

The Delmarva Beacon

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Welcome New Members!

Warmest welcome to our newest members of the ever-growing Delmarva Airstream Club!! New associate members from the Mid Atlantic Airstream Club include:

- ✦ **Richard & Cathy Jo Edgar**, WBCCI# 20659, Mechanicsville, MD
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President's Message:

September has come quickly! After a summer of multiple camping and other trips and long distance traveling, the season is winding down for us. We just came back from Buffalo, NY having moved our youngest son, sans Airstream. Some of our route north even retraced our wonderful June Pennsylvania caravan. We enjoyed the scenic trip once again and multiple notes were taken of nice NY state campgrounds for a potential future New York caravan.

This month we have the Crisfield, MD waterfront rally at the Legion. See page for information. Next up we have Trap Pond October 1-3, a popular campground that is likely full most weekends at this point. If you haven't already, look for any



Andy and Katharine pause along the
Susquehanna River en route to Buffalo

openings at Reserve America -- or place your name on the Reserve America wait list for those dates -- and you might very well get an email with availability for that weekend if there is a cancellation. In addition -- if anyone is interested, Andy and I had made a Trap Pond reservation for site B22 that we won't be using for the dates of Thursday Sep 23 to Sun Sep 26. Email me if you are interested in taking over this reservation before I cancel it.

It's also time to start thinking about and planning for the October 22-24 Installation Rally. See page 6 for the coupon to register to attend. For those new to the Club, it's the 2d of 2 annual business meetings held at the 4H Park in Centerville, MD. It's a good chance to rally and meet up with other club members, as well as enjoy a group meal and participate in officer elections and other Club business. The brief meeting is normally one hour then we get to eat. Water and electric sites are included, along with a dump station. Hope you can join us for the rally --or even to attend the business meeting and dinner -- with or without your trailer! See page 5 for the coupon to register to attend.

Speaking of those elections... we still need folks to step up and offer to fill vacant positions. None of the positions is terribly burdensome and experienced folks can help you learn. Remember that without a full slate of officers, our Club ceases to exist. Please consider volunteering for a slot. See page 8-9 for a synopsis of duties.

Getting to Know Each Other

Member Profile: Bart & Melanie Balint Gray, WBCCI# 02491

Where are you from originally? Bart is from Weirton, WV, and Melanie, born in Thailand, grew up in several different countries overseas, as her father was in the Foreign Service. Her family was based in Northern Virginia when her father was based in the US.

Where do you live now? Weyers Cave, VA.

What kind of work do or did you do? I was a medical physician before I retire several years ago. Melanie has a PhD in Immunology and is currently working as an 'inner work' coach utilizing several different types of inquiry.

How long married (if not single)? 5 years



Bart & Melanie Balint Gray, WBCCI# 02491



A beautiful sunset of the Chesapeake Bay from the shoreline at Kiptopeke

Is the Airstream your first RV? Yes. This is the first Airstream we have owned.

Have you been camping/RVing long? Bart had been camping with his immediate family from a child and in boy scouts.

What prompted the purchase of an Airstream as opposed to something else? Prompts from family members suggested I buy an Airstream because of the sleek design.

Where have you traveled in your Airstream? We have traveled from the eastern shores of Virginia to the western shores of California. Everywhere we have been had its unique experiences.

Have you attended any major rallies, e.g., Regional, International? To date, we have only been to one local rally. We had hoped to do more in the last several years, only to have this curtailed by family needs and the recent Covid trials.

What prompted you to get involved with Airstream Club?

How long have you been a member? I wanted a place to get advice on owning and maintaining an Airstream. I really don't remember how long we have been members!

Past Rallies:

Kiptopeke State Park, Aug 2-6, 2021

Pictures and excerpt by Chris Clawson



Our little home away from home

Kiptopeke was a lot of fun this time around! We met a nice young couple that full times in a 2016 25ft Airstream. We also got to know our newest members of the club the Engler Family! Over all the trip was fun. If you haven't been to Kiptopeke it is a must visit! The spots are all good size with most having water, electric, and sewer hook ups! Then there is the direct access to a boat launch and two beaches. Finally there is a place you can rent kayaks. Thanks to everyone that showed up it was a great week!

In attendance were Ashley Hitzig, Chris Clawson, David Ziara, and the Engler family.



Betty Schwarz, Celeste Sansom, Laurie & Bob Pullman, Debbie Schulenberg, & Tina Mudge at Happy Hour.



