
DELMARVA BEACON

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Lum's Pond paddling at the May Rally

Member News:

Prayers and good thoughts are welcomed for the following,

◆ **Art Potter**, WBCCI# 07057, our immediate Past President, will be having heart surgery soon, and will be unable to attend the International Rally as originally planned.

Get well cards should be sent to: 336 Westbrook Circle NW, Cleveland, TN 37312; artnlizpotter@gmail.com

◆ **John Chromy**, WBCCI# 2001, member Glenn Michael writes:

"Millie Brown sent me an email asking for prayers for John. "He has been battling so many conditions and has been put under Palliative Care for the kidneys. Alternative is dialysis which the heart could not stand. She goes on to say, "So much more I could say, but won't. He just wants peace."

He and Millie were a fun couple. He always wore a bow tie at parties, if I remember correctly. Here are 2 videos from about 15 years ago that I created and placed on YouTube long ago when I was a club member. Lots of memories here from long time members."



President Katharine enjoying Lum's Pond.

President's Message

May has been a welcome chance to camp for many of our members. Andy and I attended both the rallies on our schedule at Cherrystone and Lum's Pond. Much fun meeting Airstreamers' and enjoying great weather each time.

Great news: Our updated logo and flag designs were approved by WBCCI!! See the final designs below.

This month, several of us embark on the Round Pennsylvania Caravan. Don't forget, there is also a Club Rally at Shad Landing planned for the end of the month of June.

Feel free to send pictures and information about the trips you are taking for posting in the next newsletter. Hope to see you soon on the road!

Katharine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU3-yLI6Lzo&t=173s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvGB3fj2PI0>

Personal notes should be sent to: 1122 Bardell Drive,
Wilmington, DE 19808

Getting to know you. . .

Member Profile: Charlie Michels & Nancy Eldridge (#1208)

I was born & lived in Rochester, NY until the age of 16, then our family moved to Wilmington, DE. I have lived west of Felton, DE since 1974, currently in a timber frame house I built in the mid 80's. I taught Industrial Arts, then Technology Education at WT Chipman Middle School in the Lake Forest School District for 32 years, then as Executive Director of the DE Professional Standards Board for 7 more years.

My 1968, 19' Globetrotter was purchased in early December, 2011, after a year plus of looking online and in every backyard I drove past. This is my first and last Airstream I intend to own! I have been camping with my family and scouts growing up, then with my family here, almost exclusively in tents..... and that got old after 50+ years! Upon generally gutting the Globetrotter and putting up a steel building to house it (and other stuff), I began the task of serious renovations. I kept the original layout, with the exception of eliminating the gaucho adjacent to the kitchen galley and replacing it with a dinette. All new appliances and fresh water PEX lines, but the original aluminum wiring was tricky to accommodate. A new rooftop AC unit and axle + tires were definite. My partner Nancy did a most excellent job upholstering new foam for the gaucho up front and dinette cushions, as well as new lined curtains. I have put 45,000+ miles on the beauty and it has rolled along beautifully throughout the American SW, The US and Canadian NW and Canada's Maritime Provinces, down to Key West and the Everglades, as well as numerous closer State Parks, etc. Favorite places? Everywhere I have been! I have attended National Rallies in Lewisburg, WV, Escanaba, MI (on my way to the NW) and Doswell, VA. Our only Airstream Club Caravan was the Cajun Country Caravan last March that was brought to an unseemly halt due to the onset of the Pandemic. Bummer for sure! When I was looking for a used Airstream, I was



Our draft directory member pages continue to grow in number.

About half our members are now depicted. I would be happy to include your picture(s) if you would send me your photo(s) depicting yourselves in front of your Airstream. Or separate pictures are fine, too.

Again, the purpose is to help us recognize and get to know each other; this is not intended for public distribution.



