

The DelMarVa Beacon

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Airstream Club

Region 2
#026

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President Art Potter

Photo by Brenda Lyons



I don't know if I am a month ahead or a month behind! Here it is Valentines Day and I am trying to think of a topic for the March newsletter. Well happy belated Valentines Day to our ladies. You certainly are the best thing to ever happen to us guys!

Hope you all will be enjoying the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at Sheridan's, I can taste the Shepherds Pie now, umm so good. To be frank, this remote presidency kind of sucks. I am missing too much fun. Kind of like Airstream withdrawal symptoms. But Liz is certainly having a high time with the great-grandson!! April is coming up fast so get your pink flamingos dusted off for the Maintenance Rally. Our Unit has grown by 4 new members and a 5th one transferring from Unit 110. Isn't that just great? Can't wait to meet them all soon.

The region 2 Rally has filled up, then expanded up to 119 units registered! It will be a good time in Ontario. Richard Short has a standby list if you think you still would like to sign up.

Well it TTFN Art.

President Art Potter
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Editor's Notes -

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The year 2020 Marches right onward, and so it is now March. Though it's a cold day in February as I write this at 26°, many of the days of this winter have been in the 50s and according to the news, at the BWI airport this may well turn out to be the first February with no snow, ever. There was a tad this past week on the lower shore, but Delmarva isn't getting a lot of snow this winter. I should watch what I say. We have had some big snows in March on the Delmarva Peninsula. It could happen.

The newsletter has much for the member to digest and act on. First I thank Brenda Lyons for the cover photo. I have used a Brenda photo before. She has a couple of dogs that she walks in the morning and evening on their beautiful property and with the always present phone camera she gets some nice shots. Thank you Brenda.

The photo behind the Birthdays is from another person whom I used before, Becky Strong. Becky gets some fantastic close up photos of various things in her yard, when she too is out walking her dogs. Thank you to Becky.

While I'm in the Thank you portion of this newsletter, a great big THANKS goes to Mary Ann Parks, who annually hosts the Valentines Luncheon for the Delmarva members and friends who are in Florida. Our Unit does not forget the Snowbirds. Many thanks to Mary Ann for the article and photos. Also, a thank you to Past President Donna & Mike Field for the photo sent of their stop at a friends trailer for a jam session. The friendships that one finds in Airstream traveling, particularly Caravans, are numerous.

There are notices of upcoming events. The next event is the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at Sheridan's Irish Pub in Smyrna, DE. Details are in the ad on page 7. After that the next event is the first Rally of the new season, the very worthwhile and fun Maintenance Rally. The coupon is on page 8. Check it out and submit.

Then there is a Rally in late May that is a repeat of ones from the past. A rally that has been held in conjunction with the Chestertown Tea Party a couple of times years ago. It has been reborn through the effort and idea of Jody Dietz of the Keystone Unit. It is basically a Keystone Rally, with joint effort from Delmarva. Quick booking has been stressed as there is limited space and it is first come, first served. Details are on page 9. Act quickly!

Past President Bill Turner and Sharon Mirto have taken a couple of runs in the off season and provided coverage. Many thanks to William for sending the photos and a brief article about them. I can almost feel the weather change.

The information about Waiting List for the Region 2 Rally has been continued as before and followed by information from Region 2 President Rich Short. President Short is doing a wonderful job keeping the information flowing.





Photo by Rebecca Strong

Birthdays

<i>Dick Talbott</i>	<i>Mar 05</i>
<i>Phyllis McVaugh</i>	<i>Mar 14</i>
<i>Bill Robinson</i>	<i>Mar 15</i>
<i>Nancy Eldred</i>	<i>Mar 17</i>
<i>Maggie Helwig</i>	<i>Mar 19</i>
<i>Charlie Carter</i>	<i>Mar 23</i>
<i>Tom Little</i>	<i>Mar 26</i>

SUNSHINE NEWS Mary Ann Parks, Chair 302.584.3215 marybelle42@gmail.com March 2020

Our Airstream sold in three days, and we are enjoying the remaining time we have at Travelers Rest Resort Park in Dade City, FL. Selling our beloved Airstream and deciding to end our “Snowbird” days was a painful process, but we are content with it. New adventures await us in Delaware!

