

The Hillbilly



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President's Message

We are slowly, but surely, sliding out of winter and Marching into spring! I certainly hope we have seen the last snowfall of the year, as I am itching to see some grass again. I would also like to be able to walk the hiking paths of my local county park without wearing knee high waterproof boots and and a walking stick to negotiate the icy terrain. I am so over it!

This week Laura and I have an appointment for our first Covid vaccine, so that is one step forward in dealing with the pandemic. I feel positive that most of us will have access to getting a vaccine appointment in the next two months, just in time for our first rally!

Speaking of rallies, if you are planning on going to the International Rally in Lebanon, TN, you might consider going there in a caravan. There might be a Region 2 caravan if there is sufficient interest. To prepare for that possibility please communicate your interest to me and I will forward to the Region 2 officers.

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 second meal to go to a local person in need.

Mopar John's Camp Fire Pork Chops

By Angie Ratliff #5070



John made this recipe for Chris, Erika, Mark and I one weekend at Camp Carr. That weekend is one of my favorite memories. The pork chops are delicious. Give it a try the next time you have an open fire.

Ingredients

- 3 or 4 thick sliced pork chops (depending on what will fit in your Dutch Oven)
- 2 large onions, ¼ inch sliced
- 5 cups – prepared stuffing (make your own or use a stuffing mix)
- 2 cups - chicken broth
- 2 cups - sliced mushrooms
- 4 tbs - olive oil
- 2 tbs - seasoning salt
- 2 tbs - butter
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup (or 1 can cream of chicken soup)

Instructions

Melt butter in Dutch oven and sear pork chops on both sides then remove. Add olive oil, onions and mushrooms. Return pork chops on top of onions add chicken broth. Sprinkle with seasoning salt. Return lid to Dutch oven and add coals (approx. 12) to lid of Dutch Oven Cook chops until done (no longer pink). Remove chops once again and add cream of mushroom soup. Add more chicken broth if needed to maintain gravy thickness. Return chops to Dutch oven and cover with stuffing. Replace Dutch oven lid. Transfer most of the bottom coals to the top of the DO. Bake stuffing until done. Serve and enjoy!!!

Our April Unbutton Rally is full!

We have secured everyone's site at Camp Carr with our Watchung Group!

That's a fantastic start of a new year. **If for any reason you have to cancel, please contact me before hand as we may have others who will take your site.**

If you couldn't sign up or aren't up to camping yet, please come on Sunday April 25th at 9:30 a.m. for our Business Meeting. Show your support of our new Officers and be part of what's happening in your club!!! Coffee and a pre-wrapped snack will be at Site#17 before the meeting. Bring a chair, a mug, a smile and join us!!

Chris Beddiges, Past President, #1349



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



Region 2 News February 2021

By Rich Short, Region 2 President, #1512

Yes, unfortunately, we had to cancel our Region 2 Rally scheduled for June. With the Canada-US border still closed and many of our members residing in this hard-hit NE area, it was the wise thing to do.

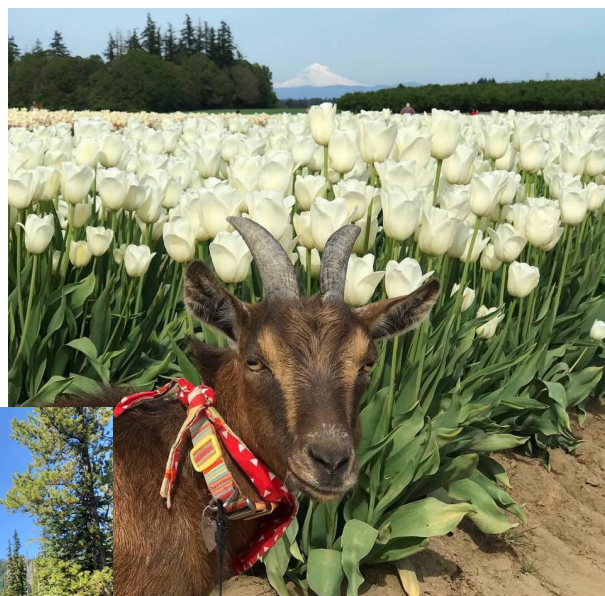
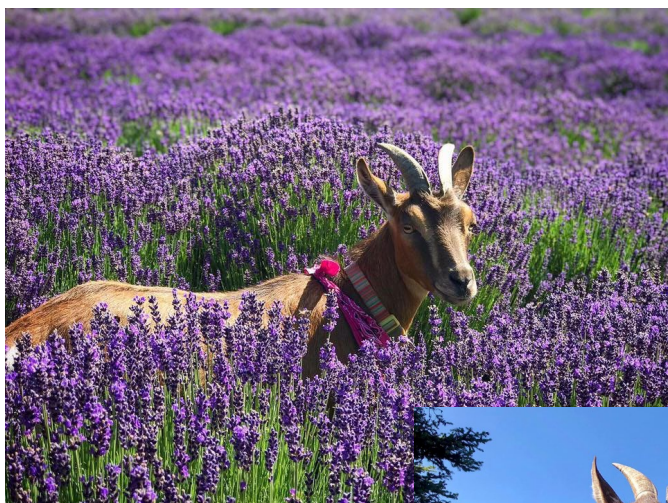
But all is not lost! It will still be a busy year for our Region, with many of our local clubs having smaller rallies already planned and on their schedules.

