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Delmarva Beacon



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President's Message



President Katharine poses on Virginia Highland Haven's trails.

Getting this out later than I wanted due to our travels and then family visiting...Andy and I just returned from our first International Rally held in Lebanon, Tennessee. It was a great experience meeting folks from all over and also representing the Club. Also in attendance from Delmarva were Donna and Mike Field, Chuck and Maggie Helwig, and Bill Turner and Sharon Mirto. I had the opportunity to participate in the Delegates Meeting representing you, the Club, and to carry our new Club Flag for the procession. At the Delegates Meeting the WBCCI constitutional amendments were passed to allow the International Club to streamline processes and conduct easier online business going forward. These changes require Local Clubs to amend their own Constitutions and Bylaws to remain consistent with those of WBCCI. Note: Although Delmarva's C&B will be due for updating in 2023, the WBCCI is mandating we make the changes to mirror theirs as soon as possible and I plan to bring them to a vote in person at our October Installation Rally before handing over the reins.

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Exciting news regarding Crisfield! Thanks to diligent efforts by Roger Sansom, we are now confirmed for the Crisfield Rally next month. Thank you, Roger! See more below.

To borrow the closing line of another Club President I met -- Let's go camping!



Drone picture taken by an attendee at the Lebanon International Rally fairgrounds site -- including many, but not all of the areas hosting almost 800 units! Our spot was near the top of the picture near the large road and a lone tree.



Our new flag (center) lined up with several others from Region 2 at the International Rally.

Welcome New Members!

Joined since our last newsletter:

- Lynn and Tom Morgan; Newark, DE
gnurse33@verizon.net and tmorgan32@verizon.net
BRN# 13515

Upcoming Rallies

August 27-29: Tuckahoe State Park, Maryland

Tuckahoe State Park is a stream and valley park divided by Tuckahoe Creek, which runs the length of the park's 3,800 acres. Boating and fishing are available in the 60-acre lake. Due to the unique composition of the area's streams, fields, forests, forests and wetlands, a tremendous diversity of flora and fauna can be enjoyed. The park offers 20 miles of scenic hiking, biking and equestrian trails, flat water canoeing, hunting, picnicking, as well as a recycled tire playground for children. Seasonal activities and special events are hosted throughout the year. Adkins Arboretum, is also occupies 500 acres within the park and displays vegetation indigenous to Maryland. Tuckahoe State Park offers a ropes course, Scales and Tales display and leads teambuilding activities for additional fees and reservation made through park office. Address: 13070 Crouse Mill Road Queen Anne, Maryland, 21657

September 10-12: Crisfield American Legion, Crisfield, MD

Our Club has a group reservation to camp at the fantastic waterfront sites at the American Legion. Please do not contact the Legion directly. Let me know ASAP to put you on my list if you are interested since sites are filling fast! We have a limited number of sites still available offering water and electric. A dump station is available. Campsites may also be available a day or two early or to stay late. A 'donation' of \$35/night is payable at the rally; check or cash only. All campers are also welcome to visit the Legion for food or libations during their stay.



One memory from last year's Crisfield rally...

Our Trip to the International Rally

Vice President Andy and I took the opportunity of travelling to Tennessee to also visit ahead of the Rally into Arkansas for camping, touring, and exploring my family history. Arkansas and Tennessee are beautiful states and this was our first time visiting. Hiking opportunities abounded in each plus of course in nearby Virginia. In Arkansas, we stayed in the Ozarks region in one of the nicest state parks we'd ever stayed in: Devils Den State Park. While in AR we crossed into Oklahoma to tour Fort Smith. Tennessee was also beautiful as we traversed the entire middle of the state and also took the opportunity to stay at the lovely TCPC Airstream Park – Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground. And on our way back east to join the International Rally, we routed ourselves briefly into Missouri and Kentucky, staying at a nice lakeside campground in MO: Lake Wappapello State Park. In total, not counting our home state of Delaware, we traversed parts of seven states!

Speaking of Virginia, we started and ended our travels by passing through Virginia and along the Blue Ridge. Delmarva Club members Bart and Melanie Balint graciously provided us Courtesy Parking on our first night -- thank you! For several nights we then stayed at another Airstream Park, Virginia Highland Haven. We enjoyed hiking there and visiting Floyd, VA. We also enjoyed our stay at our first National Forest Service campsite, Stony Fork Campground near Wytheville, VA.



Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Virginia Highland Haven.



*Unusual sites at Edgar Evins State Park in Tennessee:
your own deck right up over the lake!*







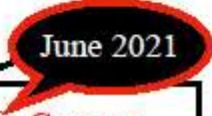






Andy pausing on the Yellow Rock hiking trail at Devils Den State Park in Arkansas.



Katharine waving from Yellow Rock hiking overlook at Devils Den.

Club Calendar



Delmarva Club Event Schedule
Revised February 2021

April 9-11, 2021
Killens Pond Rally
Killens Pond State Park, DE
Hosts at site D-05

April 23-25, 2021
Maintenance Rally
With Central PA/Keystone
4-H Park
Centreville, MD

May 3-7, 2021
Retirees Rally
Hosts at site 101
Cherrystone Camping Resort
Cape Charles, VA

May 13-16
Lums Pond Rally
Buddy Rally with
Central PA and Keystone
Hosts site 029

June 2021

Round Pennsylvania Caravan
June 1-13: Caravan Leaders the Dowells.
Unit Caravan to Penn Wood Airstream
Park. Staying in scenic State Parks along
the way. Contact Katharine to join.