We have enjoyed being with Mike & Donna Field for the past two weeks at our Park. Dick & Peg Talbott have arrived, and are looking forward to “fun in the sun! We are hoping to see Charlie & Iva Lee Carter at the Park, if there is a spot for them. The Park is completely full for the next year!

Margaret Morris underwent successful “Mohs“ surgery on her leg last week. Carl is still in the Nursing home and undergoing some tests on his heart. Their daughter, Kim, flew up from Florida to be with them for a few weeks.

Phil Cruchley will undergo hip replacement surgery in March, and would welcome your prayers and well wishes! Probably some cards also!

I guess it is a good sign that my Report is “short”- hoping folks are doing well! We are having a few days of “below normal” temperatures!

But, the sun is out, and it is beautiful!

Stay well and warm!

Mary Ann



Valentine's Luncheon *in Florida*



Delmarva February Lunch

Saturday, February 15th, 12:00 noon
at Buffet City, Brooksville, FL.

FLORIDA SNOWBIRD LUNCHEON

Mary Ann Parks

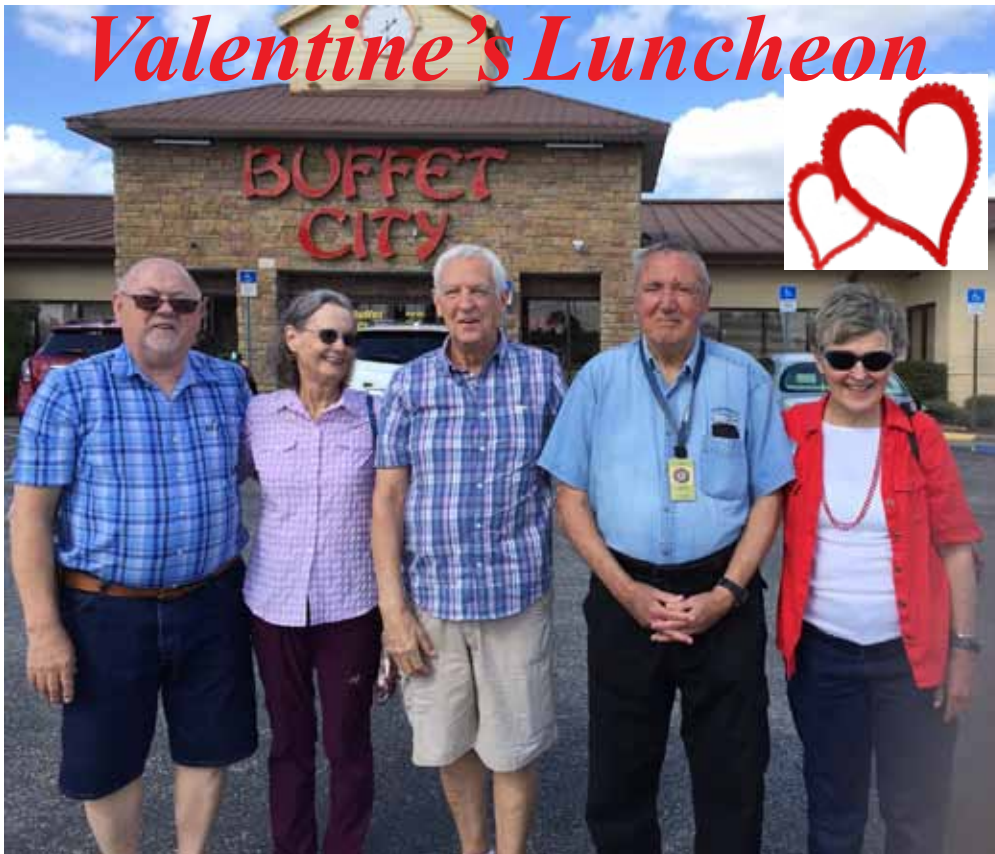
Fourteen Delmarva Airstream Members and Friends gathered on Saturday, February 15, at Buffet City Restaurant in Brooksville, FL for our "FLORIDA SNOWBIRD LUNCH". It was fun chatting and catching up with each other's activities and lives. Attending were- Frank Laughlin & Judy Moore, Carl Anderson, Jim Atkins, Mike & Donna Field, Gary & Betsy Behler, Frank & Helen Hickam, Frank & Kay Blunda, and Les & Mary Ann Parks. Bill & Abby Mannering are in the Park, but did not attend. Dick & Peg Talbott arrived at Travelers Rest on Saturday, but not in time to attend the lunch.

