



The DelMarVa Beacon

January 2021

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DelMarVa
Airstream Club #026
Region 2

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President Katharine Dowell

Photo - Susan Kraftel



President Katharine Dowell's Message

Welcome 2021! My hope is that all are able to enjoy your holidays in whatever form. I don't think there have been too many New Years that folks will welcome with such relief and hopefulness. Time to get excited about this new year's camping prospects! Our calendar of events has been fleshed out a bit --including with actual dates. Some of the venues on the tentative calendar are now shifted a bit due to availability. I truly hope you will join the club events this year as we venture out safely together. With both weekend and weekday and longer trips on the schedule, there is something for everyone!

Speaking of availability, with the unprecedented demand for camping likely to continue, it is important to make reservations as soon as possible if you even think you might want to attend. Most campgrounds have a reasonable cancellation policy with very minimal penalties should you find out later that you won't be able to make it. We have made our reservations already – probably much better to have a spot in hand at campgrounds than be disappointed as sites fill up.

A note about 'rallies': Due to the pandemic, both last year and this new year, rallies are more like outdoor 'meet ups' or 'get togethers'. For rallies, each unit will make your own reservations with the venue and simply let me know you're planning to attend. To maintain safety until the pandemic is over there will necessarily be no indoor or close together outdoor events, nor pot lucks and the like. However, that leaves Airstream camping and the great outdoors wide open to us, including ever popular and safely distanced campfires, biking, hiking, relaxing, kayaking, etc.

Wishing happiness and good health to everyone this year; here's to a great year of camping adventures! 2

Editor's Notes -

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A new year and I would be willing to bet absolutely no one wants it to arrive more than I. It has to be better. There seems to be hope, as evidenced by the plans of the Unit, the Region, and Airstream Club, International. So with this hope Delmarva Unit will move forward into a new year, which can be filled with activities.

The cover photo is from a KCHS student, Susan Kraftel, whose daughter is now in my old position at KCHS. Susan enjoys kayaking and bicycling around the area a lot and takes photos while she's enjoying. This one caught my eye as an excellent example of the 'beacon of light' we use for our newsletter. Thank you Susan. The birthday page (I don't have any wedding anniversaries to list), photo is from Becky Strong, whom I have featured numerous times, because she gets good photos and posts them, Thank you as always Becky.

I would ask that as you read you pay particular attention to changes in our schedule. President Katharine has made the cancellation of the Luncheon gatherings official. So, unfortunately, but for safety, that means no activities over the next three months, We will be able to get together, or at least as it now stands, for our Maintenance Rally in April, as that is in each of our own Airstreams, and can be safely distanced. Stay tuned.

In Region 2 President Rich Short's message, he includes, "Please encourage your members to go to the airstreamclub.org website, LOG IN, review and update their personal profile and check out new discount programs with Passport America, Griot's Garage and Michelin Tires!" Nice news.

We have more new members. Details on page 6. Let's welcome Shannon & Lisa Stevens, and Christine Miller & Joseph Daniel and Stacy Williamson. Make them feel welcome.

Thanks go to Malcolm Comstock for the illustrated new version of the activity calendar for the year. Lots of color and design in that version.

I have included info and a link to a neat video to view on the history of Airstream. "Super well done and very interesting." President Katharine Dowell.

Also, I have run the info on the flag and logo for one more month. Plus the information continues on the International Rally in Lebanon, TN, July 17 - 24. Plan on going.

Glenn #3716

Region 2 News

January 2021

Rich Short #1512

How do you begin to describe the year 2020 and all that has transpired during it? I think all the words and cliches have been used. It was definitely stressful, often overwhelming and hard to know what to do, and very often, what to say. Despite the year of COVID-19 being of such concern and disappointment, it has been a year of blessing for me and I sincerely hope for all of you. As each of us gives our own thanks according to our personal beliefs and persuasions, I hope we can dwell on the things that continue to bind us together. Family and friends being chief among them. The Airstream Club, to many of us, represents both. So, here's wishing, hoping, and praying 2021 will be a great year and one of renewal of all that makes us friends and family. I am confident we will soon be back to our camping routines in force. Better days are coming, and we will see more of each other down the road in 2021.

