

# THE POINT



## AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

It's hard to believe that this odd year is just about over and that I'll be passing the reins of AL-MON-O President over to Julie Jansen in a few days. It has been an honor to serve you and the Club in this role and a lot of fun getting to know many of you better. I thank you for all of your support throughout the year. I also thank you for your patience with my monthly diatribes in the newsletter and occasional emails!

I'm very thankful for all of the support and contributions from AL-MON-O's officers and volunteer leaders this year. I think to a large degree, we were able to make lemonade from the COVID lemons we received this year, largely because of this team's individual and collective leadership and contributions. Thank you, Julie (1st VP), Cody (2nd VP, Membership, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, etc.), Craig (Treasurer), Denny, Dale, & Matt (Directors), and Paul (Social Media Admin). I'd also like to thank Julie & Craig, Dale, Maria, Lia & Bert, Gayle & Denny, and Matt & Cody for writing newsletter articles on a variety of interesting topics this year. And thank you Cody, for your seemingly boundless energy and enduring focus on creating the best possible Airstream experience for our AL-MON-O family. Many hands make light work and make our Club better! Thank you all for your contributions this year.

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### AL-MON-O Officer Slate for 2021

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| President .....                                  | Julie Jansen   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President.....              | Cody Klingler  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....              | Matt Moore     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President.....              | VACANT         |
| Treasurer.....                                   | Craig Jansen   |
| Secretary.....                                   | Vinny Rossitto |
| 1-Year Director (Immediate Past President) ..... | Vinny Rossitto |
| 2-Year Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> year).....      | Dale Rossitto  |
| 2-Year Director (1 <sup>st</sup> 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   |

### Stay Connected

Al-Mon-O on the web

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



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This has been a stay home year for most of us, yet we still managed to have quite a bit of fun as a Club. At last year's Christmas luncheon, we heard loud and clear from many of our members that they would like to see more activities and information exchanges among members that would enrich everyone's overall Airstream experience. We took that feedback to heart and I think we actually saw lots of benefit. In January, Denny & Gayle hosted a nice luncheon at Rodney's in Irwin. It was great to see so many of our AL-MON-O friends there and we had an open discussion on dry camping experiences. In February, Bev & Don hosted a great luncheon at Palmieri's in Plum, which proved to be a wonderful first-time venue for us. Craig & Julie presented highlights of their trip to coastal Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and ultimately inspired several of us to begin serious planning for a 2021 trip to the Canadian Maritimes. Bev brought a beautiful birthday cake for us to enjoy. Just a couple of weeks after the luncheon, Bev unexpectedly passed away and AL-MON-O felt such a deep loss of our beloved matriarch and our rock. Her gentle leadership, kindness and many, many contributions over the years continue to be in our thoughts and have quite literally created the standard to which we aspire as a Club. In March, Lia & Bert hosted a luncheon at the Hartwood Restaurant and Whispers Pub in Glenshaw. This restaurant in a bookstore was quaint and unique and the meals were terrific. Lia painted small pictures of beautiful national/state park scenes and gave each of us those as gifts. I tortured all present with a pretty complete and not-so-brief photo presentation of our North to Alaska caravan experience. We all kind of knew that we would likely not be able to gather again for a while and the state's COVID restrictions & lockdown was actually put in place the following weekend. So, we cancelled all Club gatherings planned through June and hoped for the best. Once state gathering restrictions were relaxed a bit, we had a lot of discussions on how to best have fun in a COVID-safe manner. Cody & Matt hosted a terrific Buddy Rally at Wolf's Campground in Knox. We had a nice turnout and the meals were great, as were the variety of activities – Airstream maintenance demos, happy hours & campfires, biking, golf, a little local wine tasting, and even an outdoor showing of the classic movie, *The Long, Long Trailer!* In August, we gathered at Laurel Hill and Kooser State Parks for our annual Bluegrass Rally (sans the Bluegrass Festival, unfortunately). Denny & Gayle did a wonderful job hosting this rally, and once again, there was a nice turnout, great food and camaraderie, and like the July Rally, plenty of activities for all of us to enjoy. In September, Cody & Matt hosted a cookout luncheon in East Brady, and we spent a lovely afternoon together. We met some newer members and were even able to catch up with some members that we haven't seen in quite a while! In October, Dale, Bryon & I hosted an outdoor Oktoberfest luncheon at our home. We had a good turnout and 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. Late in October, several of us converged near the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania and stayed at Hills Creek State Park. Even though this gathering was not an organized AL-MON-O event, our five Airstreams certainly made a real presence in the state park and getting together with some of our wonderful AL-MON-O friends made for a very special week. Unfortunately, we felt it was in the best interest of the club to cancel our annual Christmas luncheon because of the soaring COVID cases and a very low projected number of attendees. We plan to conduct our annual business meeting and 2021 officer installation ceremony online using Zoom technology.

