

**Official Newsletter of
the DelMarVa
Airstream Club,
Unit #26**

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THE DELMARVA BEACON



*Edgar Evins State Park, Silver Point Tennessee, Photo by Denis Clements BRN# 19490
Yes, Bella and the Beast are on a platform above the lake!*

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By Andy Dowell, BRN# 06684, President DelMarVa Airstream Club



Hello DelMarVa Members:

Well, we had a wonderful time in Italy this past month, walking and hiking through beautiful villages, cities and parks. And the food was excellent!

I haven't heard anything about the Region 2 Rally that was held last month. I hope it was enjoyable.

Our next rally is the weekend of June 17-19 at Tall Pines Harbor, near Temperenceville Va. We've camped there before. It's a very nice campground, on the water, lots of activities. Hope you can join us!

The International Rally is coming up in July, in Fryeburg Maine. Have you signed up to go? I wish we could go, but we have other plans.

The big thing for us as a Club right now is to get everyone's votes for the 2 WBCCI constitutional amendments that our Delegates will be voting on. The amendments are included in this Beacon. Please contact me, by phone, text or email, with your votes, as soon as you can, so we can direct our Delegates on how to vote. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Hope to see all of you soon!
Andy Dowell, BRN#06684

DelMarVa Club Calendar

- June 17-19, 2022
 - DelMarVa Club Rally, Informal
 - Tall Pines Harbor, Temperanceville, VA
 - Dowells (standard back-in site)
 - Make your own FHU site reservations
- July 23-29, 2022
 - International Rally
 - Fryeburg, ME
 - Contact: WBCCI
- August 18 to September 25, 2022
 - Region 2 Caravan
 - 2022 Meandering the Maritimes
 - Contact: Kerry Mattila, BRN #5417
 - maritimescaravan@wbcci.net
 - 613-258-2842
- August 21-26, 2022
 - DelMarVa Club Rally, informal
 - Kiptopeke State Park, Cape Charles, VA
 - Contact: Ashley Hitzig, Chris Clawson, Site C17
 - Make your own site reservations
 - <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/kiptopeke>
- September 9-11, 2022
 - Rally
 - Crisfield American Legion, Crisfield, VA
 - Contact: Roger Sansom
- October TBD
 - DelMarVa Club Installation Meeting/Rally
 - Location TBD
 - Contact: DelMarVa Club

Region 2 President

By RJ Marquette, BRN# 13270, President, Region 2 Airstream Club



Hello DelMarva Members

The Region 2 Rally was a success! We had good weather with a turnout of 42 Airstreams. We had at least four people that were at their first-ever WBCCI rally, and I think we made a good impression on them. The food was good, and the band was excellent. Skymed did a great presentation about an upcoming Alaskan cruise they are planning, and 2nd International Vice President Per Hamnqvist, BRN# 154, gave an informative overview of the two amendments and answered questions. Region 2 Newsletter Editor Bob Curran, BRN# 2025, has written a great article that will appear in the August issue of the Blue Beret, so look for that when it comes out in a few weeks.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, and there are quite a few of you. Sometimes we don't know in advance what we'll need, and someone always steps up. For example, "drummer" was definitely not a position I thought we'd need, but rally first timer Rebecca Glick, BRN# 7585, of the Watchung Unit stepped up to the job! I also want to thank Peggy Shafer of Skymed for generously sponsoring the rally, and I want to thank everyone for coming!

I sent the check off to the Delaware State Fairgrounds for the final payment, and as we hoped, they cut us a break on the costs. We move the rally around to different parts of the region, but we'll definitely keep them in mind for the future. The region did lose some money on the rally, but not as much as it would have been had they held us to the contract we signed, and we're still solvent, so there's not much to do but move forward.

In general, I'm looking for feedback about the region rally. Is this long weekend format good? What about the time of year? Would fall be better? I know quite a few people couldn't attend because they were on various caravans, for example. We'll run into conflicting events no matter when we rally, but is there a time that would be better? Maybe everything is fine as is, that's OK, too. I just want to make sure the rally is available to the most region members possible. If you have thoughts and ideas, please let Patti, Gary, or I know. We're working on the plans for the region 2 luncheon at International. As I mentioned at the rally, the official



caterer would be rather expensive, and I don't think many people would be interested. We have a few ideas we're working on; stay tuned. We've also started discussions about next year's Region 2 rally, and I think we'll have dates for that locked down soon.



