

# The Hillbilly

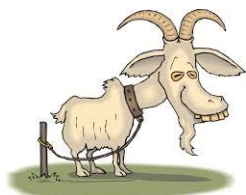


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## President's Message



Hello everyone. Happy February. It's the shortest month of the year so we're that much closer to April camping season. I want to give a big thank you to Ken and Nancy Egan for hosting lunch at Cryans this January. See the write up in this issue.

This month I would like to begin bringing to your attention something we may all be aware of, but few of us take advantage of. That being Member Benefits offered by WBCCI. Watchung's own Richard Short is the member benefits coordinator at WBCCI and has worked long and hard putting together these partnerships with the various vendors. I really don't think the mothership does a good job of promoting these benefits which can save you real money on things like Michelin tires, Airstream Store products, Harvest Hosts, Passport America and the newest addition to our benefits program, The Abenity perks program. The Link to the ACI Member's only Section is [https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section?check\\_logged\\_in=1](https://airstreamclub.org/member-only-section?check_logged_in=1). ACI members will need to log in to view the page. When you scroll down the page you'll see the Abenity Perks program listed.

Once you set up an account, there are thousands of offers available. You can even limit your search radius to keep offers local. I found a \$10 gift certificate for only \$4! at a restaurant local to us out here. Our Honda CRV will be in need of tires soon, and I plan on using the Michelin Advantage Program to my advantage. I'll report back with the results. In the meantime take a few minutes and go to the ACI website and explore some of the savings. Rich has spent many hours setting these benefits up, and I'm sure he would answer your questions if you reached out to him.

In other news, Derek Conley has agreed to take over as Hillbilly editor. Please direct all submissions to Derek no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter. Thank you, Derek, for really stepping up and taking on this most important of club functions. The Hillbilly has been in continuous publication since the Watchung unit was founded, so it's great to see that the newsletter lives!

In February the club will meet at The Warrenside Tavern on February 12<sup>th</sup>, so please sign up soon if you're planning on attending, and in March we will be at Scotto's Ristorante Italiano in East Windsor NJ on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Both lunch signups are available online for those who prefer.

That's it for this month. See you down the road!

George Kiesel

**"For in the final analysis the real measure of living is in seeking out and meeting challenges. What point is there, really in always doing what is easiest?" --- Wally Byam**

# January Luncheon Report

WATCHUNG LUNCHEON AT CRYAN'S TAVERN 1/14/23

Hi fellow Watchungers

On Saturday, January 14, 2023, 18 Watchung Unit Airstreamers gathered for a filling lunch at Cryan's Tavern in Annandale. This was the first time our group has gone to Cryan's, and Ken and Nancy Egan did a wonderful job of discovering a new location to have our luncheons.

We started out with a choice of four appetizers, (potato skins, bacon bombs, fried pickles or Irish pretzels). Our lunch choices included fish and chips, shepherd's pie, grilled chicken breast or penne vodka. The portions were generous, and all seemed pleased with their meals. Cryan's is an Irish pub, and they were doing a brisk Saturday business, with multiple sporting events playing on the TV's. Ken and Nancy provided a wide variety of dessert choices to choose from, encouraging us to "take two". There was plenty left over, and the Cryan's staff assured us they could take care of that for us.

Fred Brugmans got his creative juices going as he made several pencil holders, complete with markers, pencils and candy, which were raffled off following lunch. A couple of other donations were also raffled off, as we took up a collection. President George Kiesel has chosen St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital as this year's charity, and the January luncheon was the first collection. Thank you for the generosity of the attendees, as \$102 was collected.

Once again, Ken and Nancy put together a great luncheon, and they also did not have the luxury of a co-host. Just want to encourage folks, that if you see a rally or luncheon that needs a co-host, it is an effective way to learn how, allows you to work with another member, and get to know them better. Second VP Leslie DeHerde is currently looking for hosts and co-hosts for 2024, so let her know if you can help fill the schedule. We look forward to another Watchung gathering on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Warrenside Tavern. Thank you again to Ken and Nancy!

