

# The Hillbilly



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## President's Message

Greetings from the hissing of summer lawns and trailers!

July was finally back to *near normal* with the ability to travel safely and rally with friends. And Rally we did, in a big shiny way! Lebanon, Tennessee was of course the place to be this summer! Lea Plant will



2Our rally field in Lebanon

write up a full International Rally report for next month's Hillbilly but I will share from my perspective. Every trip Laura and I take in our Airstream seems to have a different theme (for better or worse)! This one I named "**The left Behind Trip**"!

It started in our Colts Neck driveway when the Hula Girl I had attached to the back bumper of our Globetrotter jiggled its way off before we made it to our first gas stop. On the final day of the rally we somehow left our  
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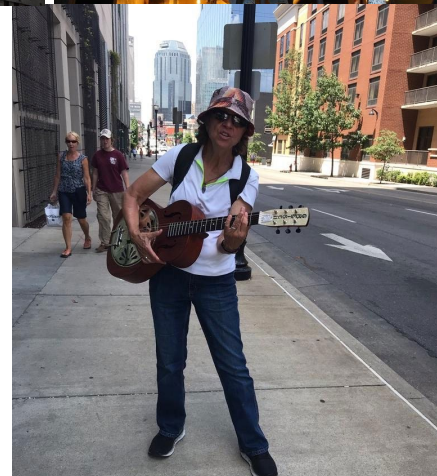
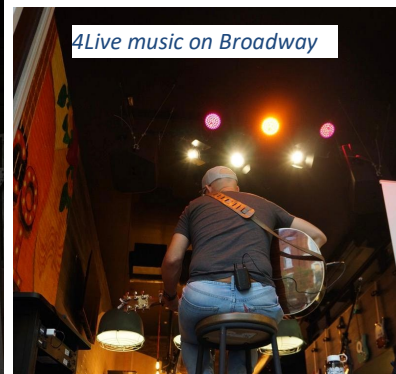
whole set of levelers at our site. There was also a Facebook rally post brought to our attention that someone left a pair of ladies Maui Jim sunglasses in the rally field and yep, they were ours! (Rich Short is bringing back both items to Jersey for us:) Before leaving Lebanon we had filled up our fresh water tank with water for the trip home. At a stop for gas we heard hissing that was seemingly coming from the Globetrotters tires. We assumed we had a tire leak but upon further investigation we realized it was not the tires. We had somehow managed to leave the water pump on after a pit stop on the road and by the time we hit the Kentucky Horse Park Campground all of the fresh water had disappeared, apparently left behind on the road, because it didn't go into our gas tank.

As most know Lebanon is a mere 30 miles from Nashville, The Music City. It's one of our favorite cities to visit!



We have a few favorite places we always return to such as The Listening Room for live acoustic music, The Country Music Hall of Fame to check out their latest exhibits, the Hatch Show Print for cool linocut gig posters, and the Pinewood social for fantastic espresso, retro bowling, and really good tacos from their Airstream food truck out back! (Their food inside the restaurant is great as well!) All in all our first International Rally was a lot of fun and we are so glad we had the opportunity to go!

We already signed up for next year's rally in Maine, as well as Alumapalooza this September. We can't get enough of this Airstreaming dream! Fondly, Your President Meg and First Mate Laura



# Updated Watchung Directory!

Now the [Watchung Directory](#) had been updated with pictures! Also, you can find our brand new "Directory of Past Members" section. If you would like to update or add photos please send the information to Lea Plant.

## Watchung Charity 2021

If you haven't had the chance to read up on our new charity, please visit the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, [jbjsf.org](http://jbjsf.org). The mission of this foundation is to break the cycle of poverty, hunger, and homelessness. They provide affordable housing in 11 states and also provide healthy, organic meals to those in need in New Jersey. There are two ways for us to contribute;



1. Send a check to our treasurer with JBJ Soul in the memo.
2. Visit the JBJ Soul kitchen in Redbank or Toms River for a meal. Each meal you purchase supports a second meal to go to a local person in need.

## Region 2 notes from the President

I'm writing this at a KOA on our trip home from Lebanon. Several other Airstreams are at the same campground, including a few couples from the Central Pennsylvania club. There's so much to talk about, and I hope I'm not blowing up everyone's newsletters. First, thank you, everyone, for the support you've shown Erica and I already, and it was nice to meet so many of you and reconnect with old friends. We're looking forward to being able to sit down with you around a campfire.

