

# The Itchy Hitch

Newsletter of the Pennsylvania (PA) Unit 091

## NEWS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA UNIT PRESIDENT

### Hello Unit Officers and Members,

On the first weekend in September 2018 we made a grand time of electing new officers of the Pennsylvania Unit, all of whom are dedicated to work together, with members help, to make the year ahead fun for everyone. Your new slate of officers are:

Alan Kenney – *President*

Bob Otto – *Vice President*

Noreen Maneri – *Treasurer*

Jayne Rice – *Secretary*

Laura & Michael Lilawski – *Directors*

Mike Mikulski – *Director*

For those members who were unable to attend our most recent rally, you really missed a good one. Making a grand-time of an elections rally takes a lot of forethought and willingness to dig in and help. I've heard it said that food attracts *Airstreamers* like poo pies attract blow flies in the pasture! To that end, our breakfast included an array of pastry and other goodies but without question, if we took a vote today, I'm certain we would all agree that whoever made the morning coffee absolutely positively whipped up the best pot of Joe ever served at Penn Wood. Three cheers for the coffee maker(s) and morning hosts. For dinner our very own chef par eccellenza, *Sal Maneri*, manned the boiling spaghetti pot and kept his merry host of sauce dippers, bread handlers and dessert scoopers smiling from behind the counter. A big thank you to Noreen, Rory, Nora, and others too numerous to mention who kept us

from withering away to nothing. Looking back over the entire weekend, we certainly managed to give good cause to consider renewing our old memberships in Waist Watchers. But hey, ya gotta splurge once and a while. Ha!

Moving on to other thoughts, you may be wondering about your new president and what might be in store for the year ahead. In



about 1956 my parents purchased a 1951 – 22 foot pole frame Airstream and had a slab of metal with a hitch ball welded onto our maroon six cylinder 1951 Chevy. Mom, dad and us three kids piled in and across the cement roadways we went to rally with other newly manufactured 13 and 15 panel Airstreams long before the interstate highways existed. Fortunately, when the opportunities arose, my dad corralled my twin brother and me long enough to shake hands with that one character who wore a blue beret like mine so today, when the occasion arises, I can slip the line “now you can tell people that you have shook the hand-that shook the hand-of Wally Byam.” Golly be, sixty two years of Airstreaming makes a heck

of a long story to jam into two columns in *The Itchy Hitch*. Just one tidbit that might give you a chuckle however is that, when I purchased my first Airstream (a 1964-30 foot Sovereign), I was in college and my hair was almost down to my shoulders. No comments please, ha!

The moment that you all placed your confidence in me as your unit president, I began to look at YOU, my friends, as a potential volunteer just clambering for your turn to jump into action as a volunteer. I've got your number and will be contacting you as soon as the year ahead begins to take shape. For now, the Sugarcreek and the Storytellers Rallies along with the annual trip south to Travelers Rest for the winter needs to remain a personal priority for me.

Safe travels to all and most importantly when you're at Penn Wood, like the sign says, *Love One Another!*

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**Alan Kenney**  
PA Unit 091 President



## DUTCH OVEN, SMOKER, CROCKPOT RALLY — SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

### RECIPE

#### Easy Lemon (Lime) Bars

**1 package of Angel Food Cake**

**1 can lemon or lime pie filling**

**½ - 1 cup of confectioners sugar**

**Lemon or lime juice**

Combine the cake and pie filling. Bake in a 9x13-in. pan at 350°F for 30 minutes. Check with toothpick at about 20 minutes and again at 25 minutes. While still hot, mix the confectioners' sugar and juice to make a glaze. Pour over the top of the cake. Refrigerate before serving.

— Leslie Williams

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL — WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL (WBCCI) AND PA UNIT 091

Renew your membership for 2019 online today at: [WBCCI.org](http://WBCCI.org) Select the "Renew Online Today" button and complete the form.

All members paid to WBCCI by November 1, 2018, will be listed in the International Directory in January 2019.

**Deadline for newsletter articles:  
Wednesday, October 17, 2018.**

## HEALTHY LIVING

### NEED TO LOSE A FEW POUNDS?

If you are like me, you may put on a few extra pounds during the summer. It is almost impossible not to with all of our "Happy Hours" and amazing Rallies. At our last rally, as I was enjoying some amazing pound cake, thanks Debbie, Bill Whirl shared with me an APP he uses called *Lose It!*

As I looked into it, this APP is very easy to use. Upon registering, it asks you for some information including your weight loss goal. After that the APP is pretty straightforward in tracking your food and exercise. When tracking your food, you can either search for it, scan the barcode or snap a picture. After seven days it will then give you an update on how you are doing with regards to your weight loss goal.

