



# ***October 2021***

## ***Delmarva Beacon***



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## President's Message



Katharine and Andy paddling near Crisfield, MD

September has flown by. Our Club had a great rally at the American Legion in Crisfield, MD. We had 9 units attending, including 7 from Delmarva and one each from the Washington DC Unit and Watchung, NJ Clubs. Attendees soaked up the waterfront breezes, sunrises and sunsets, kayaking, biking, drone watching (thanks to new member Jamie Bull), plus ate lots of crab cakes, enjoyed a dessert party (including excellent homemade strawberry ice cream from Dave Ziara) and several campfires. Pictures inside.

This is my last President's Message as my term ends on October 23. It's been an interesting and fun ride! Our Club still needs folks willing to step up and offer to fill several 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 15 for a synopsis of duties.

## Welcome New Members!

Joined since our last newsletter, transferring from New Jersey:

- James and Joann Bull

- [Jbull4@verizon.net](mailto:Jbull4@verizon.net)
- Selbyville, DE

## Upcoming Rallies

### October 1-3 Trap Pond Rally

Currently I know of 5 units registered for sites. Attendees need to make your own reservations through Reserve America. You can add your name to the waiting list on the RA site if none are available (aka: 'Create availability notice').

Trap Pond information below is from: <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 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 paddleboards 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.

### October 22-24 Installation Rally at 4H Park

It's time to get ready for the October 22-24 Installation Rally! 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! We will be voting in and installing new officers.

No charge if this is your first Club rally or you are not planning on camping. To attend, please complete the rally coupon below and send to or call Malcolm so he can have an accurate head count.

For those new to the Club, it's the 2d of our 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 enjoy a wonderful feast prepared by Malcolm Comstock, the Helwigs and others. **Please RSVP to Malcolm by Monday, October 18.** Thanks.

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

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**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](mailto:malvermont63@yahoo.com) 302-724-0654



Crisfield sunset by Charlie Michels.

