

# The Hillbilly



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## President's Message

**Great Day In The Morning! Spring has finally arrived.**



April means all things camping around here. Linda and I have been working on the Airstream, cleaning, fixing, having new curtains made, and generally getting ready for the new travel season. The second week of April we'll bring the big trailer to Jersey Shore Haven and start getting our site setup. Can't wait to feel sand between my toes!

The weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> is Jersey Shore Haven cleanup weekend. The park, being in the Pine Barrens, gets pretty buried in leaves over the winter. But, come cleanup weekend, a small army of devoted partisans work to bring it back each year. I'm always amazed at the amount of leaves and pine needles we pick up. Every site, every row, the buffers etc. all get cleaned out. The club house and bathrooms get scrubbed and they even feed you really well. A lot of hard work, but a good time really. Here's a shout out to all the Watchung / NJ Unit Shore Haven folks who work to make JSH a nice place to stay in the summer.

The last weekend in April, the 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, is our first rally of the season, the Watchung Unbutton Your Rig rally at Trap Pond State Park in Delaware, hosted by Lois and Derek, and co-hosted by Lynda Kresge. So far we have about twenty rigs signed up. Delaware in the spring warms up a little faster than here in the mountains of Pennsylvania, so I'm looking forward to getting the Argosy out on the road for that one.

Signups are still being accepted for the Region 2 rally in Niagra Falls Ontario CA. The dates are June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The location is Jellystone Park in Niagra Falls, and it is being hosted by Murray and Glenda Potts from the Ontario Unit. The Canadian side of the falls is said to be quite beautiful. Camping reservations can be made directly with the campground, and the rally fee is only \$35.00 CA per person, which for Linda and I works out to about \$53.00 US. Last I heard there were about 90 trailers signed up so far, so it should be a good time. Here's a link for those interested in attending. <https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally>. That's all for now. Keep the shiny side up.

George Kiesel

*The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of us, but those who win the battles we know nothing about. — Jonathan Harnisch*



# Region 2 President's Message

*RJ Marquette writes:*

Hello, everyone. I ended up taking off last month from doing notes because the end of the month caught me by surprise, and then I decided to wait until we had the Region 2 Rally registration open - which we now do! Here's the URL: <https://form.jotform.com/223457122866156>

The rally fee is \$35 Canadian per adult, kids under 18 are free. Canadian members can pay either by eTransfer (preferred to save money) or Paypal; us Americans can use Paypal to pay with a credit card. Paypal will do the conversion for us; when I registered, it worked out to about \$53 USD for Erica and I.

If you haven't already, don't forget to contact the campground, too. Sites are still available! The rally is June 2-6, but you can come early or stay late. We have more information about the campground and things to do in the area on the Region 2 Rally page here: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally>. Also, if you are crossing the border, that page has links to information about the restrictions in place for food, pets, and weapons.

In other big news: The 2025 International Rally will be in Region 2! It will be at the York Expo Center in York, Pennsylvania, August 23-28, 2025. Mark your calendars! It is over two years away, but I'm already excited. Erica and I camp at the Expo Center every year for a gameroom show, and know the grounds and several of the buildings well, so this will be like holding International in our own backyard.

In February, Erica and I took our trailer to Raleigh, North Carolina for an outdoor hockey game. Our team lost the game, but we had a great weekend. Aside from a day of rain, the weather was good, although temperatures ranged from about freezing to warm enough to need the air conditioner. Traffic getting into the game was a mess, but it wasn't a problem for us - we just walked across the street and were in the parking lot of the stadium!

Until next month!

–RJ Marquette, #13270

# Board Positions Search: Call for Candidates

*A message from past president Frank DeHerde*

Hello Everyone,

Laura Raymond and I are searching for members to fill the following Executive Board positions for 2023-2024:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Two Directors
- Membership Chair

Before becoming an Officer in the Club, I thought an Executive Board position would be very time-consuming, which stopped me from getting involved. Then the Club needed someone to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position. I agreed to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. After being 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, a 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and President, I realized these positions only take a few hours a month. Most months take zero time! Below is an explanation of the responsibilities of each position.

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

- Assist the President and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Assume the Duties of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in the absence of the said Officer
- Assume the Duties of the President in case of the absence of the President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Reach out to Members to plan Rallies and Luncheons.

Directors:

- Accept Special Assignments as directed by the President. Additional responsibilities may be to Chair or to members of committees.

