

The Hillbilly



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January 2022

President's Message

As we start a New Year for our club, hopefully, everyone is ok. We're still not back to normal, but it is much better than March 2019 as we advanced through the pandemic. We are slowly getting back to normal in December 2021, and we have held our first luncheon since March 2019. Although we did not have a rally every month, we cautiously planned also held several rallies. Approving a no-frills rally format is a beneficial outcome during the pandemic. It was difficult during this pandemic, and we are slowly accomplishing the task of bringing our club back to its tradition. This goal we all will work together on doing.

This year we have several rallies planned. The August Rally at Gifford Pinchot State Park is a Buddy Rally. The sites at state parks fill up fast. It is essential to make your reservation as soon as possible. We hope to have everyone camp in Loop B. Gifford Pinchot has plenty of hiking, biking, and swimming opportunities. Nearby attractions include Gettysburg, Hershey, and Lancaster.

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

Our charity this year BraveHearts Trails to Zero. BraveHearts provides equine services to veterans who have PTSD and prevents veteran suicide. For more on BraveHearts, please see their website at [Trail to Zero](#) or braveheartsridding.org.

Everyone stay safe and let us get ready for our luncheons and rallies!

Frank DeHerde – President

Region 2 notes from the President

I hope everyone had a good Christmas holiday. We usually camp over Christmas, but this year we left the Airstream at home and stayed with a relative. I'm still not sure we made the right choice; I missed having my own bed that night! For us, our next trip is to Savannah, Georgia for the Mid-Winter IBT meeting in January.

Good news! The contract for the joint Region 2/Vintage Airstream Club Rally has been signed! May 19-22, Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, Delaware. We hope to have registration in place in late January or early February after we figure out what the costs for everything are.

Region 2 Second Vice President Patti Galupo and I visited the fairgrounds today (12/27), and we're impressed. They have a great setup that will make it easy for everyone to get parked, whether you arrive alone or in a caravan, with ample staging room even if a bunch of people arrive at once.

All of the sites will have electric (30 amp) and water. There are a limited number of 50-amp sites available as well. Early arrivals and late departures are not a problem. There are two dump stations on site; we may also get a honey wagon if there is sufficient interest. We also have several options for handicap parking; for example, some spots are on pavement, if you would prefer that for mobility reasons.

The building we're renting offers ample space for meals, entertainment, meetings, presentations, and anything else we need to do. All the pieces are there for us to have a great event.

See you next year!

– RJ Marquette, Region 2 President



December Instillation and Luncheon

So what is the JBJ Soul Kitchen?

It is a very small but very nice eatery in downtown Redbank, New Jersey. It was the location chosen for the luncheon by our hosts and incoming unit President Frank & Leslie DeHerde and outgoing President Laura and Meg so that's what brought us there. It is a non-profit community restaurant operated by the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation and no Bon Jovi was not there to greet us. A very nice 3 course meal is served regardless of your ability to pay. Those able are asked to make a donation for their meal and those unable are also welcome to come for a delicious gourmet meal. Who would have thought that such a concept could be successful but here it is and operated by volunteers no less. We could not have had a nicer day for an early December lunch.

Mother Nature looked down on us and provided us with a clear and mild day with lots of sunshine. We all know what December weather is capable of giving us and we gratefully accepted this nice day. Fred Brugmans presided over the installation ceremony with his usual humor and flair and our new officers are off and running in their newly appointed positions. I'm sure we all wish them well and look forward to the coming year and the travel / camping opportunities available despite having to deal with the on and off restrictions that COVID has dealt us. – Roger K



RED BANK, NEW JERSEY

It is a small town in off exit 109 of the Sunday, December 5, installation date for the Watchung NJ Airstream housed in a converted kitchen and a small people. Meg Riley had

us to have the restaurant for our use for lunch and the Instillation. The only setback was the time constraints. We could have the place for only two hours. By the time everyone was settled in, 15 to 20 minutes were gone. Take 60 minutes for the luncheon and there is less than 40 minutes for the Instillation Ceremony. That was not enough!