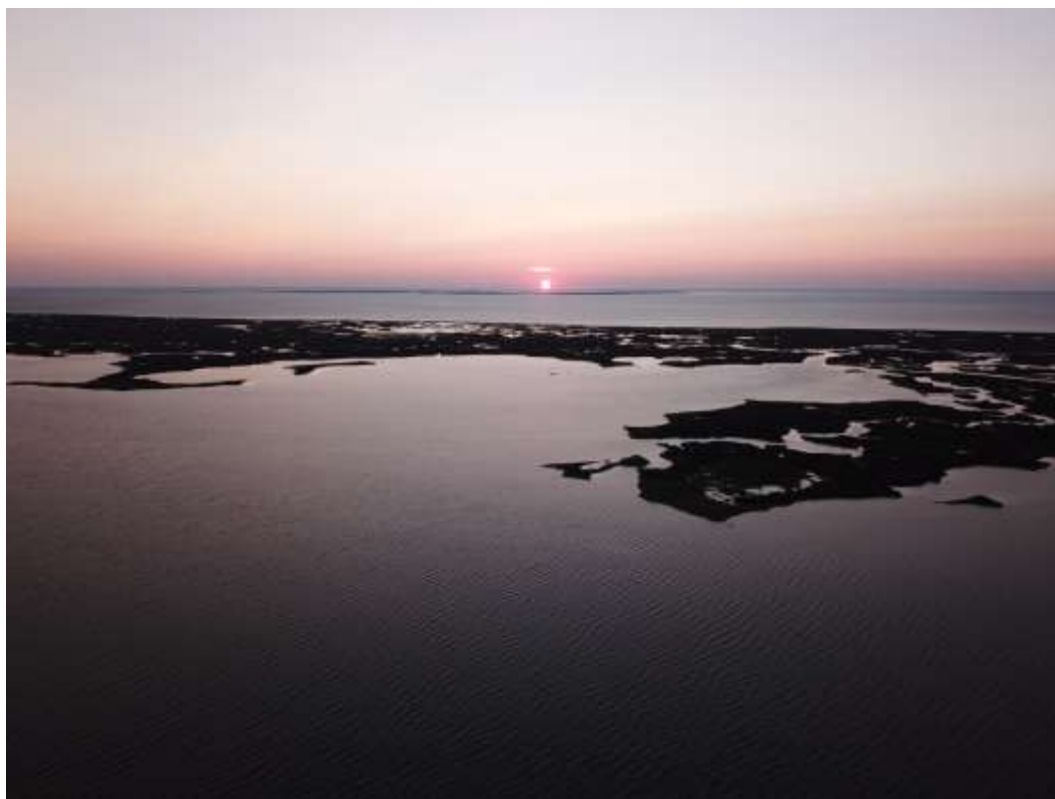


Aluminum reflections of his trailer and picture of the rally below by Charlie Michels.



Legion Campground with Airstreams drone photo by Jamie Bull.

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Janes Island State Park vicinity near Crisfield, MD. Drone photo by Jamie Bull.



Campfire relaxing and solitude below -- by Katharine Dowell



Crisfield Dessert Party by Katharine Dowell. Left to right: Dave Ziara, Andy Dowell, Roger Sansom, Chuck Helwig, Jamie Bull, Patti Galupo and Charlie Michels.

