



The Itchy Hitch



Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Airstream Club (091)

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PENNSYLVANIA AIRSTREAM CLUB (PAC) PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by President Scott Brinkmeyer #10719

Autumn is one of our favorite seasons of the year: warm days; cool, clear nights; a tapestry of foliage colors; cheering for our favorite sports teams; and harvest time. Having been raised on Iowa farms, both Peggy and I look forward to harvest time. Even though transplanted into the Pittsburgh metropolitan area many years ago, returning for harvest has been a wonderful diversion from my regular life's work. In recent years, we found ourselves not only in Iowa for corn and soybean harvest, but also in Idaho for wheat, potato, and sugar beet harvest. In addition, we've been in Alberta, Canada, for canola harvest. Even the Concord grape harvest in Pennsylvania presents an unforgettable, very pleasant aroma! I am often asked how these venues compare. I answer by claiming that it is such a beautiful and wonderful time of the year, it doesn't matter where one is during harvest time. With our Flying Cloud, we hope to take in harvest time in numerous regions of our great country.

Although we were not able to attend the Clarion, Pennsylvania, Autumn Leaf Festival, reports suggest it was an outstanding event, especially the parade that featured some from our Pennsylvania Airstream Club. Our exuberant thanks to "marchers" Karl Ludwig (2018 Basecamp), Doug and Cindy Field (1967 Caravel), and Marc and Becky Weimer (1963 Globe Trotter towed by their classic 1968 Dodge Polara), who all received miles of spectator cheers and inquiries.
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(PAC) PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS (cont.)

On our recent journey with our Flying Cloud to American Falls, Idaho, we spent one night at the site of the 2023 Airstream Club International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. The Sweetwater Event Center offers an expansive area of full-service hookups for campers and a convention facility to accommodate such a massive gathering. There are many interesting sites and activities in the region with which one can be easily entertained. ACI will continue to post pertinent information about this Rally. Of course, for those who attend from our club and Penn Wood Campground, there are innumerable points of interest in “fly-over” country of 1,676 miles. Having traveled through Rock Springs numerous times, we would be happy to offer a few suggestions. The attached photos from our recent Idaho harvest visit demonstrate our truck-driving efforts to help support the country’s food supply chain.

If you are interested in touring the Airstream factory and associated Heritage Museum, the Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club will be caravanning to Jackson Center (and the nearby campground) May 4 – 7, 2023. See pages 8 & 9 for registration details.

At this season’s very special holiday, Peggy and I wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

Scott Brinkmeyer #10719
President PAC
sdbrink@verizon.net



Trucks lined up to start at the crack of dawn.



The potato/beet digger loading a truck.

SPECIAL THOUGHTS

The Pennsylvania Airstream Club would like to extend its sincerest condolences to Marypat and Hans Cooper on the passing of Marypat's brother David Brodie on October 3rd and to Cindy and Doug Field on the passing of Cindy's father Louis Smith on October 19th.

PAC sends out get well wishes to all who have recently been ill or are recovering from recent surgeries. Get Well Soon!

WHAT'S COOKING?

PUMPKIN FRENCH TOAST

doityourselfrv.com/fall-camping-recipes

You can easily cook French toast over a fire if you have a cast iron skillet. Just melt some butter in the pan before you start and add more as necessary.

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 tsp. pumpkin spice blend (or a pinch of cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and cloves)
- 1/2 loaf of sliced bread

Beat the eggs, milk, puree, and spices together. If the mix is too thick for your taste, add a bit more milk to thin it out. Next, dip the bread into the mixture, and thoroughly coat both sides. Drop it into the cast iron skillet and toast both sides.

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!

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

2020 Bambi Airstream 22' - \$57,000

More information at:

www.airstreamclassifieds.com/2020-airstream-bambi-21-pennsylvania-366633

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Denny & Gayle Gibson masterfully leveled their Airstream at the Pennsylvania State Rally



Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum from Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights Caravan. Bill & Debbie Woodford

More photos from the Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights Caravan from Bill & Debbie Woodford



Seul Choix Pointe Lighthouse, Lake Michigan



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Lake Superior



Tahquamenon Falls



Parkers at campground in St. Ignace

REGION 2 PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

by [RJ Marquette #13270](#)

October 24, 2022

Our camping season is winding down, unfortunately. Erica and I spent our last weekend of the season with the Metro New York Airstream Club at Croton Point Campground, just north of New York City. I’ve avoided talking about the club rallies we’ve attended, because I don’t want to risk coming across as “reviewing” the rally or the club. The truth is that we’ve had a great time at every rally we’ve attended. Everyone I’ve met in the club has been extremely welcoming. If you haven’t gone to a rally for a different club, please consider it - you’ll meet great people and maybe get some new ideas for your own club.

We’re working on the Region 2 rally with the Ontario Canada Airstream Club. The dates are June 2-6, 2023. The campground has agreed to start taking reservations after the beginning of the year, but we’re working to see if we can open that sooner. They have set aside 100 sites for us at a reduced rate, and they’ll extend the reduced rate for anyone coming early or staying late. The Ontario Airstream Club members are also researching food and entertainment options. We’re going to have a great rally!