We had taken many pictures of the Group with Mary Ann Parks' iPhone. However, as we were leaving the Restaurant that has a large "Koi" pond at the entrance, and as Mary Ann passed the pond one of the larger fish lept out of the water and grabbed her phone in it's mouth. The Rest Of the Group screamed in fright and ran out of the restaurant as quickly as they could, jumped into their cars and left before we could take a "replacement picture". However, for your enjoyment, six of us managed to snap two pictures before we left!

THAT'S MY STORY, AND I AM STICKING WITH IT!!!



Valentine's Luncheon



Ed. Note - As a note of clarification, what really happened was a wonderful get together with good friends, good times, and good food. So much so, that the taking of a group photo, or several different shots was forgotten in the pace of the good time.

So, as they were leaving, Mary Ann grabbed some of the few remaining revelers and got a quick two photos, with her phone which was not swallowed.

But I really like her explanation better. It has more humor. Still, so all know that she hosts this event and it is a good one, I have attached this note. Since I am not in Florida, she not only hosts, but gets a photo or so and writes a brief revue. Thank you to Mary Ann Parks.

Past President Donna & First Mate Mike Visit



While on a southern trip to Florida, Donna & Mike Field stopped at Travelers Rest Campground and attended Mary Ann's Valentines Luncheon.

They also visited with some friends from a recent Caravan, and sat in on a jam session. Well, actually I think they literally 'sat in,' which means they listened, not played along.

One of the many blessings from taking a Caravan is the new friends that you make.



St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 21, 2020

12 Noon

Sheridan's Irish Pub

44 W Commerce St, Smyrna, DE

DON'T FORGET - CALL THE HOSTS

Hosts - William Turner 302.743.0467

& Sharon Murto 302.598.7070

Make your reservation by March 13

“Wear something green”

Joint Maintenance Rally: Delmarva - Keystone - Mid Atlantic Units
4-H Park Centreville, MD

Rally Fee: \$75
Rally Fee covers:

2020

Friday-Saturday, Sunday
April 24-25-26.

1. Two nights camping with water and electric.
2. Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday Night Dinner.
3. Supplies for working on maintenance tasks; torque wrench, propane leak detector, battery tester, fluids, etc.
4. Expert Advice and Assistance.
5. Dump station is usually available.

Arrival after 10:00 am on Friday. Upon entering the Park several checks will be performed on your RV and tow vehicle: lights, hitch, safety chains, emergency brake cable, etc. Thursday afternoon arrival / Thursday night \$20.

Friday night dinner on your own - list of local options will be provided when you arrive.

Please join us and get your rig in "tip top" shape (and safe) for the coming camping season. More detailed Rally schedule will be provided.-

Hosts: **Delmarva-** Helwig helwigcw@cloud.com **Comstock-**malvermont63@yahoo.com

MAU- Jacobs...alexcz2004@yahoo.com

Keystone- Kushto...wbjtkjr@Comcast.net

-----RALLY COUPON CLIP AND SEND-----

Name(s): _____ Unit: **Delmarva**
Keystone
Address: _____ **MAU**

E-mail Address: _____ Cell# _____

Early Arrival Y___ N___ Airstream: (trailer or coach) _____ Length _____

Specific maintenance questions or topics you would like covered at the Rally.

(Use back, or extra sheet if needed)

Make checks payable to: Delmarva Unit WBCCI

Mail by April 17, 2019

Send to: DelmarvaTreasurer **Malcolm Comstock**
570 Banning Road
Camden Wyoming, DE 19934

NEW MEMBER

William & Cris Plack, #22690

Ocean Pines, MD

bill_plack@mac.com

Welcome to Delmarva Airstream Club # 026.

Hope to get to see you at an event in the near future.

