
The Itchy Hitch

Newsletter of the Pennsylvania (PA) Unit 091

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President's Message,

Once again we are on the threshold of a change in seasons and a change in administrations at Penn Wood Airstream Park. Finding an appropriate angle to pen my final President's message from has been a real struggle this month. In some ways I wish we all could do a retake of the entire summer of 2019 yet the reality is that our life on this earth is short and for those who regret allowing the best of times to slide by unrealized, there are no reruns. Yes, the ordinary sentiments are in order. I do appreciate the opportunity to have been your President of the Pennsylvania Unit. I have decided to be a one term president and hopefully have a full slate of officers to nominate at our 2019 annual meeting to be held on August 31. Approximately one year ago, we gathered for our annual meeting and found that due to unforeseen circumstances the Pennsylvania Unit did not have a slate of officers to present to our membership for election. Absent volunteers, I stepped up to take the responsibility of Unit President while having no understanding of the requirements of the office, having never read the Unit bylaws and having spent much less time at Penn Wood than many other leaseholders. With Past President Bob Otto's passing during the winter of 2019 I lost a valuable sounding board, a myriad of other long term voluntary responsibilities required my primary attention and with a total lack of understanding about WBCCI electronic forms

filling. I set out to plan rally themes and find volunteer hosts for the first time. Thanks to a group of leaseholders who we all know, social events began to develop in my absence and by mid summer things were rolling along fairly well on the surface, with the Ladies Weekend being a great hit for all. Those certainly were the best of times. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend most of this summer's Penn Wood events due to traveling logistics to Region 2 and the WBCCI International Rallies where I represent our Unit. Additionally, I made five towing trips back and forth from Kutztown, Pa to Penn Wood at 270 miles each. How I ever pulled that off without a copilot is beyond me, however it was probably good practice for the jaunt to the Airstream Club's international rally in Loveland Colorado and extended travels beyond next summer. Suddenly now, Labor Day weekend is upon us. So, all's well that ends well right? Well not so fast. All the flowers at Penn Wood bloom so beautifully during the season and while it's always our choice to focus on them the reality is that weeds need to be attended to by dedicated people who have the wisdom to understand what makes an all volunteer park thrive and for joyful community interaction to abound.

This summer could perhaps be best viewed as a relay race whereby those who have run their leg of the race have reached a point when the time came to pass the baton to the next generation or the next team members to carry The

Pennsylvania Unit and Penn Wood Airstream Park forward. In some ways this great handing off brought the best and worst times to our park's sense of community. And that my friends is the main focus of my message here. Some of our Unit members have really been put to the test this summer. Hopefully we have all learned that our success as an Airstream community is based upon educating ourselves. In case anyone would think otherwise, there really is a seldom studied code today that was the basis for the penning of our Pennsylvania Unit and Penn Wood bylaws. Please do feel free to study beyond the suggested excerpts below and perhaps our summer of 2020 can begin on a blank canvas. I'll close with these thoughts for everyone to think about.

Safe Travel My Friends!

~Alan Kenney, President

One of the six things that should be hated are;
a person who stirs up conflict in a community
(Prov.6:19)

A troublemaker goes about ... with deceit in his heart-he always stirs up conflict. (Prov. 6:12, 14.)

Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs. (Prov. 10:12)

Whoever loves, discipline loves knowledge but whoever hates correction is stupid. (Prov. 12:1)
A gossip separates close friends. (Prov. 17:28)

Code of Ethics – To say or print nothing which may reflect unfavorably on others (Article VIII Sect 1. B, Bylaws of Pennsylvania Unit)

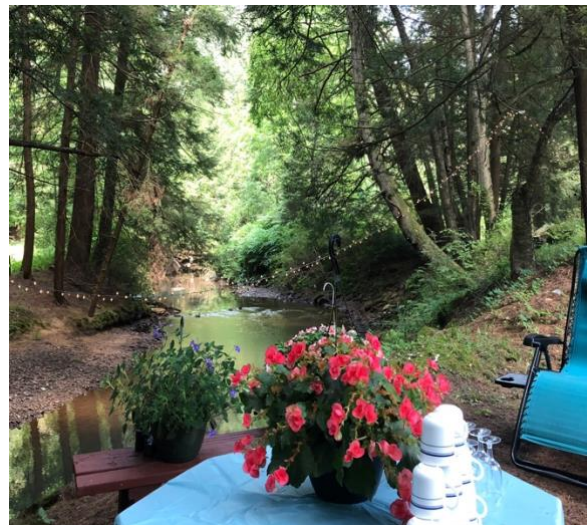
Dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of our Units in bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding. (Article VIII Sect 1, B)

To conduct ourselves in a manner...to a full appreciation of the intent and meaning of this code. (Article VIII Sect 1, C) Bylaws of Pennsylvania Unit.

"Ladies, You Deserve a Break Rally"

Penn Wood unit 91 Rally August 3rd and 4th

Much fun as a weekend has! I think those lovely ladies who attended, enjoyed it.





***Comments from Penn Wood Association
President for Itchy Hitch***

After many years of planning and lively discussion the disposition of the cottage was decided by the Penn Wood board. Work started by removing a determined group of wasps and bees. Then the old soffit was removed and replaced with a new material. The exterior was repainted in a color resembling Airstream blue and the enclosed patio area at the end of the structure was opened up. The inside was cleaned out and old items were removed. Work will continue on this structure in the coming weeks and years. This effort of 2019 was very important because it illustrates how Penn Wood is vitally interested in the future of our campground and we want to work together to make meaningful improvements. The list of volunteers was extensive. Just about everyone present at the campground got involved. Another great job well done! Thank you Penn Wood members.

What a wonderful time of the year to be at Penn Wood! The warm weather has retreated giving way to cool mornings, very enjoyable days and sweatshirt evenings. The pavilion was recently the site of a very successful Friday night dinner and a movie. Thanks to Sue Flesch and the great team of volunteers who cooked, cleaned and fed a crowd of appreciative attendees. We all had a very enjoyable time and we look forward to many more before the end of the season.

The exact closing date of Penn Wood will be set by the new president and board of directors but count on that final day to be somewhere around the 12th or 19th of October. We will once again need volunteers to do the annual closing to preserve Penn Wood for another winter. But, before that all happens, you have a golden opportunity to enjoy the late summer, early autumn weather. The local Clarion Chamber of

Business and Industry sponsors the Autumn Leaf Festival from September 28th to October 6th. This is an excellent time to camp at Penn Wood and visit the festival which is about 6 miles away.

See you at Penn Wood

Ron McElderry



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