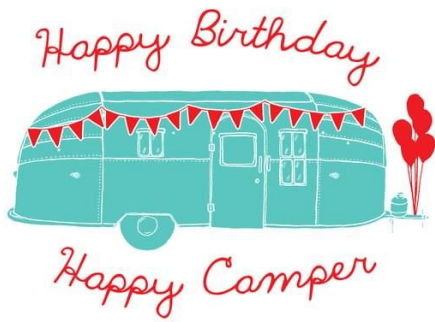
Central New jersey, located Garden State Parkway. 2021 was the designated new Officers of the Club. The restaurant is warehouse consisting of a seating area for about 25 made the arrangements for

My first problem was eight of the new candidates were a no show. That means substitutes had to be found. But there were only 14 people in attendance. It takes 18 people to run the instillation and at least 90 minutes. Two new members, John Dillon and Laura Raymond were there for the first time and could not be pressed into action. What to do?! I quickly rewrote major portions of the script eliminating the sections for the 2 VPs, the Treasurer and the 4 Directors. The candle lighting was streamlined to 20 minutes. The end result was not as great as in the olden days, but we managed to get everything done within the time allowed by the restaurant. It is not how I would have liked to do the installation, but next year, we will do it the old-fashioned way. The JBJ Soul Kitchen Community Restaurant did a great Brunch Menu. The Appetizers, main course and desserts were all well done and expertly prepared. Drinks included water, coffee, iced tea, hot tea and infused water.

It is a no price menu which means you pay as much as you can afford or as little as you can spare. No one will leave the place hungry. Watchung negotiated a fixed price of \$25.00 per person.



Since the restaurant is a "non-profit" organization, there is no sales tax. Tipping is voluntary. It was a good experience, but I would have liked more time for our installation. Thanks' Meg for organizing! - Fred.



January Birthdays

Linda Ward
Harry Sacks
Robert Hagman



Tips from the Turnpike

Back to School, Airstream Style!

Did you know Airstream has an academy? Airstream Academy has loads of answers to all your Airstream questions.

Check out [Airstream Academy – Airstream Support](https://support.airstream.com/hc/en-us/categories/360004747732-Airstream-Academy) or <https://support.airstream.com/hc/en-us/categories/360004747732-Airstream-Academy> for all the details!

SUNSHINE

A Get Well card was sent to
David Cahall
who had been ill,

a Sympathy card was sent to the Ratliff's
on the loss of their beloved dog, Margaret

and a Get Well card was sent to Bill Walker
who had a fall and is in rehab,

Please keep Linda Kiesel
up to date all Sunshine events:
sad & happy so she can send a card.

Camping Recipes

By Angie Ratliff #5070

Double Chocolate Hot Cocoa Mix

This is not a camping recipe but it will go very well on a cold winter night. I wish I had found it before the holidays.

Ingredients

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa (Dutch-process recommended)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper (optional)
- 3 cups nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 cup mini semi-sweet chocolate chips



Instructions

Add sugar and cocoa to food processor. Pulse until well-mixed. (Or, combine ingredients in large bowl and whisk until well mixed.) Add salt, cornstarch, and cayenne, if using; pulse until mixed. Add powdered milk; process for 20-30 seconds until well mixed. Transfer mix to bowl and stir in chocolate chips. Store in airtight container.

To Make One Mug of Hot Cocoa:

Fill 1/3 to 1/2 of mug with cocoa mix. Add hot water or milk and stir until mix is dissolved.

Additions to try:

- Top with marshmallows or whipped cream and sprinkle with cinnamon, shaved chocolate, or crushed candy canes.
- For a mocha drink, add a shot of espresso before the hot water or milk.
- For spiced cocoa, add 1/4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice to mug.
- Spike it with a tablespoon of peppermint liqueur or Kahlua.
- Stir in and dissolve a caramel, chocolate square, or chocolate mint.
- Add a cinnamon stick or candy cane for a stir stick.

2022 WATCHUNG CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Frank DeHerde	Directors:	
1st Vice Pres:	George Kiesel	1 YR.:	Derek Conley
2nd Vice Pres:	Lea Plant	1 YR.:	Linda Kiesel
Corr Sec:	Laura Riley	2 YR.:	Ken Egan
Rec Sec:	Rich Short	2 YR.:	Nancy Egan
Treasurer:	Lois Wagner	Sunshine:	Linda Kiesel
Membership:	Lea Plant	Newsletter:	Angie Ratliff
Directory:	Chris Forster	Blog:	Lois Wagner
Web Master:	Mark Ratliff	Quartermaster:	Jason Pomerleau



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 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: 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.

