



# The Itchy Hitch



Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Airstream Club (091)

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## WELCOME NEW PAC AND PWCA BOARDS!

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## PENNSYLVANIA AIRSTREAM CLUB (PAC) PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by President Scott Brinkmeyer #10719  
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“Contrast” - the state of being strikingly different from something else in juxtaposition or close association.” (Dictionary macOS).

This pointedly describes the weather pattern we experienced leading into the Christmas Holiday and the week following. Thankfully, some of us had planned festivities at home over the holidays, so travel during a blizzard in sub-zero temperatures was not an issue. Unfortunately, some of our guests had to either change or cancel their travel plans. We trust everyone was able to remain safe in the face of such harsh weather conditions and find peace and enjoyment during the Holiday Season.

With the turning of the calendar to 2023, it seems that we are now in that post-holiday hiatus when we start thinking of upcoming Airstreaming days, weeks, or even months. Following that busy time of the year in which we either mothball our Airstream or migrate South for the Winter/Spring, the start of 2023 offers a bit of a reprieve. Among various activities and entertainment in which to engage are RV Shows. A quick internet search reveals that regardless of which State or Province we find ourselves during the first three months of the new year, there is likely to be a RV Show (or two) within proximity. Even if one is not looking to purchase a RV, as we all well know, there are a multitude of ways to accessorize our Airstreams.

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**(PAC) PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS (cont.)**

As most are aware on December 3, 2022, Pennsylvania Airstream Club (PAC) membership voted by email to ratify the amendment to our Constitution and Bylaws. Our Constitution and Bylaws now essentially mirror those of the Airstream Club International. ACI officially, and quickly, approved our documents later on December 3rd. My gratitude to Mary Wilson, PAC Secretary, who was instrumental in facilitating this process from beginning to end.

I would like to welcome our newest members to the Pennsylvania Airstream Club and look forward to making their acquaintance. They are: Mac and Melanie Kirkpatrick #19733 of Glenmoore, PA; John Walber and Julie Slavet #24729 of Philadelphia, PA 19123; David Burton #01015 of Doylestown, PA; and Ron and Marcia Bradley #01043 of Victor, NY. Our warmest welcomes to you.

In closing Peggy joins in wishing all a very happy and healthy 2023,

Scott

**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](mailto:richygard@gmail.com)**

**PENN WOOD CAMPGROUND ASSOCIATION (PWCA) PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

by Rusty Ward #04821, [s2000rio@yahoo.com](mailto:s2000rio@yahoo.com)

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I don't know about you, but Christine and I are counting down to the next camping season, only 120 days to go until opening day.

As I look ahead, the Penn Wood Campground Board is hard at work. As some of you are aware, in mid-October we failed our water tests. This resulted in the board evaluating options to rectify the situation. Our plan will not only address the current issues, but will also address them for the long term. We are confident that these issues will be resolved before we open for the 2023-2024 camping season. Updates to be provided in future Itchy Hitch issues.

As a reminder, Beth Ludwig is responsible for this year's leases. She will be sending you the lease before the end of January. As a reminder, your lease and payment are due on or before April 1st. Her contact information is the following:

- o Cell Phone: (814) 823-5626
- o Email: [bwoolley2@gmail.com](mailto:bwoolley2@gmail.com)

Stay warm and safe travels!

Rusty

**REGION 2 PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

by [RJ Marquette #13270](#)

December 18, 2022

Hello, everyone! I’m writing this just a few days before Christmas, and I hope you all had a great holiday season.

I struggled with topics to write about last winter, but this month I have great news to share: You can now book the campground for the Region 2 Rally! The campground is Yogi Bear’s Jellystone Camp Resort in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Contact Greg Amadio at +1 (800) 263-2570 or email him ([yogibear@jellystoneniagara.ca](mailto:yogibear@jellystoneniagara.ca)) and leave a message. Greg will call back to get registration details. You can cancel up to two weeks before without penalty. Our group rate is \$62/night plus taxes.

The official rally dates are June 2 through June 6, 2023.

Registration for the rally will be available soon. The Ontario Club is preparing an event to remember!

See you next month!