Unfortunately, our Canadian members were unable to attend the rally. The Region 10 flag wasn't present; there was an empty spot in the flagpole holder. It was a constant reminder of our missing friends in Canada.

My prediction for a polar vortex didn't pan out, but at least we didn't see extreme temperatures like we had during the 2019 Doswell rally. Most days topped out around 90°F (~32°C), so it was hot, but survivable. Mornings tended to be in the high 60s (16°C), though the humidity was always over 90%. The electrical system at the rally site was excellent; we had no problems with the air conditioner shutting off unexpectedly.

The rally was great – I heard the final count was around 780 Airstreams, and many people were first-time International attendees (something like 30% of the people there were first timers). We met many new people and caught up with old friends, and we found some time to explore Nashville. Our dog Sulley had a great time with long walks, visits to the dog park, and meeting many other Airstreamers and their dogs. I think he loves Airstream rallies as much as we do...maybe more.

Our Region 2 luncheon was a huge success. We had great food and great giveaways. The raffle for the biggest prizes generated \$675 for the local animal shelter "A New Leash on Life". Your generosity really came through. The shelter was thrilled with the donation, and, as animal lovers, Erica and I thank you, too.

Please join me again in thanking Rich for his efforts; in addition to his efforts for our region, he chaired a committee to improve membership benefits – the Michelin tire discount, for example – so his work has improved the club’s offerings for everyone. We presented Rich and Kathi with a gift and plaque at the luncheon.

Various motions were passed during the International Board of Trustees (IBT) meetings; most of them were not controversial and passed easily. Probably the most exciting was that the 2023 International Rally will be held in Rock Springs, Wyoming, from about June 24 to about July 2. (Speaking of International rallies, registration for next year’s rally in Fryeburg, Maine is now open. The dates of the rally are July 23-29, 2022.)

The one controversial topic was a motion to prevent the WBCCI from requiring proof of vaccination (or proof of exemption) for any event. This mostly affected caravans that are traveling between multiple jurisdictions and dealing with differing local requirements. Members submitted valid arguments for and against the policy, and although the motion passed, it was not a unanimous decision. The IBT felt that they had to clarify as much as they could, to avoid having the burden fall on event planners. The caravans will follow local or CDC guidelines, whichever is more restrictive.

One item brought for discussion (only – not voted upon) was changing the International positions to two years, instead of the current one-year term, and eliminating the 3rd VP position. Various members of the club had great arguments for and against this suggestion, so it wasn’t immediately clear what was best for the club. President Tye Mott will appoint a committee to look into it and report back.

Now that International has ended, I am turning my attention to other things, including the Region 2 rally for 2022. Multiple people have offered suggestions and preferences, and I thank you for that feedback. My first goal is to nail down the dates and location, so that we can get them on everyone’s calendars. More information will be forthcoming in my future notes.

There’s so much more I could say about the last week or two, but I’ve taken up enough space in everyone’s newsletters. Thanks for your time, and we’ll see you down the road!

--RJ Marquette, Region 2 President

## For Sale



FOR SALE 1993 21 ft Sovereign Classic for sale to contact Bill Walker for details. 973-702-3042 or [hunterbill35@gmail.com](mailto:hunterbill35@gmail.com) and many things still original including two cedar closets.





# Camping Recipes

Chilaquiles with Tomatillo Salsa and Eggs! Oh, how I love chilaquiles! This works best with a grill, griddle and a frying pan. If you're not a fan of tomatillos, use tomatoes and throw in a couple cloves of garlic to grill. Serves 4

## Ingredients

2 TBSP vegetable oil, plus more for grill  
2 lbs pounds tomatillos (about 20 medium), husks removed, rinsed  
2 jalapeños  
1 large white onion, quartered 2 TBS fresh lime juice  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
4 large eggs  
1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed  
1 10-ounce bag yellow corn tortilla chips  
½ cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt  
2 oz crumbled Cotija or Queso Fresco cheese  
Hot sauce and cilantro leaves



