

# Keystone Kourier

## President's Message



### Looking Forward to a Snowless Spring

When I wrote the February message, it was snowing and I had been out snow blowing for several hours. That continued all day, and in the end, we received 26 inches of snow. But the snow continued throughout the month. I don't know about you but the birds in our yard and I are tired of it and are looking forward to a snowless Spring. Even though we had a great time at our Valentine's Luncheon at the Quinn's, I believe that all present would hope that our luncheon at the Deitz's home in March will be in warmer and drier weather. Right now, Phyllis and I can't even get to our pole barn to check on our Airstream.

The Bar BQ that Kathleen offered was delicious. All of the side dishes that were brought made the meal complete. Kathleen and Pat's hospitality was a wonderful highlight. The conversation at our luncheon was delightful and lively as we shared about our travels throughout the country. We especially shared the campgrounds that we enjoyed along with the one's that left much to be desired. Several have great plans to travel as soon as they can. Information was shared about places to camp on those journeys.

Another topic of course was whether anyone had taken one of the vaccines yet. With that being said, I hope that all of our members have made it through so far with minimal sickness. Phyllis and I had COVID-19 but successfully concluded the quarantine with just a few symptoms experienced.

We hope that everyone has taken a good look at our Activities Schedule and have already marked your calendar to be with us. Our first camping gathering will Maintenance Rally with the Delmarva and Mid Atlantic Units. One thing to keep in mind is that all of our rally planners are taking in consideration the guidelines directed by the pandemic.

If you are planning on going to the International Rally in Lebanon, TN, we hope you will consider going there in a caravan with some of your unit members and possibly some others from our Region. To prepare for that possibility please communicate your interest to me. After we see who will go, we will work on an itinerary.

It will be great to see more at our Spring Wakeup Picnic at Dietz Cabinetry – 1984 Yarnall Road, Pottstown, PA – Jody & Sue Dietz coordinating. With a lot of help from the weather, we will have a promising gathering.

**Until Then Keep Safe and Healthy!**

*Don H.*

**Keystone Unit #092  
Region 2 - WBCCI**



### Upcoming Events

#### March 13 Noon

Spring Wakeup Picnic  
Dietz Cabinetry  
1984 Yarnell Rd  
Pottstown, PA

#### April 23-25

Joint Maintenance Rally  
Centreville, MD

#### May 14-16

Spring Opener Rally  
Lums Pond State Park  
Bear, DE

### Stay Connected

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## Sunshine Report

Everything seems to be going okay during the early winter months!

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:

#### March

Wilson Yerk (6<sup>th</sup>)

Caryle Brayton (12<sup>th</sup>)

Andy Pitts (13<sup>th</sup>)

#### April

Janice Hicks (11<sup>th</sup>)

Jerry Hillegass (12<sup>th</sup>)

Rick Pitts (16<sup>th</sup>)

Alice Boeshore (25<sup>th</sup>)

Linda Ramsey (28<sup>th</sup>)

### Happy Anniversary to:

#### March

Jerry & Barb Hillegass

#### April

None to report

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).

## Keystone Bits

- . Planning your spring and summer camping? Be sure to check what is happening with other units on the WBCCI site: <https://airstreamclub.org/events>
- . We're finding that a number of Federal, State and Local Parks are getting 'sold-out' for spring and summer camping. Plan ahead and Book now!
- . As you are thinking about de-winterizing, double check your PA Inspection renewal date. Remember, just like your tow vehicle, you can have it inspected during the 3-month period ending with the expiration month.
- . If you are independent or solo Airstreamers (single or married)? Check-out the newly formed 'Indie-Streamers' Intra-club on the International site.
- . Remember (or not...) Daylight Saving Time begins March 14 – Spring Forward!

## Kushto Komedey Korner



- . WK: I'd tell you a chemistry joke, but I know I wouldn't get a reaction...
- . PS: An Airstreamer asks: "Why do we drive on a parkway, and park on a driveway?"
- . WK: Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.
- . RP: If 2020 was hell, is 2021 hell freezing over???
- . AP: When someone asks where you camped over the weekend, squint and ask "Why, what did you hear?"

