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DelMarVa Beacon



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DelMarVa President's Message

Greetings Fellow DelMarVa Airstreamers.

Is spring finally here? I hope so.

Do you have plans to hit the road in your Airstream this month? I hope so.

And with the easing of pandemic-related restrictions, this spring and summer look to be great times to go camping with friends and family.

Our next Club activity is the Maintenance Rally, April 8-10, at the Queen Anne County 4H Park in Centreville Md. This is a great event, we are usually joined by members of nearby Clubs, and it's a great opportunity to make sure your Airstream is ready to hit the road.



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Bring your maintenance tasks and stuff and questions. And your appetite.

After a brief business meeting, we'll have a wonderful supper, thanks to Chuck and Malcolm. Please return your rally coupon as soon as you can, so we know who is coming.

After a chilly winter, I for one will be happy to see you folks!

The next time you see Katharine Dowell, please thank her for her service to this club as President and newsletter editor. Denis Clements has stepped forward to take over as newsletter editor. Thanks Denis!

Until then,

See you down the road.

Andy Dowell
DelMarVa Airstream Club President

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Region 2 President, RJ Marquette's Message

February 23, 2022

The registration for the 2022 Region 2/VAC rally has opened!

<https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2022-region-2-rally>

We will have a catered meal, a food truck with reduced prices, entertainment, local excursions, breakfasts, and seminars. It's bound to be a great time, and our first Region 2 rally since 2019.

May 19-22 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, Delaware. The cost is \$75/person, and there is a camping fee payable to the fairgrounds directly for \$41/night. Extra nights, before or after, are not a problem, just let us know when you register when you plan to arrive, and adjust the dates and number of nights when you pay at the fairgrounds.

I'm looking for volunteers for multiple roles throughout the rally - you can note that when you register, or you can contact me directly.

On the horizon, I hope many of you are planning to make the trek to Maine for the International Rally this summer. We've booked a room and time for our Region 2 luncheon - it'll be Tuesday, July 26, in the Specialty Foods Building (capacity 400). We're checking the catering options and will have more information and registration later.

I'm still looking for volunteers to take over the webmaster role and for the WBCCI Foundation (you may have seen the recent email from HQ to all members about this). Please contact me if you're interested in either role.

See you soon!

—RJ Marquette

DELMARVA 2022 Club Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Location	Host(s)/sites	Event
April	8-10	Centerville 4H, MD	Delmarva Club joint with MD/ PA Clubs	Maintenance Rally
May	19-22	Delaware State Fairground, Harrington, DE	Region 2 WBCCI	Region 2 Rally
June	17-19**NEW!!	Tall Pines Harbor Temperanceville, VA https://tallpinesharbor.com/	Dowells Standard back in site.	Club Rally – informal. Make your own FHU site reservations
July	23-29	Fryeburg, ME	WBCCI	International Rally
August	21-26**NEW!!	Kiptopeke State Park Cape Charles, VA https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/kiptopeke	Ashley Hitzig/ Chris Clawson Site C17	Club Rally – informal. Make your own site reservations
September	9-11 Tentative	Crisfield American Legion, MD	Roger Sansom	Rally
October	TBD	TBD	Delmarva Club	Installation Meeting/Rally



Joint Maintenance Rally

April 8-10, 2022

Delmarva - Keystone - Mid Atlantic

4-H Park Centreville, MD



Contact #'s: Chuck Helwig 302-270-7618, Malcolm Comstock 302-724-0654

\$65 Rally Fee Includes:

- Two nights camping with water and electric.
- Dump station available on Sunday
- Dinner Saturday

Following covid protocol we will be serving only one meal.

You will have the option of eating in the dining hall, observing social distancing.

Or, picking up your meal and returning to your Airstream to eat.

- Supplies for working on maintenance tasks; torque wrench, propane leak detector, battery tester, fluids, etc. will be provided.

You may also arrive on Thursday, after 1:00 (\$25 extra night fee)

Return this coupon by April 15 to Malcom Comstock:

e-mail: malvermont63@yahoo.com,

Or mail to Malcolm Comstock, 570 Banning Rd., Camden De. 19934

Rally fee \$65, payable by check at the rally.

Make check payable to: Delmarva Airstream Club

Rally Coupon

Name(s): _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

E-mail _____ Cell# _____

Early Arrival Y___ N___ Airstream: (trailer or coach) Length: _____

Specific maintenance questions or topics you would like covered at the rally.



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2022 Region 2/VAC Rally

Here is a message you may have received from RJ regarding the Region 2/VAC Rally. Wanted to get this out again in case you missed his emails.

From RJ Marquette

Hello Everyone:

We finally have the registration for the Region 2/VAC rally activated. It's been an amazingly long road to get to this point, but we're finally here.

Here's the direct link to the registration form: <https://form.jotform.com/220014616485147>

Here's the Region 2 webpage with more information. <https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2022-region-2-rally>

We're also working on a flyer that we'll get out shortly.

We are looking for volunteers to help with things like parking, set up, clean up, serving food at meals, excursions, and probably a few other things I've forgotten. Volunteers can either contact me directly or note it on the registration form.

The Delaware State fair registration system is ...not the easiest to understand. I've thrown together a quick guide for it.

Also, there is a \$1 booking fee per night. I'll add that to the page.

Thanks for your support!