## Instructions

1. Prepare campfire for medium-high heat; lightly oil grate. Grill tomatillos and jalapeños, turning occasionally, until lightly charred and beginning to collapse, 8–10 minutes; transfer to a cutting board.
2. Meanwhile, grill onion, turning occasionally, until charred and beginning to soften, 10–12 minutes; transfer to cutting board with charred tomatillos and jalapeños.
3. Finely chop tomatillos, chiles, and onion and transfer to a large skillet. Add lime juice and toss to combine; season salsa with salt and pepper. Set aside (keep in skillet).
4. Heat 2 Tbsp. oil in another large skillet on camp stove over medium-high. Crack eggs into skillet; season with salt and pepper. Cook, rotating skillet occasionally, until whites are golden brown and crisp at the edges and set around the yolk (which should still be runny), about 2 minutes.
5. Heat reserved salsa on camp stove over medium just to warm through. Mix in black beans and tortilla chips and cook, tossing and adding up to ¼ cup water if needed to loosen, until chips are just softened, about 3 minutes.
6. Serve chilaquiles in skillet topped with eggs, dollops of sour cream, cheese, hot sauce, and cilantro.

# 2021 WATCHUNG AIRSTREAM CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Meg Riley  
**1st Vice Pres:** Frank DeHerde  
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    **1 YR.:** Roger Kriz  
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**Quartermaster:** Jason Pomerleau



## Welcome our Newest Watchung members!

Charlotte Ricci #4013 of Whitehouse Station, NJ  
and her 19 1/2ft 1994 Airstream B190

John & Jean Dillion #3947 of Eatontown, NJ  
and their 16ft 2021 Airstream Caravel

## WBCCI Headquarters New email addresses!

Blue Beret: [blueberet@airstreamclub.org](mailto:blueberet@airstreamclub.org)

Caravans: [caravan@airstreamclub.org](mailto:caravan@airstreamclub.org)

General Information: [info@airstreamclub.org](mailto:info@airstreamclub.org)

Membership: [membership@airstreamclub.org](mailto:membership@airstreamclub.org)

Rallies: [rally@airstreamclub.org](mailto:rally@airstreamclub.org)

For Certificates of Insurance or 990N filing  
information: [info@airstreamclub.org](mailto:info@airstreamclub.org)

# 2021 Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon & Rally Schedule

If you are interested in hosting or cohosting a rally or luncheon, please see the list below and let Frank DeHerde know. You can email him at email Frank at [deherde@hotmail.com](mailto:deherde@hotmail.com)

**2021 August Rally**, Aug 27-29, 2021, Interlake RV Park, Rhinebeck, NY. Hosts George & Linda Kiesel and CoHosts Rich & Kathi Short. See Flyer attached or on website.

**2021 September Rally** TBD. **Hosts and CoHosts Needed.**

**2021 Pennsylvania State Rally** Sept 10-12, 2021, Centre County Grange Fairgrounds, 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA. Coupon Attached. Hosted by Central PA Airstream Club.

**2021 October Not a Rally**, Oct 6- 11, 2021. Jersey Shore Haven, 728 Dennisville Road, South Seaville, NJ 08246. 12 sites are available so please call (609) 861-2293 to book.

**2021 November Luncheon** **Hosts and CoHosts Needed.**

**2021 December Initiation & Holiday Luncheon**, December 5, 11:30am to 1:30pm. JBJ Soul Kitchen, 207 Monmouth St., Red Bank NJ 07701. Hosted by Frank & Leslie DeHerde and Laura & Meg Riley. Please see attached coupon.



# FRIDAY, AUG 27 I DREAM OF WIENIE...

**The First Annual Watchung NJ Airstream Club  
Post-Covid “I Dream of Wienie” Hot Dog Mega  
Roast at our Country Fair Rally. Oh, yeah!!**

That’s right...it’s been way too long...so we’re busting out the ballpark dogs plus all the fixings for an epic, get the grill going, I’m done wearing masks, get me another beer, old fashion, watermelon eatin’, pit spittin’, outside in the summertime, cookout!



Brought to you by your hosts of the 2021 Country Fair Rally,  
George & Linda Kiesel #7191 and Rich & Kathi Short #1512.  
It’s going to be a great Rally! See you there!

