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# **From the Unit President**

by Karl Schubert, President, Central PA Airstream Club



Aerial photo of the Fryeburg Fairgrounds, site of the 2022 65th International Rally of the Wally Byam Airstream Club. Photo copyright Clifford Holensworth.

#### Hello fellow Airstreamers!



I hope everyone had a fun and adventurous summer so far. Beth and I made the trip to Maine to the International Rally, and we just got back from a rally at Gifford Pinchot State Park with the Watchung New Jersey group. The rally in Maine was only our second international rally, but we had just as much fun as we did in

Doswell, Virginia, if not more, since we didn't have to replace our AC this time. We finally pulled the trigger and became members of Harvest Host, which we took advantage of on our way up to Maine. We made a stop in Plantsville, Connecticut, and met up with Gary and Audrey Weiland (Central Penn members) for a night. There was a gas station nearby and plaza of shops and a Mexican restaurant. The food was really good, and the outside dinning was relaxing after our drive. From there we made it to Fryeburg, Maine, and got parked. Everything was very well organized, and we got in our spaces in no time. We actually were parked and set up just in time to enjoy the Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) parade that came by—what a joy to see all the vintage trailers and recognize all the hard work & time put into them.

After figuring out where everything was, it was a breeze moving around the fairgrounds. Saturday, when things officially started, we went and checked out the exhibitors and bought an Easy Start for our air conditioner. We had it installed on site and were using it in only two days.



From top to bottom: Central Penn gathering at Karl and Beth's Airstream! L to R Back row: Marvin Herr, Walt Saylor, Bill McMullen, Gary Weiland, Brad Trostle, Karl and Beth Schubert, and Jim Ridolfi (Penn-Lehigh Club). Front row: Joan Herr, Joanne McMullen, Margaret Saylor, Audrey Weiland, Hanno and Dianne Jacobs, and Marguerite Glaser (Penn-Lehigh Club). A stunning interior of a vintage Airstream; photo by Margaret Saylor. First Lady Beth Schubert (R) and Audrey Weiland attend Derby Day Tea and Fashion Show. Alumination screening, narrated by Kate Pierson of The B-52s, Alumination is, an independently produced, feature-length documentary.

Sunday the VAC had their open house. It's amazing how some of those trailers are so old and yet they look better then when they were new. We had a little gathering at our trailer for the Central Penn members on Sunday night. It was nice we could all get together and share our stories of our trip up north. Our trip went okay with only one small incident. A vehicle was pushed over into our lane off an on ramp in Hartford, Connecticut, by a big box truck. It was either the Airstream or the box truck, we thought he cut in just behind us, but here he only managed to basically brush up against the side of the Airstream and knock off a side clearance light lens. You can imagine as we saw the car and thought he missed us, and then Gary & Audrey call because they are behind us and say, "we think you just got hit", heart stopping moment. We pulled over at the next safest place and to our surprise and luck, it was only the lens, and a minor scrap that will buff out, whew!

Also, on our travels north to Maine, we came across a Love's truck stop that had a dog park. This is the first we have seen this and is a good idea. On the trek from CT to ME, we stopped at a place called 'Rusty Can' for some BBQ. This place has a huge parking lot area, a pizzeria, and market attached with general store. The restaurant doesn't look like much from the outside but was very good, as I had burnt beef ends with cornbread & honey butter, and Beth had beef rib burnt end tacos with a watermelon salad. If you need a place to make a stop, this is convenient and quick.

At the rally, there were a lot of seminars on everything involving camping. If you haven't been to an International Rally, I highly recommend them. The first official day was the opening ceremony, it was hot, but it was nice to be able to attend and represent our club with our flag. Beth went to the Pet Show the following day, it too was hot, they were handing out water for the people and ice cubes for the pets, they had everyone covered! That evening we saw the Alumination documentary screening, that was very well done, I recommend watching this, if you haven't already. They had a nice crowd for the 70's dance that evening, I decided to keep the floor open for those with more experienced dancing shoes. We attended many seminars throughout the week, such as Historian Joe Peplinski's Airstream 1931-1941, Instant Pot Cooking, and Airstream by Justin Humphreys; browsed the photo showcase and the publications showcase. I must say, we have ourselves a wonderful newsletter editor, our newsletter really stood out from the others and is excellent, thank you Margaret Saylor, she does such a wonderful job! The newsletters were not judged this year, but if they were, I think we stood a good chance at #1. Some of the other seminars we attended were Pee Wee Schwamborn on Airstream & Helen Schwamborn, again a great presentation, I learned how much of an impact Helen was on Airstream, especially WBCCI! We saw the presentation done by Samantha Martin on the Airstream Heritage Center at Jackson Center. Beth & I can't wait to make the trip up to see that, it seems like it is nice with

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a lot of displays and well-organized information. She didn't share everything as she wanted to keep some things a surprise for those that visit. Maybe a rally to tour the factory and Heritage Center could be an idea for the future.

Since we were so close to New Hampshire, we took an afternoon/evening and visited with some of my family that lives in Gilford, New Hampshire. When we returned to the fairgrounds, we stopped in at the reception held by Libby & Brad Trostle-Streaming Airheads. We made it just in time, as we were entered into the raffle and we both won a prize, whoo-hoo! Beth attended the Derby Tea event with Audrey, she said it was very hot, and yes, they served hot tea. She and Audrey were both hoping they would have switched to Long Island iced teas, but the pastries made up for it.

I attended the delegates meeting and out of a total 88 members, we had 40 that voted. Amendment #1 passed with a 77% yes vote. Amendment #2 passed with a 71% yes vote. Amendment #1 deals with the delegates meetings and how constitutional changes are made. The new system will allow all members to be involved with the discussions. Members will now receive an individual ballot for any constitutional amendment. Amendment #2 deals with the structure of the administrative branch of the club. This allows members to serve on the council and not necessarily commit five-plus years. I was "warned" that the meeting could be long, as some of the issues were controversial or at least could cause long discussions. Surprisingly the meeting was over at 10:45 am, I was happy with that.

