

Keystone Kourier

President's Message

**Keystone PA Airstream Club #092
Region 2 - WBCCI**



Happy belated Thanksgiving

Keystoners! I hope your holiday was enjoyable and well spent with family and friends. Ours was low key as Arry is still recovering from a serious fall down our stairs in early November.

Fortunately, she is well on the road to recovery and we should be able to proceed on our long-planned trip to the Rose Bowl Parade rally with the Pitts'.

While many of you will be enjoying the Keystone Holiday luncheon on December 10 at the Plumsteadville Inn, Andy, Rick, Arry and I will probably be having a hamburger on the road. As a consolation, we'll soon be able to enjoy some of the best barbeque brisket in Austin, Texas while visiting my daughter and her family.

Don't forget to let Jerry and Barb Hillegass know whether or not you'll be attending the December luncheon so they can plan accordingly.

I hope to be able to provide a close to final draft of next year's travel schedule in time for discussion at the luncheon if there's time. We received good ideas for next year at the Installation Rally which we'll try to incorporate. I'd like to finalize the schedule with coordinator/hosts named by the end of the year. (Note that we have added the Chester County Blues BBQ rally to the list for those of you who may not be venturing to Canada for the longer Region rally. We expect that French Creek sites will fill quickly for this weekend, and some of you have already made reservations.)

As we don't plan to issue another Kourier until the beginning of February, Arry and I hope all of you have a happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Howard

Upcoming Events

Dec 10 - Noon

Keystone Holiday Lunch

Plumsteadville Inn
5902 Stump Road
Pipersville, PA
RSVP to the Hillegass' please!
(gaugeguy2@gmail.com)
(610-462-4881)

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Sunshine Report

Aside from a few early winter chills there isn't much to report!

Let us know of illnesses, surgeries, friends needing a kind word - and better yet, recoveries.

Karen (kkushto@comcast.net or cell 215-266-2410)

Happy Birthday to:

December

Pat Quinn (20th)

Chris Boland (30th)

January

Howard Mergelkamp (8th)

Happy Anniversary to:

December

Sue & Jody Dietz

Barry & Lesley Heckenswiler

Bud & Clare Vogt

January

Phyllis & Don Harrington

We have, and like to celebrate many birthdates and anniversary months but if we've missed you please email Rick/Andy (r_pitts@verizon.net).

Keystone Bits

. WBCCI has announced that the 2024 International Rally will be held in Sedalia, Missouri, kicking off on October 5th (the first time an International Rally will be held in the Fall).

. Save the Date: The 2023 Region 2 Rally will be held at Jellystone Park in Niagara Falls, Ontario, June 1-6. The park is only 3.5 miles from the Falls and the rally provides a great opportunity to camp again with our region Airstreamers. More details to follow.

. For many folks it's time to pay dues, see the note below...

Keystone Komedie Korner



At a rendezvous a new Airstreamer heard a Keystoner tell his spouse "79" and they laughed. The spouse replied with "137", and they laughed again. The Airstreamer asked what was up and the Keystoner said "we've been reading those great Kourier jokes for so long that we just memorized and numbered them". So the new Airstreamer said "429", and the couple barrel laughed. Curious about the high number he used, the Airstreamer asked if it was really that funny, and the Keystoner said "no, but that's the first time we've heard that one!"...

Please send **your** best quips to Rick & Andy for a future issue of the Kourier.

Season Finale Rally



Kathleen & Pat Quinn, Jennifer Eggers, Sharon & Wayne Fitzgerald (and Andrea too) and Phyllis & Don Harrington trekked a bit south to Trap Pond State Park in Laurel DE. Keystone kamping-karma was with them and provided a spectacular weather weekend and beautiful foliage. A pontoon ride across the pond and into the cypress swamp only added to the great time.



Upcoming Keystone Fun

The annual holiday luncheon will be held December 10th at noon at **Plumsteadville Inn** (5902 Stump Road, Pipersville, 215-766-7500). **Barb & Jerry Hillegass** are coordinating for the club. Please let them know if you are coming (gaugeguy2@gmail.com or 610-462-4881) so we can give the restaurant an expected count. You will be able to pay your own bill so there is no kitty fee for the luncheon. Again this year we'll collect voluntary contributions of unwrapped stuffed animals or toys for kids. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Southern Campgrounds (part 1)

Leaving the National Storytelling Festival rally in Jonesborough, TN, **Andy & Rick Pitts** headed to the southeast coasts for some Fall camping. Traveling in hurricane Ian's footsteps we were fortunate to find that the areas we visited had not been hit too badly, and were recovering quickly. Our first stop was at **Fort De Soto Campground** in Tierra Verde, FL (just below St. Petersburg). Right on the Gulf of Mexico this county park offers wonderful sites, trails, the old fort and opportunities for gorgeous sunsets. Then traveling east across the state we landed at **Jetty Park Campground** in Port Canaveral, FL. Well maintained sites are right on the entry/exit-way for the



Canaveral cruise ships (wave to Mickey as he sails by!), and within sight of the giant NASA assembly building and launch site (SpaceX night launch!). Leaving Canaveral we headed to St. Augustine and **Anastasia State Park**. Every site is nestled in between live oaks and just a short distance from beautiful white-sand beaches.

Plenty of trails provide opportunities for hiking, biking and spotting turtles and water fowl aplenty. The campground provides very easy access to St. Augustine and its many historic venues.



Catch the *Kourier* next month for scenes from our ramble home!

2022 Activities Schedule

December 10 (Sat) – Keystone Holiday Luncheon - Noon, Plumsteadville Inn, 5902 Easton Road, Pipersville, PA
Coordinator: Barb & Jerry Hillegass

Very Preliminary 2023 Activities Schedule

In order to help with your travel planning for next year we're adding the rallies that have already been scheduled. Be sure to check the **Blue Beret** and Airstream.org site for dates for other International and National Caravans and Events.

April 21-23 (Fri-Sun) – Maintenance Rally w/ DelMarVa & MACC – Queen Anne's County 4H Park
Keystone contact:

May 5-7 (Fri-Sun) – Eastern PA Opener w/ Central Penn and Penn Lehigh – Lums Pond State Park, Bear DE
Keystone contact: Rick Pitts (r_pitts@verizon.net)

June 1-6 (Thur-Tue) – Region 2 Rally – Jellystone Park, 8676 Oakwood Drive, Niagara Falls, Ontario
Hosted by the Ontario Airstream Club
Reservations at Jellystone expected to be open January 4th (100 sites being held – 1st come basis)
Keystone Contact:

June 2-4 (Fri-Sun) – Stayed at Home Rally (Chester County Blues BBQ) – French Creek State Park, Elverson, PA
12th Annual Blues BBQ, 2-7pm Saturday, June 3rd (\$ entrance fee) at nearby Wyndsor Farm
Coordinator:

June 24-30 – International Rally – Rock Springs, Wyoming (registration open on Airstream.org)
Keystone contact:

August 11-13 (Fri-Sun) – PA State Rally hosted by AlMonO – Whitehall Camp, Emlenton, PA

Membership Renewal

Renewal processing has begun for January members. The WBCCI/ACI website is processing all WBCCI renewals and related club member and club affiliate memberships, and has sent out renewal emails. Please head to the WBCCI/ACI site, sign-in and select the renewal tab on the 'Current Members' page. Remember to select Keystone as your home club. Dues have remained the same, \$75 for WBCCI/ACI and \$15 for Keystone (Lifetime members must renew this way, but pay only the Keystone dues). For members with dates other than January, headquarters will send out renewal notices about 3-months prior to your date. Note that only members who are current with their dues on January 1 will be listed in the 2023 Membership Directory.

Keystone Alumni: you have a January renewal date. Headquarters will not process your renewal so just send a \$15 check payable to 'WBCCI Keystone Club' to Rick Pitts (930 Stoney Run Dr, West Chester, PA, 19382) by January 1 (Andy & I will be heading to the Rose Parade rally and will miss the December luncheon so please drop your check in the mail).
Thanks all!

Andy and Rick Pitts
930 Stoney Run Dr.
West Chester, Pa. 19382



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE CLUB

Contact:

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