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Dave Ziara (#8302)

Getting to know you. . .

Member Profile: Dave Ziara (#8302)

♦ **Where are you from originally? Where do you live now?**

Originally from SE Pennsylvania a long time ago. Grew-up in Hebron area. Currently live in Salisbury.

♦ **What kind of work do or did you do?** Am retired at length and do part time auto parts delivery for a local agency. Formerly owned a Baskin-Robbins ice cream franchise and a deli in Salisbury.

♦ **How long married (if not single)?** My wife passed three years ago, I am a solo camper.



President Katharine posing at Penn Wood.

President's Message

July and the Lebanon International Rally await! Andy and I will be first-timers at the gathering. We are taking the opportunity to travel ahead of the International and do some camping that will afford hiking plus family history travel in Northwestern Arkansas and into Missouri (where Katharine's ancestors once lived). We are excited we will get to add AR and then TN and MO to our U.S. Airstream travel map.

In June, the Dowells enjoyed both an 11-day Round Pennsylvania Caravan, plus weekend camping with Club members at Shad Landing in the Pocomoke State Park in Maryland

A couple of scheduled rally updates: Kiptopeke has four units planning to attend so far. Unfortunately we are not able to keep our reservation so if anyone wants to attend, let us know and we can transfer it to you. Another note: regarding our hoped-for September rally in Crisfield, our Club is on hold and awaiting information. At this time it seems the American Legion site is in the process of renovating their campground and awaiting permits. Club members are in touch with the Legion and hope to find out soon if we can plan on a repeat of last year's rally. Keep fingers crossed
Katharine

♦ **Is the Airstream your first RV? How many Airstreams have you owned?** This Airstream is my first. However, I have had a small motor home and progressively larger 5th wheels over time.

♦ **Have you been camping/RVing long?** Been camping forever and rv'ing for about 25 years.

♦ **What prompted the purchase of an Airstream as opposed to something else?** I wasn't looking for a camper after selling the last 5th wheel and Pat's passing; heard that a small one might be available when I visited the Trap Pond rally with Celeste and Roger. It was and I did!

♦ **Where have you traveled in your Airstream? Any favorite places?** Got out seven or eight times last season -- what with Covid-19, all on the peninsula.

♦ **Have you attended any major rallies, e.g., Regional, International? Any caravans?** No big rallies, yet.

♦ **What prompted you to get involved with Airstream Club? How long have you been a member?** I attended two or three rallies at Trap Pond in my pre-Airstream RVs and found everyone fun to be around and they welcomed us. So, why not join? Joined January 2020.





Our draft directory member pages continue to grow in numbers!!

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.



Club Officers

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 & Design Ashley Hitzig
Chris Clawson

Round Pennsylvania Rally, June 1-11:

Andy and Katharine Dowell, along with Rick and Debbie Schulenberg, travelled together for a fantastic Delmarva Club Pennsylvania caravan. We all enjoyed our time away from the shore being immersed among gorgeous mountains, forests and rivers. Hiking, biking, river kayaking, sightseeing were all most enjoyable. Interestingly, the cicadas from Brood X were only



Our Caravan! Flying Cloud followed by the Basecamp.

found in PA at our first stop at Caledonia and we happily left them behind on our remaining travels.

First stop: Caledonia State Park

Debbie and Rick took advantage of their early arrival time to hike up from the Park on the Appalachian Trail through rhododendrons and mountain laurel to the AT Shelter at Quarry Run. Next day, the Dowells followed suit on the AT for a lovely uphill hike through gorgeous forest and blooms while the Schulenbergs completed an all-day Gettysburg Battlefield Tour by bicycle.



New Flag & Logo Approved!

We now have a new and approved Club logo! Thanks once again, to member Shannon Stevens for contributing the design work. Members interested in ordering a flag or stickers can contact President Katharine Dowell for further information.



LOGO



Flag (with required WBCCI initials added)



Hiking along the Appalachian Trail in Caledonia State Park: mountain laurel in bloom and one of many cicadas!



