

The Delmarva Beacon

WBCCI

Region 2 Unit #026

September 2019

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President William Turner

Photo by Mike Field

September is here. I HOPE it is going to COOL off some and give our air conditioners a break! As you are reading this some of our members are at a Rally at Shad Landing State Park, and others are out west and up north on Caravans. I HOPE EVERYBODY is enjoying their travels.

I was going to go to the Sansom Rally, but started to fix a few things on my trailer plus I volunteered to watch Henry for Liz and Art, and I am also watching my son's animals so they can go away. My son has 2 dogs, 2 horses, 1 cat and about 20 chickens. This is going to be an adventure.

We have four new members I would like to welcome them to Unit 26.

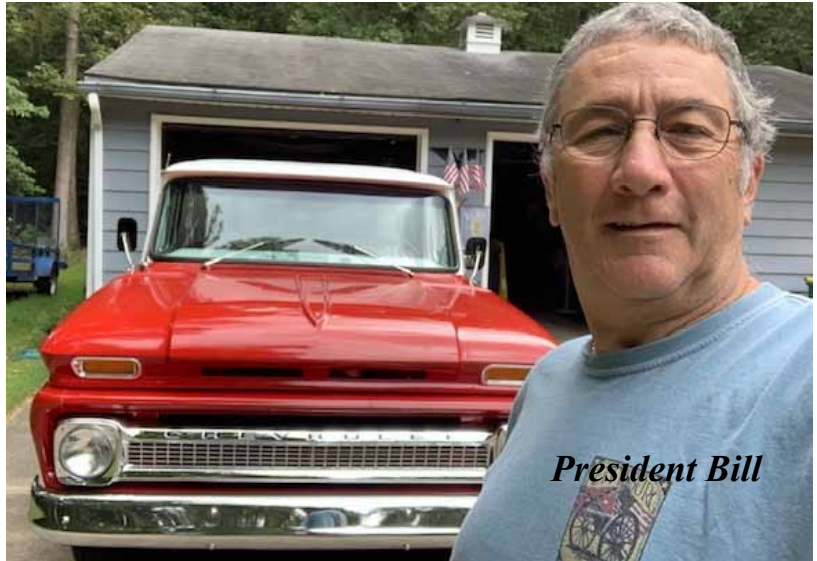
If anybody has any news or pictures of their travels, please let Glenn know.

I HOPE all is well with everybody?

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I hope everybody has a good September. Safe travel to all and be safe.



President Bill with his 'new' '65 Chevy PU with a 6 cylinder and "three on the tree."

Editor's Notes -

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September comes up, and once again we wonder where the year goes. Though the Rally for this month is just too late to cover in this issue, there is still lots happening in the Delmarva Unit.

The cover photo this month is by Mike Field, taken in Albuquerque as they gather to start the Southwest Caravan. Donna is 'in' another photo as you will learn in the article. The photo for the Anniversary/Birthday page was taken by myself. Every year my neighbor has these flowers pop up from what is just plain lawn one day, and they seem to shoot out of the sod and bloom over night. They are called Naked ladies (*Amaryllis belladonna*) and have an unusual manner of providing summer flowers. After the winter-growing leaves have died down for summer dormancy, in late summer, a bloom stalk of fragrant pink flowers emerges and blooms without leaves, or naked.

There is the always informative Sunshine News. Mary Ann does a great job, but is always on the look out for information from members. Please let her know when there are issues. She sends cards too.

Through no one's fault, Charlie Michels and Nancy Eldred were omitted in the article on International last month. Actually, as you will see in the article written by Charlie, it was easy to be missed as they were apparently way out in the hinter range of the event venue. I thank Charlie for the information, the article, and the photos found on page 5.

I said that a lot is happening and it is. In this issue you will find an article on the Viking Caravan that shows just how wonderful a caravan can be. Thanks to the Facebook page for the photos. Chuck & Maggie are on the Viking Trail Caravan, and I think also Will & Karen Kushto. A notice of the Southwest Caravan which Donna and Mike Field are now on will let us know what to look forward to next month.

Mike Kelly has a performance on the saxophone coming up in Sep. The details are in an notice on page 12.

Page 13 has two ads for Airstreams for sale. Both seem like nice deals. To put all our minds at ease, neither owner is getting out of having an Airstream, just looking to sell the current one.

