

The Hillbilly



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President's Message

This year, we had a goal to get our club back to normal, knowing it is a challenging task. The first part was to have our luncheons, and we did it. Let's get a big thank you to our hosts and co-host for the luncheons. The first trailblazer hosts up for the task were Nancy & Ken Egan for our January luncheon at the Brown Stone. They had the most difficult one with the start of the omicron variant. We had seven members present, and we all had a pleasurable time chatting away. The second luncheon was hosted by Angie and Mark Ratliff and co-host Laura Raymond at Killarney's Public House. More members attended this luncheon with a valentine's theme, with the omicron variant fading away fast. Everyone who attended had a festive time. Our March luncheon was hosted by Lea Plant and co-host Rich & Kathy Short at La Terrazza. We had close to 4 times more members attend than our 1st luncheon in January. With more people attending, it was almost back to normal. After the luncheon, we went a short distance to Colonial Airstream to tour their new facility and a 45-minute workshop hosted by Tommy. Thank you to our host and co-host for organizing and planning these first three luncheons. We did it; thank you, everyone.

Don't forget to sign up for the Region 2/VAC rally May 19-22 at the Delaware State Fair in Harrington. A number of people have already registered, but we need more to make this a viable rally! We have an incredible slate of events lined up, including a taco bar meal, a band, a DJ, and breakfasts. Go here to book your spot at the rally: <https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2022-region-2-rally>.

Now we will enjoy our rally season, beginning with the Unbutton Rally on April 29-May 1, 2022. The rally will be at Camp Carr <https://www.hcymca.org/campground/>. The rally is hosted by Meg & Laura Riley, co-hosts Lois Wagner & Derek Conley. If interested, you need to reserve a campsite directly with Camp Carr and sign up for the unit with the flyer. For those 17 rigs already signed up, complete the April Rally Coupon in this newsletter. May is the Region 2 Rally - May 19-22, Delaware State Fair Grounds. Details are in the newsletter.

We need support from our members to host and co-host a June or October rally. Don't hesitate to get in touch with George Kiesel gkiesel861@gmail.com. Since last year, he has been trying to find a host and co-host for either one of these two months. He will assist anyone who needs help planning a rally. The rally does not need to be an elaborate event; it can be kept simple.

The July Rally is the International Rally, July 23-29, 2022, and our check-in date is July 20; currently, there are 14 rigs attending. There is still time to register for International; once registered, send me an email at deherde@gmail.com, and I will place you on our International email list. Half of the group made reservations for the night of 7/19 at Kampfires Campground near Brattleboro, VT. we will travel to the International on July 20. You can make a reservation for the night of July 19 and then travel with us to Fryeburg on Wednesday the 20th. You can also meet us in the area of Kampfires Campground or along our route to share the journey towards Fryeburg or meet at the ballpen at Fryeburg.

Anyone going to the August Rally Chris Stapleton has a concert on the Saturday night of the rally. His show is at Hersey Park.

Everyone have safe and happy travels.

Frank DeHerde – President

Region 2 notes from the President

Hello, everyone! It's late March and the weather is slowly improving - which means it's soon time to start camping.

