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*President
Katharine Dowell*

*Photo - "Rally Sunset"
by Donna Field*

The year 2020 has certainly been unlike any other. Internet wags suggest that from now on we'll say, "It's been a 2020" to denote any particularly awful disaster situation.

Nevertheless, there is good news. The Delmarva Club has persevered and managed to hold and enjoy four different rally events the latter part of the year: Trap Pond over July 4, the Crisfield, MD weekend after Labor Day, the October Installation Rally, and last, the just concluded November Cape Henlopen State Park Rally weekend. In addition, this year we've been able to gain new members while holding on to most of our current ones.

Next year promises additional Airstream rays of hope. As we all know, self-contained camping and outdoor activities are considered low risk. We have a full calendar of rally activities planned for the coming new year's camping months.

With potential vaccines and therapeutics on the horizon, sometime in 2021, I look forward to enjoying some of the other Club activities that had to be abandoned this year. Perhaps sooner than we think it will be safe again to travel more freely, tour sites now closed to visitors, gather again freely indoors, and share space as we used to.

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President Katharine Dowell's Message

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Editor's Notes -

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December and the Pandemic continues. Who could ever have thought it would be a thing, and here now, and this long. And, it's not over yet. Our Club president has, I think smartly, cancelled the indoor activities of Dec., Jan., and Feb. Enclosed areas, even with a mask can be risky. The very nature of the group makes caution an important part. Doing a Rally with all in individual trailers and wearing masks, and social distancing is another thing, and can be successful as found by members at recent rallies. At least there hasn't been any spreader effects that I've heard.

Speaking of Rallies, the cover photo this month, is by Donna Field and taken at the Cape Henlopen State Park Rally held in November. This cover photo marks another cover photo first in being that it is by the same photographer for a second month in a row. Well, it has a 'beacon' of light and presents it well. The fact that it was taken at a Rally is a bonus. Thank you to Past President Donna Field.

The background photo is of Lucy, of my Lucy and Ethel pair, and was taken a few years ago. It's nice that a cat will coexist with a Christmas tree.

In the issue this month is a report on the Cape Henlopen Rally by President Katharine Dowell, and Andy, plus some photos by Donna Field. Also, there is a member profile to help us get to know each other in a time when close contact isn't possible. First up for this round of profiles is Katharine and Andy Dowell.

We have been fortunate to get a number of new members, as in several some months. A welcome to the current ones is in this issue.

Page 10 has the corrected flag and logo design for Airstream Club #026.

The full activity schedule is posted again, maybe in the hopes that it can come to fruition despite the loss of the luncheons already to the calendar. And the information and coupon for the International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee is posted again.

I realize that it is an exceptionally strange kind of a season and we're being asked to not gather as we all want to do. It seems strange not to get together with family and friends, and Airstream family. Please be careful. I would like to be able to see you all later.

I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Glenn



HAVE MORE FUN IN TWENTY-ONE!

Mary Ann Parks marybelle42@gmail.com (302 584 3215)

WOW, here we are just about to move into the 12th month of the Year, 2020! This has been a year of horrendous challenges on many levels! Some folks have faced physical or emotional issues, monetary and/or food insecurities. But, despite all of the difficulties facing some folks, they feel blessed to be able to “wake up” each day! Especially during the Pandemic, we all have learned not to take anything for granted! We have family, friends, a free country, Sunshine, most days!

Our Delmarva Members & Friends-

GREAT NEWS from our friend Charles & Iva Lee Carter! I called them last week, and Charlie has been improving daily! Increasing his “range of motion”, and conversing more! We talked with him, and he still has his sense of humor, and determination to conquer the crippling effects of his stroke! He loves getting cards and well wishes, and he welcomes calls as well..

FRANK & KAY BLUNDA- sold their hone in Ocean View, DE, and are residing permanently in the Village at Travelers Rest, Dade City, FL. Frank works on the TR Newspaper, and Kay helps in the Library, and enjoys Rug Hooking! They also love not having to shovel snow!

Despite the “strangeness” and difficulties throughout this year, we need to celebrate this holiday season with an attitude of “thankfulness” that we are blessed with a warm home, food, family and friends that are in our hearts, even though we need to be staying apart at this time. Though I have not been contacted by any of you, I pray that you are staying safe and well as this year comes to an end. I have a “motto” that has gotten me through these many days of basically staying home-hope it provides a little chuckle and hope!

