

The Hillbilly



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January 2021

President's Message

Rays of Hope

It's happening, the sun is setting on 2020! It certainly was the year of challenges on many levels. I am mindful that not all of our individual challenges were known or shared among us. Some faced health issues, others felt the fall of economic dominoes, and all of us walked through the emotional uncertainty of a heretofore unimaginable worldwide pandemic. We were #AloneTogether as we faced our vulnerability to the Covid virus. Change is stressful, yet our ability to adapt is far greater. What the lengthy pandemic has shed light on is that we have an abundance of blessings to be grateful for.

As I look at my wall calendar (yes, I still hang a full size paper calendar up...old school style) I have a sense of relief that on January first I can flip up the page, turn a new leaf, with more optimism and hope than I have had in recent memory. Covid vaccines are being rolled out as I write this. I am able to envision the reality that our lives will slowly, but surely, return to some semblance of normality. Restrictions will lift, safety measures will continue, and our ability to commune with family and friends will increase. In due time we will enjoy each other's company, on the road, with our rigs, doing our thing!

With so much uncertainty and insecurity around us it would be understandable to sit in fear. Instead we can choose to focus on rays of hope. We can do this in a meaningful way by giving to others. This year I have chosen the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, jbjsf.org, as our club charity. 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 second meal to go to a local person in need.

On December 31st let us raise our glasses high and toast what matters most; *family, faith, and health!*

Faithfully your President,
Meg



VEGGIE POT PIE BY MEG RILEY, AIRSTREAM COOK

Cashew Cheese Sauce:

1 cup (150g) Raw Cashews*
1/4 cup (15g) [Nutritional Yeast](#)
1/2 tsp Crushed Garlic
1 Tbsp Lemon Juice
1/4 tsp Sea Salt
1/4 tsp Black Pepper
7 Tbsp Water

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Pie Crust:

1 Sheet Vegan Puff Pastry
Melted Vegan Butter (for brushing)



Instructions

1. **Preheat the oven to 390°F (200°C).**
2. **Blend the cashew cheese sauce.** Add all ingredients to the blender and blend until smooth. Set aside.
3. **Sauté the veggies.** Add chopped onion and crushed garlic to the pot along with the olive oil and sauté until softened. Add the dried basil and soy sauce and stir in. Now add the sliced mushrooms, zucchini and peas and sauté together for a minute. Cover the pot and let the veggies simmer together for a few minutes. They will become saucy due to the mushrooms releasing their water. Remove the lid and let the water cook off until only little remains*.
4. **Mix the sautéed veggies and cashew cheese sauce.** Stir the cashew cheese sauce in with your veggies. Let it cool a bit and then transfer to a 9-inch round pie dish.
5. **Roll out the crust.** Roll out your puff pastry so that it's wider than your pie dish, with a little room to spare. Place the puff pastry over the top of your veggie filling and push the pastry into the sides of the dish, folding the pastry along the edges.
6. **Brush with melted vegan butter.** Brush the top of the crust with melted vegan butter and cut a vertical line a couple of inches the center.
7. **Bake.** Place the pie into the oven and bake for 25 minutes until golden on top.

