

Keystone Kourier

Keystone Unit #092
Region 2 - WBCCI



President's Message

Beginning a New Year Together

It is with very mixed feelings that I write **this last President's Message**. We never started this year with the idea that our camping would be curtailed by **Phyllis** having shoulder replacement surgery. We were especially looking forward to **the PA Rally** because it was held at one of our favorite locations – near the Creamery at Penn State (just kidding). The reports that we saw on our Facebook page made us even more sad that we couldn't

attend. Now that Phyllis is recovering very well, we will be able to get back on the road at **the Installation Rally on the Chown's farm in Barto**. **Howard** and **Chuck** have put together a great plan. We hope that even more will plan to attend than who have indicated that they will so far. Please send in the rally coupon that is in with the newsletter email **ASAP**. This will be a great event that will culminate with elevating **Kathleen Quinn** to **President**. All who have gotten to know her and **Pat** at our Rallies have appreciated her passion for pulling their Airstream, her friendliness and her interest in our unit. It will also be wonderful to welcome **Howard Mergelkamp** as our **1st Vice President** and **Jody Dietz** as our **2nd Vice President**. Please join us on the farm!

Another one of the highlights of the last couple of months has been the addition of several new members. Rick Pitts and I have had great exchanges with them by email and are looking forward to meeting them in person. We hope that they will be with us at the Installation Rally. It will give us a chance to welcome them and share with them many of our adventures on the road with our Airstreams.

I am sorry that the reservations for **the Rally at Point Lookout State Park Campground** have filled up and there is no more room. All those who are coming will have a chance to meet and camp with our new **Region President, RJ Marquette**. He has a site and told me that he anticipates a great time with us. **Phyllis** and I will host the rally and can guarantee that we will have some great campfire times.

The last item I would like to share is how **Phyllis** and I got into **Airstreaming** and camping with **an Airstream club**. I hope that by sharing this journey for us, it will encourage others to be involved in serving as an officer. We went camping with our friends – **Deb and Rick Exter** at Cherrystone Campground at the very southern tip of the Delmarva peninsula. At that time, we had a pop-up camper and we fell in love with their 1994 Airstream Motorhome. After many subsequent conversations with Rick, he lent me his Blue Beret Magazine and I saw an ad for a 1987 Airstream Motorhome. Well, in short, we purchased it and the Exters invited us to join the Delaware Valley/New Jersey Airstream Unit. At the very first meeting they were putting together an officers' list for the following year and we were both asked to be Trustees. We got to know everyone in the Unit and agreed to be elected later as other officers. So, when we moved to PA we immediately wanted to get involved in **the Keystone PA Airstream Unit**. We have greatly enjoyed the unit and being officers within it. So, I mentioned all that to urge all of our new members to do the same as us, start as a **Trustee** and give some of the rest a try.

I close this message by **thanking** all of the members of **our unit** for your support and friendship. We plan on supporting each set of officers who are willing to serve each year!

See you Down the Road!

Don H.



Upcoming Events

October 22-24

Keystone Installation Rally
Chowns' Farm
255 Kulps Road, Barto, PA

November 5-7

End-of-Year Rally
Point Lookout State Park,
11175 Point Lookout Rd
Scotland, MD

December 11, noon

Keystone Holiday Lunch
Plumsteadville Inn
5902 Easton Road
Pipersville, PA 215-766-7500

Stay Connected

Keystone on the web
<https://Airstreamclub.org/Keystone-Pennsylvania>



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Facebook
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Airstream Club Int'l
<https://AirstreamClub.org/>

2021 Officers

President

Don Harrington

1st Vice President

Kathleen Quinn

2nd Vice President

Open

Treasurer

Rick Pitts

Secretary

Phyllis Harrington

1 Year Trustee

Mary Newnam

2 Year Trustee

Sue Walton

Immediate Past

President

Jody Dietz

Membership

Open

Sunshine

Karen Kushto

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Andy & Rick Pitts

Sunshine Report

Cindy Yerk needed hip replacement a few weeks ago and is in therapy working to get her walking back up to speed.

Let us know of illnesses, surgeries, friends needing a kind word - and better yet, recoveries.

Karen (kkushto@comcast.net or cell 215-266-2410)

Happy Birthday to:

October

Sue Dietz (11th)

Clare Vogt (13th)

Arry Mergelkamp (15th)

November

Joan Weaver (7th)

Cindy Yerk (13th)

Karen Kushto (15th)

Jim Hicks (25th)

Joanne Michael (28th)

Happy Anniversary to:

October

Mary & Ted Newnam

Joanne & Jeff Michael

Linda Ramsey & Tim Bell

Kathleen & Patrick Quinn

November

None to report

We have, and like to celebrate many birthdates and anniversary months but if we've missed you please email Rick/Andy (r_pitts@verizon.net).

Keystone Bits

. Registration is open for the **Fryeburg 2022 International Rally**, to be held at the Fryeburg Fair Association in Fryeburg, Maine, July 23-29, 2022. Login to the Members Only portal on the WBCCI site to register now!

. The NASCAR race in Dover, DE does not conflict with the Lums Pond rally date of May 13-15. Check ReserveAmerica to see if sites have opened up.

. **Save the Date:** Plans are being finalized for the 2022 Region 2 Rally to be held May 19-22 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington



October Meeting and Installation Rally

At the Installation rally in October we'll elect officers for next year, review the financial status of the unit and work on making plans for next years' activities. The slate of officers for next year still needs a few folks to step up for **openings**:

President: Kathleen Quinn

Treasurer: Rick Pitts

1st Vice President: Howard Mergelkamp

Secretary: **Open**

2nd Vice President: Jody Dietz

1-year Trustee: Sue Walton

2-year Trustee: **Open**

Call or email Don Harrington or Kathleen Quinn with questions about the meeting and bring along your suggestions for some great activities to plan.

