

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Cool weather is now upon us and overnight temperatures have already dipped perilously close to the freezing mark. Still, I'm optimistic that we won't have to winterize our Airstream prior to our last planned trip of the year (Oct 26 – Nov 2) to Hills Creek State Park near Wellsboro PA. Meanwhile, we are really enjoying the Autumn chill and seasonal beauty at home.

We had a very nice outdoor luncheon at the Boltz Shelter in East Brady a couple of weeks ago and enjoyed the afternoon with many AL-MON-O friends. We were treated to a beautiful day, a great venue and cookout, met some newer members and were even able to catch up with some members that we haven't seen in quite a while! Thank you, Cody & Matt, for hosting this terrific event.

Dale & I are looking forward to seeing you on October 3rd at our home for an outdoor Oktoberfest-themed luncheon. We have plenty of space for parking and to spread out. If you'd like to attend but have not yet signed up, it's not too late... just let us know! Please check out the flyer in this newsletter for details.

As I mentioned last month, we're taking a very different approach for this year's Christmas Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting, given in-restaurant dining uncertainties & potential crowding concerns. We'll be having the luncheon in the Klingler's heated garage in Hilliards PA, where we have made arrangements for a catered buffet style lunch. Please see the coupon in this newsletter for more details.

It's hard to believe how quickly time is flying by - we are starting to plan activities for 2021. I encourage you to volunteer now to host a luncheon or rally if you can. It's an easy way to contribute to our Club and to enrich the experience for our AL-MON-O family. With that said, flexibility will continue to be the operative word and chances are pretty good that we'll need to continue adapting as the virus situation evolves. If you are interested in volunteering to be a host for a 2021 activity, please contact Julie Jansen.

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mon-o-pennsylvania](https://airstreamclub.org/al-mon-o-pennsylvania)



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Many thanks to Lia for submitting another terrific article – this time on taking your hobby on the road. Lia shares some of her experiences while continuing to develop her craft – watercolor painting – often while traveling. Clearly, she has found a way to enrich her Airstream adventures and I think her story will inspire many of us to look for ways do so as well!

Matt & Cody have been camping frequently in Western PA this summer. Thank you, Cody for reviewing a couple of the three campgrounds you stayed at in September. This kind of information always comes in handy for everyone when planning local outings.

Thank you, Matt Moore, for stepping up to serve as our Club's 3rd VP next year. I'm looking forward to Matt's fresh perspectives and leadership as he guides AL-MON-O. Matt will need to vacate his Director role next year...so there will be a leadership opportunity available for someone else! Please let me know if you are interested in contributing to AL-MON-O as a Director.

Finally, our official Club Logo received unanimous and enthusiastic approval from the large number of members who voted. Thank you for your participation and support! Additionally, the AL-MON-O Board approved a new flag design that incorporates the logo. The logo & flag designs are now being reviewed for approval by the WBCCI IBT. Stay tuned!

Please take care & keep your shiny side up!

Vinny



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>

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AL-MON-O Officer Slate for 2021

President	Julie Jansen
1 st Vice President.....	Cody Klingler
2 nd Vice President.....	Bud Roberts
3 rd Vice President.....	Matt Moore
Treasurer.....	Craig Jansen
Secretary.....	Vinny Rossitto
1-Year Director (Immediate Past President)	Vinny Rossitto
2-Year Director (2 nd year).....	Dale Rossitto
2-Year Director (1 st year).....	Alice Roberts
2-Year Director.....	VACANT

Volunteer Leadership Roles for 2021

Membership Chairman.....	Cody Klingler
Newsletter Editor.....	Cody Klingler
Webmaster.....	Cody Klingler
Social Media Administrator.....	Paul Labuda

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

Campground Review

By Cody Klingler

Matt and I have been out almost every weekend since camping season opened. In September, we went to 3 campgrounds and I thought it would be a great idea to review a couple of them.