–RJ Marquette, #13270– RJ Marquette, Region 2 President, #13270



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:

- (A) Mac & Melanie Kirkpatrick #19733 of Glenmoore PA, owners of a 2021 Basecamp 20X, 20'
- (R) Ronald and Marcia Bradley #01043, of Victor, NY, owners of a 2018 Flying Cloud, 25'
- (R) David Burton #01015, of Doylestown, PA, owner of a 2022 Pottery Barn, 28'
- (R) John Walber and Julie Slavet #24729 of Philadelphia, PA, owners of a 2023 International, 23'
- (A) Greg and Elizabeth Garner #09567 of Denver, CO, Owners of a 2019 International 25'

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!



**Winter is 1/3 over as of January 21<sup>st</sup>. Have you made your 2023 Airstream travel plans?**

**REST IN PEACE**

Louise P. "Weezie" Stewart (1923 – 2022)



Long-time WBCCI and Pennsylvania Unit/PAC member Louise Stewart of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, passed away on July 7, 2022, at the age of 99. Louise, an avid square dancer, and her late husband Elmer Stewart were long-time campers, joining WBCCI in 1971. They were particularly fond of traveling with Airstream caravans to Mexico and the Southwest, having joined five such caravans over the years. Their love of Airstreaming was evidenced by keeping their WBCCI membership current long after they could no longer camp. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Stewart family.

**REST IN PEACE**

Eugene "Tex" Ritter (1924 – 2022)



Long-time WBCCI and Pennsylvania Unit/PAC member and Army veteran Eugene "Tex" Ritter of Melbourne, Florida, passed away on April 26, 2022, at the age of 98, leaving his wife of 76 years Betty Ann and many descendants. The Ritters joined WBCCI in 1977 and are remembered for their great senses of humor. Tex, an avid fly fisherman, and Betty loved Airstreaming, joining 11 caravans over the years. Unit members JR and Sabina Freeman recall that, on caravanning to rallies, Tex would disappear soon after parking, having already rooted out a nearby stream that was calling to him. Even after retiring from traveling, the Ritters kept their WBCCI membership current in order to keep in touch with the latest Club activities. Our sincere condolences to Betty and family.

**ACI 66<sup>th</sup> International Rally  
ROCK SPRINGS, WY JUNE 24-30, 2023**

Find everything you need to know including reservation details at:

<https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023>





**A Photo Report from Mike Flesh in California**

A Photo Report from Mike Flesh Near Ponderosa RV Park, Coloma/Lotus, CA, Just South of Sutter's Mill, off the American River



Before the deluge from the nearby bridge



And a view of the flooded riverbank in January



The river in full flood in January



Looking to the riverbank before...



The Weimers recover from their rig/vehicle loss in 2022 with their vintage 1971 Safari and 2017 RAM 1500 replacement

**Al-Mon-O Invites You To Join Them In May**

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*Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club*

*Jackson Center Caravan and Rally*

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The Al-Mon-O Airstream Club is planning a Caravan to Jackson Center, Ohio. Tentative dates are May 4-7 2023. The Caravan will commence on May 4, 2023, at the Plaza Restaurant and Truck Stop, I80 Exit 42, and continue to Jackson Center. Thursday night will be spent at the Airstream Factory Terraport. Friday plans are being made for a factory tour and a meeting at The Club headquarters. Friday night thru Sunday morning we plan to camp at Indian Lake State Park which is about 11 miles east of Jackson Center. Sites there range from electric only to full hookup. Reservations can be made 6 months in advance. More on the reservation process and website/phone number will follow.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Indian Lake Site # \_\_\_\_\_ Joining Caravan Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Special Considerations/ Dietary needs/ Food allergies?