President.....Katharine Dowell
1st Vice President.....Andy Dowell
2nd Vice President..... vacant
Recording Secretary.....Donna Field
Treasurer.....Malcolm Comstock
Corresponding Secretary..... vacant
Membership Chair.....Andy Dowell
Webmaster.....Andy Dowell
Trustees.....Mike Field (1)
 Bob Pullman. Jr. (1)
 Chuck Helwig (2)
 Carolyn Spiezio (2)
Sunshine Chair.....Mary Ann Parks
Caravan Chair.....Malcolm Comstock
Newsletter Editor..... Katharine Dowell

Layout & DesignAshley Hitzig

directed to Frances & Boots Mason in Harrington who encouraged me to join the local and National Airstream Club: they were great resources, and I have been a member ever since. (I think Frances pulled some International strings and got me a nice low BRN!) Following are some International and Delmarva Beacon articles that provide more details

- ◆ January 2016, Beacon: my Globetrotter Renovations
- ◆ December 2017 and January 2018, Beacon: my NW adventure
- ◆ November 2018, WBCCI's Vintage Airstream Club's (VAC) newsletter: my NW adventure
- ◆ September 2019, Beacon: our International Rally in Doswell, VA
- ◆ September 2020, Beacon: our abbreviated Cajun Country Caravan
- ◆ October 2020, The Blue Beret: Our abbreviated Cajun Country Caravan



Charlie Michel & Nancy Eldridge



Cherrystone Camping May 3-7, 2021

The Dowells enjoyed camping with our neighbors at Cherrystone Camping Resort in Cape Charles, VA.

While there, we took advantage of the superb sunsets, fine kayaking among oysters and mussels, mini golf and relaxing.

One night, a front blew in bringing some wild overnight winds but also generating an unforgettable cloud filled sunset. We also saw a fairly rare 1950s vintage Airstream Caravanner camped there -- but never did manage to catch and meet the owners. We also toured Cape Charles, a cute little town with a gorgeous town beach and several interesting places to visit including a pier and boardwalk, restaurants, brewery, and cider. A trip to nearby Kiptopeke State park was a particular treat. We spent the day hiking and viewing the vast Bay and ocean vistas.

Cherrystone Pictures:



The Dowells' site at Cherrystone, and sunset on day 1.



Katharine & Andy Dowell



Andy leads on the Kiptopeke State Park walking trails.



Ready to paddle at Cherrystone!



The silver lining brought by a major front generating high winds one night, this was an exceptional campground sunset in front of our site.



The sculpture on the waterfront at Cape Charles, VA.



We've never kayaked anywhere that had water so clear & we can see living oysters!

New Flag & Logo Approved!

On May 20, WBCCI provided us notice the design chosen with the most votes at the Maintenance Rally was approved. We now have a new Club logo! Thanks, once again, to member Shannon Stevens for contributing the design work. We are looking into logistics for members wishing to easily order apparel, decals, etc. Stay tuned!!

LOGO -->



FLAG -->



Playing 18 holes at the campground in his Airstream attire.

A Message from Headquarters:

Lori Plummer at HQ is informing all of another SCAM making the rounds:

Membership Suspension Notice



ARNOLD LIN <arnoldlid60@gmail.com>
To

Retention Policy Junk Email (30 days)

i This item will expire in 29 days. To keep this item longer apply a different Retention Policy.
Links and other functionality have been disabled in this message. To turn on that functionality, move this message to the Inbox.
This message was marked as spam using a junk filter other than the Outlook Junk Email filter.
We converted this message into plain text format.

ATTENTION,

Membership Verification alerts - Your account recovery email is Out-Of Date and need to be email address and email password to validate account information.

You have 24 hours to complete these steps to avoid service suspension.

Thank you
Arnold Lin
Assistant of Administration



WBCCI 64th International Rally July 17-24, 2021

So far at least half a dozen Club Members have registered for the WBCCI International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee this year! If you plan on going but have not yet registered, register using this link:

<https://airstreamclub.org/node/45470>

Region 2 Luncheon



Information:

The Region 2 Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, July 21 @ 12 noon** at the International Rally. Mark your calendars. Registration online and menu options are available at:

<https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2021-regon-2-luncheon>

NEW Nominating Committee is forming for open officer and trustee positions:

Members are being sought to help develop a slate of new officers and trustees for election and the October 2021 Installation Rally. Our club charter allows for a committee of three and a list of duties for each Club Officer position is available. Sarah Cooksey has offered to chair the committee. Thank you Sarah!!

