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MAAC President's Message



Hello MAAC's!

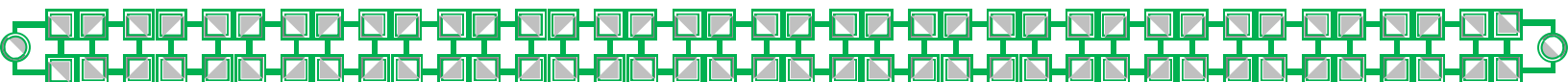
I'm writing this on February 28, 2021. Although the calendar does not agree with me, tomorrow, March 1, marks the beginning of spring! I look forward to the warming temperatures, the budding of the trees and flowers, the greening of the grass, and the sunnier days. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to enjoy these things while using my Airstream.

I'm hoping that we can start meeting in person again in the near future. I know more people are getting vaccinated against COVID every day, although things are still slow here in Montgomery County, MD. I am confident the next few months will bring an accelerated vaccination schedule. Our members continue to have misgivings about meeting and rallying in-person, so we (MAAC) have not yet scheduled any in-person meetings or rallies. Ingrid and I plan to start visiting and evaluating potential rally sites in April. We need to find out how each site handles social distancing, large gatherings, use of masks, etc. I anticipate we could resume in-person meetings or rallies starting in June. Some of our neighboring clubs are still projecting in-person rallies in April and May. Check our calendar for what is planned in our area.

In the meantime, we are still holding virtual meetings. In our last meeting, new members Katharyn and Jessica Dembowski from snowy Virginia, not quite so new members Joe and Christina Torcaso joined from home in Maryland, Eddie and Deb Kozlowski joined from Florida, and Luke and Barb Brennecke joined from Texas. We had fun telling tales and sharing our love stories! I think Alex will have a much more detailed description of the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. I encourage all our members to join our virtual meetings. They run for about 45 minutes and allow us to join from almost anywhere. We can keep in touch with old friends and make some new ones!

Our next virtual meeting will be Sunday, March 14, at 4:00 PM. You can find instructions for joining the meeting in our newsletter.

Wayne Berkebile
WBAC 3828



Welcome NEW Members



Stacie & Robert Morris from Sykesville, MD with their 2020 30 ft Airstream Classic.

Jeanette & TW Scott from Baldwin, MD with their 1987 29 ft Airstream 290.



We hope to meet you all soon! ... at least virtually 😊

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 2 Katharyn Dembowski
- 7 Rosann Marquardt
- 12 Barbara Brennecke
- 29 Kenneth Kemp



- 9 Kitty & Mike Knuppel
- 19 Richard & Rosann Marquardt

St. Patrick's Day Virtual Party



Sunday, March 14, at 4:00 PM
via our WEBEX page



February Valentine's Day Virtual Party

MAAC Airstreamers met virtually (via Cisco Webex) for Valentine's day on Sunday afternoon and the attendance was **fantastic**: Flora Barrett (& Shorty Brenner), Ingrid & Wayne Berkebile, Barbara & Luke Brennecke, Kat & Jess Dembowski, Alex & Jonathan Jacobs, Debbie Ike & Edie Kozlowski, and Chris & Joe Torcaso. As planned, everyone told their story about meeting their spouse. Here is a recap (including few, not so great, screen shots) starting with the club's president:



Ingrid & Wayne (WBAC 3828)

Wayne and Ingrid Berkebile met in late April 1972 while they were both working at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Ingrid was the Secretary for the Command Dental Surgeon while Wayne was a criminal investigator. Both of their bosses were avid hunters and would get together periodically to plan future hunting trips. Wayne's boss was lower in rank than Ingrid's boss, so Wayne would have to drive him to the Dental Clinic and then wait around, often for an hour or so, while the bosses made their plans.



Wayne found himself sitting in front of Ingrid's desk thinking that she was awfully cute! After thinking about her for a day or two, he decided to ask her out. She said "no" because it was too close to Easter. He waited until a day or so after Easter and then asked her again. This time she said "OK." Their date went well, but Wayne had orders to report to Bien Hoa Air Base in Vietnam on May 15, 1972 and would be leaving within one week. The Vietnam war was winding down at that time and Wayne's orders were cancelled. They continued dating and got married in December, 1972. Wayne is convinced it would have been less dangerous to have gone to Vietnam than live with Ingrid for the past 48 years!



... Valentine's Virtual ...

