



The Caravanner

Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club



November 2022

MAAC President's Message



We have successfully completed our election of MAAC officers for the coming year. I have already sent each of you an email with the election results but I want to "place it in the record" by documenting the results in our newsletter. We received a total of 18 votes out of our approximately 86 members. All votes were in favor of all the nominees. I can only conclude that we had an extraordinary set of nominees!

These are the new officers for the period November 2022 through October 2023:

- President:** Ingrid Berkebile
- Recording and Corresponding Secretary:** Christina Torcaso
- Treasurer:** Jonathan Jacobs
- Membership Secretary:** Jonathan Jacobs
- Newsletter Editor:** Jerry Pilcher
- Webmaster:** Jerry Pilcher
- Assistant Webmaster:** Flora Barrett

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My congratulations to all the new officers!

We will try to have a swearing-in ceremony while we are at our Christmas Party in December.

Speaking of the Christmas Party, for the past two years we have tried to have that party but, with the COVID situation, we didn't get any members to attend. I hope we will have better luck this year. Our party will be at Timbuktu restaurant near BWI Airport on Saturday, December 10 starting at 11:30 AM. Their website is: <https://www.timbukturestaurant.com>

The address is 1726 Dorsey Road, Hanover, MD and their phone number is (410) 796-0733. We will order from the menu and each person will be responsible

for paying for their own meal. This is a good chance to meet our club officers and new members. We are hoping we will have a good turnout for this event. Ingrid will be sending out a reminder email in mid-November to all members. **Please RSVP** if you will be attending by emailing Ingrid at iberkebi@yahoo.com.

I got a very nice email from C. Keith Martin, a MAAC member for 48 years. He is transferring to the South Florida Airstream Club but has fond memories of his MAAC friends and our past activities. He wishes all current MAAC members will look back 50 years from now and also recall their fond memories and good friends!

One of Ingrid's new duties will be to update our club's constitution. As you may recall, our national headquarters proposed two constitutional changes at the Annual International Rally held in Maine in July. Both of those proposals were approved and are being incorporated into the national constitution. Those changes must also be included in our club's constitution. Thankfully, National has provided us with a draft that includes the necessary language. Ingrid will be working on updating our constitution in November and we will notify you when it is complete.

Since this is my *last President's Message*, I am taking this opportunity to thank all those members who have assisted and supported me for the last two years. Flora Barrett, Jonathan and Alex Jacobs, Chris Torcaso, and my wonderful wife Ingrid, were especially supportive. I know that these same folks, with the addition of Jerry Pilcher, will make her term just as satisfying!

My best wishes to all of you and see you in December at Timbuktu.

Wayne Berkebile; Outgoing President

**Mid-Atlantic
Airstream Club
2022 Officers**

President

Ingrid Berkebile

Recording Secretary

Christina Torcaso

Corresponding Secretary

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Treasurer

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Membership

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Assistant Webmaster

Flora Barrett

Need Airstream Supplies?

You can easily buy or replace any Airstream items you need online. Badges, flags, Airstream berets, lanyards, pins, tote bags, Big Red Numbers (BRN), etc. are all available at ACI's Club Store. Get ready for the next rally!

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



Region 2 News



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 date 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



Welcome NEW Members

Dori Schatell & Jim Johnston
Catonsville, MD and their
1956 22 ft. Caravanner



Sandra & Troy Jordan
New Market, MD and their
2007 Classic Limited



Mary & Mike Secours
Montpelier, VA and their
2023 Basecamp



Welcome to MAAC, we hope to meet you in person soon!
(And *just as important*, we hope you
join us at our next club event!)



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please send your birthday/anniversary dates to:
053info@airstreamclub.net

5-Nov Wayne Berkebile **8-Nov** Robert George **30-Nov** Troy Jordan

Editor's Note:

Sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter out, it's been years since I have done a newsletter, and am getting used to the different formatting styles and electronic publishing formats. **I promise** more pictures in future newsletter, and **more information** on upcoming events. Apologies if I missed new members, birthdays, or anniversaries. jp



Member News

From our former Newsletter Editor:

Thank you to our new editor Jerry, and welcome! I can't wait to see what direction the newsletter will go in. It's been great fun being your editor and I will miss the contact with other MAAC members. Thank you too, to those readers who have submitted articles, pictures, suggestions for links, etc. Please, please continue to send these to Jerry. (JerryBPilcher@gmail.com) I'm sure each of you has a picture or a story, idea or question that would be interesting to all of us, so let us see it!

Flora Barrett: (former) MAAC newsletter editor.

Flora, thanks for the kind words, you indeed left **big shoes** to fill. I'd only ask that MAAC members be a 'lil patient with me, as I navigate some very unfamiliar ground for me. I'm sure there will be **tons of errors/mistakes** in the first couple of newsletters, but I'll learn with each issue!

Just a note about my wife Sam and me: We are relatively new to the Airstream lifestyle. We tentatively "toe dipped" into the world of travel trailers a few years ago with SOB, pre-owned 20 footer. Glad we did. Prior to that, my whole life I had wanted an Airstream, that is, **if** I ever did buy a travel trailer. I've been a backpacker and hiker my whole adult life. However, Sam wanted nothing to do with backpacking, and after hitting 60, I didn't argue with her too much. But **I wanted an Airstream!** So Sam and I talked and talked about it, and decided to wait a while, while I looked over the pre-owned Airstream deals I could find.