There is a brand new website for Airstream Club, previously called WBCCI, and it is really nicely done. Check it out. There is a link on page 14. There is also in this issue information and a coupon for International Rally 2020 in Loveland, CO.

While I'm talking about new things, Colonial Airstream sent a new ad. It sparkles! They always send nice ads and this is certainly another one.

Finally, on the *Through the Window* page there is an article taken from a post by the American Pie Council (of which I am a member), which came from the Smithsonian magazine. The article has to do with pie. Since I am an aficionado of pie, it seemed like a good thing to share.





Sometimes I mess up and miss a birthday or anniversary in the list. It just happens and I feel terrible. Unfortunately my feeling bad doesn't make up for the omission. So, the best I can do is try to catch up. I'm catching up now by mentioning that I missed Claire's Birthday last month. Many apologies to Claire. I understand that it was a significant one too. Happy Belated Birthday to Claire Connelly Warden August 12.

Anniversaries
Roger & Celeste Sanssom Sep 17
Luis & Michelle Almodovar Sep 25
Dick & Peg Talbott Sep 27

Birthdays
Carl Anderson Sep 01
Judy Moore Sep 02
John Ashman Sep 08
Frank Blunda Sep 18
Peg Talbott Sep 18
Mike Kelly Sep 21
Peggy Spahn Sep 30

Photo by Glenn Michael

SUNSHINE NEWS Mary Ann Parks, Chair 302.584.3215 marybelle42@gmail.com September, 2019

Why is it that when we were “young”, summers seemed to last forever, and we were happy to go back to school? Many years later, we find that those “lazy, hazy, crazy” days of summer seem to “fly by” faster and faster! As this has been the hottest summer on record, Les & I are actually looking forward to some cooler temps!

This Beach season continues to be much more fun for us, as we enjoy more relaxing at our “summer house on wheels” near Milton, Delaware. Even if we do nothing but relax at the campground, we are “getting away from it all”! Les received another shot in his back which has made him more comfortable and allows him to be more active.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS-

Fay Cruchley had a bad fall, breaking her arm between her elbow and shoulder. She will have an appointment with an Orthopedic Specialist to explore options to repair the fracture. Phil continues with dialysis three days a week.

Frank & Kay Blunda are making a “permanent” move from their Oceanview, DE home to their “Florida” home in Traveler’s Rest, Dade City, FL. They will each be driving a car - Frank towing a small trailer- to board the AutoTrain in Lorton, VA.

They will be missed by their many Delmarva friends, but we will see some of them in Florida during the Winter months!

GOOD NEWS-

As Dick & Peg Talbot were unable to make it to Florida the past season, I called to see how they are! Dick shared that they both had some health challenges, but are doing better now and looking forward to going down to Myrtle Beach this fall, and then on to Traveler’s Rest for the Winter month’s.

Charlie and Iva Lee Carter are doing well, and Charles is driving his truck with Iva Lee as passenger! They are in the process of searching for a “newer” Airstream with more “bells & whistles”!

They also have a new member of their family! A Chocolate Cocker Spaniel named “Tori”! We look forward to seeing them and Tori at Traveler’s Rest this coming winter.

Hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy early Autumn walks as the temperatures cool down a bit! Stay well, and we look forward to being with our Delmarva Unit friends at fun Unit events.

Mary Ann Parks. Cell-302 584 3215 or marybelle42@gmail.com

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Member Relocates - Frank & Kay Blunda

Our DE home is sold. We will be Floridians on the 29th of Aug.

Our new address - Frank & Kay Blunda, 29129 Johnston Rd, # 2517, Dade City, FL 33523 Please come see us!!

Frank 301-802-7471 FrankBlunda@mac.com

Kay 301-802-7470. KayBlunda@mac.com.

From Kay -

I'm going to miss Shad Landing. I learned to eat crabs there many (45) years ago.

A camper came to us with a half bushel of crabs and had no way of keeping them. We thanked him and said, "but what do you do with them? :-)) Being fast learners we "et" them and many bushels since.. That's a fun place. Because of the tannin in the water you can see clear thru to the bottom.