Barbara & Luke (WBAC 5310)



Barbara asked me to be her escort for a DeMolay (junior Masonic organization) Valentine's Day "Sweetheart Dance" for which she was nominated for "Sweetheart". That's really the first time we had met. At any rate, our first date was 14 February 1966, and the rest is history. We had a long-range relationship while I went to West Point, and she first went to a small college in Missouri, then worked as a flight attendant. We were married upon my graduation. So far, 50 years and counting!



Chris & Joe (WBAC 10787)

... met through a training course at work. We were partnered for an exercise and Joe asked if I had a boyfriend? I replied no and we started dating. Two years later, on October 4th (the date of our first kiss) we got married.



Flora & Shorty (WBAC 19438)

Shorty and I met because we both worked for the same agency in D.C. It was a second marriage for both of us, and I had told him I would never get married again. But so far (30 years!) it has worked out fine!

Debbie & Eddie (WBAC 20198)

Ed and I met back in 2001. We met when I was out on the ice, ice fishing with my father. We dated for almost two years and decided to go different ways. Although he remained in contact with my family, brother, mom and dad all this time. After my late husband died, Ed tried to reach out to me for condolences but I never got his emails. Then one time, I heard a song on a radio in a restaurant that we called our song, so that night I decided to call Ed. Much to my surprise the old phone number worked. Eddie was moving to Delaware. We talked a little bit, started to text and then a few months later he flew to Tennessee to see me. We have been together ever since, the love we had for one another never went away.



... Valentine's Virtual ...

Kat & Jess (WBAC 2614)

Kat and I met back in 2014 via eHarmony. She had just graduated boot camp and was in Chicago and I was back in Maryland just having graduated with my Master's. We dated long distance for a couple of months until she got stationed in Virginia. We married in May 2015 and moved down to Jacksonville, FL for our first duty station.



Editor's note: Kat and Jess were camping in Charlottesville VA at Devils Backbone Brewery Campground on the day of our virtual meet, Feb 14 2021.



Carol & Ken Kemp (WBAC 7017)

...who almost made it virtually but ended up helping their daughter, literally.

Ken and I met when I got a job at his family's florist business. I was enamored almost instantly but I think it took a little longer for Ken to feel the same way. We were together for almost 5 years and got married December 28, 1980 after I graduated college. The story continues after 40 years of marriage, 4 children, and the blessings of 9 grand babies!

Alex & Jonathan (WBAC 2784)

... met through mutual friends who invited us both for brunch on a blind date. Alex's story had begun 6 years earlier when she spent one year as an Au-Pair living (and babysitting two young girls) with a family in Severna Park, MD then moving to Baltimore to a graduate school. Just before finishing her degree five years later, she and Jonathan started dating. Smart move on Jay's part knowing love-goes-through-stomach was to feed the hungry student 😊 Turned out Jonathan was a back-yard neighbor to my host family in Severna Park! He moved there the same year Alex lived there. After we got married two years later, my host family would pet sit for us. After our son was born, one of the girls would babysit. Several more years later, we went to *her* wedding, now four of us and our toddler daughter danced the night away...



Let's go shopping MAAC



Now available are T-shirts, including ladies cut, sweatshirts – crewneck, hooded or full-zip. Logo is vinyl or embroidered on the front side. Large vinyl logo can be added on the back. We now added polo shirts with the logo embroidered. And if that is not enough, you can always reach out to Cody Klinger and his “Mike’s Embroidery and More” to request other products. <https://stores.inksoft.com/maac>



And if that is still not enough, check out **BENANDER** - Affordable Camping and Airstream Décor www.benander.net

Region 2 News

As you know the R2 Rally being planned for the York Expo Center this June has been canceled. BUT a R2 Luncheon to be held at the International Rally this July.

More info on the luncheon will be forthcoming. We have booked a room that could seat up to 120, socially distanced. We will be looking for a vendor that can provide a variety of menu options as a "boxed lunch". People can then choose to dine in or take their lunch to go. We anticipate registration will be available online, using PayPal, as we did with the R2 Luncheon held in Doswell. We will alert you when Registration opens.

Thank you for your support.

Rich Short, R2 President
WBAC 1512



I WANTED TO GO

Yes, we know...but the 2021 R 2 Rally scheduled for June 10-13 at the York Expo Center has been **cancelled**. Disappointing, but it's just not time yet. Still too much concern about you-know-what. Stay safe and be patient. Better days are coming!

