

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

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The Future is Electric

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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

- 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

I'm happy to announce that Region 2 Membership Chair Cody Klingler (#3937) has become the Membership Committee chair at the International level. Bad news for us, but good news for the club as a whole. He has a lot of great ideas and energy that will help the club in the long run. Congratulations, Cody! On a related note, we're now in the market for a new region membership chair - if you're interested, please let me know (rjm1@yahoo.com). I'll be happy to chat with you about what the role entails, and Cody has offered to help with the transition as well. On a related note, I still need a webmaster, too! Region 2 Caravan Coordinator Kerry Matilla (#5417) has completed the Meandering the Maritimes Caravan. They have a Facebook page for the caravan (search for the name of the caravan to find it), and it looks like they had a great time, even though they had to shorten it a bit due to an incoming hurricane. I've attached a picture of the attendees that Kerry sent me.



Kerry is now turning his attention to planning a Capitol to Capitol caravan in May. We're starting work on the 2023 region 2 rally details, and more information will be coming out in the next few weeks. June 2-6, 2023, in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Photo by Kerry Matilla

Most of the local clubs are holding their installations during this time of the year. Congratulations to the new officers, and a hearty thank you to the outgoing officers! However, I know of a few clubs who have had the same President for several years running. While I appreciate their service, I also worry about burning out our volunteers. Please consider volunteering in your club if you haven't before. They will train you, and you'll be helping your club stay active.

See you down the road!

RJ Marquette, BRN# 13270

Welcoming New Members: Paul and Elaine McVinney

BRN# 07815



Photo at Colonial Airstream

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

Paul grew up in Boston. Elaine grew up all over (NY City, Washington DC, Seattle area, SF Bay Area) as her dad worked for the federal government. We were married about the time Paul joined the Air Force and we lived all over: TX, IL, WA, Germany, OK, and the DC area. During our stint in DC we lived in both VA and MD. We're now retired in Lewes, DE.

What kind of work do or did you do?

Paul was in/associated with the Air Force various capacities for 40+ years. Elaine was a home-based entrepreneur with businesses in clothing, health, and food.

How long married (if not single)?

We were married in June of 1978, have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren (and another on the way!).

Have you been camping/RVing long?

We mainly tent camped with the Cub/Boy Scouts in the 80s and 90s and tent camped ourselves a few times. We've always been outdoorsy hikers and cyclists.

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

We learned how to RV in a 25' Lance trailer. We bought it from Colonial Airstream in NJ and traded it in to them when we picked up our 25' Flying Cloud. Never having towed a trailer before, it was a great learning experience! (Great meaning a mix of uncertainty and fun...) So Airstream is our second trailer.

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

We were attracted to the quality. It's built to withstand the earthquake that happens when towing better than any other model, and it tows more smoothly than any other model.

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

We're just getting started but we have big plans: California this year and Alaska in 2023.

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

None yet. Looking forward to meeting Streamers at all these events.

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

Mainly for the social aspect. It's a great way to meet people on the road and immediately have something special in common.

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)

Annual Crisfield Rally, thanks Roger Sansom, BRN #02799

Photos by Roger Sansom

As started by members Boots & Francis Mason, our annual Crisfield Rally continues-on this year running from September 9-11, with early arrivals welcomed. This year's September rally schedule relieved us from concerns of hot-hot weather (though the sites do offer 30 & 50 amp service) and offered all the perfect weather for our activities.



Campground Views

We dined out-doods, enjoyed a campfire and toured Somers Cove and cruised across the Tangier Sound.



Activities started with a 'Streamin' party of eight enjoying a Friday evening dinner and beautiful sunsets on the deck as hosted by the Crisfield American Legion.

Many toured downtown Crisfield Saturday morning prior to boarding a 300+ passenger ship, The Steven Thomas, for our afternoon journey to Tangier Island.