*Okay, if a 2-way radio is a walkie talkie, is a defibrillator a hearty starty?*

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

## *Valentines Get Together at the Quinn's*

Just in case you missed the posting on the Keystone Facebook page **Jody Dietz**, Keystone's own JS Lowry\*, provided a picture of the unit luncheon at **Kathleen & Pat Quinn's**. A pleasant afternoon, the group began discussing plans for the 2022 state rally that Keystone will host.



\*JS Lowry Lowry (1887-1976), an artist who created many paintings of local British industrial scenes - often using large numbers of what are called matchstick men. He is often referred to as 'The first stick man'.

## *Upcoming Keystone Fun*

**Keystone Spring Picnic – Noon, Saturday, March 13** - From our Host, Jody Deitz:

Happy March!! Just a reminder, March 13, high noon, come prepared for the Keystone Spring Luncheon. Being that it's so close to St. Patty's day let's all wear green or drink green beer or do something green.

I think I have some beer old enough that should be green by now.

We (the unit) will supply a hoagie tray with fruit and chips, bottled water and some sort of green beverage. Of course, you may BYOB. Location to be either in the shop or house depending on number of attendees. 1984 Yarnall Road, Pottstown, PA 19464. Note: for those that have never been here our Yarnall road is North of Pottstown proper not the one by the river.

Please RSVP to [jdietz4361@gmail.com](mailto:jdietz4361@gmail.com) Hope to see you all soon.

**Joint Maintenance Rally** with DelMarVa and MAAC in Centreville, MD the weekend of **April 23 – 25**. DelMarVa is hosting and Will & Karen Kushto are coordinating for Keystone.

**Eastern PA Opener** with Central Penn and Penn-Lehigh at Lums Pond State Park, Bear, DE the weekend of **May 14-16**. All RV sites have been reserved, but keep checking the reservations site (or call) as sites may open up (this is the same weekend as NASCAR event in Dover and some campers do cancel).

Sorry to have to note, but the **Region 2 Rally** scheduled for **June 10 – 13** has been  **canceled**.

**Keystone Karavan 2021** Here we go again!! – From coordinator Jody Dietz:

If all goes well we will be caravanning the New England Area **August 14-28**. Listed below is a loose itinerary. In the coming weeks this will firm up with driving directions, camp sites, and anticipated costs being noted. **I am asking for interested parties to confirm ASAP as there are limited slots**. The total number of trailers will be about 8. Keystone members have first right of refusal. I have been contacted by our friends from Penn Lehigh showing interest so, if you want to go let me know as camp reservations need to be made along with any tours. Contact, [jdietz4361@gmail.com](mailto:jdietz4361@gmail.com) (Jody Dietz)

There will be a kitty fee for campgrounds and known booked tours plus a little for coffee, donuts and hospitality. I don't know what that # is at this time but you can estimate \$60 a night camping, \$40pp for Mt Washington and another \$50pp for additional tour and hospitality. Total for 1 trailer and 2 adults. About \$1000.

Rough Tentative Schedule:

The route and stops are not final but are in the cross hairs. This is the latest:

Head North up the Hudson Valley with possible stops at The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Mohonk Mountain House, Vanderbilt mansion.

Continue north, then hang a right into Vermont to tour Hildene the summer house of Abe Lincoln's son, Robert Todd, the president of the Pullman Company. Continuing North to the Shelborn Museum with a stop in Burlington with many sights and lots of history. While in the area we'll head East to tour Rock of Ages. (a granite Quarry)

Continuing into New Hampshire we enter the White Mountain region where we will hop aboard the cog railway to take us to the top of Mount Washington, the highest peak in the Eastern USA. Upon entering Earth's atmosphere once again we can tour local historic settlements and houses.

At this point we are so close to Maine we are figuring, hey why not!?!? More to come...

## *2021 Activities Schedule*

We are still looking for **coordinators** and more travel ideas, so please let us know your suggestions.

