

# Keystone Kourier

## President's Message



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

May is a pretty big month in the Quinn household. My Birthday (celebrated with my favorite people pictured here), Mothers Day, the anniversary of that fateful cruise where Pat & I met, and the official kickoff of our traveling season. This year we headed south to Charleston and Savannah. Eighteen days, 7 campgrounds, 4 Harvest Host stays, 1,980+ miles, and more diesel than I care to think about.

As I started to write this, we were sitting in a sweet little North Carolina State Park waiting on a predicted severe storm due to swing through, hoping it passes before we need to vacate at noon. This wasn't our original plan. We had scheduled to spend the night at a Harvest Host. But it's been hot! Call us sissies...but we like our A/C! So we scrambled to find spots with electricity leading into a holiday weekend. Yikes! Two or three night minimum and pretty steep price tags. We just needed one night as we started our trip homeward bound. Luckily, we found Raven Rock State Park. Turns out it was a good move. Their Moccasin Branch Campground is just 2 years old. Full hookups, HUGE sites and just \$30 with that coveted Senior Discount.

Our last night, on the other hand, was scheduled for Caledonia State Park. Our site was so bad we decided to just bag it, finish up the drive home, and dump tanks at French Creek. Turns out that was a good move too. Seems we forgot how nature takes over the yard in May. Let's just say, the extra day home will be put to good use.

The lesson learned? Stay fluid, be willing to wander from the plan, take the chance. In most cases, things work out fine. And if they don't...at least you will have a story to tell around the campfire.

With Gratitude,

*Kathleen*



## Upcoming Events

**June 17-19**

### History Tour Rally

Gettysburg KOA  
Gettysburg, PA

**July 22-24**

### Close to Home Rally

French Creek State Park  
Elverson, PA

**July 23**

### Keystone Club Picnic

@ French Creek Rally  
Loop A

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Howard Mergelkamp

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Jody Dietz

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Rick Pitts

### Secretary

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### 2 Year Trustee

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Don Harrington

### Membership

Don Harrington

### Sunshine

Karen Kushto

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Andy & Rick Pitts

## Sunshine Report

Despite a few aches that come with the usual spring weeding, cleaning and trailer opening we all seem to be doing pretty well.

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:

#### June

Barry Heckenswiler (14<sup>th</sup>)

Ted Newnam (15<sup>th</sup>)

Sharon Fitzgerald (25<sup>th</sup>)

#### July

Vaughn Brayton (12<sup>th</sup>)

Bud Vogt (28<sup>th</sup>)

### Happy Anniversary to:

#### June

Keystone Club - June 27<sup>th</sup> 1964

Arry & Howard Mergelkamp

Andy & Rick Pitts

Peg & George Spahn

#### July

Cindy & Wilson Yerk

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

. The date for the 2023 Spring Opener rally at Lums Pond State Park has been set for May 5-7, 2023. Reservations are open at ReserveAmerica and, already, most of the sites have been booked. Make your reservations NOW!

. Howard Mergelkamp, Rick Pitts and Wilson Yerk have completed updates to the Keystone constitution and bylaws to reflect the name change from 'Unit' to 'Club'. The updates include a change in voting status to make club procedures consistent with the new International procedures (where each primary and partner get a vote) and some other minor consistency changes. These will be presented for a vote at the July rally and picnic.

## Keystone Komedie Korner



I'm on two diets now; I wasn't getting enough food on one.

Napoleon: Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.

Lucille Ball: The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age.

## Great Rallies in the Month of May



The month kicked off with the Spring Opener at Lums Pond State Park, Bear, DE. **Jody & Sue Dietz, Jim & Janice Hicks, Howard & Arry Mergelkamp, Rick & Andy Pitts** and **Pat & Kathleen Quinn** joined affiliate members **Norm & Karen Fable** and members from Central Penn and Penn-Lehigh for a fun weekend. Pat & Howard hosted the Keystone Kafe Burger Bar Friday evening, and Dickie's BBQ provided a great pork and chicken dinner on Saturday. Complete with a campfire in between light showers everyone enjoyed one of the first events of the season.



