

Keystone Kourier

President's Message

Happy October to you all!

What a great time of year! Colors on the trees, great sleeping, crisp mornings, finally a temp that makes hot coffee worth its heat, plus the thrill of Halloween. Who doesn't love October!

October also brings changes in the Keystone Unit by way of officer changes. As of October 24, once again Don Harrington will be our president with Kathleen Quinn 1st VP, and with a little friendly persuasion Howard Mergelkamp agreed to jump into the circle of life once more as 2nd VP. Rick Pitts has agreed to continue as club Treasurer, Mary Newman as 1 year Trustee, and Sue Walton as 2 year trustee, and Andy and Rick as our Kourier editors and Webmasters. Speaking for the whole of the unit, Thank You all for agreeing to fill these vital positions. Without volunteers we cannot continue.

Speaking of fresh officers, the **Installation Rally** is coming up. It will sorta be a boondocking experience except with rally power and water.... so not really boondocking but close enough. More info will be coming via email, or you can check out the events page on the clubs Facebook page. Date: Oct 23-25. 255 Kulps Road Barto, PA 19504 Howard Mergelkamp is coordinating. The location: The Chown Estate. Top of Chown Mtn. Beautiful setting, great parking. Food, Bonfire, Installation with Past International President Barry Heckenswiler officiating. This is shaping up to be a wonderful rally.

The November **"Is it time to pack it in rally"** at the Civil War Battlefields KOA at Harpers Ferry is on. Address, 343 Campground Rd, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 Date November 6-8. Sue and I are arriving a day early on the 5th. To reserve your site with our group call, 304-535-6895. Office hours 8-6. Best days to call M,T,W,Th. Reference Jody Dietz to get adjacent sites. Sites are full hook up. Stay 2 nights get 3rd free. Beautiful area, nice bike trails, hiking, neat town loaded with history. Don't miss it.

Well folks I guess this is it, my last President Newsletter. It has been a pleasure to serve the Keystone Unit. Although so many of our rallies were canceled, I see fairer covid free skies for 2021.

Keep your chins up
and see you all soon.

Jody

Keystone Unit #092 Region 2 - WBCCI



First Lady Sue, dressed for the Haunt



Upcoming Events

October 23 - 25

Installation Rally

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

November 6-8

Pack-it-In Rally

Harpers Ferry Battlefields KOA
343 Campground Road
Harpers Ferry, WV

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2020 Officers

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Jody Dietz

1st Vice President

Don Harrington

2nd Vice President

Open

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Rick Pitts

Secretary

Sue Dietz

1 Year Trustee

Sue Walton

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Immediate Past

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Legislative

Jody Dietz

Membership

Don Harrington

Sunshine

Karen Kushto

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Andy & Rick Pitts

Camping Near the Canyon

What can be said about a weekend where just about everything went well. Sue and I pulled in on Thursday and it wasn't long until Don and Phyliss Harrington were there, then Alan Kenney, then the Kathleen and Pat Quinn. Friday Sue Walton arrived to make the group complete.



The weather cooperated with eve temps in the 50's. Finally no need for the grind of the AC. During the day Keystoneers participated in varied activities, Hiking that led to ice cream, Horseback riding, checking out the local Gas-lit town of Wellsboro, bike riding, and light trailer maintenance.



meals ranged from Filet Mignon, Ribeye, Lobster, Salmon. Delicious. While in Wellsboro ya have to check it out.



Saturday eve a few of us went into town and had dinner at The Steak House, owned and operated by the same family for 50 years. We had the luxury of having mom (owner) and daughter take care of our table. Our

Every evening we sat around not 1 but 2 solo campfires and chewed the rug. Kathleen even put together a titled display board for a group shot, sadly we were all too busy yapping and forgot. Thanks anyway Kathleen. As it is said, "a good time was had by all."

Kushto Komedu Korner



- . WK: I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.
- . RP on COVID: "I'm giving up drinking til this is over." Sorry bad punctuation, should be: "I'm giving up. Drinking til this is over"...
- . WK: I was addicted to the hokey pokey... but thankfully, I turned myself around.
- . AP: I've learned two important lessons in life. The first I can't remember; the second is that I need to start writing things down.

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.

Venturing Out and About



Andy & Rick Pitts headed north to Lake George with some Winnebago friends for a long weekend and visit to Fort Ticonderoga.



Mary & Ted Newnam ventured out and got a great view from their dinette.

Arry & Howard Mergelkamp joined **Andy & Rick Pitts** for a few days at Hickory Run State Park, site of the largest boulder field in the eastern USA.



Kathleen & Pat Quinn hit the road north to Lake Ontario for some fine fall camping (once the rain let up...)



Karen & Will Kushto headed south and sent greetings from the lovely Top of Georgia Airstream Park.



Membership Renewal

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 (r_pitts@verizon.net) 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 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 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!

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:

October

Sue Dietz (11th)
Clare Vogt (13th)
Arry Mergelkamp (15th)

November

Joan Weaver (7th)
Cindy Yerk (13th)
Karen Kushto (15th)

Chris Goins (24th)

Jim Hicks (25th)

Joanne Michael (28th)

Happy Anniversary to:

October

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

November

Chris & Carey Boland

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

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

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



Howard
Mergelkamp
coordinating



November 6-8 (Fri-Sun) – Time to Pack It In Rally

Harpers Ferry Civil War Battlefields KOA
343 Campground Road, Harpers Ferry, WV
To reserve: 800-562-9497
Dietz's coordinating



December 12 (Sat) - Noon – Holiday luncheon, Plumsteadville Inn;

Barb Hillegass coordinating, 215-536-8637

We are again collecting contributions of stuffed animals and toys for under privileged children

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

<https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon>

September 26 - October 3 – invitation to join 59th 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:

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