

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

As we enter the homestretch of this most peculiar year, I find myself thinking about the many challenges we've all been facing and about the different ways we choose to deal with them. Unfortunately, we had to cancel some AL-MON-O activities in the Spring when the number of virus cases were rising rapidly; and fortunately, we were able to carefully design a couple of rallies and outdoor luncheons during the warmer months to allow us to gather safely and have some fun together. Each of us has figured out our own personal risk-benefit equations, and I feel good about the Club being able to provide those interested in participating with opportunities to do so safely. Now we are starting to feel the colder weather set in and soon we may be dealing with a predicted rise in virus cases and possible new restrictions. Please rest assured that we'll keep our eyes on the situation and will continue to make activity decisions that are mindful of CDC guidance and local restrictions and are in the best interest of the Club. I'd like to make a couple of requests of you regarding our Club's planned activities...first, please remain flexible during these uncertain times and, second, please let me know about ideas you may have to help keep AL-MON-O active over the colder/indoor months (e.g., cold weather outdoor activities, Zoom happy hours, wider use of newsletter or social media to stay connected, etc.). As a point of reference, our most attended activities typically draw about 25-30% of the Club, so please don't constrain your idea by thinking it must fit everyone's interest. Wow! This has truly been a year of major adaptation!

Twenty-two of us gathered recently for our outdoor Oktoberfest Luncheon and we were treated to a beautiful Autumn afternoon to enjoy each other's company and to chow down on a wide variety of tasty German cuisine. Please check out the article and pictures in this newsletter to read more about it!

'Tis the season for 2021 WBCCI & AL-MON-O membership renewals! --- IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS MONTH --- The new online tool is very efficient and simple to use and is set up for renewal fees to be paid with a credit card. A link to this online tool is provided in the newsletter. If you prefer to pay your renewal fees with a check, then please contact Craig Jansen (AL-MON-O Treasurer) to process your renewal.

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Al-Mon-O on the web

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We are continuing to plan 2021 AL-MON-O activities and are looking for volunteers to host luncheons and rallies. Please contact Julie Jansen if you are interested & able to help. Leading these types of activities is an easy way to make a difference and improve the Airstream experience for our AL-MON-O family. Thank you!

I'm happy to report that our new AL-MON-O logo and flag designs were recently approved by the WBCCI Executive Committee. We'll now be able to use these designs to proudly identify our Club! Thanks to everyone who participated in the design and the voting process to bring these new AL-MON-O symbols to life!

Finally, Dale & I are taking signups for our Christmas Luncheon (please see the flyer/coupon in the newsletter for specifics). All that I discussed above applies... I'm hopeful that the health situation does not significantly deteriorate in the next month and am proceeding to plan for this event with that assumption. If you are interested in attending, please send me a completed coupon & check by November 25th. If the circumstances ultimately warrant cancellation of this luncheon, I will void your checks and return them to you. Also, if the luncheon were to be cancelled, I'll send everyone invitations to participate in an online "virtual" meeting where we'll conduct the 2021 Officer Installation ceremony. So, as my doctor tells me, please keep doing your stretches & stay flexible!

That's all for now. Please stay safe & 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>

You can also find WBAC goods at <http://store.wbcci.org>



AL-MON-O Officer Slate for 2021

President	Julie Jansen
1 st Vice President.....	Cody Klingler
2 nd Vice President.....	Matt Moore
3 rd Vice President.....	VACANT
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.....	Bud Roberts

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

October had finally arrived and we were in the last weeks of our camping season. Matt and I were able to get out 2 more times before we decided to be done camping. One of those weekends, we spent at the Erie KOA. This was a really nice campground. What a stark difference between Erie and Kinzua. The site we had was full hookup and decent sized. The park had 2 small off leash dog runs, a large kids play area, a pool and many other amenities. It was a nice weekend and the campground was having a variety of activities. The really neat part about the campground was the teepees that could be rented. Sadly, they did not have the canvas on them, so you could not see inside, but they were definitely cool.

