

The Hillbilly



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President's Message

The Magnificence of May

Well, well, well, we made it out of the chilly months and into my favorite month! It's time for bike rides, boardwalk strolls, eating al fresco, and tooling about the backroads of Jersey on my Vespa. There are celebrations for Mother's Day, my daughter's birthday, and my birthday...lots of cake!



Our club had a wonderful turnout for our first rally of the season last week in Annandale, NJ. Every site had a waterfront view of the river, and Chris and George built a super-duper campfire for all to gather around each night. Knit hats were worn (thanks to Barbara), s'mores were made (thanks to Angie), and stories were told 😊.

Next up is the International Rally in the Nashville area. I am excited to revisit Tennessee and get my country music on! Who is with me?!

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.

Beer Braised Chicken

This pulled chicken is great for a large group and so versatile! You can use this recipe for sandwiches, tacos, nachos or as a base for chicken chili!

Equipment

Dutch Oven (at least 4 Quarts)

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp. sauce from a can of chipotles in adobo. If you want to get crazy, add 1 tbsp mined chipotles from the can
- 1 tbsp. hot sauce (such as Cholula)
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 lb. boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 tbsp. canola oil, divided
- 1 (12-ounce) bottle dark Mexican beer (such as Modelo Negra)

Combine adobo sauce, hot sauce, garlic, mustard, chili powder, cumin, and 1 teaspoon each salt and pepper in a zip-top bag. Add chicken, seal bag, and turn to coat. Chill at least 4 hours or up to 12 hours.

Directions (serves 8-10)

1. Heat your Dutch oven over medium-high coals then add 1 tablespoon oil.
2. Cook chicken, in batches (adding more oil as needed), until brown, 3 to 4 minutes per side; remove batches to a plate.
3. Return all chicken to the Dutch oven and slowly add beer. Simmer until slightly reduced, 4 to 6 minutes.
4. Cover and bake until chicken is very tender, 40 to 45 minutes. Remove chicken and shred meat with two forks. Simmer cooking liquid over medium-high heat until slightly thickened, 4 to 6 minutes. Add chicken and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper.
5. Serve with Spicy Coleslaw, tortillas, sliced radishes, cilantro, pickled jalapeños, carrots, and lime wedges alongside.



Unbutton Your Rig, Camp Carr Style, April 2021

By Linda Kiesel



The Watchung Rally at Camp Carr April 23-25 was supposed to be hosted by the Beddiges' and co-hosted by John Kuster and the Kiesel's'. Sadly, John passed away suddenly in January, so the rally was in memoriam to John. John would have been happy to see the fellowship, friendship and fun that was shared by everybody in attendance. The rally started out cold on Thursday, (some of us had snow on our vehicles Thursday morning), but fortunately warmed up nicely by Saturday with sunny skies. Seventeen rigs were in attendance,

including one "Buddy", and a long- distance trip attendee from Texas, Linda Ward and Andy Dunkinson. Having this many trailers for the opening rally of the year was like the rallies of old. More than a year into the pandemic, everyone was in a good mood and eager to catch up, therefore happy hour lasted well longer than an hour, and there was quite a crowd at the nightly campfires. Happy hour was a bit different with no shared food, and no Watchung dinners together, but despite this, there was very little alone time. Valerie Nehlig joined us twice for happy hours, and Marian Wooding and David and Judy Cahall came for the General meeting. At the meeting, it was voted on to purchase new Past President flags with the new logo; and thanks to those who stepped up to volunteer, we have close to a complete rally schedule for 2022. At this time, the only other Watchung rally on the books for 2021 is the August rally, so if interested, try to plan something, others are anxious to get together to camp as well. It was nice to have children at the rally, since Jason and Flora Pomerleau attended with their three daughters, and Meg Riley's daughter and granddaughter visited, as did Harry Sack's son and granddaughter. People took advantage of the beautiful weather by taking walks, biking, looking for birds and watching the water. At Friday night's campfire, Barbara Taylor passed around a bag of hats she had knitted over the winter, encouraging all to take one. Thank you for your generosity and beautiful handiwork.



This year's charity is the JBJ Soul Kitchen,

and a whopping \$326.50 was raised this weekend. So nice to see how charitable everyone was this weekend. A couple stopped by to admire the Airstreams and express interest in purchasing one, and they even contributed to the charity. Some very nice raffle prizes were donated by several of our members, including a Dutch oven from Rich and Kathi Short, in memory of John Kuster. A huge thank you to Chris and Erika Beddiges for such a

nice weekend, and to everybody who attended, making it a Watchung success!

Linda Kiesel



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Welcome Paul and Laurie Braun
of Ocean City, NJ and their
2019 25ft Flying Cloud.

WGCCI Headquarters New email addresses!

Blue Beret: blueberet@airstreamclub.org

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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 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 Hosts and 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 this month were a Get Well card to Erika Beddiges who was sick, and a Get Well card to Angie Ratliff who had an eye injury.

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



May Anniversaries
George & Linda Kiesel



May Birthdays!

Joanne Forster
Judy Cahall
Meg Riley

Bits & Pieces



Did you know Watchung has a blog?

<https://watchungnj.airstreamclub.net/blog/>

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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