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Walt & Margaret Saylor, BRN #5320*



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Unit President

by Karl Schubert, President, Central PA Airstream Club

Hello Central PA Members!

I want to start off by thanking Michael Reed for leading our club the past two years and during such a difficult time. He has done an excellent job and leaves big shoes to fill. I also want to thank Joan for editing our group monthly newsletter for the past 20 years. She has been a great asset to the group, and I thank Margaret for taking on this task and continuing the newsletter editing.

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Karl Schubert. I live in Wellsville with my wife Elizabeth (Beth) and our two dogs Annie (the princess) and Axle (the cuddle bug, problem child). I can remember camping and attending rallies with my grandparents, Elwood, and Caroline Barr, when I was a kid (more to come about this in the next newsletters).

Beth and I currently camp in that same Airstream.

Beth has never camped before until we met and as I like to say, she has "caught the airstream bug". For my day job I am a carpenter for a local family-owned business, and in my free time I enjoy woodworking, volunteer firefighting (for almost 20 years) riding my John Deere tractor and, of course, Airstreaming and renovating our 1983 Sovereign. Right now, we are in the planning stage of our renovation, but cannot wait to dig in and start the task (when the price of lumber hopefully comes down)!

With the season change, I know a lot of you are either traveling to Florida to escape the cold or winterizing your campers. As this can be a sad time for some by putting your Airstream in storage and putting it away for the season, it can also be a time of excitement as we plan for next year! I am asking for members to give input and participate, because without member participation the group will fade, it is the group participation that keeps us alive and going. So, let's start with some input on 2022 rallies! If you have any ideas for a rally or would like to plan one yourself, all and any input is welcome! My plan is to hold a rally each possible camping month and have a different member plan each one. I would like to start off with a volunteer rally. Last year Beth planned one at Cowan's Gap State Park which was fun and turned out well and has volunteered to help anyone who would like to plan one and feels they need the assistance.

I would like to thank the board members for accepting positions to keep our club active and strong and think we will have some great adventures as a club! I am excited to work with everyone in this capacity and look forward to meeting all of you and getting to share stories around the campfire. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe travels as you see family and loved ones over the holidays, see you down the road!

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Thank You to Joan Bucher

by *Michael Read*, Membership Chair

As is obvious with this edition of *The Silver Penny*, the torch has passed, and that's this focus of thankfulness: Joan and Bill Bucher. Now, Joan and Bill are always together. Whether volunteering at the local, regional, state, national, or international events, you always find Joan and Bill together, already there when you arrive, and still working when you leave the event. Joan and Bill have held every position on the board, every club member position, several times.

Looking back through *The Silver Penny* newsletters, I can't find a time when Joan wasn't the editor. During our membership, and my time as president, Joan has always worked hard and diligently every month on our newsletter as well as forwarding announcements or information from the local, regional, state, national, and international offices and membership.

Any time I would ask Joan for information, to do a mailing or to forward notices I was tasked to distribute, Joan made herself available, every time, always helpful, and of course I was always thankful. Joan and Bill, thank you so much, what role models you both are. Without being able to share time these last two years, we are thankful for the few minutes at different events we did have together, of course while you both were volunteering. Joan, I will miss our article interactions. THANK YOU!

Region 2 President

by *RJ Marquette*, President, Region 2



The IBT had a discussion on October 21, with a few updates on things being proposed for the club. In general, I think these are great changes for the club to consider, even if we don't adopt them.

There was a discussion about removing the International Rally date range from the Constitution. The problem is that there are limited venues that can support the International Rally and provide the services members request, like 30 amp electric, so the proposal is to allow the International Rally to be scheduled at a different parts of the year, so we could, for example, have International in the South in the fall when it's not as hot.

Tom Smithson, head of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, described the possibility of allowing constitutional amendments to be voted upon by members directly, instead of via delegates. The other topics were realigning the officer terms to match the fiscal year of the club (Aug 1-July 31), the committee investigating longer terms for the International officers has begun their work, and a proposed schedule for a quarterly IBT meeting (replacing the current mid-winter and summer meetings).