Pennsylvania State Rally

Jody & Sue Dietz, Howard & Arry Mergelkamp, Rick & Andy Pitts and Pat & Kathleen Quinn attended the Pennsylvania State Rally at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds.



This year's rally was well hosted by the Central Penn club, and rigs from all 5 of the Pennsylvania units/clubs were in attendance (along with others from out of state). Some of the more adventurous headed to Bald Eagle State Park for a great afternoon of kayaking, while others visited the Berkey Creamery at Penn State for some tasty



flavors. Rally attendees were treated to a fine evening of vocal, guitar, and harmonica entertainment by singer/song-writer Matt Miskie. Good friends, good weather, great rally.



Introducing

It's a pleasure to introduce the newest members to our unit:

Jennifer Eggers, #4825, from Emmaus with her 20' Flying Cloud

Matt & Cristina Keiner, #19997 from Oreland with their 22' Caravel

WELCOME – We look forward to meeting you on great camping



Keystone Komedly Korner

PQ: While fun, the last rally was just like an auto muffler – it was exhausting!

KQ: My husband asked if he had any annoying habits, and then got all offended during the PowerPoint presentation.

Albert Einstein: The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

Proofreader Please, actual signs or headlines seen out and about:

2nd hand shop: "We exchange anything - why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?"

Please send **your** best quips to Rick & Andy for a future issue of the Kourier.



Upcoming Keystone Fun

Keystone Installation Rally – October 22-24 – Chowns' Property, 255 Kulps Road, Barto, Pa.

Early arrivals should start coming in mid-day Friday. See the coupon attached for more information.

We need to know if you will be joining us for the three days or arriving Saturday for dinner and unit meeting. Please contact Chuck or Howard to acknowledge your participation.

Contact Rally Coordinators: Chuck Chowns
cachowns@verizon.net
Call/Text. 267-252-5644

Howard Mergelkamp
howardsan70@gmail.com
Call/Text. 267-733-3565

End of Year Rally – November 5-7 - Point Lookout State Park (Maryland).

The Tulip Loop is the only loop open and is now fully reserved. Keep checking for availability, or call the park's reservation line at 1-888-432-2267.

Holiday Luncheon – December 11, noon - Plumsteadville Inn

This year's holiday luncheon will be held in the Garden Room at the Inn, the larger of the rooms with plenty of space for social distancing. As usual we will order from the menu and receive separate checks. Please let Don know if you will be attending so we can plan for the room with our hosts.

Membership Renewal

For most of us it's that time of year: **Renew your WBCCI (and Keystone Unit) membership for 2022.**

Keystone dues are \$15 for the year; WBCCI dues are \$75 for the year.

In January the IBT approved changing the membership period from calendar year to an anniversary year basis, based on 12 months from the original join date. All current members as of July 1, 2021 have an anniversary date of January 1st. New members on/after July 1 will be on a true anniversary schedule (i.e. if a member joined July 17, 2021, their membership is active from July 17, 2021 through July 16, 2022). HQ will send out renewal notifications about 120 days before the expiration date. Members can renew their WBCCI and club membership at the same time. Lifetime members will be included in the notification process and will need to renew through HQ at which time they will select and pay unit/club dues.

Please email (r_pitts@verizon.net) any questions or concerns regarding dues, **but do not send your annual or lifetime WBCCI/Keystone renewal to West Chester.** (Note this does not apply to those associate or former members who are only renewing their Keystone membership.)

To renew your annual or Lifetime WBCCI and Unit memberships:

Go to airstreamclub.org/current-members ([Renew Your Airstream Club International Membership](#)), login and pay on the internet (\$90 = \$75 WBCCI + \$15 Keystone, #092) (Lifetime \$15 Keystone only). Update any info as needed and renew. The renewal page should show your affiliation with Keystone making this easier. WBCCI will send us a copy of your receipt, and your Unit dues. Remember, you must renew through WBCCI by December 31, 2021 to be listed in the 2022 International Directory published in February 2022.

Alumni: If you wish to renew only your annual Keystone Unit membership:

Please send a \$15 check payable to 'WBCCI-Keystone Unit #092' to Rick Pitts, Treasurer, 930 Stoney Run Drive, West Chester, PA, 19382. Do not renew through the WBCCI website as they coordinate only for renewing WBCCI members. Please renew by December 31.

2021 Activities Schedule

October 22-24 – Installation Rally – Linda & Chuck Chowns’ Farm, 255 Kulps Road, Barto, PA 19504
Chuck Chowns and Howard Mergelkamp are coordinating (cachowns@verizon.net)

November 5-7 – End of the Year Rally – Point Lookout State Park, 11175 Point Lookout Rd, Scotland, MD
Don Harrington coordinating (pastordkh21@aol.com, 856-362-1908)

December 11 (Sat-noon) – Holiday Luncheon, Plumsteadville Inn, 5902 Easton Road, Pipersville, PA
Don Harrington and Peg Spahn coordinating (RSVP to Don – pastordkh21@aol.com, 856-362-1908)

Preliminary 2022 Activities Schedule

May 13 - 15 – PA Opener with Central Penn and Penn Lehigh – Lums Pond State Park, Bear DE

May 19 - 22 – Region 2 Rally – Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington, DE

October 22-24 – International Rally – July 23 – 29, Fryeburg, ME

A Note on Voting Changes from RJ Marquette

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** – when ACI transitioned to the new website, a unique email address was needed 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. In our case, my address was 'rjm1@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.

Crank Up Your Silver



Andy and Rick Pitts
930 Stoney Run Dr.
West Chester, Pa. 19382

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE UNIT?

Contact:

President: Don Harrington

pastordkh21@aol.com

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