

The DelMarVa Beacon

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Airstream Club

Region 2
#026

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President Art Potter

Photo by Dave & Billie Roberts



Liz and I, and I am sure many of you feel the same, are a little in shock and numb with the sweeping developments in response to the COVID-19 threat. I just watched Mona's message on canceling the International Rally for the first time ever. So it will probably not come as a shock that we need to cancel the Maintenance Rally. When the International develops their plan for holding the Delegates Meeting we can plan our club meeting normally held at the Maintenance Rally along the same lines. This is a tough time for our country and I ask that you continue to pray for each other and our elected leaders.

Camping this year looks like it may be severely limited as states are closing their parks and private campgrounds may follow suit. So be sure to call ahead before you hit the road. We will try to keep abreast of this fluid situation and keep you all informed as best we can. Looking forward to the time when this crisis has ended.

P.S. Anyone got a spare roll of toilet paper? TTFN Art

President Art Potter

artlizpotter@gmail.com

Editor's Notes -

Glenn Michael, Editor, Comments/Questions - 410-778-0062, fastapture@gmail.com

Well this has got to be the most unusual newsletter I have ever put together. It is being constructed in what is to me one of the most unusual events in my lifetime. Being a baby boomer, thus born post WWII, I can only imagine what it was like when there was rationing, and making sure you darkened the windows at night. Save for stories from my elders I really didn't experience those times, which surely must have been similar to what we are going through now in some ways. We need to work together for the good of the whole. The biggest difference of course, it is 2020. And most of us have lived considerably different in the years up to now, than our ancestors did in the years up the "big war."

As I put this issue together, it was a case of putting the word **Cancelled** on every event. That certainly wasn't easy to do. Each paste reminded me that a good time was not to be had. According to the media, it may take until July or August to get to the point where isolation won't be the new norm. Let's hope it isn't any longer than that, or even that long. By all intelligent accounts it is necessary if we as a nation and world are going to combat this virus.

While you are bombarded by information from every level of government, every business and utility, we are adding to the clutter some. There is nothing to report in the usual sense. There are no activities to report, and no upcoming events or Rallies to hype, or need to print Coupons to attend. The only things we have to pass along are Sunshine items, which many don't report to the Chair, and birthdays, which we can skip for a time. **Therefore I am going to stop the newsletters in the format normally used. If there is information or upcoming things that need to be known in a short time period, I will send an email as needed. When things return to some semblance of normal than the regular newsletters can resume.**

On a regular note, the cover photo is from a couple that I have known for many years, but recently been spending more time with due to their interest in the music venues in the Chestertown area. They are not RVers in the sense of Airstream, but they do have a VW Vanagon, and they use it to go to Florida, just like Airstreamers, but to the home they own there. David and Billie Roberts take a great many fantastic photos as they travel. I am pleased to use this one as it is the Snowbirds in action so to speak. Thank you Dave & Billie.

The photo on the Birthday/Anniversary is from Dave Van Dyke. Dave was a student at KCHS, but has moved on to more lofty pursuits, and finds time to do some fantastic writing in his spare time. He's not yet published except on Facebook, but he could be moving up any time. I thank him for the use of the photo.



Photo by Dave Van Dyke

Birthdays

Sue Comstock Apr 01

Roger Sansom Apr 01

Donna Field Apr 10

Phil Cruchley Apr 22

Anniversaries

Mike & Marcia Kelly Apr 06

Bob & Laurie Pullman, Jr. Apr 21

SUNSHINE NEWS Mary Ann Parks, Chair 302.584.3215 marybelle42@gmail.com March 2020

No news to report

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With the New Name, Comes a Fantastic New Website

Check out the new website!!!

<https://airstreamclub.org/>

Wilfred Bartholomew Jude Thaddeus Kushto Jr.

Delmarva Unit Officers 2019 - 2020

President.....Art Potter
1st Vice President.....Katharine Dowell
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 Bob Pullman, Jr. (2)
 Glenn Michael (1)
 Raul Reyna-Galindo (1)
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St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

March 21, 2020

12 Noon

Sheridan's Irish Pub

44 W Commerce St, Smyrna, DE

**Due to the Caronavirus and subsequent government
ordered shutdowns, including restaurants to prevent
gathering of crowds, the Luncheon is CANCELLED.**

***Hosts - William Turner 302.743.0467
& Sharon Murto 302.598.7070***

Joint Maintenance Rally: Delmarva - Keystone - Mid Atlantic Units
4-H Park Centreville, MD

Rally Fee: \$75
Rally Fee covers:

2020

Friday-Saturday, Sunday
April 24-25-26.

