

# The Hillbilly



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## President's Message

Hello everyone. The camping season has begun, and Airstream voyages await us. Please share some of your travels on our Facebook page [WBCCI Watchung NJ Unit](#).

We have 17 members going to the International Rally in Fryeburg, Main. Ten units are staying at Kampfires Campground. These Units will leave the campground on 7/20 and start the short journey to the International Rally. The other seven units will join us at the fairgrounds as we go in as a group. I confirmed with International that anyone arriving with our caravan on 7/20 will not have to worry about any other arrival date they received.

The Region 2 luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, at noon, in the Specialty Foods Pavilion. There's no registration; just come and join the other region 2 clubs and bring your own lunch and beverage for a social hour! The region came to this decision after Region 2, 1st Vice President Gary Russo (#1061) spent many hours trying to find an inexpensive catering option. Everything he saw was costly or couldn't handle the number of people we had. This is a common problem based on what they heard from other regions. Rather than forcing something, they decided a better option was to go simple.

The October rally will be at Camp Carr. It will be hosted and co-hosted by the Elacqua and DeHerde families. The dates for the rally are October 7 – 10. You will need to reserve a site on "Camp Carr's" [website](#). After booking the camping site, complete the coupon in this newsletter.

The club needs members to host or co-host a rally or luncheon for 2023. Lea is in the process of finding a host and co-host for our 2023 luncheon and rally schedule so she can get the schedule finalized. Don't hesitate to contact her if you would like to host or co-host one. Lea's email is [tenlea@aol.com](mailto:tenlea@aol.com)

Safe traveling to happy memorable times.

Frank DeHerde – President

# Region 2 notes from the President

Hi, everyone! I hope you're all getting to use your Airstreams frequently. I know quite a few people are either on caravans or going to the Fryeburg, Maine International Rally. Of course, we're among the latter group.

Speaking of the International Rally - the Region 2 luncheon will be a bring your own food and drink. We came to this decision after Region 2 1st Vice President Gary Russo (#1061) spent many hours trying to find an inexpensive catering option, and everything he found was either extremely expensive or couldn't handle the number of people we have. Based on what we've heard from other regions, this is a pretty common problem. Rather than trying to force something, we decided a better option was to go simple.

The luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, at noon, in the Specialty Foods Pavilion. There's no registration and no fee, just come and join us for lunch and a social hour!

Erica and I recently spent a weekend with the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club in Watkins Glen, New York. It was a great rally, the weather was beautiful, and Erica and I visited numerous wineries and one distillery.

I'll see some of you in Fryeburg!

-RJ

## Meandering the Maritimes: A Region 2 Caravan August 18, 2022 to September 25, 2022

*By Kerry Mattila, BRN #5417*

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 colonizing 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. Contact: **Kerry Mattila, BRN #5417, maritimescaravan@wbcci.net 613-258-2842**

## Tips from the Turnpike

AirForums always has the best advice! Back in [Kevin Allen VAC#7864](#) has some great tips on what to expect at International! Here is an excerpt from his list:

- Be sure that your potable water tank is filled.
- Be sure that your battery(ies) are fully charged!
- Be sure that your waste water tank(s) are empty .
- Be sure that you have enough LP to operate your refrigerator, water heater, and refrigerator for several days.
- Since water may be provided via “Daisy-Chain”, you will need a “Free-Flowing”, large bore hose “Y” that doesn’t have shut-off valves for connecting your coach to the “Daisy-Chain”. At least two 50’ white potable water hoses in either the 5/8” or ¾” size are generally quite useful. I find it useful to carry a short length of “high-pressure” potable water hose that I connect between the free-flowing “Y” and my coach that I have equipped with a shut-off valve so that I can easily shut off the water supply to my coach without impacting any of my neighbors.
- If your coach has a small or no wash water tank, you will find a blue tote-tank to be quite helpful in dealing with wash water beyond the scheduled pump-out.
- Bring adequate leveling supplies as we are often parked in fields less level than a typical campground.
- Flag Holder and flags for your coach. This is a part of the International experience that many enjoy. The scene on a sunny day with flags being flown by hundreds of Airstreams is one of the unforgettable International experiences.



