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Unit President

by Karl Schubert, President, Central PA Airstream Club

Hello Central PA Members!

Camping with your sweetheart

There is a saying 'those that camp together, stay together'. Who can think of a time when your love for your partner in life was put to the test while camping? I can remember trying to smoothly back into a campsite, while my wife is trying to direct me, while standing in my blind spot and waving her hands and flashlight in a way that only she knew what it meant. I can also remember a time when I went to grab a shower only to discover she used all the hot water when she showered. I am not complaining, just recognizing these "I love my wife" moments. I am sure she can come up with a list of "I love my husband" moments. However, these moments are not what you remember from your trips, but they help you and your partner grow together as you learn through your camping experiences. What we do remember is the beautiful scenery, the adventures, and the delicious food. Now let's think of the times we have been traveling on the road pulling your airstream with your partner in life and things may not have gone as planned. Things such as missing an exit, getting a flat, running into bad weather, or realizing you



forgot your water hose or sewer line. We tell the stories and laugh about it as it is our love of travel and camping and adventure that helps us get through these times and love for

each other. It is the love for our airstreams that yes, sometimes they may leak, or you may pop a rivet or two, but we love the adventures they take us on and the time together with our loving partners and friends.

The new year is already flying by as we only have two months until the Spring Volunteer Rally! If you have not reserved a camping site, do it now to make sure you get one. We hope to have a good number of people attend as it will be a good time as we celebrate earth day and assist the state park.

Happy Valentine's Day to my life partner and best friend!

You make me a happy camper!

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Region 2 President

by *RJ Marquette*, President, Region 2



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!

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Aerial photo of CreekFire RV Resort during the January WBAC Mid-Winter IBT, Savannah, Georgia. Photo courtesy Linda Wadle Knezek Shelton via Facebook/Airstream Club International Community Discussion group



In Memoriam

Doris B. Lesh

Doris B. Lesh, 91, of York, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, entered into rest on Wednesday January 5, 2022 at Country Meadows Leader Heights. Affectionately known as “Dot,” she was the wife of the late John F. Lesh for 63 wonderful years. Doris was born November 2, 1930, in Meyersdale, PA, and was the youngest of seven children born to the late Richard V. and Mamie E. (Brown) Breig.

Doris was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in York. She was active in the community, involved with Penn Laurel Girls Scouts for 25 years, volunteered at St. Joseph’s church and school, volunteered at the Catholic Harvest Food Pantry and supported any activities her children were involved in. Dot was a founding member and past-president of the Central PA chapter of the WBCCI, the International Airstream Club where she and her husband made lifelong friends. The WBCCI led Dot and John to become snowbirds and they spent their winters enjoying friends and fellowship at Travelers Rest in Dade City, FL for 25 years. In her 3 years at Country Meadows, she participated in volunteer activities and started a Food Committee. Family, community, fellowship, love of travel and a zest for life are the legacies Doris leaves behind.

The date for services will be determined in the near future. The John W. Keffer Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. 902 Mt. Rose Avenue, York, is assisting with arrangements.

Doris is survived by three children: J. Michael Lesh and wife Lorrie of Lewisburg, PA, M. Susan Lesh and partner Patricia Boluk of Springfield, VA, and Cynthia L. Kemmerly and husband John of York. She is survived by five grandchildren, Shawn M Lesh of York, Kyle, Elizabeth, Rebekah and Sarrah; by four great grandchildren; a sister Elaine White of York; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Catholic Harvest Food Pantry 628 E. Market St. York, PA 17403 or to Homeland Hospice 2300 Vartan Way, Suite 270, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

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Heading South in November

Year Two of the Southern Migration *by Margaret Saylor*

For the second November in a row, Walt and I decided to drift south in our 25' Flying Cloud and see what we could see. For me, the excitement begins when the planning starts. I use RV Trip Wizard to plot our route, find places to stay, and calculate travel times. I consider this part of the grand process of Airstreaming and enjoy creating our itinerary.