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More Doswell

Greetings from the Black Swamp! Nancy and I also attended the WBCCI (Airstream Club) International Rally at the home of Secretariat in central VA in the middle of (hot) July. Camping with the complement of Vintage Airstream Club members was fun, but the infinite wisdom of WBCCI has us parked across Rt. 30 on the south side of the Fairgrounds, over ¼ mile away from the others. The explanation was that with all the 'public' showing up for the Vintage open House on that Sunday, the WBCCI Leadership was concerned about the public mingling with the rest of the Streamers..... Hmmmm (and sounded a bit snooty.) I did open my 1968 Globetrotter to guests on that very hot Sunday, and my observation was that all attendees were Airstream Club members anyways, as evidenced by badges! I had lots of great compliments on the interior of the Globetrotter which made my day!

Surprisingly, the VAC lot had full hook-ups, although lots of extra cables and hoses were evident everywhere. In fact, we did not fire up our LP water heater, as there was plenty of warm water to do dishes, etc due to the length of hose and the incessant warm temps! The Rally mantra was electric hook ups for only a single AC unit on per trailer, and the new unit that I had installed worked great..... Can't say the same for some other Vintage Airstreams with their vintage ACs! In fact, some VAC folks went to local hotels in the evening, just to cool down. And it was exceptionally hot the first 5 days then a rainy day, which unfortunately did not lead to folks to Under-the -ZipDee socializing, a key tradition at these Rallies.

Adjacent to the VAC parking was a small air conditioned 2 story building originally built for viewing of the meadows where the thoroughbred horses were enjoying life. During the Rally, it was designated for quilting, knitting, sewing and other fiber arts activities. Nancy spent a considerable amount of time there with her bobbin lacing and hanging out with others. She picked up some great tips and ideas for her quilting and other projects. Whilst Nancy was lacing, I took advantage of a number of seminars which were all very informative: Tech Tips, Habitat for Humanity Care-a-Van opportunities, ZipDee maintenance, Apollo 11 MQF (Mobile Quarantine Facility) talk on the Airstream connection, and several others. We also attended the Opening Dinner, the Region 2 Luncheon and a couple of evening events which were certainly entertaining.

On Wednesday, my son Travis (a Richmond meteorologist on ABC 8) and son Zack (an internet web interface designer in Alexandria) came up and down for lunch and, then on bicycles, we braved the 'other side' for a tour of the 650 Airstreams, pavilions, and a peek into the new Airstreams available for inspection. Fun! We did get to say hello to the other DelMarVa Unit folks, and Bill Turner cycled over to the VAC area one day in the heat: we appreciated the visit. All in all a great week and now thinking possibly toward Tennessee in 2 summers and then Maine the following year, I believe.



