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## Delmarva Beacon



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## President's Message

As I write this, spring is only 8 weeks away. That means rallies can't be far behind. *We rally together* – is the motto of Airstream Club International. We have lots of planned 2021 activities coming up (see club schedule on page 5) with safety in mind. This year, we continue our rally exploration of many of Delmarva's State Park and private campgrounds. Plus, we begin what I hope to become a new series of yearly caravans exploring Airstream Only Parks -- starting with Penn Wood and a Pennsylvania caravan. The rallies will not look like what many may be accustomed to -- with no indoor events nor formal potlucks or sharing of meals. There will be no rally fees for most. However, we **will** be able to look forward to 'camping with friends' and that is very exciting. Once again I suggest making your reservations now with the various sites if interested. Remember, it's easier to cancel a reservation than it is to get one at the last minute.

Note that this newsletter looks very different. We thank Glenn Michaels for serving as Beacon editor for many years. In the interim, I am sending this issue out -- with a call to **anyone who wants to serve as newsletter editor or to get more information to please email me**. It can be a fun and creative task -- I will be glad to work with the new editor to make it as painless as possible.

The first rally of the year is about 2 months away. Our first is at Killens Pond State Park in Delaware, April 9-11. Make your own state park reservations. The second rally of the year is the Maintenance rally, April 23-25. For those new to the club it is an opportunity to camp together, socialize, receive expert advice and assistance, plus supplies for working on maintenance tasks as you work through a maintenance checklist for your rig, and ask any or all Airstream questions. New members – you attend as guests with no rally fee.

## Welcome New Members!

We have had two new units join since our last newsletter:

- Donald and Gladys Oaks, BRN: 18522

- Pine Grove, PA, 17963-8628
- [dpofc@comcast.net](mailto:dpofc@comcast.net) and [gj012@comcast.net](mailto:gj012@comcast.net)
- Tym Smith and Katie Maguire, BRN: 08008
  - Jamesville, VA, 23398
  - [tymm@noskystudios.com](mailto:tymm@noskystudios.com) and [kate@noskystudios.com](mailto:kate@noskystudios.com)

I'd like to welcome each of the new members to the club and unit and look forward to meeting each of you!

## WBCCI Region 2 Requests

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, Region 2 held a meeting with club officers via Zoom to discuss various matters which require responses from interested members. **Action items in red.**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Region 2 is seeking a volunteer/nomination for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** to begin this coming spring. Rich Short's term as President of Region 2 is ending this spring. He would like to leave his term with a full Board. This is an opportunity for folks to step up from the Region and assist with WBCCI leadership by serving as Second Vice President . **Email Rich if interested or for more information.** [rcshort49@gmail.com](mailto:rcshort49@gmail.com)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **WBCCI Foundation needs a member from Region 2:** Approximately two to three years ago the club formed the WBCCI Foundation, now presumably called the Airstream Club Foundation, which is the charity arm of the club. Region 1 and 2 needs to provide one member to volunteer to sit on the board. So if any of you has volunteer, not-for profit, or fundraising/charity experience, this would be a great opportunity to participate. **Email me if interested or for more information.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Feedback from you is needed on tentative Region 2 Rally plans:** Folks have been working diligently on a Region 2 Rally (R2R) to be held in York, PA at the York Expo Center tentatively scheduled from June 10-13, 2021. With the cancellation of last year's R2R, Rich Short is hoping to spark enough interest in holding the rally this year. The response by the officers was mixed given the ongoing pandemic and it was agreed that the clubs would be polled to determine possible participation. Rich was not trying to sway the club in either direction but is interested primarily in holding a safe and enjoyable event. According to Rich the building and grounds are quite spacious, allowing for sufficient distancing between trailers, and more than adequate for our needs as well as for adhering to current health guidelines. The buildings are clean and modern. The grounds will accommodate a good size group tent as well. From what we understand, there are plenty of campsites with 30 amp electric and water. Dump station will be available. The anticipated cost per night for camping is \$30. A rally fee would be determined. If you are interested in the facilities, here is the link to the York Expo Center: <http://yorkexpo.openhouse.tours/> If it is a go, each club would be called upon to help in some fashion which has yet to be determined. **I would like to ask each of you to respond advising if you would be interested in seeing the R2R held this year and if you are in favor, would you be interested in attending? Please respond to my email by Feb. 15 regarding your thoughts on a Region 2 rally.**

**Killens Pond Rally, April 9-11**

- Make your own reservations with the park. Host site is D-05.

