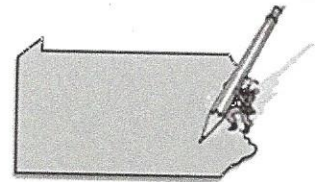


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Deadline for any articles for the next issue by August 21, 2020 for upcoming events.

Penn Lehigh Unit & Affiliate members, please let President George Collister know when you are planning to attend Region 2, PA State, International and Special Events Rallies

Presidents' Messages

Hello friends, Airstreamers, Penn-Lehigh gang.

Yes the wheels are still on the trailer, but they haven't gone anywhere soon. The Collisters are continuing our 2020 Adventure from the river bank. The river lot has been our oasis from reality. Nothing is going on there most of the time, just the river flowing; kayaks passing by; and the soybean growing higher every day. The grandkids and grand-dogs have claimed the island close to us for their adventure.

What is there to say that hasn't been already said? COVID-19 has affected and infected every aspect of our lives. All planned trailer club functions have been canceled for the first, second, and some of the third quarter. Currently our Raystown Rally is on schedule for August 14-16. I hope to see you there

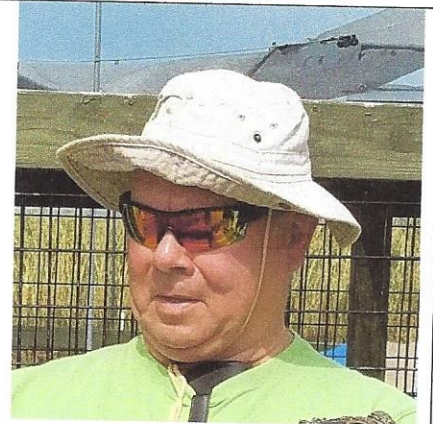
George Collister, Unit President

From the Editor (wife of unit president):

George's message may seem a bit melancholy. We all have been bummed about this pandemic and everything else going on in our nation. So let's pray to God for a healing of our nation.

Although we love our escapes to the river. We play with our kayaks and just sit in the tranquil river. With weeks of heat it has been very refreshing. But then there have been a few challenges that George has had to deal with our Airstream in past couple weeks that take the wind out of George's sails. First a propane leak. He found the leak and replaced hoses and regulator. Then on July 3rd we were at the river getting ready for Montgomery's fireworks. George went to run some errands and stop at the house. I was at the river and friends from next site decided to go sit in the river. We took our chairs down. It started to rain, but that happens. The wind kicked up, that too happens and then downriver we spotted lightning and immediately got out of the river and headed for our trailers. By the time we got up the river bank the rain was pouring sideways and the wind blowing. I got up under the awning to get in the trailer. I thought I should put the awning in but I didn't think I would be able to do it myself. George had hurricane straps on it. So when I got in the trailer I called him and told him there was a storm but it looked as the hurricane straps were doing their job. Just a few minutes after talking to him I heard a thud and looked out and the center of the awning had collapsed. I had to call him back with the bad news. When George got there our friends came over and helped try to straighten the roll. The arms were bent and bound up so George had to disconnect from trailer. So we all held the awning roll while some of them disengaged the end caps and rivets in the awning to pull the roll out of the awning. Then we manually rolled the awning fabric up under the awning wrap and gorilla-taped it up. Blessings...no damage to the awning fabric nor the trailer. So George has been working with insurance and getting quote for repair.

But yesterday we were at the river and I told George I heard this 'hum alarm'. He checked it out and both propane tanks were empty. NOW WHAT?! He investigated and it appears some critter chewed at one of the new gas fittings. Can you believe it?! So you see, George has really been challenged lately, so melancholy is understandable.