Cheers! Charlie Michels

Viking Trail Caravan

North Stoney, NS, Canada to North Sydney NS, Canada

7/10-8/31/2019 Nights 53, Stops 17



Pat Mann



Pat Mann



Richard Girard

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/419980691927629/>



Pat Mann



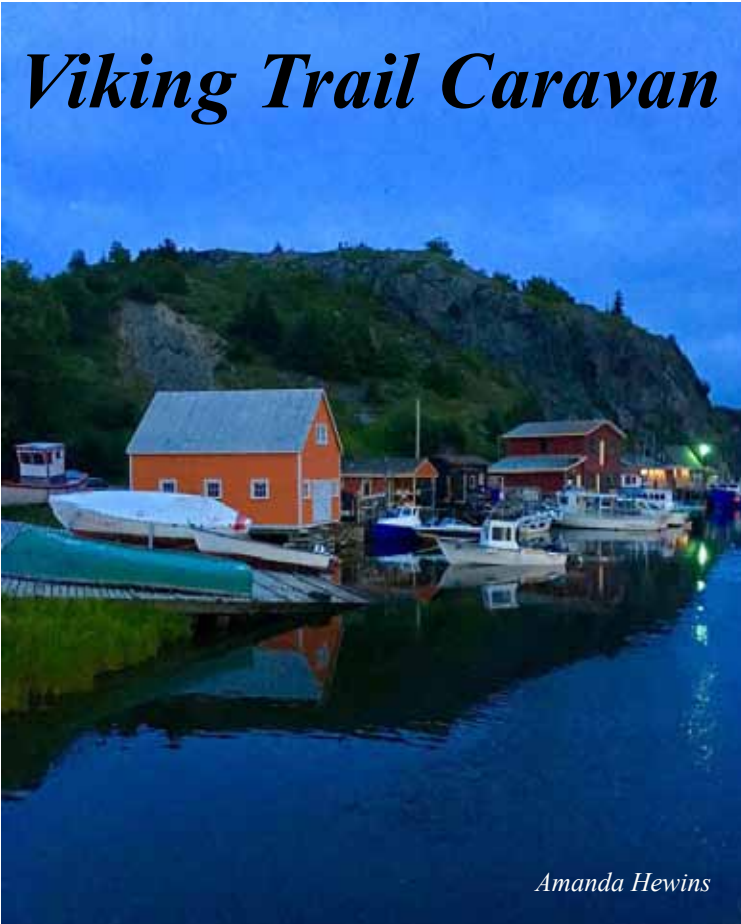
Pat Mann



Pat Mann

You can view a lot more photos of this wonderful trip by going to the Facebook page, There is a link elsewhere on this page.

Viking Trail Caravan



Amanda Hewins



Amanda Hewins



Amanda Hewins



Pat Mann



Pat Mann

I want to thank the many people who posted photos that I could use. Credit is given on the photo as possible and I hope accurately. I credited photos based on the name posting. Speaking as a photography teacher, there are a large number of great photographers on the Caravan. Quite good I would say, especially given the exciting scenery they had to photograph. Amanda Hewins does particularly well with composition and lighting.

What started out as a three page article became a four page and could easily be a great coffee table book. The views that these many Airstream people have seen are phenomenal, and the experiences are memory making.

Viking Trail Caravan

KathyStubberudWarren

Tommy Phipps

Founding Member, August 2 at 7:10 AM

"We are leaving La Scie Newfoundland this morning wishing we could spend more time here. We were the first caravan ever to stop here and to say we were treated extremely well would be an understatement. The folks in this town (pop 800) have gone out of their way to arrange activities for us to participate in. I believe this is among the friendliest place that we have ever visited. The Mayor Kim and a committee of townsfolk just couldn't do enough for us. An example was a planned visit to a fishing boat to have it's operations explained to us turned into the Captain, his family and crew deciding to take us out for a run in the boat and serving fresh snow crab to top it off. Just remarkable. Whether in an Airsteam or not I hope we can visit here again someday."

Richard Girard



Sheila Martin



Karen Kushto "The people were friendly, helpful and welcoming. Really make you want to return to their beautiful island."



Kathy S Warren

Richard Girard, La Scie, Newfoundland and Labrador.
"Sad that we are leaving the most wonderful town in Newfoundland."