Submitted by Linda Kiesel

## February Birthdays

KJ Feury

Mike Richards

Richard Short

Erika Beddiges

Michael Koczwaro

If you would like to have your birthday month acknowledged in the newsletter please send an email to [dconley1810@gmail.com](mailto:dconley1810@gmail.com)

# Region President's Message

## REGION 2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RJ Marquette #13270

Jan. 26, 2023

Preparations for the 2023 Region 2 rally are well underway, and it's shaping up to be a good time. We'll get registration open soon, and I'll alert the club presidents and newsletter editors when it opens. I'm happy to report that Can-Am RV Centre in London, Ontario is giving us a generous donation that will cover many of the expenses for the rally, lowering the registration fee drastically. If you haven't booked with the campground, please contact Greg at +1 (800) 263-2570 to book your site. The rally is being held June 2-6 at Jellystone Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

If you are crossing from the United States to go to the rally, you will need your passport. Also, note there are restrictions on what we can bring across the border. In particular, firearms and ammunition are not allowed. There are also restrictions on food, and if you are bringing pets, you will want to check the rules for them. We have more info on the 2023 Region 2 Rally page here: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally>

We're starting to think about the 2024 Region 2 rally, too. We have lists of fairgrounds, but I know there are private campgrounds out there that could hold 75-100 of us. If you know of a campground that might be interested in hosting a region 2 rally, please drop me a line at [rjm1@yahoo.com](mailto:rjm1@yahoo.com). If your club is interested in hosting next year's region 2 rally, please let me know!

Until next month!

–RJ Marquette, #13270

# Volunteer Needed

Region 2 needs to fill the position of Region Web Site Chairman.

## Responsibilities

1. Develop and maintain the web page highlighting the officers and events within the region. This person should possess knowledge of the workings of the World Wide Web and the process of transferring files to and from the local web server.
2. Work closely with the Region President to publish information on the Region 2 Web Site. This includes information about region rallies and caravans.
3. Create registration forms for region events, such as the Region 2 rallies or luncheons at International.

Please contact Region 2 President RJ Marquette for more information.



## Red Stars

Watchung is honored to have 10 members celebrating (another) 5 years of uninterrupted WBCCI membership in 2023! One star is awarded for each five years of consecutive membership, to be displayed adjacent to their WBCCI/WBAC membership number on the front and back of their rig or on a placard.

<b>Name and WBCCI #</b>	<b># of Stars</b>	<b>Years of membership</b>
Banks # 2026	2	10 (2013)
Blauth # 6835	1	5 (2018)
Dolan # 5407	1	5 (2018)
Feury #10387	1	5 (2018)
Forster # 2405	2	10 (2013)
Hagman # 2859	7	35 (1988)
Pearson # 6746	1	5 (2018)
Plant #2256	5	25 (1988)
Riley # 28240	1	5 (2018)
Wagner/Conley #16003	1	5 (2018)

