

# Keystone Courier

## President's Message

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



### Hello Keystoneers!

It's that time of year again: weddings and graduations. In fact, Arry and I just got back from my grandson's graduation from the University of Florida in Gainesville. This week we have my niece's wedding to go to in Charlottesville, VA followed by the early June high school graduation of Arry's granddaughter. Fortunately, we are able to travel to these events with our new Airstream and thus avoid the hassles of plane travel and hotel stays. As with all of you I'm sure, each trip rewards us with new discoveries and unexpected treats. On our trip to Florida, for

example, we discovered Buc-ee's filling stations (AKA travel goodies shopping centers). While we had seen Buc-ee's before in Texas, we had never stopped at one. This trip we found one near Savannah and another in St. Augustine. The real treat for us was brisket! Their brisket sandwiches were outstanding and rival Rudy's brisket in Texas. Other treats were candies, jellies, and large selections of jerky, and fudge. When we came back from visiting the store we discovered that somehow the cover of our Fantastic Fan had blown open and become disconnected from the fan itself. I hadn't expected this on our one-month-old trailer, especially when we hadn't encountered hurricane force winds. Fortunately, I was able to get someone with a ladder to tape it down so we could continue our journey to the graduation.

June looks to be a busy month for Airstreamers beginning with the Region 2 Rally, June 1-6 in Niagara Falls, Ontario. For those staying closer to home the Stayed at Home Rally at French Creek State Park, June 2-4, features the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chester County Blues BBQ. The month ends with the International Rally being held June 24-30 at Rock Springs, Wyoming. Hopefully many of you will be attending some of these events.

See you down the road.

*Howard*



**2023 Executive Council Election**

### Upcoming Events

**June 2-4**  
**Region 2 Rally**  
Jellystone Park  
Niagara Falls, ON

**June 2-4**  
**Stayed at Home Rally**  
(Chester County Blues BBQ)  
French Creek State Park  
Elverson, PA

**July 14-16**  
**Jim Thorpe Rally**  
StonyBrook RV Resort  
Lehigh, PA

### Stay Connected

Keystone on the web  
<https://Airstreamclub.org/Keystone-Pennsylvania>

 Follow us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KeystonePAClub/>

Airstream Club Int'l  
<https://AirstreamClub.org/>

## 2023 Officers

### President

Howard Mergelkamp

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Jody Dietz

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Jennifer Eggers

### Treasurer

Rick Pitts

### Secretary

Arry Mergelkamp

### 1 Year Trustee

Pat Quinn

### 2 Year Trustee

Don Harrington

### Immediate Past

### President

Kathleen Quinn

### Membership

Don Harrington

### Sunshine

Karen Kushto

### Kourier – Web Pages

Andy & Rick Pitts

## Sunshine Report

Nothing to report with our early maintenance and outings!

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:

#### June

Barry Heckenswiler (14<sup>th</sup>)

Sharon Fitzgerald (25<sup>th</sup>)

#### July

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

Bud Vogt (28<sup>th</sup>)

### Happy Anniversary to:

#### June

Howard & Arry Mergelkamp

Rick & Andy Pitts

George & Peg Spahn

**Your Keystone Club!**

#### July

Wilson & Cindy Yerik

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

. Early June you should receive an electronic ballot asking you to vote for the nine (9) candidates for the 2023-2025 Executive Council who you feel will make long-lasting, positive contributions to the future of your Club. There are 30 candidates for these 9 nine spots! Make your voice, and your informed decisions, heard with your vote! Candidate profiles are in the May issue of the *Blue Beret*.

. Mark your calendars - International has announced that registration for the October 2024 rally in Sedalia will open August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

. The 2025 International Rally will be held in York, PA, at the Expo Center, August 23 – 28!

## Keystone Komedie Korner



. Before you marry an Airstreamer you should make them back into a site to see who they really are!

. You know there's a problem when out of the "three R's" only one of them begins with "R"!

. Stephen Hawking: I've noticed that even people who claim that everything is predetermined, and that we can do nothing to change it, still look before they cross the road.