While at the park, we took a trip to Presque Isle and took Cali on a long walk. The colors on the leaves were changing and it was a very beautiful excursion. If you are looking for a great park to visit with some nice attractions nearby, I would highly recommend spending some time at the Erie KOA.



Oktoberfest Luncheon

By Vinny Rossitto

After a bit of cogitation on how to best arrange our October gathering in a safe and comfortable way, Dale & I agreed that we should hold the Oktoberfest Luncheon event outdoors and be prepared for any weather situation. So, we set up the gathering and eating area on top of our driveway, which has a lot of space to spread out and has direct open access to our garage and a bathroom. Many thanks to Matt for providing a large number of folding tables and chairs and to Cody & Matt and Denny & Gayle for providing us with their pop-up tents to use in case the weather was rainy.

Fortunately, we were treated to an absolutely beautiful Autumn afternoon to enjoy each other's company and to chow down on some wonderful German cuisine. Turnout was strong, with 22 members participating. Dale prepared plenty of gluten free (GF) sauerbraten & dumplings with gingersnap gravy, a few different bratwursts, sauerkraut, red cabbage, stewed apples, and homemade GF dillweed bread. Gayle provided German-style GF potato pancakes. Cindy brought a delicious cabbage strudel. For dessert, Dale made a GF pound cake, Lia made a GF plum kuchen, Julie made a nut strudel and Ingrid made a GF German cheesecake with mixed berries. And, Kevin & Kelly, Maria, and Paul & Sandi brought a variety of German and Autumn beer to help wash down all of this food! My apologies if I missed any others... the sheer quantity (& quality) of food and drink was overwhelming! Ingrid gave thanks in German and Doug followed up in English! Dale, Bryon & I are very grateful for being able to spend such a beautiful afternoon together with so many of our AL-MON-O friends and for all the help we received to make this a fun event and a short reprieve from a crazy year!

Make sure to check out the photos on the next page!

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>

Affiliate Membership Renewal

If you are an Affiliate member or considering becoming an Affiliate member of Al-Mon-O, please reach out to Craig Jansen to submit your member dues. These dues cannot be paid online with the Online Membership Renewal.



PHOTOS FROM OKTOBERFEST AT THE ROSSITTO HOME

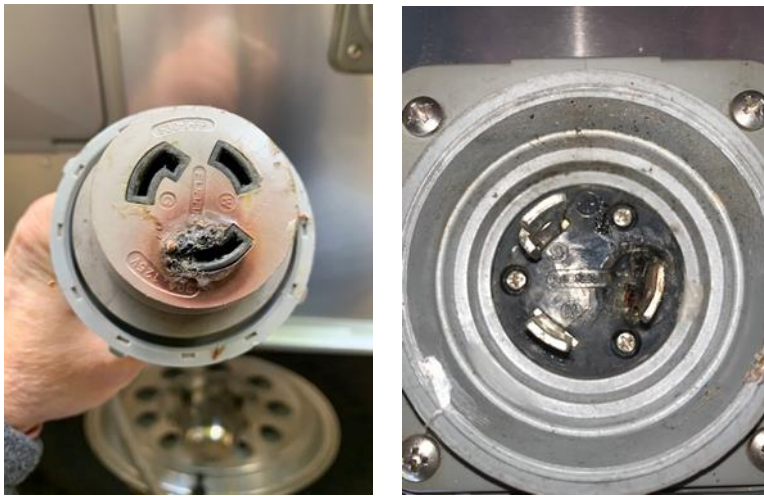
For more photos, visit our Photo Gallery at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bAm5LnFjxbptCX63A>

Shore Power Upgrade

By Denny Gibson

Checking our power cord after a return from a recent rally we noticed the result of a high resistance connection on the trailer shore power connection. Heat generated from the high resistance resulted in damage to both the male and female plugs.

I believe this was caused by the loose connection of the twist lock plug. No matter how tight the locking ring was screwed in, there was always play in the plug. This seems to be a common problem with this type of plug. If left unchecked, I'm sure this condition would have resulted in a more serious problem or possibly a fire.