Killens Pond photo and information below from the state park website:



- The year-round wooded campground offers electric and water hookups, accommodating both tents and recreational vehicles, as well as a primitive walk-in camping loop for tents only. Information below is from the Reserve America and Park's own websites:
  - The centerpiece of Killens Pond State Park, conveniently located in central Delaware, is the 66-acre millpond, which was established in the late 1700s. Before the pond was created, the Murderkill River and surrounding hardwood forest were sites of several Native American homes and hunting camps. Killens Pond became a state park in 1965.
  - Hiking and biking trails and a cross-country running course wind through several types of habitat featuring native plants and animals. The scenic Pondsides Trail wraps around for 2.6 miles.
  - The pond is home to largemouth bass, catfish, carp, perch, crappie, bluegills, and pickerel. A convenient boat launching ramp is available, and canoes, kayaks, and pedal boats can be rented during the summer. Paddlers will also enjoy the park's water trail up the Murderkill River [Note: the name said to loosely derive from the original Dutch Moedder Kille, or Mother River, also Muddy River].
  - Nearby Attractions: State Fairgrounds at Harrington, historic John Dickinson Plantation, Dover Downs (Dover Downs is a hotel, casino, and racetrack complex), and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

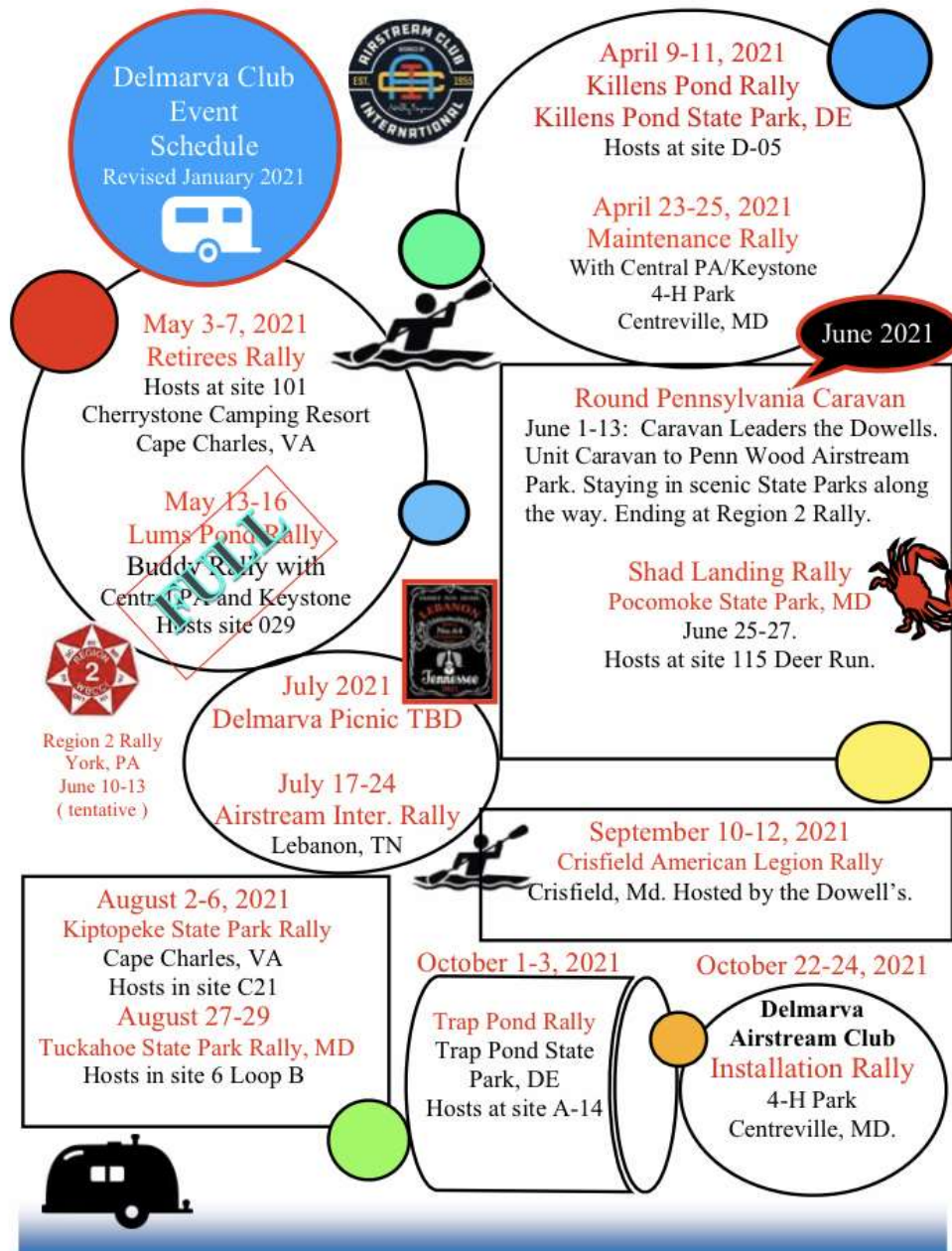
## Getting to know each other

In order to help members get to know each other better, especially since our many winter luncheons and gatherings have been cancelled for safety reason, I'd like to ask for your participation in two efforts:

1) *Member profiles* – continuing the profiles of your Club President and former Newsletter Editor, using