Photos courtesy of RJ Marquette

I want to call your attention to Region 2 Caravan Coordinator Kerry Mattila's, BRN# 5417, Maritimes Caravan, which has open space available this year. Please see this page for more information!
<https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2022-maritimes-caravan>

If it hasn't happened already, your club president will be asking you for your votes on the two amendments

before the club. Please be sure to vote on these amendments, for or against. As Per said, abstaining tells the IBT nothing about how you're feeling about how they are doing.

RJ Marquette, BRN# 13270

Welcoming New Members

New Member Profile – Ed and Amy Cummins BRN# 3950

Where are you from originally? Where do you live now?

Ed is originally from Aberdeen, Maryland and Amy is from Brooklyn, New York. But that was many moons ago. We are now happily settled on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in a beautiful community on the water in Chester.



What kind of work do or did you do?

Ed is an Engineer and IT Program Manager and Amy has worked as a Human Resources Manager, a World Language Educator and an Artist.

How long married (if not single)?

We have been married for 16 years but have known each other over 21 years.

Is the Airstream your first RV? How many Airstreams have you owned?

This will be our very first Airstream and RV. We are very excited to join the Airstream Club.

Have you been camping/RVing long?

Amy has NEVER been camping. Ed has been camping many years ago while growing up with his family. Needless to say, we are novices and have to learn many new things.

What prompted the purchase of an Airstream as opposed to something else?

Airstream offers the support of the extended “family” of owners. Additionally, we have a wonderful Chesapeake Bay Retriever and a lovely English Labrador Retriever that we are going to bring with us on our adventures.

Where have you traveled in your Airstream? Any favorite places?

We haven’t traveled anywhere yet but have been busily registering for many of the caravans (Many of which have waiting lists).

Have you attended any major rallies, e.g., Regional, International? Any caravans?

We are registered for the International Rally in Maine this upcoming July and are looking forward to meeting everyone.

What prompted you to get involved with Airstream Club? How long have you been a member?

As brand new members we are hoping to make friends with others with whom we can enjoy the adventures of traveling with our Airstream.

The Campground, Caravan, and Rally Corner

(Tell us about your interesting experience at a Campground on a Caravan or at a Rally to share with our members)

DelMarVa Airstream Club Folks at the Springtime in Kentucky Caravan From Donna and Mike Field BRN #2630:

Our caravan started with the Kentucky Derby and the surprise ending of a horse coming from behind. We were able to visit the farm where Bob Baffert keeps his retired horses. It was lots of fun to feed the horses.



Mike and a hungry horse. Not sure what Mike fed the horse!

At the Natural Bridge State Resort Park we rode the ski lift to the top of the mountain - and later down.



Mike at the Natural Bridge.



From right to left, Mike, Donna, and two other caravaners on the top of the mountain

DelMarVa Airstream Club Folks at the Region 2 Rally

From Betty and Blaine Schwarz BRN #4266:

Region 2 Rally at the Delaware State Fairgrounds provided great opportunities to meet fellow Airstreamers, which we really enjoyed. On Friday night the 4-H Club started bringing their animals to the gravel parking lot next to the Airstreams location, for a competition on Saturday. We woke up to the sound of goats (baaaa) because the "beauty" station was right out our door. All morning they were grooming these goats with haircuts and dust blowers.



Photo by Betty and Blaine Schwarz – Note the Goat Grooming Station!

Dark Sky RV Park and Campground, Kanab, Utah

From Kevin McLaren BRN #1405:

Kevin McLaren visited this campground recently and reports that the campground is relatively new, has great facilities, spacious sites with privacy, and the views of the plateau are awesome. Nearby are Lake Mead and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.



Photo by Kevin McLaren



*Photo courtesy of the Dark Sky RV Park and Campground
Nice Rig!*

Oak Mountain State Park, Pelham, Alabama (and others)

Have You Heard of the Solo Streaming Sisters?

From Diedre Mathews BRN #4529:

I traveled this April for 3 weeks with my splinter group of women Airstream owners appropriately called the 'Solo Streaming Sisters'. The month of April was dedicated to visiting the Gulf Shores region of Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and the Florida panhandle. There were 5 rigs including myself. We took a leisurely drive across the coastal areas staying 3-4 nights in each of the following: Davis Bayou State Park (MS), Fort Pickens State Park (FL) and Big Lagoon State Park (FL). All were great choices. I would return to any of them. Gulf Shores State Park had the best cycling paths and allowed ebikes.

