

Keystone Kourier

Keystone Unit #092
Region 2 - WBCCI

President's Message



What an Incredible November – A Study in Contrasts

As I sit here writing on the last day of November, my overview of the month reveals an amazing contrast between the beginning and the end. On the first weekend, we cruised down to Harper's Ferry, West Virginia for our **"Is it time to pack it in rally"** at the Civil War Battlefields

KOA. When we put the Rally Schedule out the Fall of 2019, I was skeptical as to what the weather would be like. But the weather was excellent. We had six rigs and the fellowship was fantastic. Especially around the two Solo Bonfire Stoves. The campfires were extremely enjoyable. During the day everyone went their separate ways exploring the interesting area.

Despite the full camp ground, we had a delightful time. Pulling out on Sunday, the Dietz's, the Quinn's and the Harrington's traveled out together until Gettysburg. It was great sight to see three Airstreams pulling down the highway. Well, all in all, a great start to November.

Now we switch to the last week. Somehow and somehow, both Phyllis and I got COVID-19. We got up early on a Wednesday and Phyllis was coughing wildly. We are fortunate that our doctor has early open office hours. They gave her the COVID-19 test and she was positive. We were 40 minutes away when we heard and asked for me to be tested. Again, the results came quickly and literally destroyed the latter part of November. We were both positive. We love our home but being unable to leave for 14 days, turns that sour. Yet, the support of our church friends and our Firehouse friends combined with our email and Facebook friends helped us to look at this as another difficult trip from which we could learn.

In the week following the Harper's Ferry Rally Phyllis and I winterized and it was just in time, the next night the temperature here in the Lehigh Valley was about 5 degrees below freezing. Maybe what we should have done, is head South instead of North. Right now, we are looking forward to the upcoming camping season – the openers with the **Joint Maintenance Rally with DelMarVa & MAAC** and **Eastern Pennsylvania Airstream 'Opener' Rally**. We hope you are also!

Looking ahead, we still need someone to host our **Valentines Get Together** on **Saturday, February 13th**. In the past we have met in people's homes and also sometimes in restaurants. If you would be interested, please contact me immediately. It was a heavy disappointment to cancel our **December Luncheon** but Phyllis and I would be fresh off of quarantine.

Whether you are on the road or at Home, the Harrington's wish you:

**Special Christmas Holiday and
God 's Richest Blessings.**

Don H.



Upcoming Events

December 12 Noon
Holiday Lunch
Canceled

New: Members-Only section of the Airstream Club site is now available. Just click the yellow 'Login' button on the right-side of the main page. Check your personal data and dashboard today!

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Pack it Away Rally

By Jody Dietz

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road as several of us threw caution to the wind a booked an extra day for the 5th. What a beautiful travel day.

As it turned out every day was more beautiful than the next. By Friday all rally personnel were present and accounted for. Those in attendance, Kathleen and Pat Quinn, Ted and Mary Newnam, Jim and Janice Hicks, Don and Phyllis Harrington, Sharon and Wayne Fitzgerald, Susan and Jody Dietz.

While at Harpers our time was spent eating at the local establishments, visiting Historic Harpers Ferry, touring the countryside, riding bikes and enjoying the evening campfires and fellowship with the Keystone members and those around us that stopped in to say hello and ask about the numbers on our beautiful Airstreams. The duel campfires kept the chill away as we caught up with each others activities of the day.



As the year chugged on, everything we did had that cloud of covid hanging over us. Most club events were canceled but a few. This my fellow Airstreamers is a story of one such event.

The rally dated November 6-8 was set a year ago. November can be cold and rainy, but not this time. Most ralliers were hip to the weather forecast or just wanted to get out on the

Sadly Sunday came all too soon and we all were on our way home. Quinn's, Harrington's and Dietz's caravanned back to PA. What a sight, what great weather, what great company. Is it time to pack it in? NOPE!



Kushto Komedey Korner

- . WK: My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline; she hit the roof.
- . Anon: To hang a USA map with stick-pins of your airstream adventures you must first travel to Maine and Washington states. If not it will fall off the wall.

. RP: RV having fun yet?

