

Keystone Kourier

Keystone Unit #092
Region 2 - WBCCI



President's Message

The Traveling Juices are flowing

Starting on Monday the daily high temperatures will hit the 70's and then run up to the 80's. That sounds like temps that get our travel itch in high gear.

We are fresh off a fantastic weekend at Lum's Pond State Park Campground for the **Eastern PA Airstream 'Opener' Rally**. We had rigs from several units from PA and even some rigs from NJ

and Delmarva. The weather couldn't have been better which encouraged several to go kayaking and others to hike and bike. For us the best part of the Rally were the campfires and the great conversations around them. One new couple was overwhelmed by the friendliness and fun that we had. Most of those from our unit who attended, have already reserved a campsite for next year's gathering. Don't miss this one again. It will be well worth your time investment.

Another side benefit to a Rally like that one is the contacts you make with handy people who can diagnose any problems you may have. We were having battery problems before the **'Opener' Rally** and Chris Boland came up with a solution for us. Today we pulled our trailer down to Chris' workplace and we are getting that problem fixed. The same thing can happen for you. At the **Maintenance Rally** several of us got some other issues solved. There are a variety of reasons why you should join your **Keystone PA Airstream family** for a Rally.

We are just at the beginning of our 2021 Camping Schedule. The next ones will be the **Summer at the Shore Rally** at Jersey Shore Haven and the **International Rally** in Lebanon, TN near Nashville. Our First Vice President Kathleen Quinn has a great Rally planned for us in June. So far the registration is low but we hope that several will come in before the Rally. I haven't heard from anyone wishing to caravan with us to Lebanon. But it isn't too late to email me so we can get some things lined up.

The biggest disappointment for us in regards to the summer's schedule is that we won't be able to go on Jody Dietz's **Unit Caravan to New England**. Phyllis has been ailing with extremely sore shoulder and her orthopedic doctor said that it is time for a shoulder replacement. The sad part is that it will take place in August making our participation in that caravan impossible.

Phyllis' and I urge you to read all the way through our monthly Kourier. The Pitts' do a fabulous job and it helps us to keep up with each other even if you can't make a Rally. Get out in the good weather so that we will be able to see you down the road!

Stay Safe and Healthy as You Travel!

Don H.



Upcoming Events

June 18-20

Summer at the Shore Rally

Jersey Shore Haven

Cape May Court House, NJ

July 16-24

Airstream Club Int'l Rally

Lebanon, TN



Be sure to check page 4 for a special celebration this month!

Stay Connected

Keystone on the web

<https://Airstreamclub.org/Keystone-Pennsylvania>



Follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KeystoneUnit/>

Airstream Club Int'l

<https://AirstreamClub.org/>

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Introducing

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

Robert & Kathleen Moore, #13103, from Jamison with their 25' Flying Cloud

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

Sunshine Report

We want to pass along the advice that long-term unit member and past president Dorothy Hautz passed away earlier this month. Dorothy was 96 and passed peacefully in her sleep.

Otherwise, nothing major to report. The worst seems to be Jody's van, now in repair after suffering front-end damage in a collision.

Some upcoming time-related, covid-delayed surgeries for Phyllis Harrington (shoulder), Jim Hicks (cataracts) and Barb Hillegass (cataracts) for which we send good thoughts for speedy recoveries.

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:

June

Barry Heckenswiler (14th)
Ted Newnam (15th)
Sharon Fitzgerald (25th)

July

Vaughn Brayton (12th)
Bud Vogt (28th)

Happy Anniversary to:

June

Arry & Howard Mergelkamp
Andy & Rick Pitts
Peg & George Spahn
Keystone Unit #092 !!!

July

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

- . **Chartered on June 27, 1964, the Keystone Unit celebrates its 57th anniversary this month!** The Keystone Unit was a break-off from the Pennsylvania Unit and became the 'parent' of both the Penn-Lehigh and Central Penn Units.
- . Planning your summer camping? Be sure to check what is happening with other units on the [WBCCI site](#). Book early as we are hearing that many campgrounds are filling up even during mid-week.
- . RV tires can get 30 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit above ambient temperature. Since the maximum rated temperature for most tires is 156 degrees Fahrenheit and if the tire temperature increases by 60 degrees, that means that on a 95-degree day, your tire could be at 155 degrees. That's pushing the limit, and since tires get hotter when they are underinflated, only a slightly underinflated tire could spell real trouble.

Spring Opener Rally

Don & Phyllis Harrington, Jim & Janice Hicks, Jerry & Barb Hillegass, Howard & Arry Mergelkamp and Rick & Andy Pitts joined 16 other rigs from Central Penn, Penn-Lehigh and other



clubs at Lums Pond State Park in Bear, DE for the annual Spring Opener Rally. Great weather this year for biking the campground and canal trails, and for kayaking on the lake. Wide open space for the first annual opener parade, and pleasant campfires to share stories and welcome new WBCCI members. The raffle of gift baskets provided by the clubs, and



generous contributions by individual members allowed us to surprise the rangers with a \$300 donation to the park for ongoing improvements, something they greatly appreciated. Next year's rally dates were set for May 13-15, 2022, and already most of the park is reserved!