Following the Lums rally, the **Mergelkamps, Pitts'** and **Fables** shifted south to Delaware Seashore State Park, Rehoboth, DE. The nice beachside park offered great bike and hiking near the beach, fishing, good seafood at local restaurants and even a thunderstorm and downpour to highlight a comfortable stay before the Region rally.



The **Dietz's** and **Quinns** headed down the eastern seaboard for a sojourn through North and South Carolina and Georgia. Despite the hot weather the camping was great.



12 clubs were represented by 46 rigs at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington for the Region 2 rally. Days began with great breakfasts and ended with happy hours and dinners. SkyMed, one of the rally hosts, provided information on the SkyMed services and a 'first look' at a WBCCI Alaska Cruise that is in the works. RJ Marquette and Per Hamnqvist reviewed the proposed WBCCI constitution amendments (more info below) to be voted upon at the International rally. The live showband, Malpractice, performed to the merriment of an enthusiastic crowd Friday night. Despite unseasonal hot weather everyone had a great time.



**What a great kickoff to the 2022 camping season!**





## Upcoming Keystone Fun

**History Tour Rally – Friday-Sunday, June 17 – 19** – Join in at Gettysburg KOA for a weekend of historical fun! The campground has full hook up sites available and several water/electric. Booking your site right away is imperative! Arrive early or stay later if you wish!

You will need to book online at [www.GETTYSBURGKOA.COM](http://www.GETTYSBURGKOA.COM)

The booking page has a box for notes. Please indicate you are part of the Keystone Airstream Club Rally. Hopefully we will be in close proximity.



While the **Harrington's, Hicks** and **Kushto's** go 'down east' to the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine, **Keystoners** staying in the area are welcome to the **Close to Home Rally – Friday-Sunday, July 22-24** at French Creek State Park in Elverson, PA. Make your reservations now as sites in Loop A are quickly filling.

Those not able to camp for the weekend are invited to join for the **Keystone Club Picnic** in loop A of the Park. Watch for more details on this summer

gathering.

## Proposed Amendments to WBCCI Constitution

2 amendments to the International constitution have been proposed and will be voted upon at the International rally. Headquarters has compiled the following information on the Constitutional Amendments #1 and #2. Each item has been thoroughly researched and verified through factual operating evidence to help members gain a complete understanding of the proposed amendments and their impact.

These amendments have been passed by the International Board of Trustees (IBT) to membership for an all-member vote to be brought by local club delegates to the IBT meeting on July 27, 2022.

**Later this month we'll send an email to our Keystone WBCCI members asking for your vote on each amendment.**

### Constitutional Amendment #1

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED CHANGE?

Current Constitution Delegates Meeting	Proposed Constitutional Amendment Process
Meeting must be held during the International Rally	Remove requirement to have a Delegate meeting at the International Rally
Votes are reported in person by a delegate at the meeting.	Each member would have the opportunity to receive an individual ballot to vote
Local Clubs responsible for collecting vote of each member	Headquarters will collect the vote of each member
No standardized method for Local Clubs to collect its members' votes	Headquarters sends electronic ballot to each member (or paper for those with no email)
Local Club responsible for finding a delegate or alternate delegate and sending them with its members' votes to the International Rally.	Votes are no longer filtered through the delegate process.

## WHY IS THE CHANGE BEING PROPOSED?

- Gives all members the opportunity to vote on proposed amendments
- Removes the job of collecting votes from the local clubs
- Decouples Club business from the International Rally
- Allows for a shorter timeline to process a Constitutional Amendment

## WHAT IS THE BENEFIT TO ALL MEMBERS?

- Each member can be involved in the discussion of any proposed Constitutional Amendment
- All members would individually receive a ballot to vote on any Constitutional Amendment

## Constitutional Amendment #2

### WHAT IS THE PROPOSED CHANGE?

Current Executive Committee (EC) Structure	Proposed Executive Council (EC) Structure
President 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President Secretary Treasurer Past International President <b>7 total positions</b>	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Non-officer Council member 1 Non-officer Council member 2 Non-officer Council member 3 Non-officer Council member 4 Non-officer Council member 5 Past International President <b>10 total positions</b>
One-Year term	Two-Year Term
Terms not consistent with Region Officers	Terms consistent with Region Officer Roles
Five Year Commitment	Two Year Commitment
ALL Vice Presidents are expected to successively ascend to President	Council members DO NOT have to ascend to President
Members elect Officers through the delegate process	Region Presidents and Executive Council (collectively referred to as the IBT) elect Officers
No term requirements to be an Officer	Eligibility after two years of IBT service
Elections every year	Elections every two years