NOTICE: REGION 2 LUNCHEON

Will be held at the 64th WBCCI INT'L RALLY in Lebanon, TN
12 NOON on Wednesday, July 21st 2021
Rally attendees: Mark your calendars now.
Registration and menu options will follow soon.



Introducing the Incoming Region 2 President:

RJ Marquette

Hello! My name is RJ Marquette (#13270), and I'm the incoming region 2 president.

I joined WBCCI in 2005 as a member of the Washington, DC Unit, after buying an Airstream B190, a small Class B motorhome made by Airstream between 1989 and 2000. However, this wasn't my first experience with Airstreams or WBCCI, as my parents are also Airstream owners and members of the club (#3270). As a teenager, I attended several Central Pennsylvania Unit rallies in the early 90s with my parents.

I admit I had some hesitation about joining the club after buying my B190, because my impression was that it was entirely old people (hey, I was 30 at the time). But I was convinced to give it a try. It's cliché, but we've gained great friends and have countless great memories with the club. Getting together at a rally is like seeing our second family.

My wife, Erica, and I are both past presidents of the WDCU. To date, we've attended two International rallies, Lewisburg and Doswell, and we're planning to go to Lebanon, Tennessee this summer. We also worked on the survey that was done on the membership in 2017. We have three cats and a dog that travel with us in our 1995 Classic 30' trailer, and I'm working on getting the B190 back into operational condition in my spare time. I'm hoping it'll make an appearance at some club events this year! (I've been saying that for a few years, though.)

I volunteered for the region president office because I wanted to give back to a club that has given me so much. Also, I want to help bring the younger perspective to the larger club. There are many members of WBCCI who are still in the workforce like Erica and I, and I wanted to help make sure we had a voice at the international level.

Speaking of region officers, we're going to need a new region 2 Second Vice President. This is your chance to help shape the club. While it looks like a 6 year commitment, the work doesn't really get going until just before you actually become the region president - until then it's mostly learning what happens and being available for some discussions with the other officers. Our new 2nd VP would serve as region 2 president from 2025 to 2027.

The region has several officers that help keep things running smoothly. I want to thank all of the outgoing officers for their service, and thanks to the people who have agreed to serve another term or who have already volunteered to fill open positions. The list of officers is at the March 2021 Delmarva Airstream Club 026 9 end of this message. As you can see I still need a volunteer to write the region 2 newsletters. Please contact me at rjm1@yahoo.com if you are interested!

I also want to thank Richard Short for his help and support in getting me up to speed so quickly, and for his hard work as the region president. In addition to the work he did for our region, Richard was also in charge of implementing the new discounts available for WBCCI members (such as for Goodyear tires), so his contributions will improve the quality of the club for years to come. Thank you from all of us!

Over the next two years we intend to join a rally or other event for every unit in the region, and we're looking forward to meeting you!

Thank you!

--RJ Marquette

Region 2 Officers after installation:

R2 President - RJ Marquette

R2 1st VP - Gary Russo

R2 2nd VP - OPEN

R2 Membership - Cody Klingler




R2 Newsletter - OPEN

R2 Webmaster - Lawrence Northway

R2 Caravan Coordinator - Kerry Mattila

R2 Treasurer - Will Kushto

Rally Schedule 2021

Activity Dates:	March 14	
Activity Location:	Virtual (click the logo)	
Type or Theme of Event:	Spring Get-ready	
Directions how to join meeting		
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	
Email:	crossing_gates@hotmail.com	
Activity Dates:	May 14 - 16	
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:	June 10 - 13	
Activity Location:	York Expo Center	
Type or Theme of Event:	Region 2 Rally	
Activity Dates:	July 17 - 24, 2021	
Activity Location:	Lebanon, TN	
Type or Theme of Event:	64th International Rally	

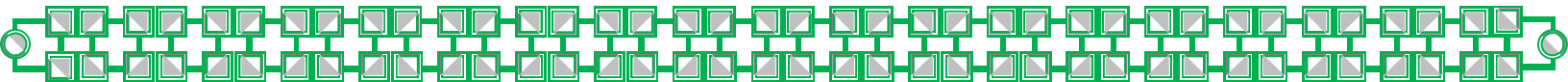


NEW **MAAC** MEMBERS:



OUR UNIT WILL COVER ALL YOUR **FIRST MAAC** RALLY FEES!

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



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