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Airstream Club,
Unit #26**

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THE DELMARVA BEACON



*Did you attend the International Rally in Fryeburg, ME?
Photo by Denis Clements*

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



Hello DelMarVa Members:

**No Message This Month
Katharine and I are on The Southwest Caravan**

Note that the DelMarVa Airstream Club Installation Meeting will be held on October 23, 2022 at the Delmar Diner at 4pm

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

DelMarVa Club Calendar

- 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
 - Location: DelMar Diner
 - Time: 4pm
 - Contact: DelMarVa Club
- June 2023
 - International Rally
 - Location: Rock Springs, WY
 - Check the ACI Website

Region 2 President

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



Hello DelMarVa Members

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, 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)

Delaware to New Mexico: The Numbers (June-July 2022)

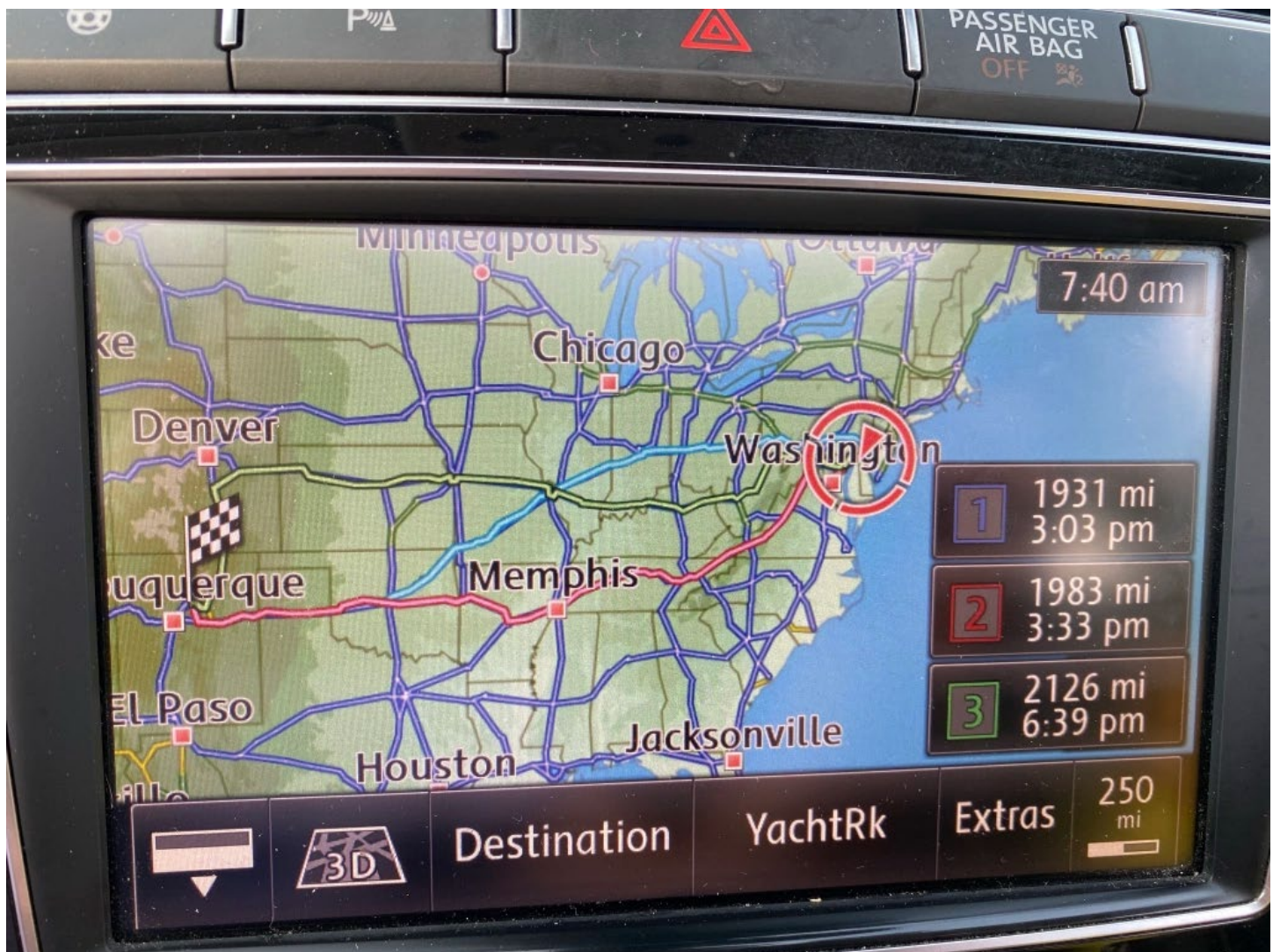
A selection from the BLOG of Dan McDougall (BRN# 1971)

<https://tabadabadoo.com/>

Photos by Dan McDougall

Can you really put a price on a view? Well actually, you can. And I'm here to tell you what that price is. For those of you who've followed tabadabadoo for a while know I usually do a complete "numbers" blog post at the end of long summer trips. This year, I'm doing two – one at both ends of the trip.

Here's the breakdown of the ~2,000-mile trip from Wilmington, Delaware to Santa Fe, New Mexico between June 27 and July 1, 2022.



The cost for diesel, one-way, was \$725. The average cost of Diesel was \$5.30 and ranged from \$5.10 to \$5.61 per gallon. I just filled up today (August 9) in Santa Fe for \$4.53/gal. My trip home should cost much less. And here's where I stayed enroute.



\$47.12 – Hungry Mother State Park (Marion, VA)



\$56.64 – Memphis KOA Journey (Marion, AR)
Kinda pricey for what it was, but they had a nice pool...