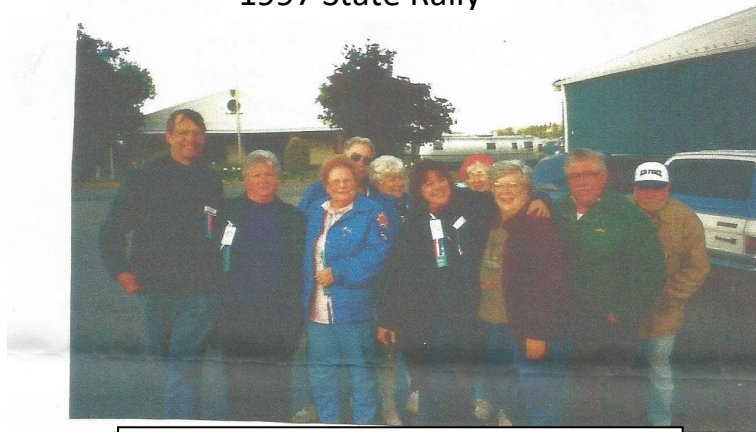
Notes

- ***Cashews:** We don't usually soak the cashews first and if you have a high-powered blender then there is no need to. If you don't have a high-powered blender, then add the cashews to a bowl, pour over boiling water from the kettle and let them soak for 15 minutes to soften before blending.
 - ***Mushrooms:** We used button mushrooms but cremini (portobellini/baby bellas) would also be great!
 - ***Zucchini:** We used mini zucchinis from Trader Joes. An equivalent would be around 3 medium or 2 large.
 - ***Nutritional yeast:** This just adds a cheesiness to the cashew cheese sauce. If you can't get hold of it then just leave it out.
 - ***Puff pastry:** It must be puff pastry and not phyllo pastry.
- Pie dish.** Your pie dish should be 9-inches round and at least 2-inches deep.
- ***Let as much water as possible cook off your veggies.** It's ideal for your filling to be nice and thick, so let as much water as possible cook off before you add the cashew cheese.
 - ***Make ahead option:** You can make the filling in advance and store it in the fridge for up to 48 hours. When you're ready you can then assemble and bake the pie as usual.
 - ***Storing:** It's at its best when fresh and hot from the oven. Leftovers are still good the next day though the pastry doesn't retain its crispiness overnight. So, it's best to eat as much of it on the day it's made as you can. It's not ideal for freezing.

NAME THAT GOAT!!!

Betty Lou has sent in some classic photos for January's throwback favorite!

1997 State Rally



Rob Hagman, Jo Bookholt, Ron Spevak & Marge, Peg Register, Caroline Hagman, Annette Tenney, Joanne & John Morales, Sid Tenney



The Spevak's and Mooreheads.



Region 2 Rally Sussex County Fairgrounds

Annette Tenney, Ron and Marge Spevak, Marge Ceska, and Fred Reinhart at the Bookholts home.

Region 2 News January 2021

By Rich Short, Region 2 President #1512

How do you begin to describe the year 2020 and all that has transpired during it? I think all the words and clichés have been used. It was definitely stressful, often overwhelming and hard to know what to do, and very often, what to say. Despite the year of COVID-19 being of such concern and disappointment, it has been a year of blessing for me and I sincerely hope for all of you. As each of us gives our own thanks according to our personal beliefs and persuasions, I hope we can dwell on the things that continue to bind us together. Family and friends being chief among them. The Airstream Club, to many of us, represents both. So, here's wishing, hoping, and praying 2021 will be a great year and one of renewal of all that makes us friends and family. I am confident we will soon be back to our camping routines in force. Better days are coming, and we will see more of each other down the road in 2021.

With that said, there is much going on in the Airstream Club. The mid-winter IBT meeting is scheduled for January 18-22 down in Sarasota, FL and will be a hybrid of sorts, mixing in-person meetings with Zoom attendance availability for those not traveling to attend. As I write this, Kathi and I plan to travel down from NJ with our Airstream to attend. I will do my best to represent our Region and I will provide a written report following the meetings.

Your Region 2 Officers are working on a plan for a 2021 Region 2 Rally. The Rally is tentatively set for June 10-13 at the York Expo Center in York, PA. We are in the beginning stages of planning and will be following up with more info in the coming weeks. The Rally will be different than what we have planned and experienced in past years...but what isn't! I will be inviting all our local club Presidents to a Zoom meeting to discuss the Rally and get feedback.

The new "Member Only" portal is now up and running on our airstreamclub.org website. If you have not, please go to the website, LOG IN, and explore. You can view and edit your member profile, add a picture, access Member and Club Leader Directories, see your Membership and Office history with the Club and most importantly, view the new Member Only Benefits that are being added to your Airstream Club membership. As you know we recently announced an exclusive program with **Passport America**, the largest discount camping club. Airstream Club members can enjoy an additional six months of membership, free, when they join PA. On January 1, we will announce a discount program with **Griot's Garage**, the manufacturer of some of the finest car care products in the automotive world. Airstream Club members will enjoy a 15% discount on Griot's liquid car care products at checkout with the keycode provided in the Members Only section of our website. We are also excited to announce the **Airstream Club-Michelin Advantage Program**. Beginning January 1, Airstream Club members will benefit from a value-added program that offers competitive savings on tires. The new tires include MICHELIN®, BFGoodrich®, and Uniroyal®. Information on the program, the buying process, and the Airstream Club exclusive discount pricing sheet will also be found on the Member Only portal of our airstreamclub.org website.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards and best wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday Season and for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Merry Christmas! Rich Short #1512

The Airstream Club - Michelin Advantage Program

By Rich Short, Region 2 President #1512

Your Member Benefits Team is excited to announce a major marketing partnership between **Michelin Tire** and Airstream Club International. Starting January 1st, 2021 Airstream Club Members can benefit from a value-added program that offers competitive and uniform discount pricing on a full line of tires including MICHELIN®, BFGoodrich®, and Uniroyal®. The program also includes access to Michelin's Emergency Road Service (ERS) – MICHELIN® ONCall and waived dispatch fees. Whether at home or on the road, whether you need tires for your tow vehicle or personal vehicle, for your Airstream trailer, motorhome, or Interstate touring van... the new Airstream Club Michelin Advantage Program has you covered!