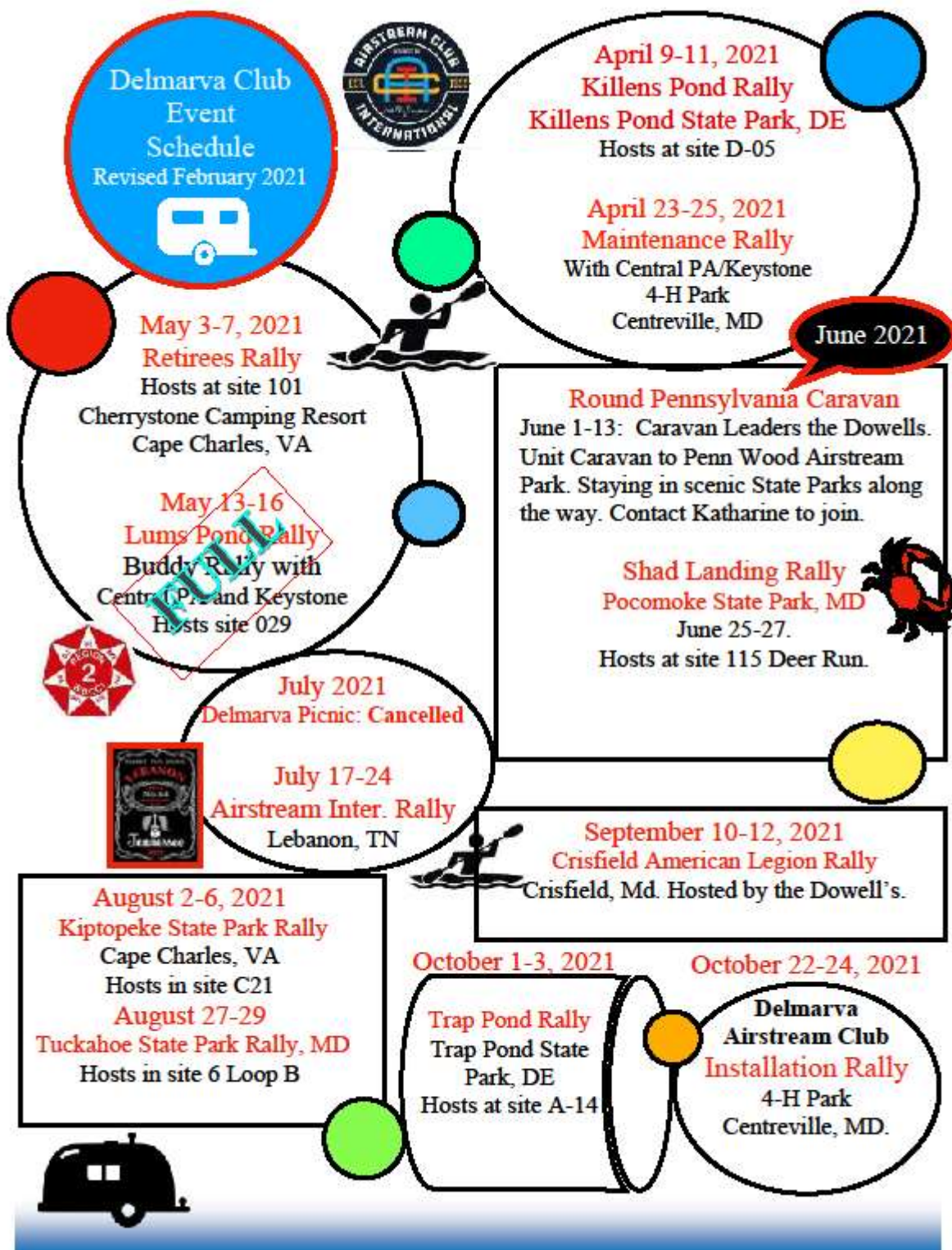


Andy and our bikes on the Smith Island Ferry from Crisfield by Katharine Dowell



Heading out to Smith Island. Left to Right: Andy and Katharine Dowell, Patti Galupo, Joann and Jamie Bull and Rich and Kathi Short. (Taken by other ferry passengers on Katharine's phone.)

Club Calendar



## Get Your Delmarva Club Stickers!

The Club has picked up the cost of the new stickers and members interested in picking up a sticker for your 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

The big news this month is that I want to tentatively announce the Region 2 Rally for next year: May 19-22, at the Delaware State Fair in Harrington, Delaware.

As of this writing, we do not have a contract signed, so I'm mentioning it with some hesitation, but the other problem is that many clubs are trying to plan for their 2022 camping seasons, so I want to get word out and hope for the best. I'm confident we'll be able to get this contract in place soon, though.

We have a special treat for this one: The Vintage Airstream Club wants to hold a rally in our region, and they've agreed to join forces with our Region 2 rally planning. This means we'll be able to offer more for everyone, and we may attract more WBCCI members from other regions as well. I'm excited for this rally - I think we're going to have a great time, and I hope you can join us. We'll have more details coming in the future.

I'm writing this on the last day of a Washington, DC Unit rally at the Outer Banks. I visited the Outer Banks with my parents several times in the 90s, and when I joined the WBCCI in 2005, the Outer Banks rally in 2006 was the first rally I attended, so this rally is always a must for me. We've had a great week of sunsets, sunrises, bicycling, exploring, beaches, food, and time with our Airstream family. Bill Graham (#3278) took the attached picture of Erica, Sulley, and I watching a sunrise. Thanks, Bill!

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Coincidentally, Metropolitan New York Airstream Club President Colleen Ahlers and her family were camping here as well (not part of the rally). Erica and I met Colleen and her husband Jerry at International, so it was a fun surprise to run into them here.



Until next month...

--RJ Marquette

## Getting to Know Each Other

### Member Profile: Mike and Sarah Cooksey, BRN 19968



#### **Where are you from originally? Where do you live now?**

Both Mike and Sarah grew up in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. Mike is from Annandale VA and Sarah is from Clinton, MD. We reside in Milton DE now and chose 19968 our zip code as our Big Red Numbers.

**What kind of work do or did you do?** Mike is a general contractor, primarily doing full house rehab work in Lewes and Rehoboth. Sarah is retired after many years working to protect our environment and conserve natural resources.

**How long married (if not single)** 32 years.

**Is the Airstream your first RV?** Our Globetrotter is our first RV.

**Have you been camping/RVing long?** We both grew up camping, and Sarah did a little RVing in her youth with her parents and siblings.

**What prompted the purchase of an Airstream as opposed to something else?** Sarah's father always wanted one and never was able to do so. So when she retired she looked into it after reconnecting with Katharine Dowell, our club leader.