We made the trip to Mt. Washington to do the auto road tour. On the way there we made a detour and went to the Fisherman's Market in Raymond to try lobster rolls. I gave lobster a second try, and still prefer crab; we chose this location recommended by the Luv Subbin' couple who did a lobster roll rating. Beth enjoyed it, and they had a fish market connected. We



Clockwise from upper left: Another fabulous vintage Airstream, this time paired with an equally stunning vehicle. Campers for miles. Airstreams at sunset. History seminar: 1935-36: The 10'Airstream "Silver Bullet" is Airstream's smallest model, sometimes called the "Pup". Airstream Club Historian Joe Peplinski held a very nice seminar on Airstreams, 1931-1941. When searching for a cool spot to sit and eat the welcome dinner with Margaret & Walt, Beth and I were lucky enough to have Joe & his wife sit next to us. It was great to chat with him and just see his passion for history.

did the van tour up the auto road on Mt. Washington. My truck is too wide to go up due to their regulations. I am glad we did it that way, as we both got to enjoy the scenery and the guide gave information and shared details we wouldn't have known if we drove up ourselves. It was a cloudy day, which we learned is typical on the mountain, so not much of a view looking out from the top. Our guide said if you see pictures where its clear with a nice view, that is rare weather conditions at the top. We enjoyed it anyway, as it was Beth's first time up, I was up a few times as a kid when we would visit my aunt & Uncle.

Throughout the week, Beth & I attended two seminars by Dexter Axle, as we had the gentleman with Dexter look at our brakes as I was having some issues and wanted them checked before we left. He did stop by and gave me a full report when I ran into him again at the vendor hall. We attended the flea market put on by the club and the one open to the public; Beth attended the beekeeping & honeybees' seminar while I spoke with the Dexter rep. We both attended the seminar by Melly Meadows McCutcheon, "Stolen Airstream & Safe travels". You may have heard about her story as her trailer was stolen while she was under medical care. What a story she has. She reminded everyone about the importance of marking your trailer with personalized items so it can be easily identified if gone "missing", such as the BRN or even something small on the rear bumper that can easily identify your trailer or even having your trailer auto etched. We both also attended a seminar by Tye Mott on Cleaning the Interior of your Airstream, excellent with a lot of ideas and recommendations, such as using dryer sheets to keep mice out while winter storing or using a pumice stone to remove dog hair and using a cloth diaper and Windex to clean aluminum inside walls.

We ended the week with the closing ceremony & installation of officer's program. It was a nice program to end the week and I have to say, the band was awesome, with only a few days of practice and playing together, they put it together and sounded like they have been practicing for months. After the closing ceremony, we were both wide awake. So, we changed our plans and packed up, used the dump station, and headed to LL Bean in Freeport. LL Bean is open 24 hours a day (we called ahead to make sure), and they have RV parking. So, there we were shopping in LL Bean at about 1:00am. That is my kind of

At right, top to bottom: Brad Trostle giving his presentation on Metal Detecting 101. Here he's showing the equipment and a sampling of his finds; photo by Audrey Weiland. Seminar presenter Lew Brodsky featured our newsletter, The Silver Penny, as a great example in "Creating Club Newsletter & Directories in the Digital Processing Age." Justin Humphreys, COO & VP of Sales at Airstream gave a presentation on Airstream and the industry. Unfortunately, we didn't win one of the many door prizes this year. Great views on the way up to Mt Washington.









shopping, nobody but us. We both wanted to go to the LL Bean outlet, so we stayed the night (in the RV lot) and went to breakfast at this little café called Sunset Café, it was an excellent breakfast. Beth had the lobster eggs benedict with avocado and tomato, and I had the bacon and eggs, we were both stuffed when we left, Beth was in heaven. Once we went to the LL Bean outlet store, we headed to NY. I thought PA had bad roads, if not the worst, NY has changed that opinion. One of the sliding doors above the fridge was on the floor when we stopped at one of our rest



stops. I am not sure how that happened.

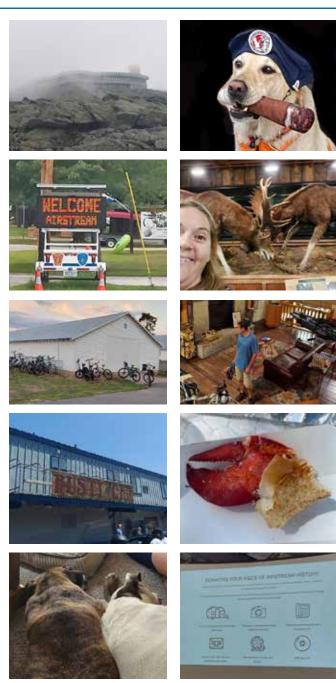
Schubert's on the way to the 2022 International Airstream Rally. Photo by Audrey Weiland.

was close by for breakfast, since we knew we wouldn't have an issue parking. We then started the trip for home. While en route Beth saw a sign for the Iron Flamingo Brewery in Corning, NY. We were both intrigued, but at that point both of us and the dogs just wanted to get home. Maybe a rally in Corning could include a trip to that brewery! On their website it states, "Flamingos are strong and elegant creatures, staying together for life", maybe this is why they are a theme for Airstream?

We made it home in decent time, all in one piece. We were exhausted, but the good kind of exhaustion, because we knew we had a good time and made many memories! Beth and I both can't wait to visit Maine again, as there is so much we didn't cover, but will on our next adventure to the Pine Tree State!

