

Keystone Kourier

Keystone Unit #092
Region 2 - WBCCI



President's Message

As Things Open up, It's Time to Hit the Road

What a joyous time we had at **Jersey Shore Airstream Haven**. The weather was pleasant, a respite before the heat wave at the end of the month. The four families from our **Keystone Unit (Dietz, Quinn, Fitzgerald, and Harrington)**, welcomed our long-term friends, Debbie and Rick Exter. Deb and Rick are the culprits who got us into Airstreaming. An additional highlight was the visit of Andy and Rick Pitts. Our First Vice President, Kathleen Quinn created a fun and enjoyable rally that made for some long-lasting memories. During the day, each family pursued their interests which varied from hitting the beach, exploring Ocean City and Cape May, visiting the Lighthouse in Atlantic City, swimming in the pool, and visiting the nearby motorcycle racing venue.

Of course, we ate and did we eat! We had delicious steak and Flounder. Jody acquired the steak from Freed's Supermarket in Gilbertsville and Don purchased the Flounder at the Lobster House Market in Cape May. Adding to those entrees were several scrumptious side dishes and the wonderful dessert by Sue. The **JSH** allowed us to use their screened in dining hall which encouraged our social interchange.

A welcomed addition to our evening campfires has been our **Solo stoves**. Last year at our Rally at **Beacon Hill Campground** in Intercourse, Kathleen and Pat Quinn introduced us all to that fascinating device. Made of stainless steel and an ingenious air venting system, it captures the smoke and burns the wood down to a small leftover ash. We purchased one before our Rally at **Harper's Ferry** and now several other families have them. At **JSH** we had two stoves and we kept them busy as we gathered around the fire and told our favorite stories about our many trips. We figure now that 5 of our members own one.

At one of those campfires, we discussed the fact that only the Harringtons, their friends the Exters, and Alan Kenney were going to the International Rally and it would be great to have a gathering of those who are staying home. We also thought that this would be a terrific time to get to know our new members. So, if you follow our Facebook page, Kathleen has posted an announcement about the Keystone Airstream Unit's Picnic at Warwick County Park, 191 County Park Road, Pottstown PA. We've captured that info below. Please make an effort to make the picnic, especially those who are new with us. The response so far has been good. Either respond on our Facebook page or call Kathleen (610) 587-9005.

We have incurred a blip in our traveling plans as Phyllis' right shoulder has become so painful that she is having shoulder replacement surgery on **August 24th**. She is involved in rehab and also needing several visits to doctors as they prepare for the surgery. So, we will not be able to participate on **the England Caravan** or **the Pennsylvania Rally**. The next time we will be able to join everyone will be **the Installation Rally** at **the Chown's Farm** in Barto.

Right now, we are preparing for our trip to the International in **Lebanon, TN**. We wish you all the best. Keep us up to date on Facebook as to your individual travels.

Time to Travel!

Don H.



Upcoming Events

July 16-24

Airstream Club Int'l Rally

Lebanon, TN



July 25

Keystone 'Welcome' Picnic

Warwick County Park

191 County Park Road

Pottstown, PA

August 14-28

Unit Caravan to New
England

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Introducing

It's a pleasure to introduce the newest members to our unit:

Ron Miller & Wendy Ashby, #22506, from Zionsville with their 16' Bambi

WELCOME – We look forward to meeting you on great camping weekends, rallies and caravans!

Sunshine Report

Even with spring cleaning and polishing we've not heard of any sprains, breaks or serious backaches.

Let us know of illnesses, surgeries, friends needing a kind word - and better yet, recoveries.

Karen (kkushto@comcast.net or cell 215-266-2410)

Happy Birthday to:

July

Vaughn Brayton (12th)

Bud Vogt (28th)

August

Jody Dietz (5th)

Wayne Fitzgerald (8th)

Jeff Michael (27th)

Happy Anniversary to:

July

Joan & Don Weaver

Cindy & Wilson Yerk

August

Karen & Will Kushto

Caryle & Vaughn Brayton

We have, and like to celebrate many birthdates and anniversary months but if we've missed you please email Rick/Andy (r_pitts@verizon.net).