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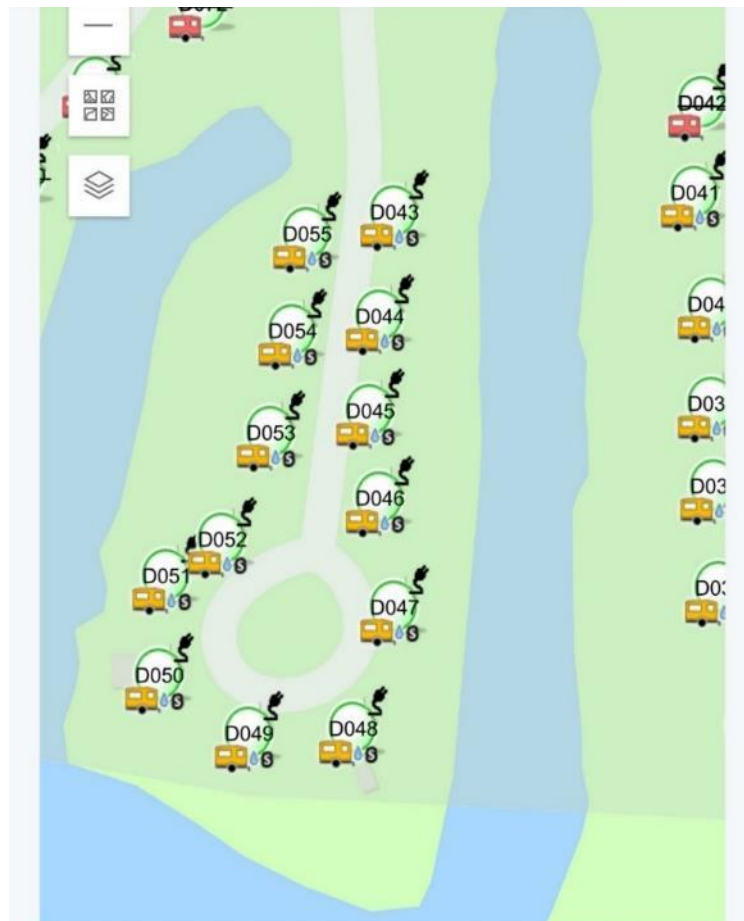
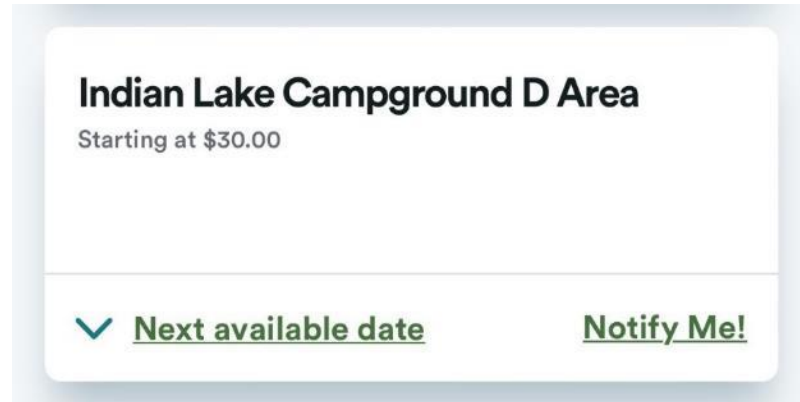
# INDIAN LAKE STATE PARK RESERVATION For Jackson Center Caravan

Reservations for the May Caravan to Jackson Center at Indian Lake State Park can be made 6 months in advance. For this event, you can begin making reservations on November 5. We will be staying here from May 5-7, 2023. Please visit the following link to make the reservation:

<https://ohiocamp.usedirect.com/OhioCampWeb/#!park/105>

We are hoping that everyone can book in area D. See the below photos.

If these sites fill up, there are many other full hookup sites available at the park.



**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:** PWCA Meeting, 9:30 AM  
(PAC not holding a May 6th meeting)
- **May 27:** June PAC Board Meeting, 9 AM
- **May 27-29:** Memorial Day Weekend Rally
- **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
- **Aug. 11-13:** PA State Rally  
Hosted by Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club  
Whitehall Camp & Conference Center  
Emlenton, PA
- **September 2-3:** Labor Day Weekend Rally and Sep. 2 PAC/PWCA Meetings, 9 AM/9:30 AM
- **October 7, 2023:** PAC Airstreams "march" in the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Allegheny Toyota Autumn Leaf Festival<sup>®</sup> 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!***



New PAC Members Shane Wolf and Shawn Ranspot #6887 are close to receiving back their "new" fully renovated 2003 30' Classic and are offering us a teaser shot of what they will likely show us at Penn Wood Campground later this summer. Look for a future newsletter article on their full renovation project. Thanks for the sneak peek!