Membership Chair

- Be the Local Club's contact for prospective new members and explain the purpose and objectives of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.
- Extend invitations to prospective members to attend a rally or meeting when making membership applications.
- Coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure we have an accurate list of paid-up members and assist the Treasurer, as needed, in following up on all members who have not paid their International or Unit/Club for their membership year.

We urgently need members to step up and fill these positions. To discuss these positions further please contact me at [deherde@hotmail.com](mailto:deherde@hotmail.com) or call me at 908.419.4978 or contact Laura at [LA9BSG@gmail.com](mailto:LA9BSG@gmail.com) or her cell 646.483.6539

Thank You

Frank DeHerde  
Past President

# Welcome New Members!

*David and Dottie DeCota*

*Nicholas Petrock and Debbie Kirch*

*Jeffrey Alpert and Christina Krosche*

*Affiliate Members Darryl and Laura Zack*

## SUNSHINE

A Congratulations card was sent to Flora and Jason Pomerleau on the birth of their baby girl Elouise Lu.

A Thinking of You card was sent to Howie Eldridge as he continues to recover from surgery.

A Get Well email was sent to Roger Kriz who is recovering from surgery.

Please keep them all in your thoughts!

--Linda

## April Birthdays

Andrew Dunkinson

Chris Beddiges

Derek Conley

Stayla Elacqua

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)

## *Bits and Pieces*

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

Interested in joining the Watchung NJ Airstream club?

Contact:

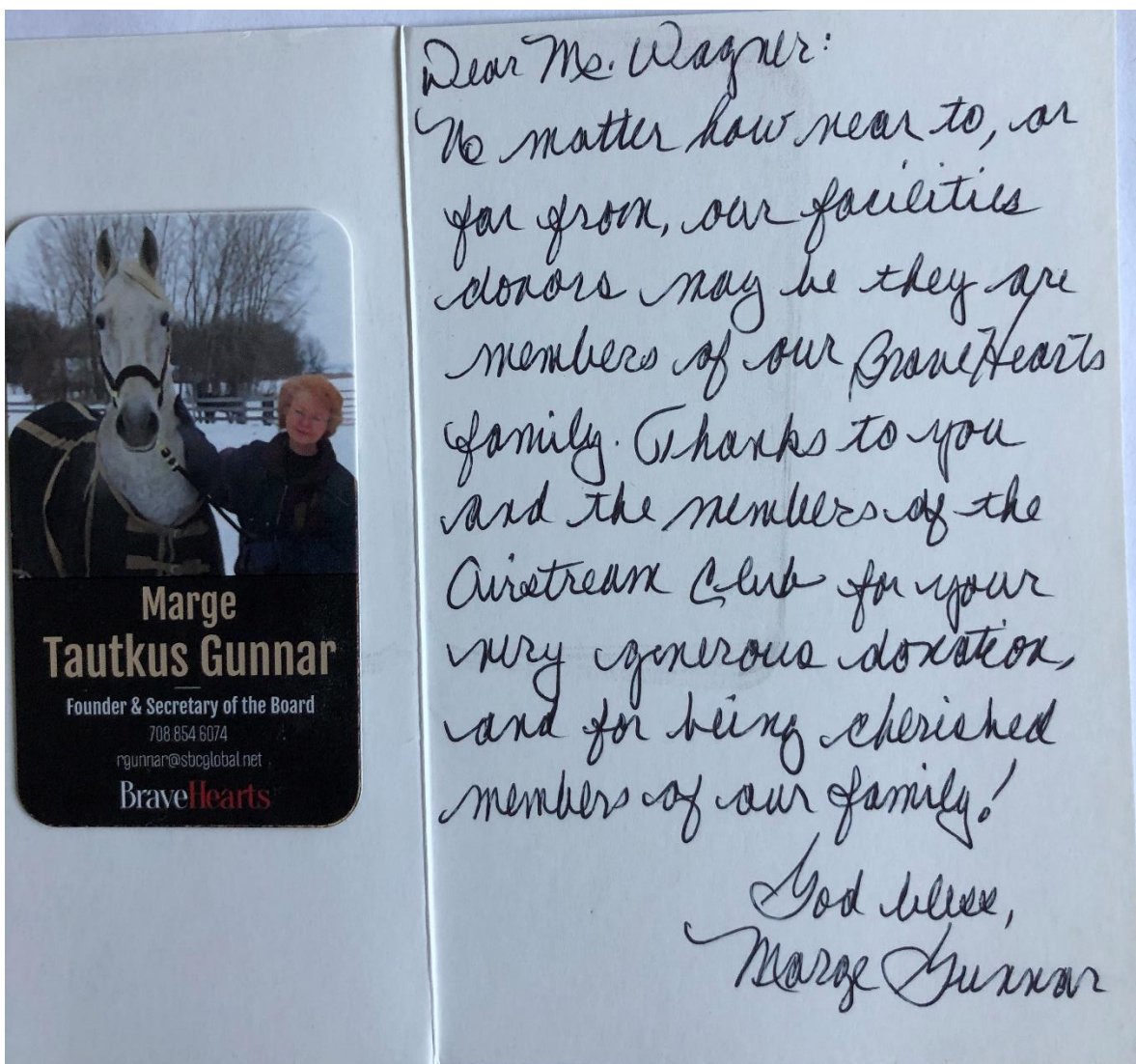
President: George Kiesel ([gkiesel861@gmail.com](mailto:gkiesel861@gmail.com))

