



The Itchy Hitch



Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Airstream Club (091)

September 2022

PENNSYLVANIA AIRSTREAM CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023

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PENNSYLVANIA AIRSTREAM CLUB (PAC) PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by President Scott Brinkmeyer #10719

It seems like only a few weeks ago we were beginning our camping season at our home base at the Penn Wood Airstream Park in New Bethlehem, PA; and now here we are concluding the season. We began our new fiscal year on Sep. 3, 2022, by holding board elections for the 2022-2023 FY. I wish to thank the outgoing PAC Board for their hard work in bringing us to a better place for the year ahead by ironing out a few wrinkles we encountered this year past.

The general membership of the Pennsylvania Airstream Club (091) unanimously elected the members listed in the opposite column here to the PAC Board for 2022-2023. Mr. Doug Field, prior PAC President, subsequently conducted an Installation Ceremony moving all officially into their designated positions.

Due to anticipated travel for some members later this month and into October, the Board held an impromptu planning meeting in the afternoon of September 3, 2022, for anticipated events/rallies in 2023. I was greatly encouraged by the open discussion of ideas and participation of not only those members of the Board who were present, but also by the eagerness with which other club members stepped forward upon learning of the various opportunities for the forthcoming year.

We have identified five (5) rallies for 2023: Four (4) Local and one (1) National. The Board wishes to have each local PAC rally co-hosted, along with an identified Director Board member. (cont.)

WELCOME NEW PAC AND PWCA BOARDS!

PENN WOOD CAMPGROUND ASSN. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023

President: [Rusty Ward #04821](#)
1st Vice President: [Scott Smithley #05219](#)
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(PAC) PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS (cont.)

This has already been met with enthusiastic support. In addition, as an aid to those who are co-hosting rallies, a cost analysis template will be available. Separate, off-campground rallies, not officially hosted by PAC but instead by individual PAC members, are likely to be privately organized and advertised during the camping season. Please, enjoy those rallies, as well.

The National Rally at Penn Wood will be held in late September/early October to coincide with a portion of the *Clarion Autumn Leaf Festival*®. This presents numerous opportunities for which PAC members may volunteer. More information can be expected on this subject. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed!

The tentative schedule of next year’s important dates and events is posted in this edition of *The Itchy Hitch*. This schedule is anticipated to be finalized as presented once the specific National Rally dates are identified.

Until we meet again, keep those tires inflated and the wheels turning,

Scott Brinkmeyer #10719
President PAC
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Installation of new PAC Officers and Board Members

PAC is pleased to announce the following new members of the Club. (R) = Regular Member, and (A) = Affiliate Member. Please, when you see them, offer a warm welcome to:

- (R) Laurie Kerschner #12062 of Easton, PA, owner of a 2017 Basecamp, 16’
- (R) Karen & Ken Stubbs #06260 of Mifflintown, PA, owners of a 2022 Bambi, 16’
- (R) Krishna & John King #13510 of Easton, PA, owners of a 2019 Flying Cloud, 30’

We look forward to learning all about your Airstream travels and ambitions around a campfire. Welcome aboard!

Calendar Heads Up for 2023:

New PAC members in particular should mark their 2023 travel calendars for August 5 & 6, 2023, for Pennsylvania Airstream Club’s *New Members Welcome & Maintenance Rally* at Penn Wood Campground for Airstreams in New Bethlehem, PA. Bring your questions to our in-house training specialists and your appetites to our buffet. Your new club friends await!



PENN WOOD CAMPGROUND ASSOCIATION (PWCA) PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by Rusty Ward #04821, s2000rio@yahoo.com

As another camping season is quickly coming to a close, on behalf of the Board, I want to thank everyone for all their efforts in making this park what it is, a truly special place. In addition, I want to thank Debbie Cotten for serving on the Penn Wood Campground Board this past year. For those able, please join us the weekend of October 14th. The water will be turned off on Friday, the 14th, and camp cleanup will start at 9 AM on Saturday, the 15th.

I look forward to working with the new Penn Wood Campground Board comprised of the following:

- Rusty Ward: President
- Scott Smithley: Vice-President
- Karl Ludwig: Secretary
- Christine Ward: Treasurer
- Arlo Goldsberry: Director
- Marianne Green: Director
- Beth Ludwig: Director
- Mike Mikulski: Director
- Scott Brinkmeyer: PAC President

Looking ahead to next year, we will be working on determining the campground's goals and priorities. At this time, we know that one of our big projects will be to upgrade our electric. Stay tuned for more details as we finalize.