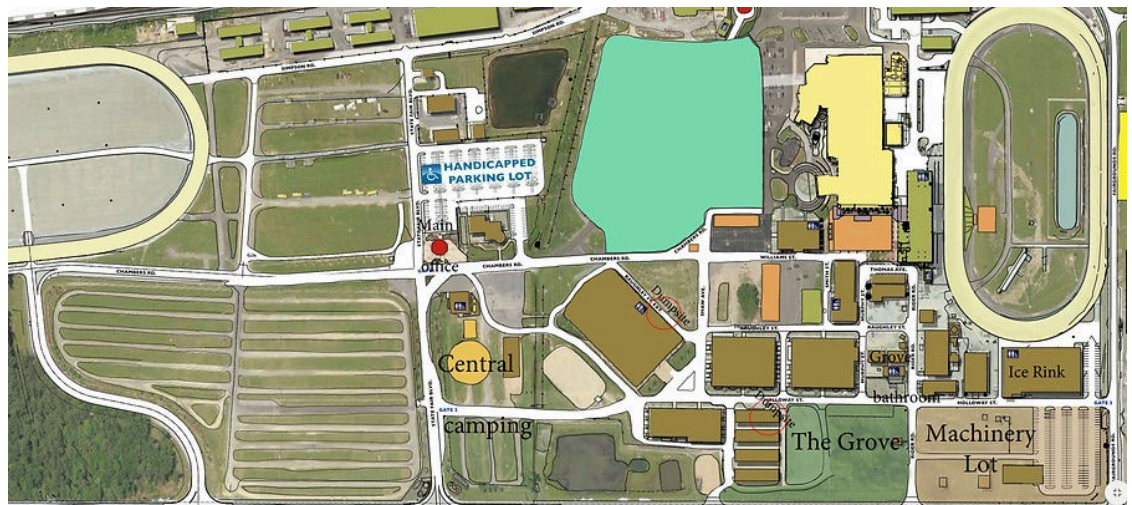
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We've planned our rally schedule for the summer, and we've booked rallies with several different clubs through the summer and fall. My goal of visiting every club is proving harder than I expected, though. It turns out the clubs tend to schedule rallies on the same weekend - one weekend in particular, we had a choice of four rallies from four different clubs to pick!

We're looking forward to the International rally in Fryeburg, Maine. Region 2 First Vice President Gary Russo (#1061) has found a vendor for our region luncheon. We'll get registration set up for that in the coming months once we have the plan settled.

Until next month...
-RJ Marquette
(#13270)



March Luncheon at La Terrazza, March 26, 2022

It was the first week of Spring, a sunny and chilly day in East Winsor NJ for the Watchung Unit's March Luncheon. We had some fabulous hosts who did a wonderful job planning and creating this event. Folks showed up for a fine luncheon at La Terrazza, and an exclusive guided tour through and around the Colonial Airstream Dealership's new facility of Millstone, NJ.

Our Host **Lea Plant 2256**, brought it all together for a memorable luncheon followed by a special visit to the dealership just down the road a pace. Co-Host **Kathi & Rich Short 1512**, always fun, supportive, and full of adventure, did a wonderful job helping out Lea with the event and especially providing unique Handmade Baskets with 'Rally Key Clips' attached. The 'Rally Key Clips' had our individual BRN#'s on both sides of the Fob – Sure to be a hit at upcoming rallies this year!



The Luncheon was full of many pleasant chats and conversations. We were catching up with old friends, meeting some new ones, and excited for the start of the Spring 2022 Season. We're talking about getting our trailers ready, planning new projects, trying new recipes, discussing new rallies, sharing with new members, finding new campgrounds, and enjoying each other's company over a good meal. Italian fare included: tasty table appetizers, fresh hot mini-rolls, a salad, choice of entrée, a nice 'Cannoli' for dessert; along with coffee and tea. We then had a robust raffle with lots of fun prizes.



Prizes went out to: **Meg & Laura Riley 28240**-Won a very nice little Flashlight Kit. **Judy & Mike Richards 4865**-Won a useful beverage Cozy & a metal Pink Flamingo Clip. **Angie & Mark Ratliff 5070**-Won a zappy Bug Lantern. **Leslie & Frank DeHerde 6590**-Won a great set of 'Domed-Net Food Covers' for their table. **Braith & Howie Eldridge 12156**-Won the 'All Pink Flamingos'; which had a Clip, cute Rubber Tub Toy and crafty Swatch of Fabric. **JoAnne & Stayla Elacqua 4308**-Won a large 'on the go' Water Jug. **Rebecca Glick & Anne Hoskins 7585**-Won a perfect set of Kathi's Coasters; to match those cool Handmade Baskets. **Laura Raymond 14264**-Won a hooded rain Poncho. And **Ken Egan 19840** Won a whimsical Wooden Trailer Sign. After a filling lunch and some photos, we all piled in and caravanned down the road to the new Colonial Dealership.