- 1. Two nights camping with water and electric.
- 2. Saturday and Sunday Breakfast and Saturday Night Dinner.
- 3. Supplies for working on maintenance tasks; torque wrench, propane leak detector, battery tester, fluids, etc.
- 4. Expert Advice and Assistance.
- 5. Dump station is usually available.

Arrival after 10:00 am on Friday. Upon entering the Park several checks will be performed on your RV and tow vehicle: lights, hitch, safety chains, emergency brake cable, etc. Thursday afternoon arrival / Thursday night \$20.

Friday night dinner on your own - list of local options will be provided when you arrive.

Please join us and get your rig in "tip top" shape (and safe) for the coming camping season. More detailed Rally schedule will be provided.

Hosts: **Delmarva-** Helwig helwigcw@cloud.com **Comstock-** malcolm63@yahoo.com

MAU- Jacobs... alexcz2004@yahoo.com

Keystone- Kushto... wbjtkjr@Comcast.net

RALLY CANCELLED

-----RALLY COUPON CLIP AND SEND-----

Name(s): _____ Unit: **Delmarva**
Address: _____ **Keystone**
MAU

E-mail Address: _____ Cell# _____

Early Arrival Y ___ N ___ Airstream: (trailer or coach) _____ Length _____

Specific maintenance questions or topics you would like covered at the Rally.

(Use back, or extra sheet if needed)

Make checks payable to: Delmarva Unit WBCCI Mail by April 17, 2019

Send to: Delmarva Treasurer **Malcolm Comstock**
570 Banning Road
Camden Wyoming, DE 19934

Tea Party Rally

Joint Rally, Keystone Pa Unit and DelMarVa Unit
May 22-25. Early Parking 21st (after 2:00)

Join us for the 2020 Chestertown Tea Party.
<https://www.chestertownteaparty.org/#schedule>

Chestertown is a Revolutionary era town and site of another "Boston Tea Party" type event in our nations history. This festival commemorates this event.

Camping will be at the American Legion Post 9155 American Legion Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620

Facilities will have "Rally Hookups" with enough amps to power lights and charge batteries, as well as daisy chained water. Please bring extension cords on a hose type.

Hot breakfast will be served Saturday morning. Continental breakfast will be supplied Sunday morning. All other meals on your own.

Friday will include a tour of Historical Chestertown. Saturday and Sunday feature festival Activities. Shuttle Services from designated parking to festival available and highly encouraged.

Other points of interest will be provided upon arrival.

Table with 20 empty columns for registration information.

Name _____ Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Your Unit _____

Camping fees \$30 Total Camp Fee \$30

Rally fee. \$10 per trailer includes up to 2 people. Total Rally Fee _____

Please note. Camping spots are limited and are open to DelMarVa and Keystone units on a first come first served basis. Some spots after April 14 will be open to other units. Please send your Confirmation ASAP. A Waiting list will begin immediately.

Contact: Jody Dietz Keystone Pa Unit jdietz4361@gmail.com 610-327-3241

Charlie Carter DelMarVa Unit cwc43@verizon.net 410-708-4222

Make Checks payable to, Pa Keystone Unit.

NEW MEMBER

William & Cris Plack, #22690

Ocean Pines, MD

bill_plack@mac.com

Welcome to Delmarva Airstream Club # 026.

Hope to get to see you at an event in the near future.

2019 - 2020 Delmarva Airstream Club Schedule

Art Potter - President

- April 24-26** **Annual Unit Maintenance Joint Rally with Keystone & MAU**
4-H Park, Centreville, MD
Hosts - Comstocks 302-724-0654 & Helwigs 302-730-1206
- May 22-25** **Chestertown Tea Party Joint Rally with Keystone**
Chestertown American Legion,
9155 American Legion Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620
Hosts - 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**
President Art Potter is looking for volunteers to step up and plan
and host a Rally for one or both of these months.
- October 23-25** **Unit Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD**
Hosts - Art & Liz Potter 302-236-8830



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International Rally Scheduled for June 20 - 27 in Loveland, CO is **CANCELLED**

**President Mona Heath does an
excellent job giving all the information
in this Youtube video
Follow the link**

https://youtu.be/Rx8vU9yT_WQ

Ed Note - I would expect that any Caravans you have scheduled in the next few months at least, could be cancelled as well. I understand the Caravan from Region 2 to International has been Cancelled, which would make sense since Region 2 is Cancelled as well.

