

The Delmarva Beacon

WBCCI Region 2 Unit #026 November 2019

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President Art Potter

Photo by Donna Field



As I sit home looking out the window as the steady rain enters its 10th hour my thoughts drift off to warm sunny climes and future Airstream adventures to come. Maybe some year we will become snowbirds and get to extend our camping season, but today it's only a dream.

Speaking of dreams, wasn't that a dream meal last night? I am still full! Some may think the same menu needs a little variation, but I say why mess with perfection. Hats off to Chuck and Malcolm.

Looking forward to our rally coming up Nov. 8 & 9 at Trap Pond. We try to camp near the pavilion between the A & B loops. Saturday night's dress code is hobo style so wear your best worst clothes. As is our club normal, this rally is a buddy rally, so invite friends and family to come with their SOB's, as long as their owning an SOB is their only character fault, LOL. TTFN Art

President Art Potter

Editor's Notes -

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As I start this November issue of the *Beacon* I note that I have been doing this since October of 2012, so this is year number eight. Where does the time go? In many ways it seems to only be a few months, but I know with the amount of work it has been a number of years.

The cover photo this month is submitted by Mike Field and was taken on their recent Southwest Caravan. The 'beacon' of light is a bit more subtle, but the photo has an Airstream around all those balloons, namely the Airstream and truck of Mike & Donna. Thank you to Mike. Mike and Donna submitted some more photos of the Southwest Caravan trip and those, along with a story can be found in an article which starts on page 7.

I went searching for a photo for the Birthdays page and landed on an older photo from Robin Spencer Leager. Robin is a past student and does some beautiful shots from all around her beautiful farm. Thank you to Robin.

There are photos of the recent Installation Rally. Unfortunately the number camping, and attending was low, and certainly lower than our membership numbers would indicate should be the case. Hopefully the stars will align in the future to get better attendance for this important Rally. More on this in an editorial comment in the article.

In this issue there is an ad for the rapidly upcoming Trap Pond Rally. This Rally is a regular, though the date fluctuates. It is always a bit tricky in the timing as it is on the new President's schedule and that needs to be approved at the meeting prior to actually becoming a sanctioned Rally, which means there isn't much time to advertise and still make your reservations. Bottom line, it is a short time span from now to the event. You need to make your own reservations at the Trap Pond Park, and quickly. Those state parks fill up this time of year. Check the ad on page 9 and take action immediately.

The new Activity Schedule, that is Rallies and Luncheons, is on Page 10. Take time now to record and set these dates on your calendar. Make your Unit activities a priority.

The Christmas Party, formally Christmas Luncheon, info is on page 11, and will be repeated in the December issue, but the Luncheon is early in December, the 7th, so you will need to call in your reservation before the event. Call now!

Region 2 President Richard Short has submitted news, and it is always chock full of information you can use, and you need. This includes too the information for the Region 2 Rally. It is in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. It is a private campground and the block of sites are 'first-come, first served' so here again you will need to call soon. Even though the Rally doesn't happen until May 2020, you can't put off making your reservation. There might be a traveling caravan to join, so a well planned event. Check out the information ad on page 13.

There is a coupon for the International Rally. Past President William Turner encouraged attendance in his final remarks. Put that on your calendar. The Coupon is on page 14.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 2020 DUES YET, THEY ARE DUE. GO TO THE WEBSITE.

<https://airstreamclub.org/>





Anniversaries

*Joe & Chris Berg Nov 19
Ralph & Shin Knutson Nov 21
Barry & Mary Jane Svenson Nov 30*

Birthdays

*Gary Behler Nov 05
Karen Kusht Nov 15
Lisa Ashman Nov 16
Frank Laughlin Nov 25*

Photo by Robin Spencer Leager

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

Isn't it nice to be able to finally enjoy some cooler, sunny, beautiful Fall weather instead of the very "untimely" incredibly hot and humid days we have had so late in the season! Very refreshing! Les and I have even enjoyed walks down to the park in our neighborhood, where we can visit a beautiful woodland area with a "babbling" brook running through it.

Some of our Delmarva members are experiencing some serious health issues recently and would appreciate our prayers.

- Carl Morris has been in Churchman's Village Rehab after spending time in the hospital for tests. Margaret has been by his side every day and their daughter is coming from Florida to be with them.

- Phil Cruchley fell and is walking with the aid of a "walker" He gets up at 4:00 am three mornings each week to go to dialysis, and is back home around 11:00 am.

- Frank Blunda received another "heart stent" last week at the Florida Hospital in Zephyrhills, FL. He and Kay are now permanent Florida residents, and that is their "hospital of choice"!