Safe travels to all, and I look forward to seeing you in the Spring of 2023.

Rusty

WANT TO BUY/SELL

Take advantage of this free advertising opportunity in the *Itchy Hitch*. Your unneeded Airstream item may be exactly what a member is looking for, or someone may have for sale what you yourself need. Please send your "Want to Buy/Sell" notice with a brief description and contact info to:

Rich Giardina at richygard@gmail.com.

FOR SALE:

- Reese 4" Drop Hitch \$35
- Brand New in box Sewer Slinky \$10.00
- Brand New Flagpole Swivel Rings for 1/2" pole: 3 boxes of two each, aluminum, \$7 each or all 3 boxes for \$20.

Mark Wilson #16801, 814-699-2464 or markwunit91@gmail.com



Von and the "Fishbowl" at Pizza Pub

REGION 2 PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

by [RJ Marquette #13270](#)

August 27, 2022

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 airsteamclub.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!

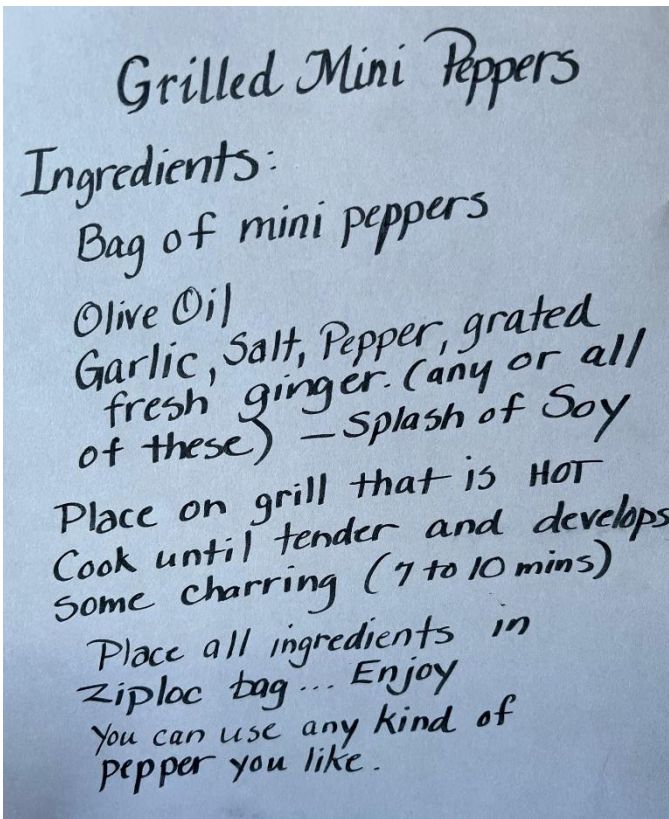
See you down the road!
RJ Marquette, Region 2 President, #13270



Marc & Becky Weimer at Int’l Rally in Fryeburg, ME

WHAT'S COOKING?

Here's another Airstreamer's favorite camping recipes from club member [Debbie Woodford](#) #08587 that would work for any occasion, camping or at home. Thank you for sharing, Debbie. If you have a favorite recipe, please consider submitting it to Rich Giardina (richygard@gmail.com) for future "What's Cooking?" segments. Let's share!



WITH YOUR HELP, ACI NATIONAL RALLY COMES TO PENN WOOD IN 2023

by Mary Wilson #16801, PAC National Rally Coordinator

Although we are a year off from bringing an Airstream Club (ACI) National Rally to Penn Wood, it seems prudent to provide some preliminary information on this event. This cannot happen without nearly everyone's supportive involvement. Please consider marking your calendar now for late Sep. 2023.

New ACI President Eric McHenry and First Lady LaVerne McHenry, Affiliate members of our Pennsylvania Airstream Club, are hoping to bring attention to the Airstream campgrounds around the country by supporting a National Rally at those facilities. The Pennsylvania Airstream Club, home based at Penn Wood Campground for Airstreams, responded positively to an outreach from Eric and is working in tandem with the Penn Wood Campground board to identify how best to prepare for as many as 35 Airstream trailers coming to our national rally in 2023. Our original rally field across the creek will be brought back online to accommodate up to 25 trailers, and up to 10 will be in the Meadow. We are striving to make this a particularly memorable event for all who attend, so where do we start? How about "when?"