. WK: A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

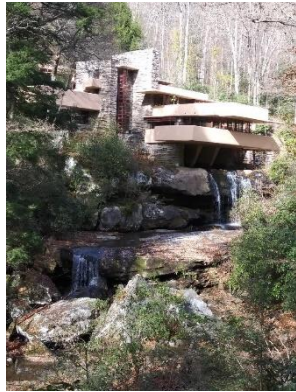
Will is sending great one-liners, but feel free to send your best quips to Rick for a future issue of the Kourier.

Venturing Out and About

Andy & Rick Pitts traveled west to return their granddaughter to San Diego. Weather karma was great with warm sunny days and cool nights. Check the Keystone Facebook page for more pictures.



Ohio State Park, PA



Fallingwater



Kentuck Kampers



Sam's original store, AR



Las Cruces, NM sunset

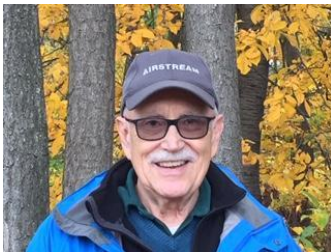


Palo Duro State Park, TX



Catalina State Park, AZ

2021 Officers



President: Don Harrington



1st Vice President:
Kathleen Quinn



2nd Vice President:
Your picture here!



Treasurer:
Rick Pitts



First Lady and Secretary:
Phyllis Harrington



Immediate Past
President: Jody Dietz



1-year Trustee:
Mary Newnam



2-year Trustee:
Sue Walton

Thanks! For Volunteering

In addition to the 2nd VP position we're asking for someone to take over as Membership chairperson. Will you help?

Sunshine Report

Sorry to report that Don & Phyllis contracted Covid-19 mid-November. They've weathered the worst and are looking forward to getting out of quarantine later this month. Good to hear they'll be back out-and-about before their anniversary!

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:

December

Pat Quinn (20th)
Chris Boland (30th)

January

Howard Mergelkamp (8th)
Tim Bell (31st)

Happy Anniversary to:

December

Jody & Sue Dietz
Barry & Lesley Heckenswiler
Bud & Clare Vogt

January

Don & Phyllis Harrington

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).

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 (associates and alumni):

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.

2020 Activities Schedule

Canceled: December 12 (Sat) - Noon – Holiday luncheon

Plumsteadville Inn

Barb Hillegass coordinating, 215-536-8637

Preliminary 2021 Activities Schedule

We have an intriguing year planned and we encourage all of our members to participate as you can. We are still looking for **coordinators** and more travel ideas, so please let us know your suggestions.

February 13 (Sat) - Valentines Get Together – TBA – **Coordinator?**

March 13 (Sat) - Spring Wakeup Picnic

Dietz Cabinetry – 1984 Yarnall Road, Pottstown, PA – Jody & Sue Dietz coordinating

April 23-25 (Fri-Sun) – Joint maintenance rally with DelMarVa and MAAC

Queen Anne's 4-H Park, Centreville, MD – Will & Karen Kushto to coordinate for Keystone

May 14-16 (Fri-Sun) – Eastern Pennsylvania Airstream 'Opener' rally

Lums Pond State Park, Bear, DE – Howard Mergelkamp to coordinate for Keystone

Reserve your site now! <https://destateparks.com/PondsRivers/LumsPond>

May 20-23 (Thurs-Sun) – Region #2 Rally - TBD

June 18-20 (Fri-Sun) - Summer at the Shore Rally

Jersey Shore Haven – Make your own reservations – **Coordinator?**

July 14-16 – Unit Caravan to the International Rally – Don Harrington to coordinate

July 16-24 (Sat-Sat) – Airstream Club International Rally, Lebanon, TN <https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon>

August 14-28 (Sat-Sat) – Unit Caravan to New England

Let's find out what makes them tawk so funny – Dietz's coordinating

September TBD – Pennsylvania Rally – Central Penn Hosting – Keystone Coordinator?

September 26 - October 3 – invitation to join 59th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugar creek OH

September 29 – October 4 – invitation to join Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally, Jonesborough, TN

October 8-10 – Installation Rally – Linda & Chuck Chowns' Farm, 255 Kulps Road, Barto, PA 19504 – **Coordinator?**

November 5-7 – End of the Year Rally - Janes Island State Park – Crisfield, MD - Coordinator?

December TBD (Sat) – Holiday Luncheon, Plumsteadville Inn - Coordinator?

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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE UNIT?

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