

Keystone Courier

President's Message



**Keystone PA Airstream Club #092
Region 2 - WBCCI**



I'm writing this as we anticipate a huge nor'easter, a bomb cyclone, a blizzard, or...a nothing burger snow storm this weekend. Guess we will find out soon enough. Either way, I plan to live in the moment and enjoy whatever comes our way.

Sort of like the little one in this month's photo. This is our granddaughter, Kalmia (her name means Mountain Laurel...Pennsylvania's State Flower). She is 3 and lives every minute of every day at its best. This girl loves life. She has one volume...loud! To put it mildly, she is a hoot! January has been a month of reflection for me. After losing a very dear friend, I've decided life is short and not guaranteed. So I've decided to take a page out of Kalmia's book of life. I'll spend more time having fun, I'll spend more time laughing with friends, I'll take the trip, I'll enjoy new adventures, I will find joy in every day. I hope you all will too! We all have at our hands the perfect vessel to enjoy life. Our Airstreams! I am sure we all get a bit of goosebumps every time we spy our trailers in the driveway, garage, or storage lot. I know our Lucy never fails to make me smile. Our activity packed 2022 calendar will give you plenty of opportunity to join us at least once or twice. Here's to adventure, friendship, joy, and laughter!

With Warmest Regards,

Kathleen

Activity Update:

Valentines Luncheon: After much thought Howard and Arry have postponed the Valentines Luncheon. With concerns over current health issues, they have graciously offered to host an outdoor event later this year. So, stay tuned as details unfold.

Upcoming Events

February 12, Noon
Valentine Luncheon
Hosted by the Bergelkamps
436 Greenwood Dr.
East Greenville, PA

March 12, Noon
St. Paddy's Day Luncheon
Hosted by the Quinns
16 Hawthorn Circle
Elverson, PA

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Don Harrington

Membership

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Karen Kushto

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Sunshine Report

Nothing serious to report. Stay warm and healthy!

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:

February

Lesley Heckenswiler (19th)

March

Wilson Yerk (6th)

Caryle Brayton (12th)

Andy Pitts (13th)

Happy Anniversary to:

February

None to report

March

Barb & Jerry Hillegass

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

. A big **THANKS** to Jennifer Eggers for stepping up to take the open Trustee position. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

. Fall National Rallies for your consideration:

. **Alumapalooza 12** – Jackson Center, OH Sept 6 – 11, rally information at alumapalooza.com

. **59th Annual Swiss Festival** – Sugarcreek, OH Sept 24-Oct 2, rally information on Airstream Club 'Events' page

. **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally** – Sep 30 – Oct 4, rally information on Airstream Club 'Events' page

. **International Storytelling Rally** – Jonesboro, TN -Oct 5-9, rally coupon and information on Airstream Club 'Events' page

. It was reported at the January IBT meeting that WBCCI has 7,339 members, the highest number since 2001. Welcome all!

Keystone Komedie Korner



If you don't do any self-examinations or see a doctor ever, you'll live forever.

That's how you do it. The diagnosis is what gets you.

You just have to have a 'don't ask, don't tell' policy with any and all bodily functions.

Misers aren't fun to live with, but they make wonderful ancestors.

Joan Rivers: Don't talk to me about Valentine's Day. At my age, an affair of the heart is a bypass.

Where do cows go Airstreaming? Moo-York

Classic Automall Tour and Luncheon



Keystoners cranked up their engines and had a racy time at the Classic Automall in Morgantown. Everyone chipped in and put a bid on a motorhome for the club, but alas were unsuccessful in obtaining the old rig...

More great pictures on the Keystone Facebook page.

Upcoming Keystone Fun

Due to the ongoing rise in Covid related illnesses the indoor luncheon planned for February 12th at Howard and Arry Mergelkamp's has been canceled.