The first place we stayed was Rocky Springs Campground in Mercer, PA. Upon arrival, the owner met us at the gate and checked us in. She absolutely adored Cali. Once we were checked in, her husband took us to our campsite. The site was a large pull through and had 2 sewer outlets. We were told the section we were in was new for this season and as they were building, decided that 2 outlets made sense depending on where your hookups were. We were also impressed with the dog park that was available. Cali really enjoyed being off leash and running around the open area. We found that the campground was very well maintained. In our section, there were 7 off-the-road sites and in another section, there were 7 more. We really enjoyed our weekend at Rocky Springs and will probably return there next year.

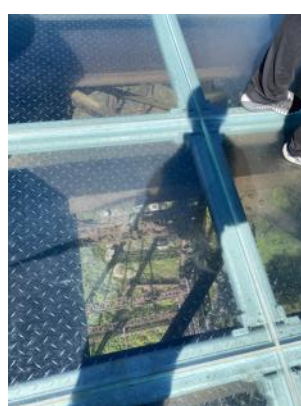
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Our second trip brought us to Kinzua. We decided to stay at the Kinzua East KOA. Anytime I think of a KOA, I think that the campground is going to be extremely nice and well upkept. Sadly, this was not the case. The sites were very tight and was almost awning to awning. We had to run our electric and water to the opposite of the camper (thankfully we had enough cord/hose). However, everything worked as it should and we experienced no issues at the park.

The best part about the trip was going to Kinzua Bridge. I had never been there before. I can only imagine what it looked like before it fell. We walked out to the skywalk and got to see down through the glass to the bottom of the ravine. It's quite amazing that all the structure that collapsed is still laying on the ground below. If you have never been to Kinzua Bridge, it's well worth the trip.



Online Membership Renewal

Just a reminder that annual membership renewals for 2021 are now being processed online. The new tool on the WBCCI website is quick & simple to use and handles secure payment of both International (\$75) and AL-MON-O (\$15) dues in a single transaction.

Quick link to the Airstream Club Membership Renewal page:
<https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal>

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the new members:

Scott Pransky & Judy Hufnagel
122 3rd Ave.

New Eagle, PA 15067

Scott: 239-595-9965—scottpransky@gmail.com

Judy: 724-249-3208—jah22@comcast.net

TAKE YOUR HOBBY ON THE ROAD

By Lia Gough

Do you have an art, craft or other hobby that you enjoy at home or want to give a try? Next time, take it on the road! Photography, knitting, drawing and painting travel well, but many other hobbies, like wood carving, quilting, music, can also be enjoyed on the road. I wanted to learn watercolor painting, so I decided to document our travels in watercolor. I started with community courses, online courses, and YouTube videos (the last two being especially great during a pandemic), but I needed some incentive to just paint more. Luckily, I found a fun painting challenge, the Strada Easel Challenge, which runs every September and January. The inventor of the Strada Easel, Bryan Mark Taylor, started this challenge many years ago and I am in the midst of my 3rd session. If I complete a painting from life (plein air – outdoors or indoors) every day of the month, I become eligible for a drawing for a Strada Easel. Though I have yet to win, for me the real reward is that I am driven to complete a painting every day without worrying about making it better, fear of rejection, mistakes, or trying a totally new technique and/or subject matter. Though I love to work with oil, water-based oil and acrylic paints, I have confined myself this month to either watercolor or gouache (opaque water based) paint which dry fast and are easier to handle on the road while we travel.



For some reason, nearly every time I have entered this challenge, I find myself in the midst of travel. Painting while traveling presents some unique situations, especially if one still wants to fit in hiking, touring, the usual everyday activities, and then there are the travel days. Sometimes I find it best to actually paint in our tow vehicle, which trains me to literally roll with the punches (see rolling still life in bouncing truck!). And there was the tomato that rolled off the dash and under the seat, but that is another story. When one is still learning to paint embarrassment may be an obstacle to setting up to paint a scene plein air, however I have had some very interesting conversations with people that stopped by while I was painting. What supplies to take and what setup works for one is another realm of constant research and trial and error.