With that said, there is much going on in the Airstream Club. The mid-winter IBT meeting is scheduled for January 18-22 down in Sarasota, FL and will be a hybrid of sorts, mixing in-person meetings with Zoom attendance availability for those not traveling to attend. As I write this, Kathi and I plan to travel down from NJ with our Airstream to attend. I will do my best to represent our Region and I will provide a written report following the meetings.

Your Region 2 Officers are working on a plan for a 2021 Region 2 Rally. The Rally is tentatively set for June 10-13 at the York Expo Center in York, PA. We are in the beginning stages of planning and will be following up with more info in the coming weeks. The Rally will be different than what we have planned and experienced in past years...but what isn't! I will be inviting all our local club Presidents to a Zoom meeting to discuss the Rally and get feedback.

The new "Member Only" portal is now up and running on our airstreamclub.org website. If you have not, please go to the website, LOG IN, and explore. You can view and edit your member profile, add a picture, access Member and Club Leader Directories, see your Membership and Office history with the Club and most importantly, view the new Member Only Benefits that are being added to your Airstream Club membership. As you know, we recently announced an exclusive program with Passport America, the largest discount camping club. Airstream Club members can enjoy an additional six months of membership, free, when they join PA. On January 1, we will announce a discount program with Griot's Garage, the manufacturer of some of the finest car care products in the automotive world. Airstream Club members will enjoy a 15% discount on Griot's liquid car care products at checkout with the keycode provided in the Members Only section of our website. We are also excited to announce the Airstream Club-Michelin Advantage Program. Beginning January 1, Airstream Club members will benefit from a value-added program that offers competitive savings on tires. The new tires include MICHELIN®, BFGoodrich®, and Uniroyal®. Information on the program, the buying process, and the Airstream Club exclusive discount pricing sheet will also be found on the Member Only portal of our airstreamclub.org website.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards and best wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday Season and for a healthy and prosperous New Year. Merry Christmas! Rich Short #1512

SUNSHINE NEWS-Mary Ann Parks, Chair

January 2021

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SUNSHINE NEWS- Mary Ann Parks, Chair. January, 2021

While I am writing to you before Christmas, so that you will receive the Newsletter as the “New Year” approaches, I can’t help but believe that 2021 HAS to be better than 2020 in many ways! I pray for ALL who are impacted by the Covid, either losing loved ones, friends, or contracting the virus itself. Also, we pray for ALL who have lost income, housing and are experience food insecurity. We tend to think that since we ourselves are okay, everything is fine! Not true! What can we do to bring a little “sunshine” into another’s day or life? Just a phone call or note can lift spirits!

Members & Friends-

- Margaret Morris-I talked with Margaret a few days ago, and she is doing okay. She is keeping busy making her exquisite cards for family and friends. Margaret is looking forward to Son Glen, Daughter In Law Jeanne, and daughter Kim to join her for the Holidays.