- New Delmarva member Sharon Mirto's mom was given the "Last Rites" this morning (10/24) . We pray a peaceful passing for Mom, and comfort for Sharon. (Ed Note: Last minute news just in, Sharon's mother just passed away. Our sympathies are extended to our new member and family.)

Some good news - Millie Brown underwent an "eyelid" procedure to enlarge her field of vision! She is very pleased with the outcome and looks forward to full recovery!

I hope all those who are experiencing difficult times find peace and comfort in some of these beautiful autumn days , and in the confidence that they are being thought of and prayed for! And that all of our members and friends experience a special Thanksgiving time with family and friends.

Mary Ann Parks. 302 584 3315
marybelle42@gmail.com



Seven Airstream trailers, with members enclosed spent the weekend of October 18-20, 2019 having fun and celebrating the Installation of the new officers of the Delmarva Airstream Club.

The camping members were joined by a number of other members who came just for the meeting and the dinner.

There was a business meeting (minutes to follow in a later issue), followed by the Installation of the new officers.

The newly elected President Art Potter then conducted his first meeting to seek approval of the Activity Calendar for the coming year. The approved schedule is on Page 10

An exceptionally scrumptious dinner was prepared and served by our resident excellent cooks Chuck Helwig and Malcolm Comstock.





President - Art Potter
First Vice President - Katharine Dowell
Second Vice President - Andy Dowell
Treasurer - Malcolm Comstock
Recording Secretary - Donna Field
Corresponding Secretary - Liz Potter
Trustees
Mike Field -2
Bob Pullman, Jr. -2
Glenn Michael - 1
Raul Reyna-Galindo -1

The Installation Ceremony was well handled in-house by out-going President William Turner. He installed all offices, except Andy who was unable to attend. That installation will be conducted later.

Editorial Comment - *The makeup of any group changes over time and an Airstream Unit, or Club is no different. In reading other Unit newsletters I see that many groups are having some difficulty maintaining membership, but an even bigger problem is getting people to volunteer to serve as Officers in the Unit. The presence of officers is critical for the survival of the unit. It does seem that though the offices are really not that much of a task, each year there is a challenge to the President of getting people to sign up for the Vice President spots.*

Delmarva has just had a couple volunteer for those 'coveted' spots. New members though they be, they are jumping in with both feet. Katharine and Andy Dowell have volunteered to serve as First VP and Second VP respectively. Yes, that means they will each eventually be President. But, the fact that they volunteered makes them special in this editor's opinion. It is a willingness to help that makes a great member. As editor I feel their action deserves recognition and I salute both for the service to the Delmarva Unit



Southwest Adventure Caravan 8/18/19 to 10/8/19



We left Maryland on August 10, 2019 heading to Albuquerque, New Mexico. We arrived in Albuquerque 10 days later. On our way out we stopped for a couple days at Tom Sawyer campground in West Memphis, Arkansas. We were parked right on the Mississippi River. The view was beautiful and to our surprise the laundry facilities were free there - what a treat! We met at least five other Airstreams at gas stations, rest stops or campgrounds who were also on their way to the Caravan.

At the first Caravan stop we visited an Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and went on a Turquoise Museum Tour. At the next stop we went on a Trolley Tour of Santa Fe and visited the Church of the "Holy Dirt".

In Durango, Colorado, we rode the narrow gauge railway up to Silverton, CO where we had lunch and spent some time sightseeing and shopping. We went back to Durango by bus.

We dry camped and visited lots of ruins at our stop in Mesa Verde, CO. We stopped next in Bluff, UT, where we visited one of the nicest restaurants on the trip. The next day we went to Monument Valley, one of our favorite places. We also visited the Valley of the Gods. It descends more than 1,000 feet down tight switchbacks, called Moki Dugway. At the base of the subway, a dirt road winds through the area. Sandstone monoliths were reminiscent of Monument Valley.

At our stop at Moab we went on a jeep ride, visited Arches park, Canyonlands and a Thai restaurant that was delicious. In Hanksville we toured Capitol Reef National Park.

At our visit to Bryce Canyon we went on a trail ride into the Canyon where Mike rode a horse and Donna rode a mule.

September 18 to 20 we visited the North Rim of the Grand Canyon where we were allowed lots of free time to explore. We'd visited the North Rim many years ago and were excited to return. We walked trails that we hadn't gone on in our prior visit. The Grand Canyon is beautiful regardless of the time of day.

*Photos - Top -Bandelier national park early in the caravan.
Bottom - On the Durango & Silverton RR.*





In Page, AZ, our campground overlooked the beautiful Lake Powell. We went on a Raft trip on the Colorado River. The next day we and another couple opted to rent a boat and explore Lake Powell. That was one of the highlights of the trip!