Region 2 rally update (May 19-22, 2022): As of this writing, we do not have a contract signed. However, we're in agreement with the fairgrounds on the details of the contract, so now we just need to get ink on paper. Once we get that done, we'll start planning the details. Several clubs and members have already reached out to offer help, and I very much appreciate that! We'll be putting out a call for volunteers soon.

Mid-Winter IBT in Savannah: If you are planning to go, make sure you book the campground and register for the rally itself. Lori Plummer indicated they have many campground sites booked, but few registrations. Link: <https://airstreamclub.org/2022-mid-winter-international-board-trustees-meeting>

DECEMBER UPDATE

By this time, most people have winterized or moved south to warmer climates. I mentioned before that winterizing is always a bit sad for me, but at least this year we're taking a trip in January (to the mid-winter IBT meeting in Savannah, GA).

In travel news, the border between the US and Canada has reopened. A relative told me that I-81 had more RVs than trucks, which is pretty amazing. Cross your fingers that it will remain open for next year's events.

Erica and I wish you and your family a happy holiday season!
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Journey to the Thousand Islands

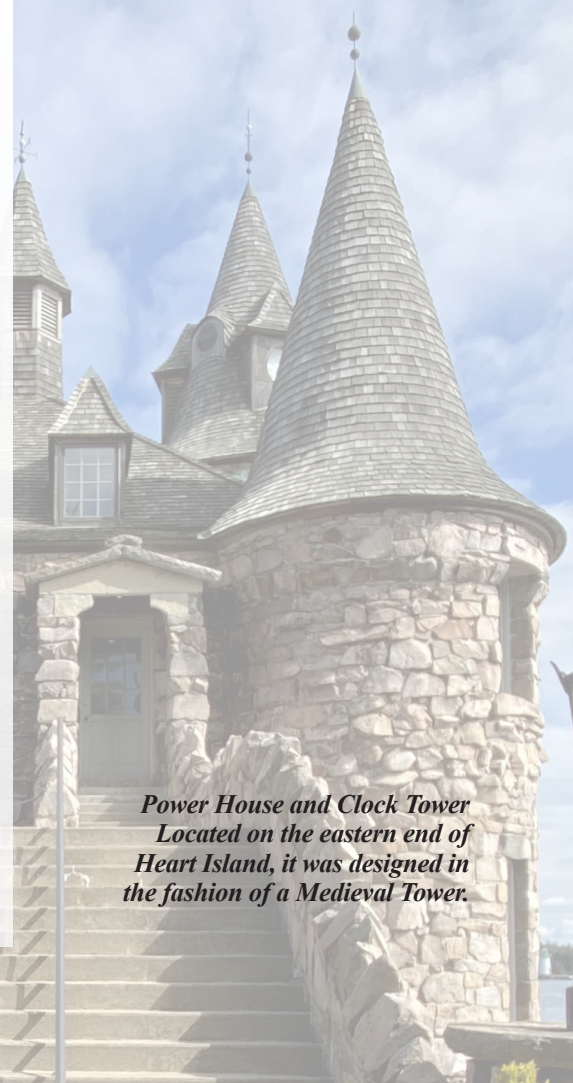
Part II of Carey & Chris Boland's latest adventure *by Carey Boland*

Chris and I left Asheville, NC and headed north to the **Thousand Islands** in New York for the second half of our week. After two days of driving we made camp at **Swan Bay Resort and Marina**. Swan Bay is a nice campground with 190 campsites on 55 acres and has a marina. Sites have full hookups, level concrete pads, paver patios and some overlook the water or the marina. I would give this campground a 4 out of 5 stars. It was a great location, the office staff were awesome, and the place was VERY well maintained with lots of activities including food trucks and live music on the weekend.

