

Keystone Kourier

President's Message



enjoying new experiences, and learning some lessons.

So, what lessons were learned?

- * Don't sweat the small stuff. Actually, don't sweat the big stuff either.
- * Plan B is sometimes better than Plan A.
- * Things will always go as they should even though not as planned.
- * Camping is better with friends.
- * Weather is irrelevant.
- * There will always be more food than needed.

As you all may have noticed, I take a rather laid back approach to things like Rallies (Rendezvous). But with the help of all our Rally folks things always worked out well. I thank each and every one of you for your support and patience as I made my way through the year. I especially want to thank the amazing team that keeps our Club going, Howard, Jody, Rick, Andy, Don, Sue, Jennifer, and Karen...you all rock!

Now, as we move into a new season, I'm excited about the options available for the 2023 travel year. So many great opportunities to enjoy the friendship of our Keystone members! If you haven't joined us for an event yet, please try to attend one of our winter luncheons. It's a great opportunity to get to know members. And once again, if you can spare just a bit of time please step forward and lend a hand to serve the Club.

With Gratitude,

Kathleen

Keystone PA Airstream Club #092
Region 2 - WBCCI



Upcoming Events

Oct 21-23

Keystone Installation Rally

@ Chuck & Linda Chowns
255 Kulps Road
Barto, PA

Nov 4 - 6

Season Finale Rendezvous

Trap Pond State Park
Laurel, DE

Dec 10 - Noon

Keystone Holiday Lunch

Plumsteadville Inn
Pipersville, PA

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Kathleen Quinn

1st Vice President

Howard Mergelkamp

2nd Vice President

Jody Dietz

Treasurer

Rick Pitts

Secretary

Pat Quinn

1 Year Trustee

Sue Walton

2 Year Trustee

Jennifer Eggers

Immediate Past President

Don Harrington

Membership

Don Harrington

Sunshine

Karen Kushto

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Sunshine Report

Jody Dietz is recovering well from his foot surgery and we all wish Sue the best.....

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:

October

Sue Dietz (11th)

Clare Vogt (13th)

Arry Mergelkamp (15th)

November

Cindy Yerk (13th)

Karen Kushto (15th)

Happy Anniversary to:

October

Mary & Ted Newnam

Joann & Jeff Michael

Kathleen & Pat Quinn

November

None to report

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

. Save the Date: The 2023 Region 2 Rally will be held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, June 2-6. A great venue and opportunity to camp again with our region Airstreamers. More details to follow.

. Members: If you've not already returned your Jotform survey on 2023 Keystone activities please do so now. We're going to discuss the adventures at the October rally. If you've misplaced and need the email/Jotform again just let Rick know.

. For many folks it's time to pay dues, see the note below...

Membership Renewal

Last year Headquarters moved to an annual renewal date based on when you joined WBCCI. Existing members were designated with a January 1 date, new members with the date they joined the club. Renewal processing has begun for January members. The WBCCI/ACI website is processing all WBCCI renewals and related club member and club affiliate memberships, and has sent out renewal emails. Please head to the WBCCI/ACI site, sign-in and select the renewal tab on the 'Current Members' page. Remember to select Keystone as your home club. Dues have remained the same, \$75 for WBCCI/ACI and \$15 for Keystone (Lifetime members pay only the Keystone dues). Affiliate members can select Keystone with their home club renewal. For members with dates other than January, headquarters will send out renewal notices about 3-months prior to your date.

Keystone Alumni: you have a January renewal date. Headquarters will not process your renewal so just send a \$15 check payable to 'WBCCI Keystone Club' to Rick Pitts (930 Stoney Run Dr, West Chester, PA, 19382) by January 1.
Thanks all!

Made in PA Rally



Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald, with help from granddaughter **Andrea** hosted the Made in PA rally in York. As fall entered and the temps dropped the weekend turned out to be a great time for touring, camping and sharing stories around the campfire. The **Fitzgerald's** along with **Pat & Kathleen Quinn** welcomed new members



MaryAnne & Dale Winterhoff and **Kathy & Ralph Orr** to their first Keystone rally. Tours in the area included soap making, ice cream shopping and there was great weather for campfire fun.

Upcoming Keystone Fun

The **Keystone Installation** rally, will be held again this year at Chuck & Linda Chowns' home in Barto, PA, October 21 – 23. Rally electric, water refill available and lots of fun! For planning purposes we need a preliminary indication of how many folks will be attending as soon as possible. If you've not already let Howard know that you expect to attend, please do so asap. (howardsan70@gmail.com)

There are still a few sites left for the November 4-6 no-frills **Season Finale** rendezvous at Trap Pond State Park in Laurel, DE. Book online now at ReserveAmerica for this last-gasp, 'I don't wanna pack it away' get together.

Keystone Annual Meeting and Officer Election

The annual business meeting and election/installation of 2023 officers will be held at the Keystone Installation Rally, October 21-23. Presently the slate of candidates for officers are as follows:

President: Howard Mergelkamp

1st Vice President: Jody Dietz

2nd Vice President: open

Secretary: open

Treasurer: Rick Pitts

1-year Trustee: Jennifer Eggers

2-year Trustee: open

Immediate Past President: (non-elected) Kathleen Quinn

Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions. To remain viable YOUR club needs **YOU!**

Keystone Komedie Korner



WK: My wife told me to stop impersonating an Airstream flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

What's a pirate's favorite way to travel? By Arrgh-V...

WK: When life gives you melons – you may be dyslexic!



Please send **your** best quips to Rick & Andy for a future issue of the Kourier.

A Canadian Maritime Adventure



Last month the Pitts' and Mergelkamps enjoyed a great pairavan through the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Quebec. We hit the road late July and headed quickly up to Calais, Maine where we crossed into St. Stephen, New Brunswick without any delay having completed the ArriveCan app ahead of time.