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

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.**

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

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

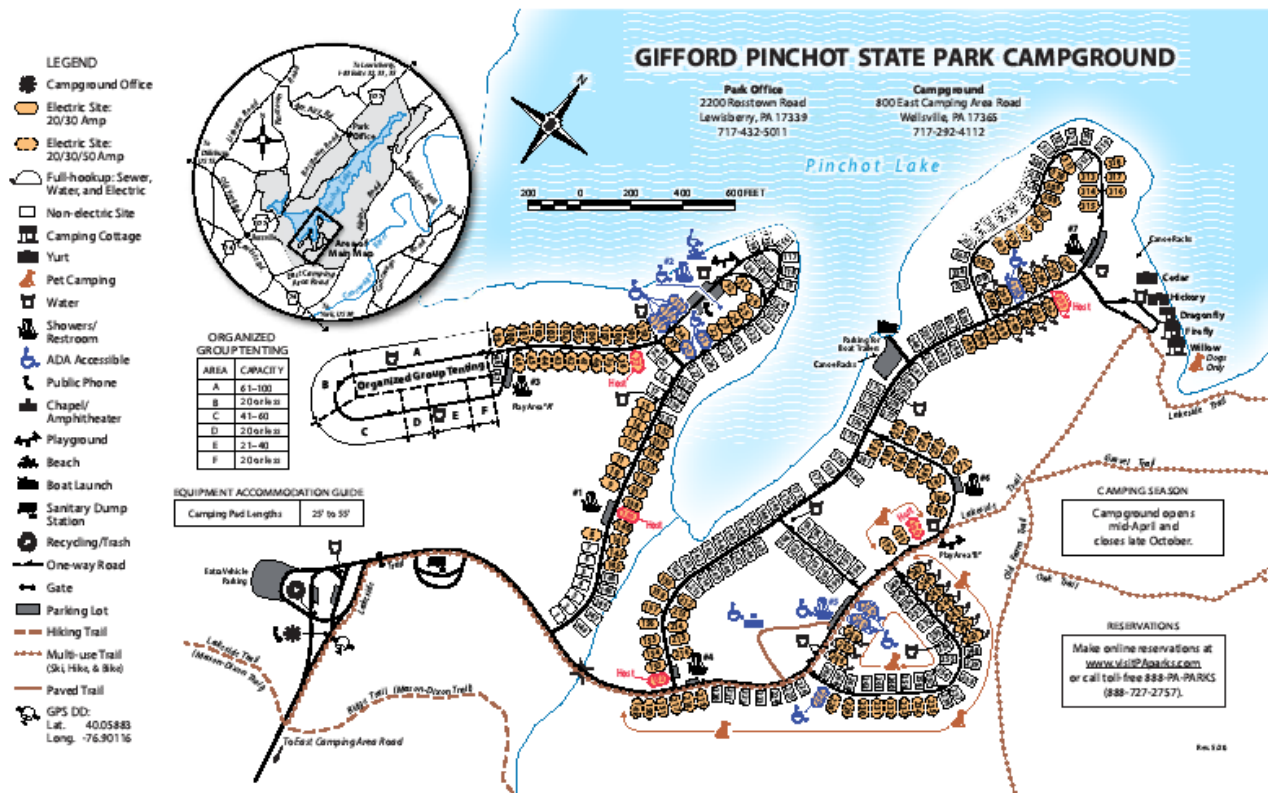
August Rally at Gifford Pinchot State Park

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
laterrazzanj.com

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 *****

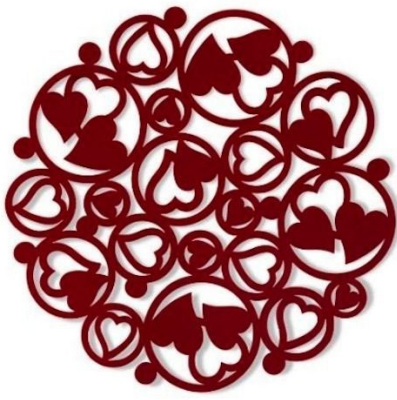
Name _____

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!

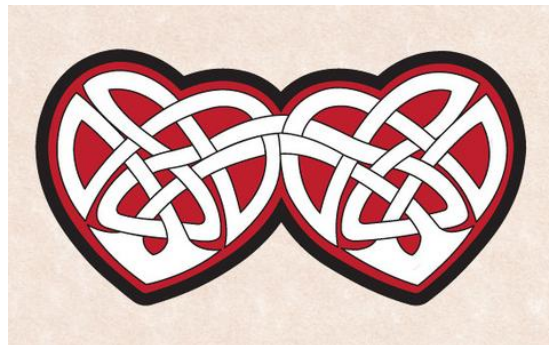
Name(s): _____

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

Make checks payable to: Watchung Airstream Club
Mail checks and lunch selections to:
Angela Ratliff
117 Buckingham Avenue
Trenton, NJ 08618



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

Hosted by: Ken & Nancy Eagan

908-720-8073

Charitable contributions to benefit: BraveHearts

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