Please respond with your availability to assist Sarah at cooksey.sarah@gmail.com

Available Positions:

- ♦President
- ♦First Vice President
- ♦Second Vice President
- ♦Corresponding Secretary
- ♦Recording Secretary
- ♦Trustees, (end of one year terms)





Lum's Pond Rally May 14- 16, 2021

The Dowell's attended the Pond Rally hosted by the Central Penn, Keystone, and Penn-Lehigh Airstream Clubs. We were told there were about 19 units in attendance.

This was our first time camping there and it may now be our favorite Delaware State Park! Full hookups, spacious, and treed sites.

Highly recommend this rally which is likely to again fill up next year and you can already sign up for next May 13-15, 2022. Alternatively, it would be great for our Club to rally there anytime as well.

The weather was fantastic all weekend and attendees hiked the pond trail, biked the C&D canal trail, kayaked, relaxed, and socialized. There were campfires, happy hours, and even an Airstream themed float parade. We met many new folks -- and got reacquainted with several Airstreamers we'd encountered at other places, one of the fun things about our Club!

Several vintage rigs in attendance were particularly great to see.



Loved the airstream-shaped lights hanging on the awning!



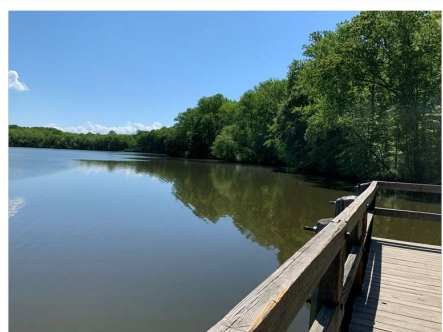
Great fun to see & tour this classic Land Yacht!



A gorgeous restored vintage Caravaner model at the campground; owner unknown.



Turtles everywhere on our paddle trip.

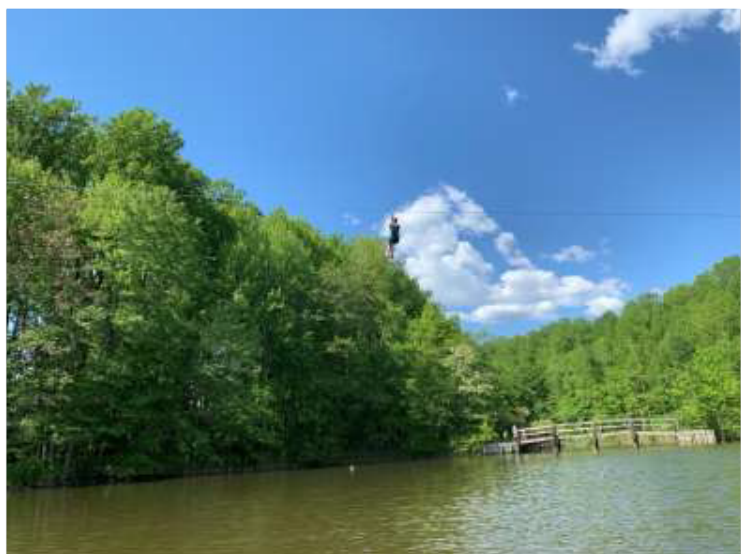


Lum's pond



Some pictures from our hiking and paddling adventures at Lum's Pond.





Zip-lining at the Park!



Andy, in red kayak, greets the group of Pennsylvania Airstreamers heading out for a group paddle.



Sites are spacious, shaded, and spread out.



Andy catches up with outgoing Region 2 President, Rich Short, at the campfire.