The atmosphere was similar to that of a KOA with a lot of golf carts and some very intoxicated neighbors, thanks to the bar by the pool with live music-LOL. Chris and I prefer a quieter place to camp but we enjoyed Swan Bay's location, the view, and how well-kept it was. Seriously, you could eat off of the concrete pads:-)

We opted to see a lot of things by water instead of land (thanks to my broken foot) and rented a boat to visit the different islands. Luckily Chris has his boating license and is an excellent navigator on International Waterways, so he felt pretty comfortable navigating the St. Lawrence River between Canada and the USA with the large shipping vessels and traffic. I don't have much fear when it comes to driving our Airstream, but I was glad I wasn't driving the boat!

Our first stop was the famous **Boldt Castle and Boldt Yacht House** on Heart Island. Chris had never seen it and I hadn't been since the 1980s when I had went with my family as a kid. Back then I remembered it looked neat from the outside, but it was similar to a creepy haunted mansion on the inside. I remember being too afraid to explore the entire thing although my brother braved every part of it. It was as tragic looking on the inside as the story behind it. The story began when NYC millionaire George Boldt set out to build a full size Rhineland castle on Heart Island as a display of his love for his wife Louise. Construction started in 1900 and he spared NO expense. It cost over 2 million dollars up to the point of abandonment. George had over 300 stonemasons, carpenters, artists, etc working on his 120 room castle to ensure every detail was perfect. But then, in 1904, Louise suddenly died. George was beside himself and telegraphed the island and told everyone to "stop all construction". He never returned to Heart Island and forbade his children to go there. For 73 years, the unfinished castle was left to the mercy of the elements and to vandals. Then in 1977, the Thousand Island Bridge Authority acquired the property and decided that it would use all donations and revenues from the castle operations to help preserve and restore it. Several million dollars have been used to help repair and restore the Castle and the other structures on the island.



*Power House and Clock Tower
Located on the eastern end of
Heart Island, it was designed in
the fashion of a Medieval Tower.*



When Chris and I were approaching Heart Island, I immediately knew things had changed. There were flower gardens, structures that had been restored on the outside, and a beautifully redone exterior. This was not at all what I remembered and I felt so excited to see what improvements had been made on the inside. We walked into the front entrance I could not believe my eyes. Here in front of me was the image of what George Boldt had set out to complete for his beloved. The most grand entrance and staircase, a beautiful stained glass domed ceiling with their family crest, and hearts throughout almost every room that had been renovated up to this point. It literally brought me to tears hoping that somewhere, somehow they are looking down at this majestic symbol of their love together. If you have time next year, it's worth the drive. Take your Airstream and go see a Rhineland castle close by in New York state.

The second day, we toured the **Antique Boat Museum** in Clayton, NY where they have 4.5 acres of buildings with boats inside and outside in the water of all kinds. It was definitely easy to spend the entire day there. From the earliest dugout canoe to the fastest racing boats, they have them all! The town of Clayton is a little gem; walk around and explore after you are done with the museum. The waterfront town leaves no longing for water views as you head down the main street to the shops.

We would like to go back to the Thousand Islands again and cross over the bridge to the Canadian side, but if you are thinking of traveling here, be sure to bring your courage because that bridge is really something to tow your trailer across! 🚤



Plan a Trip to... *Thousand Islands*

Chris and Carey travel in their Airstream International, **BRN #1079**

To develop your own itinerary, visit these websites:

General information: 1000islands.com

Boldt Castle: boldtcastle.com

American Boat Museum: abm.org

Camping: swanbayresort.com



*"Top of the World" Caravan
 "Almost" snowed in at Ouray.
 Lining up to leave for last stop
 at Grand Junction.*

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Yesteryear

A look back at Airstream caravans, rallies, and club activities

Airstream Historian Joe Peplinsky shared this wonderful image of a Unit Caravan in the late 1960s. These scans are of the front and back of the photo. Joe describes this photo in his "History of Airstream and WBCCI Caravans" PowerPoint presentation that he offers periodically at International Rallies. "I can identify the first Airstream as a 1965 model. Also the Ford Bronco passing the string of Airstreams was first introduced in 1965 as a 1966 model. Thus this photo cannot be older than 1965; it clearly does not have any 1969 or new Airstreams in it, suggesting it was likely taken between late 1965 and about 1968. I have not tried to date the cars to see if that narrows it down further."