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President: Vinny Rossitto

Region 2 News

This time last year, I was writing about our having just returned from the Ontario Canada Airstream Club Installation Rally as well as the Pennsylvania State Rally out in Centre Hall, PA. Unfortunately, those did not happen this year, but I am pleased to say I had the honor of installing the new Ontario Club #124 Officers again, via Zoom. Kathi and I do intend to be at a Watchung NJ Airstream Club Rally up in the Delaware Water Gap area of PA over the Columbus Day Weekend, then down to the DelMarVa Airstream Club Rally in Centreville, MD before wrapping things up at the Keystone Airstream Club Rally down in Harpers Ferry, WV the first week of November. Did I just say November? Truth be told...I will be glad when this year is in the rearview mirror and the sun is rising on the horizon of a new year with a lot of bright optimism shining through the clouds.

This is always a busy time with the last few rallies on the calendar, new officers being installed and the first reminders for renewing our Airstream Club membership arrive. It is never too early to renew, and the best way is to visit our airstreamclub.org website and renew online. <https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal> It is less of a burden on HQ and on your own local Club Treasurers when you renew online. And this year, you can renew any time before the end of the year and still be included in the 2021 Membership Directory. If you recall, the change was made at the Summer IBT to produce the Membership Directory for February distribution, giving everybody who renews in 2020 an opportunity to be included. Good stuff...now go renew!

As mentioned, most of our local clubs will be holding their officer elections and installations over the next months. Thank you to all who served under difficult circumstances this year. Additionally, we send our congratulations and thank you to all who have volunteered to lead their clubs in 2021. Except for the handful of paid staff at HQ, our Airstream Club runs completely on the strength, enthusiasm, and commitment of its members. Those that step up to contribute their time and efforts for the benefit of our members deserve our encouragement and support. Speaking of volunteering...the Region needs a 2nd VP for next year. As I complete my term, our two VPs will move up, creating an empty chair. Please consider taking a leadership position in the Region. It is an honor to sit on the Board of Trustees of the largest, oldest, and BEST single brand RV club in the world. It is a fun and rewarding experience to be part of the growth and progress our Airstream Club is experiencing. Please reach out to me with questions about the many benefits of serving as a Region officer.

We are looking into a location for the 2021 R2 Rally in the US as the prospects of traveling across the border to Rally in Canada are now nil. We will keep our options open for a 2022 in Ontario and concentrate on a "new normal" type Rally in the States for next year. It may wind up looking a little different, but the goals of the R2Rally will be the same...a safe and fun gathering of friends to celebrate our Airstream Club and Airstream lifestyle, conduct a Business Meeting, install our new 2021 Region 2 Officers and get ready for the International Rally in Lebanon, TN. Stay tuned for details...

Lastly, our Region 2 Caravan Leader Kerry Mattila is putting the finishing touches on a Region 2 Autumn in the Maritimes Caravan scheduled for 08/31-10/02/2021. This Caravan will be the precursor to a National Caravan for 2022. Kerry is an excellent and experienced Caravan Leader and has put a lot of time and effort in this. Watch our Region 2 website for more info or contact Kerry at 124caravan@airstreamclub.net Kathi joins me in sending best regards to our Region 2 Airstreamers. Stay well. See you down the road.

Rich Short #1512
President, Region 2



Loss of a friend

John "Jack" F. Bell, age 89, of White Oak, formerly of North Versailles, died September 22, 2020, at Mount Vernon of Elizabeth. Born March 3, 1931, in North Versailles, he was the son of the late Donald F. and Margaret (Rawlings) Bell and the husband of Mary Elizabeth (Robinson) Bell.

Jack was a self-employed plumbing supply salesman working for Hodes Company and previously, Crane Plumbing and Star Plumbing. In his early years, he worked as a merchant marine working on riverboats up and down the Mississippi. Jack was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a BA in Business. He was an active member of the First Evangelical Free Church of McKeesport, where he was in the choir and a member of The Gideons International. He loved to serve the Lord.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Robert F. Bell of Munhall and John Mark (Michele) Bell of North Huntingdon; step-daughters, Sue Leffard of McKeesport and Karen Leffard of Morgantown, WV; grandchildren, Barrett, Darren, Jordan, and Hunter; great-grandchildren, Drew, Eli, and Elsie; sisters, Marjorie (Michael) Provan-Madivich and Donna (Thomas) McClure; also nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his brother, Fred Rawlings Bell.