This trip involved five stops: A quick overnight at **Emporia Family Campground**; three nights at **Huntington Beach State Park**, South Carolina; four nights at **CreekFire RV Resort**, Savannah, GA; five nights at **Hunting Island State Park**,

South Carolina; and, finally, three nights at **American Heritage RV Park** in Williamsburg, VA. Our destinations are a combination of state park and resorts; both Walt and I work from the road and needed to alternate reliable cell/WiFi service with what could potentially be spotty service. Prior to leaving, we purchased a WeBoost cell booster and were super-pleased with the results. The ability to take one bar of cell service and bump it up enough to make a hot spot on a cell phone, and subsequently be able to hold video calls, upload, download, and all of that tells us we can travel further and remain connected.

Huntington Beach State Park, Murrells Inlet, SC Our first time here, we were pleasantly surprised at all the park had to offer: Close beach access, great sites, mature trees, many birds and wildlife; proximity to Myrtle Beach and restaurants, and the wonderful experience of touring Atalaya ("Watchtower" in Spanish), winter home of Archer and Anna Huntington. Archer Huntington was a philanthropist and scholar, primarily known for his contributions to Hispanic Studies. He married his wife, famous sculptor Ann Hyatt, in 1923. The home, or castle, really, was based on Spanish/Moorish architecture and designed with many of the couple's personal touches. The home was constructed between 1931 and 1933. When finished, there were 30 rooms, a stunning Spanish courtyard, and, of special interest to us, indoor and outdoor sculpture studios for Anna to work. During WWII, the Huntingtons gave the United States Air Corps permission to use Atalaya as a barracks, and they left, returning in 1947. Anna's studios were eventually moved across the highway to Brookgreen Gardens. Archer passed away in 1955 and the house emptied and the furnishings dispersed. In 1960, the Huntington Estate, including the house and the sculpture garden were leased to the State of South Carolina for free. The formation of Huntington Beach State Park began, with Atalaya anchoring the park and preserving the history of the Huntingtons.

As we left for our next destination, Savannah, we stopped by Brookgreen Gardens after reading on their website that they offer parking for RVs. We are so glad we did... a stunning public garden featuring sculpture by many artists, including Anna Huntington, we were interested to see some of her later works were cast in aluminium...



Above: Huntington Beach, SC; Atalaya courtyard; sign featuring early RV travel.

Background: The Boneyard at Huntington Island State Park



of special interest to the Airstream set. They were in the process of adding holiday lights...Christmas must be quite spectacular there, especially in the evenings.

A study of contrasts, our next stop was in Savannah, GA, at **CreekFire RV Resort**. It's exactly what you hope a resort would be: clean, well-planned sites, friendly staff, and tons of amenities. A great on-site restaurant called The Lake House overlooked -- you guessed it -- a lake. Savannah was a short drive away. We toured Bonaventure Cemetery; took the hop on/hop off trolley tour; waited in line at the famous Leopold's for ice cream; and explored the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) vast campus.

From Savannah we traveled east to **Hunting Island State Park, SC**. Our second time staying there, we made sure to scout for a site during our 2021 visit that would accommodate our camper with some room to spare. This has quickly become a favorite destination...and this time of year, no mosquitos! Delicious local seafood, hiking to the unofficially-named Boneyard, beach walks, and bike rides. Quite a few other Airstreams in the park that week in addition to ours. The park is a very relaxing and comfortable place to camp and we'll be back next year. Make your reservations early.

