



The Hillbilly



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President's Message

Spring has finally sprung!



Can't you just **smell** it in the air?

I have always loved springtime! Perhaps it is the sense of renewal, the increase of daylight, all the chirping birds, green leaves budding on the trees, or just the general positivity that comes with venturing outside more frequently. Whatever it is, it puts more pep in my step! Yay for **pep**, I need it!

If you didn't log in for our March Zoom meetup you missed a fun time. Mark and Angie hosted a "game night" and it was a **hoot**! Plus, there were **fun** prizes for the top three participants!! Yep, fun, fun, fun was had!

This month many of us will attend Camp Carr for our Unbutton Rally (all of our allotted spaces are sold out!) and I am super excited to see everyone in person for a change! I am also looking forward to sitting around a campfire again, with nothing to do but shoot the breeze with whomever stops by. Now that's what I call living large!



Respectfully your President,
Meg

Watchung Charity 2021

If you haven't had the chance to read up on our new charity, please visit the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, jbjsf.org. The mission of this foundation is to break the cycle of poverty, hunger, and homelessness. They provide affordable housing in 11 states and also provide healthy, organic meals to those in need in New Jersey. There are two ways for us to contribute;



1. Send a check to our treasurer with JBJ Soul in the memo.
2. Visit the JBJ Soul kitchen in Redbank or Toms River for a meal. Each meal you purchase supports a

Dutch Oven Apple Cobbler

What could be better than sitting around a campfire with good friends? Sitting around a campfire with good friends and apple cobbler! If you put the cobbler on your fire as you sit down to dinner, it will be done just in time for dessert.

Equipment

Dutch Oven (at least 4 Quarts)
Parchment paper

Ingredients

Apple Filling

- 1.5 lbs. apples, sliced
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon

Cobbler Topping

- 1 cup flour, (120 grams)
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup butter, cold
- 1/3 cup milk



Instructions (serves 4)

1. Prepare 21 coals and line a 10" (4 quart) Dutch oven with parchment paper.
2. **MAKE THE FILLING:** Core the apples and cut into slices. Add them to the Dutch oven and sprinkle with 1/4 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon cinnamon. Stir to coat the apples in the cinnamon and sugar.
3. **MAKE THE TOPPING:** Combine the dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon, salt) in a mixing bowl. Cut the butter into small pieces and add to the bowl. Using your fingers, rub the butter into the dry ingredients until a crumbly meal begins to form. Add the milk and gently combine to create a dough.
4. **ASSEMBLE THE COBBLER:** Tear off bits of dough and place on top of apples. You want little pockets of dough spread evenly around, not one large blob of dough in the middle.
5. **BAKE THE COBBLER:** Set the lid on the Dutch oven. Place the Dutch oven on a ring of seven coals, then evenly space 14 coals on top of the lid (this will create equivalent heat of a 350°F oven). Bake for 30-40 minutes, until the topping is golden brown.
6. **REMOVE FROM HEAT & SERVE!**

Region 2 News March 2021

By Rich Short, Region 2 President, #1512

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/trailer-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 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 President, Region 2



2022 Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon & Rally Schedule

Hello everybody, it's time to start thinking forward to a time after this Pandemic. The 2022 Rally schedule is wide open and we need people to host/Cohost our luncheons and rallies. Hopefully by 2022 we will be able to gather again as a group and camp like we used to.

We need luncheon hosts for Jan, Feb, March, and November. December is Hosted by the incoming President. (ME). Planning a lunch is not hard at all. Pick a restaurant that you like, or in an area that is convenient, choose a limited menu with the owner and off you go.

Camping rallies are typically April, May, June, July(International), August, September(State Rallies), and October. Camping rallies can range from a no frills, where everybody calls the campground directly and we all just show up, to one where the hosts plan a few meals, and maybe have a theme.

If you'd like to host a rally but have not done it yet, consider co-hosting the first time to learn how it's done.

Currently, The March 2022 lunch will be hosted by Lea Plant and co-hosted by the Shorts

Please contact me if you are willing or have any questions. Our group has always been fortunate to have a full schedule throughout the years, so let's keep it going.

Regards, George Kiesel. 2021- 2nd VP, #7191



2021 WATCHUNG AIRSTREAM CLUB OFFICERS

President: Meg Riley
1st Vice Pres: Frank DeHerde
2nd Vice Pres: George Kiesel
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Did you know Watchung has a blog?
<https://watchungnj.airstreamclub.net/blog/>

Take look and check out the fun side of Watchung!

WGCCI Headquarters New email addresses!

Blue Beret: blueberet@airstreamclub.org

Caravans: caravan@airstreamclub.org

General Information: info@airstreamclub.org

Membership: membership@airstreamclub.org

Rallies: rally@airstreamclub.org

For Certificates of Insurance or 990N filing information: info@airstreamclub.org

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If you are interested in hosting or cohosting a rally or luncheon, please see the list below and let Frank DeHerde know. You can email him at email Frank at deherde@hotmail.com

2021 April Unbutton Your Rig Rally, April 22 – 25, 2021, Camp Carr.
Hosts Erika & Chris Beddiges and CoHosts George & Linda Kiesel. Rally is full.

2021 May Rally TBD. Hosts and CoHosts Needed.

2021 June Rally, Hosts and CoHosts Needed.

2021 July Lebanon 2021 International Rally [Sign up here!](#)

2021 August Rally, Aug 27-29, 2021, Interlake RV Park, Rhinebeck, NY.
Hosts George & Linda Kiesel and CoHosts Rich & Kathi Short. Details to come in May.

2021 September Rally TBD. Hosts and CoHosts Needed.

2021 Pennsylvania State Rally Sept 10-12, 2021. Centre County Grange Fairgrounds, 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA. Coupon Attached. Hosted by Central PA Airstream Club.

2021 October Rally TBD. Hosts and CoHosts Needed.

2021 November Luncheon Hosted by Barbara Taylor and Michael Koczwaro CoHosts Needed.

2021 December Initiation & Holiday Luncheon Hosted by Frank & Leslie DeHerde and Laura & Meg Riley

Pennsylvania State Rally 2021

Hosted by: Central PA Airstream Club



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: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

WBCCI: _____ Unit/Club: _____ Volunteer: _____ (Check If Yes)

Camping per night: (Water/30amp/dump) \$40 per 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

SUNSHINE

A sympathy card to
Leslie DeHerde because her father,
Ron Spevak, a long time Watchung
member,
passed away in Early March.

Please keep Linda Kiesel
up to date all events, sad and happy so
she can send a card.



April Anniversaries

Roger & Tourrahn Kriz



March Birthdays!

Harry Sacks
Robert Hagman

Bits & Pieces



The 2021 Watchung Charity is
the. To find out more please see
[JBJSoul Foundation \(jbjsf.org\)](http://JBJSoulFoundation.org)

**Hosts and CoHosts needed for
2021 events!** Contact Frank De
Herde at deherde@hotmail.com and
sign up today!

**Check out the new Region 2
website at** <https://region2.wbcci.net/>

Need to contact the Club? Email
0068@wbcci.net

Items for the newsletter? Send
them to Angela Ratliff by the 20th
of each month!

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