Nick Lenzo – AS Sales Consultant greeted us upon arrival. The new state-of-the-art facility has a spacious showroom encompassing all things AS from huge blown up vintage photos on the walls, glass cases full of AS memorabilia, a relaxed customer lounge complete with fireplace and overstuffed chairs, a full galley with refreshments, along with numerous new 2022 ASs open for the curious to enter and wander through the different models. The AS store was also open for business; a few of us *took home some goodies*. Nick led us through the sales process and right up to the delivery room, where they actually roll out the red carpet for *your* new AS. He explained the thorough onboarding process they perform for each customer, ensuring a quality delivery with total customer satisfaction. The Maintenance & Repair areas were immaculate, stocked with the latest equipment to test and verify all the systems onboard. We were treated to an expert AS Technician who indulged us with his diverse AS knowledge, and gave undivided attention to all of our questions. *We were inquisitive and he was informative!* Nick completed the tour, thanked us for our visit and welcomes us back anytime. We said our good byes until next time. Then we all happily drove off in different directions with another fond AS memory.

See ya down the road. Big Thank You to Lea, Kathi and Rich for an unforgettable Luncheon!

Laura Raymond, Big Red #14264



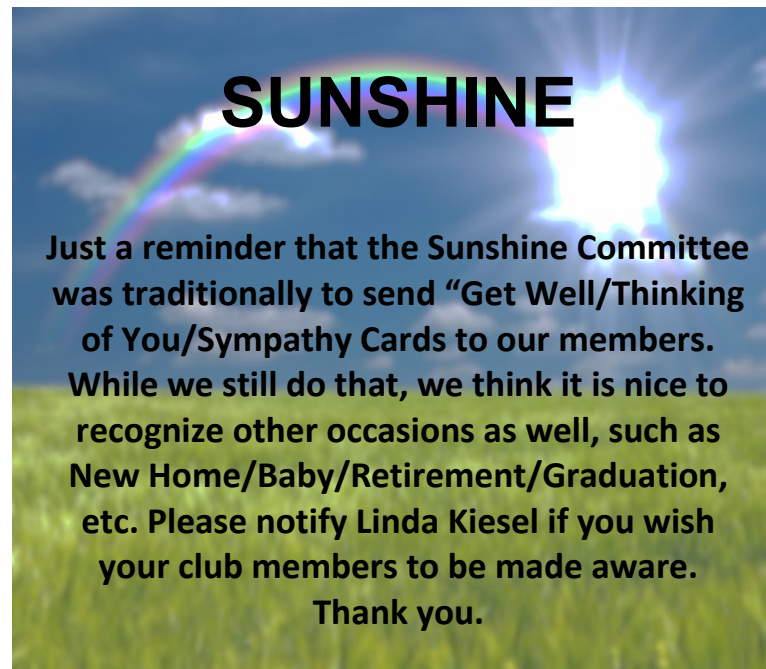
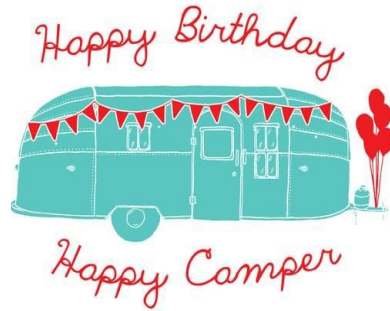


April Anniversaries

Roger & Tourrahn Kriz

April Birthdays

Andrew Dunkinson
Chris Beddiges
Derek Conley
Stayla Elacqua



SUNSHINE

Just a reminder that the Sunshine Committee was traditionally to send “Get Well/Thinking of You/Sympathy Cards to our members. While we still do that, we think it is nice to recognize other occasions as well, such as New Home/Baby/Retirement/Graduation, etc. Please notify Linda Kiesel if you wish your club members to be made aware. Thank you.

Tips from the Turnpike

Biking with Airstream

Mark and I are hoping to bike more this spring so and finding the right bike rack was a chore! Here are some Airstream friendly ideas to travel with your bike.

