

The Hillbilly



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President's Message

The 2021 session is behind us, January brought some subfreezing temperatures. February has us looking to March and warmer temperatures. February and March also give us two luncheons to bring us together. February 12 luncheon is at Killarney's Publick House. March 26 luncheon is a double pleasure, luncheon is at La Terrazza followed by a tour of Colonial Airstream. There is still time to register for these two luncheons. Rally season comes up quickly with our Unbutton Rally at Camp Carr from April 29 to May 1. There are already 16 Airstreams committed to this rally.

For the next two rallies you will want to reserve your sites ASAP they are good ones. We have an August Rally at Pinchot State Park, Lewisberry, Pa., August 25 thru Sunday, August 28, 2022. See the newsletter for registration information. The second rally is at Bayshore Campground, Rock Hall from September 23 thru September 25 the campground fills up quickly. Please call 410-639-7485 the Bayshore campground and inform them you are with the Watchung Airstream Club.

The goal of our rally schedule is to have one a month. Do you have a favorite campground that you would like to share with the club? We need assistance in planning the rally in June and October. These open months are an excellent opportunity for someone to host or co-host a rally. The rally does not need to be an elaborate event you can keep it simple. You can also reach out to one of our rally hosts and offer your help or co-host. Let's get ready for a great year and get our calendar set.

We all appreciate the support and new ideas! Any new ideas? Send them to me, and I will present them to the executive board.

Frank DeHerde – President



Region 2 notes from the President

First, an update on the Region 2 rally: The contract has been signed, and we're getting the pieces in place. We're reaching out to various clubs and members who have offered assistance to help with the planning. I still hope to have registration open by late January or early February, and I'll notify the club presidents and newsletter editors when it is ready.

Unfortunately, a snow storm canceled my trip to the mid-winter IBT meeting in Savannah, but I was able to participate virtually. The risks of traveling in winter! There were three motions that required debate. The first was about restructuring the Executive Committee (EC), the second was simplifying the process for constitutional changes and disconnecting the delegate voting from the International Rally (thus allowing it to be held when it's needed), and the third was about allowing local clubs, rally hosts, etc. to set guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination status.

The restructuring proposal would change our EC to work like many other organizations, both nonprofit and corporate. WBCCI members would vote for 7 director positions, then the IBT would vote for a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from the directors. The directors would have two-year terms, staggered so that we would elect 3 one year and 4 the next. There would be no change to the Regional Officer roles; they would still be elected and serve as we do now. All of the comments I've heard on this have been positive; in fact, the only concern I've heard is that we are moving quickly on it, which I also expressed when I first heard the proposal in December. However, I'm now convinced the proposal has been fleshed out sufficiently, and there is no benefit in holding off until next year, and that this is a good change for the club. More information will be forthcoming in the Blue Beret and the club website, then it will be voted upon at the delegates meeting in Maine.

The second motion simplifies the process for submitting and ratifying an amendment to the club's constitution, and decouples the delegates meeting from the International Rally. These are good changes that will reduce the number of meetings held at International, while making the club more flexible. If approved by the delegates in Maine, changes to the club constitution will require at least 2/3rds of the members to approve it, as long as at least 20% of the members have voted.

The final motion, by far the most controversial, would have allowed clubs, caravan hosts, rally hosts, and people in similar positions to set a COVID-19 policy for events beyond what the local, state, provincial, and federal governments require. This motion was narrowly defeated - the vote was 9 to 8. So, the current policy remains in effect - WBCCI events must follow local guidelines and cannot impose additional guidelines beyond those. I'm hoping that we're nearing the end of having to worry about COVID-19 at all.

The new Grapes and Grains Intra-club and the Future Streamers Intra-Club both received permanent charters. The Grapes and Grains Intra-club is intended for people to share their interest in wine, brandy, spirits, and beers. The Future Streamers Intra-Club is a club designed to keep our youth involved in Airstream activities.

In other news, as of right now, there are 829 campers registered for International in Maine. Also, the club has 7,339 active memberships as of January 20; we haven't seen numbers this high since about 2001. Welcome to everyone who has joined us recently! Karen Fisher is looking for members for the Lifetime Membership Fund Standing Committee, as well as the WBCCI Foundation. Please contact me or Karen if you are interested in either one. Also, Region 2 webmaster Lawrence Northway has stepped down after years of service (Thank you, Lawrence!), so I am looking for a new volunteer to take on that role.