Keystone Bits

. In January the IBT approved changing the membership period from calendar year to an anniversary year basis, based on 12 months from the original join date. This will be implemented beginning July 1, 2021. All current members will have an anniversary date of January 1st. New members on/after July 1 will be on a true anniversary schedule (i.e. if a member joins July 17, 2021, their membership is active from July 17, 2021 through July 16, 2022). HQ will send out renewal notifications about 120 days before the expiration date. The pro-rated dues system for new members will end June 30, 2021. Members will be able to renew their WBCCI and club membership at the same time. Lifetime members will be included in the notification process and will need to renew through HQ at which time they will select and pay unit/club dues.

. We came across a cute article on newbie Airstream adventures in the June 2021 edition of *Car and Driver* magazine. Contributing editor John Pearley Huffman and his wife borrowed a 31' Classic and a GMC Sierra 1500 to travel west. [You'll find their adventure quite a story...](https://www.caranddriver.com/features/a36524475/spin-across-the-west-airstream-tow/) (https://www.caranddriver.com/features/a36524475/spin-across-the-west-airstream-tow/)

Jersey Shore Rally

Jody & Sue Dietz, Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald and granddaughter Andrea, Don & Phyllis Harrington and Pat & Kathleen Quinn headed down the shore for a relaxing early summer rally at Jersey Shore Haven Airstream Park, Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 18 – 20.

Rick & Andy Pitts joined Saturday for a great steak and stuffed flounder dinner (with great sides, salads and Sue's ice cream delight

for dessert). Weather was good, trolley ride delightful and fun times catching up after last year.



Can't Make the International in Lebanon???

For those of you not heading to Lebanon, TN, plan on attending the newly scheduled Keystone Welcome Picnic. Open to all Keystoners, their families and anyone considering joining Keystone, we've planned a picnic for Sunday, July 25th, at Warwick County Park. We have the pavilion beginning at noon so mark your calendars now.

The unit will provide the main dish, ice tea, lemonade and water, plates and utensils, so we just need you to bring a picnic side, salad or desert to share. Please email Kathleen (kathleen@kathleenquinn.net) so we have a rough count on attendees. But should plans change and you haven't RSVP'd do come anyway! The more the merrier. We hope you can join us. This will be a great time to welcome our new members and

have fun talking all things Airstream! Call Kathleen at (610) 587-9005 if you have questions.

Keystone KomedY Korner



RP: I didn't realize how bad I was at towing until my GPS said "In 400 feet make a slight right, stop, and let me out"

Oscar Wilde: The man who says his wife can't take a joke forgets that she took him.

Proofreader Please, actual signs or headlines seen out and about:

"Toilet out of order; please use floor below"

"Panda fails mating; veterinarian takes over"

Please send **your** best quips to Rick & Andy for a future issue of the Kourier.

Upcoming Keystone Fun

Unit 'Welcome' Picnic – July 25 - Picnic for those not attending the International rally in Tennessee. See note above and add to your schedule!

Unit Caravan to New England – August 14-28 - Detailed planning is underway for the Keystone Unit's New England Caravan. The caravan will head up the Hudson Valley, Hildene, Rinebeck aerodrome, maybe Vanderbilt mansion, Burlington Vermont, rock of ages granite quarry, Montpelier, Mt Washington then into Maine. Jody is booking the campgrounds and tours so **if you would like to join in on the fun please contact Jody directly as soon as possible.** Thank you and see you down the road.

Email: jdietz4361@gmail.com

Pennsylvania State Rally – September 10-12 – Centre County Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, PA. Sponsored this year by the Central Penn Club, there is a wide variety of activities for everyone: kayaking, hiking, biking, wildlife watching, local wine tasting, a visit to the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens, the Nittany Antique Machinery Assn. Show, the Swigart Museum, Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park and more! Register by August 3rd to secure your spot with water, electric (30-amp) and onsite dump station.

Down the Road

Will & Karen Kushto appear to be having a grand time leading the *Springtime in the Rockies* caravan. You can view more of the caravan's wonderful pictures on the *Springtime in the Rockies 2021* (public) Facebook page.