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Blessings, Mary Ann Parks.

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NEW MEMBERS - A NICE SIZE GROUP OF THEM



Since the last posting of new members in August, Delmarva Club, #026 has been very fortunate to get six, yes that's six, new members. What a treat this is! Welcome to all!

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



Michael & Sarah Cooksey, #19968
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Milton, DE 19968
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mgcooksey@verizon.net
2018 Globetrotter 27'

William & Christine Plack #22690
5A Mallard Drive East
Ocean Pines, MD 21811
Bill_plack@mac.com
christineplack@ac.com
2019 Tommy Bahama 27FB



Louis & Mariellen Hill # 06129
44 Robinson Circle
Seaford, DE 19973
rocsinger@msn.com
louprs@msn.com
2017 Int'l Serenity 25'

Richard & Deborah Schulenburg #02248
33429 Marina Bay Circle
Millsboro, DE 19966
rick.schulenburg@gmail.com
debbie.schulenburg@gmail.com
2021 Basecamp 16'



Howard & Jennifer Maybin #22257
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Milton, DE 19968
Jgmay57@gmail.com
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2021 Globetrotter 25'

John & Sandra Wade #08066
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Cape May Court, New Jersey, 08210
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1973 Excella 31'

Cape Henlopen State Park, DE Rally

November 6 - 8, 2020



The weekend of November 5 -8 found five Delmarva Units at a mini rally at Cape Henlopen State Park. Hosted by the President Katharine and Andy Dowell. The location took advantage of their Camp Host position.

Attendees also included Sarah and Mike Cooksey, David Ziara, Roger and Celeste Sansom, and Donna and Mike Field. Although other Delmarva club members expressed interest and had hoped to attend, evidently no further reservations were to be had in this popular park during an unprecedented year of camping interest.

The weather proved spectacular -- unseasonably warm and sunny. Folks took advantage of the location to enjoy walks and biking on the many miles of Park trails, also making visits to the ocean overlooks, and spending time in the World War II museum at Fort Miles. The Fields and Dowells managed to catch a spectacular sunset at the Point lookout location.

There were also several campfire gatherings. There may or may not have been warm apple cider spiked with Fireball consumed in the chilly evening air.

Many within the group were unfamiliar with CHSP, yet by the end of the weekend proclaimed the location a definite hit and worth future revisits to explore trails and enjoy the Park.





Photos by Katharine Dowell



Just a little bit of what's available at Cape Henlopen State Park as given on their website.

Swim in the ocean waves, bike through the sand dunes, fish from the Bayside fishing pier, camp beside historical WWII towers, and explore all 7,000 acres of Cape Henlopen State Park! Located at the point where the Delaware Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean, Cape Henlopen offers a unique combination of natural wonders and cultural history. Discover the beauty and diversity of Cape Henlopen coastal environment encompassing ocean and bay beaches, maritime forests, and tidal salt marshes. During your stay, be sure to visit Fort Miles, a WWII military base that features the Fort Miles Museum, Artillery Park, and Battery 519 tours. With excellent wildlife-watching, stunning scenery, world-class beaches, and year-round historical and environmental programming, there are endless adventures to discover at Cape Henlopen!

It includes swimming, Camping, Hiking, Fishing, Kayaking, Bird watching, Biking, Disc Golf, Horseback Riding, Nature Trails, non-motorized boat rental

The newly renovated campground offers water, 50 and 100 amp electric hook-ups, new fire rings and picnic tables, a new one-way vehicle circulation pattern, camp store, laundry facility, pull through sites, walk-in tent sites, play area, additional dump stations, a renovated registration booth and expanded overflow parking area. In addition to camping at the family campground, Cape Henlopen also has nature center and store, Bait and Tackle Shop, food concession, overnight dormitory-style accommodations and primitive camping for youth groups.

Nearby is Historic Lewes, movie theater, waterpark, tax-free shopping, Delaware Seashore State Park, Indian River Life-Saving Station Museum, Cape May Lewes Ferry, amusements, Delaware Turf Sports Facility, boat and charter fishing, paint ball action courses.



Cape Henlopen State Park, DE

Some Extra Info on the Park excerpted from the website.

RV Standard and Tent Camping

The campground roads are narrow. Please take extra caution backing in RV Units. It is best to book a campsite that exceeds the length of the RV Unit.