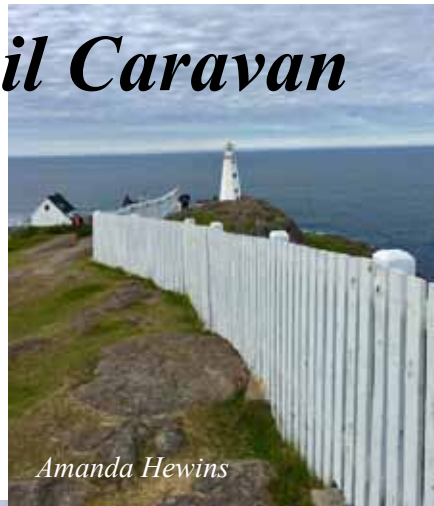


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Viking Trail Caravan

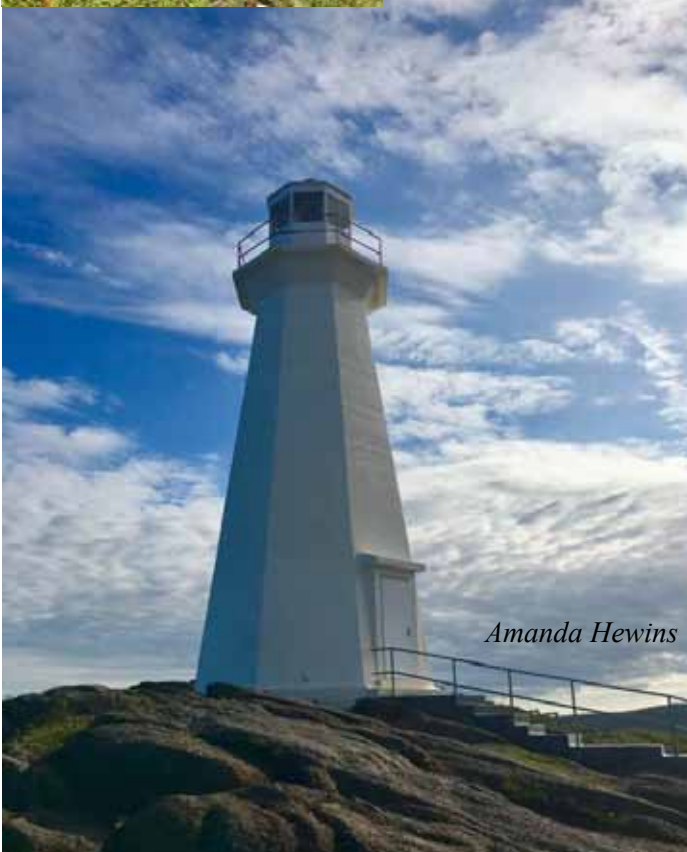


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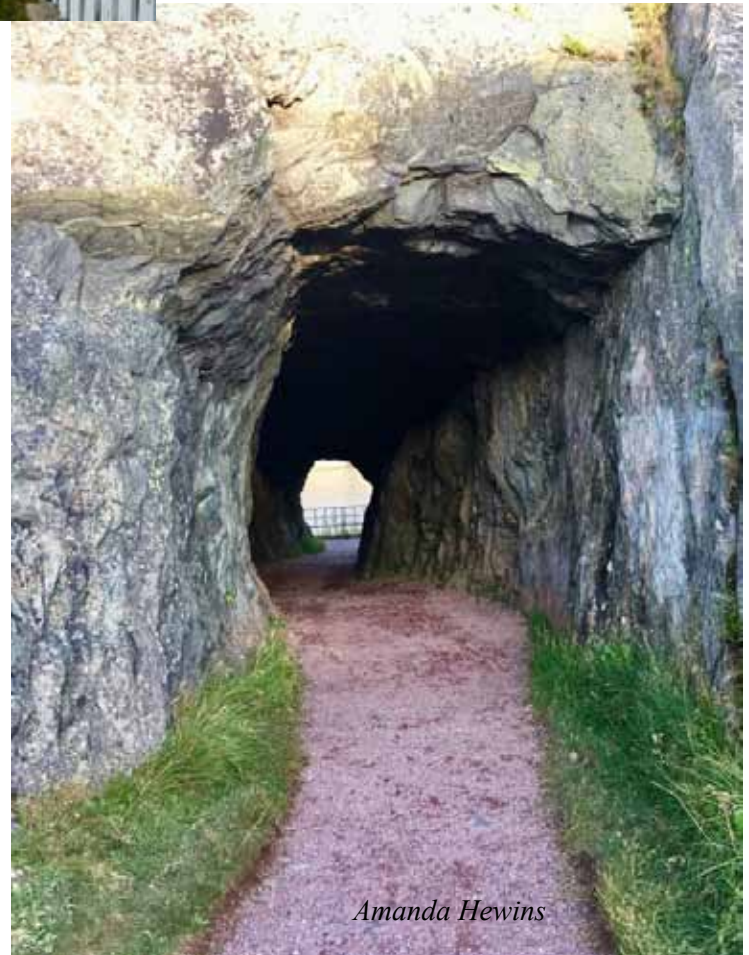


Amanda Hewins

With 53 nights and 17 stops, any trip is going to be full of sights, experiences, and activities, but given the photos and comments from the Viking Caravan Facebook page, this Caravan certainly seems to be above a five star rating in all categories. Chuck and Maggie Helwig from the Delmarva Unit are on this caravan and in some capacity of responsibility. Chuck is a jump in and do kind of person, who also is always looking for a challenge and he and Maggie have been on a number of Caravans. I noticed in one of the photos that Chuck is assisting with a brake job, which is also typical for this Good Samaritan.



Amanda Hewins



Amanda Hewins



Carrie Campen Bell



Amanda Hewins

And they're off... on the...