Tuckahoe State Park, Aug 27-29, 2021

Pictures and excerpt by Roger & Celeste Sansom

A great weekend was shared by members who were able to attend our Tuckahoe State Park Rally. Pleasant weather offered the opportunity to enjoy canoeing on the lake and/or exploring the park's various walking and biking trails. For some, an afternoon trip to the Queen Anne area included treasure hunting at local antique & thrift stores and refreshments at the Ten-Eyck Brewing Co.

In attendance were Blaine & Betty Schwarz, Dave and Tina Mudge, Roger and Celeste Sansom, Rick and Debbie Schulenberg, and David Ziara. Bob & Laurie Pullman were able to join us for a late afternoon "Happy Hour".

New Club Stickers are available!!

The club has picked up the cost of the new stickers and members interested in picking up a sticker for your new trailer may get one at the Installation Rally. Alternatively, to receive a sticker by mail, for just the cost of postage, contact President Katharine Dowell.

Region 2 President, RJ Marquette's Message

Hello everyone! With the decision to move to one member, one vote, everyone should check their accounts on the Airstreamclub.org website. If you haven't already, get your account set up, then look yourself up in the membership directory and confirm the club has the correct information. Check your partner's information, too – when they transitioned to the new website, they needed unique email addresses for everyone, so (if they didn't already have a partner email's address) they added a "1" to the email address they had on the account. So, in our case, my address was rjmi@yahoo.com, and Erica's was set to rjm11@yahoo.com, which isn't an account we have. Send an email to membership@airstreamclub.org or call HQ at 937-596-5211 to get it straightened out.



Dave & Roger celebrate Happy Hour.

Why is this important? Most importantly, because we'll all need to log in so we can vote for the International officers next year. It can also be important if you're an officer for your club or have a role



Dave Mudge, Roger Sansom, Rick Schulenberg, Dave Ziara, & Blaine Schwarz at Happy Hour

such as the Webmaster. Beat the rush and fix your accounts now. HQ is eager to get this fixed for all members!

Does anyone else love camping in the Fall? It's a good thing we do, because we have no less than four trips planned between mid-September and the first weekend of November! I hope everyone else is getting to use their Airstreams – like an old Blue Beret said, “Non-use is misuse!”

In other news, look for an announcement about 2022 Region 2 Rally soon!

Until next time...

--RJ

Upcoming Rallies

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 10 units planning to go and a limited number of sites are still available, all offering water and electric. A dump station is also available. All campers are also welcome to visit the Legion for food or libations during their stay. Campsites are available a day or two early or to stay late for those attending. Cost: A ‘donation’ of \$35/night to the Legion is payable at the rally; check or cash only. Katharine will be collecting payment at the rally in order to present all payments to the Legion as a group.

October 1-3, Trap Pond Rally

Note: Attendees need to make your own reservations through Reserve America. If sites are full, add your name to the waiting list on the RA site.

Trap Pond information below: <https://destateparks.com/PondsRivers/TrapPond>

Once used as an industrial logging pond starting in the late 1700s, Trap Pond is home to the northern-most, naturally occurring, stand of Bald cypress trees. Trap Pond hosts a high diversity of



A memory from last year's Crisfield Rally, by Katharine Dowell.