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We stayed at another Harvest Host, the Upstate Brewing Company in Elmira, NY. We got there just in time to try some of what they had on tap and Beth got a growler of the Honey Lager that was aged in Chardonnay barrels. Despite the fact we saw a black cat when we pulled into the place, it was a nice place to stop with a paved lot and quiet for a nice rest. The next morning, we went to Cracker Barrel that



Row 1: Fog on Mt Washington. Beth's favorite entry at the Pet Show was Seneca, dressed as Wally; he was in the top three. Row 2: Welcome Airstream sign in Fryeburg. Beth finds more moose at LLBean. Row 3: You could always tell where everyone was by the number of bikes parked outside the buildings, it was like being a kid again! Karl sleep-shopping through LLBean at 1am. Thankfully, they had RV parking! Row 4: Rusty Can restaurant just off 195 in Maine. Waving goodbye to lobster rolls. Row 5: Tired Schubert dogs! Samantha Martin, Airstream's Archivist & Historian also did a great presentation on the new Heritage Center in Ohio. She has such energy and passion for Airstream, it is contagious! During Samantha's presentation she had a slide regarding donating your piece of Airstream history. I know some people have a nice collection of Airstream items that they have collected over the years, and don't know what to do with it now. At the Heritage Center they will take any Airstream nostalgia such as photographs, published materials, CDs, DVDs, film reels, cassette tapes, VHS and any Airstream & WBCCI memorabilia.

# News from the Region 2 President

#### by RJ Marquette, President, Region 2



First, let me apologize to all of the newsletter editors - I got this out rather late in the month to them. It's been a busy week or so - last weekend, I joined Al-Mon-O for a rally at Laurel Hill State Park near Somerset, Pennsylvania, then this weekend we're at Gifford Pinchot [PA] State Park to join the Watchung Club for a rally.

I had written last month's notes before the end of the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine, so I just want to mention that the rest of the rally was great as well. Erica and I are hatching a plan to get to the 2023 International rally in Rock Springs, WY by traveling on the weekends and working from the camper during the week. I've talked to quite a few region 2 members who are planning to go to that rally, so I think we'll have a good turnout.

The IBT has been busy. First, a new intra-club has been formed, for LGBTQ+ members and supporters, called Pride Streamers. I don't have a link for more information yet, but I'm sure they'll have something in an upcoming Blue Beret, as well as on the airstreamclub.org website.

We also passed a motion that creates "interest groups" - think of them as Intra-clubs, but without the overhead required for the intra-clubs. My example of this is my interest in cycling - R2 Treasurer Will Kushto already runs bicycle excursions at International Rallies, but maybe a cycling interest group would be able to host rallies that are focused on cycling events. There's no need for extra dues, a treasury, and all of the complications that come with those things.

The other IBT motions lately have been related to the constitutional changes approved by the delegates at the Fryeburg rally. These changes were passed with overwhelming support (70% or more) at the delegates meeting. The new Executive Council setup will take effect next year, while the delegates meeting has already been abolished: In the future, we will vote on constitutional changes directly.

Before I close, I want to remind everyone that the 2023 Region 2 Rally is in Niagara Falls, Ontario, June 2-6. We don't have registration available yet, but mark your calendars!

See you down the road! **RJ Marquette, #13270** *rjm1@yahoo.com* 



Sunset over the 2022 International Airstream Rally, Fryeburg, Maine . Photo by Beth Schubert.

### membership

# Welcome New Members

by Michael Read, Immediate Past President & Membership Chair

Central Penn Airstream Club extends a warm welcome to our newest members:

Wayne Klug & Wendy Farrow of Trout Run, PA Wayne and Wendy own a 2016 27' Pendleton, BIG RED NUMBER 7470 Vonklug@me.com; whitepiney@gmail.com

Brian & Lisa Rhoa of Hollidaysburg, PA Brian and Lisa own a 2022 Globetrotter 25', BIG RED NUMBER 4163 Bjhoa@aol.com; Imrhoa@aol.com

#### John and Son Huang of Glen Rock, PA

John and Son own a 2023 International 25', BIG RED NUMBER 6708 John@johnhuang.com; son@sonhuang.com

We all hope to meet you at an upcoming event. If you have any questions feel free to contact any officer through the printed information in our newsletter. We would all be more than happy to answer any questions we can.

Again, welcome, and thank you for joining Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club #164.

ALL MEMBERS remember, this is YOUR AIRSTREAM CLUB! OWN IT! Share your adventures, your prized AIRSTREAM photograph. Don't see an activity you enjoy? Suggest it. Don't see a newsletter topic you would find of value? Start the column. Don't like where we camp as a group? Share your favorite location and we can all set a date and meet there!

Submit stories, travel notes, pictures, and advice to our *Silver Penny* newsletter editor/ designer, Margaret Saylor, *saylor4@comcast.net* 

All members, please check out and join our Facebook group: **Central Penn Air**streamers to touch base with some of our members and see our upcoming events.

Our webmaster is Libby Trostle, libbyalicetrostle@hotmail.com

Our web page for the Airstream International Club is *airstreamclub.org*. There you will find a wealth of information. If you would like, you can create, add to, or update your membership profile. View membership benefits, upcoming events, along with any club information you would like.

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## Membership Renewal Time

It's Membership Renewal Time for 2023!

Beginning September 3, 2022, go online to

#### AirstreamClub.org

to renew your Wally Byam Airstream Club membership for 2023 for all memberships or contact HQ at 937-596-5211.

Stonington, Maine, before the International Airstream Rally in Fryeburg, July 2022. Photo courtesy Joanne and Bill McMullen, #7700.

Sagadahoc Bay, Maine. Photo by Walt S

## members in action

# **Book Release**

Libby Trostle, of the Central PA Unit, just released her children's book, *The Great Carolina Caper*. It is the second in *The Adventures of Shining Hope* series about a sparkly, silver travel trailer's journeys to destinations across America. Libby and her husband Brad travel in their Airstream International 30', also named "Shining Hope," as she researches and writes the books.

Shortly after purchasing their first Airstream in April of 2016, Libby was inspired to create the series. "That purchase opened a whole new world to me! I had never been camping, let alone traveled in an Airstream. I was in awe of my new experiences and wanted to share them with others who may not have the opportunity to travel by RV and explore our beautiful country."