Thank you to Metro New York Airstream Club President Colleen Ahlers (#5505) for volunteering to become our new Region 2 Membership Chair. Colleen and her husband Jerry have been members of WBCCI for decades, and Colleen’s enthusiasm for this role will complement International Membership Chair Cody Klingler’s.

The 2024 International Rally dates and location have been announced: October 5-11, 2024, in Sedalia, Missouri. Mark your calendars for the very first International rally held outside summer!

International President Eric McHenry and Office Manager Lori Plummer hosted a campfire chat recently answering questions about the club. I wasn’t able to attend, but I’ve heard it was well attended and very informative. There are three more scheduled:

December 14, March 8, and May 24, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Eastern.

Until next month...

– 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:

- (R) William and Pam Shortall #3083 of Kintnersville, PA, Regular Members, and owners of a 22' 2022 Caravel.
- (A) Helen Alden #06909 of Paoli, PA, Affiliate Member, and owner of a 22' 2020 Bambi

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!

AIRSTREAMS ON PARADE

by Mary Wilson #16801

Who would have ever imagined that three tiny Airstreams could have generated such enthusiasm from countless strangers on sidewalks? The eruptive occasion was the 69th Autumn Leaf Festival Parade[®] held in Clarion, Pennsylvania, on October 1, 2022; and three Pennsylvania Airstream Club members stepped forward as “marchers” to bring attention to the many rewards of Airstreaming. Our club’s community awareness effort created a surprisingly raucous reaction from the miles of applauding spectators and a shockwave over our Airstream owners on parade.

Karl and Beth Ludwig’s 2016 Basecamp led the group, followed by Marc and Becky Weimer’s vintage 1963 Globe Trotter towed by their classic 1968 Dodge Polara, and “caboose” by Doug and Cindy Field’s vintage 1967 Caravel. The Airstreams, group number 134 in line, were placed in marching order at 10AM on a Clarion side street; and the front of the parade started to process up the parade route at Noon. In those waiting hours in the chilly, misty air, there were numerous spectators who approached to ask about the trailers. There is something to be said about bringing your warm kitchen and bathroom with you while waiting for the parade to begin. No port-a-pottie lines!

Afterward, PAC agreed that we should make this an annual community-outreach event, and our application is being submitted for next year’s parade on October 7, 2023. We hope to add a few more rigs to the train, maybe an Airstream motorhome and a newer, larger Airstream. Is yours available for a few hours of community outreach next year? Let us know and mark your calendar.

Big thanks to our marchers for rolling their wheels through Clarion. It was a blast.



PAC’s Airstreams staged at Penn Wood



Ready to parade in Clarion



A view of the Leaf Festival Parade crowd

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

by Mary E. Wilson #16801

The PAC will conclude its Special Email Meeting on December 3, 2022, for the purpose of presenting and voting upon the proposed 2022 PAC Constitution and Bylaws Amendments. According to WBCCI / ACI guidelines, each local club must conduct a review of these governing documents every five years; and we look forward to completing our review process shortly. If you are a Regular Member of the Pennsylvania Airstream Club, you should have received via email or first-class mail the proposed amendments to both documents for your review and return vote in support of, or opposition to, the proposed amendments. We encourage those who have yet to vote, or who request a resend of those documents, to please contact PAC Secretary Mary Wilson at marywunit91@gmail.com or phone 814-571-1168 before December 1, 2022.

The Constitution amendments include 1) changing all references to “PA Unit” to “PA Airstream Club;” 2) removal of references to “co-owners” as PAC has none; 3) increase board members’ terms, if elected, to up to four (4) one-year terms for officers and up to two (2) two-year terms for directors; and 4) allow recognized voting PAC members unable to attend meetings in person to submit votes on matters via email (electronically), regular mail, or facsimile prior to two (2) days before the meeting.

Bylaws amendments include 1) “PA Unit” to “PA Airstream Club;” 2) to clarify that the PAC Executive Board may amend the Bylaws by a two-thirds vote following receipt of such amendments in writing at least 10 days prior to such vote; and 3) removal of Article VI, Delegates, section following WBCCI’s removal of delegate votes at its WBCCI annual meetings.

Thank you to those who have already cast their votes.

WE NEED A NEW PAC LOGO

Just prior to the pandemic, PAC had initiated an informal look at developing a new club logo/flag. It fell off the radar for a while, and we would like to see it brought back to the front burner. Board members have touched upon a preference for the logo, and hence the flag, to reflect the club’s connection to the campground, i.e., some element of the campground worked in.

Do you have an artsy flair and a willingness to work with another member on this one-time volunteer project? This is something that could even be worked on remotely. Ideally, two or three designs would be presented to the PAC Board and membership for an eventual vote prior to flag production.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Mary Wilson #16801 at marywunit91@gmail.com



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

Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club

Jackson Center Caravan and Rally



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?

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.

Indian Lake Campground D Area

Starting at \$30.00

✓ [Next available date](#) [Notify Me!](#)



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 27-29:** 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
- **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 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

Are you in need of some Airstream items for gifts? Badges, flags, Airstream berets, lanyards, pins, tote bags, Big Red Numbers (BRN), apparel, etc. are all available at ACI's Club Store.

You'll be ready to roll for the Holidays!

<https://airstreamclub.org/club-store>



Warm Wishes from Penn Wood for the Holiday Season