

# Keystone Kourier

Keystone Unit #092  
Region 2 - WBCCI



## President's Message

So, we find ourselves heading into the end of our camping season...unless you are lucky enough to be heading south for the winter. The change of seasons also brings change to our Unit. You officially have the most inexperienced President ever! You see, it all started at the end of 2018 with a suggestion from my accountant to buy an RV and take my vacation home with me. Good idea! So, I turned to Pat and said "We are buying an

Airstream! And a truck to pull it!" His response was an extremely enthusiastic "Okay". 😊

By Christmas we had purchased a truck and on January 15, 2019 our new-to-us, gently used 2017 Sport 22 arrived in the driveway. I should mention that we purchased her sight unseen. I'm a person of faith, or wishful thinking, or just plain stupid...you decide. Anyway, our Lucy was just perfect for us. She and Desi (the diesel) make a perfect pair. Now would be a good time to mention that Pat was not a camper and we had zero experience with anything other than some tent camping like 40 years ago!

But, I tend to be a researcher, so I learned all I could about the new girl in our family. When I discovered that there was an Airstream Club, I was all in! Sign me up!

So, on March 9, 2019 we attended a luncheon at Rick and Andy's. The welcome we received was a very pleasant surprise. You see, I am not really comfortable in crowded settings or being the "outsider". I'm not a snob...just tend to melt into the woodwork in a crowd. But this was not the case as everyone made us feel like we were one of them from the very start. The stories shared (Jody) did not send us running to trade Desi and Lucy in for a Time Share. We did agree, however, that camping in mud is not our idea of a good time.

What we found was a wonderful group of people who are kind, fun, adventurous, and helpful. So, when I was approached last year to step up as the First VP (which means you commit to being President the following year) I really didn't hesitate too long. I firmly believe you should contribute more than you take. With that mantra, I went ahead and jumped off the high dive into the deep end of the pool. Thank goodness I'm pretty buoyant! This year will be a learning curve for me but I promise to give it my best. Having Howard and Jody by my side will make this year much less daunting. I may not do things as they have been done before but I will try to keep us active and engaged. Having said that, I encourage everyone, old and especially new, to be an active part of the Unit. Volunteer where you can and step up when you are needed. Together we will have fun creating great memories. I'm so happy we are part of such a great group; I hope you are as well. Happy Trails!

*Kathleen*

## Upcoming Events

**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

**See RJ's note on page 5  
and be sure to check your  
account for correct email**

## Stay Connected

Keystone on the web

[https://Airstreamclub.org/  
Keystone-Pennsylvania](https://Airstreamclub.org/Keystone-Pennsylvania)



Follow us on  
Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/  
groups/KeystoneUnit/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/KeystoneUnit/)

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<https://AirstreamClub.org/>

## Introducing the 2022 Officers

### President

Kathleen Quinn

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

Howard Mergelkamp

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Jody Dietz

### Treasurer

Rick Pitts

### Secretary

Pat Quinn

### 1 Year Trustee

Sue Walton

### 2 Year Trustee

Open

### Immediate Past President

Don Harrington

### Membership

Open

### Sunshine

Karen Kushto

### Kourier – Web Pages

Andy & Rick Pitts

## Sunshine Report

Nothing to report this month. 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:

#### November

Joan Weaver (7<sup>th</sup>)

Cindy Yerk (13<sup>th</sup>)

Karen Kushto (15<sup>th</sup>)

Jim Hicks (25<sup>th</sup>)

Joanne Michael (28<sup>th</sup>)

#### December

Pat Quinn (20<sup>th</sup>)

### Happy Anniversary to:

#### November

None to report

#### December

Sue & Jody Dietz

Lesley & Barry Heckenswiler

Clare & Bud Vogt

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

### . Save the Dates for 2022:

. Lums Pond rally, May 13-15, Bear DE

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

. **International Rally**, July 23-29, Fryeburg Fair Assn, Fryeburg ME

. Speaking of dates, have you checked the expiration date of your LPG detector lately? They last 5-7 yrs and, speaking from experience, begin to beep their expiration notice late on a Saturday camping night...