Family and friends may be received at Jaycox-Jaworski Funeral Home & Crematory on Sunday, September 27, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. until the time of last leave at 8 p.m. Private Family Service and Burial in Restland Memorial Park will take place.

Memorial contributions are suggested to The Gideons International at www.gideons.org.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.jaycox-jaworski.com

Jack was a former member and Past President (2001) of Al-Mon-O.





PHOTOS FROM THE SEPTEMBER PICNIC AT THE BOLTZ SHELTER

For more photos, visit our Photo Gallery at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bAm5LnFjxbptCX63A>

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!!!

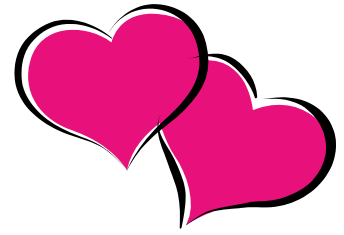
Meanwhile, be well and stay well.

Thank you!!

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES



OCTOBER

2 Charyn Hamelly
17 Maria Tobin
21 Craig Jansen
23 Gayle Gibson

11 Denny & Gayle Gibson
24 Ray & Audrey Wagner

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>

Taking your hobby on the road, continued from page 5

There is a lot to learn, from painting techniques to composition and perspective challenges, but it makes traveling with our Airstream even more fun when I bring along my hobby. When traveling, there is no shortage of new subjects to paint. All the pieces shown here were done during a Strada challenge while we were traveling with our Airstream, except for a couple of water-based oil pieces done for the challenge, while home on solid ground. See if you can guess which ones.





AL-MON-O Oktoberfest Luncheon

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Starting at Noon

Hosts: Dale & Vinny Rossitto

(724) 568-4801, rossitto@comcast.net

Please RSVP by Saturday, September 26th (OK if later...just let us know)

Location: Rossitto Home – OUTDOORS Rain or Shine!
437 Markle Road, Apollo, PA 15613
Plenty of room to park

Menu: Sauerbraten with GF Ginger Snap Gravy
GF Dumplings
Red Cabbage
Stewed Apples
GF Almond Pound Cake
Apple Cider, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water

Please come as our guests.

If you'd like to bring a dish, dessert or drink to share, please feel free to do so.

Lederhosen Optional





Date/Time: Saturday, December 5, 2020; Noon to 3pm

Location: Klingler's Garage
3051 Oneida Valley Rd., Hilliards, PA 16040

Questions: Call Vinny Rossitto at (724) 568-4801 or email rossitto@comcast.net

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON COUPON – Must be completed and mailed out so I receive it by November 25th.

Lunch will be catered by FAMILY TRADITION's RESTAURANT

Meal Price: \$21.00 PER PERSON – includes tax & gratuity

Menu:

BROASTED CHICKEN

ROAST BEEF

MASHED POTATOES

MIXED VEGETABLES

TOSSED SALAD with DRESSINGS

BEVERAGES (SOFT DRINKS, LEMONADE, ICED TEA)

CAKE

____ dinners @ \$21.00 each; TOTAL: \$____.00

NAME: _____

Make check payable to "AL-MON-O"

Mail to: Vinny Rossitto, 437 Markle Road, Apollo, PA 15613

**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)	
September 12 Noon	Picnic Luncheon (Potluck)	Boltz Shelter 1617 PA-268 East Brady, PA 16028	Cody Klingler/Matt Moore	cwk5292@gmail.com 724-504-6884 RSVP by September 5
October 3	Octoberfest 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	Klingler's Garage 3051 Oneida Valley Rd. Hilliards, PA 16040 Cody—724-504-6884	Vinny/Dale Rossitto	rossitto@comcast.net 724-568-4801 Completed coupons & payment need received by November 25