1 Calendar of Events 1

April 19, 2020 – Spring Luncheon **CANCELLED**
Vineyard Community Activity Center, Muncy, PA
Host contact: Cindy & George Collister

May 1-3, 2020 – Eastern PA Airstream Opener Rally,
Lums Pond, DE. **CANCELLED**

May 21-25, 2020 – Region 2 Rally, **CANCELLED**
Kingston, ON, Canada

June 18-21, 2020 – Shangri-La Jellystone Campgrd
Milton, PA Host Contact: Cindy & George Collister

June 20-27, 2020 – International Rally, Loveland, CO
CANCELLED

July 16-19, 2020 - Jersey Shore Haven Airstream Park, NJ
Host Contact: Fred Schultz **CANCELLED**

August 14-16, 2020 – Raystown Lake, Seven Points: Senoia
Campgrd loop. Make your reservations.
Host Contact: George & Cindy Collister

September 2020 – PA State Rally, **CANCELLED**

October 16-18, 2020 - Rendevous at Numidia Airport
Buddy Rally
Annual Business Mtg/Installation Sat. 17th

December – Holiday Luncheon, TBD

Tentative dates, subject to change as hosts make final plans

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COVID-19

Changes about everything

Who would ever guess we would be going through this pandemic?

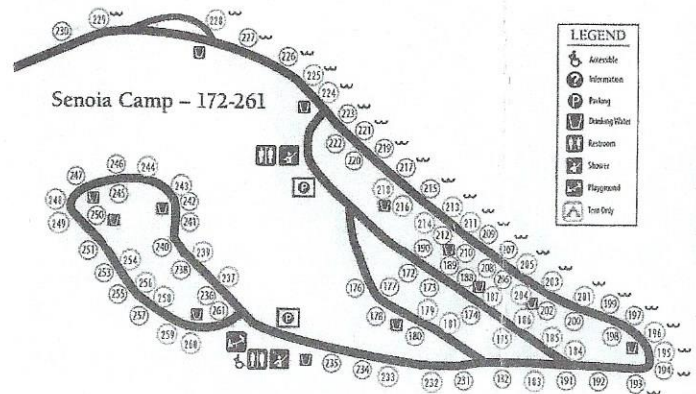
We will make it through. Hope you and your family and friends are well.

Not a good start for our 2020 rally season. The first three events and the International Rally have been **CANCELLED**. We did decide to **cancel** the June rally at Shangri-la Jellystone Park. However, my brother and his wife camped there July 4th weekend and he said everything seemed operational. The pool was in use and he said they added another water feature. July's Jersey Shore Haven Rally was also **cancelled**. The JSH residents voted not to allow other renters.

So far, Raystown Lake Rally in August is still on schedule for August 14 – 16, 2020.

Most of us already made our reservations for Raystown Lake in the Senoia Camp (**SENO loop**). Schultz's reserved SENO 235. Ridolfi's reserved SENO 257, and Collister's reserved SENO 234. I tried to check to make sure they were

open and I saw reviews from 4th of July weekend. So it sounds like they are open. **LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TOGETHER AGAIN!**



Raystown Lake Recreation Area – Seven Points Campground - Senoia Camping Loop

Make reservations by telephone or over the internet...
877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

In viewing other clubs newsletters, I also discovered that the **PA State Rally** slated for September 11 to 13, 2020 at Centre Hall, PA was also **cancelled**.

Already looking ahead to 2021....

"2021 Eastern PA Airstream Opener Rally"

Where: Lums Pond State Park, Delaware
When: Friday May 14 - Sunday May 16, 2021

Who: Central Penn, Keystone, and Penn Lehigh Units
& anyone with an Airstream is invited to attend.

Make your reservations as soon as possible as it is a popular place and fills up quickly.

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

Receipt comes from ReserveAmerica

More details concerning rally fee and registration to follow. Jim Ridolfi is our Penn Lehigh Airstream Club contact person for this rally.