I had made arrangements to visit family outside Birmingham, so I departed from the group and headed back to Alabama. I would whole heartedly recommend Oak Mountain State Park in Pelham, AL. This state park is almost 10,000 acres and has very generous campsites. The campground is located about 5 miles inside the park. Each loop has its own pavilion with free wifi at the pavilion. There are 2 lakes with all water amenities for rent. It includes a sand beach for swimming, as well as a newly renovated wading pool. There is a professional golf course, horse stables with a small show arena and trail rides as an option. A new archery



Photo by Diedre (De) Mathews, Diedre is on the right with members of the Solo Streaming Sisters, Pensacola Beach, Florida

range, BMX and mountain biking trails as well as varied hiking trails are located throughout the park. I was absolutely amazed with all this park has to offer. You would never need to leave and can be entertained with something different every day.



Photo by Diedre (De) Mathews, Pensacola Beach, Florida



Photo from the Solo Streaming Sisters Facebook Group

If this group is of interest to you, you may want to check out their Facebook Page, note that it is a private group.

2022 Meandering the Maritimes: A Region 2 Caravan

August 18, 2022 to September 25, 2022

After a cancellation in 2021 due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, we are holding this caravan later this year. Meandering the Maritimes will be a 38 day exploration of the beauty and history of Canada's three Maritime Provinces: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. We

will launch at the north end of Cape Breton Island and wind our way through each of the Provinces. You will experience the history of the colonizing groups of French, English, Irish and Scottish settlers, and their interactions with the indigenous populations. The history of the region was shaped by European conflicts, but much remains today in the form of Gaelic, Acadian and Irish music, languages, and traditions. The landscape is simply spectacular, from the highlands of Cape Breton to the awesome tides of the Bay of Fundy and the red sands of PEI, there are vistas everywhere. Lots of seafood too!



The kitty fee is \$4500 Canadian for an Airstream with 2 people, \$3400 for a solo traveler.

Contact:

Kerry Mattila, BRN #5417

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This will be a relaxed caravan with time off to explore, hike, shop or visit sites with particular interests. It is a prototype caravan with the intention of becoming a recurring part of the Airstream Club National Caravan program. We have a few vacancies at this time so don't hesitate to contact us for more information.



2022 International Rally



FRYEBURG, MAINE: JULY 23RD TO JULY 29TH

65th International Rally

Sign up now for the FRYEBURG MAINE event! Six days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the 65th Airstream Club International Rally. Visit the website at <https://airstreamclub.org/fryeburg>.

There will be six days of fun-filled events, seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Fryeburg is located between North Conway, New Hampshire, and Bridgton, Maine, on the west side of the state. Fryeburg also offers a variety of recreational opportunities. Including the White Mountains National Forest, the Saco River, and numerous ponds and lakes nearby. Other sites of interest include Jockey Cap Rock, Fryeburg Farm Museum, and the Fryeburg Historical Society and Museum.

Conway, New Hampshire is a short drive with outlet stores, many restaurants, museums, golf courses all with the friendliness of a small town. Fryeburg also offers restaurants and shopping opportunities that include farm stands with local produce and products, craft beers, wines, and locally made crafts.

Meet the DelMarVa Airstream Club Officers and Volunteers

Being new to the DelMarVa Airstream Club myself, I thought it would be great to publish photos of our Officers and Volunteers at the beginning of the year so you might be able to pick them out at the upcoming meetings and rallies.



**Andy Dowell, President
And Webmaster**



Ashley Hitzig, First Vice President
(center in photo)



Betty Schwarz, Recording Secretary
(with Blaine)



Chuck Helwig, Treasurer
(with Maggie)



Katharine Dowell, Trustee



Charlie Michels, Trustee
(with Nancy Eldridge)



Roger Sansom, Membership Chair
(with Celeste)



Denis Clements, Newsletter Editor
(with Owen Arthur, officemate)

The Looking for Information and Advice Corner

If you would like to post a question or comment for the DelMarVa Airstream Club folks, please let me know.

Looking for nuggets that would be good info for our club members.

Looking for questions that you would prefer to keep in the club.

Editorial Review

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