



The Caravanner

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MAAC President's Message



The summer is here and, so far, it has been pretty nice. I hope you had a chance to get out with your Airstream and enjoy the good weather and the great outdoors!

I must apologize if you tried to join our virtual meeting on June 27 but failed to be admitted. Due to a technical glitch we were unable to hold the meeting. I need to make some adjustments or develop a backup plan to make sure the meetings can proceed as planned. So, I will try to make up for the missed information by including it in this month's newsletter.

First and foremost, we have received approvals from Airstream Club International (ACI) for our new logo and flag. I sent the proposed flag graphic to our members via email on May 29, 2021 (the logo graphic was approved by our members in October, 2020) and asked everyone to vote on it. We received 15 votes for approval and no disapprovals. Based on that positive result, I asked our Region 2 President, Richard Short, to make a motion to ACI Headquarters that our logo and flag be officially approved. Mr. Short made that motion on June 2 and in an email dated June 8 from Lori Plummer, Corporate Manager, ACI, she advised me that both the logo and flag were officially approved! I thank all the folks who voted and I especially thank Flora Barrett who developed the graphics for both the logo and flag.

Our Autumn Rally is still on for October 8-10, 2021 at Little Bennet Regional Park in Clarksburg, MD. There are still four campsites available. I hope our members will take advantage of this opportunity and reserve the remaining four spots. Since the price for a campsite is relatively high, there will be no rally fee. By the way, the price for Montgomery County, MD residents is \$55 per night and \$66 per night for all non-county residents. Pets are welcomed as are well behaved kids! I will provide more information as we get closer to rally time. More information is available at: [Little Bennett Campground - Montgomery Parks](#). If you make a reservation, please drop me a quick email so I have an idea of how many members will attend. Email me at berkendorff48@gmail.com.

As I mentioned in last month's President's Message, we have made plans for a June 10-12, 2022, rally at Shawnee State Park near Bedford, PA. We have also made arrangements for a rental hall, a square dancer caller, and a caterer for a barbecue dinner on the night of Saturday, June 11. We hope to have a good turnout and I invited some of the PA airstream clubs to join us. I think it will be a good way to start the 2022 camping season.



Shawnee State Park is between US Routes 30 and 31 about 10 miles west of Bedford, PA. The actual address is Schellsburg, PA. It is located at the foot of the Allegheny Mountains, it has a swimming and boating lake, playgrounds for kids, hiking trails, and several hundred camping spaces that are well wooded and far apart. The basic price is \$27.00 per night but that fee can go up for weekends, out-of-staters, and what amenities are at the site you choose. There are also discounts for seniors and the disabled. Shawnee fills up quickly so you need to make reservations well in advance. You can begin making reservations 11 months before the rally. So, please make your reservations starting July 12, 2021. The website for Shawnee reservations is here: [Campgrounds and Camping Reservations - Pennsylvania State Parks \(reserveamerica.com\)](https://www.reserveamerica.com/campgrounds/PA/shawnee-state-park)

I am toying with the idea of asking some of our members to participate in a Zoom meeting to plan other rallies in 2022. I know that many of you have some favorite camping spots and I'd like your input on our future activities. So don't be surprised if I email you and ask you to share your thoughts.

I will soon be asking our members for officer nominations. We hold our elections in October so I will get an email to all our members later in July asking for folks to nominate members for various club positions or volunteer for an office. I expect to be inundated with nominations/volunteers!

Finally, I want to mention that, so far this year, we had 13 new members join us. We are way ahead of the other Region 2 clubs in accepting new members. I am also pleased that many new members are younger and have kids. Ingrid and I love kids and the excitement they bring to us moldy, oldies. Let's hope we have many more families joining us this summer.

