

# Keystone Kourier

## President's Message

Hello Everyone!

Where did the summer go? Hope you all had a chance to get out to your favorite August Haunt. Since the Airstream Haven was closed this year we missed our yearly visit to the beach. There's nothing more relaxing than sitting on canvas beach chairs under a big old canvas Umbrella sipping on your favorite ice cold beverage watching the sea gulls steal the sun worshipers food. Ahhh just the thought of it gives me goose bumps.

Yet hope does have a way of resurrecting the soul. September and October are just around the bend bringing what are our favorite months to hit the road. With the extreme heat fading and crisp evenings eliminating the grind of the air conditioners, sleep and morning coffee under the veranda is, well heavenly. To which.....

Our next rally is just south of Wellsboro PA at the Twin Streams Campground.

September 11-13, Twin Streams Campground Morris PA

<http://www.twinstreamscampground.com/>

You'll find fishing, horseback trail riding, nearly flat bicycle trail in the canyon beside the Pine Creek, nice canyon drives with beautiful overlooks close by. **Call campground, 570-353-7251 and tell them you are with the Airstream Keystone unit.**

All sites full hookup.

We have been to Twin Streams many times over the years and they do not disappoint.

October 23-25 – installation rally at Linda & Chuck Chowns' new farm. Dry camping with a flare. Howard Mergelkamp coordinating. Folks this one is not to be missed. Surface is hard packed grass with drainage in all the right ways. More news to follow.

A couple of notes. The unit has a few officer openings that must be filled. As International has become more IT oriented all of the tedious hand-filled out forms have been eliminated. The unit merit award has been eliminated and that took days. Being an officer has become much easier than in the past. Please consider being an officer.

A suggestion was made by Kathleen Quinn about firing up the events page on the Keystone Facebook Page. This was a great idea so it has been implemented. Keep an eye on your news feed and the events page for information on upcoming events and rallies. Thank you Kathleen for the suggestion.

## Keystone Unit #092 Region 2 - WBCCI



Our Prez after a 9-hour drive...



## Upcoming Events

**September 11-13**

**PA Grand Canyon Rally**

Twin Streams Campground  
2143 Rte 287, Morris, PA

**October 23 - 25**

**Installation Rally**

Chuck & Linda Chowns'  
255 Kulps Road, Barto, PA

**Please check the Important Member News on Page 5 for renewal info**

## Stay Connected

Keystone on the web

<https://Airstreamclub.org/Keystone-Pennsylvania>



Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KeystoneUnit/>

Airstream Club Int'l

<https://AirstreamClub.org/>

## 2020 Officers

### President

Jody Dietz

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Don Harrington

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

Open

### Treasurer

Rick Pitts

### Secretary

Sue Dietz

### 1 Year Trustee

Sue Walton

### 2 Year Trustee

Mary Newnam

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#### President

Howard Megelkamp

### Legislative

Jody Dietz

### Membership

Don Harrington

### Sunshine

Karen Kushto

### Kourier – Web Pages

Andy & Rick Pitts

Fantastic story...I don't know if anyone has a reflective pad that covers their fantastic fan to keep the cold or heat like we do but I believe while the trailer sat in the direct hot sun with this cover on the heat warped and destroyed the inner frame work that holds the auto closer speed and direction temp and rain sensor. Getting parts was nearly impossible. After 3 weeks of searching and 2.5 hours on hold I was able to order the parts. If you find yourself in this situation let me know I have the info needed to get you what you need.

Keep sending in your camping pics. A Kourier without pics is well, a Kourier without pics. We all love pics.

Until we meet again, safe travels.

*Jody*

### *Introducing:*

It's a pleasure to introduce our newest members to the unit:

**Beth & Bruce Levin**, #7427, and their 27' Globetrotter, from Philadelphia

**Kathryn & Stephen Summers**, #7840, and their 23' Globetrotter, from Jim Thorpe

**WELCOME** – We look forward to some great camping weekends, rallies and caravans!

### *Sunshine Report*

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

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:

##### September

Dot Britt (5<sup>th</sup>)  
Don Harrington (21<sup>st</sup>)  
Barb Hillegass (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Peg Spahn (30<sup>th</sup>)

##### October

Sue Dietz (11<sup>th</sup>)  
Clare Vogt (13<sup>th</sup>)  
Arry Mergelkamp (15<sup>th</sup>)

#### Happy Anniversary to:

##### September

Jim & Janice Hicks  
Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald

##### October

Ted & Mary Newnam  
Jeff & Joanne Michael  
Chris & Melissa Goins  
Tim Bell & Linda Ramsey

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).