Joe goes on to caution us: "If you know of the mountainous road to Ouray, Colorado (Google the Million Dollar Highway, mountainside with no guard rails), you may agree I would not want to pull my Airstream on that on good, dry day. No way on snowy roads." 🐾

The Silver Penny

This is YOUR newsletter! What would you like to read about?

Send your articles to

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by the 15th of the month with the subject line
AIRSTREAM NEWSLETTER

SUGGESTIONS FOR TOPICS:

Trips and Adventures: include itinerary, high resolution photos, captions, and websites of any important destinations

Technology Tips: Have a new cell booster? WiFi extender? Tell us about it!

Hacks and Upgrades: Show us something you've done to enhance your rig

Recipes for on the Road: Let us know what's cooking in your Airstream

Storage Solutions: Have you discovered a clever way to organize your stuff?

Design & Decor: What does your interior look like? Show us what makes it look like home

Exterior Set-up: Do you have an outside arrangement that works really well?

...and more. One line or a whole article!

Thank you.

From The Silver Penny Editors

by Margaret & Walt Saylor, Editor/Designer, Central PA Airstream Club



Hello everyone,

Almost exactly three years ago, Walt and I ventured north to Rochester, NY, to see an Airstream we hoped to purchase. A month later, we towed it home to Berks Co., PA; over mountain highways and on tiny, narrow roads. In the winter. As if we knew what we were doing. What were we thinking?! We were enamored with the whole Airstream mystique and excited to begin to travel and see what kind of adventures we could find.

It seems everyone we meet has a different way of utilizing their rigs. Some head out for weekends; some call them home. Others become part of caravans, traveling for months at a time. Many join clubs such as ours and view their Airstream as a catalyst to making lifelong friends with a strong common interest. I'm not sure what exactly planted the seed of owning an Airstream, but I do know that the style, history, and, quite frankly, the idea of *possibility* resonated with us.

We use our 2016 25' Flying Cloud as a home away from home; a safe harbor to return to after a days' exploration of a new destination; a portal to the past and the future. We work, play, cook, and create in it. Once in a great while, we can convince our two boys, now graduated from college, to join us, but typically it's just us and two ridiculously needy German Shorthaired Pointers taking up room and hogging the bed.

Joan Bucher has left very great editorial shoes to fill and is owed a huge thank you for setting such a high standard for the Central PA Airstream Club. We hope to continue to bring you pertinent news, interesting topics, and club information. Send us your stories of travel, food, friends, and more! Please enter "Airstream Newsletter" in your email subject line and get it to us by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.

Our club grows stronger when we celebrate our shared interests and learn from each other. We are looking forward to getting to know everyone and to including your stories in this newsletter.

Wishing you the best, and Merry Christmas!

Margaret & Walt Saylor

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PS The photo above was taken this past summer at Lake George RV Resort. We were in New York to attend a wedding at The Sagamore—quite stunning!—but we chose to camp. All I wanted was a shot of us all dressed up in front of our Airstream. Background photo is in Rock Hall, MD, at Bay Shore Campground (bayshorecamping.com). -MS

Thankfulness, Thankfulness

by *Michael Read*, Immediate Past President & Membership Chair, Central PA Airstream Club



Last month the focus was on “thankfulness” and I’m still stuck there. Let me start off with the obvious, WOW, a new *Silver Penny*, new editors, new

Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club president and board, along with new memories.

