a blind aluminum Olympic Bulb-Tite rivet. This rivet provides two important features for this application. First, rather than the rivet grip simply expanding like a POP rivet as it is set, the rear of the grip billows into three legs for sufficiently strong fastening strength. Second, the aluminum mandrel that protrudes from the rivet head after the rivet is set can be snipped flush with the head and then shaved smooth with a special tool, closely mimicking the external appearance of a buck rivet.

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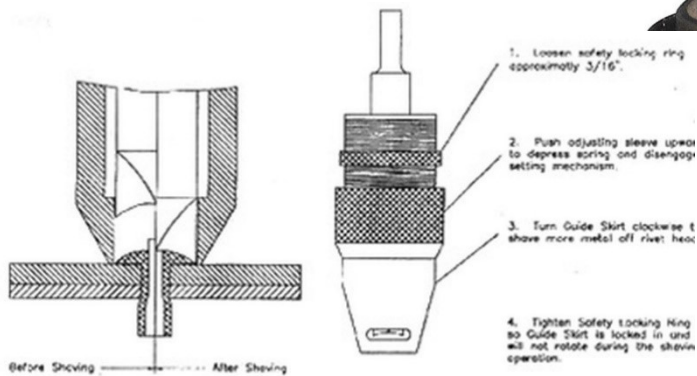


5/32" nominal diameter blind aluminum Olympic rivet used to replace bucked rivet since inside access is not practical. Olympic rivet head diameter is approximately 5/16". (Product code VTS-179N at www.VintageAirstreamSupply.com)



My online reading and research convinced me that performing an exterior buck rivet replacement using an Olympic rivet was within my capability, but the high cost of purchasing the recommended 5/32" Aluminum Olympic Rivet Shaver Tool (Gesipa HS310-5B, \$300 - \$400 online) convinced me to have a professional service like Ranger Trailer & RV in Greensburg, PA perform what amounted to a 10 minute repair.

Shaver tool for 5/32" Olympic Rivets (Product Code VTS-177, Gesipa Model HS310-5B at www.vintagetrailersupply.co)



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The tools and materials required for this repair are:

Electric drill and 5/32" (or #20) drill bit

Sikaflex-211 gray polyurethane sealant or equivalent

Standard POP rivet hand tool

5/32" aluminum shaveable blind Olympic Bulb-Tite rivet

Wire cutter hand tool

Shaver tool for 5/32" Olympic Rivets (Product Code VTS-177, Gesipa Model HS310-5B at

www.vintagetrailersupply.com)



The procedure for making this repair is:

Remove remaining buck rivet shell by drilling out with 5/32" drill bit. Be careful not to over drill or mar aluminum panel finish

Apply Sikaflex-211 sealant into hole

If present, remove neoprene washer from Olympic rivet

Using a manual POP rivet gun, place and set a 5/32" aluminum Olympic rivet in hole (aluminum mandrel will snap with about 1/2" protruding from the head)

Snip protruding mandrel flush with rivet's head using wire cutter

Finish the rivet head with shaver tool, holding/positioning the outer housing of the tool carefully. The tool should be properly adjusted on cutting depth.

Clean excess sealant from the panel near the rivet head



Voilà !!! Actual Result.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR IMPORATANT 2021 AL-MON-O LEADERSHIP ROLES!

We currently have some critical gaps in next year's AL-MON-O leadership slate that need to be filled soon. The most important role for us to fill is 2nd VP, followed by 3rd VP, followed by 2 Year Directors.

Please consider volunteering for one of these leadership roles. They each perform important responsibilities for our club, even though the actual workload is very light. It's a great way to become involved with the current operation and future direction of our club. AL-MON-O is our club and it counts on each of us to contribute at any level, whether simply participating in activities, writing articles, sharing photos, hosting an activity, or taking a leadership role like Vice President. Please help enrich this Airstream experience with your AL-MON-O friends!

Slate of AL-MON-O Officers for 2021

President	Julie Jansen	1 Year Director	Vinny Rossitto
1st VP	Cody Klingler	2 Year Director	Dale Rossitto (2nd year)
2nd VP	OPEN	2 Year Director	Matt Moore (2nd year)
3rd VP	OPEN	2 Year Director	OPEN
Treasurer	Craig Jansen	Webmaster	Cody Klingler
Secretary	Vinny Rossitto	Newsletter Editor	Cody Klingler
Membership	Cody Klingler		

On the next page are the descriptions of our Officer roles are paraphrased from our AL-MON-O Bylaws. Please reach out to Vinny or any of our officers if you are considering volunteering or just would like more information. THANK YOU!!

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- Presides at all meetings of the Local Club and Executive Board
- Enforces the Constitution and Bylaws
- Appoints all special committees and the Parliamentarian
- Has such powers and duties as normally pertain to the principal executive office

1st Vice President (filled by Cody Klingler in 2021)

- Attends all business meetings of the Local Club and the Executive Board.
- Shall assist the President.
- Assumes the duties of the President in the President's absence.
- Sets up the rallies for the next year when he/she will be President.

2nd Vice President (currently vacant in 2021)

- Attends all business meetings of the Local Club and the Executive Board
- Assists the President and the First Vice President
- Assumes the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of said officer
- Assumes the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President and the First Vice President
- Perform duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

3rd Vice President (currently vacant in 2021)

- Attends all business meetings of the Local Club and the Executive Board.
- Assists the President and the First Vice President and the Second Vice President.
- Assumes the duties of the Second Vice President in the absence of said officer.
- Assumes the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of the First Vice President and the Second Vice President.
- Assumes the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President and the First Vice President and the Second Vice President.
- Performs other duties as assigned by the Executive Board.
- Sees that supplies are transferred to the next Hosts and assure visitors and guests are chaperoned at Local Club activities.

Secretary (filled by Vinny Rossitto in 2021)

- Issues notices of all meetings of the Club and the Executive Board as prescribed in Article VI, Sections 1 and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and ARTICLE XIV, Section 1 of the Bylaws.
- Prepares an agenda of pending business for use by the presiding officer at each meeting.
- Coordinates with the Treasurer to maintain an accurate roster of paid-up members of the Local Club.
- Records and preserves the minutes of all official meetings of the Local Club and the Executive Board, and mail copies to the members of the Executive Board not more than fifteen (15) days following each meeting.
- Records the attendance of the officers and directors at each meeting and advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present.

Treasurer (filled by Craig Jansen in 2021)

- Maintains the financial records of the Local Club and receives all monies, as prescribed in international Bylaws, Article XVI Financial Management Sec. 12 – 13 and Policy, Financial Data Guidelines, and promptly deposits them in the bank previously chosen by the Executive Board.
- Notifies members of expiration of dues, issue receipts for dues paid through the Local Club and maintain an up-to-date roster of paid up members. Changes to this roster shall be shared with the Secretary, the Newsletter Editor, and the Membership Chairman. In addition, the Membership Chairman shall be notified of all members who have not paid their dues by October 15th in order that the membership chairman might assist the Treasurer in contacting those members to collect their dues prior to November 1st.
- Submits a full written report of finances to the Executive Board at each meeting. Each year a committee selected by the incoming President will audit the books and accounts. Before retirement, all books, monies and property of the Unit shall be delivered promptly to the incoming Treasurer.

Directors (currently two vacancies in 2021)

- Attends all meetings of the Local Club and Executive Board.
- Accepts special assignments as directed by the President. Additional duties may be to chair or be members of committees.

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 14-16	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	CANCELLED IN JUNE 2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)	
October 3	Octoberfest Pot- luck Luncheon	Rossitto Home—OUTDOORS Rain or Shine! 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