Through the book series, children experience the wonders of travel as they discover magical places, learn valuable camping and life lessons, and are inspired to become good stewards of our Earth. Gracie and Marshmallow, the series' main characters, bring joy to every young reader. The books are perfect for kids and families who love camping, RV travel, and exploring our great nation.

Two books are now available: *Shining Hope Visits Niagara Falls* and *The Great Carolina Caper*. The next two stories planned in the series will be set in Maine and the mid-West. "Research for the Maine book was conducted during our trip to the International Rally," Libby explained, "And the trip to International in Wyoming next year will be used to do research for the fourth book."



Brad and Libby Trostle. Photo by Clifford Holensworth.



Author-signed hardcover books and branded merchandise are available exclusively at *shininghopeadventures.com*. Softcover books are available online through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Books-a-Million, and local independent bookstores.

#### About Libby:

Libby retired in October 2021 from Carroll Community College in Westminster, Maryland, where she was Vice President of Continuing Education and Training. She holds an MBA from Mt. Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. In addition to being an author, Libby is an artisan who makes jewelry, signs, home decor, custom t-shirts and Airstream-related accessories. She sets up and sells her items at the International Airstream rallies, regional rallies, craft shows, and online through her website, and Etsy. Libby and her husband, Brad, manage an Airstream blog, The Streaming Airheads.

#### travels

# Visiting the Airstream Heritage Center

by Chris and Carey Boland, #01079



Chris & Carey Boland

During a service appointment at Jackson Center, Ohio, Chris and I decided to tour the new **Airstream Heritage Center.** It was a great experience and we learned much more than expected. The Heritage Center really allows us to reflect on the creation and history of Airstream trailers, the club, and the caravans that took place. It connects you on a personal level with Wally, Helen, and others you may or may not know about. With vintage Airstreams, artifacts, historical timelines, and videos to watch, there is truly something for everyone to learn about and enjoy. We had the opportunity to meet and speak with the Heritage Center curator, **Samantha Martin** (*at right*), and I was able to ask her some questions.

#### What is your role in the Heritage Center and within Airstream?

"I'm the company historian. Within that I manage the corporate archives and then I serve as the curator for the Heritage Center. So my role is to collect and preserve stories and work with a team on how we are going to share and display those stories. I started in August of 2017 with Airstream and really we started on the Heritage Center in 2018 planning, designing."

#### Who's idea was it to open a Heritage Center?

"It's been in the work for decades now. The company has such a long legacy and a rich history that there were several voices pushing over the years that we needed to have a space to tell that history. For many years we had a collection of vintage Airstreams, but they were on display outside so they were exposed to the elements in front of the service center, so there was this push to get them in a building, to get them protected and then that expanded into this idea that we could tell the company history, the club history, the caravan history, and so many other stories in that building. One of the biggest voices to push for this project was our chief marketing officer, Mollie Hansen. She was really passionate that those Airstreams needed to be inside. This was her dream and when it came to be that we were going to build a new travel trailer facility, they were able to have some space within that building that was able to be devoted to museum space."

#### When did you start construction of this?

"We broke ground in 2018 for the new travel trailer facility which houses the Heritage Center. All the silver bullet trailers are manufactured here now except for Basecamp. The motorized units are all built in the old factory which was built in the 1970s."

#### How much did it cost to build the Heritage Center?

"Great question, but honestly, we are still totaling up those figures so I don't have a definite number for you."



#### Are there any Airstreams in the Heritage Center that are new to your collection? Any that we would not have seen outside by the service center before?

"When we started talking about the Heritage Center, we kind of put out a call for vintage Airstreams, artifacts, photographs, stories, and people really rallied together so we have a couple of acquisitions that are new to us that are super exciting. Wally's white Airstream we did not have, we have a 1948 Wee Wind named Ruby that's new as well as a 1963 Tradewind in there with big red numbers #692 that was donated to us recently by the Golden Family that was used on the Around the World Caravan."

#### What is your favorite part of the Heritage Center?

"Great question. My background is in archives and museum studies so I love artifacts. We have so many great pieces like our telegram from Wally to Helen, Wally's passport, gosh just all these pieces of incredible history. Other than that the stories that people shared with us. We did a lot of interviews and they are on the video kiosks in there and that is a really special piece of it for me too."

# What do you think we should tell our fellow Airstream Club members about coming to see the Heritage Center?

"There are some vintage Airstreams here that you can see that are one of a kind, like Wally's. We have all of this great video content on film like from the caravans , etc. There are things here that you can't see anywhere else."

You can visit the Heritage Center Monday through Friday 9am - 4pm, excluding holidays. The Airstream Supply Store is housed in the same building so your can get some souvenirs to take home with you as well.













All photos courtesy Carey and Chris Boland

#### cover story

## Airstreams in Alaska by Bill and Joanne McMullen, BRN 7700

Back in 2015, Bill was retired and I was still working. He went to the Hershey RV show just for something to do. He called me at work and said something like, "You should see these Airstreams". My reply was, "Do they still make them"? We both grew up tent camping, honeymooned to Montreal in my parents' truck camper, and had a pop-up while our kids were young. We also remembered the Airstream rallies in Hershey in the 60's. Camping wasn't in our retirement plans and I went with Bill to Colonial Airstream on a whim, never expecting to buy anything. We signed on the dotted line that November day and have been all over the USA and Canada during the last seven camping years. It was one of our best purchases.



Joanne and Bill at the Salmon Glacier, Stewart, Alaska.

The picture on this issue's cover was taken on the Top of the World Highway in 2018, when we were on the WBCCI North to Alaska caravan. When one goes on a caravan, there is usually a parking team that leaves earlier than the rest of the gang. On this particular leg of the trip, there were five trailers that left before the other 30 and we spent the night boondocking about 1/2 mile before the USA border so that we could cross the border when they opened in the morning. Being in the far north, the sun didn't set until almost midnight and coincidently there was a full moon that night. It was an unbelievably beautiful experience. When driving on this highway (which is actually a narrow, two- lane gravel/dirt road but, being Alaska, they call it a highway), you do feel like you are on top of the world and there is nothing but mountains in the distance and tundra around you. You can see for miles and miles. As the sun set and the moon rose simultaneously, we watched nearby caribou herds grazing.