Finally, we headed back north, stopping at Williamsburg, VA. **American Heritage RV Park** was a fine place to stay as we knew we wouldn't be spending much time in the Airstream. We were on the go, visiting the historic big 3: Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. If you haven't been to Jamestown, the original site of the first permanent English settlement in America, we recommend a look...a fabulous visitor's center, interpretive guides and demonstrations, and a museum complete the experience. 🐾



Plan a Trip to... the South

Walt and Margaret travel in their Airstream Flying Cloud, #5320

To develop your own itinerary, visit:

Huntington Beach SP & Hunting Island SP, SC southcarolinaparks.com

CreekFire RV Resort: covecommunities.com/rv-resorts/georgia/creekfire-resort/

American Heritage RV Park: americanheritagervpark.com

Row 1: Huntington Beach State Park at sunset, Brookgreen Gardens sculpture. Row 2: The Lake House, CreekFire RV Resort; Bonaventure Cemetery, GA Row 3: Set up with cell booster at Hunting Island; Walt in Beaufort, SC Row 4: Frogmore Stew; glass cloches guarding Colonial Williamsburg garden against the cold



Yesteryear

A look back at Airstream caravans, rallies, and club activities

Airstream Historian Joe Peplinski shared these images of most certainly NOT Pennsylvania in February. The top photo is of the 1961 Airstream Mid-Winter Rally in Marathon, FL. Joe tells us that the actual rally site was about 8 miles north of Marathon on the Key Colony Beach. It is all built up today with condos and hotels where the rally was held near Sandy Point and houses along the canals seen behind the rally site. 🌊

The Silver Penny

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Trips and Adventures: include itinerary, high resolution photos, captions, and websites of any important destinations

Technology Tips: Have a new cell booster? WiFi extender? Tell us about it!

Hacks and Upgrades: Show us something you've done to enhance your rig

Recipes for on the Road: Let us know what's cooking in your Airstream

Storage Solutions: Have you discovered a clever way to organize your stuff?

Design & Decor: What does your interior look like? Show us what makes it look like home

Exterior Set-up: Do you have an outside arrangement that works really well?

...and more. One line or a whole article!

Thank you.

Central PA Airstream Rally at Jersey Shore Haven

August 12-14, 2022



**Jersey Shore Haven is located at
728 Dennisville Road, South Seaville, NJ 08246,
close to Cape May, NJ**

Staying in their open rally field (*see map and photos contained in their website www.jerseyshorehaven.org/*) at a daily rate of \$40/night/site.

These are two-point hookups; 30 amp electric and water (no 50 amp).

A sanitary dump is available.

We will have access to their screened in pavilion and full kitchen (no dishwasher) to have some meals together, TBD.

Their park including their pavilion/kitchen/pool will be open assuming no further Covid restrictions occurring.

We have reserved 10 sites at this time. These will be available on a first come basis thru our club. More may be available if needed.

If you will be attending, please email Terry Hauschild at haus599@comcast.net or call 610-781-1933 (cell) for more info.



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Reminders:

This is your newsletter!

Tell us about your favorite adventures, trips, and Airstream stories.

Send photos and copy to us at saylor4@comcast.net

Editorial Review

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Region 2 Activities

You may attend any rally in any region and are not limited to Region 2 rallies

Dates: **April 22 - 24, 2022**
Sponsor: Central PA Airstream Club
Type of Event: **Spring Volunteer Rally**
Location: Gifford Pinchot State Park, PA
Email: karlschubert1985@gmail.com

Dates: **May 13 - 16, 2022**
Co-Sponsors: Central PA, Keystone, & Penn-Lehigh Airstream Clubs
Type of Event: **Lums Pond Airstream Spring Opener**
Location: Lums Pond State Park, Bear, DE
Event Contact: Carey Boland, careyboland@gmail.com

Dates: **May 19 - 22, 2022**
Sponsor: Region 2
Type of Event: **Region 2 Rally**
Location: Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington, DE
Event Contact: RJ Marquette, rjm1@yahoo.com

Dates: **July 23 - 29, 2022**
Sponsor: WBAC
Type of Event: **65th International Rally**
Location: Fryeburg, ME
Email: rally@airstreamclub.org

Dates: **August 12 - 14, 2022**
Sponsor: Central PA Airstream Club
Type of Event: **Jersey Shore Haven Rally**
Location: South Seaville, NJ
Email: haus599@comcast.net

Dates: **June 24 - July 2, 2023**
Sponsor: WBAC
Type of Event: **66th International Rally**
Location: Rock Springs, WY



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