Always Check with the Caravan Hosts

From the Keystone Unit

Hi folks,

Rally planners from Central Penn, Keystone and Penn-Lehigh have determined that the Lums Pond 'Opener' Rally scheduled for May 1-3 in Bear, Delaware should be cancelled.

As members from your unit/club may have been scheduled to attend we wanted to alert you to the cancellation.

Folks who have reserved a site at the state park may cancel prior to 31 days with a nominal cancellation fee (the campground continues to be open at this time, and there is no indication that the \$10 cancellation fee will be waived). The cancellation fee increases within a 30-day period of stay.

Some folks have already sent in registration fees for the rally (separate from the campground fees) and these will be returned within the week.

We appreciate the interest that this Opener has generated and share everyone's hope that our members are safe and healthy, and that the coronavirus impacts reduce in the not-to-distant future so that we may all 'hit the road'.

Rick Pitts

DELMARVA AIRSTREAM CLUB #026 Website
<https://delmarva.airstreamclub.net/>

Information from Region 2 President - Richard Short

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

THE RALLY IS NOW SOLD OUT.
THANK YOU FOR THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSE!

January 15, 2020

RIDEAU ACRES CAMPGROUND

1014 Cunningham Rd

Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V3

613-546-2711

rideauacres.com

Reference: AIRSTREAM CLUB ALUMNI

Editor Note - With the new information that the Region 2 Rally in Ontario is SOLD OUT, I have discontinued including the Coupon for that event. I would suggest that if you are really interested you should contact Richard Short to get your name on the waiting list. rcshort49@gmail.com

If you're interested in joining the caravan to the International Rally, you should contact Caravan Leader Kerry Matilla for more info on the caravan to Loveland and the International Rally.

Kerry Matilla may be reached via email at - 124caravan@airstreamclub.net

Our Region Officers are listed on the Region website

Region2.airstreamclub.net

Look for the "Officers" tab in the header. We have updated and added to the list for 2020

There is also a tab in the header for the Caravan info and links

Region 2 Rally and Covid-19

March 17, 2020

After much thought and deliberation, it has been decided to cancel our Region 2 Rally scheduled for this May 21 to May 24 in Kingston, Ontario Canada. We believe it to be in the best interest of all our members that we do so.

The reasons are everywhere...in our media, in messages and directives from our Governments and health agencies. We cannot in good conscience or practice continue with plans to bring 200+ people from all over Ontario and the US, to congregate in close quarters, no matter how much we want to be brave and carry on. That would not be prudent or the right thing to do, especially under the uncertainties of these circumstances and across an international border. No one wants to get ill or possibly quarantined, especially away from home and perhaps without health insurance coverage. All are things that, unfortunately, needed to be considered.

We are working with the Campground on cancellation and refunds. Please, **DO NOT CONTACT THE CAMPGROUND AT THIS TIME**. We want to be sure of the procedure they want us to follow. I do not want to overwhelm them with your telephone calls. It is a stressful time for them as well. I will let you know, hopefully in the next days, when a refund procedure will be in place.

The same goes for your Rally registration fees and trolley tour fees. Our US and Canadian Rally Registrars are working on a refund procedure and we will communicate those details as soon as possible as well. I am asking for your patience in these matters. Please rest assured you will be refunded, in a timely manner.

There is plenty of disappointment to go around. Especially with the news this morning that the 2020 International Rally scheduled for June in Colorado has been cancelled. But, we are resilient by our nature and we will put the disappointments aside. Let's take care of ourselves, our families and loved ones. Let us offer words of encouragement and hope to each other. We are wonderful neighbors, two of the greatest nations on Earth, occupied by the smartest and innovative of minds. We will prevail.

I look forward to seeing you down the road soon and hopefully at the 2021 Region 2 Rally...in Kingston!

Richard Short #1512