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

## Eastern PA Opener Rally



**Don & Phyllis Harrington, Jerry & Barb Hillegass, Joe & Lori Pfahler, Rick Pitts, Steve & Kathy Roosa** and affiliates **Chris & Carey Boland** joined 10 other rigs from the **Central Penn, New Jersey** and **North Texas** clubs at Lums Pond State Park for the Spring Opener weekend rally. Central Penn hosted a doggie boil Friday night as folks arrived and Keystone hosted get



started coffee service Saturday and Sunday mornings. After a Saturday afternoon of hiking, biking and kayaking everyone met for a delicious chicken and pulled pork BBQ catered by the local Dickey's BBQ. Campfires Friday and Saturday nights provided great opportunities for sharing camping adventures and plans. Next year's Opener will be the weekend of May 3-5 and will again be a sell-out so book your reservations now!



## Tulips & 200 MCPH Travels



**Andy & Rick Pitts** headed out early for the Region 2 rally: Our circle tour began with a stop along Lake Ontario at Southwick Beach St Pk in Henderson NY. Then on to Ottawa for the annual Tulip Festival, a beautiful showcase of tulips along the Rideau Canal. We then rambled west, camping at Chutes Provincial Pk on Lake Ontario before crossing back into USA at Sault Ste Marie. We boondocked at a nice Forest Service site in Hiawatha Nat'l Forest and took a beautiful cruise along the shores of Lake Superior to view the limestone cliff formations of Pictured Rocks. Heading southeast we followed the shores of Lake Michigan and took the Mackinac Bridge to the lower peninsula where we grabbed a passenger ferry on Lake Huron to Mackinac Island for the day. From Mackinaw City we'll head south on I-75, overnighing in Lansing before landing in Indianapolis for the Indy 500. After raceday we'll meander



north again camping along Lake Erie on the way to Niagara for the start of the Region 2 rally. More pictures of the trip on the club Facebook page.



Pic from last year's race

## Introducing



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

**Bill & Barb Earle, #10333**, from Coatesville with their 27' Flying Cloud

**Michael Welsh, #31420**, from Colledgeville with his 22' Caravel

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



## Upcoming Keystone Events

Early June will find our folks in Niagara Falls, Ontario for the **Region 2 Rally June 1-6** at Jellystone Park Campground; or at the **Stay-at-Home Rally** for the annual Chester County Blues BBQ with camping at nearby **French Creek St Pk, June 2-4**. **Kathleen Quinn** our coordinator for the BBQ rally notes: Hey Folks, the Chester County Blues BBQ Rally is coming up soon! If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, please do so now at <https://www.chestercountyblues.com/> If you haven't booked a campsite you can check for availability and get on the cancellation list at <https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/french-creek-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=PA&parkId=880406>

July brings the **Jim Thorpe Rally** the weekend of **July 14-16**. Coordinator **Don Harrington** has secured a limited number of sites at StonyBrook RV Resort in Leighton for rally goers. They are available from Don on a 'first-come, first-served' basis (pastordkh21@aol.com). StonyBrook may also have some availability on their website.

## 2023 Activities Schedule

**June 1-6 (Thur-Tue) – Region 2 Rally** – Jellystone Park, 8676 Oakwood Drive, Niagara Falls, Ontario  
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  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Blues BBQ, 2-7pm Saturday, June 3rd (\$ entrance fee) at nearby Wyndor Farm  
Coordinator: Pat & Kathleen Quinn (kathleenquinn56@icloud.com)

**June 24-30 – International Rally** – Rock Springs, Wyoming

**July 14-16 (Fri-Sun) - Jim Thorpe Rally** - StonyBrook RV Resort, Leighton, PA  
Don has made limited reservations at StonyBrook – touch base with him before reserving (pastordkh21@aol.com)  
Coordinators: Jennifer Eggers (jeggers@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 Railroad Museum, Carlisle Army Heritage Center, Harrisburg sights  
Coordinators: Howard Mergelkamp and Rick Pitts

**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 (jeggers@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 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 (jeggers@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. Here are just a few that club members have enjoyed in the past:

**Aug 6 – 12:** Old Time Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA

**Sept 23 – Oct 1:** Swiss Festival, Sugar Creek, OH

**Oct 4 – 8:** National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN

**Dec 29 – Jan 2:** Rose Parade Rally, Pasadena, CA (this year the West Chester U. Golden Ram Marching Band will attend!)

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