## SUNSHINE

**A congratulations card went to Ken and Nancy Egan on the birth of their Grandson.**

**Please notify Linda Kiesel with all your joys and concerns!!**

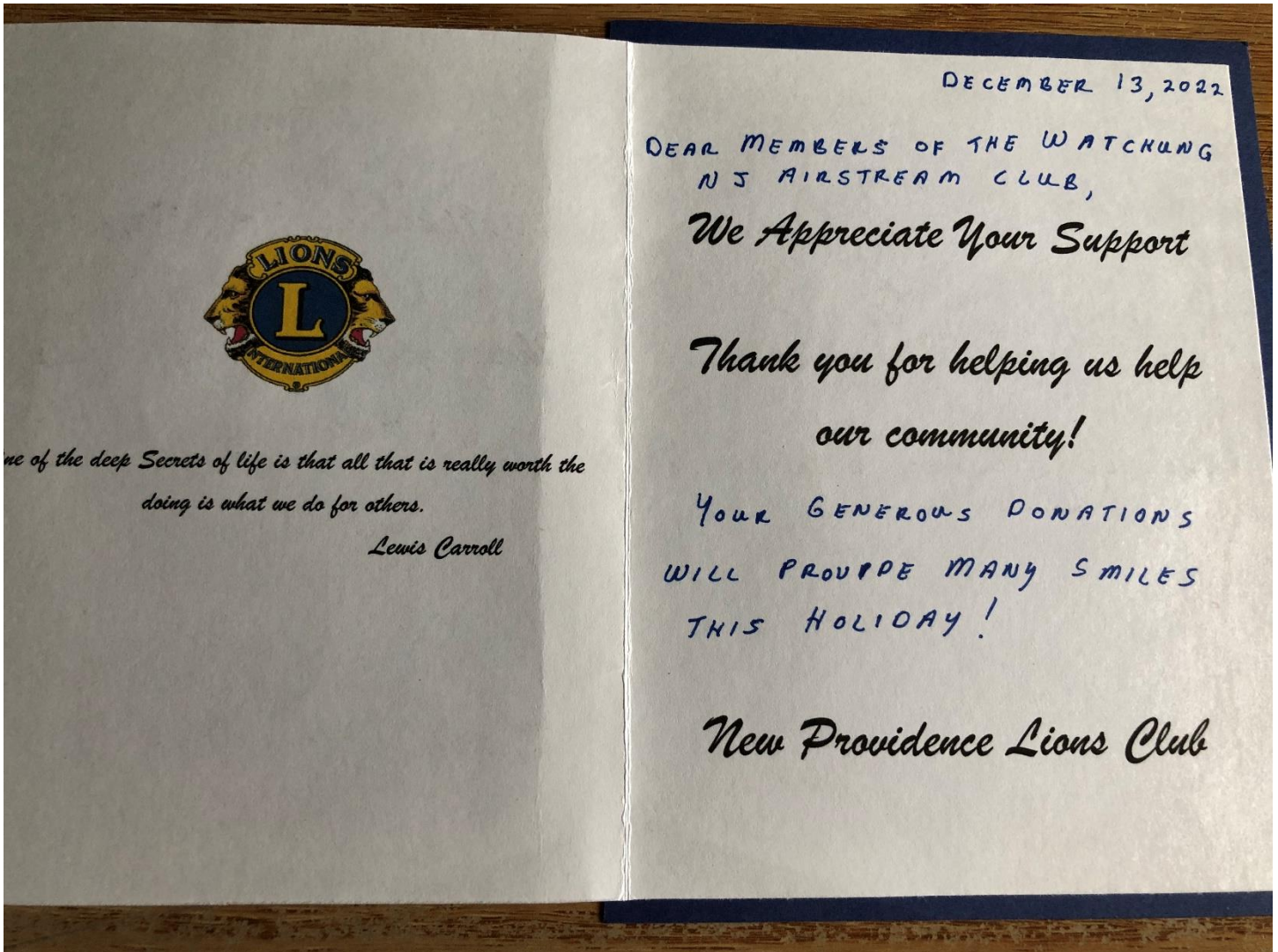
## *Bits and Pieces*

**Check out the new Region 2 website at**  
<https://airstreamclub.org/region2>

**Items for the newsletter?** Send them to Derek Conley by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month! (dconley1810@gmail.com)

# Christmas Toys Thank You

At the Club's Christmas luncheon we collected dozens of toys for needy children, enough to fill the back of a Jeep Grand Cherokee. The toys were delivered to the Lion's Club of New Providence, New Jersey who combined them with results of their own toy drive and drove all of them to the Picatinny Arsenal for distribution to children throughout New Jersey. The Lions sent us the thank you note reproduced below. Thank you to everyone who contributed this year.





# 2023 Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon and Rally Schedule

If you are interested in hosting or cohosting a rally or luncheon, please see the list below and let George Kiesel know.

**2023 February Luncheon:** February 12, 2023, 12:00 noon at Warrenside Tavern, 511 Rt. 173, Stewartsville, NJ. Hosted by Frank & Leslie DeHerde and Gail Lloyd. See Coupon below.

**2023 March Luncheon:** March 25, 2023, 12:00pm at Scotto's Ristorante Italiano, 400 Abbington Dr, East Windsor, NJ. Hosted by Rich & Kathi Short and Lea Plant. See Coupon below.

**2023 April Rally:** April 28-30, 2023, Trap Pond State Park, Hosted by Lois Wagner, Derek Conley and Lynda Kresge. See Coupon below. [Trap Pond - Delaware State Parks \(destateparks.com\)](https://destateparks.com)

**2023 May Rally:** Anyone interested in holding? **Host & Co-host Needed.**

**2023 June Region 2 Rally:** June 2-6, 2023 Niagara Falls, Ontario. See the Region 2 website for additional information. <https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally>

**2023 66<sup>th</sup> International Rally Wyoming:** June 24 – 30, 2023 <https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2023>

**2023 July Rally:** **Host & CoHosts Needed.**

**2023 August Rally:** August 10- 13, 2023, Lake Glory Campground in Catawissa PA. Hosted by George & Linda Kiesel and Laura Raymond. See information below.