Wayne Berkebile, President , WBAC 3828

Our new flag





July Virtual Meeting

Sunday, July 18, at 4:00 PM

via our WEBEX page

click on box

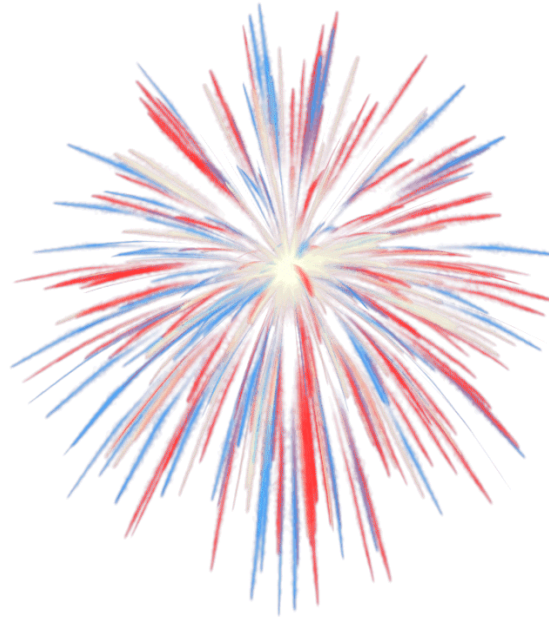


The June meeting was the victim of technical difficulties. Let's try for July!

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

- 2 Joseph Vandeuken
- 9 **Penelope Jacobs**
- 9 Pete Baker
- 14 Jessica Dembowski
- 18 Ingrid Berkebile
- 21 Shirley Stubbs
- 27 Marianne Goller





Member News

Thanks for the following article to MAAC member Christina Torcaso, who is also the creative force behind **Benander** (www.benander.net), her site for Airstream accessories.

Windshear Receives a Face Lift

Over the past three years, we upgraded the function and style of our Airstream, whom we have affectionally named Windshear, after a silver dragon in the movie, "How To Train Your Dragon." The progress has been a labor of love, time, and patience.

My husband, Joe, and I purchased a used 2007 Safari Special Edition 25 FB, 75th anniversary addition. The



first item on the list to upgrade was the lounge area cushions for style and comfort. The original cushions were fabric so we upgraded to Ultraleather cushions to reduce allergens and for ease of cleaning for our 130-pound Newfoundland dog. I contacted Airstream customer service who stated the cushion size was the same as the newer models. This was an easy win so we were able to purchase new cushions.



The second upgrade we did at the same time were new beds. Although the original floor plan had twin beds, the previous owners removed the night stand and installed plywood across the twin bed platforms to make a king bed. The original cabinets under the twin beds were not removed. We removed the king bed platform and converted the beds back to twin beds.





I made decorative pillows which came in handy against the cold aluminum skin. We tuck them along the twin beds and lounge area. No more cold skin during the night! I also made window sashes for the curtains and added a backing on the curtains to keep the trailer cooler or warmer, depending on the season. I also designed kitchen towels, a clock, garden flag, and picnic table blanket for our enjoyment. These little touches added a sense of personalization in our home on wheels.

We upgraded the furnace and water heater doors and exhaust fan to the stainless-steel options. We also had a lower custom screen door guard made that I helped design.

Although Windshear is a 75th anniversary edition, she did not have the 75th anniversary emblem. Hunting down the emblem proved difficult. Airstream no longer carried them. I contacted numerous dealerships across the country and finally found one.



The next projects were for function, which Joe methodically tackled. The first projects were "relatively minor". Joe upgraded the tires and wheels to 16" Michelin LTX Defenders, upgraded the electrical plugs to the Smart Plugs, added Dometic Ultra Breeze fan covers on the roof, upgraded the original skylight to the Maxim skylight, upgraded the toilet to the Dometic 310, added a Progressive Industries hard wired EMS, and added a WeBoost. He changed all lightening to LED bulbs. Joe then hard wired four fans, one at each bed, and two at the dinette to keep the trailer cool. The kids don't complain that it's hot! Joe also installed a new Dometic Penguin II AC/Heat pump and a Micro Air Easy Start.



The next functional projects were major that required time and patience, especially since we work full-time. This is where the patience came in because Joe again did all the heavy lifting. He installed new axles with minor help from myself and our teenage kids. He designed and installed a solar system and upgraded the electrical wiring to accommodate the solar system. He installed four 100 watt Zamp Obsidian Solar Panels, four Battle Born Lithium Batteries, a Magnum 3000 watt inverter, and a Red Arc Battery Management system. The upgrades have been amazing to allow us to boondock more comfortably.