--RJ

2022 International Rally



FRYEBURG, MAINE: JULY 23RD TO JULY 29TH **65th International Rally**

Sign up now for the FRYEBURG MAINE event! Six days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the 65th Airstream Club International Rally. Visit the website at <https://airstreamclub.org/fryeburg>.

There will be six days of fun-filled events, seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Fryeburg is located between North Conway, New Hampshire, and Bridgton, Maine, on the west side of the state. Fryeburg also offers a variety of recreational opportunities. Including the White Mountains National Forest, the Saco River, and numerous ponds and lakes nearby. Other sites of interest include Jockey Cap Rock, Fryeburg Farm Museum, and the Fryeburg Historical Society and Museum.

Conway, New Hampshire is a short drive with outlet stores, many restaurants, museums, golf courses all with the friendliness of a small town. Fryeburg also offers restaurants and shopping opportunities that include farm stands with local produce and products, craft beers, wines, and locally made crafts.

Getting to Know Each Other

Member Profile: Dave and Tina Mudge BRN 5547

Where are you from originally? Where do you live now?

Tina and I both were born on the Eastern Shore and now live in Delmar, DE.

What kind of work do you do?

I am an elevator constructor and Tina works as a cashier at a local feed store in Salisbury, MD. We have 3 kids, Hannah, 23, Ethan and Garrett, 21.

How long married (if not single)?

We have been married since 1986, or as I like to tell people, 10 wonderful years. Tina probably says less, lol.

Is the Airstream your first RV? How many Airstreams have you owned?

We bought our first Airstream in 2001 so we could take our kids camping. Friends had been taking our daughter with them when they camped but when our twins were born, we decided we couldn't put them through that. We bought a 1977 Excella 31 ft and we fixed up the interior. We now own a 1987 34 ft Limited.

What prompted the purchase of an Airstream as opposed to something else?

We decided on an Airstream because after researching all RVs, we found that a large number were still in use.

Have you attended any major rallies, e.g., Regional, International? Any caravans?

We've been to several rallies including maintenance, installation, and rallies at Trap Pond, Sunset Beach, and more recently, Shad Landing State Park. We went on a caravan to the Galax Fiddlers Convention in 2001, 2006, and 2007.

We went to the Parkview buddy rally in 2002 and met Boots Mason and his wife Frances. He asked us to join the Delmarva unit, so we did. We were members of the Delmarva unit for about 8 years but let our membership lapse due to kids getting older and obligations pertaining to them like sports, etc. We still kept in touch with the members and camped with them sporadically over the years.

What prompted you to get involved with Airstream Club? How long have you been a member?

We joined the DC unit because of the vintage campers and camped a couple times with them.

Getting to Know Each Other

Member Profile: Denis and Liz Clements BRN 19490

Where are you from originally? Where do you live now?

I'm originally from St. Louis, MO. Liz was born in Taunton, MA but as an Army brat she lived in many places in the US and Europe. We now live in Lewes, DE

What kind of work do or did you do?

I'm a retired career Army Officer, then I retired from a second career working with a variety of defense contractors. I am now doing part-time consulting. Liz held various accounting positions over the years and then was a full-time volunteer with the Smithsonian Institution for 20 years.

How long married (if not single)?

We have been married for nearly 46 years, our anniversary is in May. We were married at Ft. Totten in Queens, NY. We have two great adult kids: Mike, who is married with two daughters, lives in Aldie, VA; and Alexis lives in Brooklyn, NY.

Is the Airstream your first RV? How many Airstreams have you owned?

We have owned two RVs, a Class C Winnebago *View* and a Class A Navion *Reyo*, both with the Mercedes Sprinter chassis. We towed a Subaru Forester behind each. We decided to move to a travel trailer and purchased our 27' International Serenity FBQ in 2017.



"Bella and the Beast" denis.clements@gmail.com

Have you been camping/RVing long?

We have been camping for our entire marriage. Our kids grew up in tents. We tent camped from 1976 until 2005 when we got our Winnebago.

What prompted the purchase of an Airstream as opposed to something else?

I personally do not like pulling trailers due to several bad experiences with cargo and boat trailers. I admired the quality and towing safety of the Airstream, and frankly, would not consider towing anything else.

Where have you traveled in your Airstream? Any favorite places?

We have traveled to nearly every state east of the Rockies. Hard to pick out a favorite. Our most recent significant trip was to the Dakotas last fall. We thoroughly enjoyed Custer State Park, SD and Theodore Roosevelt National Park, ND.

Have you attended any major rallies, e.g., Regional, International? Any caravans?

Not yet, we just joined WBCCI and will attend the Maintenance Rally and the International Rally this year.

What prompted you to get involved with Airstream Club? How long have you been a member?

We've been enjoying traveling in "Bella" for five years now. We are not big joiners. However, we felt that it was time to give WBCCI a try.

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The Looking for Information and Advice Corner

If you would like to post a question or comment for the DelMarVa Airstream Club folks, please let me know.

Looking for nuggets that would be good info for our club members.

Looking for questions that you would prefer to keep in the club.

Have you or anyone you know replaced the mattress in your Airstream? We have twins, and mine is horrible. I've heard good things about the Mint mattress from Tuft and Needle. I'm reluctant to buy a mattress without trying it first, so if you have a relatively new mattress, especially a Tuft and Needle, would you please let me come by and take it for a "test snooze"?

Thanks!,
Andy

DelMarVa Club Officers

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