In addition to having all of this fun together this year, we've also had some other administrative advancements this year that are worth mentioning. We changed our club's name to AL-MON-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club to better align with the direction of WBCCI and to reinforce our Club's focus on providing our own members with the best possible Airstream experience...and elevating that priority above merely being an element (or unit) of WBCCI. We also updated our Constitution & Bylaws to better align with WBCCI's advancements and to help improve how we operate as a club. And recently, we've designed and gained approval for a new club logo and flags. Cody has been leading our implementation of a new website that closely integrates with the new WBCCI website and ultimately brings greater value to our members. AL-MON-O is in the early first wave of local clubs to establish the new website. Paul has done a very nice job administering our Facebook page, which many have found to be an easy way to socialize during a tough year. And, finally, our membership has grown substantially this year. We currently have 32 regular memberships, 5 affiliate memberships and 2 alumni, including nine new memberships this year!

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**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

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As we continue forward into 2021, we'll undoubtedly face continued challenges from COVID and our gatherings will have to be carefully considered. I know that you'll give Julie your full support and ask that you consider different ways you might contribute to the positive experience of our AL-MON-O family in 2021, whether it be by volunteering for a Club leadership role, writing an article for the newsletter, participating in actual and virtual events, or posting a photo on our Facebook site. Please help AL-MON-O remain vibrant with your creative ideas, participation and volunteerism.

Well, that was certainly a mouthful! To wrap things up, I wish you all a wonderful and blessed Christmas holiday season and a healthy & happy New Year. Better days are ahead and hopefully we'll all be able to enjoy each other's company and get back on the road again soon. 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>

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



## Drawing Outside of the Lines

By Vinny Rossitto

I'd like to thank Cindy Field for making some suggestions and planting this seed in my mind.

As I write this article, I'm watching the occasional snow flurry turn into a few minutes of hard snow showers that quickly coat the ground & trees, and I'm reminded of how challenging it will be this winter to gather with our AL-MON-O friends. We are barraged with reports about how COVID cases are soaring everywhere and it's clear that indoor gatherings will just not be in the cards for us this winter. With some luck, the COVID situation will not worsen beyond the point where outdoor activities safeguarded with proper precautions remain a viable option. If so, then finding ways to have fun outside in the dead of winter becomes the challenge. Here's an idea! Let's say we hear on a Wednesday that the weekend weather is forecasted to be mild and sunny (sounds optimistic, I know...but it happens during most winters in these parts). All it would take is for one of us to communicate on short notice for an impromptu but well-conceived get together outdoors to enjoy



each other's company over a hearty soup or chili potluck luncheon, hot cocoa, etc. Dale & I are willing to host such an event on our driveway (similar setup as the Oktoberfest, only no lederhosen this time!). I think this idea may appeal to some of you, and definitely not to all of you...but it sure would be nice to maintain some level of Club activity over the winter months if the COVID conditions permit. Give it some thought and volunteer when that time comes, if you'd like. Meanwhile, keep an eye open for a short notice invitation when that balmy weather hits us in January or February!



### 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.



The Executive Board held it's first Zoom meeting to discuss things like the December Luncheon and purchasing new flags.