Shad Landing Rally
Pocomoke State Park, MD
June 25-27.
Hosts at site 115 Deer Run.

July 2021
Delmarva Picnic: Cancelled

July 17-24
Airstream Inter. Rally
Lebanon, TN

August 2-6, 2021
Kiptopeke State Park Rally
Cape Charles, VA
Hosts in site C21

August 27-29
Tuckahoe State Park Rally, MD
Hosts in site 6 Loop B

September 10-12, 2021
Crisfield American Legion Rally
Crisfield, Md. Hosted by the Dowell's.

October 1-3, 2021
Trap Pond Rally
Trap Pond State
Park, DE
Hosts at site A-14

October 22-24, 2021
Delmarva
Airstream Club
Installation Rally
4-H Park
Centreville, MD.

New Flag and Logo Stickers are Available to Order

We now have a new and approved Club logo! Thanks once again, to member Shannon Stevens for contributing the design work. Members interested in ordering a flag or stickers can contact President Katharine Dowell for further information.



Information from WBCCI

UPDATES FROM HQ

Hey Club Members, it has been busy here at HQ and we want to inform you of some of the items going on.

International Rallies

Registration for the 2022 International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine starts on Thursday, July 22 at 2 pm CST. Remember you have to be logged into the members-only section of the website to register online. The 2022 International Rally dates are July 23rd to July 29th, 2022.

Member Benefits

Airstream Club is pleased to announce a new marketing partnership with Travel MedEvac Insurance. Travel MedEvac offers Hospital of Choice Medical Evacuation insurance, Emergency Medical coverage, and Trip Cancellation plans. All plans are underwritten by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and other highly rated underwriters. ACI members can now purchase trip cancellation coverage for the

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International Rally and WBCCI Caravans, as well as for personal non-Airstream travel such as cruises. Welcome Travel MedEvac! Michelin has made us aware of a price increase going into effect on August 6th.

2022 Renewals

Renewal season is just around the corner starting in August. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact HQ at 937-596-5211 or email info@airstreamclub.org.

Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you down the road!

The HQ Team

Region 2 President, RJ Marquette's Message

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.

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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

Getting to Know Each Other

Member Profile: Shannon (male) and Lisa Stevens, BRN# 9345



Where are you from originally? Dover Delaware

Where do you live now? Wilmington Delaware

What kind of work do or did you do? I am Partner, Creative Director for Shiny an advertising agency with clients such as Chase, Farmers, Lutron & Elixir Guitar Strings. I also am Partner, Creative Director for a small 5 restaurant mini chain in norther Delaware called El Diablo Burritos which we started 10 years ago.

How long married (if not single)? Married 22 years.

Is the Airstream your first RV? Yes.

Have you been camping/RVing long? Been camping for 10 years.

What prompted the purchase of an Airstream as opposed to something else? I always wanted an Airstream. Couldn't afford one. Found this one by chance in a field on a dirt road in Aberdeen MD for a \$1K. Couldn't pass it up. Getting close to finishing renovations that have taken a year and a half. Super excited to use it this summer.

Where have you traveled in your Airstream? Maiden voyage is on the horizon.

Have you attended any major rallies, e.g., Regional, International? Any caravans? I Plan to in the future.

What prompted you to get involved with Airstream Club? How long have you been a member? Newbie. I want to be part of a local club to share experiences and gain knowledge from like minded individuals.

DELMARVA CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Open officer and trustee positions

The 2022 season is almost upon us! In order to keep our charter as a Club, officer positions must be voted in each year. Important: Positions are meant to be term-limited and really not very burdensome at all --- to enable and ensure broad participation by Club members in Club leadership. In addition, the president/vice president position are structured so that vice presidents each normally 'move up' in rank each year -- thus along with past officers to advise, you have a year to learn the next level up to help with the learning curve. There are no particular qualifications needed, just a willingness to support the Club!

On a personal note, as 'newbies' Andy and I jumped into our positions, recognizing that long-time members should not have to continue as they have -- trading officer and trustee positions among themselves to maintain our charter. Volunteering as officers has been a good way for us to learn about the Airstream Club International as well as our own members. It can be for you!

Please respond with your interest in serving in an office to Sarah at cooksey.sarah@gmail.com or let me or Andy know of your interest.

.Available Positions and main duties:

- President – lead two official business meetings a year, set rally calendar, appoint all standing committees and enforce constitution and bylaws
- First Vice President - assist the president, attend all business meetings

- Second Vice President - assist the president and 1st VP, attend all business meetings
- Corresponding Secretary - prepare an agenda of pending business and coordinate with treasurer to maintain an accurate roster of paid-up members of club
- Recording Secretary - record and preserve the minutes of the official meetings
- Trustees (end of one year terms; one two year term) - attend all business meetings, additional duties may be to chair or be members of committee

Club Officers

President.....Katharine Dowell
1st Vice President.....Andy Dowell
2nd Vice President..... vacant
Recording Secretary.....Donna Field
Treasurer.....Malcolm Comstock
Corresponding Secretary..... vacant
Membership Chair.....Andy Dowell
Webmaster....Andy Dowell
Trustees.....Mike Field (1)
Bob Pullman. Jr. (1)
Chuck Helwig (2)
Vacant (2)
Sunshine Chair.....Mary Ann Parks
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