I am currently on day six. So far so good. My approach is before I eat anything I make the entry in the APP. It's amazing how quickly those calories add up! At this time, I hope to meet my goal by the end of the year.

Below is a screenshot of the APP.

— Christine Ward



**Lose It!**

## SPAGHETTI DINNER RALLY!

Thank you to all who helped us with the Spaghetti Dinner Rally.

— Sal & Noreen Maneri



**GRAZIE SAL & NOREEN!**



**MEETINGS** (held in the Pavilion): **May 4, 2019**

**PA UNIT 091** meets at 9 a.m.

**PENN WOOD CAMPGROUND** meets at 9:30 a.m.

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# PENN WOOD Campground

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## PENN WOOD CAMPGROUND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Penn Wood Airstreamers,


Congratulations to all the members of our 2018-2019 Penn Wood Campground Board. I'm really excited about the next 12 months and what it means for Penn Wood regulars and Airstreamers who choose to visit us. I am grateful for the excellent leadership of our outgoing president Rory Fagan. I've seen Rory meet every challenge with courage and determination and I thank her for that. I have deep respect for all our board members, past and present. I'm confident we have the right team in place and together, with the help of all our Penn Wood friends, we will continue to improve Penn Wood while preserving the unique natural aspects of our home in the woods. I must also say thanks to all those in the Penn Wood community who assist new guests, fix the things that break and inspire others with their positive attitude. We notice your good work and you are making a real difference. New to the board for the 2018 – 2019 season are Diana Maezler (*Secretary*), Joe Rodgers (*Director*) and Mike Mikulski (*Director*). Thank you for accepting the challenge. It's going to be fun!

October 6<sup>th</sup> is a work day dedicated to completion of the drainage project on site B17. Mike Mikulski indicated he may start some of the digging prior to that date to take advantage of breaks in the weather. This will not be as involved as the 2017 drainage project so we should be finished quickly.

**Penn Wood annual closing is set for the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.** Most of the work will be accomplished on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Water will be turned off on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> so make sure your fresh water tank in your Airstream is topped off. Sewer and electric stay on as usual.

We are looking at alternatives to our current cable TV system. Televisions have advanced significantly in terms of resolution but our current system is not capable of delivering the higher resolution signal for the complete line of programming desired by our guests and residents. If you have a suggestion, please let me know and I will place it before the board. No ideas will be turned away. This and other challenges await us in the coming months. In the tradition of Penn Wood residents of past, we willingly accept the challenges facing us as we make Penn Wood all that it can be.

In closing, I want to pass along elements of a common conversation I have with many of our off-the-road guests as they depart. Our visitors like our natural setting, they love the people they meet at Penn Wood and the vast majority say they will be back. Some will even lease a site in the coming year and become part of our community in the forest. A community of people founded on friends sharing their lives, their labor and a love for Airstream Trailers.

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**Ron McElderry**

*Penn Wood Campground President*



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### CABLE BOXES

**ALL Cable Boxes are to be turned in *on or before* Campground Close.**

We recently learned that the only way we can receive TV channels in our trailers is by having a cable box. Thus, our off-road traffic visitors no longer have cable. The board is currently evaluating options. In the meantime, we need everybody's help by turning in ALL cable boxes *on or before* the campground close. Please turn in boxes to the host or Christine Ward at the campground office. Should we identify a new option, having all boxes on hand will provide us the flexibility to cancel our account with the existing cable provider. Before turning in your box please ensure all contents are included as follows:

- Digital Adapter
- Coaxial RF Cable (white or black)
- Remote Control
- External Power Supply Unit
- Remote Eye (in boxes only; not bagged units)

For reference see the picture below:



### MAIL

All those who have been receiving mail at the *Limestone Post Office*, please have your mail forwarded to your next location.

Thank You.



### WORK DAY — **OCTOBER 6, 2018**

We need volunteers to help with the drainage work on the upper loop at B17.

Please contact Ron at [ronmc7@gmail.com](mailto:ronmc7@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

Thank You.

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**PENN WOOD PARK CLOSING: OCTOBER 13 AND 14, 2018.**

**WATER SHUTOFF: OCTOBER 12, 2018.**

**“PLEASE HELP”**