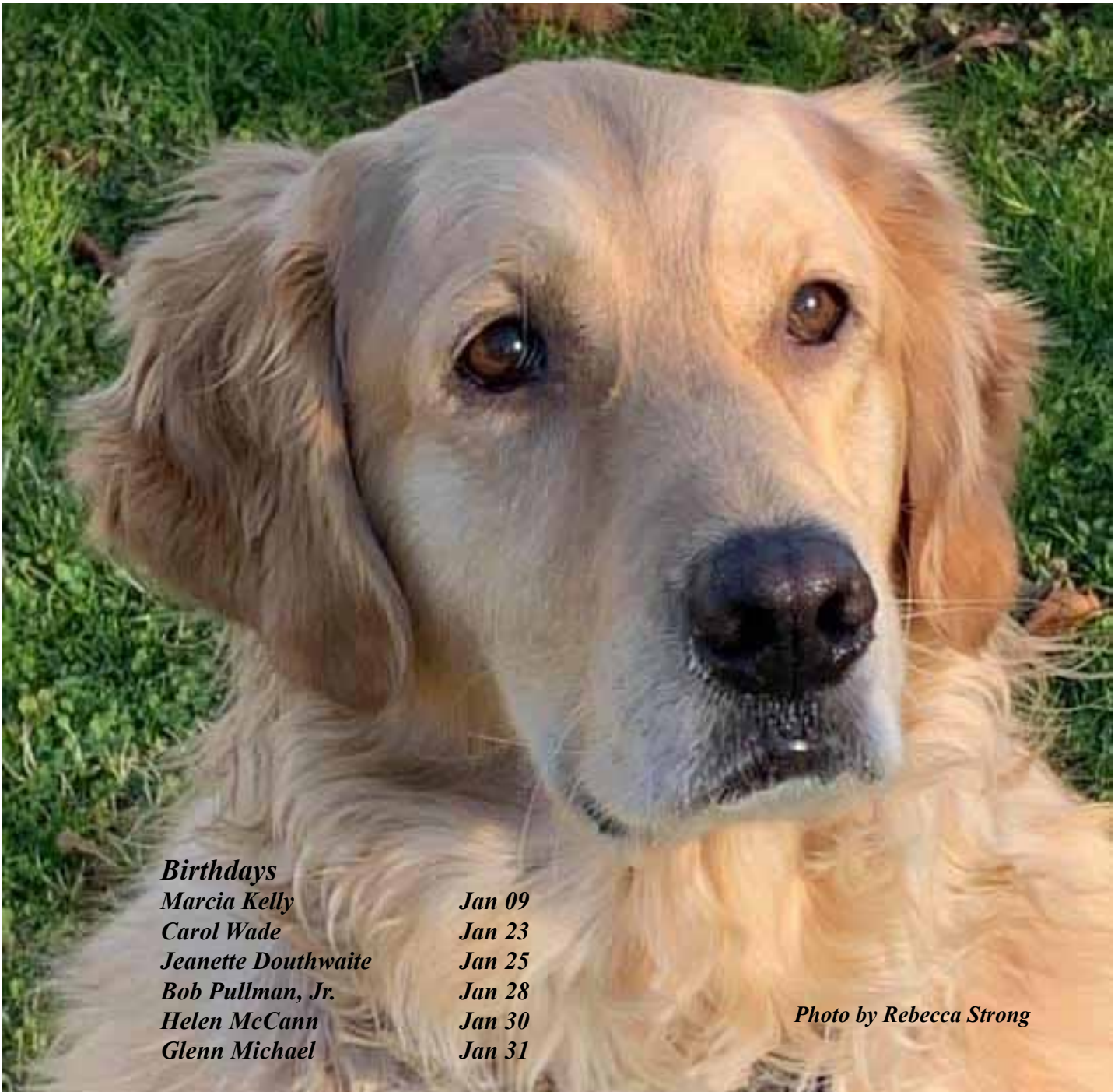
- Charles Carter-we are soooooo happy to hear that Charles took a his first step recently! Iva Lee reports that things are slow, but they are going in the right direction! Please keep your cards, calls and prayers going for Charlie! His spirits are uplifted when he hears from his friends!

As part of the east coast that experienced the first snowfall of the season, northern Delaware where we live received about six inches. As a result of the month’s of “Staying at Home”, I couldn’t resist the “little girl in me” as I bundled up and went outside to make a “snow angel”! I am proud to say that I actually managed to get up by myself! I can also claim that I am the “oldest living snow angel” in the world! Kind of fun to think about doing something totally out of your usual “day to day” schedule that will make you feel “happy” inside! Just “do it “ for yourself!

My wish and prayer for our Delmarva members and friends is to Stay warm & well.

AND, HAVE MORE FUN IN TWENTY ONE!

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Birthdays
Marcia Kelly Jan 09
Carol Wade Jan 23
Jeanette Douthwaite Jan 25
Bob Pullman, Jr. Jan 28
Helen McCann Jan 30
Glenn Michael Jan 31

Photo by Rebecca Strong

Delmarva Unit Officers 2020 - 2021

President.....Katharine Dowell
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 2nd Vice President.....
 Recording Secretary.....Donna Field
 Treasurer.....Malcolm Comstock
 Corresponding Secretary.....
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 Bob Pullman, Jr. (1)
 Chuck Helwig (2)
 Carolyn Spiezio (2)
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 Per Hamnqvist - Third Vice President #154
 Beth Hackney - Treasurer #3518
 Judy Bechthold - Recording Secretary #349)
 Lori Plummer - Corporate Director
 Mona Heath - Past President #152

YES - WE HAVE EVEN MORE NEW MEMBERS AIRSTREAM LIFE IN DELMARVA IS GOOD!!!

Welcome to all!

Enjoy the company and get involved with Rallies, Luncheons, and the Club in total.