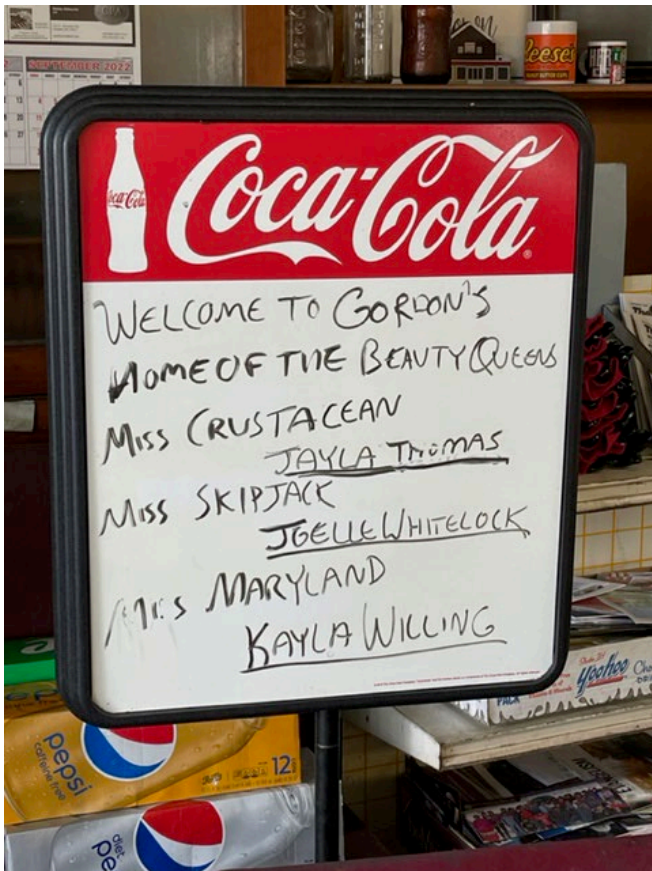


Members David & Tina Mudge aboard the "Steven Thomas"

The weather was perfect for our cruise from the mainland to Tangier Island where all enjoyed an afternoon of home-made seafood delicacies, ice-cream and a tour of the island.

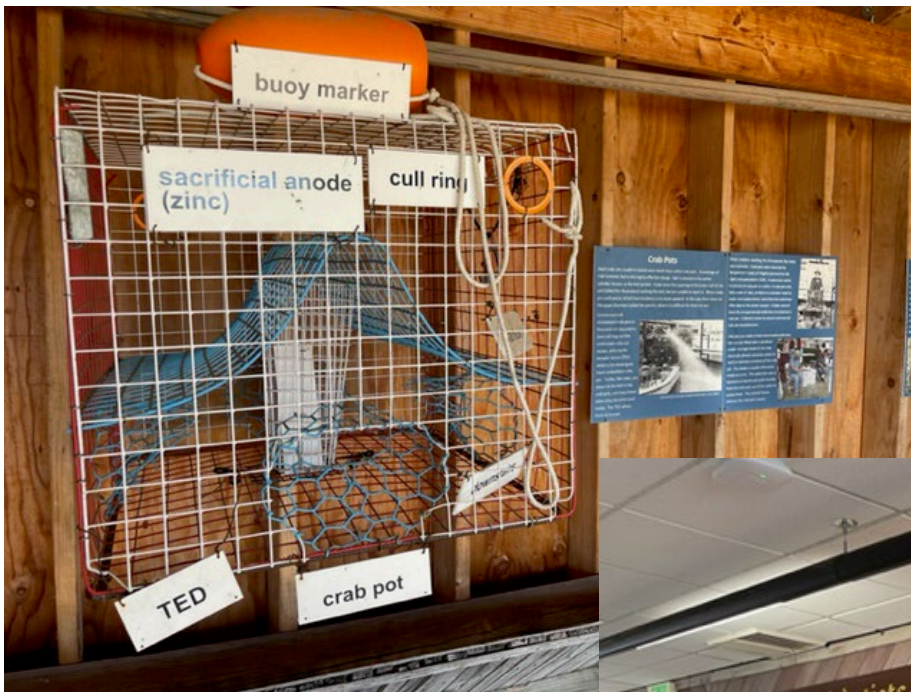


Tangier Island



Unfortunately, Miss Crustatean was not able to join us for our breakfast outing at the famous "Gordon's" Restaurant in downtown Crisfield.

Of course, the seafood comes right out of the water and onto the island offering us the best and freshest catch to be found.



J Millard Tawes Museum

As the Saturday's activities created a thirsty bunch, back at the main-land I understand that the local Elks Club as well as the Legion served-up some delicious beverages to our travelers, just prior to joining-in around a toasty campfire.

Sunday offered us a "pot-luck" breakfast and a local beach to enjoy, located right on the Legion grounds. All had a leisurely departure that arrived all-too-soon.

We hope to see you next year!

Our pre-cruise tour on Saturday took us to the historical J Millard Tawes Museum located at the Somers Cove Marina.



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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