**2023 September Rally:** Hosted by Mark & Angie Ratliff and Cohost Rebecca Glick.

**2023 Octoberfest Rally & Business Meeting:** Rich & Kathi Short and Lea Plant. See information below.

**2023 November Luncheon** Hosted by Barbara Taylor and Michael Koczwarra and cohosts Cathy and Jay McCarthy.

*Instructions for event registration and payment are on page 10.*

# February Luncheon



Hosted by: Leslie and Frank DeHerde and Gail Lloyd

**Where: Warrenside Tavern**  
**511 Rt. 173, Stewartsville, NJ**

**When: 2/12/2022 @ 12noon**

**Menu:**

House Salad

Entrée choices:

1. Chicken Saltimbocca served with rice and veggie of the day
2. Tender tips Marseillaise served with rice and veggie of the day
3. Broiled cod with butter lemon caper sauce served with rice and veggie of the day
4. Harvest salad mixed greens with pecans, goat cheese and cranberries

Includes Soft drink or Coffee

Dessert will be served

**Cost: \$28 per person**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chicken**            \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tender Tips**     \_\_\_\_\_  
**Baked Cod**        \_\_\_\_\_  
**Harvest Salad**    \_\_\_\_\_

**Return coupon to Leslie DeHerde 22 Hissim Rd., Great Meadows, NJ 07838 or pay on line with PayPal by February 1<sup>st</sup>**

# March Luncheon

March 25, 2023

Join us for lunch at:  
Scotto's Ristorante Italiano  
400 Abbingdon Dr.  
East Windsor, NJ 08520  
609-443-6410  
[www.scottospizzaristorante.com](http://www.scottospizzaristorante.com)



Scotto's is located in the Twin Rivers Shopping Center just off Rt. 33 Eastbound and just minutes from Colonial Airstream. Come on out for lunch and then let's go check out the new 2023 Airstreams!

12:00 pm  
\$35.00 per person

**Fixed Menu Includes:**  
Appetizer (Antipasto, Bruschetta),  
Garden Salad  
Penne Vodka  
Chicken Francese  
Eggplant Parmigiana  
Bread, Soda, Coffee, Dessert

Do not delay, register by: **March 17, 2023**

Hosts:

Rich and Kathi Short  
[rcshort49@gmail.com](mailto:rcshort49@gmail.com)  
c – 609-618-0355

Co-Host: Lea Plant  
[tenlea@aol.com](mailto:tenlea@aol.com)  
c – 973-477-0289

\*\*\*\*\* Coupon \*\*\*\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ BRN: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount (\$35 pp) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign-up/pay online at: [AirstreamClub.org/watchung-nj](http://AirstreamClub.org/watchung-nj) (scroll to bottom)

OR

Mail coupon & check (Payable to Watchung NJ Airstream Club) to:  
Rich/Kathi Short  
402 Sentinal Dr.  
Forked River, NJ 08731-1650





**April Rally  
Unbutton Your Rig  
Trap Pond State Park, Delaware  
April 28-30**

*Hosts: Lois Wagner, Derek Conley, Lynda Kresge*  
**Link to Trap Pond State Park information:**  
<https://destateparks.com/TrapPond>

Trap Pond State Park has four RV site loops, A through D. While the D loop may be fully booked there are still some sites available for this weekend in other loops, all of which are close by. The rally hosts will be at D10 and D12.

The planned rally schedule (may change due to weather, etc) is below. All activities are at sites D10 and D12 unless otherwise noted:

- Friday:
  - 1 PM (and after) check in. Dinner on your own.
  - 5 PM Happy hour. Please bring a small appetizer to share, your own beverage, and chair.
  - 8 PM campfire, weather permitting. (Time approximate)
  
- Saturday:
  - 8:30 to 9:30 AM Continental breakfast: Coffee, quiche and muffins. Bring plates, mugs, and utensils.
  - 9:45 depart for tour of Goose Nest Weavers. No charge. Please join us for a tour of this local weaving shop to see their many antique looms and examples of the fabrics they produce.
  - Noon to 2 PM Lunch on your own
  - 2:45 PM First pontoon boat tour of the northernmost bald cypress swamp (see Trap Pond photo above). Boat maximum 16 passengers, \$8.00 per person. We have reserved the entire boat for two trips in the afternoon. Meet at the boat ramp (on the other side of the pond from the campsite).
  - 3:45 PM Second pontoon boat tour of the swamp.
  - 5 PM Happy hour. Please bring a small appetizer to share, and your own beverage.
  - 6 PM Dinner. Pulled pork, Cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans (vegetarian), corn bread, pasta salad (v) lemon & garlic broccoli (vegan). Dessert. Bring beverage, plates and utensils.
  - 8 PM Campfire, weather permitting.
  