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



# Camping at Hills Creek State Park

By Vinny Rossitto

During the damp autumn chill of the last week in October, a few AL-MON-O friends converged at Hills Creek State Park near Wellsboro PA. For Dale, Bryon & I, this was our 3rd stay at the park – it has become something of an autumn leaf peeping ritual for us near the beautiful Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania. Although our visit was well past peak foliage this year, we were so fortunate to be able to spend the week with our good friends Denny & Gayle Gibson, Craig & Julie Jansen, Doug & Cindy Field, and Gene & Ingrid Nelson. Each of us parked in full hook up sites spread across the campground, which is wooded and very well maintained. We enjoyed campfires on 3 nights (the heat felt soooo good!). Gayle & Denny served us hot apple cider at one campfire and then a wonderful pasta meal (gluten free & high test!) the next evening. Some of us took short campground hikes, explored the quaint Wellsboro area and had successful searches for local maple syrup. The Jansen’s and Bryon & I took a scenic bike ride on the Pine Creek Trail along the base of the canyon; the next afternoon, we traveled to the Finger Lakes Region of NY and indulged in a perfect afternoon of wine tasting on the east shore of Lake Seneca. After visiting enough wineries, we decided to have dinner at Dano’s Heuriger on Seneca, a traditional Viennese winery restaurant overlooking Lake Seneca that we came upon quite randomly. The entire indoor dining experience was a real treat (especially this year), and even with strict adherence to NY State’s COVID rules and restrictions, it just added to the extraordinary uniqueness of the lovely dinner. Unfortunately, the wet weather kept us from hiking on our favorite trails along the West Rim of the canyon this time. The last of us to leave decided to bale out a couple of days early to avoid the continued cold and wet weather...the weekend weather predictions even included a few inches of snow! Even though this gathering was not an organized AL-MON-O event, our Airstreams certainly made a real presence in the state park and getting together with some of our wonderful AL-MON-O friends made for a very special week.

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Gibson’s (Site 001)



Rossitto’s (Site 002)



Jansen’s (Site 011)

## 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 Julie Jansen.

# 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!!

# 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>

## BIRTHDAYS

## ANNIVERSARIES



# DECEMBER

- 3 Matt Moore
- 31 Julie Wagner

- 2 Frank & Julie Wager
- 6 Mike & Charyn Hamelly



Nelson's (Site 024)



Field's (Site 047)



Regular Visitor





Patterson Maple Farm



Can You Spot the Bald Eagle?







## December Business Meeting

Please plan to join your fellow AL-MON-O members and participate in our annual business meeting and 2021 officer installation ceremony. We'll conduct these two events during an online Zoom meeting at 1pm on Saturday, December 5th. Our Region 2 President, Rich Short, has graciously agreed to join us and will share his thoughts on Region 2 and the Club, offer some Q&A, and install our 2021 slate of officers. Please let Vinny Rossitto ([rossitto@comcast.net](mailto:rossitto@comcast.net)) know if you will be able to join this important meeting. Here is the meeting login information.

Join Zoom Meeting (1pm on Saturday, December 5th)  
[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79978199564?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79978199564?pwd=cW1xVmR6MDFIQStrOWh5Qk5LWXJQQT09)  
 pwd=cW1xVmR6MDFIQStrOWh5Qk5LWXJQQT09

**Meeting ID: 799 7819 9564**

**Passcode: 0H7PNh**

## Directory Information

The 2021 Al-Mon-O Directory will be published by January 15. We are missing many birthday's, anniversaries and pictures. Also, if you need to have any information changed, please submit that as well. We would also like to include members Airstream years/models and the rigs for towing. If interested, please send to Cody

Please reach out to Cody Klingler by December 31 with any updates/ changes. Cody will also be reaching out to everyone individually if any of this information is not listed.

WBCCI AI-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club (131)  
2020 Schedule