In Chinle, AZ, we went on a Jeep Tour of Canyon de Chelly. It is beautiful and a sight that shouldn't be missed.

In Gallup, NM, we were supposed to have the opportunity to sign up for Balloon rides. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate and we weren't able to go on the rides. Through the entire trip there were opportunities to buy Indian jewelry, regardless of location.

In Acoma, NM, we were given a tour of another


Pueblo. We were not allowed to take pictures inside the church or of the cemetery.

On October 4, we arrived back in Albuquerque. We had perfect parking spaces for watching the ascensions. We were warned that there would be a lot of noise in the morning. Planes started flying at 5 a.m. to assess whether or not it would be safe for the balloons to fly. At 6 a.m. if all was well they would start inflating balloons. The first morning, the balloons weren't cleared to fly due to the winds, but lots of balloons were inflated. The second and third mornings, the balloons were cleared to fly. We were allowed on the grounds where the balloons were being inflated. The view was wonderful from our trailers. The balloons flew up and over us. It was beautiful.



Oops, I almost forgot to mention . . . our International President, Mona Heath, dropped in twice during the caravan. She said that she likes to join the caravans for a short while to see how things are going. I met her in 2017 at the Int'l Convention in Escanaba. At that time she was driving around making sure everyone had electric and water and had been pumped out. She's quite nice.

Photos Top - The engine that took us up to silverton. Middle - A jeep ride in Moab that is me in the mirror. Bottom - Donna and a new friend at the Grand Canyon.



TRAP POND 2019

November 8-9, 2019

Hosts -

President Art Potter & First Mate Liz

Reservation Information - Trap Pond Park, Laurel, DE

Reservations **1-877-98-PARKS**

<http://delawarestateparks.reserveamerica.com>

Reserve in: **Loop A - sites 22-29 or 19-25 or Loop B - sites 10 to 14**, to be near the Pavilion

Due to the increasing use of State Parks by campers, you should make your reservation as early as possible. It books up early. You may have to take a site other than those suggested, but that can work too.

Contact the Hosts - **Art & Liz Potter, 302-236-8830 or 302-349-5860**

PLEASE call the host(s) to indicate your attendance number so that adequate provisions can be made.

There may be a small rally fee payable when you arrive to cover some of the provided meal costs.

In remembrance of a previous Rally, this is to be a themed event and the theme is a Hobo Rally. At the dinner you are to be dressed in your best/worst Hobo clothing. It is also a Buddy Rally, so invite your friends, even SOB.

2019 - 2020 Delmarva Airstream Club Schedule

Art Potter: President

2019

November 8 - 9



Trap Pond Rally
 Trap Pond State Park, Laurel, DE
 Hosts: President Art Potter & First mate Liz
 302-236-8830 302-349-5860



December 7

Christmas Party
 Location TBA
 Hosts: Mike & Donna Field 410-490-3656 443-262-9682



2020

January 18



Snowball Luncheon
 570 Banning Rd. Camden, DE
 Hosts: Malcolm & Sue Comstock 302-724-0654

February 15

Valentines Luncheon, Florida
 Hosts: Les & Mary Ann Parks 302-584-3215



March 21

St. Patricks Party TBD



April 24-26

Annual Unit Maintenance Joint Rally w/ Keystone & MAU
 4-H Park, Centreville, MD
 Hosts: Comstocks & Helwigs 302-724-0654 302-730-1206

May 22-25

Chestertown, Maryland Tea Party Joint Rally with Keystone
 Hosts: Charlie & Iva Lee Carter (Delmarva) 302-677-0262
 Jody & Susan Dietz (Keystone) 610-327-3241



May 21-25

Region 2 Rally
 Rideau Acres Campground Kingston, Ontario, Canada
 Host: Region President Richard Short & Kathi region2wbcci.net

June 20-27

International Rally Loveland, Colorado airstreamclub.org



July 18



Annual Unit Picnic
 8371 Canterbury Rd. Felton, DE
 Home of Carl Anderson & Jim Atkins 302-381-4557

August/ September

Locations and Dates TBD

October 23-25

Unit Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD
 Hosts: Art & Liz Potter 302-236-8830