After living with the new Ultraleather cushions with the original dinette table, we decided to create a U-shape dinette seating area. Joe made a bench area that spanned the "wall" under the panoramic windows. I tracked down the Ultra leather cushion color as Airstream has it coded differently and bought several yards. We found a local tailor/upholster who made us custom cushions for the back "wall" and seat. Joe installed a telescoping pedestal table.



The latest project that we are most proud of is new countertops and a night stand because the wood was harvested from our property.



Several 100 ft tall oak and hickory trees were struck by lightning and needed to be removed. We arranged with a tree company to saw the trees to 8 ft lengths and a local sawyer milled and kiln dried the wood. One of Joe's friends makes furniture as a hobby. He made us the new kitchen and bathroom counters, a night stand (since we didn't have one), and a new kitchen table. The kitchen table is hinged and folds over so we can minimize the table as needed. The table, night stand, and counters are true craftsmanship and works of art.








Region 2 Activities

Activity Dates:	July 18 at 4:00 p.m.	
Activity Location:	Virtual (click the logo)	
Type or Theme of Event:	MAAC July Virtual Meeting Directions how to join meeting	
Activity Dates:	July 17 – 24, 2021	
Activity Location:	Lebanon, TN	
Type or Theme of Event:	64th International Rally	
Activity Dates:	August 5 - 8	
Activity Location:	Jersey Shore Haven Airstream Park, Cape May, NJ	
Type or Theme of Event:	Penn-Lehigh Rally	
Person to Contact:	Cindy Collister	
Email:	cmcmupa@comcast.net	
Activity Dates:	August 13 – 15	
Activity Location:	Hickories Park, Owego, NY, 13827	
Type or Theme of Event:	Hickories Park Rally in Owego	
Person to Contact:	John and Nancy Hussar	
Email:	hushearts@greygoosegraphics.com	
Activity Dates:	August 14 - 28	
Activity Location:	Two Week trip through scenic New England	
Type or Theme of Event:	Keystone PA New England Caravan	
Person to Contact:	Jody Dietz	
Email:	jdietz4361@gmail.com	
Activity Dates:	August 20 - 22	
Activity Location:	Laurel Hill State Park, Somerset, PA, 15501	
Type or Theme of Event:	Al-Mon-O Bluegrass Rally	
Person to Contact:	Julie & Craig Jansen,	
Email:	jucrjansen@comcast.net	
Activity Dates:	August 31 – October 2	
Activity Location:	Canadian Maritimes	
Type or Theme of Event:	A Region 2 Caravan: 32 Days	
Person to Contact:	Kerry Mattila #5417, Region 2 Caravan Leader	
Email:	124caravan@airstreamclub.net	

Region 2 Activities, continued

Activity Dates:	September 7 - 12
Activity Location:	Jackson Center, OH
Type or Theme of Event:	<u>Alumapalooza 11</u>
Activity Dates:	September 10 - 12
Activity Location:	Centre County Grange Fairgrounds, Center Hall, PA
Type or Theme of Event:	<u>Pennsylvania State Rally 2021</u>
Email:	<u>centralpenn164@gmail.com</u>
Activity Dates:	September 10 - 12
Activity Location:	Centre Hall, PA, 16828-0271
Type or Theme of Event:	<u>Exploring State Parks at the PA Rally</u>
Person to Contact:	Roxanne Bare
Email:	<u>centralpenn164@gmail.com</u>
Activity Dates:	September 16 - 19
Activity Location:	Lakeside State Park, Waterport, NY, 14571
Type or Theme of Event:	<u>New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club Fall Finale</u>
Person to Contact:	Randy Hill
Email:	<u>002president@wbcci.net</u>
Activity Dates:	September 26 – October 3
Activity Location:	Sugarcreek, OH
Type or Theme of Event:	<u>Annual Swiss Festival National Rally</u>
Activity Dates:	September 29 – October 4
Activity Location:	Jonesborough, TN
Type or Theme of Event:	<u>Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally</u>
Activity Dates:	October 1 - 3
Activity Location:	Schodack Landing, NY
Type or Theme of Event:	Chili Cook-Off
Activity Dates:	October 22 - 24
Activity Location:	Linda and Chuck Chown's Farm, Barto, PA, 19504
Type or Theme of Event:	<u>Keystone PA Installation Rally</u>