I decided to replace the original twist lock connector with the SmartPlug design. This type of connector plugs in like a household plug. The SmartPlug has spring-loaded locking tabs on each side that securely hold the plug by clicking into place. Squeezing both tabs disengages the locking tabs for removal. Furthermore, the marine grade stainless steel cover just looks absolutely splendid on the Airstream.

All parts were ordered on-line from the AirStreamsupplycompany.com. These included: the SmartPlug 30 Amp inlet-BM30S and the 30-foot SmartPlug 30 Amp Cordset (power cord). 50 amp inlets and cord sets are available for those who need a 50 amp service.



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Removal of TwistLock Plug:

WARNINGS:

1. Make sure all power is disconnected from the trailer!
2. Read and follow the included SmartPlug installation instructions.
3. If unsure seek a certified RV Tech or Licensed Electrician to install the SmartPlug.

Remove the four mounting screws (save these for mounting the SmartPlug) and pull out the OEM twist lock plug. Take care not to damage the wiring against the sharp edges of the exposed aluminum.



Remove the two screws from the strain relief bracket. Slide the wiring cover back to access the wire retaining screws. Notice a towel was placed over the sharp edge to protect wiring from nicks and cuts. Loosen the wire retaining screws and remove twist lock plug. Remove the cover and old rubber gasket.

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Installation of SmartPlug:

Use some Walbernize to clean the residue from the old gasket.

Install the new rubber gasket over the exposed trailer wires.

Remove the screw from the SmartPlug strain relief cap to expose the wiring terminals.

The terminals are color coded: white wire to white, black wire to black and bare ground wire to green.



Insert the wires into the proper color terminal and tighten the wire terminals with the included allen wrench.



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Install the strain relief cover and slip the the completed plug back into the opening. Secure the plug to the trailer with the four original screws. Tighten the four mounting screws, taking care not to over tighten and strip them.



Lastly, check the trailer wiring for the correct polarity. Two amber lights and no red light on the tester and we are good to go.



Still want more information on installing the SmartPlug? Check out some of the installation videos on YouTube. Just type in SmartPlug. One of the videos I watched on YouTube was by Airstream Nerds, Product Review: Smart Plug Power System.



CLUB LEADERSHIP

Calling all members! The club is looking for someone to fill the 3rd Vice President role. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to our AL-MON-O family and ultimately guide the future direction of our Club. If you are interested in serving in this position, please reach out to Vinny Rossitto.

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



NOVEMBER

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|----|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Patti Griest | 3 | Paul & Sandi Labuda |
| 8 | April Claus | | |
| 18 | Mike Leskanic | | |
| 23 | Frank Wagner | | |
| 24 | Patricia Rowlands | | |

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>

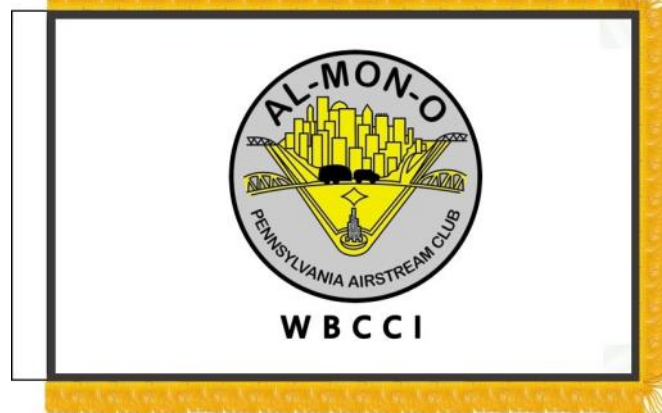
AL-MON-O LOGO & FLAG APPROVED!

