

# Keystone Kourier

## President's Message



Happy February Keystoneers! Just a couple months before our Aistreams are back on the road again. We're just putting ours away following our trip out West with Rick and Andy Pitts to the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California. That was an outstanding trip. Fortunately we were able to avoid the bad weather that plagued most of the country at that time. The closest we came to a serious weather problem was in Alabama where we were six miles from the bad tornadoes that swept through Selma. But it's good to be back home for a while as always. The next event on the calendar is the February luncheon at our house at noon on Saturday, February 11. Hopefully we'll see many of you here. I know a some of the new members will be joining us which is great. As usual folks should bring an appetizer, side or dessert to share with the group. We'll supply the main dishes and beverages.

Please let us know whether or not you'll be able to attend as soon as possible, preferably by February 5. An email to me at [howardsan70@gmail.com](mailto:howardsan70@gmail.com) would be best.

We'll hold a short meeting then to discuss the 2023 Travel Schedule. We're still looking for volunteers to coordinate or assist at several events.

Let me know if anyone needs directions to our house. While our mailing address is 4364 Maplewood Drive, East Greenville, we are actually in a wooded development in Lower Milford Township, not in the town of East Greenville. GPS should get you here.

See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Howard*



## Upcoming Events

**Feb 11 - Noon**

### Valentine Luncheon

Mergelkamp's  
4364 Maplewood Drive  
East Greenville, PA  
267-733-3565  
[howardsan70@gmail.com](mailto:howardsan70@gmail.com)

**March 18- Noon**

### Spring Luncheon

Pitts'  
930 Stoney Run Drive  
West Chester, PA  
610-793-9262 (after 3/13)  
[r\\_pitts@verizon.net](mailto:r_pitts@verizon.net)

## Stay Connected

Keystone on the web

<https://Airstreamclub.org/Keystone-Pennsylvania>



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## 2023 Officers

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Howard Mergelkamp

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Kathleen Quinn

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### Sunshine

Karen Kushto

### Kourier – Web Pages

Andy & Rick Pitts

## 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:

#### February

Lesley Heckenswiler (19<sup>th</sup>)

#### March

Wilson Yerk (6<sup>th</sup>)

Caryle Brayton (12<sup>th</sup>)

Andy Pitts (13<sup>th</sup>)

### Happy Anniversary to:

#### February

None to report

#### March

Barb & Jerry Hillegass

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 membership list will be updated this month. Those who have not renewed on their anniversary in 2022 or 1/1/2023 will be removed from the Kourier and Facebook listings.

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

. Gary Russo, incoming Region 2 president, needs a volunteer to manage the Region 2 website. Please contact him directly at [fulloflife123@yahoo.com](mailto:fulloflife123@yahoo.com) to help!

## Introducing



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

Affiliate members **Greg & Elizabeth Garner, #9567**, from Denver, CO with their 25' International

**Susan Landis, #18990**, from Green Lane with her 1962 Overlander

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



## *Scenes from a Great Urban Rally*

The **Pitts'** and **Mergelkamp's** headed west to the Rose Parade National Event Rally that was extremely well hosted by **Margaret & Brian Handshoe (and Ivy)** and **Nancy & Rick Vrieling**. The 4-days of dry camping in Pasadena included grandstand seats for the parade (only 3-blocks from the camp area). Add-ons included Equifest (a day-long show of the horse brigades in the parade) and 3 Bandfests (in which each of the participating parade bands performed on a local field). In addition to the rally fun at the daily breakfasts, happy-hours and taco bar one night, there was plenty of shopping (Macy's next door), eating (gotta hit 'The Hat' for pastrami) and easy day trips to Los Angeles' many attractions. And for we east-coasters there was as much fun and adventure in getting there and back! Here are just a few of the pics we took at the adventure:

### **The Rally:**



### **Equifest:**



### **Bandfest:**



### **The Parade:**



## *Upcoming Keystone Events*

As you're reading this, we hope you've RSVP'd for the Keystone luncheon at the **Mergelkamps** at noon on **Feb 11**. All you need to do is bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group. Figure on an amount that can feed eight or ten people. Drinks and the main dishes will be provided. It's a very informal gathering which gives everyone a chance to mingle and catch up over the winter. We'll talk about the travel plans for the coming season and see who wants to volunteer to help or lead some of the activities. If your schedule permits and you haven't RSVP'd, do it now ([howardsan70@gmail.com](mailto:howardsan70@gmail.com))! The more the merrier!

Next up is lunch at the **Pitts'** at noon on **March 18**. RSVP (email) by March 10<sup>th</sup> if you can.

## *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)  
RSVP by Feb 1 to Howard & Arry (howardsan70@gmail.com)

**March 18 (Sat - noon) – Spring luncheon** at Andy & Rick Pitts’ home,  
930 Stoney Run Drive, West Chester, PA. Phone: 610 793-9262  
RSVP by Mar 10 to Rick & Andy (r\_pitts@verizon.net)

**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 1-6 (Thur-Tue) – Region 2 Rally** – Jellystone Park, 8676 Oakwood Drive, Niagara Falls, Ontario  
Campground reservations at Jellystone now open: call Greg Amadio at Jellystone: 1-800-263-2570  
Rally registration info to follow (core rally activities Jun 2-4)  
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  
12<sup>th</sup> 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 – **sold out**, waitlist only)

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

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

**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**

**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 on Sat 21<sup>st</sup>  
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

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