a short list of questions that I can send you to elicit your input. **Please email me if you are willing to be profiled.** 2) a *Member Photo Directory* – this will be held close, for members only, including photos of members with their rigs, and everyone’s contact information. For 11 units at last year’s rallies, you are aware I was already able to take your pictures. Thank you. So everyone else, in addition to those 11 units, would you like to be part of the directory? I envision this will be password protected on our website and updated as time goes on. **Email me your pictures with your rig by February 20 and I’ll include you in this first round!**

## Revised Schedule



Information regarding this year's international rally, including registration, can be found at this link:

[Lebanon 2021 International Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](http://Lebanon2021InternationalRally|ACI(airstreamclub.org))



## **'Round Pennsylvania' Caravan: June 1-13, 2021**

### Reservations

- Please email Katharine if you want to participate so we know to expect you.
- State Parks: Participants will make your own State Park site reservations. Important note about pets: PA state parks only allow pets in certain camping sites. To download the 2021 park pet information sheet include specific campsites visit:  
[http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=2938239&DocName=PetCamping\\_UpcomingYear](http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=2938239&DocName=PetCamping_UpcomingYear) Be certain when booking a site you see the little 'dog' icon in the site's listing.
- Penn Wood: A group reservation will be made for Penn Wood, details to follow. [Published rates are \$35/night.]
- Region 2 Rally in York: More information will follow regarding reservations for the Region 2 Rally.