Region 2 News June 2020

Covid-19, the cancellation of this year's International Rally, and subsequent work-from-home orders have created unprecedented challenges for your leadership team and staff at HQ in Jackson Center. The Executive Committee, Lori Plummer, and her crew are all working awfully hard to keep everything on track. Delegate Voting this year will be done by either Electronic Ballot or Paper Ballot. Accordingly, we needed to provide HQ with one (1) delegate per local club and other pertinent voting information. I sent out an email to our local clubs and had the info HQ requested returned to them within 48 hours! I want to thank all sixteen (16) of our local club Presidents for responding to memo promptly. Thank you all for your support. I greatly appreciate it. Voting materials will be provided by HQ in the coming weeks. We will be voting on our slate of International Officers as well as several amendments to our Constitution and By Laws. Details may be found in the most recent Blue Beret. If you have questions, please reach out to me. HQ and the Information Technology Committee are also working on the new membership database. Additions to our webpage will include a "members only" portal.

As mentioned previously, our Region 2 website has been transitioned over to the new AirstreamClub.org website. You can find us at <https://airstreamclub.org/region2>. Our Webmaster, Lawrence Northway, did a great job facilitating that transition and wrote two user manuals for our local clubs and Region webmasters to use. Those two tutorials, as well as three others, can be found at the Information Technology Committee site <https://itc.airstreamclub.net/airstreamclub-org-resources/>. Local club webmasters will find those user manuals and other valuable information there. Remember, it is the local clubs' responsibility to update their event calendar on the main airstreamclub.org website. You will be getting notice very soon to start transitioning your club website over. Now is the time to start planning an update to your club's site.

With many of our states starting to relax guidelines and opening their State Parks and other facilities to overnight camping, I have had questions as to whether the Club has an official position on local clubs holding rallies, etc. As far as I know, there is no official club directive other than to pay attention and adhere to local and state guidelines as well as CDC and health department directives. Be prudent. Be smart. Be safe and, importantly, mindful of others. I think we are all anxious to get out but wise enough to do so cautiously.

We still have a handful of our local clubs who have not taken the steps to change their names to include *Airstream Club*. I believe it is one of the most important things you can do to push your club forward. If your club has not, please consider doing so. I would like to see all the local clubs in Region 2 take advantage of our unique and valuable licensing agreement with Airstream, Inc. Please let me know if you need further info.

Best regards to all and we will see you down the road! Soon!

7/20/2020



Rich Short

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Hello Airstreamers: Airstream IBT Meeting....zoom, zoom

Who knew words from a car commercial of several years ago, with the young voice saying "zoom zoom" when the new sporty car models flew past, would become part of our present vocabulary and so heavily occupy our conversations and time! Well, after the almost 15 hours of Zoom video meetings and webinars I attended, spread out over four days, I'm here to bear witness to the fact that the "zoom zoom" is here to stay. Those Zoom meetings were conducted in lieu of the two (2) Region Officers Forums and the two (2) IBT meetings that were supposed to happen in Loveland, CO at this time. Hats off to the staff at HQ, our IT Committee and the Executive Committee for all of their efforts to make these meetings and the installation of the new IBT officers a success. It was a great accomplishment and all the meetings were well attended!

As I know many of your newsletter editors are preparing new editions, here is a quick update of the most important items from those meetings: Please share with your editors or incorporate into your President's Message as you see fit. Here we go....

All three (3) of the Constitutional Amendments passed. There were a total of 5,597 votes cast from 94 of the 106 local clubs

#1-Qualification of Members

For 5428
Against 169
Abstain 0

#2-Delegates Meeting

For 5399
Against 198
Abstain 0

#3-Changing wording from Unit(s) to Local Club(s)

For 5408
Against 124
Abstain 65

The 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and Members of the Nominating Committee were approved as submitted. At the IBT meeting, Incoming President Andy Selking named Immed. Past President Mona Heath as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Budget Committee presented a balanced budget that included a Dues Increase of \$10 per year. Both the Budget and the Dues Increase Motion were approved. The increase in dues was openly discussed at the Region Officers Forum prior to the IBT meeting and at the IBT meeting itself. There was a powerpoint presentation and several versions of a budget were presented for review at our Forum. This is the first dues increase to the membership in 10 years and will ensure that the Club is able to meet budgetary demands going forward. There will be information in the upcoming Blue Beret to support the decision. I was concerned at first. After review of the documentation provided, listening to the proposals and asking questions, I voted YES to the increase in dues. I believe it is in the best interests of the Club and its membership. I spoke again, several times, during the meetings of the importance of increasing member benefits. Other Officers, including members of the Executive Committee, are now echoing that and I believe we're on track to see tangible improvements coming in the months and years ahead. I will keep pushing.

