



The Caravanner

April 2021



Mid-Atlantic

Airstream Club

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MAAC President's Message



It will probably be April by the time this reaches you. April brings thoughts of more sunshine, longer days, blossoming flowers, and, unfortunately, mud everywhere!

In last month's *Caravanner*, our newsletter editor asked someone to step forward and take on the responsibility of publishing it in the future. I am pleased to announce that Flora Barrett has volunteered to be our new *Caravanner* editor. This development gives me a chance to once again thank all those folks who volunteer their time and energy to make our club successful. I am especially grateful to Alex and Jonathan Jacobs. Jonathan was our president for the past two years and continues on as our treasurer and virtual meeting coordinator. Alex was the editor of the *Caravanner* for a total of seven years and continues on as our membership chair and all-around problem solver. I know that Flora will continue to keep us informed of upcoming events, new memberships, and general news about our club.

As the MAAC President, I am little more than the club ornament! The real work of the club is performed by volunteers such as Jonathan, Alex, and Flora. I am looking for one or two people who might be willing to volunteer to put together a MAAC brochure to give to prospective members. Such a brochure might help attract new members. I am also looking for a volunteer who can offer technical advice to newcomers to the Airstream community. Such advice might include issues related to solar power, "soft start" for air conditioners, suggested spare parts, generators, wiring diagrams for the battery box of a Flying Cloud 23FB (of special interest to me!), etc. Let me know if you would be willing to answer such questions from our members by phone or email. I know that such advice is available through the Airstream Forum but I really think it is better to get personalized advice from a fellow club member.

Speaking of getting answers to technical questions, the annual maintenance rally is coming up from April 23 to 25 at the 4-H Park in Centreville, MD. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your camper and how to get it ready for the camping season. I plan to be there (and hope to get that wiring diagram). I hope some of our new members will be able to attend. To attend, just fill out the coupon included in this newsletter and send it to Malcolm Comstock at the address shown on the coupon.

We plan to have our next virtual meeting on Sunday, April 18, at 4:00 PM. Instructions on how to join the meeting are included in this newsletter. If I can't meet our old and new members in person, perhaps we can get to meet you on screen. We have been fortunate to recruit several new MAAC members over the past month or so. I hope to meet all of you in person as the summer progresses, COVID recedes, and in person rallies become more doable. In the meantime, suffer through the April mud and prepare yourself for the May flowers.

Wayne Berkebile WBAC 3828



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

10 *Alex Jacobs*

Happy
Birthday



24 *Tim Waire*

6 *Michael & Marcia Kelly*



Let's go shopping MAAC

Tee and polo shirt, hoodies and sweatshirt club apparel are available from Mike's Embroidery, owned by Cody Klingler (Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club). Embroidered and vinyl patches can be ordered. Please visit the store at:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/maac>



Our own Christina Torcaso created web store **Benander** (combination of her children's names!) with Airstream themed kitchen towels, decorative pillows, garden flags, and clocks. Visit and shop at: www.benander.net

You can also find the towels and an interesting story about Christina with beautiful pictures on the Airstream Supply Company webpage at:

<https://airstreamsupplycompany.com/story/benander-designs/>



Welcome NEW Members



Joshua and Mindy Russell from
Olney, MD and their 2021 23 ft.
Globetrotter

Timothy and Cheryl Keen from
Solomons, MD and their 2021 27 ft.
Flying Cloud



Welcome and we hope to meet you in person soon!



Region 2 News

I never thought I'd be so happy to see Spring roll around as I am this year. The daffodils in the yard never looked so bright...or so it seems. I guess all that talk about "pent up demand", having "cabin fever", going "covid crazy" or whatever you want to call it, is hitting...big time. I can't wait to get out and get rolling in the shiny 1512. By the time you read this, our Airstream will be de-winterized, washed, waxed, the water heater, furnace and a/c systems checked, water tank sanitized, etc., etc., etc. I know many of our local clubs will be holding their first-of-the-year rallies in April and many combine the rally with maintenance and safety checks. What a great way to start the camping season. Taking the time and making the effort to go over your rig pays dividends in safe travel. And what better way than to have an extra set of eyes and helping hands go over things on your Airstream at a Maintenance Rally! Start the travel year off right and spend some time on your rig. And don't forget the great discount programs now available in the Member Only section of our airstreamclub.org website. Save money on car/tailler-care liquids at Griot's Garage, on campground fees with a Passport America and Harvest Host memberships and enjoy big dollar savings on tires with the Airstream Club-Michelin Advantage Program.

As my term as Region 2 President winds down, Kathi and I are making a push to get out and camp with some local clubs we haven't been able to visit this past year. We hope to see many of you in April, May, and June. Meanwhile, I'm working with our incoming Region 2 President RJ Marquette and 1st VP Gary Russo to put together a great luncheon for those attending the International Rally in Lebanon, TN this July. With over 60 rigs from Region 2 expected at the Rally, we should have a great turnout. It will be wonderful to see so many of our Airstream friends in one place again! There is more info posted [here](#), or go to our Region 2 website at airstreamclub.org/Region2 and click on the Region 2 Luncheon tab. You will be able to register, make your meal choices, and pay online with PayPal. You will be able to choose from **hot or cold box lunches**. Enjoy a meal on-site with us in the socially distanced space of the East/West building or get it to-go...for dining at your trailer or outside with friends. There will be a drawing for door prizes, and you'll get to meet and greet your Region Officer hosts. Come on out! If you would prefer to bring your own lunch...please feel free to do so. Come, join us, and share the Region 2 camaraderie. The luncheon runs from Noon to about 1:30pm on Wednesday, July 21. We hope to see you there.

