

Happy Hanukkah



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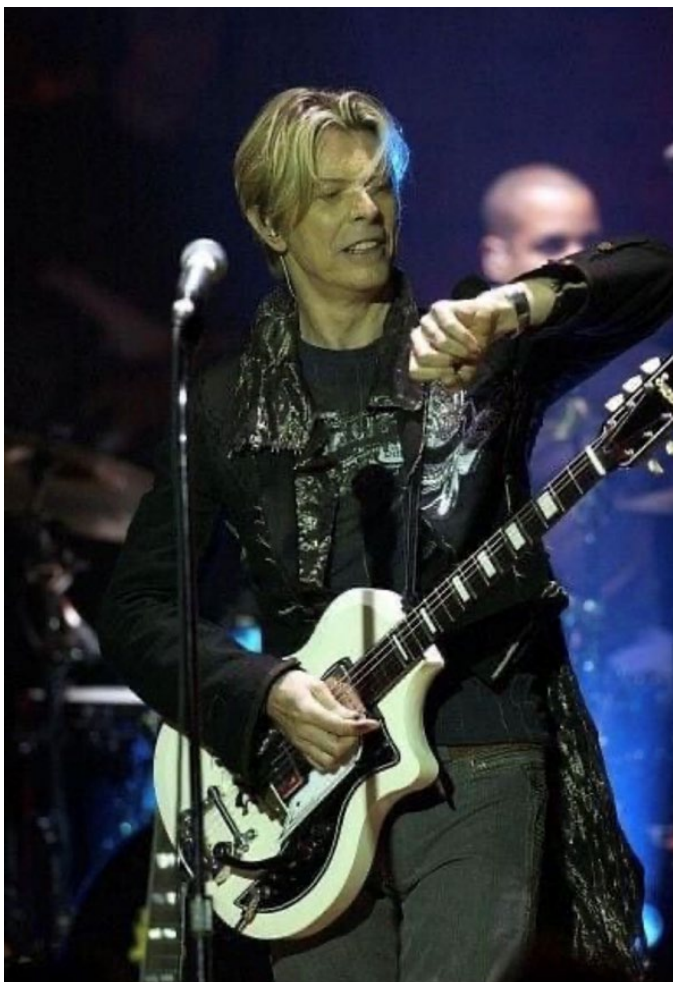
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## President's Message

### Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes!



December is here so it's *time* for *Changes*, changing of the guards that is!

Next Sunday at the annual installation luncheon, at the JBJ Soul Kitchen, I shall pass my President's flag, along with my club duties, over to Frank DeHerde. In addition, Fred Brugmans will preside over the swearing in of all new officers. We are sure to have a jolly good time!

I hope everyone was able to break bread with their loved ones over the Thanksgiving holiday. Our celebration was a Vegetarian meal so this little butter Turkey was the closest we got to a stuffed bird! I must say that the Trader Joe's baked "Vegan Turkey" was delicious and I stuffed myself silly with all the typical side dishes!

As this is my final newsletter as President, I want to thank you all for hanging in there during another atypical camping year. It's been a pleasure to serve our local club and I could not have done it without the guidance and back up of our past presidents.

Peace and blessings into the New Year,

Your President and First Mate

Meg and Laura #28240



# Updated Watchung Directory!

Now the [Watchung Directory](#) had been updated with pictures! Also, you can find our brand new “Directory of Past Members section. If you would like update or add photos please send the information to Lea Plant.

## Watchung Charity 2021

If you haven't had the chance to read up on our new charity, please visit the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, [jbjsf.org](http://jbjsf.org). The mission of this foundation is to break the cycle of poverty, hunger, and homelessness. They provide affordable housing in 11 states and also provide healthy, organic meals to those in need in New Jersey. There are two ways for us to contribute;



1. Send a check to our treasurer with JBJ Soul in the memo.
2. Visit the JBJ Soul kitchen in Redbank or Toms River for a meal. Each meal you purchase supports a second meal to go to a local person in need.

## Region 2 notes from the President

Hello, everyone. I'm getting my notes out a bit late this month, so I apologize for missing any publishing deadlines.

By this time, most people have winterized or moved south to warmer climates. I mentioned before that winterizing is always a bit sad for me, but at least this year we're taking a trip in January (to the mid-winter IBT meeting in Savannah, Georgia).

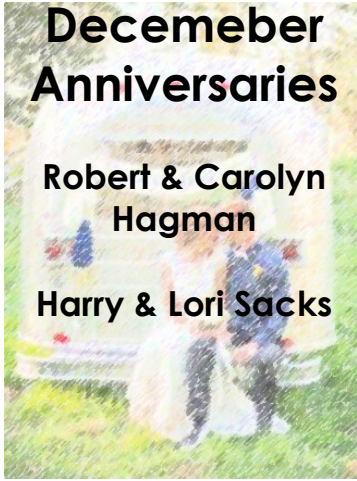
In travel news, the border between the US and Canada has reopened. A relative told me that I-81 had more RVs than trucks, which is pretty amazing, if you've spent any time on I-81. Cross your fingers that it will remain open for next year's events.