2019 - 2020 Delmarva Airstream Club Schedule

Art Potter - President

- March 21** **St. Patrick's Party Sheridan's Irish Pub,**
42 W Commerce St, Smyrna, DE 19977-1160
Hosts - Bill Turner and Sharon Mirto
Bill's Home Phone: (302) 743-0467 Cell Phone: (302) 743-0467
- April 24-26** **Annual Unit Maintenance Joint Rally with Keystone & MAU**
4-H Park, Centreville, MD
Hosts - Comstocks 302-724-0654 & Helwigs 302-730-1206
- May 22-25** **Chestertown Tea Party Joint Rally with Keystone**
Chestertown American Legion,
9155 American Legion Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620
Hosts - Jody & Susan Dietz (Keystone) 610-327-3241
- May 21-25** **Region 2 Rally**
Rideau Acres Campground, Kingston, Ontario, Canada
Host - Region President Richard Short & Kathi region2wbcci.net
- June 20 - 27** **International Rally, Loveland Colorado airstreamclub.org**
- July 18** **Annual Unit Picnic**
8371 Canterbury Rd., Felton, DE
Home of Carl Anderson & Jim Atkins 302-381-4557
- August/September** **Locations and Dates TBD**
President Art Potter is looking for volunteers to step up and plan
and host a Rally for one or both of these months.
- October 23-25** **Unit Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD**
Hosts - Art & Liz Potter 302-236-8830

Delmarva Past President Travels More -

Photos and article by Past President William Turner



We spent our Thanksgiving with Sharon's daughter in Winchester, VA at Candy Hill camp ground. We left there and stopped at Hungry Mother State Park overnight. It was raining.

Then we headed to Cleveland, TN to stop at the home of President Art Potter, where we ended up staying a week. From there we drove to the Gulf Shore State Park, Alabama (snowman), where we stayed a couple of days. I have never seen the Gulf so it was the first time for me. The next stop was Galveston, TX and the Jamaica Beach Campground. I'm ready to go back as it was a nice park. Then we drove to San Antonio where we went to the Alamo and all the missions. If you're in that area try to visit those beautiful buildings. Our next stop NTASC, North Texas Airstream Community, for two weeks where we spent time in Dallas and in Waxahachie, Texas for Christmas/New Years. We celebrated News Years with Airstream members at NTASC. Also the Airstream International President Mona Heath was there. We left the 7th of January and came home. It was a good trip and we had fun.

Now it's time for getting the trailer winterized and I'm going to start on doing repairs and other work to get ready for the Rally in Canada and the International Rally.

Happy travels to all!



President Art Potter & First Mate Elizabeth. Their new home in Tennessee., along with William's rig at the Potter home.





Delmarva Past President Travels More -



DELMARVA AIRSTREAM CLUB #026 Website
<https://delmarva.airstreamclub.net/>

Information from Region 2 President - Richard Short

MAY 21-25, 2020

REGION 2 RALLY KINGSTON, ONTARIO

Caravan to Kingston, Ontario Canada in 2020!

It's about time! The last Airstream Club Region 2 Rally held in Canada was 2010. Now is the time to mark your calendars, make your reservations, get your Passports in order if your traveling North and get ready to head to historic Kingston, Ontario in 2020. The beautiful Rideau Acres Campground features large spacious campsites with gravel pads. We have 108 sites reserved for our Airstreams! Those sites are about 50/50 w/e and w/e/s (all 30amp) with 10 or so full hook-up 50amp sites available. All on a first come-first serve basis. So, don't wait... REGISTRATION IS OPEN. Let's make this the Biggest and Best Region 2 Rally in years!

THE RALLY IS NOW SOLD OUT.

THANK YOU FOR THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSE!

January 15, 2020

RIDEAU ACRES CAMPGROUND

1014 Cunningham Rd

Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V3

613-546-2711

rideauacres.com

Reference: AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY

Editor Note - With the new information that the Region 2 Rally in Ontario is SOLD OUT, I have discontinued including the Coupon for that event. I would suggest that if you are really interested you should contact Richard Short to get your name on the waiting list. rcshort49@gmail.com

If you're interested in joining the caravan to the International Rally, you should contact Caravan Leader Kerry Matilla for more info on the caravan to Loveland and the International Rally.

Kerry Matilla may be reached via email at - 124caravan@airstreamclub.net

Our Region Officers are listed on the Region website

Region2.airstreamclub.net

Look for the "Officers" tab in the header. We have updated and added to the list for 2020

There is also a tab in the header for the Caravan info and links

Region 2 News February/March 2020

The Mid-Winter IBT meeting held in Las Vegas last month is now in the rearview mirror and the kickoff of Spring camping season is up ahead and coming on FAST. The calendars of our local clubs reveal many, many camping opportunities to look forward to. Maintenance Rally, Unbutton Your Rig Rally, Spring Rendezvous...whatever your club calls it...mark up your calendar now and start counting down the days to that first outing. I know I am!