ACI prefers to have a nearby event to serve as the main draw to an ACI national rally, such as the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Festival in New Mexico. In our case, the local event is the nine-day-long Autumn Leaf Festival® in Clarion, Pennsylvania. This festival draws about 500,000 people to this part of the country and offers a diverse program for all age groups, including glorious displays of Pennsylvania's leaves changing colors, car show, antique tractor show, farmers' and crafters' show, model railroad displays, live entertainment, wine-tasting at nearby winery, and food galore. For a flavor of the festival, click here to see [this year's schedule](https://www.clarionpa.com/events/autumn-leaf-festival/schedule-of-events/) - <https://www.clarionpa.com/events/autumn-leaf-festival/schedule-of-events/>. Next year's Festival is scheduled for Sep. 30 through October 8, with its festival parade to take place on Oct. 7. Our official rally at Penn Wood will be scheduled for a (cont.)

NATIONAL RALLY PENN WOOD 2023 (cont.)

portion of those days. Rally visitors are certainly able to extend their stay at Penn Wood as they desire.

More details will follow as they are developed, but it was paramount to let you know how critical it is to have as many PAC members as possible at Penn Wood to assist in any number of aspects of this rally. We will need part-time parkers; shuttle drivers (hay wagon/golf cart transports across the creek); breakfast and catered meal teams; campfire, in-field, and in-pavilion games coordinators; infrastructure team members; and more. We cannot do this without just about everyone's hands being on deck. Please mark your calendar to help and enjoy this new rally experience next autumn.

Photos of Doug Field's recent Airstream blown-open door trouble and repair coming back from Canada:



ACI President Eric McHenry at the Fryeburg National Rally



ACI President Eric McHenry and First Lady LaVerne McHenry

2023 TENTATIVE EVENTS SCHEDULE

(To help you plan your 2023 travel itineraries)

All events held at Penn Wood Campground unless otherwise indicated. Schedule finalized in January.

- **Apr. 14-16, 2023:** Penn Wood Spring Clean Up Weekend, weather permitting
- **May 6:** PAC/PWCA Meetings: 9 AM/9:30 AM
- **May 27-29:** Memorial Day Weekend Rally; and June PAC Board Meeting on May 27, 9 AM
- **June 3:** PWCA Board Meeting, 9:30 AM
- **June 2-6:** Region 2 Rally, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada
- **June 24-30:** ACI Int'l Rally, Rock Springs, WY
- **July 1-4:** Independence Day Rally (no mtgs.)
- **Aug. 5-6:** New Members Welcome & Airstream Maintenance Rally; and August PAC/PWCA Board Meetings on Aug. 5, 9 AM/9:30 AM
- **September 2-3:** Labor Day Weekend Rally and Sep. 2 PAC/PWCA Meetings, 9 AM/9:30 AM
- **Sep. 30 – Oct. 8:** ACI National Autumn Colors Rally for 3 nights sometime within Sep. 30-Oct. 8, the dates of the Clarion Autumn Leaf Festival[®]. National Rally at PW dates TBD
- **October 7, 2023:** PAC Airstreams “march” in the 70th Annual Allegheny Toyota Autumn Leaf Festival[®] Clarion Hospital Tournament of Leaves Parade, Clarion, PA. Parade begins at Noon; Advise Mary Wilson if you wish to “march” your Airstream in this huge parade. Looking for five or six PAC rigs to participate.
- **October 14, 2023:** Penn Wood Campground Breakdown & Closing

**We hope to see you at Penn Wood
And Beyond in 2023**

HAPPY TRAILS!

Airstream Supplies Shopping Made Easy

There’s still time to check your supplies for a few needed Airstream items. It is customary to wear your Airstream name badges at sponsored rallies. Do you know where yours are? Badges, flags, Airstream berets, lanyards, pins, tote bags, Big Red Numbers (BRN), etc. are all available at ACI’s Club Store. Get resupplied with a few replacement, or brand new, Airstream items. You’ll be ready to roll! Link: <https://airstreamclub.org/club-store>



Two parting shots from the Fryeburg Rally:

