

Keystone Kourier

President's Message

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



Happy New Year Keystoners from sunny California! We hope your holidays have been enjoyable. Arry and I are here with Rick and Andy to attend the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena. That will be the highlight of our 7-week trek across the country where we've enjoyed the scenery, the cuisine, visiting 2 of my grown children and their families, and

each other's company. We've had a great time and fortunately avoided the record-breaking cold, "Polar Plunge" and "weather bomb." Along the way we visited Elvis's Graceland (fascinating museum with great display of his famous costumes), toured the French Quarter by carriage and enjoyed beignets (i.e. holeless donuts) in New Orleans, and the impressive and diverse mountains at Big Bend and Guadalupe National Parks. We even witnessed Rick dumpster diving to retrieve his missing phone. That was quite a site! The joys of traveling in our Airstream!

Attached is the latest travel schedule for next year. Things are beginning to firm up thanks to the volunteers who have stepped up to host or coordinate several of the events. Looks like we'll be able to have a rally at the Lancaster Balloon Fest and hold the Installation Rally in a private room at the Bird-in-Hand Smorgasbord. We could still use volunteers to coordinate or help with some of the activities so please step up if you can.

You are encouraged to book now one of the limited spaces available at the Mill Bridge Village & Camp Resort where we'll be for the Lancaster Balloon Fest rally on September 15-17, 2023. The same for booking at the Beacon Hill campsite October 20-22 for the Installation Rally. Additional details will be provided shortly for the other activities on the calendar.

The next scheduled event will be the Valentines luncheon on February 11 at Howard's and Arry's home. Details will follow.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our home.

Howard

Upcoming Events

Feb - Noon

Valentine Luncheon

Mergelkamp's
4364 Maplewood Drive
East Greenville, PA
267-733-3565

March - Noon

Spring Luncheon

Pitts'
930 Stoney Run Drive
West Chester, PA
610-793-9262

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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:

January

Howard Mergelkamp (8th)

February

Lesley Heckenswiler (19th)

Happy Anniversary to:

January

Phyllis & Don Harrington

February

None to report

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

The Region Rally dates are June 2-6. For campground reservations contact Greg Amadio at +1 (800) 263-2570 or email him and leave a message (yogibear@jellystoneniagara.ca). Greg will call back to get registration details. You can cancel up to two weeks before without penalty. The rally rate is \$62/night (Can) plus taxes.

Upcoming Keystone Fun

No activities for January, but we're pleased to introduce the schedule of 2023 events below. Beginning in February with lunch at the Mergelkamp's we've used the survey results and packed in rendezvous' and special event rallies for all to join. **We do need YOU to join in making these successful for our club!**

Introducing



It's a pleasure to introduce the newest members of our club:

Melanie & Mac Kirkpatrick, #19733, from Glenmoore with their 2021 Basecamp

Affiliate members **Julie Slavet & John Walber, #24729**, from Philly with their 23' International

Jonathan & Dawn Pugh, #24489, from Wyalusing with their 1992 Sovereign

WELCOME – We look forward to meeting you on great camping weekends, rallies and caravans!

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Keystone Holiday Luncheon



Barb & Jerry Hillegass coordinated the holiday lunch at Plumsteadville Inn. Enjoying the day were **Karen & Will Kushto, Peg & George Spahn, Lesley & Barry Heckenswiler & guest Diane, Sue & Jody Dietz, Katherine & Brian Mulligan, Jennifer Eggers & her mother, Kathleen & Pat Quinn, Phyllis & Don Harrington and Sharon & Wayne Fitzgerald.** Thanks to all for the kids gifts, Barry and Lesley will be delivering them to Bucks County for distribution this holiday season.

Southern Campgrounds (part 2)

Last month we highlighted the front-end of **Andy & Rick Pitts** southeast Fall camping airventure. Following the



stop in St. Augustine FL we headed just a few miles north to Jacksonville and a nice Hanna Park city campground right on the beach, just re-opening from Covid restrictions. Timing was with us and there was a Blue Angel Airshow at the Naval Air Station. Another short jaunt up the coast took us to Creekfire Resort in Savannah, GA (site of last year's winter IBT meeting). A full amenity RV park it offers easy access to historic Savannah and its wonderful venues. Our last stop was at First Landing State Park (one of our favorites) in Virginia Beach. Not only did we enjoy a late fall stroll on the beach and



a great boat tour of the Naval base, but great local seafood from several of our favorite dives.

2023 Activities Schedule

February 11 (Sat - noon) – Valentine’s luncheon at Howard and Arry Mergelkamp’s home
4364 Maplewood Drive, East Greenville, PA. Phone: 267 733-3565 (snow date 2/18)

March 18 (Sat - noon) – Spring luncheon at Andy & Rick Pitts’ home,
930 Stoney Run Drive, West Chester, PA. Phone: 610 793-9262

April 14-16 (Fri-Sun) - Hickory Run State Park Keystone Rally, White Haven, PA
Coordinator:

April 21-23 (Fri-Sun) – Maintenance Rally w/ DelMarVa & MACC – Queen Anne’s County 4H Park, Centreville, MD
Keystone contact: Karen & Will Kushto (kkushto@comcast.net)

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 2-6 (Thur-Tue) – Region 2 Rally – Jellystone Park, 8676 Oakwood Drive, Niagara Falls, Ontario
Hosted by the Ontario Airstream Club
Campground reservations at Jellystone now open: call Greg Amadio at Jellystone: 1-800-263-2570
Rally registration info to follow
Keystone contact: Howard Mergelkamp (howardsan70@gmail.com)

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: Pat & Kathleen Quinn (kathleenquinn56@icloud.com)

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

July 14-16 (Fri-Sun) - Jim Thorpe Rally, Jim Thorpe, PA
Coordinators: Jennifer Eggers (jegg@leadershiftinsights.com) and Don & Phyllis Harrington

Aug 20-26 (Sun-Sat) - Western PA Caravan to tour: Johnstown Flood Museum, Flight 93 Memorial, Altoona Horseshoe Curve, Carlisle Army Heritage Center, Harrisburg sights
Coordinator: Howard Mergelkamp and

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

September 14-17 (Thu-Sun) - Lancaster Balloon Festival Rally, Bird-In-Hand, PA
Mill Bridge Village & Camp Resort, 101 South Ronks Rd, Ronks, PA 717-687-8181, **Reserve now!**
Coordinators: Jennifer Eggers (jegg@leadershiftinsights.com) and Jerry Hillegass

Oct 20-22 (Fri-Sun) - Keystone Installation Rally - Beacon Hill Campground, **Reserve now!**
128 Beacon Hill Road, Intercourse, PA, 717-768-8775 (Cabins available for those not towing, 2 night minimum)
Club luncheon buffet at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant, 2760 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird in Hand, PA
Lunch will begin at 1:00 pm in the Robin room, the annual meeting and officer installation will follow at 3:00
Coordinators: Jennifer Eggers (jegg@leadershiftinsights.com) and Jerry Hillegass

Dec 9 (noon) - Keystone Holiday Luncheon - Plumsteadville Inn, 5902 Easton Road, Pipersville, PA
Coordinator: Barb & Jerry Hillegass

Be sure to check the **Blue Beret** and Airstream.org site for dates for other International and National Caravans and Events.

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



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE CLUB

Contact:

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