Thanks!

– RJ Marquette, Region 2 President



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RED STARS:

Watchung is honored to have 7 members celebrating (another) 5 years of uninterrupted WBCCI membership in 2022! One star is awarded for each five years of consecutive membership, to be displayed adjacent to their WBCCI/WBAC membership number on the front and back of their rig or on a placard.

Name and WBCCI #	# of Stars	Years of membership
Bacon # 5229	4	20 (2002)
Egan # 19840	1	5 (2017)
Nehlig # 4284	5	25 (1997)
O'Connor/Eilbacher # 3432	1	5 (2017)
Pomerleau # 1495	1	5 (2017)
Ratliff # 5070	2	10 (2012)
Richards # 4865	2	10 (2012)



February Birthdays

- KJ Feury
- Mike Richards
- Joanne Bull
- Erika Beddiges
- Michael Koczwarra
- Richard Short

Watchung collected \$900 for the JBJ Soul Kitchen! The check was delivered by Meg Riley this January.



Camping Recipes

By Angie Ratliff #5070

I cannot wait to go camping again. Mark and I are pent up in the house again and long to be around a campfire with friends. To remind myself that campfires are in the future, I'm going to try this Skillet S'mores Dip for Valentine's day. It's simple, easy and makes plenty to share!

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 20 ounces dark chocolate
- 16 ounce jumbo marshmallows
- 2 ounces Dark Chocolate Sauce like Hershey's or Torani
- graham crackers for dipping

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Place butter in center of 10-inch cast iron skillet and place in oven to melt (about 2 minutes).
2. Carefully remove skillet from oven and (also carefully) add chocolate. Place marshmallows over top in a single layer.
3. Return to oven and bake for 5 to 6 minutes or until tops of marshmallows are golden brown.
4. Drizzle dark chocolate sauce over top. Serve with graham crackers for scooping.



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*Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
The best Valentine gift is
A silver trailer for two.*

2022 WATCHUNG CLUB OFFICERS

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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 20th of each month!



WBCCI Headquarters Email addresses!

Blue Beret: blueberet@airstreamclub.org

Caravans: caravan@airstreamclub.org

General Information: info@airstreamclub.org

Membership: membership@airstreamclub.org

Rallies: rally@airstreamclub.org

For Certificates of Insurance or 990N filing
information: info@airstreamclub.org

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 February Luncheon: Feb, 12, 2022 at 12:00pm, Killarney's Public House, 1644 Whitehorse Mercerville Rd, Hamilton, NJ. Hosts, Mark & Angie Ratliff & Cohost, Laura Raymond. Please see attached coupon.

2022 March Luncheon: Mar, 26, 2022 at 12:00pm, La Terrazza 680 Route 33 East & Twin Rivers Drive, Suite 1, East Windsor, NJ. Hosts: Lea Plant, Cohosts Rich & Kathi Short. Please see attached coupon. Possible tour of Colonial Airstream.

2022 April Unbutton Your Rig Rally & Business Meeting: April 29-May 1, 2022 at Camp Carr. Please see [Camp Carr reservations](#) to sign up for a site. Hosts; Meg & Laura Riley, Cohosts Lois Wagner & Derek Conley

2022 May Rally Region 2: May 19-22, Delaware State Fair Grounds, 18500 S. DuPont Hwy, Harrington, DE. Event Contact: RJ Marquette, rjm1@yahoo.com, [Region 2 Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](#)

2022 June Rally: 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 & Business Meeting: August 25-28, 2022, Gifford Pinchot State Park, Lewisberry, Pa Hosts George & Linda Kiesel, Cohosts Frank & Leslie DeHerde. See write up below for info.