Our sites at Caledonia State Park

Second stop: Obiopyle State Park

We arrived at the Park and set up before the weekend brought lots of camping neighbors. All four of us biked together on the Great Allegheny Passage Trail towards Confluence, PA. The trail along the river is lush with greenery and gorgeous river views and easily traversed. We completed about a 14 mile round trip -- unfortunately cut a bit short by Andy's bike developing a problem. The next day after having been shuttled upstream Debbie and Rick kayaked down the river. Andy and Katharine instead made a day trip to the Flight 93 National Memorial, a very moving experience, as well as a visit to Mount Davis.



Andy and Katharine enjoying the falls at Obiopyle State Park



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-region-2-luncheon>



Caravan all set up in Ohiopyle State Park.



Biking the GAP Trail from Ohiopyle towards Confluence.



Andy was able to add Pennsylvania to his goal of visiting all the highest points in each state. Here he contemplates the view from the fire tower at Pennsylvania's highest peak, Mount Davis.

Members Blaine and Betty Schwarz Travel Out West, (#4266):

May 30: We left this morning for our trip west. No Alaska, so we signed up for that in 2 years. This year we are sticking to the western states. First stop: we are just outside

Pittsburgh going to a winery for the night.

June 1:
Waking up in Indiana. This is why we love camping.



June 6:
Rally of our own!

We pulled into a winery in Dickerson, ND, and parked next to a couple from Long Island with Big Red Numbers!

Heading in 2 different directions tomorrow, but will stay in touch with them. At a stop in North Dakota we met a couple because we both spotted the Big Red Numbers. They are from Long Island and were on their way to the International Rally in July. We may plan to see them again at the Maine International Rally next year. Great to be Airstreamers.



At the Flight 93 National Memorial, the boulder in the distance marks the actual crash landing site.

Third Stop: Penn Wood Airstream Park



Schulenburgs had a lovely patio set up at Penn Wood



Dowells are set up in the guest field as night falls at Penn Wood



Pennsylvania Club President Mary Wilson and her husband Mark, the Schulenburgs and Dowells chat at Penn Wood happy hour.

June 8: Miles City, Montana.
Custom-painted Airstream.



June 22: Loving Oregon!

We were at Crater Lake National Park this afternoon, 24 days into our 60-day cross country trip to visit the National Parks in the Northwest. Now headed to Mt. Rainer NP in central Washington.

In southwestern Montana we extended our stay at a campground with coniferous forest mountains all around us. The owners asked us to be camp hosts. We were thinking about it, except for the 2500 miles each way from home.

Happy to send more pics. We camped under the Redwoods in northern California two nights ago. The Oregon Pacific Coast Scenic 101 is wonderful. Love all God's creations.



Debbie, Rick and Andy at the overlook at Cook State Forest on a day trip from Penn Wood.



Nothing like dipping your feet in the cold creek after a long hot hike!



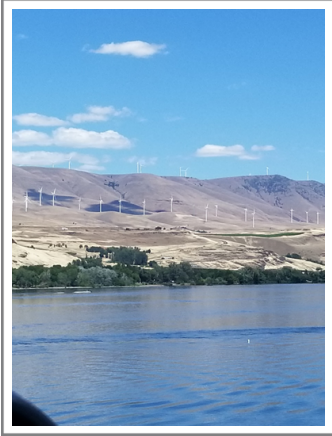
Our group taking a breather on the hike through the Forest Cathedral Natural Area.

Fourth Stop: Hills Creek State Park

We arrived at our last Pennsylvania stop near Wellsboro, a quaint little town. The location was our jumping off point to tour the 'Pennsylvania Grand Canyon', aka Pine Creek Gorge. We took advantage of the overlook in nearby Colton Point State Park with a view down to the Creek (really a small river) and the rail trail. Next day we four spent time on the water having been shuttled upstream to float down in kayaks. Last, we ended our rally with a final night before home at Lums Pond State Park in Delaware.