Region 2 Activities, continued

Activity Dates:	October 10 - 12
Activity Location:	<u>Little Bennett Campground - Montgomery Parks</u>
Type or Theme of Event:	Autumn Rally
Person to Contact:	Wayne Berkebile 
Email:	<u>berkendorff48@gmail.com</u>
Phone:	(301) 253-4288
Activity Dates:	Nov. 5 - 7
Activity Location:	James Island State Park, Crisfield, MD
Type or Theme of Event:	<u>Keystone PA End of Year Rally</u>
Activity Dates:	June 10-12, 2022
Activity Location:	Shawnee State Park near Bedford, PA
Type or Theme of Event:	"Hoedown" Rally 
Person to Contact:	Wayne Berkebile
Email:	<u>berkendorff48@gmail.com</u>
<p>For a map of all Region 2 activities, click <u>here</u> </p> <p>Please check online for a comprehensive listing.</p>	



NEW MAAC MEMBERS: 

OUR UNIT WILL COVER ALL YOUR **FIRST MAAC** RALLY FEES!

DON'T WAIT, COME JOIN US IN THE AIRSTREAM FUN

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64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB
 ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
 ★ July 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN ★

REGISTRATION

RALLY FEES – \$265 for an RV On-Site with 30 amp electric, water, and pump-outs; \$125 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you provide your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation during registration.

REGISTRATIONS – Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., members registered before the start of the Rally are entered into a prize drawing. Gift certificates for parts and service will be drawn with a total of \$2,000 in prizes to be given away. Registrants must be present at the Airstream presentation to win.

STAGING AREA – In an attempt to keep the rigs moving, you will receive a rally arrival date in the Spring of 2021. If you can't make it on that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests received by May 22, 2021, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after May 23, 2021, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after July 3, 2021. *If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.*

RALLY PARKING DATES – General parking is tentatively scheduled to begin around July 14th. Parking dates will be sent via email in Spring 2021. Caravans of 5 or more need to contact HQ at rally@airstreamclub.org for available arrival dates.

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to airstreamclub.org/Lebanon, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form, make a check payable to WBCCI, in **US Funds Only** and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.

 64th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY
 JULY 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN

BIG RED NUMBER: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Email: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Phone (C): _____ Phone (H): _____

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Parking Options	Yes
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$	Vintage	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$125.00	\$	First Time Attendee	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$	ADA Accessible	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$-20.00		Generator	
		GRAND TOTAL:		\$	Solar	

Registration Date: _____ Rec'd By: _____ Registration Source: Mail Online Rally

Payment Type: Cash Check Credit Card Amt Paid: \$ _____ Check #: _____

REGION 2 LUNCH

WHEN

July 21, 2021
12pm – 1:30pm

WHERE

East/West Building

64th WBCCI International Rally, Lebanon, TN

FEATURING a Hot or Cold **Box Lunch** Menu...Your Choice Of:
Veggie Lasagna, Veggie Hoagie, Marinated Chicken Breast or
Salad with Grilled Chicken. See Registration Form for full
description of each menu choice, including sides. Napkins,
utensils, and bottled water are included.

SIGNUP HERE NOW!! OR GO TO
REGION2.AIRSTREAMCLUB.NET AND
CLICK ON “REGION 2 LUNCHEON” TO SIGN
UP ONLINE WITH PAYPAL

**SAVE THE
DATE NOW**

TICKETS

\$10-13 per person

**SIGN UP HERE
NOW!!**

YOUR HOSTS

Region 2 Officers:
Rich & Kathi Short
RJ & Erica Marquette
Gary & Suzanne Russo

COME ON OUT

Meet and Greet your
fellow Region 2
members. Safely Dine-
In or Take-Out

DOOR PRIZES...

Fun...
Friendship...
Adventure...

REGION 2
Airstream Club, Int'l.

Pennsylvania State Rally 2021

Hosted by:



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: _____

E-Mail: _____ Volunteer? _____ (Yes)

WBCCI#: _____ Unit/Club: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Camping per night (Water/30amp/dump) \$40 a 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