Speaking of the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting, much was accomplished during those 3 days in January. Congratulations to the clubs who had their name changes approved, including our own Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club. I know of several more in our Region who have or are in the process of voting on a name change. Over 75% of the local clubs in our WBCCI have made the change so far. There were several motions approved that make continued improvements to our Constitution and Bylaws, with the intent to "clean up" verbiage and complete the reformatting of the documents. The goal is to have a clean, "searchable" Constitution and By-Laws on our Club website, with policy and procedures separated from the basic foundational documents. Those approved motions will be presented for Delegate voting at the International Rally this summer out in Loveland, CO. A full slate of International Officers will also be presented for Delegate voting as current Region 1 President Per Hamnqvist #285 has accepted nomination to the office of International 3rd VP. Congratulations, Per! Additionally, the IBT voted to approve the new colorful AIC (Airstream Club, Int'l) marketing logo as one of three (3) official emblems available for club use. Look for that new logo and brand guidelines to be available for widespread download on airstreamclub.org soon.

At our Region Officers forum, I was proud to have presented a discussion paper titled "The Airstream Club's Brand and Member Benefits". Written in collaboration with Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club President, Jonathan Jacobs #2784, the paper put forth for discussion the need to increase our Airstream Club's member benefits. I presented and discussed our ideas on how to expand Member Benefits and add value to our Club brand. The paper and the ideas proposed were well received, stimulated some critical thinking and prompted a lot of good questions. We will continue to push for expanding the benefits of Club membership by offering and promoting those ideas such as product and service discount programs, insurance partnerships, travel services, a branded rewards credit card and educational opportunities, to name a few. I want to thank Jonathan for his help and contributions to the effort.

The new Club website continues to fill out, with more content and additions to the calendar of events. Remember, all local clubs are responsible for adding their planned activity info directly to the website. I recently sent out a reminder and included instructions on how to access and edit your calendar. Any questions on that procedure, please let me know. Transitioning our local club websites over to the new web format will begin this Spring and will be done in waves. There will be three modern, easy to implement brand-consistent templates for both Region and local clubs to use in updating their websites.

Work on the new membership data base and other items included in Phase 2 of website improvement is also under way, including a self-service member portal. Members will be able to create and input/change/update info in a "log-in, member only" secure personal member profile. Also in the works is a new process for signing up for Caravans, including secure online application and registration, plus a centralized banking and payment process. It was reported that there are twenty (20) National Caravans being offered in 2020, the largest number ever offered by the Airstream Club!

The biggest take away from the meetings in Las Vegas is that our Airstream Club is in the midst of its largest modernization and transformation in years. We are fortunate to have a dedicated core of talented members, all volunteers, who work countless hours to the benefit of our Airstream Club and its growing membership. Lori Plummer, our Corporate Manager, and her staff do an awesome job, day in and day out, for our members. It is exciting and impressive to see the improvements being made and those in the pipeline soon to come. Stay tuned!

I am pleased to introduce Lea Plant #2256 as our new Region 2 Membership Chair. Lea is a Past-President of the Watchung NJ Airstream Club and is also Past-Editor of their club's award-winning newsletter, The Hillbilly. Lea will be working to help our local clubs by acting as a liaison to Headquarters and by bringing information and ideas for club growth. I know she will do a great job and I thank her for volunteering. I am also pleased to say I have spoken with several people interested in becoming Region 2 Officers. I am confident that we will install a 1st VP in May at our Region 2 Rally in Kingston Ontario, Canada and then a 2nd VP by the end of the year. I am grateful for those who have stepped up and expressed interest in continuing our efforts to Renew Region 2 and are dedicated to making our Region and Club the best it can be.

Finally, an update on our 2020 Region 2 Rally. On January 15th, we stopped taking registrations and started a waiting list as we were at capacity and had filled all 108 sites at Rideau Acres Campground. Since that time, we have been given a few more sites, had some cancellations that we then filled from the wait list and are now at 119 rigs registered! Thank you for the tremendous response to the Rally and many thanks to the Ontario Club #124 for all their work and support. It is going to be awesome! Roll on, Airstreamers!

Rich Short #1512



Heritage WBCCI Emblem



Wally Byam Airstream Club



Airstream Club, Int'l

No matter which name you use There is only one Airstream...and one Airstream Club!