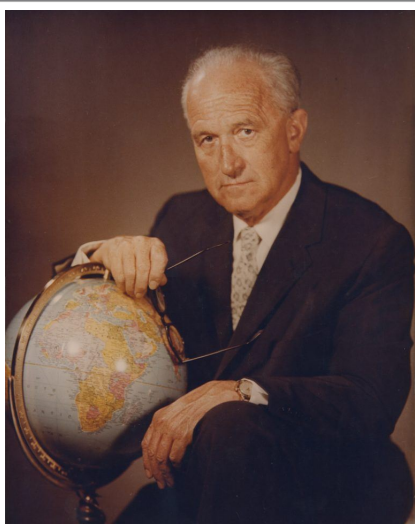
June 29, we are in Idaho, headed away from WA extreme heat. We stayed where you see the green alongside.

-Betty and Blaine Schwarz



Happy 125th Birthday Wally Byam!!

"In the heart of these words is an entire life's dream. To those of you who find in the promise of these words your promise, I bequeath this creed... my dream belongs to you."



Born July 4, 1896



Caravanners readying to paddle and float down Pine Creek.



Andy and Rick paddle amidst the stunning scenery and abundant wildlife on the Creek.



Andy at the overlook to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.

Shad Landing Rally, Pokomoke River June 26 - 28:



Shad Landing, Pocomoke State Park

Four units arrived at Shad Landing in Maryland: the Dowells, Cookseys, Dave Ziara, and the Hitzig/Clawson family. A beautiful large park with many campsites and a marina, this was the first



Wally Byam A

To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.

To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way of travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.

To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands... of rediscovering old places and new interests.

To open a whole world of new experiences... a new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions.

To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun and personal expressions.

To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow... over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts... to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.



Dave relaxes with a good book at his campsite.



Chris and Ashley demonstrate proper marshmallow roasting form.



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Mike and Andy check out the banks of the Pocomoke.



Wally Byam

To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.

To refine and perfect our product by continuous travel-testing over the highways and byways of the world.

To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end... and thus make your travel dreams come true.

— Wally Byam

Click the link below to view creed:

[Wally Byam Creed](#)



Wally Byam 2

A message from Region 2 President:

Hello, everyone! I'm writing this about two weeks before we leave for International. I'm looking forward to a great International, but I'm sorry our Canadian members won't be able to make it. We'll miss you!

I hope that the hot weather we're experiencing now is not a preview for Lebanon. A 30' trailer with one air conditioner is not a great setup in extreme heat, as we learned in Doswell. Therefore, I am predicting a well-timed Polar Vortex that will keep the highs in the 70s each day.

We have about 70 people signed up for the luncheon at International. If you are going to International and haven't signed up, please consider joining us; there's still time! We'll have food from a local restaurant, giveaways from places like Colonial Airstream, and we'll thank Rich and Kathi for their service to the region and the entire WBCCI. Erica and I are looking forward to meeting members from around the region.

After International ends, I want to start planning a Region 2 rally for next year. If you have a recommendation for a location, or if you want to volunteer to help with the planning, please let me know!

My goal is to visit each of the 15 local clubs at least once during my term. At the moment we've planned outings with Keystone, Penn-Lehigh, Central Penn, Delmarva, and Washington DC this fall or next spring. We'll get more on our schedule as rally plans are finalized.

I'm already looking forward to the 2022 International Rally in Maine. Erica and I briefly visited Maine for a wedding a few years ago, and we knew immediately we wanted to see more of that beautiful state. Signup begins during International this year.

—RJ Marquette (WBCCI #13270)

Hitzig / Clawson(#25098), Recent Camping Trips:

Maine, May 20-27



Our trip to Maine was amazing! We met some really nice people and I re-discovered my love of the north eastern shores of the United States.



We had to go to Silver Moose Restorations in Monmouth to see about getting our door lock repaired. These guys were knowledgeable and very good at what they do. We were fortunate enough to get there during their Grand Opening of their new maintenance facility!



A Message from WBCCI:

Information from WBCCI regarding memberships

Email received from WBCCI to Club Officers on June 11, 2021

HQ wants to make you aware of the following changes going into effect in the near future.