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. granted a Charter to the Central Pennsylvania Unit on June 20th, 1977. Thankfulness is what I feel for those who wanted to start a more local unit for Airstreamers, one here in Central Pennsylvania. When Jackie and I ordered our one and only Airstream Classic 30 RBT in October of 2017, we were so excited to join the WBCCI Airstream Club—so excited, in fact, we were WBCCI members before our trailer was even built. Did you know that once Jackson Center assigns you a serial number for your “to be built” trailer, you can join the WBCCI? We did, but for a local club, we didn’t really care, we just wanted our BRNs, Big Red Numbers.

One evening I get a phone call, (house phone, it hangs on the wall and is wired into the house). I answer it and a gentleman named John Bates was on the other end. He proceeded to tell me that he is the local Airstream Club President. He invited us to the Christmas dinner as well as offered any assistance we may need learning about our new trailer. We were thankful for John, and I wish we had more

time to share with him. Another ring of the phone and its a guy named Dennis Ober. Dennis was the Membership Chairperson, welcoming us to the Airstream family and inviting us to the Christmas dinner. What another nice gentleman and conversation.

But Jackie and I are private—introverts. What would we do or say if we join a local club? Well, we should be safe at a Christmas party... we’ll just get lost in the crowd, and sneak out if they are weird. We had our escape plan and headed to Hoss’ for a meal. We are thankful we went. What a nice group of people, of,

well, Airstreamers. We joined. We are thankful we joined, but I personally am so sad we didn’t develop personal relationships with the senior membership. The older board members were handing the reins over to younger board members. How I wish we could have blended more. Some want to hike, some don’t; some want to bike, some don’t; some want to kayak, some don’t; some want to hang out at the campfire, some don’t. I would be thankful if we had more Christmas parties to hang out with those members we didn’t get to know. I am thankful they led the way.

2022 WBCCI Airstream Club Membership Renewal

WBCCI Airstream Club has made a few changes for the renewal season:

- All memberships will be renewed online
- WBCCI HQ will be notifying members it is time to renew by postcard, email, and social media

The deadline has passed (October 31, 2021) for inclusion in the Annual Membership Directory.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

Associate Membership: \$5

*Must have a member affiliation to another WBCCI Club. Provide your Club Name, Big Red Number, Email, and Phone Number, and this notice, and send check payable to: **WBCCI Central PA Airstream Club**, c/o Roxann Bare, 3551 Holly Road, Dover, PA 17315*

Renewal Membership: \$80

www.airstreamclub.org/renew

Thank you for renewing your 2022 WBCCI Airstream Club Membership with the Central PA Airstream Club! Please call HQ in Jackson Center at 937-596-5211 if you would like help in renewing.

Roxann Bare, *Treasurer*

When you get your turn as president, you will hold the records of the club. I am so thankful looking back through meeting minutes, rally minutes, caravan notes, and dinner reports. What an active, dedicated, caring group of Airstreamers who started our club. We are thankful I had a chance to read about their adventures. Over my two years as president, I certainly tried to invite stories, pictures, advice, and humor from our senior membership to share in *The Silver Penny* newsletter. It's been a tough two years for everyone to gather or feel like sharing because of COVID.

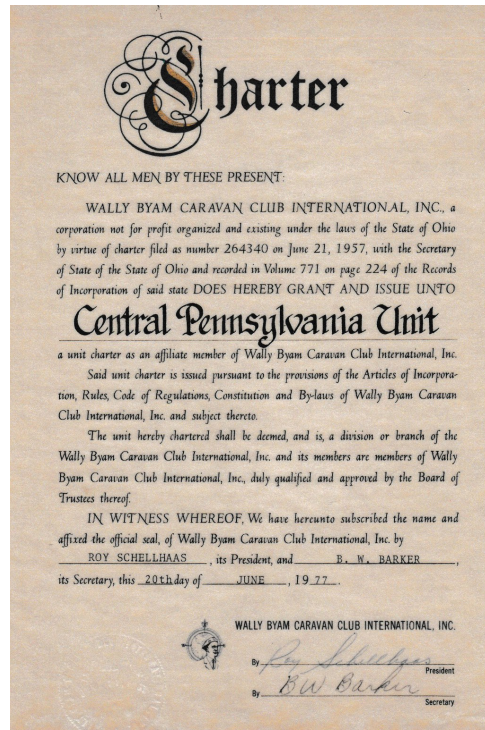
I am thankful for some of the early club members who were and still are so caring and giving. Dennis and Carol Ober, John and Suzanne Bates, Robert and Dianne Jacobs, Ken and Audrey Landvater, Marvin and Joan Herr, and Joan and Bill Bucher, just to name a few. I apologize for those I'm missing who made an impression of thankfulness on me.

