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the DelMarVa
Airstream Club,
Unit #26**

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



Hello DelMarVa Members:

We had a great rally at the campground formerly known as Tall Pines Harbor, near Temperanceville Va. Katharine and I were joined by Betty and Blaine Schwarz. We had a weekend full of sun, breezes, music, and a BBQ contest. Our neighbor won 2nd place for his chicken wings. I thought his pulled pork, smoked on a Big Green Egg, should have won 1st prize. A squall passed through while we were enjoying a nice meal at Captain E’s Hurricane Grill and Tiki Bar in Saxis. I had visions of the Wizard of Oz, with Dorothy’s house blown off its foundation. Several local campgrounds have been bought out by Sun Outdoors, including this one; it is now called Sun Outdoors Chesapeake Bay. I heard the rates have increased. It’s still a very nice resort, and easy to get to. The International Rally in Fryeburg Maine is upon us. I have heard from a few folks as to their votes on the proposed amendments. I’m going to make it easy for the rest of you. If I don’t hear from you by July 9, I will act as your proxy, and vote “yes” for both amendments. The amendments seem reasonable and deemed to make it easier for the Airstream Club to conduct its business. If you wish to vote otherwise, please, call me at 410-212-4431 (message me with your votes), text me at the same number, or email me, dowellandyp@gmail.com. Every member gets one vote.

Save the date - Sunday, October 23, for our business meeting and installation of officers. I’m looking for a restaurant along routes 1 or 13 where we can have our meeting, and then those that want to can stay for drinks and dinner. I’m looking at Ropewalk in OC and the Delmar Diner, in Delmar. Please consider becoming an officer of our DelMarVa Airstream Club. If you’re interested, please contact me or VP Ashley Hitzig. For those of you heading to Fryeburg - Have a Great Time! I’m sure the weather and scenery will be fabulous. We wish we could go, but we’re gearing up for the Southwest Adventure Caravan.

Safe Travels, and we hope to see you down the road!
Andy Dowell, BRN#06684

DelMarVa Club Calendar

- 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

- September 16-18, 2022 (Region 2)
 - Pennsylvania State Rally
 - RV Village Camping Resort
 - 234 Skyline Dr.
 - Mercer, PA, 16137
 - Contact: Cody Klingler & Matt Moore, cwk5292@gmail.com

- October 23, 2022
 - 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

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

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

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

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

I'll see some of you in Fryeburg!

RJ Marquette, BRN# 13270

The Campground, Caravan, Rally, and Road Trip Corner

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

A Road Trip to Sister Bay, WI From Beth and Brian Engler (BRN# 02734)

We left Hockessin, DE on June 10 heading for the Nichol's Family Reunion in Sister Bay, WI. Along the way, we stopped to see family (and get 2 new tires) in Ohio. While in Ohio we toured the Airstream Museum in Jackson Center. It's worth the trip if you're ever in the area. From there we passed through Indiana where, much to our dismay, we were crop-dusted while camping near a corn field. We have no pictures of that as we were busy running to safety!



Photo by Beth and Brian Engler

We had a wonderful week in Wisconsin and stayed at several state parks along Lake Michigan. We had a few really hot days but mostly gorgeous weather. We departed Wisconsin on the SS Badger for a 4-hour voyage across Lake Michigan.

It was pretty amazing to watch them load the boat with our Airstream which looked tiny next to a wide-load semi.



Photo by Beth and Brian Engler



Photo by Beth and Brian Engler

It was a beautiful, sunny day with calm water and we had a relaxing 60 mile trip across the lake at about 13 Knots (16 mph). We are camping now in Michigan and will be home by the end of June.

Taste of the Blue Ridge Caravan

From James Bull BRN# 09026

Good morning from the sunny Blue Ridge Parkway near Charlottesville Virginia! Delmarva members Roger Sansom, Celeste Viara, and Jamie and Joanne Bull are just finishing up the Taste of the Blue Ridge caravan. We started out May 17 and will finish up on Sunday, June 12. It has been a terrific trip, with only a few bad weather days. The rest has been in comfortable sunshine with temperatures in the mid 70's to low 80's.



Pictured from Left to Right: Roger Sansom, Celeste Ziara, Jamie Bull, Joanne Bull

We have traveled the entire Blue Ridge Parkway, with the exception of a few miles of detours, towing our rigs! While you do have to be a bit careful on this road, you really can do it with ease. And the sights and points of interest make it all worth it. We did run into some fog problems at the higher elevations (we were actually in the clouds) and the visibility got down to around 100 feet. But everyone took it easy, we had plenty of time, and all 18 rigs made the leg without a problem.

Travelling the Parkway from bottom to top, we started out in Bryson City NC. We started out at Grumpy Bear campground there and some of us were treated to sites right up against the river. Beautiful! We all had a wonderful whitewater rafting trip on the Nantahala Gorge. Perfect weather and an awesome day! We

finished up this first stop with a visit to the Oconaluftee Indian village learning some local Native American history and customs.