Membership Period - Anniversary Dates

Membership period is changing from a calendar year to an anniversary year. The anniversary year will be based on 12 months from the member's original join date. There is no change for current members. All current members will have the same anniversary date of January 1st. This means a current member's membership will run from January 1st to December 31st. The renewal process for members will start roughly 120 days before the expiration date. HQ (Headquarters) will send out notifications reminding members it is time to renew. Members **MUST** be logged into the member-only portal to renew online.

Starting July 1st, 2021, new members will be on a true anniversary schedule. If a member joins July 15th, 2021, their membership is active from July 15th, 2021, until July 14th, 2022. New members will be charged one year of International dues and one year of Local Club dues. The pro-rated dues system will end on June 30th, 2021. HQ will notify local clubs of new members as soon as they are processed as we currently do.

Affiliates

HQ will also be able to collect Affiliate dues for clubs. If your club would like **assistance collecting Affiliate dues for your club, the current President or 1st Vice President** needs to email membership@airstreamclub.org and tell us "Yes, we want HQ to assist with our Affiliates". In this email, include what the Affiliate dues are for your club. Email HQ by **August 1st, 2021**.

CPCs

New Airstream owner information, also known as CPCs, will no longer be shared with officers and membership chairs.

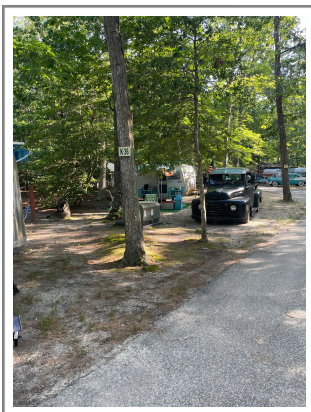
Hitzig / Clawson(#25098), Recent Camping Trips:

*Vintage Trailer Rally, Avalon
Campground, NJ, June 11-13:*



Avalon Campground was a spur of the moment decision, but man it was great!

All of the cool vintage airstreams and their vintage tow vehicles were such a sight to see!



The distribution of buyer's personal information is ending due to violations of privacy laws.

Founder's Award

Founder's Award program is ending as of July 1st. Founders recipients are listed on page 1 of the printed Membership Directory. The leadership team is working on developing a new program for member recruitment, retention, and acknowledgment.

Email Blast

An email blast will be going out to the general membership encouraging everyone to get logged into the Members-Only portion of the website. This will allow members to have access to member-only benefits and services.

Future Voting

Last year the International Board of Trustees voted to allow **each** member of the International Club to have a voice in the election of International Officers and amendments to its Constitution. This year, because of COVID-19, the Board decided to continue the delegate process. In the future, to vote electronically **each member** must have a valid email address on file with Headquarters. If you don't have an email address, it is simple to create a Gmail account with Google or with your Internet provider. Each member needs to have an individual email on file even if you share an email address with your partner.

HQ would appreciate it if you share this information with your members. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact HQ at 937-596-5211 or email info@airstreamclub.org.

Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you down the road!

The HQ Team www.airstreamclub.org

Hitzig / Clawson(#25098), Recent Camping Trips:

Indian River Inlet, June 28-30:

Indian River was another spontaneous idea that turned out to be well worth the effort!

The days were like 90-100 degrees out but the evenings were amazing with a beautiful breeze ! This will most certainly be a place we go back to when its a little cooler out!



OPEN Club positions for Officer and trustee positions:

In order to keep our Club Charter, officer and trustee positions must be filled each year. We recently had some position change over and looking to allow others new opportunities to enhance our club with new perspectives in the coming year!

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** - appoint all standing committees and enforce constitution and bylaws
- ♦ **First Vice President** - assist the president, attend all business meetings
- ♦ **Second Vice President** - assist the president and 1st VP, attend all business meetings
- ♦ **Corresponding Secretary** - prepare an agenda of pending business and coordinate with treasurer to maintain an accurate roster of paid-up members of club
- ♦ **Recording Secretary** - record and preserve the minutes of all official meetings
- ♦ **Trustees**, (end of one year terms) - attend all business meetings, additional duties may be to chair or be members of committees

Until next time! Have a great month!

Disclosure: All pictures requiring citation, have links in captions below.