- Sunday:
  - 8:30 AM Executive Board meeting
  - Continental breakfast. Coffee, pastries, yogurt, fruit. Bring plates, mugs and utensils.
  - 9:30 General meeting
  
  - Noon: Checkout for those leaving on Sunday

Rally fee: **\$20 per person**                                      Pontoon Boat Swamp Tour: **\$8 per person.**

Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred tour (choice not guaranteed) 3:00 tour: \_\_\_\_ 4:00 tour: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Rally Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Boat Tour Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for receipt of payment: April 1, 2023  
Pay by **Paypal** or make checks payable to Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club.  
Mail checks to: Lois Wagner, 29 Colony Court, New Providence, NJ 07974

# August 2023 Rally

Hello everyone. We are pleased to report that all 22 of the sites that the campground reserved for our August rally have been filled. If you still are interested in participating in the rally but haven't reserved a spot yet some other sites in the campground may still be available. Please contact the campground for more information:

Campsite map <https://www.knoebels.com/download/?id=3370>

Lake Glory Website <https://www.knoebels.com/stay/lake-glory-campground>

Phone: [570-356-7392](tel:570-356-7392) . Tell them you are with the Airstream club.

If you are planning on attending please let us know what site you have booked.

The rally dates are **Thursday Aug 10th thru Sunday Aug. 13th, 2023.**

In the coming months we will put out a list of attendees and a coupon detailing the rally fee, meal planning etc.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. Should be a good time.

Your hosts; George and Linda Kiesel with Laura Raymond.

## How to Sign Up and Pay for an Event Online

*Our Treasurer writes:*

So, I have to admit that when I first tried to register for an event online I had difficulty navigating to the online event forms. For that reason I thought I would share this information just in case others have had the same experience as me.

1. First, log on to <https://airstreamclub.org/>
2. Click on the **EVENTS** tab
3. A map of the US will be displayed containing pins for all the events for all the Airstream clubs. Just above the map on the right side of the screen is the **Clubs** box. Click on the down arrow to display the list of clubs then scroll down to **Watchung NJ Club**. Clicking on this will cause the map to display only Watchung club events.
4. Find the event you wish to sign up for and click on the associated pin.
5. A text box giving a brief description of the event will be displayed. Click on the arrow in the orange box that says **More**.
6. A new page will be displayed. If a registration form has been created for the event this page will give you two options: online registration or mail-in registration using a download of the form. The online form allows payment via PayPal. If you prefer to pay via check download and print the form, which includes payment instructions. If there is no registration form available yet one will be at a later date.

Hope this helps 😊

Lois

# October 2023 Rally

## AUTUMN IN THE POCONOS

### : Oktoberfest Rally : Reserve your Site!

**Oct 5-9, 2023**  
**Arrive Early-  
Stay Late**

**Columbus  
Day Weekend**

**Peaceful  
Woodlands  
Campground**

*Located in the heart of the Pocono Mountains, Peaceful Woodlands is family owned/operated and sits on 50 acres at the base of the Dixon Miller Recreation Area (Elevation 2212 ft). **This is a Buddy Rally and a Business Meeting.** We have 15 Full Hookup sites reserved at a discounted price of \$48.45/night. B3, B7, D9, D11, D13, D14, F3, F5, F7, F8, F11, F13, F14, S3, S5. Check their website and camp site map to view the sites. **CALL NOW AND RESERVE! EMAIL RICH WITH YOUR SITE #.***

**Peaceful Woodlands Family Campground**  
114 WT Family Blvd, Blakeslee Pa, 18610  
570-646-9255 <https://www.peacefulwoodlands.com/>

**Rally Hosts: Rich & Kathi Short and Lea Plant**  
rcshort49@gmail.com



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**FEBRUARY 17-18, 2023**

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For more information or to RSVP visit:

<https://www.colonialairstream.com/next-adventure-sales-event>



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## 2023 Watchung Club Officers

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