

# Keystone Kourier

## President's Message

Keystone Unit #092  
Region 2 - WBCCI



### Rally Together at the PA State Rally

Since you are probably like everyone we have met since **Phyllis** was in the hospital, your question probably would be: **How is she doing?** That is why I put **Phyllis' going home from the Hospital picture** on this page. She is home and has completed her first **PT session**. It seems like she is getting better every day both physically and mentally. We have a great surgeon and he did a fantastic job along with the excellent care by the nursing staff. I stayed overnight with her and that worked out very well. If the rest of her recovery goes as well as it has so far, we will be back out of the road soon.



I hope that more folks than I heard about last month are going to the **PA State Rally**. That is always a great Rally and the location this year is terrific! **Kathleen Quinn** is in charge of our response and she needs your support. If Phyllis was up to it, we would be going. If you can't go, we hope that you will plan now to go to the Installation **Rally at the Chown's Farm in Barto, PA**. The weekend last year was great and the Chown's were wonderful hosts. That will be our first outing after Phyllis' surgery. If you are able to go either contact Howard Mergelkamp who is assisting the Chown's with the Rally or email me.

To conclude my message, I would like to answer a question that I was asked by someone on Airstream Addicts: What do you get out of the International Rallies that would motivate you to go every chance you get? I wouldn't be a bit surprised if many of our unit members may have the same question in mind. First and foremost, is the opportunity to get to know people from all over the US. For instance, our neighbors this year were from Indiana, Michigan, California, Florida and North Carolina. We had wonderful conversations about family travel and many other exciting topics. When I was involved in the opening ceremonies carrying our flag, I met representatives from Metro-New York, the New York Finger Lakes, New Jersey and DelMarVa. We discussed the activities of our local units and learned about the structure of their clubs. The evening programs were great and our trip to the Grand Ole Opry was extremely entertaining. Also, this year one of our fireman at Lower Milford Fire Company was born in Lebanon, TN and he gave us some hints about dining there. The food and service were very enjoyable. Also going to Internationals gives us the opportunity to travel with friends and camp together on the way. So, if you have never been to an International, I would recommend that you plan now to go to next year's Rally in Maine. It should be delightful.

Let me leave a postscript: there are still a few open sites at our closing rally of the year at Point Lookout State Park Campground in Maryland. Please join us for another pleasurable weekend.

Itching to Get Back on the Road!

*Don H.*

## Upcoming Events

September 10-12  
**Pennsylvania State Rally**  
Centre Hall, PA

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

## Stay Connected

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



Follow us on  
Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KeystoneUnit/>

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

## 2021 Officers

### President

Don Harrington

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Kathleen Quinn

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Kourier – Web Pages

Andy & Rick Pitts

## Sunshine Report

Good news that First Lady Phyllis' shoulder surgery went well and she is in therapy working to get things in great shape for Fall camping.

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:

#### September

Dot Britt (5<sup>th</sup>)

Don Harrington (21<sup>st</sup>)

Barb Hillegass (23<sup>rd</sup>)

Peg Spahn (30<sup>th</sup>)

#### October

Sue Dietz (11<sup>th</sup>)

Clare Vogt (13<sup>th</sup>)

Arry Mergelkamp (15<sup>th</sup>)

### Happy Anniversary to:

#### September

Janice & Jim Hicks

Sharon & Wayne Fitzgerald

#### October

Mary & Ted Newnam

Joanne & Jeff Michael

Linda Ramsey & Tim Bell

Kathleen & Patrick Quinn

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

. Getting ready to head out for State rally or other Fall camping? Now's a good time to double check your tire pressure and lug nut torque. They vary slightly by model so check your spec sheet for recommended range. And while you're on your knees check the age of the tires to see if they need to be added to your Fall/Winter shopping list.

. 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!

## We Want YOU!

We're filling the slate of officers for next year and need folks to step up for **openings**:

President: Kathleen Quinn

Treasurer: Rick Pitts

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: **Open**

Secretary: **Open**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: **Open**

1-year Trustee: Sue Walton

2-year Trustee: **Open**

Call or email Don Harrington or Kathleen Quinn with questions about the spots and throw your hat into the ring to support the unit and all of next year's activities.

**We can't survive without you.**



## Keystone New England Caravan

**Jody & Sue Dietz** and **Pat & Kathleen Quinn** headed north with stops in Rhinebeck NY for a tour of the Old Aerodrome museum, Hildene, VT to tour the home of President Lincoln's son, Todd, an Island in Lake Champlain, west into New Hampshire to camp in the White Mountains and Belfast ME before heading back to Pennsylvania.



View more pictures on the Keystone Facebook page!



### Keystone Comedy Korner

RP: Airstreamers have an irrational fear of a speed bump; but they are slowly getting over it.

Mark Twain: Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.

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

"Red tape holds up new bridges"

"We can repair anything. (Please knock hard on the door - the bell does not work.)"

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



## *Upcoming Keystone Fun*

**Pennsylvania State Rally – September 10-12** – Centre County Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, PA. Sponsored this year by the Central Penn Club, there is a wide variety of activities for everyone: kayaking, hiking, biking, wildlife watching, local wine tasting, a visit to the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens, the Nittany Antique Machinery Assn. Show, the Swigart Museum, Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park and more!

**Keystone Installation Rally – October 22-24** – Chowns' Property, 255 Kulps Road, Barto, Pa. Early arrivals should start coming in mid-day of Friday. There is an abundance of room to make it easy for each member to park and get settled in. Rally power and water will be available, and gray water is permitted to be discharged at your site. Preliminary plans are to have a Happy Hour Friday night, buy beverages, and snacks to share. Saturday morning we'll have coffee and a continental breakfast buffet. Saturday day guests should plan on arriving in time for our catered buffet about 3:00. Following the meal we'll have our meeting, election and installation of officers for next year. There will be a repeat of Saturdays' continental breakfast on Sunday, then time to pack up and bring the rally to a close.

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. Let's make this year's Installation Rally one to remember with every available member in attendance.

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

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

## *Down the Road*

With the Canadian/US border restrictions **Rick & Andy Pitts** and **Howard & Arry Mergelkamp** had to cancel their planned Canadian adventure and switch to a loop through upstate New York. Sites included Fort Ontario & the Safe Haven Holocaust museum (Oswego), Tibbett's Lighthouse & Thousand Islands (Alexandria Bay), Saratoga National Historic Park & Saratoga Race Course (Saratoga Springs) and Olana and the Dutchess County Fair (Rhinebeck). Lucky enough to avoid most of Fred and Henri, and to score some nice campsites along the way this was not a bad replacement for the covid cancelation.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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

### **September 10-12 – Pennsylvania Rally, Centre Hall, PA – Central Penn Hosting**

Rick & Andy Pitts coordinating for Keystone (r\_pitts@verizon.net)

**September 7-12** – invitation to join Alumapalooza 11, Jackson Center, OH

**September 26 - October 3** – invitation to join 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek OH

~~**September 29 – October 4**~~ – Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally **has been canceled**

### **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 TBD (Sat) – Holiday Luncheon, Plumsteadville Inn - **Coordinator?****

*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

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## *Keystone Courier*



*This Labor Day we send THANKS to the many Airstream workers who made  
and maintain our rigs*

*September 2021*