Full details of the Airstream Club Michelin Advantage Program can be found on the airstreamclub.org website. You must LOG IN to access the Member-Only Benefit link containing all your Airstream Club Member-Only Benefits. Under the Michelin Advantage Program, you will find an overview of the Program, a How-To guide describing how Airstream Club members can access the Program and a FAQ sheet. You will also find a short card of popular tire sizes, a product description of Michelin's latest release...the AGILIS® tire line, a confidential Airstream Club member-only pricing guide and the ACI Account Number. Remember...this is an exclusive Airstream Club member-only benefit! If you have trouble logging in or need assistance accessing this and other Member-Only information, call Airstream Club Headquarters at 937-596-5211 or email them at info@airstreamclub.org.

Here is how the Program works: First determine the tire size and tread design that you require by visiting michelintruck.com. Next, find your nearest Michelin tire dealer by entering your zip/postal code in the dealer locator. Select the dealer that best suits your tire needs. Call the dealer and check for availability of the specific size and tread design that you require. You will tell the dealer you will be purchasing your tires through the AIRSTREAM CLUB account and provide them the confidential account number found in your Member-Only Benefit link on the airstreamclub.org website. As you will be purchasing the tires directly from Michelin, through one of their over 5,000 Michelin Dealers, you will need to pre-register a credit card for the purchase. That can be done by contacting Michelin Customer Service at one of the phone numbers provided, prior to the purchase. You will be responsible for the Michelin dealer's normal charges for mounting, balancing and other services offered and provided but the discount tire pricing will be provided by and billed directly from Michelin.

The Airstream Club Michelin Advantage Program is another example of our efforts to make your Airstream Club membership more valuable. Taking advantage of these exclusive programs can save you many times the cost of your annual membership dues. These new discount pricing programs with Michelin Tire, Griot's Garage, Passport America, and Harvest Host join the Blue Beret, Courtesy Parking, Rallies and Caravans to make your ACI membership experience unique. Start the New Year off right and be sure to RENEW your Airstream Club membership TODAY!

Griot's Garage and the Airstream Club

By Rich Short, Region 2 President #1512

In the automobile enthusiast's world, from local car shows to high-end auto auctions, one name stands out among the rest. Known for their superior car care products and commitment to excellence, Griot's Garage is the name to remember. They know perfection! From its humble beginnings literally in Richard Griot's garage, the company has grown to be the one-stop shop for premier car care products. Already associated

with other enthusiast/owner groups such as the Porsche Club of America, BMW Car Club, and the Corvette Club to name a few, your Member Benefits Team is excited to announce a marketing partnership between Griot's Garage and the Airstream Club International to begin this January.

With this partnership, Griot's has announced that all Airstream Club members will receive a generous 15% discount on their product line of car care liquids. Additionally, Griot's will support our Club through advertising and with a presence at our International Rally.

Since 1990 Griot's has developed, manufactured, and bottled their liquid car care products in their own U.S. manufacturing and distribution center. This provides Griot's total quality control over the washes, polishes, and waxes they produce. A tour of their website griotsgarage.com will show how a love of cars has led to the creation of leading-edge car care products. From their beautifully photographed catalogs, to their product development labs and manufacturing operation in Indianapolis, to their Art Deco inspired headquarters in Tacoma, Washington you will get a clear picture of what makes Griot's Garage so special. As demonstrated on their website, Griot's Garage products are easy to use and they have a team of friendly, extensively trained customer service associates ready to help when you call or email with a question. There are also many free resources available on their website including videos, articles, tech sheets and more. All at your fingertips on griotsgarage.com!

According to their founder, Richard Griot, Griot's Garage was built on high expectations, which is why everything they sell is covered by a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee and Lifetime Guarantee against defect. They strive for perfection in everything they do so, as they say, you always..." Have fun in your garage! ®" Airstream Club members will be provided with a keycode to use at checkout when purchasing from the Griot's Garage online store. That keycode will be accessible in the Members Only section of our airstreamclub.org website. A link there will take you directly to Griot's Garage.

Please welcome Griot's into our Airstream Club family by visiting their website and supporting them with purchases from their entire line of car care products. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship. And if you find yourself in Tacoma, be sure to check their website calendar for car shows and enthusiast rallies scheduled to be held on the grounds of their beautiful headquarters.