. There's a good article on winterizing on the Airstream blog:

[www.airstream.com/blog/how-to-winterize-an-airstream-travel-trailer/](http://www.airstream.com/blog/how-to-winterize-an-airstream-travel-trailer/)

. In July the Florida State Parks added a \$7/day utility fee for RV camping. When reserving, this charge is not included in the site fee (as it does not apply for tenting) but is added when you add your equipment info and is not eligible for any FL discounts.

## Introducing

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

**Norm & Karen Fable, #15949**, Associate members joining from Central Penn

**Jonathan & Alex Jacobs, #2784**, Associate members joining from Mid-Atlantic

**Rich & Betty Jane Kunkel, #29442**, from Northampton with their 25' Excella

**Carol McHarg, #5399**, from Kennett Square with her 24' Interstate

**Tracy & John Walker, #18064**, from Nazareth with their 28' Safari

**WELCOME** – We look forward to meeting you on great camping weekends, rallies and caravans!

## *October Meeting and Installation Rally*

The Chown's again graciously invited us to their home in Barto, PA for the Keystone Installation Rally. Parked on their gorgeous grounds, fiddled with the rally electric, had a yummy hamburger feast and campfire with dessert. Morning breakfast was dry and cozy in the spacious garage in spite of early showers. The local fire department did a Compression Only rescue demo and we each got a practice dummy! Had a great time seeing old friends and welcoming new members! At the annual meeting, officers for next year were elected and installed (as listed on page 2), the financial status of the unit was reviewed and work began on plans for next year's activities and changing the Unit name to Club. In attendance were **Chuck & Linda Chowns, Jody & Sue Dietz, Jennifer Eggers, Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald, Don & Phyllis Harrington, Will & Karen Kushto,**



**Howard & Arry Mergelkamp, Ron Miller & Wendy Ashby, Pat & Kathleen Quinn,** and daytrippers **Barry & Lesley Heckenswiler, Jerry & Barb Hillegass, George & Peg Spahn and Wilson & Cindy Yerck.**



Many more great pictures on the Keystone Facebook page.

And a special thanks to Chuck & Linda for hosting and Howard & Arry for coordinating. Fun for all.

### *Upcoming Keystone Fun*

**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

The luncheon will be held in the Garden Room, the larger of the rooms with plenty of space for social distancing. We will order from the menu and receive separate checks. Please RSVP to Don Harrington by 12/6 so we can plan for the room with our hosts. Please bring a small unwrapped toy or stuffed animal to benefit Toys for Tots.



### *Keystone Komedey Korner*

Therapist: Your wife says you never buy her flowers; is that true?

Husband: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.

WK: What does Jeff Bezos do before going to bed? He puts his pajamazon!

Marco Polo: Yeah, I pretty much never sit by the pool anymore.

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

Conference note: For anyone who has children and doesn't know it there is a daycare center on the 1st floor.

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



Hiking sign in a Florida State Park

## Down the Road



**Ted & Mary Newnam** took their rig to see the ponies on Assateague Island. Wonderful weather and plenty of hoofs sighted.



**Pat & Kathleen Quinn** headed to Virginia to catch early fall camping at several pretty Harvest Host sites

Packsaddle Ridge Golf Club, Keezletown VA



Marceline Vineyards, Mt. Crawford VA



Heading to the southeast, **Rick & Andy Pitts** visited some great state/county parks and Army Corps campgrounds in Virginia, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina before packing the rig for the winter. Scenic stops included the Skyline Drive, Chattanooga TN, Laurel MS (Home Town/HGTV), Sopchoppy FL, Tierra Verde FL (Fort DeSoto cg), St. Augustine FL (Anastasia SP), Charlestown SC (James Island County Park) and more.



Be sure to check the Keystone Facebook page for more pictures from these adventures!



## 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.

### 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

**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 by 12/6 – pastordkh21@aol.com, 856-362-1908)  
Please bring a small unwrapped toy or stuffed animal to benefit Toys for Tots

## 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](http://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](mailto:rjm1@yahoo.com)', and Erica's was set to '[rjm11@yahoo.com](mailto:rjm11@yahoo.com)', which isn't an account we have. Send an email to [membership@airstreamclub.org](mailto:membership@airstreamclub.org) or call HQ at 937-596-5211 to get it straightened out.

## Crank Up Your Silver



Andy and Rick Pitts  
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West Chester, Pa. 19382



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE UNIT?

Contact:

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## *Keystone Courier*



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