# Curious about caravans?

from www.airstreamclub.org

#### How long are caravans?

Over the past few years, we have been introducing shorter caravans of 9-10 days for members with limited time flexibility. The longest caravans will be over two months and can have significant travel to the rendezvous point and from the final stop.

#### What kind of caravans are there?

Local Club, Regions, and the International Club all sponsor caravans. Local Club Caravans tend to be shorter in length and may be limited to local areas. Region Caravans often travel within the limits of an individual Region since the leaders may have intimate knowledge of that area, or from the region to an International Rally. National Caravans that travel throughout the US and Canada tend to be extensive and repeated year after year if popularity demands it.

#### We are new members. Should we go on a Caravan?

There is no better way to meet people, make new friends, and see the country than going on a Caravan. By all means, get on a Caravan and find out what Airstream Club Fun, Friendship, and Adventure is all about.

#### Where can I find out more about Caravans?

More information can be found in the monthly club magazine *Blue Beret*, or at *airstreamclub.org/explore/ caravans*.

#### Who can go on a Caravan?

Any member of the Airstream Club International can go on a Club caravan. We can't think of a better way for couples, singles, those traveling with children or grandchildren and of course pets to explore the world. You may want to check with your Caravan Leaders to confirm any limitations on transporting pet food and/or shot documentation needed for travel across borders.

### rally report

# **Central PA Rally at Jersey Shore Haven**

by Terry Hauschild, #06229

Over the weekend of August 12-14, Central PA Airstream Club and the New Jersey Unit held a rally at Jersey Shore Airstream Haven outside Cape May, NJ. We had nine Airstreams from Central PA Club, New Jersey Unit, Watchung NJ Club and Pennsylvania (Penn Wood) filling the rally field. In addition, all of the events were enjoyed by many of the seasonal folks staying at the park. We had the Fables, Reads, Buchers, and Hauschilds from Central PA.

Jersey Shore Haven has a screened in pavilion along with a full kitchen for serving our meals. Friday night we had happy hour followed by a Burger Bar hosted by Central PA. Thanks to Norm Fable for helping with the grilling of the burgers. Saturday night we had another happy hour followed by a pot luck dinner and then an ice cream social hosted by the Jersey Shore Haven.

Jersey Shore Haven has a swimming pool that was enjoyed by many on Saturday afternoon. Some of us decided to try our hands at kayaking in the marshlands close by. Due to the full moon, the tide was very high and the water was really flowing making for some hard paddling. Roxanne Bahike from the Watchung NJ club brought Freida, her swimming Dachshund along. It was very funny watching Freida swimming behind Roxanne.

The highlight of the rally was Sunday morning breakfast at the ocean at Avalon Surfside Park pavilion. Pat McFadden from the New Jersey Unit had mentioned to me at the earlier Lums Pond rally about how great it has been in the past of having breakfast sandwiches, cinnamon buns and coffee at the beach in the morning. A local café, Mrs Brizzle's, famous for their breakfast sandwiches and cinnamon buns, provided the food. Well, we had over 25 folks at the beach enjoying the morning sun.

In summary, as Jersey Shore Haven is a short drive for our club members with so much to do in the area, Central PA should consider future rallies at Jersey Shore Haven.

A special thanks to Pat McFadden from the New Jersey Unit in helping me organize this rally.











Top to Bottom: Rally Field Airstreams at Jersey Shore Haven. Friday night Burger Bar in the Pavilion. Sunday morning breakfast at Avalon Surfside Park pavilion. Sunday morning breakfast group: (not in order) From Central PA, Jackie & Michael Read, Karen & Norm Fable, Wendy & Terry Hauschild. Other Club Members in Group Photo: Lorraine, Hank & Ryan Lawrence, Dawn & Jeff Hutchinson, Pat & Judy McFadden, Laurel & Dean Veloz, Joel & Marin Harris, Angela & Dean Stinson, Conrad Bahike, Joyce & Jeff McGettigan, Laura and Vincent. Background photo: Kayaking at Jakes Landing.

## Our trip to Jersey Shore Haven by Joan and Bill Bucher, #01467

Our thanks for Terry and Wendy Hauschild for having a rally at Jersey Shore Haven, NJ. That gave us the idea to spend a vacation at the shore. We haven't been to Jersey Shore Haven since 2018 and had a great time. So, on Sunday, August 7th, we traveled Rt. 30 to 41 into DE (95, 295) and NJ (40, 55, 347, 47, 83) to 728 Dennisville Road, Jersey Shore Haven.

We signed up for 1 week and set up in the rally field site #2. We got set up and relaxed under the awning.

Monday we left early and drove 25 miles to my favorite beach—Sunset Beach at Cape May Point, NJ. This beach has little stones which I like to paint. I collected many as Bill took me there five times.

Our adventures included going to the Cape May County Zoo, which was free. They also had a Tree Adventure Park—we saw folks zip lining through the trees. We drove 15 miles to Ocean City, NJ, to walk the boardwalk and get James Salt Water Taffy. We also drove 17 miles to Wildwood, NJ, to walk the boardwalk. Had the Kohr's vanilla and orange sherbert ice cream cones and checked out Morey's Pier. Bill was taking a lot of breaks since his leg hurt. We got pizza and headed back to SH. He thinks it is his sciatic nerve. After that, we did little walking and he rested and did exercises. His therapy was relaxing at the beach. Our unit came in that weekend but we didn't join their meals since he was in so much pain. He started to feel better so we signed up for four more days.



Bill taught me how to put out the awnings, do levelers, electric and water, and yes to dump too. I had many lessons.