Thinking that we could someday get an Airstream, but to cure that itch that I was scratching, my wife and her friends held an "**Airstream Intervention**" on my behalf. We drove to Pennsylvania to a dealer, and looked at the model Airstream I *thought* I wanted.... (I had only looked online, never in person) Once I saw this model in person, I was underwhelmed, and "that was that." We settled on a used SOB, and got busy learning the ropes (And sewer hoses) of trailer camping.

It was great for a couple of years, but that Airstream bug was still inside me. Part II of the story next month!

Jerry Pilcher: (current) MAAC newsletter editor.

Region 2 Activities

See a complete list online: <https://airstreamclub.org/events> (some events may not be posted yet.)

New MAAC members – MAAC will cover all your first MAAC rally fees!

Note: *You may attend any rally in any region and are not limited to Region 2 rallies.*

Dates: **December 10**
Sponsor: MAAC
Type of Event: Holiday Dinner Get Together
Location: Timbuktu Restaurant, 1726 Dorsey Rd., Hanover, MD
410-796-0733 Please **RSVP** by emailing Ingrid at iberkebi@yahoo.com.

Dates: **June 2 - 6, 2023**
Sponsor: Region 2
Type of Event: **2023 Region 2 Rally**
Location: Niagara Falls, Ontario



Dates: **June 24 - July 2, 2023**
Sponsor: WBAC
Type of Event: **66th International Rally**
Location: Rock Springs, WY



66TH AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY JUNE 24-30, 2023

SWEETWATER EVENTS COMPLEX ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING

Seminars ♦ Exhibits ♦ Socials ♦ Entertainment

AirstreamClub.org/Rally2023 #ACIRALLY2023



Personal Information*

**BIG RED
NUMBER:** _____

First Name	Last Name	Email Address
First Name	Last Name	Email Address
City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Phone Number	Phone Number	

I am/We are FIRST Time Attendee(s)

*Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form. Please contact HQ to make those changes.

REGISTRATION FEES	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
*RV on Site – Arrival Saturday, June 24		375.00	
Arrive 1 day EARLY – Friday, June 23		50.00	
Arrival 2 days EARLY – Thursday, June 22		100.00	
Arrival 3 days EARLY – Wednesday, June 21		150.00	
Adult (18 and over) per person		125.00	
Youth (13 and up) per person		75.00	
Children (4 to 12) per person		50.00	
Children 3 and under FREE		0.00	
Lifetime Member Discount		-20.00	
TOTAL DUE			

RV AMENITIES – All RV spaces are full-service camping spaces with water, 50-amp electricity and sewer.

***RV on site** – This is only for RV on site no humans included.

CONFIRMATION & PARKING INFORMATION will be emailed to the email provided above.

CANCELLATION POLICY - Refund requests are to be submitted in writing to rally@airstreamclub.org. Requests received on or before April 28, 2023, will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Refund requests on or after April 29, 2023, will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after June 10, 2023. **If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.**

Parking Options (Please check if you would like to park with one of the following groups.)

ADA Accessible Amateur Radio Band Boondockers Classic
 Future Streamers Grapes & Grains Vintage Indie Streamers

OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration Date: _____ Rec'd By: _____ Registration Source: Mail Online Rally
 Payment Type: Cash Check Credit Card Amt Paid: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Register ♦ Online www.airstreamclub.org/Rally2023 ♦ Mail ♦ Phone 937-596-5211

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to AirstreamClub.org/Rally2023, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form and make a check payable to WBCCI, in US Funds Only, and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you bring your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation with you to the rally.

STAGING AREA – The Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Arrivals after 8:00 p.m. may stay overnight in the Staging Area with no hookups until parking begins the next day. If you arrive before your registered date, there is a charge of \$75 per night.

KIDS – Bring them! Our youngest RVers will be treated to programming especially suited to kids ages 4-17. Registration cost covers materials for age-appropriate activities surrounding a daily theme that will keep your kid's busy learning, exploring and having fun!

Name: _____ Age: _____

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ADDITIONAL GUEST – Members are welcome to bring additional guests for a fee. Include their names on the registration form.

PARKING TOGETHER – If you would like to park with family and friends, you must register to arrive on the same date, and you must arrive together.

CARAVANS – Groups of 5 or more RVs wishing to park together MUST register as a caravan with HQ by May 1, 2023. All caravan participants must register to arrive on the same date. The caravan leader can call 937-596-5211 or email rally@airstreamclub.org to register the caravan. The chair of the Rally Arrival Team will contact the caravan leader and let them know what time to arrive.

DEPARTURE – Departure is on Saturday, July 1.

COVID-19 NOTICE – An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event, you understand and assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure. ACI, its staff, officers, exhibitors, volunteers, members, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.

USE OF IMAGE – I grant ACI, and its employees and agents, an unrestricted right and license to use my image, likeness, name, voice, comments and/or other proprietary or public rights and/or those in any live recorded talks, broadcast, photograph, video, audio, audiovisual and/or other recording taken in connection with this event, for all purposes, in perpetuity and in any and all media now or hereafter known, without compensation.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK & WAIVER OF LIABILITY – I assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with attending this event. I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless, ACI, its employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives of and from any such claims, including liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to my attendance at this event.

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in Rock Springs

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JULY 1 THRU JULY 16, 2023

AS LOW AS \$20 PER DAY plus tax

Extend your stay at the Sweetwater Events Complex and explore Sweetwater County and all our recreation opportunities. Visit SweetwaterEvents.com/events/2023/airstream for reservations.

Register ♦ Online www.airstreamclub.org/Rally2023 ♦ Mail ♦ Phone 937-596-5211