Thankful is the word I have for all departing board members, continuing board members, and incoming board members. No matter which category you are in, it doesn't matter because you have all helped, served, participated, shared, lead, followed, and enjoyed time and locations with us, making wonderful memories we are thankful for. Jackie and I are thankful for all Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club Members. Those a little older and those a little younger. You have all made many positive impressions on us. We are thankful.



If you haven't attended a Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club event, please consider doing so. Jackie and I were apprehensive at first, but Airstreamers really are cool and fun people. Our club is always open to new ideas and those we haven't tried in awhile. You can just park with us, or participate in only one event or all the events. Every trip has plenty of personal time. You are never required to attend or participate in any activity. Where do you want to go? What activities do you enjoy? Older, younger, adults, children, we want everyone to be happy. It's your club! Personalize it! Get involved, let's do what you want, go where you want to go. You too will be thankful you did.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank God for all His gifts we are blessed and thankful for: Freedom of religion, United States of America, AIRSTREAMS, freedom to travel; highways, back roads, beautiful rolling hills, gentle streams, raging rapids, wildlife, summer heat, cool breezes, delicious meals together around campfires, and camping and traveling with wonderful people like you. Jackie and I are thankful for you all! 🍷



Airstream Tips & Tech

Winterizing

Here is a tip my grandmother taught me: Once the refrigerator and freezer are cleaned out and turned off, place a full roll of paper towels, one in the fridge and one in the freezer, and close the door. The paper towels absorb any moisture and avoid mold growth over the winter months. This prevents the door seals from drying out and cracking. -- Karl Schubert

Back-up Camera

Our rig didn't come with a back-up camera and I wanted to add one, but didn't want to install it permanently. I used Command Strips to attach the mounting bracket under our rear cabinet, aiming out the window. I hard wired the 12v with a detachable plug. It WiFis to an iPad in the truck. -- Walt Saylor



Reminders:

Don't forget our

Board Installation Christmas Dinner

will be held

Saturday, December 4,
from 4 - 7pm at
Hoss's Steakhouse,
61 Gettysburg Pike,
Mechanicsburg, PA

Please join us... just stop by!

Editorial Review

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Region 2 Activities

You may attend any rally in any region and are not limited to Region 2 rallies

Dates: **Jan 17 - 21, 2022**
Sponsor: WBAC
Type of Event: **Mid-Winter IBT**
Location: Savannah, Georgia

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Sponsor: WBAC
Type of Event: **Mid-Winter IBT**
Location: Savannah, Georgia

Dates: **May 13 - 16, 2022**
Co-Sponsors: Central PA, Keystone, & Penn-Lehigh Airstream Clubs
Type of Event: **Lums Pond Airstream Spring Opener**
Location: Lums Pond State Park, Bear, DE
Event Contact: Carey Boland, careyboland@gmail.com

Dates: **May 19 - 22, 2022**
Sponsor: Region 2
Type of Event: **Region 2 Rally**
Location: Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington, DE
Event Contact: RJ Marquette, rjm1@yahoo.com

Dates: **July 23 - 29, 2022**
Sponsor: WBAC
Type of Event: **65th International Rally**
Location: Fryeburg, ME
Email: rally@airstreamclub.org

Dates: **June 24 - July 2, 2023**
Sponsor: WBAC
Type of Event: **66th International Rally**
Location: Rock Springs, WY



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