- 1. Rooftop bike carrier on the truck.** Roof racks easy to find for just about any vehicle, but the height of most tow vehicles means you’ll need a step stool to be able to get them on and off. A hassle for anyone who’s vertically-challenged.
- 2. Front receiver hitch on the truck.** Some trucks can be fitted with receiver hitches on the front, which means you can mount a bike rack up front, too. The downsides of this strategy are that your bikes may block the lights or even impede visibility, which can be dangerous. Also, your bikes will be exposed to road debris, etc., during towing and can damage and “age” bikes prematurely.
- 3. In the truck bed** It’s easy to dump your bikes in the truck bed, if you have plenty of space and don’t mind the bikes shifting around. Most people have other things to carry on a trip which could scuff and damage bikes. A truck bed-mounted rack is a good option to consider if you’ve got space to spare.
- 4. Above the truck bed.** If you’ve got a hard tonneau cover on the truck bed, you can add a bike rack above it. Usually these racks attach to the rails (sides) of the truck bed. As with the rooftop carrier, you may need a stepstool to easily get the bikes on and off. This is the solution we use.
- 5. Inside the trailer** In some Airstreams (like the Basecamp and the Eddie Bauer edition trailers and PanAmerica) you’ll find D-rings for securing gear. In those trailers it’s easy to carry bikes indoors. But you’ll have to remove the bikes upon arrival in order to have any interior space to move around. That means you still need a secure storage spot at your campsite.
- 6. Rear of the trailer (Fiamma “Carry Bike” mount).** Airstream teamed up with Fiamma to co-develop a unique bike carrier designed to fit 1969-to-current Airstream trailers with aluminum bumpers. This is a “permanent” installation because it requires some drilling, but it’s also a very convenient way to carry bikes on a trailer. The downsides of the Fiamma rack are that it’s fairly expensive and it will definitely block access to the bumper storage, it may block access to a rear compartment (if your trailer has one) or the rear emergency exit window.



Camping Recipes

By Angie Ratliff #5070

Apple Campfire Crisp!

I love apple crisp but the thought of making in Tiny Shiny with no oven always meant it was impossible. But not anymore! For extra crunch try adding mixed nuts with the granola or add zip with frozen or dried cranberries in with the apples. You may want more sugar is using canberries.



Ingredients

- 3 Tablespoons salted butter divided
- 4 cups sliced or chopped apples
- 3 Tablespoons pure maple syrup or ½ cup white sugar
- 1 Tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups granola

Instructions

1. In a medium bowl, toss the apples with the maple syrup, cornstarch and lemon juice. This can be prepared up to 12 hours ahead of time, if desired.
2. Light a campfire and let it burn down for about 30 minutes. You are aiming for medium heat. Grease an 8-inch cast iron skillet with 1 tablespoon of the butter.
3. Pour the apples and any juices into the skillet and level them in the pan. Sprinkle the granola on top of the apples. Dot with the remaining butter.
4. Cover the skillet with tin foil and place over the hot coals of a campfire. Alternately, cook over medium heat on a camp stove. Cook the skillet crisp for about 25-30 minutes until the fruit is bubbling in the center.
5. Carefully remove the foil and cool the apple crisp. Spoon into camping bowls and top with yogurt, maple syrup or whipped cream. Enjoy warm.

This recipe can be made gluten-free by using gluten-free granola. For a dairy-free version, use coconut oil in place of the butter.

Welcome our Newest Watchung members!

Cathy and Jay McCarthy of Langhorne, PA/Cape May, NJ and their 2020 33-foot Classic



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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

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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 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. Coupon Included.

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 Koczwarra
CoHosts Needed.