Southwest Caravan

*August 18 -
October 8, 2019*

Photo by Donna Field

Mike

Yes, those shadows belong to Past President Donna & First Mate Mike as they and other Airstreamers gather in Albuquerque, NM for the Southwest Caravan. The Caravan will run from August 18, 2019 to October 8, 2019, departing from and returning to Albuquerque. There is a total Number of 51 nights and 15 stops

In brief, beginning in Albuquerque, NM, they will discover Santa Fe, the corner in the Four-Corners region of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, visit Indian pueblos and reservations to learn about their cultures from native guides. Silverton, Colorado, hike to the "Palace" in Mesa Verde, or truck into Monument Valley. Moab, Utah, National Parks of Arches and Canyonlands, Capitol Reef National Park, Bryce Canyon, Zion and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon are all on the itinerary. Also they will see Lake Powell, Colorado River, & the finale at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque.

This should be a fantastic Caravan, as all of them are. Stay tuned for more details and photos in the next issue of the *Beacon*.

**The Sansom Rally Dates are
August 30 - September 2nd
Location is -**

Shad Landing / Pocomoke River State Park

<https://parkreservations.maryland.gov/>

***Because this Rally is happening when this newsletter goes out,
full coverage will be in the next issue.***

WBCCI Delmarva Unit #026
Installation Rally 2019
October 18, 19, 20 at 4-H Park, Centreville, MD

Come for the Rally and Camp, or
Come to the Unit Business Meeting and Dinner on Saturday

Tentative Schedule

Thursday 17th early arrival after 12 o'clock. Activities and meals on your own.
Extra night fee \$20, when you arrive.

Friday 18th - arrive after 12 o'clock

5:00 - 5:30 "Happy Hour", bring your own drink

5:30 Dinner on your own, or get together and go to the
American Legion in Centreville, or other venue of your choosing

Saturday 19th - Explore the area

4:00 Unit Meeting, followed by Installation of Officers Ceremony

5:30 - 6:30 Installtion Dinner, followed by President Art Potter
presentation of Activity schedule for the next year
And Dessert

Installation Rally Coupon 2019

Name(s) _____ **WBCCI #** _____

Camping: Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___ Not Camping, but coming for dinner ___

Friday Night: Dinner On your own ___ Interested in American Legion ___

Rally Fee \$50 for two nights, two breakfasts, and Sat. Dinner

Make Checks payable to - Delmarva Unit WBCCI
And mail by Oct. 10, 2019 to Malcolm Comstock
570 Banning Road
Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934

Malcolm contact info - **malvermont63@yahoo.com 302-724-0654**

NEW MEMBERS

*The members of Unit #026 Welcome New Members
We hope to see you at Rallies or Events Soon*

LUIS & MICHELLE ALMODOVAR

3925 ADDISON WOODS ROAD FREDERICK, MD 21704

lmalmodovarfamily@gmail.com

lmalmodovarfamily@gmail.com

MEMBER#: 10023 27' 2019 Globetrotter

EDWARD KOZLOWSKI & DEBRALEE IKE

33464 HORSEY CHURCH ROAD LAUREL, DE 19956

33464 Horsey Church Road Laurel, DE 19956

ekozlowski7696@gmail.com

Debralee snowbirdbase@gmail.com

MEMBER#: 20198 2019 26' Flying Cloud -

A Delmarva Member in Solo Concert Mike Kelly Performance

**Mike will be in concert on
Friday, Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m.
at the**

1st Presbyterian Church

on Walnut St. in Milford, DE

**Mike has made music a career and is quite an accomplished
musician.**

This promises to be a great evening of entertainment.

2018-2019 Calendar of Activities for Delmarva Unit #026

August 30 - September 2 - Shad Landing/Pocomoke State Park, Snow Hill, MD

Hosts - Sansom Family, Roger, Celeste, Nate, and Livi 410-251-8574

October 18, 19, 20 - Delmarva Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD

Host - Outgoing President Bill Turner, 302-743-0467

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“trades for a smaller unit would
also be considered”.