Pat & Kathleen Quinn headed to Lancaster County with their grandson. Staying at Flory's Campground they visited many of the Amish attractions in the area:



We Want YOU!



a note from incoming president Kathleen Quinn

Keystone Volunteers: we need you! As a unit, we survive solely on member involvement and volunteerism. We know this can be intimidating for new members. But jumping into the deep end of the pool can have its rewards. You get to know folks pretty quickly and gain so much from their friendships. As you can see from the newsletter, we have many opportunities available. Event coordinators and board positions will need to be filled. So, we are in need of folks to step forward and fill some positions.

Did you know that 2022 is the Keystone Unit's turn to host the Pennsylvania Rally? Yikes! As the incoming 2022 President, and a newbie I could use all the help I can get to pull this event together. Please consider stepping up to help with the planning. Let's make the Keystone Unit shine!

International Meeting Agenda

President Don Harrington will represent the unit at the upcoming International Meeting. Delegates will elect new International officers for 2021-22 and vote on three amendments to the Constitution.

The slate of International officers for 2021-22 is as follows:

President: **Tye Mott**

Recording Secretary: **Linda Shelton**

1st Vice President: **Eric McHenry**

Treasurer: **Trevor Lake**

2nd Vice President: **Per Hamnqvist**

3rd Vice President: **Karen Fisher**

See the April edition of the *Blue Beret* for the resume of each nominee.

Three Amendments to the International Constitution have been proposed. The structure of governing documents can be described in simple terms. The Constitution defines what WBCCI is. Its Bylaws define what WBCCI does. Its Policy states how WBCCI performs the actions defined in the Constitution or Bylaws. Basically, these amendments move articles from the Constitution to the Bylaws.

Amendment #1, if approved, will move the duties of the Officers and Nominating Committee to the Bylaws consistent with the structure stated above.

Amendment #2, if approved, will allow the International Club to take advantage of significant changes in its database and website technology, which tied to efficient Internet communication, will change the way we elect our International Officers. Amendment # 2 also places greater responsibility on the membership as they will now be directly electing officers.

Amendment #3, if approved, will simplify the current language for making amendments to the Constitution.

A more detailed explanation of the proposed amendments is provided in the May edition of the *Blue Beret*.

The International Constitution and Bylaws Committee strongly urge Delegate approval of these Constitutional Amendments and membership support for the Bylaws and Policy motions to come before the International Board of Trustees in Tennessee. The proposed Constitutional changes are designed to simplify the WBCCI Constitution and take advantage of the technological capabilities that have been developed by Headquarters using our new Club Database, Website and the Internet.

Keystone Unit members who would like further information on the amendments or have any concerns about the amendments or the proposed slate of officers should contact Unit President, Don Harrington right away.

2021 Activities Schedule

We are still looking for **coordinators** and more travel ideas, so please let us know your suggestions.

July 16-24 (Sat-Sat) – [Airstream Club International Rally](#), Lebanon, TN

July 25 (Sun), noon – Unit ‘Welcome’ Picnic – Warwick County Park, 191 County Park Road, Pottstown, PA
Kathleen Quinn coordinating, kathleen@kathleenquinn.net, (610) 587-9005

August 14-28 (Sat-Sat) – Unit Caravan to New England

Let's find out what makes them tawk so funny – Dietz's coordinating

Note from Jody: Hello All, if you would like to be part of this event let me know ASAP. At this time there are 2 positive and 1 probable from Keystone and 3 from other units on the waiting list.

Contact me via email, jdietz4361@gmail.com Thanks!!

September 10-12 – Pennsylvania Rally, Centre Hall, PA – Central Penn Hosting – **Keystone Coordinator?**

Flyer available on [Keystone Website Rally Page](#)

September 7-12 – invitation to join Alumapalooza 11, Jackson Center, OH

September 26 - October 3 – invitation to join 59th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek OH

September 29 – October 4 – invitation to join Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally, Jonesborough, TN

October 22-24 – Installation Rally – Linda & Chuck Chowns' Farm, 255 Kulps Road, Barto, PA 19504 – **Coordinator?**

November 5-7 – End of the Year Rally - Janes Island State Park – Crisfield, MD - **Coordinator?**

December TBD (Sat) – Holiday Luncheon, Plumsteadville Inn - **Coordinator?**



Crank Up Your Silver...



Andy and Rick Pitts
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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE UNIT?

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