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2021 Caravel 19'



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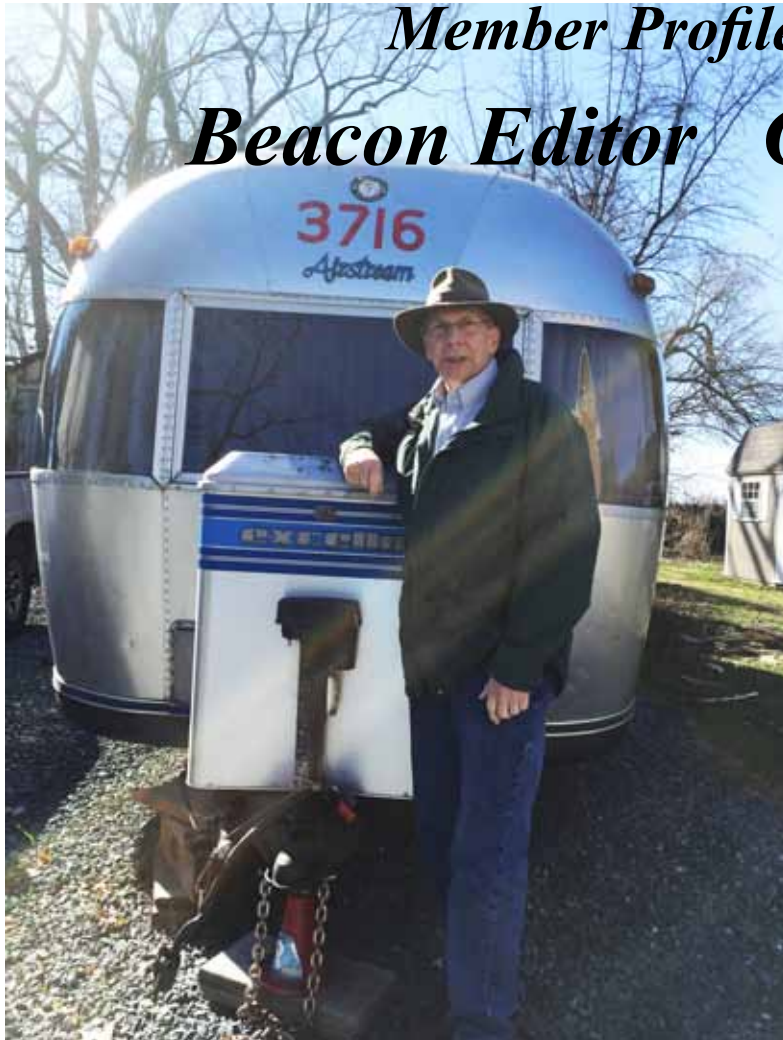





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Member Profile

Beacon Editor Glenn Michael



As editor I usually profile other members, but President Katharine suggested I do a profile on myself. Most of the long time members know who I am, but may not know too much about me, and of course the newer members hardly know me at all.

As a youth I camped a lot in the Boy Scouts. I started camping again with my son for a vacation to Disney World, but that was in a tent. That didn't lead to an RV.

As a single parent who was involved in a lot of community organizations, and with a son who also was involved in all kinds of sports, I got to thinking that we weren't home very much. So I thought I would get rid of the house and get an RV and just spend each night wherever the last meeting, or game was held. Of course I didn't go that far, but my first RV was an Itasca Phasar motorhome, made by Winebago and was billed as "the living room you could parallel park." I did park it that way a few times. Numerous times I would go to school in the RV, and then we would take it to the field where my son was playing or having practice. Then I fixed dinner in the RV right at the sport venue. When we finished I would go to my meeting, and he would do homework or watch the TV and then we went home. I also used it for a campaign van to attract attention when I ran for County Commissioner. I told Seth if I won he would have to come to where it was parked at the Court House

Parking lot after school on the days I had meetings. If I lost, and I did by only 300 votes, we would take trips. We went to Florida at Christmas break, Myrtle Beach during spring break, and over the summer we did a wide loop of all the north east states on the east coast from home and back. That was PA, NY, VT, ME, RI, CT, NJ, DE. The big circle was from Maryland to Maine and back across the Cape May Lewes Ferry through Delaware to home.