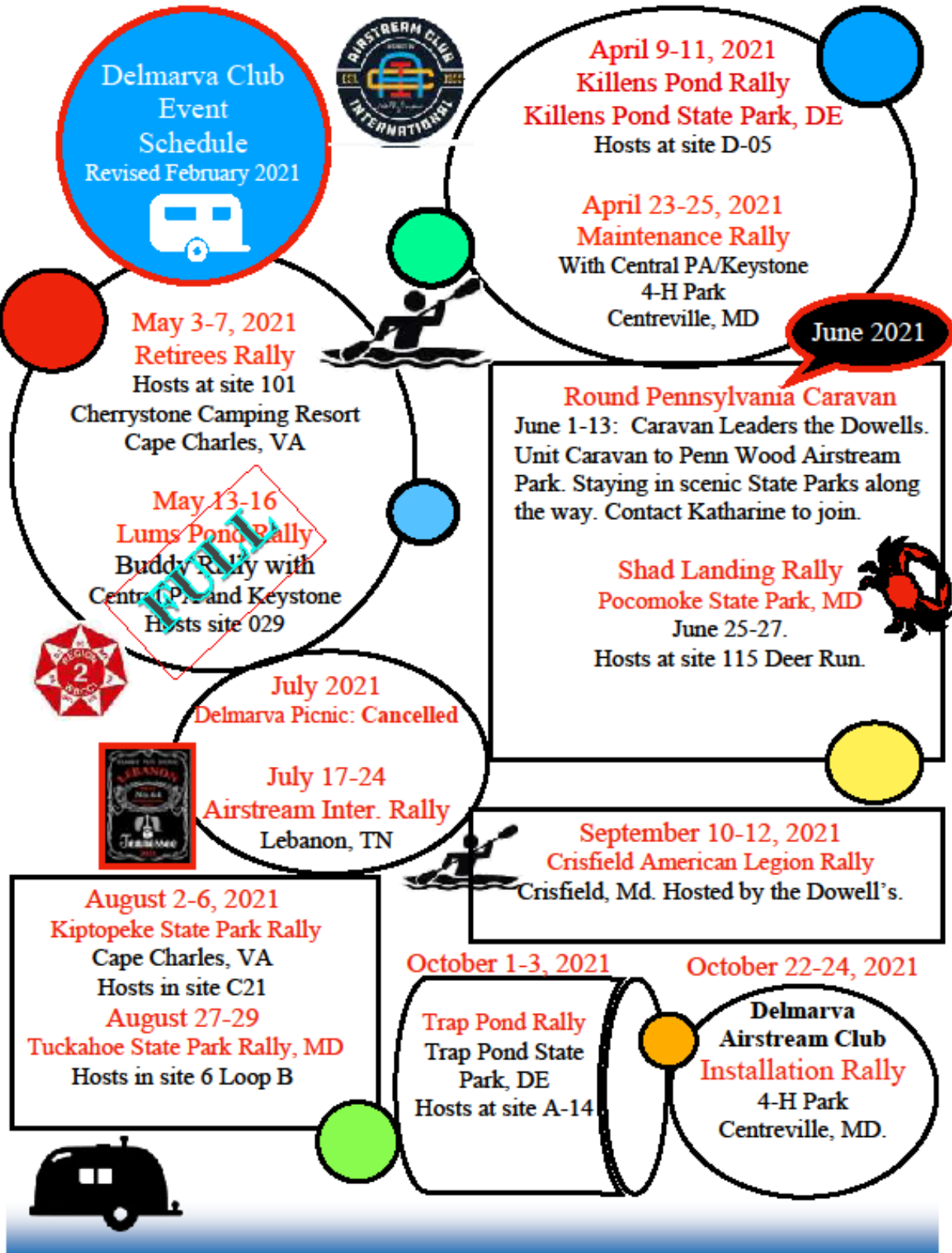


Campfire Social

Lum's Pond, Happy Hour Float Parade



2021 Season Club Calendar



**Other pictures thanks to
our president Katharine!**



Shad's Landing, Pocomoke State Park

Upcoming Delmarva Rally at Shad Landing Campground at Pocomoke State Park in MD, June 25 - 27, 2021

From the website: (<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/pocomokeriver.aspx>)

Tucked away on Maryland's lower eastern shore, Pocomoke River State Park is well known for cypress swamps that border the Pocomoke River. The river originates in the Great Cypress Swamp in Delaware and flows southwesterly 45 miles to the Chesapeake Bay. The park provides a base for a vast array of outdoor and tourist activities including fishing, biking, birding, boating, hiking and more. Amenities at the park include camping, mini cabins, boat launch, picnic areas, playgrounds, picnic shelters and a swimming pool. Both portions of the park are also centrally located within 18,000 acres of the Pocomoke State Forest and its vast trail system.

There are two distinct areas of Pocomoke River State Park: Shad Landing, on the south side of the river off Route 113, and Millburn Landing, on the north side of the Pocomoke River on Route 364. It is a 25-minute drive between the two areas of Pocomoke River State Park

Until next time! Have a great month!