He played my lifeguard in the pool. You could not be in the pool alone. He gave me 30 minutes to swim back and forth. Most times I had the pool to myself. It was wonderful.

Thursday, August 18th we headed home via Rt. 30. Once home, it was time to unload the Airstream and do some laundry. Bill started mowing the lawn.

## Tips on Planning Your First Rally

by Terry Hauschild, #06229

Having organized my first rally, these are a few tips in organizing *your* first one.

1. Pick a place that you have been to before.

2. Check with others in your club before selecting the dates so as to maximum the help from your fellow club members.

3. Talk with others that have had rallies where you are considering.

4. Get the rally information published (i.e. club newsletter, club website, *Blue Beret*, etc.) as soon as possible. It doesn't have to have all of the details, these can be added as time goes on. Include all of the hookup information.

5. Determine if and what rally fee is needed. Check with your club treasurer.

6. Keep an up-to-date list of rally registrants including contact information.

7. Remember this is a volunteer organization. This is supposed to be fun. Your fellow club members are willing to help. Just ask.

#### recommendations

# Fall Getaway: Alumalina

by Hanno and Dianne Jacobs, #22721



If you are looking for a place to get away this fall and would like to include Airstreams, fun and scenery in the equation... consider **Alumalina.** 

Dianne & Hanno Jacobs

We attended last year for the first time and enjoyed it very much. Here are the particulars from the organizer, John:

ALUMALINA 2022: "A Carolina Airstream Gathering"

Tom Johnson Camping World Rally Park 348 Resistoflex Road, Marion, NC October 27-30, 2022



As always, 4 days of food, fun, fellowship, seminars, craft fair, flea market, beer swap, Bourbon Trail, walking, talking, biking, hiking, paddling, picking, grinning, campfires, miles of aluminum and lots of perusing, all with your like-minded friends.

No membership is required, everyone is always welcome.

The Tom Johnson Camping World Rally Park features nearly 300 full hook up sites in rally style parking on beautiful flat, mowed grass. Rally style parking means side by side, back end to back end, in rows, yet with ample room to deploy awnings and set up a very nice camp. Every site has 20/30/50-amp power, water, and sewer.

We also have a 13,000 square foot pavilion with kitchen, stage and a restroom. Also, a bath house, handicap parking, a cafe', walking trails along the Catawba River, restaurants nearby, and Camping World next door. Plus, lots of open green space.

We have secured a special camping rate of \$35/night. We will also ask for a TBD rally fee to cover the food costs and a few other necessities. We will make every effort to have food suitable for everyone.

There is no need for a reservation, we have the entire Rally Park reserved. Simply show up, pick a site, set up, then pay up. We will help you check in and provide a complete Rally Packet for you with all the info you will need for a fabulous rally.

Check in for the Rally Park, and Rally check in will both be at the Pavilion so very easy for everyone.

No one will be left guessing.

All sites are the same, there is no pecking order. Just come and have fun.

We maintain a list of those coming for planning purposes only. Simply post to the thread, drop me a note, give me a call, or send a Carrier Pigeon, or Pony Express, or tie a note to a balloon. If using balloon, wind needs to be blowing towards South Carolina.

Marion, NC is a beautiful small town of 8500 people located just off of 140 in the

foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, "Where Mainstreet Meets the Mountains".

The Blue Ridge Parkway and Mt. Mitchell, highest point east of the Mississippi, are just a short drive away. Asheville, the Biltmore Estate, Black Mountain, Hendersonville, and much more are just up the road.

You are more than welcome to come early. If you do, please check in at the Campground office across the street in the big building with the green roof, and pay them for your site. Our special rally rate applies regardless of number of nights. More to come....

You will like it.



As mentioned, in addition to the fun of the Rally you can visit the nearby town of Marion. Also Asheville is the home of the Biltmore Mansion as well as the Blue Ridge Parkway. Of special note is the Folk Art Center right on the Parkway near Asheville. We spent several hours there.

From our location in South Central PA (Hanover) it is about 500 miles to Marion, NC. Since we are in no hurry we took two days to get there. We stopped for one night at a Harvest Host near Lynchburg, VA.

While John mentions no need for reservation he does appreciate knowing about how many will attend for planning purposes. It appears as though most people let him know via *Airforums.com*. Do a search for "Alumalina 2022" and you should be able to find the thread. As of this writing there are about 200 Airstreams planning to be there.

Hope to see you as Dianne and I are planning to be there again this year.





Clockwise from top: A poignant quote from Dale Schwamborn. Dale "Pee Wee" Schwamborn on left; Lynda Bird Johnson second from right, 1965. Dale today, sharing his Airstream spirit and enthusiasm.



## Yesteryear

A look back at all things Airstream: vintage photos, caravans, rallies, and club activities

One of the highlights of our time at the International Rally was hearing Dale "Pee-Wee" Schwamborn share his vast knowledge of Wally Byam and family history. Fascinating to me was hearing Dale recount his time traveling on caravans as a youth. As we sat listening in the shade, albeit on a hot day, with our unlimited water and cell phones, I couldn't help but feel exceptionally silly when we heard all of the obstacles and difficulties the early caravaners experienced. The common thread, however, is our "venturesome spirit", as described by Wally Byam.

Something Dale said resonated with me, and I quickly made a note to follow up. He kindly responded to my email and even sent some wonderful photos from his archives. I am delighted to share with our club photos of Dale, the caravans, and the people that provided the spirit and passion that the Airstream Club embodies. Please enjoy the photos over the next few newsletters.

**Margaret Saylor, #5320** *The Silver Penny* newsletter editor/designer *saylor4@comcast.net*  "Airstream is the conduit... Camaraderie is the benefit." - Dale Schwamborn upcoming rallies

## Central PA Airstream Rally at Shawnee State Park September 9 - 11, 2022



## Make your reservations now for September 9 - 11, 2022 at Shawnee State Park, Pennsylvania

Dan & Roxann Bare have reserved site 73

It's not too late to sign up for the Shawnee State Park rally September 9-11. We currently have 9 trailers signed up for the weekend. As of June 1 there are still 20 sites available to reserve.