By the time he got to driving age he was too tall to be comfortable in the Phasar and I traded it on a Class C. After 76,000 miles in the Shasta and a four-way bypass, I was ready to call an end to the RV lifestyle. Alas, I found a deal on an '88 Airstream Excella and FINALLY got to the dream of being an *Airstream* owner. I always liked them and wanted one, but it wasn't in the budget along with a tow vehicle.

I haven't been as many places in the Excella as the Class-C, but in the total time of the three RVs I have stayed in all but seven or so states, and covered over 100,000 miles of driving and great experiences. This is truly a wonderful country we live in and needs to be seen to be truly appreciated.

I taught art 42 years, including one year at St. Michaels Parochial, thirty years at Kent County Public, and eleven years at Gunston School. After a heart attack in 1999, I retired from public school and subbed for a year trying to decide what I would do when I grew up. Then an opportunity opened to teach photography at Gunston, one class, two days a week, eight kids. That morphed into three classes, four days and eventually I was back to work full time at Gunston. The school, students and faculty made the whole teaching thing like new again. So, I worked another eleven years at Gunston and called retirement for the second time in 2011. After some subbing I went back and filled my old position for half a semester while the school hunted for another replacement, and the headmaster gave me recognition for yet a third retirement. That was followed by more subbing clear up until the pandemic made education a completely different thing. I am now OFFICIALLY retired, or at least I think,

In the days of SOB, I was in another RV Club, FCRV or Family Campers & RVers, where I served some offices and edited the Chapter newsletter. When I joined Delmarva, the Club included a couple people, who were also in FCRV, and they liked the newsletter I did there. Knowing that the current editor wanted a break, they suggested that I take the position. All that was 2012 and we've had some success. As editor of the newsletter takes a good amount of time, I have stayed away from other offices, save Trustee.

Whatever name, WBCCI, or Airstream Club, International, I have learned that membership pays way more value than the dollar figure would suggest. The people make it what it is, and tie into a quality line of RV.

Something Interesting To Watch -

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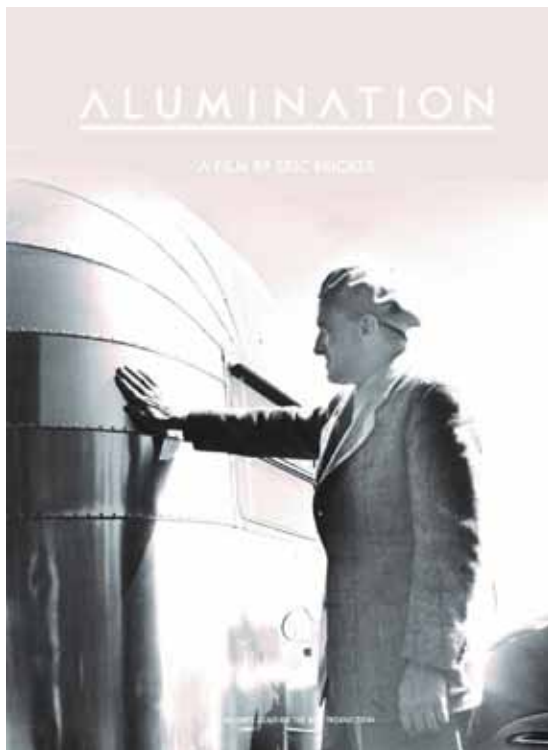
President Katharine Dowell

Ed Note -

On December 23, 2020 members should have received an email regarding this movie, and with this information for a discount price.

As the directions include information not to circulate the discount code beyond paid members, you will have to go to your email and find the notice.

The Code is only good until January 3, 2021. So, better hurry.



Seven (7) years ago, Eric Bricker, an award-winning writer & director, set off on a journey to understand and document the vision of Airstream founder, Wally Byam. As Eric channeled his inner road warrior while traveling the country to meet with Airstream owners, he developed an authentic passion for the Airstream brand and the Wally Byam Airstream Club International (WBCCI).

The final product, a compelling and visually stunning documentary titled *Alumination*, beautifully showcases Wally's Creed which we, as members of this 65+ year old Club, exemplify through our enjoyment of the Airstream lifestyle. The World Premiere of the movie was originally scheduled for the April 2020 Newport Beach Film Festival (NBFF), followed by a screening for attendees of the Loveland International Rally last summer; however, 2020 had other plans for all of us.