Next stop was Asheville NC where we toured the Biltmore. If you haven't been, you need to go! We were also treated to one of the most awesome Sunday brunches at the Grove Park Inn. This hotel /resort is one of the most beautiful properties you will ever see. And the Brunch was as good as it gets. Incredible. Next day it was ziplining! First time for me and Joanne, and while I loved it, Joanne won't be going again. It was invigorating and exciting!

On to Spruce Pines, NC., where there were hikes at Linville falls and a free day to do whatever! Then Boone, NC, where we went to the top of Grandfather Mountain. The morning we went the top of the mountain was in the clouds and the winds were blowing 30-40 knots. We even crossed the footbridge up there! The views as we descended down the mountain out of the clouds were amazing. Highly recommended stop!

We traveled to Damascus VA where the Virginia Creeper bike trail is located. On a beautiful day we cruised down the abandoned railway turned bike trail. A terrific 3-hour trip past streams, farms, and mountain views. A very easy ride as it is a gentle downhill most of the way.

On to Galax VA where we were treated to an outdoor concert at the Blue Ridge Music Center on a beautiful night. We also visited Mt. Airy, NC, the boyhood home of Andy Griffith. Mayberry is based on this town, and many of us got to tour the hotspots in Barney's old patrol car!

On our next stop to the Sedalia Center in Big Island, VA., we boondocked in a beautiful field for 4 days! We had several campfires under the stars during this stop. We had the opportunity to visit the Appomattox Courthouse where the surrender of General Lee to General Grant ended the civil War in Virginia. The entire village is restored and it's a wonderful experience to visit there. We followed that up with a visit to the National D-Day memorial, located in Bedford VA. It is located there as the greatest percentage of local residents participating in D-Day hailed from Bedford. If you are near there allow half a day to experience this!

Moving on to the Charlottesville VA area, we all got to experience Thomas Jefferson's Monticello retirement estate. We learned about its design and construction, and Jefferson's considerable talent as a self-taught architect. Guided tours showed us about the lives of slaves on the estate, its gardens and a walkthrough of the building itself. After a southern style lunch at Michie's tavern just below Monticello, some of us went back to spend more time there, and some went to some local wineries for some tastings.

We had our final banquet on Friday June 10 at the Old Trail Golf Club near our campground here. Saturday June 11 was a free day to do whatever we wanted on our last day in the area. Roger and Celeste left so they could be back home in MD for work on Monday. Joanne and I will leave Sunday and take our time getting home to Fenwick Island. We will be leaving around the first of August heading out for the Southwest Adventure.

It was a terrific caravan with so many fun things to do and experience. If you haven't driven the Blue Ridge Parkway, this is the caravan you want. There are a few spaces left for next year so sign up now if this is something you might want to do!

Camping at Tall Pines Harbor: From Katharine and Andy Dowell (BRN# 06684)

Fathers' Day weekend of June 17-19 saw club members Betty Jean and Blaine Schwarz and President and Immediate Past President Andy & Katharine Dowell camping at Tall Pines Harbor (now branded as Sun Outdoors Chesapeake Bay).



Betty Jean and Blaine Schwarz



Andy and Katharine Dowell



Photo by Katharine Dowell

Our sites were each water view and breezes off the Bay where it meets the Pocomoke River were mostly pleasant. Excitement ensued however on Friday evening when an enjoyable night out at nearby waterfront restaurant Capt. E's Hurricane Grill & Tiki Bar nearly lived up to the hurricane part.

A sudden severe squall moved in over the marsh with torrential rain and wind —causing the power to go out including to their cash registers —which made for an interesting conclusion to our dinner. Fortunately, the storm abated after about 20 minutes and the only casualty appeared to be the venue's flagpole.

Katharine Dowell



Photo by Katharine Dowell

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:

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maritimescaravan@wbcci.net 613-258-2842

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.



An Airstream Rally: Celebrating Iconic American Design

Come join the of Vintage Airstream Club and Region 9 of Airstream Club International in a celebration of “Iconic American Design” in the first of its kind, Airstream Rally on September 29- October 2, 2022.



The City of Bartlesville, OK, the Price Tower and the Taliesin West designed Community Center has rolled out the welcome mat to Airstream Club members to dry camp on the streets surrounding the Price Tower for the weekend, exploring, and celebrating Frank Lloyd Wright and Wally Byam.

Weekend activities are still being planned but they will include Docent led tours of the FLW structures, organized speaking events, fun run for charity, tours of the Bartlesville and Tulsa region, organized breakfasts, happy hours and much more.

Come take part in this “one of a kind” iconic rally celebrating American Design. Stay tuned to more information as this rally is being organized.

We anticipate much interest. Please indicate your interest by contacting Oklahoma Airstream Club President Marsha Harrod at myseverance2@aol.com or Philip Vasquez 2nd VP Region 9 at pdvasquez@outlook.com

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Rally will benefit Official Charity “Miles for Mammograms”



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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

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.

Margaret Morris and her late husband, Carl, sold their Airstream in 2015. In 2020 she gave a lot of things to our unit for folks to use. She's trying to clean out the garage and found a jack [hand crank] and a vent cover. If anyone would like to have one or both of these items, please let me (denis.clements@gmail.com) know and I'll put you in contact with Margaret. She lives in New Castle, Delaware close to the Lums Pond campground.

Editorial Review

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