Our first main stop was at Fundy National Park in NB, nice sites with full hook-ups. We day tripped to Hopewell Rocks to catch the low tide. With a tidal range of about 50 feet, Howard would have been well underwater had we tied him to the rocks.

From Fundy we traveled to North Sydney, Nova Scotia to await the ferry to Newfoundland. While here we visited the Miners' Museum in nearby Glace Bay. The tour through only a small portion of the coal mine (at one point it stretches over 13 kilometers out under the sea) was fascinating. Hard hats were required as most of the 'walk' was through 4' high tunnels with exposed beams.

Our 7-hour ferry trip to Newfoundland was wonderfully calm and uneventful but the ferry was sold-out so we were glad we had made reservations much earlier in the year. Once in NL we headed to Gros Morne National Park and



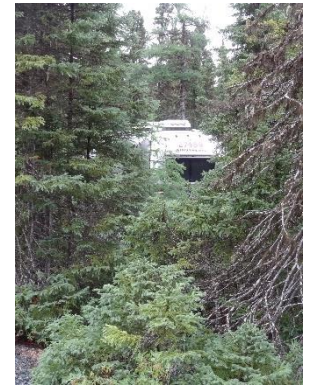
some nice meadowed sites. Located along the scenic coast of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, we visited the lighthouse at Lobster Cove and the nearby arches on the coast. A day trip north to Port au Choix treated us to fresh bread baked in one of the few operational French bread ovens in the province.

Traveling east we set-up in Terra Nova

National Park. With great full hook-up sites this is a hiker's paradise with stunning views of the forest and coastline. We drove to a scenic little fishing village called Salvage which boasts one of the most scenic coastlines in the area.



Heading back to the west we stopped in Grand Falls-Windsor at the campground for the Salmonid Interpretive Center, a cool site along the Exploits River where we watched Atlantic salmon head up the ladders to spawn.



After a calm returning ferry ride the

Mergelkamps headed home, but the Pitts' continued the adventure. Our base was Arm of Gold Campground in North Sydney and by coincidence we passed both the Helwigs (#2868) who were co-hosting the Viking Trails Caravan and the Matillas (#5417) who were co-hosting the Meandering the Maritimes Caravan. Small silver world! We visited the Fortress of Louisbourg, a wonderful reconstruction of the 18th-century French fortress on the coast.

Next up was Cape Breton Highlands National Park and Cheticamp campground. Located on the western side of the Cabot Trail there are

breath-taking scenes all along the drive. At the far northern tip we found Meat Cove, with marvelous views

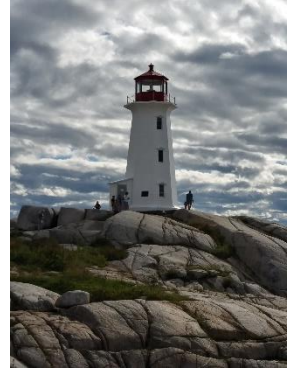




of the coast and the tiny Garlic dancehall Alan Kenney had alerted us to several years ago. Sadly, the hall was now permanently closed. From the Cabot Trail we traveled to Peggy's Cove, camped right on the coast, visited the iconic lighthouse and enjoyed fresh lobster and oysters.

A drive over the 13-kilometer Confederation bridge took us to Prince Edward Island and PEI National Park. Staying at Cavedish campground we were glad to see that they're back in business following the

devastating hurricane in 2019 that felled over 80% of the tall white spruce. The island is filled with mussel farms and plenty of local seafood shacks to easily satisfy fishy appetites.



The last leg of our trip in Canada took us to Quebec City. Staying at the nice, convenient KOA across the river from the city, we hopped a cute ferry (only 15 minutes this time...) for a visit to the old city. We had a beautiful day to visit and saw the Chateau Frontenac, the Quebec City Mural and numerous shops and eateries. What fun. The next day we drove to Montmorency Falls park. There are trails along and over the falls, said to be 99' taller than Niagara (but not nearly as wide). Beautiful stop.

Leaving Canada we camped in Alexandria Bay right along the Thousand Islands and got

to enjoy a day in neighboring Clayton for shopping and dining before heading back to PA.

As you can tell from our pictures and posts the trip was tremendous. The Canadian national parks are extremely nice, although getting reservations can be challenging. The scenery in the Maritimes is fantastic. And if you're a hiker/biker there are countless opportunities for all levels of exercise. Enjoy the ride!



Addendum: As you've seen, Hurricane Fiona followed in our tracks. Fortunately, the Region 2 Maritime Caravan scooted out of the area before the storm hit. Our thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery go out to those northerners devastated by the storm.

2022 Activities Schedule

October 21-23 (Fri-Sun) – Keystone Installation Rally @ Chowns

255 Kulps Road, Barto, PA

Coordinators: Howard Mergelkamp & Chuck Chowns

November 4-6 (Fri-Sun) – Back to Nature Season Finale Rendezvous - Trap Pond State Park

33587 Bald Cypress Lane, Laurel DE

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

Coordinator: Barb & Jerry Hillegass

Very Preliminary 2023 Activities Schedule

In order to help with your travel planning for next year we're adding the rallies that have already been scheduled. Be sure to check the [Blue Beret](#) and [Airstream.org](#) site for dates for other International and National Caravans and Events.

May 13-15 (Fri-Sun) – Eastern PA Opener w/ Central Penn and Penn Lehigh – Lums Pond State Park, Bear DE (a few sites left)

June 2-5 (Thur-Sun) – Region 2 Rally – Niagara Falls, Ontario (details to follow)

June 24-30 – International Rally – Rock Springs, Wyoming (registration open on [Airstream.org](#))

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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE CLUB

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