Now scheduled to premiere at NBFF in April 2021, Eric and his team have made the film available to WBCCI members, as well as Airstream owners and associates through an exclusive, online preview. You can find more information about the movie along with three teasers here. It's important to note that this film was 100% independently produced. Neither Airstream, Inc., nor the WBCCI, were financial supporters nor involved in the production of this documentary other than granting access to their film and photographic archives.

Eric's commitment to the Club and our members is undeniable. Your leadership team has been working closely with Eric to establish an exclusive Airstream Club member-only access price of \$7.00 prior to the rescheduled *Alumination* premiere at the April 2021 Newport Beach Film Festival where the associated ticket price is at least \$15.00.

We're hopeful this finds you and yours in good health, and look forward to seeing all of you down the road. In the meantime, sit back and enjoy seeing some old friends and possibly meeting some new ones...virtually for now.

The code is good from now until January 3rd, 2021.

Delmarva Event

Schedule
Revised Dec. 2020



April 9-11, 2021

Killens Pond Rally

Hosts at site D-05, Center site D-06.
D loop nearest pond

April 23-25, 2021

Maintenance Rally

With Central PA/Keystone
4-H Park
Centreville, MD

June 2021

May 3-7, 2021

Retirees Rally

Hosts at site 101
Cherrystone Camping Resort
Cape Charles, VA

May 13-16

Lums Pond Rally

Buddy Rally with
Central PA and Keystone
Dowells at site 029

Round Pennsylvania Caravan

[Tentative] 1-13 first week of June.
Caravan Leaders the Dowell's.
Unit Caravan to Penn Wood Airstream
Park. Staying in scenic State Parks
along the way.

Shad Landing Rally

Pocomoke State Park, MD

June 25-27.

Hosts at site 115. Deer Run. Loops
A&B have electric.

July 2021

Delmarva Picnic TBD

July 17-24

Airstream Inter. Rally

Lebanon, TN

Region 2 Rally
York, PA
June 10-13
(tentative)

September 10-12, 2021

Crisfield American Legion Rally

Crisfield, Md. Hosted by the Dowell's.

August 2-6, 2021

Kiptopeke State Park Rally

Cape Charles, VA
Hosts in site C21

August 27-29

Tuckahoe State Park Rally, MD

Hosts in site 6 Loop B

October 1-3, 2021

Trap Pond Rally

Trap Pond State
Park.
Hosts at site
A-14

October 22-24, 2021

Delmarva Airstream Club Installation Rally

4-H Park
Centreville, MD.