Online Registration for the 2021 International Rally to be held in Lebanon, TN will open on August 5, 2020. Watch for more information in the upcoming Blue Beret. I will have the date on my calendar and will send out reminders to you all as we get closer to that date.

Both of the IBT meetings and the Region Officers Forums were streamed LIVE on the Club's YouTube Channel and can be found here. Proposed budgets and the powerpoint are also available there in the meeting of Thursday, June 25th.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0W7edcbNd07Hehq2gyQmw>

The Installation of Officers was also streamed LIVE, recorded and available through the same link.

One of the most interesting parts of the meetings was listening to Justin Humphries, VP of Sales for Airstream, Inc., provided a lengthy update. You can listen to it in the Executive Meeting of Wednesday, June 24th. After the

initial downturn, sales are exploding! Industry wide, the towables are rebounding much faster than the big Class A coaches. This bodes well for Airstream and our Airstream Club! Our HQ reported a surge in new members as well after falling during the early period of COVID. It has been a difficult year but the future looks bright!

Just as in our Region, other Regions of the Club are reporting mixed results in schedules of upcoming rallies. While many events have cancelled, there are still many events on the calendars but caution was still the common theme. Check the schedule of events often for updates and keep an eye on the State guidelines as well. What may be on the schedule for upcoming months may be subject to constant update.

The name changes for our Pennsylvania Airstream Club and the Ontario Canada Airstream Club were memorialized (they had been approved by the Executive Committee prior) and the new logo and flag for the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club was approved. My thanks and congratulations, again, to those clubs and their leaders!

There will be a new MODEL Constitution and ByLaws available online that contain updates as approved at these meetings. Our local clubs may incorporate those changes into their CBL documents now but are NOT required to send them in for approval now. You may wait until it is time for your 5 year review of your club documents to do that. Any questions, let me know.

It was with great pleasure that I introduced the names of both RJ Marquette and Gary Russo as our Region's new VPs. I expressed my gratitude to them for volunteering. I also expressed my thanks to all our Region Officers and Chairs who have supported me and our great Region 2 this past year.

I think that covers it for now. If I come across something in my notes that I missed including here, I will let you know. As always, reach out if you have questions.

Zoom Zoom, Airstreamers...see you down the road. One way or another!

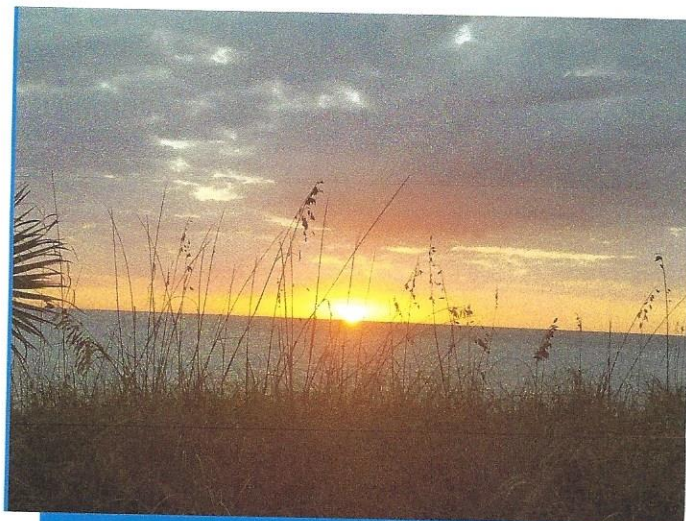
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Calendar

make your reservations
for Raystown Lake Rally
in August 14-16 2020

September 11-13, 2020
PA State Rally *CANCELLED*
Centre Co Grange Fairgrounds
Centre Hall, PA

Stay Safe, Social Distancing



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