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

Unbutton Rally

April 29-May 1, 2022



**We are back to "Full Frills" rallies this year!!
Catered breakfast and dinner, happy hour,
games, prizes, and general shenanigans!!**

It is time to send your Rally Fee Payable to:

Watchung NJ Airstream Club

Please mail your check/coupon by April 1st to:

Lois Wagner 29 Colony Ct, New Providence, NJ, 07974

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

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Phone/Cell _____

Email Address _____

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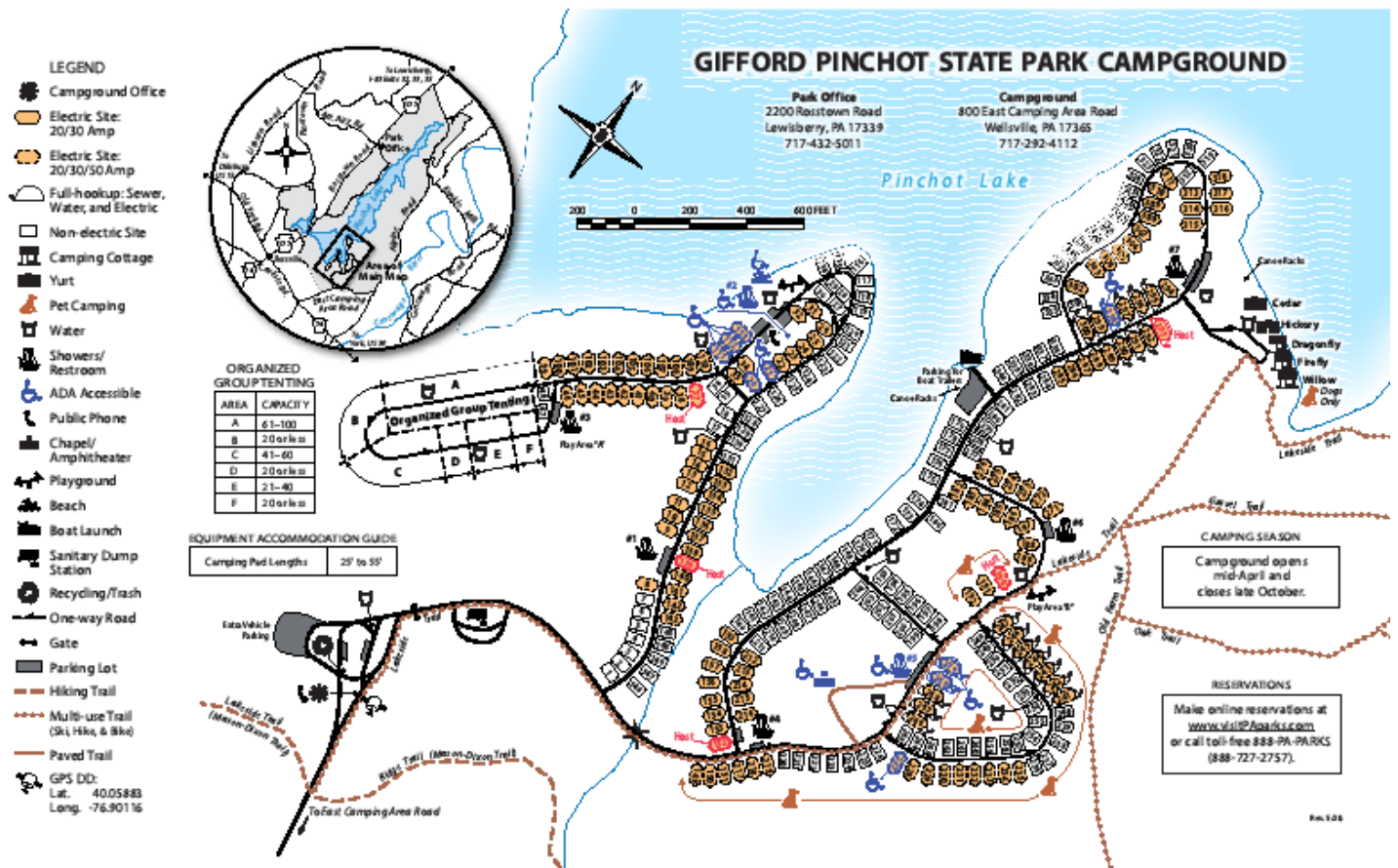


August Rally at Gifford Pinchot State Park

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](#)

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