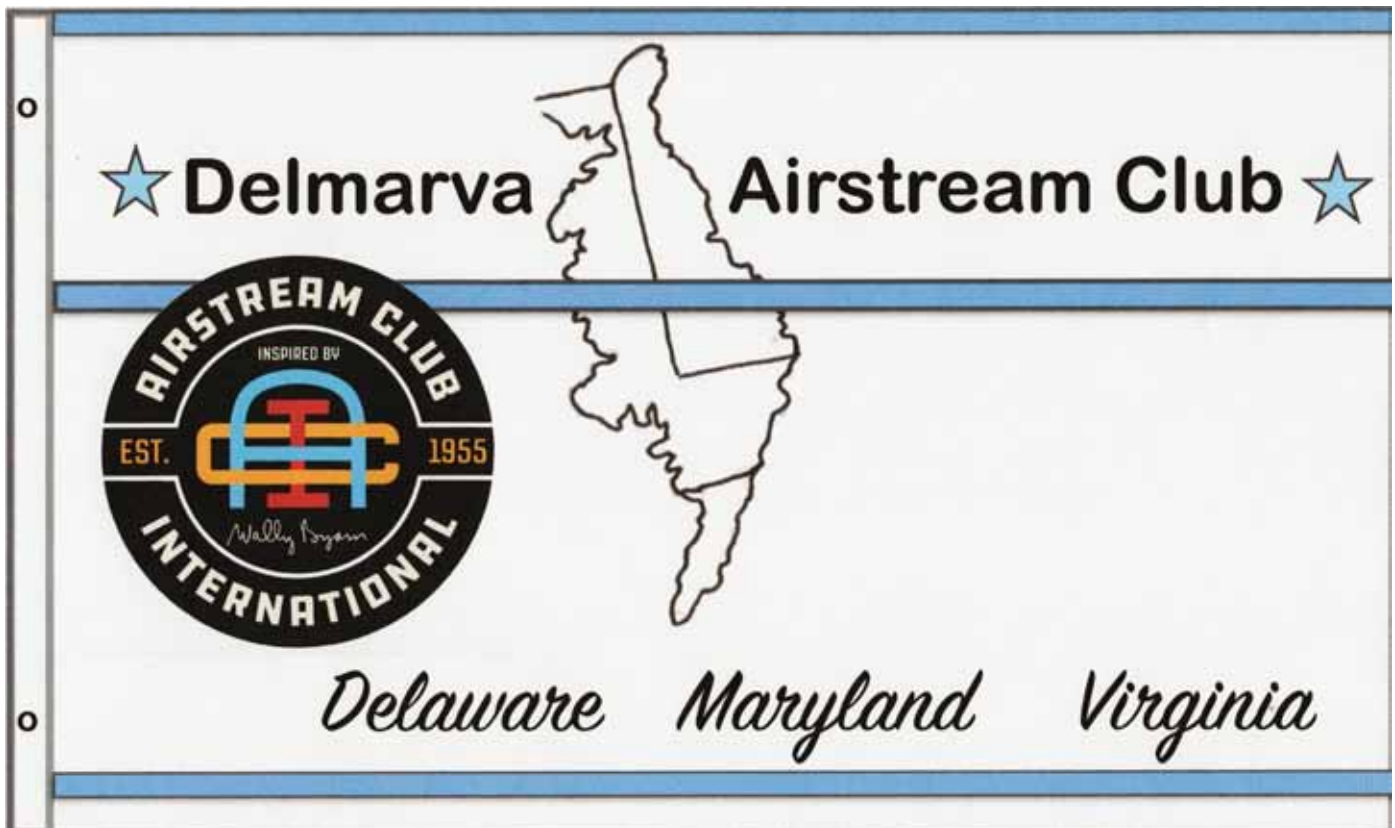
November 5-7, 2021 New Presidents Rally. Martinak State Park, MD



Logo and Flag Design - Amended



These designs have been modified to reflect suggestions for changes as received.



AIRSTREAM INTERNATIONAL RALLY 2021



It's Time for Family – Fun – Music in Lebanon, Tennessee
Registration is now OPEN for the

64th Annual Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee

The Rally is set for July 17 to July 24, 2021

Join us in the beautiful city of Lebanon, Tennessee, located in Wilson County. Only 30 minutes east of Nashville with a ton of amazing things to do in the area. Here you will find friendly faces, historical places, endless shopping, diverse dining, distilleries, wineries, beautiful lakes, state parks, and outdoor adventure, just to name a few.

**Rally fees are: \$265 per RV on-site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-out.
\$125 per adult, \$40 for youth 13 to 17 and kids under 12 are free**

Keep an eye out for more information
Sign up today to reserve your spot by visiting airstreamclub.org/Lebanon.

Hope to see you there!
Andrew Selking
International President

airstreamclub.org/Lebanon

Information provided by International President Andrew Selking via email



64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB
★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
★ July 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN ★

REGISTRATION

RALLY FEES – \$265 for an RV On-Site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-outs; \$125 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you provide your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation during registration.

REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the Rally are entered into a prize drawing. Gift certificates for parts and service will be drawn with a total of \$2,000 in prizes to be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2021. If you can't make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests received by May 22, 2021, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 23, 2021, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 3, 2021. *If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.*

RALLY PARKING DATES – General parking is tentatively scheduled to begin around July 14th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at rally@airstreamclub.org for available arrival dates.

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to airstreamclub.org/Lebanon, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form, make a check payable to WBCCI, in **US Funds Only** and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.

64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY
JULY 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN

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Zip/Postal Code: _____ **Phone (C):** _____ **Phone (H):** _____

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Parking Options	Yes
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$	Vintage	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$125.00	\$	First Time Attendee	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$	ADA Accessible	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$-20.00		Generator	
			GRAND TOTAL:	\$	Solar	

Registration Date: _____ **Rec'd By:** _____ **Registration Source:** Mail Online Rally

Payment Type: Cash Check Credit Card **Amt Paid:** \$ _____ **Check #:** _____ 12