Water availability on campsites during the months of March and November is dependent on the weather. A frost-free spigot is available at the dump station. Call the Park Office at 302-645-8983 for more information. Check-in: 1:00 pm Check-out: 12:00 pm

Only one vehicle per campsite will be assigned a pass allowing free entry in and out of the park. All other vehicles must park in the visitors parking area and are required to pay entrance fees when re-entering the park.

Any equipment changes from original reservation requirements must be approved through the park office prior to arrival. Equipment changes may result in the cancellation of your reservation.

In the case of a late arrival 24 hours or more please notify the park at 302-645-8983 or your reservation may be cancelled. Be respectful of those campers already set up.

You must be 18 or older to reserve a campsite. At least one member of the camping party must be 18 or older. Quiet hours are: 10 P.M. - 7 A.M. Chopping, cutting or otherwise damaging trees and vegetation in any way is strictly forbidden. Keg beer is prohibited. All motorhomes, trailers, vans and buses must be parked on pad.

By definition, Delaware State Park Campgrounds are family campgrounds. Group camping is prohibited in family campgrounds. Individuals are limited to two sites at any time. Those interested in group camping facilities are invited to call 302-644-5005.



Photos from Donna & Mike Field

Member Profile

President Katharine Dowell, Vice President Andy Dowell



Our new president and husband, currently First Vice-President, grew up near Rockville, MD, but lived the longest in the Annapolis, MD area. Until, that is, they retired from their jobs, her as a Federal employee on state water control programs, and he as a software developer, database administrator, and data manager mostly for grocery chain and health care companies. With retirement came the decision to move to Delmarva proper and Lewes, DE specifically in 2018. They have been married 31 years and have two grown sons.

Though Andy grew up helping his parents manage a campground, they weren't RVers until they purchased their current Airstream trailer, though they had been backpackers and tent campers, so were not entirely new to the camping lifestyle. The selection of Airstream was made as they had "always loved their look", and with some comparison shopping never considered another brand.

They have managed to get a fair amount of travel time in their Airstream and in the short span of ownership so far they have been to Florida Keys, NS, Canada, and as far west as the Mother Ship - Jackson Center, Ohio.

Even with such a short history in the Airstream Club, they have been to the Region 2 Rally last year in Biglerville, PA and are on the waitlists for several Caravans, namely Southwest and Newfoundland.

They have been members of the Club for two years and agreed to accept a leadership role to help the Club to continue and they saw the "need for new members to step up". They both added they are still learning.

Delmarva Airstream Club 2020-2021 Activity Schedule



Voted on/ accepted October 24, 2020

President Katharine Dowell

● All activities will be subject to current covid19 protocols ●



2020 November 6-8 Cape Henlopen State Park. **Rally** Hosted by the Dowells

December 12 Location to be determined. **Holiday Party/ Luncheon.**

2021 January 16 Snowball Luncheon. Date and location to be determined.



February 11 Valentine Luncheon. Date and location to be determined.

March 13 St Patrick's Luncheon. Date and location to be determined.

April First week in April. **Rally** at Killens Pond State Park. DTBD.
April 23-25. **Maintenance Rally**, 4-H Park Centreville, MD



May First week in May. Assateague Island State Park. **Retirees Rally.**
14-16 Joint Rally with Central Penn. Lums Pond State Park.
Late May. **Region 2 Rally.** Location and date to be determined.

June Club Rally/Caravan. (Length TBD) to Pennwood: Visiting
Caldonia, Ohio, Leonard Harrison State Parks and
Ives Run Core of Engineers Campground.

Date to be determined **Rally** at Shad Landing State Park
Pocomoke, MD



July Date and Location to be determined. **Club picnic.**
International Rally Lebanon TN. July 17-24. Host- WBCCI

August Early August TBD. Kiptopeke State Park Virginia. **Retirees Rally.**
Late August TBD. **Rally** at Tuckahoe State Park, MD.

September Crisfield American Legion **Rally** MD. Sept. 10-12.

October Early September. TBA. Trap Pond, DE **Rally.**
Installation Rally Oct. 22-24. 4-H Park Centerville, MD

***Retirees Rallies are held on weekdays.**

It appears as of now, November 22, that the indoor events, which includes those scheduled for December, January, February and March will not be held.



Logo and Flag Design - Amended



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



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**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 ★
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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.

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JULY 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN

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Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State/Province:** _____

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