## WHY IS THE CHANGE BEING PROPOSED?

- The current structure is antiquated and flawed to meet the needs of the growing membership and business of the Club today.
- Allows members the opportunity to serve on the Council who want to give to the Club but are not necessarily interested in becoming President and/or unable to make a 5-year commitment.
- The new term would require two years of service. Current Executive Committee members' total commitment is five years.
- Allows Council members to perform and complete goals after the first-year learning curve by continuing on a second year.
- Easier to recruit for a short-term commitment.
- Provides voting choices to general membership during the election for Executive Council Members rather than offering up a single choice for Officers, as we do now.
  - Training for Council members on collaborative team building is needed in today's business
  - The current process no longer meets the needs of our growing Club, as it is more complex than in past years.
  - Invites more input from our membership on our leadership by requiring ALL Council members to be elected by the general membership every two years (with exception to the Past International President) vs. the current automatic incumbent succession.
  - Lessens the disruption of good service to our Club by allowing Council members to serve more than one term IF the membership votes them in.
  - Eliminates the expectation for Committee members to ascend to the Presidency.
  - Two-year terms would allow for better long-range strategic planning for the Club
  - Utilizes the expertise of Region Presidents to represent the best interests of their members along with personal knowledge of their fellow IBT members when voting for Officers
  - Enlists a larger team to provide a more diverse set of skills and knowledge that our leaders are not currently required to have.
  - Provides an up-to-date structure to conduct long term strategic business operations instead of starting on a new goal each year.

### *WHAT IS THE BENEFIT TO MEMBERS?*

- Member participation in Club business without a long-term commitment
- Add additional talent to expand and assist standing committee, International Club needs and local clubs with programs such as:
  - Preserve and promote Wally Byam and the Airstream Club
  - Caravans
  - National Rallies
  - Communication
  - Technology support
  - Marketing
  - Financial skills
  - Event coordination
  - New member campaigns and member retention
  - Membership benefits
  - Outreach to help local clubs with any help they need – Officer recruitment, membership retention, better rallies, etc.

## 2022 Activities Schedule

**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](http://www.GETTYSBURGKOA.COM)

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**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](http://woodsmenshow.com))

4639 Cherry Springs Road, Coudersport, PA

Coordinator: Jody Dietz

**September 16-18 (Fri-Sun) – Lowkey PA State Rally** – Mercer, PA

RV Village Camping Resort, 234 Skyline Drive, Mercer, PA, 724-662-4560

Hosted by AlMonO; Coordinator: Cody Klingler, 724-504-6884

**September 23-25 (Fri-Sun) – Made in PA Rally** – York, PA

Indian Rock Campground, 436 Indian Rock Dam Road, York, PA, 717-741-1764

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

**Need Coordinator:**

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

Coordinator: Barb & Jerry Hillegass

**Just received a note for your consideration:**

**Meandering the Maritimes: A Region 2 Caravan**

**August 18, 2022 to September 25, 2022**

After a cancellation in 2021 due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, we are holding this caravan later this year. Meandering the Maritimes will be a 38-day exploration of the beauty and history of Canada's three Maritime Provinces: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. We will launch at the north end of Cape Breton Island and wind our way through each of the Provinces. You will experience the history of the colonising groups of French, English, Irish and Scottish settlers and their interactions with the indigenous populations. The history of the region was shaped by European conflicts but much remains today in the form of Gaelic, Acadian and Irish music, languages and traditions. The landscape is simply spectacular, from the highlands of Cape Breton to the awesome tides of the Bay of Fundy and the red sands of PEI, there are vistas everywhere. Lots of seafood too! This will be a relaxed caravan with time off to explore, hike, shop or visit sites with particular interests. It is a prototype caravan with the intention of becoming a recurring part of the Airstream Club National Caravan program. We have a few vacancies at this time, so don't hesitate to contact us for more information. The kitty fee is \$4500 Cdn for an Airstream with 2 people, \$3400 for a solo traveler.

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