There are some changes coming in the voting process for our Airstream Club International Officers. Electronic voting will be enabled as will a mail-in paper ballot. There are three (3) Constitutional amendments to be voted on and

Region 2 News continued

that will require the traditional Delegate voting at International. Local Clubs will be receiving their Delegates Packages by email as you read this. It will contain information and full instructions. I will be reaching out to all our local club Presidents in the coming weeks, regarding voting and local club Delegate responsibilities.

Speaking of club business and voting, I will be inviting all R2 local club Presidents to attend a Region 2 Business meeting. It is time to vote and install a new slate of Region Officers for 2021-2022. Unfortunately, it won't be in-person at a R2Rally but via Zoom, as we did last year. While we are still hoping for a volunteer to step forward to fill the 2nd VP position, the 2021-2022 slate of Region 2 Officers is:

R2 President - RJ Marquette #13270
R2 1st VP - Gary Russo #1061
R2 2nd VP - <open>
R2 Recording Secretary - Judith Cahall #4058
R2 Corresponding Secretary - Erica Marquette #13270
R2 Membership Chair - Cody Klingler #3937
R2 Blue Beret News Editor - <open>
R2 Webmaster - Lawrence Northway #17410
R2 Caravan Coordinator - Kerry Mattila #5417
R2 Treasurer - Will Kushto #2518

Please publish the above slate of Officers in your newsletters, present the slate for a vote at a meeting and be prepared for your local club to be represented at the R2 Business meeting later this Spring. Club Presidents will be given ample notice of the scheduled date and agenda for the R2 meeting.

I will bring additional news and info as provided by Headquarters regarding the upcoming Constitutional Amendments and will provide guidance as needed. My responsibilities as our Region 2 President officially ends after the first of the two IBT meetings held at the International Rally and I will report on the proceedings of that meeting. Region 2 will be ably represented at the second IBT meeting of the Rally (first for the new term) by RJ and Gary. I am greatly confident our Region is in excellent hands. We have accomplished much these past few years, and I believe the future of the Airstream Club Int'l and our Region 2 is bright and vibrant. Let's keep our Region and the Airstream Club rolling!

Kathi joins me in sending best regards to all members of the 15 local clubs that make up our great Region 2 of the Wally Byam Airstream Club.

Stay well and travel safe.

Rich Short #1512



April Showers Virtual Party



Sunday, April 18, at 4:00 PM

via our WEBEX page

click here 



March Virtual Party

It was great to see old and new members virtually and chat about what's happening. Wayne discussed a little business and we got to see where members are, and how they were celebrating St. Patrick's day. Christina told us about ongoing modifications to their Airstream, and we hope to see it in person soon, and hopefully some photos.

Here is what we looked like:



Come join us for the next party and you, too can be part of this group!



Member News

Last touch from Alex Jacobs:

Do you remember 2 (!) years ago when on April Fools day I sent a newsletter with this announcement?

*"April showers...
if it rains, read the Caravanner!
If it doesn't, read it anyway :)
I announce TODAY that this is the last issue I edit and publish.
Enjoy!
Alex Jacobs
MAU Former Newsletter/Website/Directory Editor "*



Well, today it is true. I, at last, found the perfect person to take over and continue as MAAC new newsletter editor, Flora Barrett. She will be absolutely great, no doubt about it.

I became an editor almost as soon as we joined the club. That phase lasted about 2 years until first pregnancy. I took several-years-long break and returned after second baby went to school. From stay-at-home mom, I became a part-time employee, and at last got a full-time job. About time since Jonathan is nearing retirement and babies are almost teenagers!

I will miss all the wonderful emails and responses I got every time I sent a newsletter out. Now it is Flora's turn to get those and I will enjoy reading her newsletter instead.



Happy reading!

Flora Barrett: I do remember that announcement and how much it alarmed me! Alex always made reading the newsletter fun and interesting and I'm hoping it will continue to be that. I'm sure it will be an exciting undertaking, and am looking forward to your feedback and CONTRIBUTIONS! Please send news, tell us where you are, if you are camping and what's it like there. Send pictures of you, your Airstream, your dog, pretty scenery! How's the weather? Cooked anything interesting in your camper? Any repairs, modifications? Would love to hear from you.