Yesterday I received some good news from Rich Short, our Region 2 President, that our new Club logo & flag designs were approved by the WBCCI Executive Committee! We can now broadly use this logo to identify our Club on things like correspondence, signage, flags & decals, clothing & apparel, and other Club merchandise. The logo carries a lot of tradition and memories with our longtime members and now features our updated Club name. The unanimous and enthusiastic approval by the very large portion of our members who participated in the vote suggests that the logo connects well across our Club's full membership. Like our new flag designs, it features plenty of Black & Gold with obvious connection to our region's championship sports teams, some line art of the Pittsburgh city skyline as viewed near the Point at the confluence of the Allegheny & Monongahela Rivers into the Ohio River, an Airstream trailer being towed over one of city's many bridges, and a light gray background that maybe reflects our occasional overcast day.



President: Vinny Rossitto

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the design and voting processes to bring our new Club symbols to life.
Congratulations AL-MON-O!



Region 2 News

It is practically November as I write this and the year has been quite different, to say the least. No need to recap or review all the events and non-events of the year that made it so. I think we have all heard and read enough to understand. Suffice to say I will be both sad and glad to see 2020 end. I'm sad for the fact of missed opportunities in the camaraderie and travel adventure our Club is known for. But I am glad in the hope that much of the fear of the unknown and the disappointment of cancelled events will be behind us. We have learned to adapt. The future may look different, but I know the Airstream Club will remain strong and vibrant. Fact: our Airstream Club has added over 475 new memberships in the last three months alone. That is almost 1000 new members and is amazing. I know you join me in welcoming all new members to our Club family. Let's enter the coming year with confidence together.

Kathi and I were able to get out and camp with our home club, the Watchung NJ Airstream Club, in mid-October. We spent 3 beautiful days up in the Pocono Mtn. region of the Delaware Water Gap. Fall colors were on full display against a background of clear and bright blue skies. Although there were no shared meals or close quarter happy hours, the "socially distanced" campfire each evening was wonderful. Thank you to hosts Harry and Lori Sacks! This past weekend took us, along with Region 2 Membership Chair Lea Plant, down to Centreville, MD and the DelMarVa Airstream Club's Rally. I was honored to preside over the installation of their 2021 club officers. Congrats to President Katharine Dowell and the DelMarVa Club. A special thank you to Chuck Helwig and Malcolm Comstock for their efforts in providing a great installation dinner... a DelMarVa tradition. The first weekend in November we will head down to Harpers Ferry, WV to camp with Jody Dietz and the Keystone PA Unit. Should be a great way to end the camping season with their "Time-to-Wrap-it-Up Rally". I guess the title says it all!

We have no definite plans for a 2021 Region 2 Rally to report on currently. I will say we are looking at several different venues for a possible mid-May or early June rally. If it happens, it will be reduced in size and scope as we continue to deal with and adapt to the demands of the pandemic. I would like to have our Region 2 Business Meeting and Officer Installation in person rather than on Zoom, but we will have to wait a bit and see. The Mid-Winter IBT meeting is still scheduled for Jan 21-25, 2021 in Sarasota, FL and the International Rally for July 17-24, 2021 in Lebanon, TN. There is still time to register for both.

Please don't procrastinate or forget to renew your Airstream Club membership. Online is still the best way to accomplish that and you have until the end of the year to do so and still be included in the annual Membership Directory. The Directory will be published in February, giving everybody time to hit the RENEW button on the website. Don't wait...please do it now if you haven't already.

As you have read, I am leading a team of Club members in a quest to improve and expand the tangible benefits of belonging to the WBCCI. Recently announced was a new partnership with Passport America, a discount camping membership club. Other benefits to include discounts on quality goods such as tires and safety products and for services like travel and pet insurance are in the works. All of that and more is being incorporated into the new "member only" portal on the airstreamclub.org website. There you will soon be able to maintain your member profile, access "member only" info and product discount codes, see your history of club offices held, participation in Caravans and more. You're going to love it.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards to all for a wonderful Thanksgiving. As our new Watchung NJ Airstream Club President, Meg Riley, signs her emails... "Stay well and Purell".

Rich Short

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President: Vinny Rossitto

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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