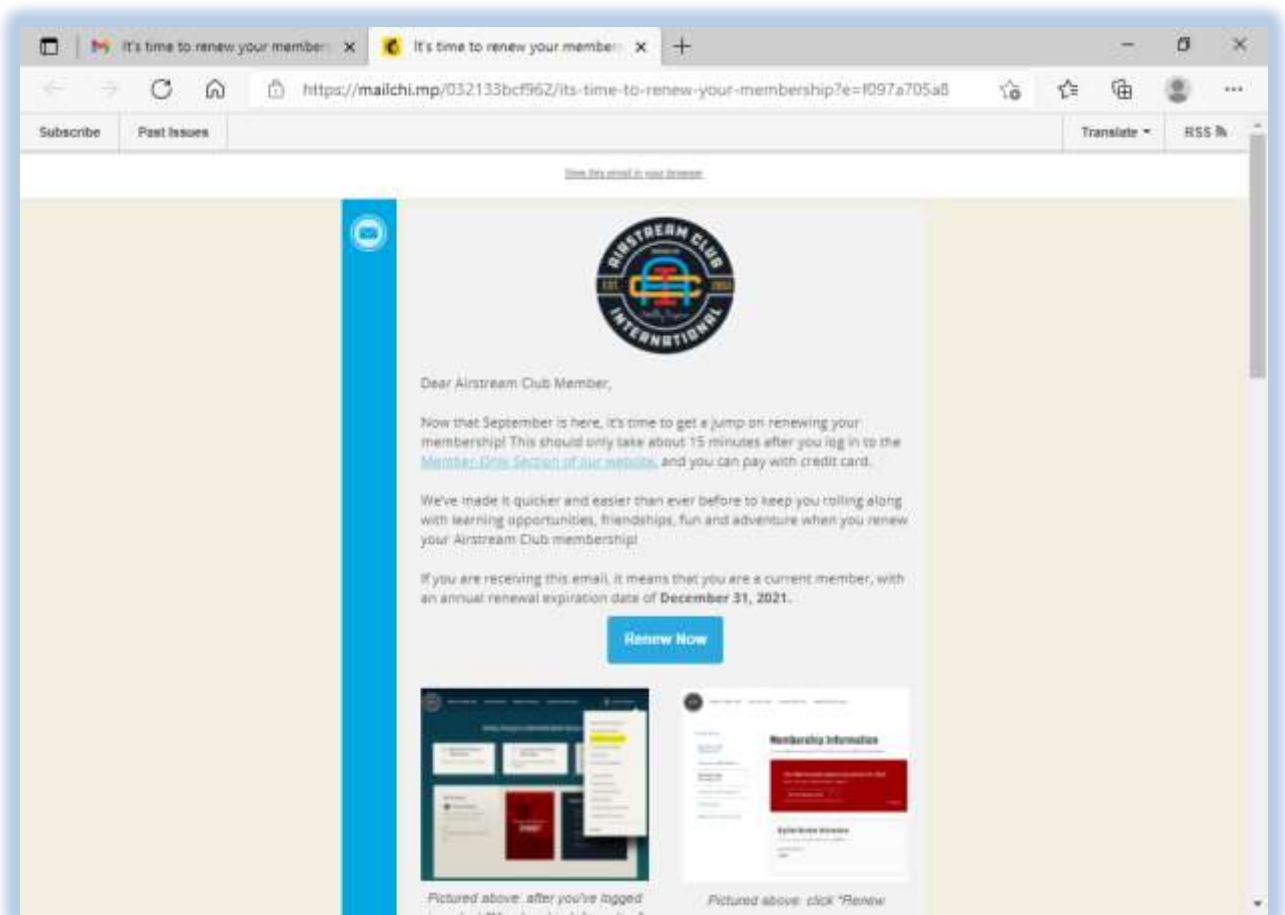
**Where have you traveled in your Airstream?** We have been as far north as the Maine Canadian Border and as far South as Jupiter Florida. We really like Florida in the winter and Maine in the summer.

**Have you attended any major rallies, e.g., Regional, International?** ? No caravans yet, and as many club rallies as possible.

**What prompted you to get involved with Airstream Club? How long have you been a member?** The Dowells! I think we are still in our first year in our club.

## Membership Renewal Time for Annual Renewal Expiration Date of December 31, 2021

Members who have a year-end renewal date: you should have gotten your reminder email like the one below and can easily renew online. Thank you!



## **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](mailto: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
- 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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