Roger Sansom
rogerealtor@gmail.com
410-251-8574

FOR SALE



Region 2 News August 2019

For me, the highlight of the year is our International Rally. Held this year in Doswell, Va., it did not disappoint. Days were filled with plenty of things to see and do as I think there were more seminars, tech sessions, and tours offered than I've seen in the past. Close to 700 Airstreams were spread around the beautiful grounds of the Meadow Event Park. Our Region 2 Luncheon was a huge, sold-out success with a record 170 members enjoying a great BBQ meal and the camaraderie of Airstream friends. MAU members Anders and Beverly Gyllenhaal presented a seminar on Birding to a packed house. I'm proud to say Region 2 members were spotted all over the grounds, volunteering and helping make the Rally the great success it was. Although this was our sixth International Rally, this one will be memorable as on Friday, July 26th I was installed as your Region 2 President. It is an honor to represent our 16 units/clubs on the International Board of Trustees and to help guide our Airstream Club into the future.

That future was on full display in Doswell as a preview of the new Airstream Club website was presented along with a peek at the new, soon to be released marketing materials for the Club. The website should be up and running toward the end of August and will represent a dramatic change from the current site. It is modern, bright, colorful, and the content easy to access. It will also be compatible with your mobile devices. You will also see a new, easily navigated and searchable calendar of rallies and events. At the IBT meeting, funding was approved for a new, and much needed, membership data base. It will vastly improve flow of information back and forth from headquarters and our membership, providing other valuable features and benefits. Newly installed Club President, Mona Heath, set the stage for an exciting year of action and growth in our Airstream Club. I'm already looking forward to the 2020 Rally to be held in Loveland, CO. Over 500 rigs have signed up so far! Also coming out of the IBT meetings were the approval of several more Units changing their names to include Airstream Club. I am urging all our Region 2 units who have not done so to make the change... embrace our Club's unique opportunity to align with the most iconic RV brand in the world. Airstream! Let's do it now.

Speaking of 2020, plans for our Region 2 Rally to be held May 21-25 at Rideau Acres Campground in Kingston, Ontario are progressing at a quick pace. Members of our Ontario Unit are hard at work preparing what is sure to be an epic Rally. Mark the date, get your passports out and get ready to head to Canada next Spring! Watch for details of the Rally and more info on traveling across the border. Kathi and I are going to the Lombardy Fairgrounds in Canada later this month to help the Ontario Airstreamers celebrate their 55th anniversary as a club. We are looking forward to it! There are still plenty of camping days left in the season, so check the calendar of events, hitch up your rig and hit the road. Fun, friendship and adventure await you.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards to all in Region 2. With your continued support, we'll do our best to represent you and work hard to Renew Region 2.

Rich Short

#1512

With the New Name, Comes a Fantastic New Website

Check out the new website!!!

<https://airstreamclub.org/>

Loveland2020 International Rally June 20 – 27

Incredibly, 2020 marks 60 years since the Club has had an International Rally in the State of Colorado! 2020 also marks the 65th Anniversary of the formation of the Wally Byam Caravan Club by Airstream owners on the 1955 Airstream Wally Byam Eastern Canadian Caravan August 3, 1955 in Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada.



What better place to bring 700 Airstreams for the 63rd International Rally than The Ranch Events Complex in Loveland, CO! We will have full access to the First National Bank Exhibition North & South Halls, Larimer County Conference Center and the Thomas M. McKee 4H, Youth & Community Buildings with close to 50k square feet of meeting space.

The beautifully groomed and expansive 240 acres of land that comprise The Ranch will provide parking and space for outdoor activities, with the Rocky Mountains providing a stunning backdrop to the West.



63RD WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB
★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
★ June 20-27, 2020 ★ Loveland, CO ★

REGISTRATION

LOVELAND2020 Logo, apparel & accessories
are available EXCLUSIVELY on Lands' End

RALLY FEES - \$265 for an RV On-Site with 20 amp electric, water and pump outs; \$130 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 bring your government/state issue placard and supporting documentation with you to the Rally.

REGISTRATIONS - Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members registered prior to the start of the rally will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of \$2,000 in awards. The award may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Facility for parts and service.