Registration for the 64th WBCCI International Rally to be held in Lebanon, TN July 17-24, 2021, is still open. Over 550 rigs are registered so far, with 66 from our Region 2. We are planning a Region 2 Luncheon for the International Rally and more info will be released as soon as possible. We have reserved a large room at the Rally site that will safely accommodate us with dispersed, socially distanced seating. The meal will be catered, offering individually boxed lunches that you can enjoy on site with friends or back at your trailer. We will alert you when we post more details and open registration.

The Mid-Winter IBT Meeting held in Sarasota, FL January 18th-22, 2021 was a great success. The meetings were a hybrid of virtual and in-person attendance and are a model for future meetings. Please read the latest Region 2 News posted nearby for more detail on the meetings.

Kathi joins me in sending best regards to all and we look forward to seeing many of our Region 2 members in Tennessee.

Rich Short #1512 President, Region 2



In Memoriam

John Robert Kuster, Jr.

December 10, 1967 - January 31, 2021

John Robert Kuster, Jr., age 53 years, of Bloomsbury, NJ, died suddenly on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at his home.



Born on December 10, 1967 at the Hunterdon Medical Center, Raritan Township, NJ, John was the son of the late Joyce Verity Kuster and John Robert Kuster, Sr. He was a lifelong area resident, growing up in Ringoes, NJ, and having moved to the Holland Township section of Bloomsbury three years ago.

Graduating in 1986 from Hunterdon Central Regional High School, Flemington, NJ, John would go on to attend and earn his Associates Degree in Horticulture from Mercer County Community College. He was currently serving as the manager of Agway, Raritan, NJ, where his knowledge and humor made him loved by both colleagues and customers alike.

With a love of the outdoors and nature since growing up on the family farm in Ringoes, NJ, John was an amazing gardener whose plant and flower gardens were always impeccable.

Since childhood, John also had a passion for camping, as a youngster it was in a tent where many happy memories were made with family and friends sitting around a campfire. As he aged, he still loved to camp, however, he preferred doing it in his Airstream of which he was most

proud. With a desire to see other parts of the country, he and his friends greatly enjoyed camping at national parks all throughout the continental United States. His favorite place though, by far, was Acadia National Park to which he made an annual trip during the second week of September each year.

John was also a car fanatic, with his 1969 green Dodge Charger holding a place of honor in his garage. His car, one of only a few from that year that had power windows and a sun roof, made it a rock star at many car shows over the years. John was a member of several MOPAR clubs, and greatly enjoyed traveling to and spending time at car shows and seeing his MOPAR friends all over the country.

Steam locomotives and model trains also were a favorite of John's. Growing up near the Black River & Western Railroad, John had a passion for trains and the rails, since he was a child, and helped to instill that love into his nieces and nephew.

Faith was important to John in the sense of he lived the values instilled in him by his parents. He was the first one willing to lend a helping hand to whomever needed one, and he lived by the Golden Rule, always doing unto others as he would have done unto him.

John was a friend to all, and though his passing leaves a void that can never be filled as his vibrant personality was one of a kind, he surely leaves a legacy of love for all to follow.

John is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Jason and Kelly Kuster; a brother, Jerome Kuster; his nieces and nephew, Kayla, Jacob, Abigail, and Alysa; his aunts and uncle, Katie Kuster, Joan Verity, Dick Smith, Charlotte Krietler, and Barbara Neff; his longtime friend, Renee Wooden; several extended family members; and many friends.

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<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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For Certificates of Insurance or 990N filing
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2021 Watchung Airstream Club 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 March Virtual Meeting March 10, 2021. Zoom Link:
<https://princeton.zoom.us/j/99400404167?pwd=b1lvOG9mSVJ2YlhGUGFwQ0NjcXJnQT09> Let's Play Countdown! Angie & Mark Ratliff will host the game.

2021 April Unbutton Your Rig Rally, April 22 – 25, 2021, Camp Carr. Hosts Erika & Chris Beddiges and CoHosts John Kuster, 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

Cards sent in February:

A Get Well card to Bill Walker who was in the hospital for tests, a Sympathy card to the family of John Kuster who passed away suddenly, and a Sympathy card to Laura Riley, whose father passed away.

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



March Anniversaries
Kim Sheppard & Steve Tancer



Bits & Pieces



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

March Birthdays!

Carolyn Hagman • Lea Plant
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