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Backyard Holly by Katharine Dowell

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President's Message

Season's Greetings, Fellow DelMarVa Airstreamers!

Hopefully this will be our last holiday season without a holiday get-together or luncheon. It's wonderful to be able to gather together for fun, fellowship and to share our travel adventures. I miss it, and I'm sure most of you do as well. But with the current pandemic, indoor gatherings, even where all attendees are fully vaccinated, are not a good idea. Outdoor gatherings, weather permitting, are a great way to keep the camping spirit going during these chilly winter months. In this spirit, Katharine and I recently hosted a patio bonfire with 2 couples who live near us in Lewes - Denis and Liz Clements, and Betty and Blaine Schwarz. The weather was perfect, and we had a very enjoyable gathering. So I would suggest reaching out to club members and any other Airstreamers near you, to stay in contact, maybe get together on the deck or patio, and keep the adventure going. And if you're traveling over the winter, send us a note and pictures that we can share with the club!

On another note...

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The IBT (International Board of Trustees) is currently considering a proposal to alter the structure of the international officers, and how they are elected. In January, the IBT will decide whether the proposal should be presented to the membership for approval. I will send more information as I get it. If you are interested in learning more about the proposal, or want to put in your 2 cents, I suggest contacting Region 2 President RJ Marquette or Vice Presidents Gary Russo or Patti Galupo. Their contact information is on the Airstream Club website, www.airstreamclub.org.

Until we meet again,

See you down the road!

--Andy Dowell



Left to Right: Lewes, DE residents Blaine and Betty Schwarz, Liz and Denis Clements and President Andy Dowell gather near the fire pit on a pleasant December afternoon.

Welcome New Members!

To date in 2021, the Club has welcomed 18 new members and 5 new Associate members! Joined since our last newsletter:

Denis and Liz Clements; BRN 19490 2017 International Serenity

- Lewes, DE
- <u>denis.clements@gmail.com</u> and <u>elizabethclements56@gmail.com</u>

Sonnett Lee and Robert Gregg; BRN 09868 1962 Globetrotter

- Vienna, VA
- <u>sonnetlee@gmail.com</u> and <u>bobgregg@gmail.com</u>

Steve and Dana Brassell; BRN 21405 2018 Flying cloud

- Bishopville, MD
- <u>brassellsd@yahoo.com</u> and <u>danabrassell@yahoo.com</u>

2022 Club Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Location	Host(s)/sites	Event
April	8-10	Centreville 4H, MD	Delmarva Club joint with MD/ PA Clubs	Maintenance Rally
Мау	19-22	Delaware State Fairground, Harrington, DE	Region 2 WBCCI	Region 2 Rally
June	TBD	Tall Pines Harbor?	Temperanceville, VA	Rally
July	23-29	Fryeburg, ME	WBCCI	International Rally
August	TBD	Possible joint rally with WDCU club	Floyd, VA	Rally
September	9-11 Tentative	Crisfield American Legion, MD	Roger Sansom	Rally
October	TBD	TBD	Delmarva Club	Installation Meeting/Rally

Region 2 President, RJ Marquette's Message

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

Getting to Know Each Other

Member Profile: Malcolm and Sue Comstock, BRN 2305



- Members since 2003
- Sue grew up in Texas, and I grew up in Vermont. Somehow the "Fates" intervened; this June we will celebrate our fifty-eight Anniversary.

- We have been camping since we got married. Our first trip was to Prince Edward Island.
 BK (before kids) we, made four trips West and one to Alaska. We were both teachers, so the summer was for traveling.
- With the kids, we camped on the East coast, mostly Vermont and Maine.
- We became Airstreamers in 2003, our first RV.
- We have attended several Internationals, and our favorites were Bozeman, MT (our first), Gillette, WY, and Huron, SD.
- We have taken several Airstream caravans. They were all excellent: our favorites were Alaska, The Maple Leaf Trail, Viking Trail and Discover Ontario.
- We are both past presidents of the club. Airstream provides fun, fellowship, and adventure. But, like most things in life," The more you give, the more you receive."

It's Membership Renewal Time for Annual Renewal Expiration Date of December 31, 2021

https://airstreamclub.org/members/dashboard

To appear in next year's directory, please renew by year end. To date more than 2/3 of our end of year Delmarva members have renewed. Thank you!

2022 International Rally



FRYEBURG, MAINE: JULY 23RD TO JULY 29TH 65th International Rally

Sign up now for the FRYEBURG MAINE event! Six days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the 65th Airstream Club International Rally. Visit the website at https://airstreamclub.org/fryeburg.

There will be six days of fun-filled events, seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Fryeburg is located between North Conway, New Hampshire, and Bridgton, Maine, on the west side of the state. Fryeburg also offers a variety of recreational opportunities. Including the White Mountains National Forest, the Saco River, and numerous ponds and lakes nearby. Other sites of interest include Jockey Cap Rock, Fryeburg Farm Museum, and the Fryeburg Historical Society and Museum.

Conway, New Hampshire is a short drive with outlet stores, many restaurants, museums, golf courses all with the friendliness of a small town. Fryeburg also offers restaurants and shopping opportunities that include farm stands with local produce and products, craft beers, wines, and locally made crafts.

DelMarVa Club Officers

President.....Andy Dowell 1st Vice President....Ashley Hitzig 2nd Vice President....vacant Recording Secretary.....Betty Schwarz Treasurer....Laurie Pullman Corresponding Secretary....vacant Membership Chair....Roger Sansom Webmaster...Andy Dowell Trustees.... Chuck Helwig Katharine Dowell Newsletter Editor......Katharine Dowell Newsletter Layout and Design assistance: Ashley Hitzig