STAGING AREA - In an attempt to keep the **flock** moving, you will receive a rally arrival date towards the end of March 2020. If you can't make it by that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you **fly in** from 8:00am to dusk. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY - Refund requests emailed by April 25, 2020 will be assessed \$50.00 fee. Refund request after April 26, 2020 will be assessed 50% fee. NO refunds after June 6, 2020. ***If you might have to cancel after that day please consider obtaining travel insurance.***

PAYPAL FUNDS TO: rally@wbcci.org

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WBCCI "US Funds Only"

RALLY PARKING: Passes will be sent in Spring 2020

MAIL TO: WBCCI P.O. Box 612 Jackson Center OH 45334

FOR REGISTRARS ONLY: Registration Date: _____ **Rec'd By:** _____

Payment Type: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Card ☐ PayPal **Amt Paid: \$** _____ **Check #:** _____

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63RD WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY

JUNE 20-27, 2020 ★ LOVELAND, CO

★★

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Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State/Province:** _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ **Phone (m):** _____ **Phone (h):** _____

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount	Parking Options	Ye
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$	ADA Accessible	
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$130.00	\$	Vintage	
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$	Kiddo Village	
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	Band Member	
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$-20.00	\$	First Time Attendee	
					Emergency Medical Responder	
		GRAND TOTAL:		\$	WBAC BIG RED NUMBER	#

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

Payment Type: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Card ☐ PayPal **Amt Paid: \$** _____ **Check #:** _____

Why Americans Love Their Apple Pie

How did a humble dessert become a recipe for democracy? In the early 1900s, the United States was at war—over pie. On one side were the traditionalists, who saw pie as “an article of necessity in every household as much as the bed and cook stove,” according to a Chicago Daily Tribune report in 1899. On the other side were the food reformers, who wanted to break this unhealthy and corrupting habit. “Pie really is an American evil,” Kate Masterson wrote in the New York Times in 1902. It is an “unmoral food,” she warned, offering advice for spotting pie eaters: They have “sallow complexions” and “lusterless or unnaturally bright eyes” and, of course, they “are all dyspeptic.” “No great man,” she wrote, “was ever fond of pie.”

Those were fighting words. Pie eaters traced their love of the dish back to the founding fathers—a particular pumpkin pie recipe credited to the Adams family was said by the Kansas City Star to have “raised a well-fed race of jurists, scholars, orators and Presidents”—and still further back to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The pie tradition of the New England colonies had come from old England with the settlers, who transformed the savory kidney and mincemeat pies of the British Isles into sweet pies filled with fruits that grew well along the Atlantic Coast. The crusts changed, too. They were lighter and flakier because lard from pigs was more abundant in the Colonies than tallow from cows. (Sugar and spices were imported to the Colonies from Britain, which controlled most trade.) In 1892, Rudyard Kipling described the Northeast as “the great American pie belt,” a title that traditionalists claimed proudly. As the population moved west, the pie recipes did, too.

By the turn of the century, Americans were eating more apple pie than any other variety. Apples, first brought to the continent by the colonists, grew well across large swaths of the country and could be stored through the winter, unlike most other fresh fruits. The phrase “as American as apple pie” would not be coined until a 1924 advertisement in the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Times for men’s suits that bucked English fashion trends. But the idea was already so deeply ingrained that pie eating became a way for the country’s newest arrivals—now mainly from Central, Southern and Eastern Europe—to assimilate. “Every American is born with an appetite for pie,” a New York newspaper opined in 1895. As for the immigrant, the paper wrote, “his Americanism, in fact, may be tested in his taste for pie.”

To the growing food reform movement, though, pie was a remnant of our rustic past, before the United States had taken its place on the international stage. Advocates such as Harvey Wiley—now best known for his support of the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906—called for a simpler and lighter diet, focused on Northern European cuisines. Pie eaters (code for immigrants and the lower classes, in the language of the food reformers) were a drag on society. Elizabeth Fulton, a home economist at Kansas State Normal School, believed pie eating, like alcoholism, was a cause of divorce. She implored homemakers to “return to fresh fruit.” The reformers might have won the battle, too, if not for the outbreak of World War I. Now pie eating was patriotic. “As soon as an American boy goes to any foreign country he at once begins to languish for American pie,” a Boston Daily Globe editorial professed in 1918. The craving, the Globe wrote, was a hunger for democracy itself. “Patrick Henry might as well have said ‘Give me pie or give me death’ because what is liberty without pie?”

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Editor Note: I came across this article from a post on Facebook by the American Pie Council, of which I am a member. Given my love of pie, I like to promote pie whenever the opportunity arises. Pie is certainly something one can glance through the window of an Airstream while traveling the country. Hopefully you will have the opportunity to experience the many varieties, not just apple. Credit extended to American Pie Council and Smithsonian Mag. for the article. The photo is one of my apple pies.

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