Upcoming Keystone Fun

Summer at the Shore Rally - Get the summer started with a trip to the shore **June 18-20!** We have 12 Rally spots available with water and electric hook-ups at \$20/night. We have the Rally Field for Friday arrival and Sunday departure. Call Tina Davis at Jersey Shore Haven Airstream Park to book your spot. She can be reached at 570-852-1088 or tmdavis214@yahoo.com. If you wish to arrive early or stay later just let Tina know when you make your reservation. Activities and details are in the works, so we will keep you all posted. Oh...and let us know when you book your spot so we know who is joining us! (kathleenquinn56@icloud.com)

Unit Caravan to New England – August 14-28 - Detailed planning is underway for the Keystone Unit's New England Caravan. Sights on the list have been confirmed as being open with minimal restrictions. Most said by mid August they feel restrictions will be even more relaxed. Jody will have all the details shortly, and would like to book the campgrounds and tours before the end of June. **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.

Nifty Ninety



Not only is this the 90th birthday for Airstream, but our own **George Spahn** celebrated that milestone last month. The Kourier staff caught up with this gentle veteran, husband, father, grandfather and all-around great guy to share some of his Airstream experiences:

Q: When did you begin Airstreaming?

We bought our first Airstream in 1983. It was a 1969, 21' - single axle. After our first trip to Maine, we decided we should have a larger one with double axle. We embarked on a mission to find the right one for us. After 3 more, we finally bought a new 1990 29' Excella. Had it for 27 years and sold it to Jody and Sue Dietz, after deciding it was time to let someone else do the maintenance.



Q: Of your many great trips are there any that particularly stand out in memory?

We joined the Keystone club in 1990 after George retired. We enjoyed all the activities and caravans that we could. Our best caravans were the International 1994 "Landmarks - South" and our trip to Alaska with two other Keystoners - Wilson and Cindy Yerk, and Bettie and Clete Landis. We made another trip to Alaska with Barry and Lesley Heckenswiler (to a different area)

Q: George, you served in every unit position except the presidency. What would you share with current members on keeping the unit active and viable?

I would like to share with the newcomers, how much we enjoyed working on local, Region and International rallies, as you get to meet lots of interesting people and meet them again at recurring rallies. And serving in different capacities, you get to know how it all works - with volunteers, giving of themselves and their time.

Peg also served as secretary for several presidents, and Sunshine reporter.

When Cindi Yerk was President, she asked me to lead a caravan, which we did and it was one of the most satisfying and fun things that I did for the club. So much so that I went on to lead several more.



When several members of the DelMarVa Unit joined us on the first and some of the succeeding caravans we became associate members of that unit, meeting more interesting people.

The one sad note to this is that most of our traveling companions and club members who were in the unit when we joined are no longer with us.

Thank you George (and Peg) for many shiny years.

Keystone Comedy Korner



RP: Do you know why our Airstreams are so obedient? Because they go where they are towed to...

Overheard at a rally: I run like the winded...

AP: Getting older is just one body part after another saying, 'Ha Ha, You think that's bad? Watch this!'

Okay, if a 2-way radio is a walkie talkie, is an old postage stamp a lickie sticky?

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

Down the Road

Katherine Schneider continues to enjoy traveling along the Blue Ridge Parkway, including a stop on top of the mountain at Mama Gerties in Asheville, NC.



Will & Karen Kushto began heading west to Colorado

to lead the *Springtime in the Rockies* caravan. Traveling across this beautiful country usually brings some weather-related challenges that may pause your trip a bit before arrival. You can view the caravan's pictures on the *Springtime in the Rockies 2021* Facebook page.



Rick & Andy Pitts headed to the Indy 500 taking a southwestern route through Kentucky. First stopover was at

Kentuck Campground in Ohiopele State Park before settling in at the Kentucky Horse Park campground in Lexington, KY for a few fun days of historic houses and viewing equestrian activities. Travels then led down to a neat Army Corps campground – Bailey's Point – in the Barren River Recreation Area near Bowling Green. The campground loops are a tad rugged, but nearly every site is on, or has a great view of the large man-made lake. The final stop before Indianapolis was at Hillman Ferry campground, a very nice, full hook-up site in Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Not far from Paducah, Andy was able to visit the National Quilting Museum, partially assuaging Rick's trip to the motor speedway...



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.

As amendment #2 is the more substantive of the amendments, more information is provided here:

The proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 deletes Article VII, Sec. 2, Officers and Their Election, and Article XII, Delegates Meeting from the Constitution and replaces both with new language to reflect electronic or mail ballot use for the election of the International Officers. It also establishes a new type of Delegates Meeting, a Constitutional Delegates Meeting, which would only be used at the International Rally if the membership is to consider an amendment to the Constitution. So, in those years where no Constitutional amendments are proposed there would be no Delegates Meeting adding additional time at the International Rally for other activities for the membership.

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, or 1st Vice President, Kathleen Quinn before the end of June.

2021 Activities Schedule

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

June 18-20 (Fri-Sun) - Summer at the Shore Rally

[Jersey Shore Haven](#), 728 Dennisville Road, Cape May Court House, NJ - Kathleen Quinn coordinating

July 14-16 – Unit Caravan to the International Rally – Don Harrington to coordinate

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

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...



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