## Venturing Out and About

**Sue & Jody Dietz** along with **Phyllis & Don Harrington** headed to Amish county to hit a mud sale. The mudders reported the sale was so-so, but the milkshakes GREAT!



**Mary & Ted Newnam** spent a great weekend at Martinak State Park, along the Choptank River in Maryland. Remember, for those few of us over 62 (...) you can get the MD Golden Age Pass that gives 50% off for weekday camping at state parks.

With the increase in RV sales and family schedules turned inside-out by covid restrictions we're finding that sites book quickly, even during mid-week. **Plan ahead and book early to enjoy a great get-away in your rig.**

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

## Did You Know???

Several of you fashionistas will recognize Calvin Klein model and KATAMA swimwear founder **Garrett Neff**. But did you know that he is originally from Wilmington, DE and enjoys sponsoring KATAMA Pop-Up Events in the northeast with his restored '65 Airstream (just recently right here in Chadds Ford):



## Introducing the Kushto KomedY Korner



"Seems as though our own Will Kushto delivered a few clever one-liners to President Jody Dietz a few weeks ago. Why not publish a "KomedY Korner", said the newsletter editor!" Will is going to continue sending great one-liners, but feel free to send your best quips to Rick for a future issue of the Kourier.

- . WK: A friend just hired a limo for \$1000 but it didn't come with a driver. Can you imagine spending all that money with nothing to chauffeur it!
- . WK: I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory: all I did was take a day off!
- . RP: I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly...
- . WK: I noticed during the pandemic, when I look at the calendar, I see Monday, Tuesday, followed by W T F.
- . AP: When does Season 2 of '2020' start? I didn't like Season 1...
- . #053: I don't always go the extra mile. But when I do it's because I missed my exit...
- . Anon: For those who don't like Alexa listening in on conversations, they're making a male version...  
It doesn't listen to anything...

## *Important Membership News*

It's that time of year!

Renew your WBCCI (and Keystone Unit) membership for 2021.

Keystone dues will remain \$15 for the year.

WBCCI dues increased this year to \$75.

Please email any questions or concerns regarding dues, **but do not send your annual or lifetime WBCCI/Keystone renewal to West Chester or you will miss being listed in the Directory.**

(Note this does not apply to those associate or former members who are only renewing their Keystone membership.)

### **To renew your annual WBCCI and Unit memberships:**

Go to [airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal](http://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal) and pay on the internet (\$90 = \$75 WBCCI + \$15 Keystone, #092). On the 'Dues' page, select 'WBCCI International Dues' and in the box below carefully scroll down to 'Keystone Pennsylvania Unit'. WBCCI will send us a copy of your receipt, and your Unit dues.

(If you are unable to use the website you can call Amanda Hughes at WBCCI Headquarters and she will renew you over the phone with a credit card. 937-596-5211.)

Remember, you must renew through WBCCI by December 31, 2020 to be listed in the 2021 International Directory published in February 2021.

### **If you are a lifetime member to renew your WBCCI and Unit memberships:**

Go to [airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal](http://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal) and pay on the internet (\$15 Keystone). WBCCI will send us a copy of your receipt, and your Unit dues. Lifetime Memberships **MUST** go through the renewal process. This lets HQ know the Lifetime Member is still active and is in good standing with our Keystone Unit. If HQ does not receive your renewal, you will NOT be renewed for 2021.

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### **If you wish to renew only your annual Keystone Unit membership:**

Please send a \$15 check payable to 'WBCCI-Keystone Unit #092' to Rick Pitts, Treasurer, 930 Stoney Run Drive, West Chester, PA, 19382. Do not renew through the WBCCI website as they coordinate only for renewing WBCCI members. Please renew by December 31.

Thanks!

*Rick Pitts*

(r\_pitts@verizon.net)



## 2020 Activities Schedule

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

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

**September 11-13** – PA Grand Canyon, Morris, PA

Twin Streams Campground  
2143 Rte 287, Morris, PA, (570) 353-7251  
Dietz's coordinating



**September 20-27** - 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek OH **Canceled**

**September 30-Oct 5** – Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally, Jonesborough, TN **Canceled**

**October 23-25** – installation rally at Linda & Chuck Chowns' new farm



Dry camping with a flare,  
255 Kulps Road  
Barto, PA 19504

Howard  
Mergelkamp  
coordinating



**November 6-8 (Fri-Sun)** – Time to Pack It In Rally, Harpers Ferry, WV

Harpers Ferry Civil War Battlefield KOA  
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

Online registration opens August 5, 2020

**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

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](mailto:092info@airstreamclub.net)

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## *Keystone Courier*



*September 2020*