Membership: Lea Plant ([tenlea@aol.com](mailto:tenlea@aol.com))

# Bravehearts Thank You

Each fall during the club officer installation ceremony the incoming club president announces a charity for which donations are collected throughout the year at club events. The collected funds are donated at the end of the year. Last year Frank DeHerde chose Bravehearts Therapeutic Riding and Educational Center Program (<https://braveheartsriding.org/>). Below is the thank you note we recently received from Bravehearts for last year's donation.

This year's charity is ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)) Please give generously!





# March Luncheon Report

*Rebecca Glick writes*

Rich and Kathi Short hosted a lovely well attended luncheon at Scotto's in East Windsor. About a dozen rigs were represented by their owners and all vintages were represented with people attending their first rally to people some of you have known for many years.



Attendees were treated to friendly conversation and beautiful professional-

looking bags made by Kathi containing some chocolate and a reusable straw. We had a three-course meal and, of note, all the dishes near our hosts were empty by the meal's end. It was said that the eggplant parmigiana was mild—not too “eggplanty.” My personal favorite was the homemade brownie (I think I heard Kathi made those too!) It really hit the spot.



*Brian Stein and Saskia Schmidt*

We passed the hat and collected \$125 for this year's charity, St. Jude's. Gail and Hunter Lloyd won the raffle basket. Since we were so close, a few of us headed over to Colonial to do a little shopping.

We talked about our travel and camping plans for the coming months. We have a lot of great club events coming up this year and I hope to see you all out there soon.



*David and Dottie DeCota*

See you down the road,

Rebecca Glick  
BRN 7585



# 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 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://www.destateparks.com)

**2023 May Rally:** Anyone interested in holding? **Host & Co-host Needed.** *Going once, going twice . . .*

**2023 June Region 2 Rally:** June 2-6, 2023 Niagara Falls, Ontario. Here's the online form to pay the rally fee: <https://form.iotform.com/223457122866156> . 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:** September 15-17, Pine Creek Campground in Newfield, New York. Hosted by Mark & Angie Ratliff and Cohost Rebecca Glick. See information below.

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

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

*Instructions for event registration and payment are on page 9.*





# 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

# September 2023 Rally

Hello everyone,

The Ratliff's and Rebecca Glick will be hosting the September rally at [Pine Creek Campground](#) in Newfield, NY from September 15 - 17. It is situated a little south of and about 1/2 way between Watkins Glen and Ithaca. Some of you will remember visiting the campground some years ago for a Region 2 rally. It's a nice campground in a convenient location for exploring the areas around Seneca and Cayuga lakes.

Here is the link to their [Campsite Map](#).

So far we have seven rigs signed up. Please give Pine Creek a call to make your reservation. You can call the main number 607-273-1974 or call Martha (the Pine Creek reservation specialist) directly at 305-438-8823.

Sites are available with varying amperages, different lengths, and pull-through convenience at varying costs. If you want to stay for extra days, feel free to arrive earlier and/or leave later. If you cancel one week in advance they will refund all but one night's stay. You have to pay the total amount at the time you make the reservation.

We will develop an itinerary in the coming months. But to give you an idea of what we are thinking about:

- Rebecca Glick has friends in the area and has suggested we could go for a cheesemaking tour and horseback riding.
- I am familiar with a few wineries in the area and could organize a tour.
- There are all kinds of great places to go for a hike
- We know of good places in the area for food and drink
- I hear that the Tin Can Tourist rally is the same weekend at Sampson State Park. Maybe we could go visit the vintage trailers.

We hope you will join us.

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Mark Ratliff

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# 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](mailto:rcshort49@gmail.com)





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