CHRISTMAS

PARTY

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 7, 2019

HALL'S FAMILY

RESTAURANT

108 N. RAILROAD AVE.

WYOMING, DE 19934

12 PM

PLEASE CONFIRM

YOUR ATTENANCE

WITH HOSTS

DONNA & MIKE

FIELD BY

DECEMBER 2, 2019



HOME 443-262-9682

CELL 410-490-3656



SNOWBALL LUNCHEON

January 18, 2020

570 Banning Road, Camden, DE

Hosts - Malcolm & Sue Comstock

302-724-0654

Come between 12:30 and 1:00

No Fees

Bring an appetizer to go with soup, or a dessert

**Hot and cold drinks and two kinds of soup
will be provided.**

***Please call, so we know how
much soup to make!***

DELMARVA AIRSTREAM CLUB

#026 Website

<https://delmarva.airstreamclub.net/>

Region 2 News for October

Fall is in full swing in our Region 2. Kathi and I enjoyed our time up in Canada with the Ontario Unit in September and attended the Pennsylvania State Rally in Centre Hall, Pa on our way home. We had a great Rally with 18 rigs from our home club, Watchung NJ Airstream Club, this past weekend. Overall, the weather has been beautiful with sun filled days and chilly nights, fall colors evident everywhere, and campfires that were warm and inviting. We hope you all have had similar experiences out traveling, camping and living the Airstream lifestyle.

Our new Airstreamclub.org website continues to improve, with new content and abilities for our units/clubs and members to benefit from. All club webmasters were sent information on how to gain access to and edit their landing page on the site. Additionally, Units won't send in a 2020 events schedule to Headquarters this year...it will be your Unit's responsibility to add your activities to the website calendar. HQ will then pull that event info from the website for publication in the Blue Beret. Send me an email if you need help or more information.

Most of our units will be holding their officer elections and installations over the next few months. We send our congratulations and thank you to all who have volunteered to lead their units in 2020. Except for the handful of paid staff at HQ, our Airstream Club runs completely on the strength, enthusiasm and commitment of its members. Those that step up to contribute their time and efforts for the benefit of our members deserve our encouragement and support. Please remember to send me a copy of your Officers Reporting Form for 2020.

Speaking of volunteering...the Region is still in need of a 1st and 2nd VP. Please consider taking a leadership position in the Region. It is an honor to sit on the Board of Trustees of the largest, oldest and BEST single brand RV club in the world. It is a fun and rewarding experience to be part of the growth and progress our Airstream Club is experiencing. Please reach out to me with questions about the many benefits of serving as a Region officer. We need you!

The plans for the 2020 Region 2 Rally in historic Kingston Ontario Canada are being finalized. This will be the biggest and best Region 2 Rally in years and you won't want to miss it. Go to our Region 2 website region2.airstreamclub.net now for more info and to register for the 2020 Region Rally. There are links for registration in US Dollars and Canadian Dollars. Please choose appropriately. You must make reservations with the campground directly. Please do that right before you register as there are only 108 sites available. We have negotiated discounted rates and you can pay the CG deposit with your US credit card, which will convert CAD to USD for you. Easy! US Airstreamers will need a passport to travel across the border, so start the process now if you don't already have a current one.

Kathy joins me in sending our best regards to all our Region 2 Airstream Club members. Travel safe and we look forward to seeing you down the road!

Rich Short, Pres. Region 2 #1512

-JUST ARRIVED IN THE EMAIL -

Registration for the 2020 Region 2 Rally, being hosted by the Ontario Canada Unit, is now open! Go to <https://region2.airstreamclub.net/files/2019/10/2020-R2Rally-flyer-v3.0.pdf> to read all about it and register. The information will also be included in upcoming Trilliums, but with only 108 sites on reserve until April 1, please register early.

MAY 21-25, 2020 REGION 2 RALLY KINGSTON, ONTARIO

Caravan to Kingston, Ontario Canada in 2020!

It's about time! The last Airstream Club Region 2 Rally held in Canada was 2010. Now is the time to mark your calendars,



make your reservations, get your Passports in order if your traveling North and get ready to head to historic Kingston, Ontario in 2020. The beautiful Rideau Acres Campground features large spacious campsites with gravel pads. We have 108 sites reserved for our Airstreams! Those sites are about 50/50 w/e and w/e/s (all 30amp) with 10 or so full hook-up 50amp sites available. All on a first come-first serve basis. So, don't wait.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Let's make this the Biggest and Best Region 2 Rally in years!

For more Rally and Camping Fee info go to: Region2.airstreamclub.net

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
at
region2.airstreamclub.net**

**Make your camping
reservations DIRECTLY
with the campground**

**Explore Historic
Kingston, Ontario
Canada**

**-Catered Dinner-
-Food Truck-
-Pancake Breakfast-**

**Seminars, two nights
of GREAT
Entertainment and
MORE!**

RIDEAU ACRES CAMPGROUND

1014 Cunningham Rd
Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V3
613-546-2711

rideauacres.com

Reference: AIRSTREAM
CLUB RALLY



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 #:** _____

63rd WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY
JUNE 20-27, 2020 ★ LOVELAND, CO

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