

March 2023

Keystone Kourier

President's Message

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



Hello Keystoneers! With weather in the 50's and 60's I feel like de-winterizing our Airstream and getting on the road again. The problem is that our trailer is still in the Colonial shop getting some repairs following our recent trip out to Pasadena for the Rose Bowl Parade. And who knows how much longer it will be there!

In February Arry and I enjoyed hosting the Valentines luncheon at our house. The turnout was great and included 2 of our new couples who we were pleased to meet. In addition to enjoying the food and catching up with each other we finalized our upcoming Travel Schedule which is attached.

Our next activity is the luncheon on March 18 at Rick and Andy Pitts' home. That will be followed by the Hickory Run State Park Rally on April 14-16. I would suggest that those intending to go make their reservations as soon as possible. The Pitts and Mergelkamps have reserved sites 260 and 261 so get a site nearby if you can.

Looking ahead, we are finalizing plans for the Western PA Caravan, otherwise known as the "Doom and Gloom Trip", which is scheduled for August 20 – 26. This caravan will visit interesting places such as the Johnstown Flood Museum, the Flight 93 Memorial, Altoona Horseshoe Curve, Harrisburg and the Carlisle Army Heritage Center. Details will be forthcoming at a later date.

To assist in our overall planning, I will be separately sending out a short questionnaire concerning your interest in attending the events we have scheduled. Please return it as soon as you can.

We look forward to seeing you at the March luncheon.

Howard

Upcoming Events

**March 18- Noon
Spring Luncheon**

Pitts'
930 Stoney Run Drive
West Chester, PA
610-793-9262
r_pitts@verizon.net

**April 14 - 16
Hickory Run Rally**

Hickory Run State Park
White Haven, PA

**April 28 - 30
Maintenance Rally**
Centreville, MD

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Sunshine Report

Sorry to report that Cindy Yerk took a spill and fractured her pelvis. She is back at home in Punta Gorda recovering.

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:

March

Wilson Yerk (6th)

Caryle Brayton (12th)

Andy Pitts (13th)

April

Janice Hicks (11th)

Jerry Hillegass (12th)

Rick Pitts (16th)

Happy Anniversary to:

March

Barb & Jerry Hillegass

April

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 1-6, Fri-Sun (6/2-4) are the 'core' dates. 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. Make you camping reservations now as over 80 of the 100 sites have already been booked.

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

Keystone Komedey Korner



. Thinking ahead for camping plans at National Parks? May the forest be with you!

. Have you seen the new Airstream Camouflage model? No...

. Behind every great Airstream man is an Airstream woman rolling her eyes.

Please send **your** best quips to Rick & Andy for a future issue of the Kourier.

February Luncheon



Howard and Arry Mergelkamp hosted a great lunch on Saturday, February 11. Joining in were **Jody & Sue Dietz, Jennifer Eggers & Mom, Sharon & Wayne Fitzgerald, Lesley & Barry Heckenswiler, Barb & Jerry Hillegass, Karen Kushto** and new members **Lori & Joe Phaler** and **Kathy & Steve Roosa**. As expected, there was plenty of food and ample opportunity to plan for upcoming summer rallies.



Getting there (and back) is just as much Fun

Traveling to and from the Rose Parade Rally, **Andy & Rick Pitts** and **Arry & Howard Mergelkamp** camped at several great locations:



Above: Elvis' pink caddy at Graceland, Ironclad at Vicksburg, lunch at Court of Two Sister in New Orleans and LBJ's 'Airforce 1 1/2' in Austin. Below: Big Bend NP, Guadalupe NP, Jumbo Rocks in Joshua Tree NP and Lost Dutchman sunset in Arizona.



Upcoming Keystone Events

Spring into Airstream fun at the **Pitts'** at noon on **March 18**. All you need to do is bring a side dish, salad 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. RSVP to Rick & Andy at r_pitts@verizon.net, or leave a message at 610-793-9262. The more the merrier!

Our first rally of the year will be **April 14-16** at Hickory Run State Park in White Haven, PA. Home of the Hickory Run Boulder Field, the largest of its kind in the Appalachian region. Boulders range for 3 to 30 feet in length! Make your reservations now at the PA DCNR site. Your rally coordinators are on sites #260 and #261.



2023 Activities Schedule

March 18 (Sat - noon) – Spring luncheon at Andy & Rick Pitts' home,
930 Stoney Run Drive, West Chester, PA. Phone: 610 793-9262
RSVP to Rick & Andy (r_pitts@verizon.net)

April 14-16 (Fri-Sun) - Hickory Run State Park Keystone Rally, White Haven, PA
3 Family Camp Road, White Haven, PA
Coordinator: Howard Mergelkamp (howardsan70@gmail.com) or Rick Pitts (r_pitts@verizon.net)

April 28-30 -(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: Rick Pitts (r_pitts@verizon.net)

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 – **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 Don Harrington

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 21st
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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Membership: Don Harrington
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