2021 WATCHUNG AIRSTREAM CLUB OFFICERS

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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

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General Information: info@airstreamclub.org

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

2021 Watchung Airstream Club Schedule Luncheon & Rally Schedule

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 January Business Meeting, January 6 at 7:00pm. Hosted by Nancy & Ken Egan

<https://princeton.zoom.us/j/91677143169?pwd=cIJCYTVYazJTaGF1aTJEWGloSzUzZz09>

2021 February Virtual Meeting February 10, 2021 - 7:00 pm **Hosts Needed.**

<https://princeton.zoom.us/j/97112056228?pwd=YU5XaUZkYjBaeTk4RlJNYWtiTVI5dz09>

2021 March Virtual Meeting TBD. Hosted by Frank & Leslie DeHerde.

2021 April Unbutton Your Rig Rally, April 22 – 25, 2021 Camp Carr. Hosts Erika & Chris Beddiges and CoHosts John Kuster, George & Linda Kiesel. See coupon in newsletter for more information.

2021 May Rally TBD. **Hosts and CoHosts Needed.**

2021 June Region 2 Rally, June 10-13, 2021 York Expo Center, York, PA

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

2021 August Rally TBD. Hosts George & Linda Kiesel and CoHosts Erika & Chris Beddiges.

2021 September Rally TBD. **Hosts and CoHosts Needed.**

2021 October Rally TBD. **Hosts and CoHosts Needed.**

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

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



Join Us
April 22nd - 25th
for the annual
Unbutton Your Rig/Buddy Rally
at Camp Carr
along the beautiful Raritan River
in Annandale, NJ

Hosts: Chris & Erika Beddiges **Co-Hosts:** George & Linda Kiesel and John (Mopar) Kuster
(908)528-7656 (908)930-0550 (908)752-9100

NO FRILLS! - NO RALLY FEES!

BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY MORNING - COFFEE AND PRE-WRAPPED SNACKS

**** IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO CAMP - PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MEETING ****

EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 9:00am ***** BUSINESS MEETING AT 9:30am

CAMARADERIE - GAMES – CAMPFIRES

CHARITY RAFFLE FOR: JBL SOUL FOUNDATION

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NAME: _____ **BRN:** _____

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Nights of stay: TH ___ F ___ Sat ___ Sun ___ M ___ X \$42.00 PER NIGHT = _____

DEADLINE MARCH 1st 2021

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Forster Site 7	
Koczwara Site 8	
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Reagan Site 11	
Riley Site 12	
DeHerd Site 13	
Conroy Site 14	
Ratliff Site 15	
Kuser Site 16	
Beddies Site 17	
Kiesel Site 18	
Eldridge Site 19	
Kriz Site 20	
Sacks Site 21	
Plant Site 22	
Short Site 23	Tent Pad
Site 24	Open
Site 25	Tent Pad
Site 26	Tent Pad
Site 27	Tent Pad

PAVILION
And Bathhouse

Sports Field

Pool Parking

Pool

PAVILION

Yurt



Hunterdon
County YMCA
Camp Carr

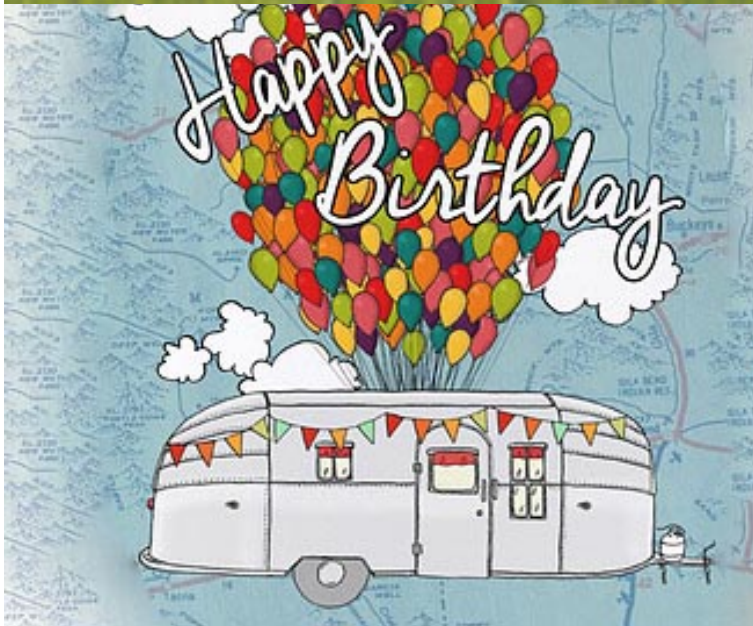


Campfire Circle

SUNSHINE

Everyone is healthy and no
sunshine cards were
sent in December.
Stay healthy everyone.

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



January 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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