Saturday evening, 6pm-8pm, the park will be having a guided full moon kayak tour on the lake. Bring your boat and join in the fun. They will have a limited number of park boats available to borrow if you don't have your own. If you need to borrow a boat you will need to reserve a spot in advance by calling the park office at 814-733-4218.

We will be providing burgers and brats for lunch on Saturday afternoon to not interfere with those wanting to participate in the evening kayak tour.

Please rsvp to *drbare88@gmail.com* if you plan to attend.

## Little Buffalo Apple Fest 2022 is almost here!

Little Buffalo State Park, Newport, PA: The dates the campsites are available are October 12-16, and the mill will be open on Saturday the 15th and Sunday the 16th. Everyone is welcome to check out after their shift on Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE – there is a break in the water piping down to the sites, so there is NO water at the sites. You will have to fill up at the bathhouse on your way in, before going to your site. The sites will have electric, and a dump station is available. They have a very nice bathhouse as well.

The exterior booths, vendors and entertainment will be back this year. The mill will be doing apple pressing, corn grinding and providing tours.

For those of you that are new to the event, the campsites are FREE to us for the dates above, however EACH CAMPER MUST VOLUNTEER for at least one shift Saturday and one shift Sunday. The latest you would be done either day is 6 PM. I ask that if you agree to camp, that you make yourself available for any shift. I will try to accommodate those who can't stay late, but I can't make any promises. The work is not difficult, and you typically are on for a 2-3 hr shift each day.

As of right now, we are planning on having a Potluck dinner on Saturday night. All other meals are on your own.

Please reach out to Marty Canning at *mcanning40@gmail.com* if you are interested in attending the event this year, and what days you plan to attend. Let him know you are an Airstreamer.



**NEVER ENOUGH** How many of you have purchased safety equipment for your vehicle and or Airstream and felt more relaxed? I have. We have a truck with built in factory tire pres-



sure monitors. We purchased a TST Tire Monitor System. We have tire monitors on top of tire monitors. We can tell tire pressure, tire temperature, which tire, all eight tires are "road force balanced", all eight wheels have "CentraMatic" wheel balancers, on all tires and wheels on our tow vehicle and Airstream. We even have

Michael Read

a therapist come to our driveway to make sure our tires and wheels have no unresolved issues before each trip.

**IS IT ENOUGH?** Ever since we purchased our truck in 2018, there has always been a slight shudder that numerous trips back to the auto dealership couldn't solve. Rebalancing, rotations, checking to make sure the tires were in factory spec, nothing could be found.

Fast forward four years and 37,000 miles. While traveling east on the PA Turnpike at

the posted speed limit of 70 miles per hour, in the right lane, enjoying a beautiful sunny day, we heard a loud groan correlating with a loss of controlling the rear end of the truck. My life flashed before my eyes, making it hard see out the windshield, but I managed to slow down and get off the road onto a combination of the road berm and the tall grass.

If we had been towing our Airstream, I don't believe I could have controlled either the truck nor the trailer, regardless of the brand of anti-sway hitch used. No matter how many gadgets we have, how much we spend on safety, we can never assume we are the ones in control. *"Safety is not a gadget, but a state of mind."* - Eleanor Everette. When we have drained our checking account on every possible safety gadget, the moment we relax too much, the moment we think we have everything





under control, something will jump up and prove it's NEVER ENOUGH ... so, pay attention, be aware, arrive safely.

## **Rally Opportunity**

I know we have a had a few Units from Region 2 attend this rally in the past, so I thought I would contact you to ask if you can you please let your members know that registration is now open for the **2022 Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving National Rally**, October 6-10, to held at Country Village Campground, 40 US Route 7, Leicester, Vermont 05733.

Registration can be done online at *tinyurl.com/3jejwxvz* Space is limited to 40 rigs.

Any questions, please contact the rally organizer Tye Mott at tmott@wbcci.net

Happy Camping,

Andrew Fowlie, CCMAC Unit Tech Coordinator/Newsletter/Webmaster BRN 1823 (Wanda)



From the Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Airstream Rally 2019 Courtesy Airstream of Vermont

## 2022 Pennsylvania State Rally

**RV Village Camping Resort** 

234 Skyline Dr., Mercer, PA 16137 724-662-4560 www.rvvillages.com

September 16-18, 2022



Hosts: Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club Cody Klingler – President & Matt Moore – Vice President (724) 504-6884 or cwk5292@gmail.com

#### Tentative Schedule

Friday, September 16 5:00 Happy Hour 6:00 Hamburgers/Hotdogs and sides

#### Saturday, September 17

- 8:30 Breakfast provided
- 4:00 Happy Hour
- 6:00 Pot Luck Dinner Live, Local Entertainment (TBD)

Sunday, September 18 8:30 Continental Breakfast provided

Safe Travels Home!

Please send payments & rally coupon to: Cody Klingler 3055 Oneida Valley Rd. Hilliards, PA 16040

RSVP to secure the campground by July 4, 2022 (Sites will be released back to campground after this date)

#### **Rally Information**

General Information: We have 15 sites reserved for the event. They are sites 49-56 (in the Wagon Wheel) and sites 101-107. You can look at a map of the campground at the web address above. Should these fill up, there are other sites in the campground available. We will also have use of the lodge for the various meals and other things going on.

This State Rally will be very lowkey and a wonderful time for us to just get together as the state of Pennsylvania!

Attendees should call RV Village to secure their camping site. Please reference Airstream Club or Cody Klingler with the Office Manager.

Meals Included in Fee:

What to Bring: Table service and beverages for all meals. Snacks to share and your own drinks for Happy Hours.

Directions: Do not follow GPS directions to the campground. You will want to approach from Clarksville Rd. When in Mercer, turn on PA-62 (W. Market St.), turn right on Maple Rd. (this becomes Clarksville Rd.), then turn left onto Skyline Dr. The campground will be on the right.