Flora Barrett,
Editor, MAAC Newsletter

Rally Schedule 2021

Activity Dates:	April 18 @ 4 pm	
Activity Location:	Virtual (click the logo)	
Type or Theme of Event:	April Showers Party Directions how to join meeting	
Activity Dates:	April 22 - 25	
Activity Location:	Point Lookout State Park	
Type or Theme of Event:	Capitol Kickoff Rally	
Directions to Activity:	Scotland, MD, 20687	
Person to Contact:	Jeff Sutton	
Email:	jeffrey.s.sutton@gmail.com	
Activity Dates:	April 23 - 25	
Activity Location:	4H Park	
Type or Theme of Event:	Joint Maintenance Rally with Keystone & Delmarva	
Directions to Activity:	Centerville, MD	
Person to Contact:	Jonathan Jacobs (see rally coupon attached)	
Email:	crossing_gates@hotmail.com	
Activity Dates:	May 14 - 16	
Activity Location:	Donegal Campground	
Type or Theme of Event:	2021 Al-Mon-O Fiesta Fun Rally	
Directions to Activity:	Donegal, PA, 15628	
Person to Contact:	Maria Tobin	
Phone:	757-636-1539	
Activity Dates:	May 14 – 16 (waiting list for campground)	
Activity Location:	Lums Pond State Part	
Type or Theme of Event:	Eastern PA Opener Rally	
Directions to Activity:	Bear, DE	
Reservations:	DE state parts - Lums Pond	
Activity Dates:	July 17 – 24, 2021	
Activity Location:	Lebanon, TN	
Type or Theme of Event:	64th International Rally	

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Rally Schedule 2021, continued

Activity Dates:	September 10 - 12
Activity Location:	Centre County Grange Fairgrounds
Type or Theme of Event:	Pennsylvania State Rally 2021
Directions to Activity:	Center Hall, PA
Person to Contact:	
Email:	centralpenn164@gmail.com



NEW MAAC MEMBERS:

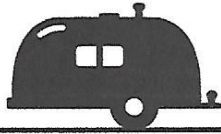


OUR UNIT WILL COVER ALL YOUR FIRST MAAC RALLY FEES!

DON'T WAIT, COME JOIN US IN THE AIRSTREAM FUN

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April 23-25, 2021

Joint Maintenance Rally

Delmarva - Keystone - Mid Atlantic

4-H Park Centreville, MD

Rally Fee: \$65



-Rally Fee Includes:

- Two nights camping with water and electric.
- Dump station available on Sunday
- Dinner Saturday
- *Following covid protocol we will only be doing one meal. You will have the option of eating in the dinning hall, observing social distancing. Or, picking up your meal and returning to your Airstream to eat.
- Supplies for working on maintenance tasks; torque wrench, propane leak detector, battery tester, fluids, etc. will be provided.

You may also arrive on Thursday, after 1:00 (\$20 extra night fee)

Mail or e-mail the coupon to: malvermont63@yahoo.com, Malcolm Comstock
570 Banning Rd
Camden, DE 19934

Make check payable to: Delmarva Airstream Club



Pay (submit checks) at the Rally.



Rally Coupon

Name(s): _____ Club # _____

Address: _____

E-mail _____ Cell# _____

Early Arrival Y ___ N ___ Airstream: (trailer or coach) Length: _____

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



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



BIG RED NUMBER: _____

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

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 #:** _____

Pennsylvania State Rally 2021

Hosted by:



September 10-12 2021

Centre County Grange Fairgrounds-169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA
'Exploring State Parks at the PA Rally'

The Centre County Grange Fairgrounds offers a great location with many options for visitors. The camping area is large, open and grassy as well as flat. The campsites will have 30amp electrical service with water hookups and are pet friendly. There is a dump station at the entrance of the grounds and a large hall will be available for our use for meals, activities and demonstrations.

The Centre County area offers a great variety of activities for everyone, such as exploring one of the nearby State Park's to go kayaking (rentals available at Bald Eagle State Park), hiking, biking or wildlife watching. You may also enjoy local wine tasting, relaxing while learning at the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens in the Arboretum at Penn State, or a visit to a local brewery. The Nittany Antique Machinery Assn. fall show (which includes a large flea market, daily tractor parades, antique car & truck displays, antique small engines & garden tractors, tractor pulls, steam tractors, cider press & apple butter) as well as the Outdoors Sportsman's Club gun show will also be held during these dates. America's oldest antique automobile museum, the Swigart Museum may also be of interest or a visit to the largest cavern in PA or America's only all-water cavern. We hope you take advantage of this great opportunity to explore Centre County where great opportunities and fun adventures await!

Names: _____
 Address: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Volunteer? _____ (Yes)
 WBCCI#: _____ Unit/Club: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Camping per night (Water/30amp/dump) \$40 a night X _____ nights = \$ _____

-You may arrive on Thursday 9/09/21 NO earlier than 3:00 P.M. and must depart by Noon on Monday 9/13/21 a MAX of 4 nights. *No open flames will be allowed on the fairgrounds

Rally fee includes two breakfasts, catered dinner, 1 night entertainment

Rally Fee per person (Ages 13 & up, under 13 free) \$50 x _____ = \$ _____

RSVP by: August 3, 2021

Make checks payable to: WBCCI Central PA Airstream Club

Send Payments To: WBCCI Central PA Airstream Club, C/O Roxann Bare, 3551 Holly Road, Dover, PA 17315

Contact: centralpenn164@gmail.com with any questions