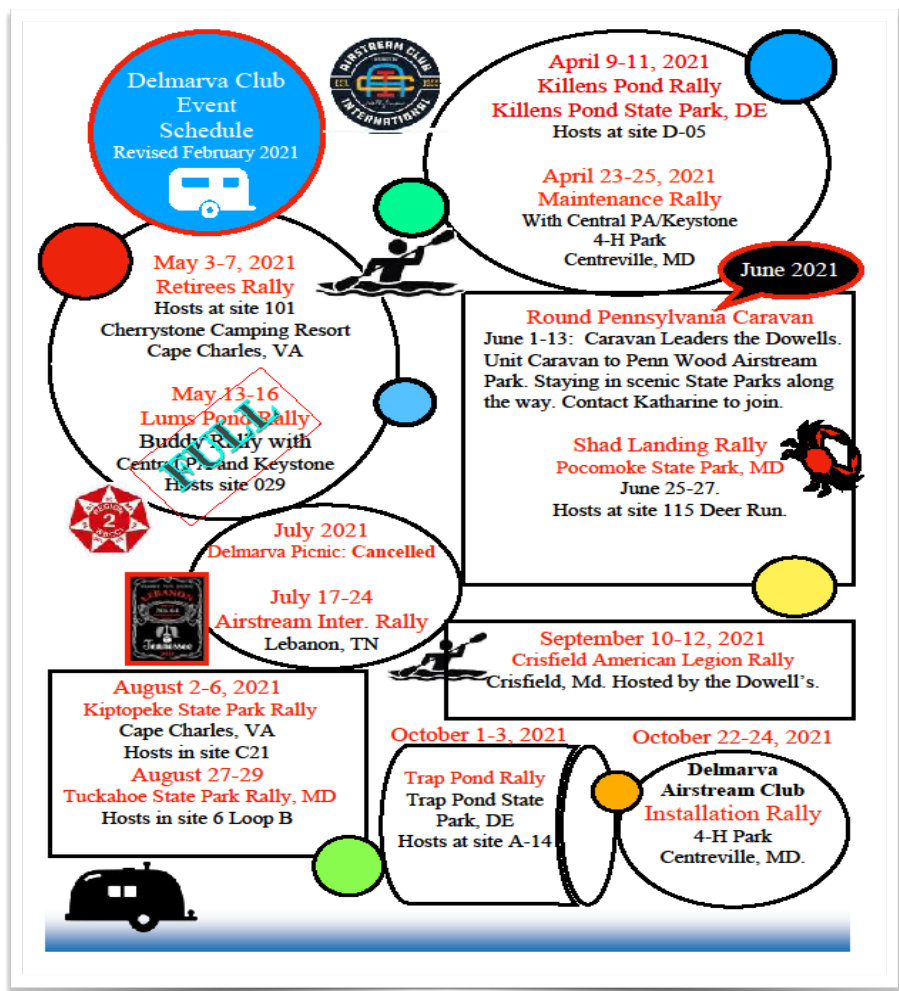
plant and tree species and is an excellent fishery for bass and other warm-water fish species. The park boasts nearly nine miles of canoe and kayak trails, and kayaks, canoes, boats and paddle boards are available for rent. A ramp allows boaters to launch and fishing docks are available at multiple locations. Guided tours of the cypress swamp, numerous cemeteries and an 1800s church tell the history of the area. Birders and wildlife watchers can enjoy the plentiful woodlands while more than 12 miles of trails await hikers, bikers and equestrians. The campground features tent and RV sites along with cabins and yurts for a variety of woodland stays. Disc golf, playgrounds, pavilions, a picnic area and two primitive youth camps round out the recreation opportunities. The Bald cypress Nature Center which offers exhibits and interpretive programs about the park's natural and cultural history, is also available for special event rentals.



Fall 2018, Trap Pond - by Katharine Dowell



Delmarva Club #026 Calendar



October 22-24, Installation Rally at 4H Park

To attend, please complete the rally coupon below and send to or call Malcolm so he can have an accurate head count.

Delmarva Airstream Club #026
Installation Rally 2021

October 22, 23, 24 at 4-H Park, Centreville, MD
Come for the Rally and Camp, or
Come to the Unit Business Meeting and Dinner on Saturday

Tentative Schedule

Thursday 21st early arrival after 12 o'clock. Activities and meals on your own. Extra night fee \$20, when you arrive.

Friday 23rd - arrive after 12 o'clock

5:00 - 5:30 "Happy Hour"

5:30 Dinner on your own

Saturday 24th - Explore the area

8:00 Breakfast

4:00 Unit Meeting, followed by Installation of Officers Ceremony

5:30 - 6:30 Installation Dinner, followed by new President Andy Dowell

presentation of Activity schedule for the next year

Topped off with Dessert

Installation Rally Coupon 2021

Name(s) _____ WBCCI # _____

Camping: Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

Not Camping _____ but coming for Saturday dinner and/or meeting

Rally Fee: \$55 for two nights includes: Sat. Breakfast & Dinner

**Make Checks payable to - Delmarva Unit WBCCI and
bring with you to rally**

Please Call or Email Malcolm Comstock with the above information
Malcolm's contact info: malvermont63@yahoo.com 302-724-0654

DELMARVA CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Open officer and trustee positions

The 2022 Club 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 as an officer or trustee to Sarah at cooksey.sarah@gmail.com or let me or Andy know of your interest.

Positions and main duties:

- President – lead two official business meetings a year, set rally calendar, appoint all standing committees and enforce constitution and bylaws, as needed
- 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