St. Paddy's Day Luncheon – Saturday, March 12 at noon – home of Kathleen and Pat Quinn, 16 Hawthorn Circle, Elverson. As of now, St. Paddy's is still a go! Kathleen and Pat will provide an Irish style luncheon. Guests are welcome to bring an appetizer/snack or dessert. RSVP by 3/1 to kathleenquinn56@icloud.com or 610-587-9005.

Winter IBT Update from RJ Marquette

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.

2022 Activities Schedule

CANCELED: February 12 – Valentine Luncheon @ Howard & Arry Mergelkamp's Home
For precautionary measures with the recent rise in Covid related illnesses the indoor luncheon has been canceled

March 12 (Sat-noon) - St Paddy's Luncheon @ Pat & Kathleen Quinn's Home
16 Hawthorn Circle, Elverson, PA, 610-587-9005; Please RSVP by 3/1

April 8-10 (Fri-Sun) – Joint Maintenance Rally w/DelMarVa & MAAC – Queen Anne's 4-H Park, Centreville, MD

April 22-24 (Fri-Sun) - Spring Rally – Beacon Hill Campground, **Reservations are open, reference 'Airstream Club'!**
128 Beacon Hill Road, Intercourse, PA, 717-768-8775
Coordinator: Jody Dietz 610-327-3241

May 13-15 (Fri-Sun) – Eastern PA Opener w/ Central Penn and Penn Lehigh – Lums Pond State Park, Bear DE
Coordinator: Don Harrington

May 15-19 (Sun-Thur) – Keystone Stay in Delaware - Delaware Seashore State Park, Rehoboth Beach, DE
Reservations: <https://delawarestateparks.reserveamerica.com> (sites 252 & 253 already booked by club members)
Coordinator: Rick Pitts, 610-793-9262

May 19-22 (Thur-Sun) – Region 2 Rally – Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington, DE
Keystone Coordinator: Kathleen Quinn

June 17-19 (Fri-Sun) – History Tour Rally @ Gettysburg KOA, 20 Knox Road, Gettysburg
Coordinator: Kathleen Quinn
You will need to book online at www.GETTYSBURGKOA.COM
The booking page has a box for notes. Please indicate you are part of the Keystone Airstream Club Rally.

July 22-24 (Fri-Sun) - CLOSE TO HOME RALLY – French Creek State Park - Loop "A" **Reservations open – book your site now**
843 Park Road, Elverson, PA There are still a couple of sites available in the A-Loop! We have sites 16-23 reserved and there are a couple of sites nearby available. So grab a site soon.
Coordinators: Kathleen Quinn & Sue Deitz

July 23 (Sat) – Keystone Club Picnic – French Creek State Park - Loop "A", 843 Park Road, Elverson, PA
Coordinators: Kathleen Quinn & Sue Deitz

July 23-29 (Sat-Fri) – International Rally – Fryeburg Fairgrounds, 1154 Main Street, Fryeburg, ME
Keystone Coordinator:

August 5-7 (Fri-Sun) – Woodsmen Show Rally – Cherry Springs State Park (woodsmenshow.com)
4639 Cherry Springs Road, Coudersport, PA
Coordinator: Jody Dietz

September 9-11 (Sat-Mon) – Made in PA Rally – York, PA
TBD as Tours re-open: York - Harley Davidson Factory, York Barbell, Culinary Arts Center being considered
Coordinator: Sharon & Wayne Fitzgerald

October 21-23 (Fri-Sun) – Keystone Installation Rally @ Chowns
Coordinators: Howard Mergelkamp & Chuck Chowns

November 4-6 (Fri-Sun) – Back to Nature Season Finale Rally - Trap Pond State Park
33587 Bald Cypress Lane, Laurel DE
Coordinator: Ron Miller & Wendy Ashby

December 10 (Sat) – Keystone Holiday Luncheon - Noon, Plumsteadville Inn, 5902 Easton Road, Pipersville, PA
Coordinator:

Andy and Rick Pitts
930 Stoney Run Dr.
West Chester, Pa. 19382



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE CLUB

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