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

2022 October Rally & Business Meeting Hosts and CoHosts Needed. Election of officers

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

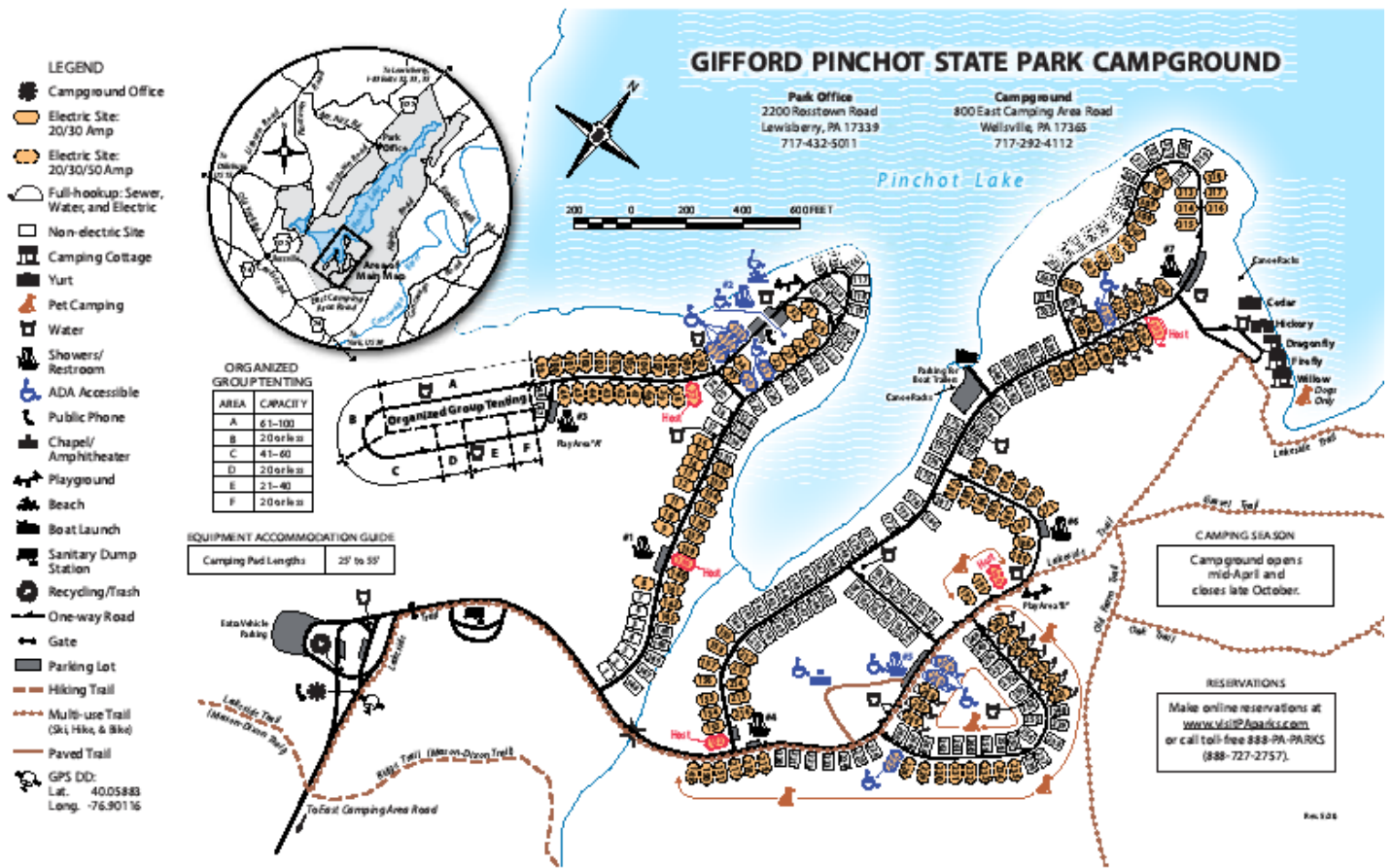
2022 December Instillation & Holiday Luncheon Hosted by George & Linda Kiesel and Frank & Leslie DeHerde

August Rally at Gifford Pinchot State Park

Greetings Happy Campers! We have decided on Gifford Pinchot State Park, Lewisberry, Pa., outside of Harrisburg for the Watchung August Rally. Although most are not thinking about camping at this time, least of all August, sites are filling up quick. The dates are **Thursday, August 25 thru Sunday, August 28, 2022.**

There are a limited number of full hook-up sites, however full bathrooms and water are conveniently located throughout the campground. When you sign up, and we hope you will, please be mindful of which sites are pet friendly, have electric only and the size rig the site is designed for.