| Date/Time               | Event   | Location   | Host(s)                                     | Contact Info  |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| January 11<br>12pm noon | Luncheon                                      | Rodney's Restaurant<br>555 Wendel Road<br>Irwin, PA 15642<br><a href="http://www.rodneysrestaurant.com">www.rodneysrestaurant.com</a>  | Denny/Gayle<br>Gibson                       | <a href="mailto:djgibson1@comcast.net">djgibson1@comcast.net</a><br>724-863-5305<br>RSVP by January 7 <sup>th</sup> |
| February 15             | Luncheon                                      | Palmieri's Restaurant<br>951 Old Frankstown Rd, Plum, PA 15239<br><a href="https://palmierisrestaurant.com/">https://palmierisrestaurant.com/</a>  | Bev/Don Clayton                             | <a href="mailto:aunt_bev@msn.com">aunt_bev@msn.com</a><br>724-325-1205  |
| March 14<br>11:30am     | Luncheon                                      | Hartwood Restaurant & Whispers Pub<br>3400 Harts Run Road<br>Glenshaw, PA, 15116<br><a href="https://hartwoodrestaurant.com/menus/">https://hartwoodrestaurant.com/menus/</a>  | Lia/Bert Gough                              | <a href="mailto:rocks2portraits@gmail.com">rocks2portraits@gmail.com</a><br>412-492-9541                            |
| April 25<br>11:30am     | Luncheon                                      | Evolution Grille<br>1186 Butler Road (Rt. 356)<br>Freeport, PA 16229<br><a href="http://www.evolutiongrille.com">www.evolutiongrille.com</a>   | CANCELLED ON 3/20/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)  |   |
| May 8 – 10              | AI-Mon-O<br>Buddy Rally                       | Wolf's Camping Resort<br>308 Timberwolf Run<br>Knox, PA 16232<br><a href="https://www.wolfscampingresort.com/">https://www.wolfscampingresort.com/</a><br>(814) 797-1103   | CANCELLED ON 3/20/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)  |   |
| May 21 – 25             | Region 2 Rally                                | Rideau Acres Campground<br>1014 Cunningham Road<br>Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V3<br>613 546 2711   | CANCELLED ON 3/17/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)  |   |
| May 26 –<br>June 17     | Region 2<br>Caravan to<br>International Rally | Depart: Kingston, ON<br>Arrive: Loveland, CO   | CANCELLED ON 3/17/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)  |   |
| June 20 – 27            | International Rally                           | The Ranch Events Complex<br>5280 Arena Circle<br>Loveland, Colorado 80538  | CANCELLED ON 3/17/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)  |   |
| July 17-19              | AI-Mon-O<br>Buddy Rally                       | Wolf's Camping Resort<br>308 Timberwolf Run<br>Knox, PA 16232<br><a href="https://www.wolfscampingresort.com/">https://www.wolfscampingresort.com/</a><br>(814) 797-1103   | Cody Klingler/Matt<br>Moore                 | <a href="mailto:cwk5292@gmail.com">cwk5292@gmail.com</a><br>724-504-6884<br>RSVP by July 4                          |
| August 14-16            | AI-Mon-O<br>Bluegrass Rally                   | Laurel Hill State Park<br>1454 Laurel Hill Park Road<br>Somerset, PA 15501<br>(Make reservations online at<br><a href="http://www.reserveamerica.com">www.reserveamerica.com</a> . Then contact the<br>Gibson's with site number | Denny/Gayle<br>Gibson                       | <a href="mailto:djgibson1@comcast.net">djgibson1@comcast.net</a><br>724-863-5305                                    |
| September<br>11 – 13    | PA State Rally                                | Centre County Grange Fairgrounds<br>169 Homan Lane<br>Centre Hall, PA  | CANCELLED IN JUNE 2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS)  |   |
| September<br>12<br>Noon | Picnic Luncheon<br>(Potluck)                  | Boltz Shelter<br>1617 PA-268<br>East Brady, PA 16028   | Cody Klingler/Matt<br>Moore                 | <a href="mailto:cwk5292@gmail.com">cwk5292@gmail.com</a><br>724-504-6884<br>RSVP by September 5                     |
| October 3               | Octoberfest<br>Luncheon                       | Rossitto Home—OUTDOORS Rain or Shine!<br>437 Markle Road<br>Apollo, PA 15613   | Vinny/Dale<br>Rossitto                      | <a href="mailto:rossitto@comcast.net">rossitto@comcast.net</a><br>724-568-4801                                      |
| December 5<br>11:30am   | Luncheon                                      | Klingler's Garage<br>3051 Oneida Valley Rd.<br>Hilliards, PA 16040<br>Cody—724-504-6884  | CANCELLED ON 11/22/2020 (COVID-19 CONCERNS) |   |

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2021 Tentative Schedule**

| Date/Time       | Event                   | Location   | Host(s)                | Contact Info           |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| May (TBD)       | Rally                   | TBD  | TBD                    | TBD                    |
| June            | Region 2 Rally          | TBD  | TBD                    | TBD                    |
| August 20-22    | AI-Mon-O Blugrass Rally | Laurel Hill State Park<br>1454 Laurel Hill Park Road<br>Somerset, PA 15501<br>(Make reservations online at <a href="http://www.reserveamerica.com">www.reserveamerica.com</a> . Then contact the Jansen's with site number | Craig and Julie Jansen | jucrjansen@comcast.net |
| September (TBD) | PA State Rally          | TBD  | TBD                    | TBD                    |
| December (TBD)  | Luncheon                | TBD  | TBD                    | TBD                    |

This schedule is tentative and could be subject to change. If anyone is interested in hosting a luncheon, picnic or rally, please reach out to Julie Jansen.