## SUNSHINE

A Sympathy card was sent to Kathleen Delaney, daughter of Mary Lou Fodor, on Mary Lou’s passing; a Get Well card was sent to Fred Brugmans regarding some health issues, a Congratulations card was sent to Lois Wagner and Derek Conley on the college graduation of their daughter, and a Sympathy card was sent to Mark Ratliff on the passing of his aunt.

Send the Sunshine Committee all joys and concerns you would like to share with our club!

Please notify Linda Kiesel!

Thank you.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!





# 2022 WATCHUNG CLUB OFFICERS

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## July Anniversaries

Bill & Traude Ellert  
John & Wilma Creekmore  
Gary & Lynn Brink



## July Birthdays

Roger Kriz  
Barbara Bacon  
Leslie De Herde  
Calvin Bacon  
Lynn Brink



# 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 August Rally & Business Meeting:** August 25-28, 2022, Gifford Pinchot State Park, Lewisberry, Pa Hosts George & Linda Kiesel, Cohosts Frank & Leslie DeHerde. See Coupon in Newsletter.

**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:** October 7-10, 2022 at Camp Carr Please see [Camp Carr reservations](#) to sign up for a site as space is limited. Hosts Joann and Stayla Elacqua and CoHosts J Frank & Leslie DeHerde. Business Meeting and election of officers will be held. See Coupon in Newsletter

**2022 November Luncheon** Hosted by Barbara Taylor and Michael Koczwara  
**CoHosts Needed.**

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



Welcome our Newest  
Watchung members!



# August Rally at Gifford Pinchot State Park

August 25<sup>th</sup> thru August 28<sup>th</sup>.

- Thursday** Early check in. Dinner on your own.
- Friday** On your for the day. Happy Hour 4pm. Dinner of Baked chicken and Lasagna and salad at 6pm. Bring plates and utensils. Charity collection for BraveHearts Trails To Zero. Campfire, weather permitting.
- Saturday** Breakfast 8:30 to 9:30. Pancakes and sausage, coffee etc. Bring plates and Utensils  
Happy hour 4pm. Dinner on your own. Campfire, weather permitting.
- Sunday** Continental breakfast 8:00 to 9:00. Bring plates and utensils. Executive Board meeting 9:00. General meeting at 9:30am. Break down, clean up.

Just a reminder; Pennsylvania State Parks **“Officially”** prohibit Alcohol. So....

**Things to do in the area;** Saturday night Chris Stapleton will be playing in Hershey PA. some tickets still available. Check online. <http://www.hersheyticketoffice.org/tickets/5043304/chris-stapleton-elle-king-morgan-wade>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ # of People x \$12.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Contact; George and Linda Kiesel 908-930-0550 or Frank and Leslie DeHerde 908-419-4978

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.

Hope to see you there! Link to reservation-- [Reservations](#)

# No Frills October Rally at Camp Carr

- When** October 7- October 10, 2022
- Thursday** Early check in. Dinner on your own.
- Friday** Dinner on your own for the day. Happy Hour 4pm.  
Charity collection for BraveHearts Trails To Zero.  
Campfire, weather permitting.
- Saturday** Continental Breakfast 8:30 to 9:30: Muffins, Bagels & Fixings, coffee, etc. Bring plates & Utensils  
Happy hour 4pm.  
Dinner Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Each camper bring a side or dessert to share.  
Wear your Best Halloween Costume and join us for a fun.  
Campfire, weather permitting.
- Sunday** Continental breakfast 8:00 to 9:00. Bring plates and utensils.  
Executive board meeting 9:00. General meeting 9:30am.
- Monday** Break down, clean up.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Carr Site Number \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner will you bring dessert \_\_\_\_\_ or Side \_\_\_\_\_

# of People x \$12.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: Watchung NJ Club, WBCCI and send to, Lois Wagner. Lois' direct address is:

Lois Wagner  
29 Colony Court  
New Providence, NJ 07974

Please see [Camp Carr reservations](#) to sign up for a site as space is limited



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