We are focusing on the "B" Loop, (sites 149 thru 340) and not all remaining sites are full hook-up, however additional full hook-up sites are available a short walk away.



The campground cancellation fee is \$10 if cancelled seven days or more prior: or one night camping fee if six days or less. Camping fees are somewhat reduced if over the age of 62, or are a Pa. resident. Gifford Pinchot has plenty of opportunity for hiking, biking and swimming. Nearby attractions include Gettysburg, Hershey and Lancaster.

PLEASE, if you sign up, notify us, including your site number. Details to follow in the Spring. Hope to see you there! Link to reservation-- [Reservations](#)

MARCH LUNCHEON

March 26, 2022

Join us for lunch at:

La Terrazza

680 Route 33 East & Twin Rivers Drive, Suite 1

East Windsor, NJ 08520

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12:00 pm

\$30.00 per person

Includes: appetizer, salad, dessert, soda, coffee and tea

Choice of Entrée (choose at the restaurant):

Penne Vodka Sauce (plain OR with baby shrimp OR grilled Chicken),

Eggplant Parmesan/Penne,

Grilled Chicken over grilled Veggies

Do not delay, send your money and coupon by: **March 11, 2022**

Host: Lea Plant

tenlea@aol.com

c – 973-477-0289

Co-Hosts: Rich and Kathi Short

rcshort49@gmail.com

***** Mail with check *****

Name _____

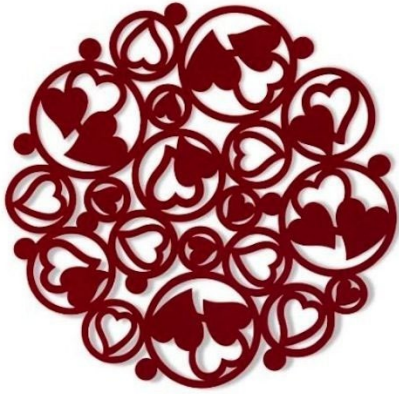
Phone/Cell _____

Number of people _____ Email Address _____

Total amount (\$30 pp) _____ Payable to: Watchung NJ Airstream Club

Please mail your check/coupon to: Lois Wagner (Treasurer)

29 Colony Ct, New Providence, NJ, 07974



February “Irish Love” Luncheon

Time: 12:00 noon
Saturday, February 12, 2022

Place: Killarney’s Publick House,
1644 Whitehorse Mercerville Road,
Hamilton, NJ 08619
(609) 586-1166

Hosts:
Mark & Angela Ratliff
and Laura Raymond

Contact:
Angie@princeton.edu
or (609) 213-2438

Menu

Beverages: Soda, Diet Soda, & Water included, Cash bar for wine, beer, etc.

Entrées (all sandwiches served with fries, slaw and pickle):

- Fish & Chips Guinness stout-battered cod filet, skin-on fries
- Shephard’s Pie Layered ground beef, veggies, garlic mashed, gravy, cheddar cheese
- Black Bean Burger pepper jack, sweet chili, lettuce & tomato and slaw & fries
- Buttermilk Chicken Sandwich breaded buttermilk fried chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, lemon herb mayo and slaw & fries
- Bacon Cheddar burger served with lettuce & tomato and slaw & fries

Please send your coupon with payment by February 7th, 2022. Hope to see you there!

Name(s): _____

Number of People: _____ @ \$22.00 per person = Total \$ _____

Please indicate lunch choices below: (If you have dietary restrictions, please give Angie a call and it can be worked out)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fish & Chips Guinness stout-battered cod filet, skin-on fries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shephard’s Pie Layered ground beef, veggies, garlic mashed, gravy, cheddar cheese
<input type="checkbox"/>	Black Bean Burger pepper jack, sweet chili, lettuce & tomato and slaw & fries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buttermilk Chicken Sandwich breaded buttermilk fried chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, lemon herb mayo, slaw & fries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bacon Cheddar burger served with lettuce & tomato and slaw & fries

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