### **March 13 (Sat) - Spring Wakeup Picnic - Noon**

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

Flyer at: <https://airstreamclub.org/keystone-pennsylvania/092schedule2021>

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

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

<https://destateparks.com/PondsRivers/LumsPond>

Flyer at: <https://airstreamclub.org/keystone-pennsylvania/092schedule2021>

### ~~June 10-13 (Thurs-Sun) – Region #2 Rally – York Expo Center - Canceled~~

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

Jersey Shore Haven – Kathleen Quinn coordinating

### **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 10-12 – Pennsylvania Rally, Centre Hall, PA – Central Penn Hosting – Keystone Coordinator?**

**September 7-12** – invitation to join Alumapalooza 11, Jackson Center, OH

**September 26 - October 3** – invitation to join 59<sup>th</sup> 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?**



## *A Safety Reminder*

Unfortunately this can happen to any of us. One of our Region 2 members recently had their truck broken into while on a trip. Two windows on their truck were broken and a purse was stolen with license, credit cards, checkbook, ID and phone. They shared some very good advice on handling the situation:

Here's what you need to do...

**Call the local police or sheriff's department to report the break in.** In our case, we were told to fill out a report online, and an officer would get back to us.

**If you have a second phone available,** log into your phone's account (for Apple it is iCloud). Here you should have a few options available - You can lock your lost phone with a password and Lock Screen message to call you if found. You can trace your phone location (as long as you have a cell signal). You can remotely erase your phone's data. First, lock your lost phone and add the message to call your other phone. Then trace your phone's location. Because cell phones can be traced, they have little value to thieves and may be disposed of quickly. In our case, we were able to find the stolen phone after a few hours, 5 miles from the park along the expressway.

**Call your credit card company to cancel the stolen credit cards** - do this for each stolen credit card. This task can be made easier by creating a list of all your credit cards and which ones are in your wallet. Include the card number and phone number. Some people have suggested taking photo of your cards to record the information. Be careful as this may make too much information available if the photos were to get into the wrong hands. I would only suggest recording the bank name, phone number and the last 4 or 8 digits of the card number.

**Call your bank.** If you were like us and had your checkbook in your wallet/purse you will need to lock your checking account and open a new account as the world now not only has your checks and ID but the account and bank router numbers. This was the most time consuming task for us as you will have to redirect all your automatic direct deposits and withdrawals to the new account. For this reason we strongly suggest to only carry your checkbook/check when needed.

**Call your insurance company.** Damage to your vehicle will be covered under your vehicle insurance policy. The stolen contents are cover under your homeowners policy. Both of these are subject to your deductibles and will limit what you will be reimbursed. In our case we had full glass coverage that paid for our two broken windows. Our insurance also covered replacing our missing keys. We were not able to claim any contents as the loss did not meet our deductible amount.

**Driver's license, insurance cards and other IDs.** These items can easily be replaced online at the DMV and other websites.

### **What have we learned and what would we do different?**

**Only carry what you need in your wallet/purse.** We now only carry one credit card and one debit card in our wallets when traveling . Today you only really use one card and the others are carried if needed. Keep the others back in your RV. Take an inventory of everything in your wallet/purse. Keep a list of everything you carry and remove items you do not need. Remember the less you carry, the less you will need to replace. Limit the amount of cash you carry. We split our cash equally between us and only carry as little as we need. Today you really don't need as much cash as everything is done on a credit cards anyways. Make sure that you have different card numbers for each of your credit cards on your account. In our case most of our accounts had different numbers, but one card had the same number requiring both cards to be locked.

**Don't leave valuables visible in your vehicle.** This one may be a little harder for us RVers. The back of our truck is our garage and many of us load it up with bikes and other items we take with us when traveling. The truth is, most thieves are looking for a quick score. They are more interested in the cash in your wallet than the camera or bikes in your truck. In our case, they passed by thousand of dollars in camera equipment by taking only the purse. That said, don't make it easy for them. Hide your valuables in the glove box, center console or other places. Also, cover items in the back of your truck.

**Alarm systems and other deterrents.** I don't feel that alarm systems are very effective in stopping a break-in to your vehicle. We have all walked through a parking lot and heard the horn beeping and thought "glad it's not my vehicle." We have added a dash camera that records both the outside and inside of our truck. The camera will automatically turn on if it senses movement or if the vehicle is bumped. I have added warnings stickers on the windows informing that you are being recorded. The video file can be automatically uploaded to the internet by the camera to preserve the document. Tinted windows - If your state allows them, tint your windows to reduce visibility into your vehicle. Window tint film has an added benefit in making it harder to break the windows.

**It's easy to let the fear of having your vehicle broken into ruin your trip, but you shouldn't let it. It can happen to any of us, but if you are prepared, you can limit the impact on your vacation.**

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