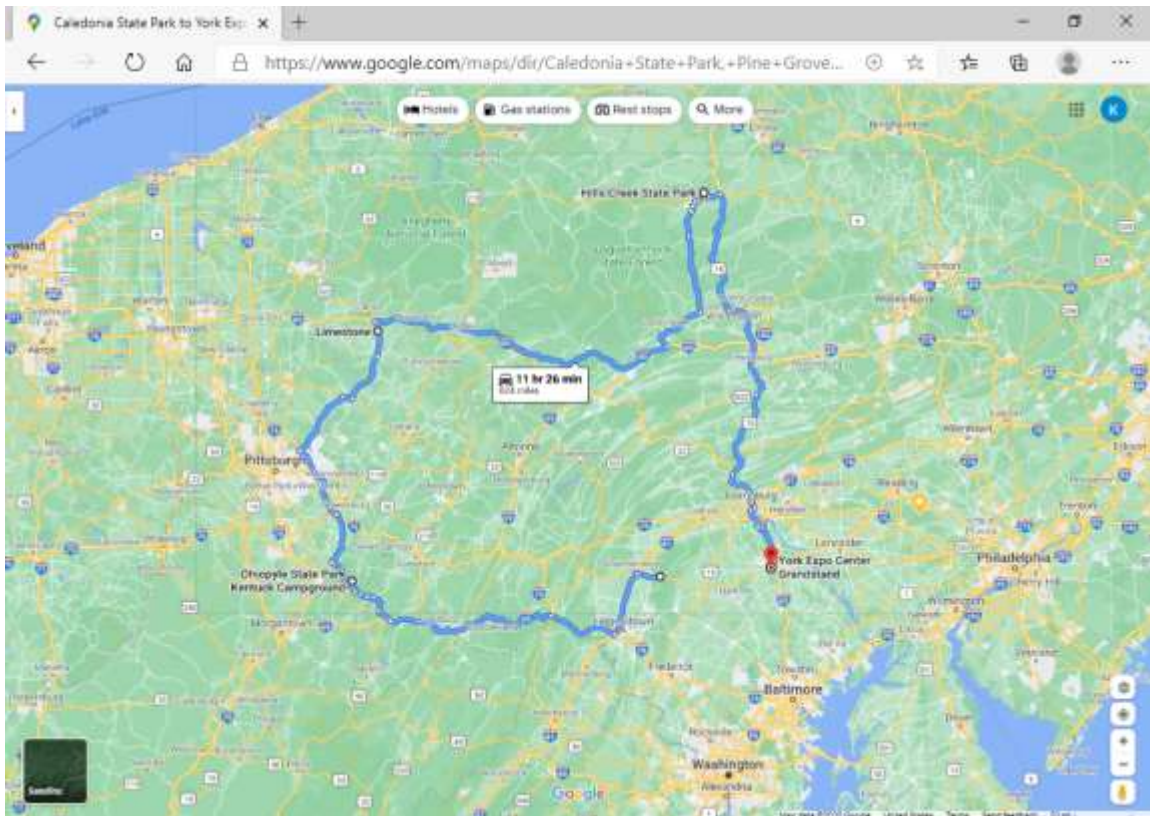
### Itinerary

- Meet at Caledonia State Park, Fayetteville, PA: overnights June 1-2, departing June 3
  - Host site 77 Chinquapin Loop.
  - Note: Pet sites are all in Hosack Run Loop. At present, the park reservation website has been having difficulties showing its Hosack Run reservations online. To reserve if unable online, you may call the reservationists at 1-888-727-2757.
  - Things to do: hike, kayak reservoir, visit nearby Gettysburg or wineries in Biglerville area
- Ohiopyle State Park, Ohiopyle, PA: overnights June 3 – 5, departing June 6
  - Host site 168.
  - Things to do on way/there: visit Frank Lloyd Wright sites: Fallingwater and/or Kentuck Knob, Fort Necessity National Battlefield (Rev War), Flight 93 Memorial, Friendship Hill National Historic Site, Laurel Caverns, town of Ohiopyle, hike, rafting, tubing, antiquing, Rail Trail, winery & distillery
- Penn Wood Airstream Park, Limestone, PA: overnights June 6 -7, departing June 8

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- Things to do: Relaxing; hiking; Nature Preserve --fishing, fossil hunting; rail trail; antiquing
- Hills Creek State Park, Wellsboro, PA : overnights June 8 – 9, departing June 10
  - Host Site 18.
  - Things to do: visit “PA Grand Canyon” aka Pine Grove Gorge 20 minutes away. Hiking, biking, on Pine Creek Trail along the base of the canyon, kayaking, visiting quaint town of Wellsboro. Drive into NY and see Seneca Lake, including wineries. [Note: Although there are several campgrounds in the area near the Gorge, this campground is the one repeatedly visited by the Al-Mon-O Club folk. ]
- Region 2 Rally, York Expo Center, York, PA: June 10-13.
  - More information to follow.
  - If Region 2 does not decide to move forward with this rally, we will end the caravan at an alternate location somewhat near there.

### Map of Itinerary



A few pictures below that I took from our recent trips to PA state campgrounds that will be on the Pennsylvania Caravan itinerary.



Spring 2019. The Dowells set up in Ohiopyle State Park, PA.



Andy kayaks Long Pine Run Reservoir at Caledonia State Park September 2020





September 2020 Long Pine Run Reservoir at Caledonia State Park,

### **Club Officers**

President.....Katharine Dowell  
1st Vice President.....Andy Dowell  
2nd Vice President..... vacant  
Recording Secretary.....Donna Field  
Treasurer.....Malcolm Comstock  
Corresponding Secretary..... vacant  
Membership Chair.....Andy Dowell  
Webmaster....Andy Dowell  
Trustees.....Mike Field (1)  
Bob Pullman. Jr. (1)  
Chuck Helwig (2)  
Carolyn Spiezio (2)  
Sunshine Chair.....Mary Ann Parks  
Caravan Chair.....Malcolm Comstock  
Newsletter Editor..... Katharine Dowell, acting