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**Hot Dogs on the grill  
at 5pm Friday**

**Don’t Worry...Be  
Happy. We’ll be  
careful and you’ll be  
fine!**

**Kraut, Onions, Beans  
and all that good stuff.**

**Watermelon**

**BYOBeverage**

**Rally Fee \$5 per  
person**

**INTERLAKE RV PARK**

428 Lake Drive  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

(845) 266-5387

[Interlakervpark.com](http://Interlakervpark.com)

Aug 26-30, 2021



## Hello Airstreamers

The August Country Fair Rally at the Interlake RV Park in Rhinebeck, NY will be held August 26-30th, during the week of the Dutchess County Fair. We now have a cancellation for the rally. Please call Interlake RV directly at 845-266-5387 to register for site 122. Please register quickly as the site will go to the first person (Watchung or not).

Here is the list we have, provided by the campground, of those registered...

Hammer #119 (formerly reserved for Riley)	Plant #128
Cahall #120	Elacqua #129
Tancer #121	Brugmans #180
<b>Open #122</b>	Ratliff #181
Kiesel #123	???#182
Beddiges #124	Egan #183
Wagner #125	Feury #184
DeHerde #126	Blauth #185
Short #127	Ward #?????

**INTERLAKE**  
RV PARK & CAMPGROUND  
(845) 266-5387  
www.interlakervpark.com

info@interlakervpark.com

The map displays a detailed layout of the Interlake RV Park & Campground. It features numerous numbered sites (e.g., 245-255, 200-215, 140-155, 400-450, 100-130, 500-515) arranged in various sections. Amenities and facilities are clearly marked, including a Pool, Laundry, Bath, Snack Bar, Emergency 911 Phone, Playground, Dump Station, Horsehoes / Volleyball, Fishing Pond, Nature Wetlands, Garden Pond, Maintenance Area, Office, Recycling, and various parking areas. A red 'X' with the text 'YOU ARE HERE' is placed at site 122. The map also shows an 'Exit' and 'Entrance' area near Lake Drive.

# Pennsylvania State Rally 2021

Hosted by: Central PA Airstream Club



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check If Yes)

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

THE JBJ SOUL FOUNDATION

# JBJSOUL KITCHEN

*Community Restaurant*



## December Instillation & Holiday Luncheon 2021

Please join Laura & Meg Riley and Frank & Leslie DeHerde for the 2021 Officers Instillation and Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am 1:30pm. The luncheon will be at the JBJ Soul Kitchen in Red Bank, NJ.

**JBJSoul Kitchen  
207 Monmouth St  
Red Bank NJ 07701**

RESERVATION DEADLINE: October 28, 2021 Maximum of 25 attendees – please sign up early! \$25 per person (includes tax and tip)

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# of People: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 per person = Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_



Please contact Meg Riley with your coupon information: [vespameg@yahoo.com](mailto:vespameg@yahoo.com) or (973) 979-2240

Mail Checks Payable to Watchung NJ Airstream Club to:  
Lois Wagner  
29 Colony Court  
New Providence NJ 07974



# SUNSHINE

A sympathy card was sent to Jason Pomerleau and Family on the passing of his mother.

Please keep Linda Kiesel up to date all Sunshine events: sad & happy so she can send a card.



## Tips from the Turnpike

This month's tip is from Rich Short (in response to our dilemma of accidentally leaving our water pump on).

Put a Command strip hook next to the pump switch. Hang trailer door keys there if you turn the pump on. This way you can't lock the trailer door without the key and the pump is off!

# Bits & Pieces



**Watchung is in Need!** We are looking for an additional webmaster to help with our website. Please contact Mark Ratliff if you are interested.

**Hosts and CoHosts needed for 2021 events!** Contact Frank De Herde at [deherde@hotmail.com](mailto:deherde@hotmail.com) and sign up today!

**Check out the new Region 2 website at** <https://region2.wbcci.net/>

**Need to contact the Club?** Email [0068@wbcci.net](mailto:0068@wbcci.net)

**Items for the newsletter?** Send them to Angela Ratliff by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!



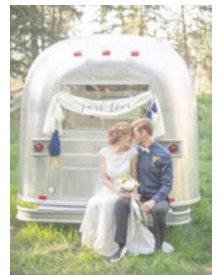
## August Birthdays

Marian Wooding  
Bill Walker  
John Ratliff



## August Anniversaries

Frank & Leslie DeHerde  
Fred & Jeanne Brugmans  
Bill & Betty Lou Walker  
Calvin & Barbara Bacon  
Mark & Angie Ratliff



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