\$30 – Red Rock Canyon Adventure Park (Hinton, OK)
One of my favorite and unexpectedly beautiful campgrounds near Route 66 in Oklahoma.



\$34 – Palo Duro Canyon State Park (TX)
If you can get a spot here when you pass through Amarillo, Texas – DO IT.

\$18 – Santa Rosa Lake State Park (NM)

I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I didn't even take a photo of this campsite. It was hot, and unexceptional. Went for a nice evening hike, though.

Grand total for gas and camping: \$910.76

But, it all led to this.



\$10/night - Hyde Memorial State Park (Santa Fe, NM)

At some point I'll break down cost for the seven weeks of Santa Fe camping. Spoiler alert – it's very reasonable.

Thanks to Dan McDougall

Airstream Club International, International Rally, Fryeburg, Maine (July 23 – July 29)

Photos by Liz Clements

Text by Denis Clements

Liz and I joined the Airstream Club International late last year with the intention of attending rallies and perhaps joining a caravan. Although we've owned our Airstream since 2017, we had never joined the club as we were not sure if this was something we wanted to participate in. We have been camping independently (30 years in tents and 15 years in RVs) and were not sure about camping or RVing in groups. We have done a few trips (not RVing) with Road Scholar and enjoyed the trips and the small groups we travelled with. So, we took the plunge and joined ACI. The first order of business was to meet our local club, The DelMarVa Airstream Club, and sign up for the International Rally.

Liz and I, and our Welsh Terrier, Owen, set off for Fryeburg, Maine in late July. We made a couple stops on the way from our home in Lewes, DE; one at Lums Pond State Park in northern Delaware; and one at the Brattleboro, VT KOA in southern Vermont. There were several Streamers at the KOA who were also on their way to Fryeburg for the International Rally. We arrived on the appointed day of 7/22/2022 and were very impressed with the great organization of the welcoming and parking crews. We were led to our site and assisted with parking so there was no delay or issues with getting into our camp site. After 65 years of International Rallies, I guess the organization knows what they're doing.



We set up our site and proceeded to tour the Fryeburg Fair, a very impressive agricultural fairground. Note the little sticker on the front window. This indicates our pump-out day, pump-outs occur every 4 days. The crew was extremely efficient, I might add.

The couple next to us travelled from Vancouver, British Columbia. I believe they accumulated the most miles from their home to the rally. They travelled from Vancouver to Halifax, Nova Scotia to visit their daughter, staying north of the US border as they were concerned that Canada might impose entry restrictions while they were in the US. From Halifax, they travelled to Jackson Center, OH for some scheduled maintenance, and then to Fryeburg, ME, whew!



There were about a dozen of us who met at our sites for happy hours and for a lobster dinner. Some newbies to the International Rally and some who had attended many times previously. Great group of folks, I mention this as the group was impromptu and unknown to each other previously, showing how easy it was to meet up and enjoy the company of fellow Streamers.



I'm not sure what the final attendee count was, but I heard numbers that were just under 1,000 units. The campground at the Fryeburg fair could accommodate many more than this. Each site had water and electric (30 amp) with periodic pump-outs. Fortunately, we were parked along a line of fairly mature trees so we did have some shade,

other sites had little to no shade. It was pretty warm the first couple of days, but then the weather moderated a bit. Note that the best mode of travel on the grounds was by bicycle, although, you could drive your TV if you really wanted to, although there was little parking available at the various venues.

There was a full program of events and activities for all of the rally days. Most of the activities were onsite at the fairgrounds, although there were also arranged bus tours to locations outside of the fairgrounds such as to Bar Harbor, ME. One of the events that Liz and I were most interested in seeing was the Vintage Airstream Parade. In addition, the Vintage Airstream Club had its own parking area where the owners decorated their rigs and in some cases, provided tours of their rigs. Some really impressive efforts. Here are a few photos of some of the Vintage rigs, most every type of Airstream was represented by the Vintage Airstream Club.



An unexpected highlight was the dance night featuring the “Motor Booty Affair” playing hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s. Great opportunity to get out on the dance floor and enjoy some lively dancing. Again, no lack of participation, the rally goers are not shrinking violets.



There were a few other folks from the DelMarva Airstream Club who attended the International Rally as well as a number of folks from the DC Airstream Club. Liz and I walked the camping areas looking for Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, and DC license plates. There were quite a few. We spoke with folks at their sites. Everyone seemed to be very satisfied with the International Rally experience.

So, my advice to anyone who has not attended an International Rally, would be to consider doing so. The next International Rally will be held in Rock Springs, WY. From what I've read concerning the venue and the plans for the rally, it looks like it will be a great experience. If you have any specific questions concerning the Fryeburg Rally, I would be happy to provide insights that you might find useful in considering attending an upcoming International Rally.

Satisfied International Rally Attendees,
Denis, Liz, and Owen.

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

Brought to you by the Vintage Airstream Club and Region 9 of ACI

Rally will benefit Official Charity “Miles for Mammograms”



<https://www.frankwallyrally.com/rsvp>

Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving National Rally, October 6-10 Leicester, Vermont

Message from Andrew Fowlie, CCMAC Unit

Happy Saturday:

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

Oct 6-10

At Country Village Campground 40 US Route 7, Leicester, VT 05733.

Registration can be done online at <https://tinyurl.com/3jejwxvz> .

Space is limited to 40 rigs

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

Happy Camping

Andrew Fowlie

CCMAC Unit Tech Coordinator/Newsletter/Webmaster

BRN 1823 (Wanda)

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 and Flag Bearer
At The Fryeburg, ME International Rally

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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