Erica and I wish you and your family a happy holiday season!

Until next month...

--RJ Marquette, Region 2 President





## December Birthdays

Fred Brugmans  
 Steven Tancer  
 Jason Pomerleau  
 Jamie Bull  
 Laura Riley  
 Chris Forster  
 Sean Boyle



## Tips from the Turnpike

Winter camping has one major drawback and it is...not what you think! It's not the cold but the build up of humidity. When we run our heaters in a closed-up Airstream, humidity collects from showers, washing dishes, cooking and breathing.

Schedule times to open a window several times a day or invest in an [air dryer](#), [dehumidifier](#) or DampRid. Or go camp where it's warm for the next three months!



## Welcome our Newest Watchung members!

Lynda Kresge of Princeton, NJ  
 and her 19ft Interstate 4x4!



# Camping Recipes

By Angie Ratliff #5070

We've just recovered from Thanksgiving and the kickoff to the holiday season. We are gathering for Hanukkah and soon the Solstice and Christmas. You know this means FOOD and one of my favorite treats is Christmas Crack! Who knew saltines, some butter, brown sugar and chocolate would create the Holidays best candy?

## Ingredients

- 1-2 Sleeves saltine crackers
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 14 oz bag of chocolate chips (I use semi sweet)
- Festive holiday sprinkles (optional)
- Chopped pecans or favorite nuts (optional)

## Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F
2. Line a baking sheet with foil
3. Place a single layer of saltines on lined baking sheet
4. Place brown sugar in butter in a heavy bottomed pan and heat over medium heat for 5 minutes until sugar is melted
5. Remove butter and sugar from heat and stir in vanilla
6. Carefully pour over crackers and place in oven for 5 minutes
7. Remove pan from oven and cover in chocolate chips. Place pan back in oven until chips are shiny
8. Remove pan from oven and gently spread melting chocolate over crackers. Add any nuts or sprinkles if using
9. Freeze for at least 1 hour before breaking into small pieces.
10. Store in freezer until ready to eat



# 2022 WATCHUNG CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Frank DeHerde  
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## Bits and Pieces



Check out the new Region 2 website at  
<https://airstreamclub.org/region2>

Items for the newsletter? Send them to Angela  
Ratliff by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!

## WBCCI Headquarters Email addresses!

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# 2021 Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon & Rally Schedule

**2021 December Instillation & Holiday Luncheon**, December 5, 11:30am to 1:30pm.  
JBJ Soul Kitchen, 207 Monmouth St., Red Bank NJ 07701. Hosted by Frank & Leslie  
DeHerde and Laura & Meg Riley. Please see attached coupon.

# 2022 Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon & Rally Schedule

If you are interested in hosting or cohosting a rally or luncheon, please see the list below and let George Kiesel know.

**2022 January Luncheon & Business Meeting:** Jan 9, 2022 at 1pm, The Brown Stone, 932 Middlesex Ave, Metuchen, NJ Hosted by Ken & Nancy Egan **CoHosts Needed**. Please see attached coupon.

**2022 February Luncheon:** **Tentative** Feb, 12, 2022 at 12:30pm Coopers Riverview, Trenton, NJ Mark & Angie Ratliff & Laura Raymond

**2022 March Luncheon:** Host Lea Plant, Cohosts Rich & Kathi Short

**2022 April Unbutton Your Rig Rally & Business Meeting:** Hosts Meg & Laura Riley, Cohosts Lois Wagner & Derek Conley

**2022 May Rally Region 2:** **Tentative** May 19-22, Delaware State Fair Grounds Harrington, DE.

**2022 June Region** **Hosts and CoHosts Needed**

**2022 July International Rally:** July 23-29, 2022, Fryeburg Fair Association, 1154 Main Street Fryeburg, ME [Sign up here!](#)

**2022 August Rally** George & Linda Kiesel **CoHosts Needed**.

**2022 September Rally:** Sept. 23-25, 2022, Bayshore Campgrounds, Rock Hall, MD. Mark & Angie Ratliff and Cohosts Meg & Laura Riley Contact [BayshoreCamping.com](http://BayshoreCamping.com) directly for sites and mention you are a member of Watchung Airstream.

**2022 October Rally & Business Meeting** Chris & Erika Beddiges **CoHosts Needed**.

**2022 November Luncheon** Hosted by Barbara Taylor and Michael Koczwara **CoHosts Needed**.

**2022 December Initiation & Holiday Luncheon** Hosted by George & Linda Kiesel and Frank & Leslie DeHerde

# Watchung Airstream Club Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00pm The Brown Stone

932 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, NJ 732-902-2741

You're invited to join us for a Watchung Airstream Club luncheon. This luncheon will include a hot and cold buffet.

We will have a business meeting and collect donations for our new charity during the luncheon.



\_\_\_\_\_mail this part of form WITH check\_\_\_\_\_DEADLINE: DECEMBER 30, 2021\_\_\_\_\_

Mail check to: Lois Wagner 29 Colony Court New Providence, NJ 07974

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Number of people:\_\_\_\_\_ Cost: **\$32.50** per person

Check payable to: Watchung NJ Airstream Club

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