2022 Pennsylvania State Rally Coupon				
Name	WBCCI No.	Unit		
Address				
City, State, Zip		Email		
Phone		Rig length		
Arrival Date	Departure Date	You are encouraged to come early and stay late.		
Rally fee per person	\$15.00 X=			
Children 0 to 12	FREE X=			
Parking per night (to be paid	t to the campground directly = \$40			

# **66<sup>TH</sup> AIRSTREAM CLUB** INTERNATIONAL RALLY JUNE 24-30, 2023

66th Airstream Club International Rally

## SWEETWATER EVENTS COMPLEX ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING

Seminars Exhibits Socials Entertainment

### AirstreamClub.org/Rally2023

Personal Information\*

#ACIRALLY2023 **BIG RED** 

NUMBER:

First Name	Last Name	Email Address		
First Name	Last Name	Email Address		
City	State/Province			
Phone Number	Phone Number			

I am/We are FIRST Time Attendee(s)

"Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form. Please contact HQ to make those changes.

REGISTRATION FEES	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
*RV on Site – Arrival Saturday, June 24		375:00	
Arrive 1 day EARLY - Friday, June 23		50.00	
Arrival 2 days EARLY - Thursday, June 22		100.00	
Arrival 3 days EARLY – Wednesday, June 21		150.00	
Adult (18 and over) per person		125.00	
Youth (13 and up) per person		75.00	
Children (4 to 12) per person		50.00	
Children 3 and under FREE		0.00	
Lifetime Member Discount		-20.00	
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Rec'd By:\_\_

RV AMENITIES - All RV spaces are full-service camping spaces with water, 50-amp electricity and sewer.

\*RV on site - This is only for RV on site no humans included.

CONFIRMATION & PARKING INFORMATION will be emailed to the email provided above.

**CANCELLATION POLICY - Refund** requests are to be submitted in writing to rally@airstreamclub.org. Requests received on or before April 28, 2023, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests on or after April 29, 2023, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after June 10. 2023. If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.

Registration Date:

Registration Source: 
Mail 
Online 
Rally

Payment Type: Cash Check Credit Card Amt Paid: \$\_

Check #:\_

Register 🔶 Online www.airstreamclub.org/Rally2023 🔶 Mail 🔶 Phone 937-596-5211

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#### HOW TO REGISTER - Go to

AirstreamClub.org/Rally2023, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form and make a check payable to WBCCI, in US Funds Only, and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you bring your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation with you to the rally.

**STAGING AREA** – The Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Arrivals after 8:00 p.m. may stay overnight in the Staging Area with no hookups until parking begins the next day. If you arrive before your registered date, there is a charge of \$75 per night.

**KIDS** – Bring them! Our youngest RVers will be treated to programming especially suited to kids ages 4-17. Registration cost covers materials for age-appropriate activities surrounding a daily theme that will keep your kid's busy learning, exploring and having fun!

Name: Age: Age:

ADDITIONAL GUEST – Members are welcome to bring additional guests for a fee. Include their names on the registration form.

PARKING TOGETHER – If you would like to park with family and friends, you must register to arrive on the same date, and you must arrive together.

**CARAVANS** – Groups of 5 or more RVs wishing to park together MUST register as a caravan with HQ by May 1, 2023. All caravan participants must register to arrive on the same date. The caravan leader can call 937-596-5211 or email <u>rally@airstreamclub.org</u> to register the caravan. The chair of the Rally Arrival Team will contact the caravan leader and let them know what time to arrive.

DEPARTURE - Departure is on Saturday, July 1.

**COVID-19 NOTICE** – An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event, you understand and assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure. ACI, its staff, officers, exhibitors, volunteers, members, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event. **USE OF IMAGE** – I grant ACI, and its employees and agents, an unrestricted right and license to use my image, likeness, name, voice, comments and/or other proprietary or public rights and/or those in any live recorded talks, broadcast, photograph, video, audio, audiovisual and/or other recording taken in connection with this event, for all purposes, in perpetuity and in any and all media now or hereafter known, without compensation.

#### ASSUMPTION OF RISK & WAIVER OF LIABILITY - I

assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with attending this event. I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless, ACI, its employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives of and from any such claims, including liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to my attendance at this event.

## Stay & Play in Rock Springs



1 day, 1 week or 2 week packages available Sweetwater AS LOW Extend your stay at the Sweetwater Events Complex and explore Sweetwater County and AS \$20 PER Complex and explore Sweetwater Cour all our recreation opportunities. Visit DAY SweetwaterEvents.com/events/2023/airstream plus tax for reservations.



Vintage Airstreams are stunning and seeing the many fabulous examples of them at the International Rally was inspiring! Thanks to the owners who opened their doors and let the fans snoop inside.

## **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: Sponsor: Type of Event: Location: Email:	September 9 - 11, 2022 Central PA Airstream Club Shawnee State Park Rally Shawnee State Park, Bedford County, PA drbare88@gmail.com
Dates: Sponsor: Type of Event: Location: Email:	September 16 - 18, 2022 Al-Mon-O Club PA State Rally RV Village Camping Resort, Mercer, PA cwk5292@gmail.com
Dates: Sponsor: Type of Event: Location: Email:	October 12 - 16, 2022 With support from Central PA Airstream Club Camping and Volunteering Little Buffalo Apple Fest Little Buffalo State Park, Newport, PA aesopf96@gmail.com
Dates: Sponsor: Type of Event: Location:	June 24 - July 2, 2023 WBAC 66th International Rally Rock Springs, WY
Dates: Sponsor: Type of Event: Location: Email:	May 5 - 7, 2023 Central Penn, Keystone and Penn Lehigh Clubs Rally: ALL AIRSTREAM OWNERS ARE WELCOME club members or not :-) Lums Pond State Park Campground, DE careyboland@gmail.com

