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President's Message


Hello everyone, and Happy Mother's Day to all our Watchung Moms out there. April was a very busy month trailer-wise for us. We brought our 31ft. Classic to Jersey Shore Haven in early April. We were able to clean up our site and even get our screen house up. It was great to be back at the Jersey Shore. Mother Nature blessed us with near-record heat for that time of the year and we were able to enjoy some excellent beach time. You wouldn't believe how many people were on the beach on a Thursday in April. The water temperature was absolutely freezing, but that did not stop a few hardy souls from taking the plunge.



As I write this, I'm getting ready to go back to JSH for Cleanup Weekend. The whole park gets cleaned out. It's a lot of work, but the place gets buried in leaves over the winter. At the end of the weekend, you're exhausted but satisfied that the park is ready for summer visitors. The New Jersey Unit folks, along with some of us Watchungers really come together and get it done.

After Cleanup Weekend it's home on Sunday and off to Trap Pond State Park on Thursday for the Unbutton Your Rig Rally hosted by Lois Wagner, Derek Conley and Lynda Kresge along with Leslie and Frank DeHerde. Here's a shout-out to some of our newer members who will be joining us. I'm looking forward to meeting you all. It's great to see the club grow. To get ready for the trip we started cleaning up the old Argosy the other day. For a 47-year-old trailer she cleans up pretty nice!

At the April business meeting we will be voting on the revised Constitution and Bylaws for the club. No major changes are proposed really, but the WBCCI requires that we update our

Constitution and Bylaws every five years to stay current. We still need someone willing to step up as 2nd Vice President for next year. Also 2 director positions need to be filled. Please consider coming forward. Uncle Wally Wants  You!!

After the April rally I'm sad to report that the next Watchung rally is not scheduled until August (see below for all rally information). The September rally will be at Pine Creek Campground in Newfield NY Sept. 15-17. Sign-up info can be found on our website. The October rally is scheduled for October 5-9 at Peaceful Woodlands campground in Blakeslee, PA. Sign up info is also on the website. If anyone is interested in pulling the group together in May, June or July please let me know. Lastly, it's not too early to start thinking about next year. If you visit a campground that you like, and think it could accommodate the group, talk to the management about hosting the Watchung club. That's all for now.

Keep the shiny side up.
George

Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the wellbeing of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way. ----- M.L.K

Region 2 President's Message

RJ Marquette writes:

Hello, everyone! We're busy getting ready for this summer's adventures! It seems much longer than the two months since we took our trailer to Raleigh in February. I've been busy doing a bunch of work to the truck and trailer in preparation for the trip, such as replacing the shower door in the trailer and the rear brakes in our pickup.

First on the agenda is the strategy session for the IBT, being held at Airstream's headquarters in May. I had a discussion with the facilitator last week, and I think we're going to have a good session, and I'm sure we'll have a lot of good ideas for the club coming out of it.

The Region 2 rally is about two weeks after that. As of this writing, there are still a few spots available. June 2-6, 2023, Niagara Falls, Ontario. See <https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally> for more information. If you're crossing the border, please check that page to make sure you're meeting both Canadian entry and US re-entry requirements. Pets, weapons, medicines, and fresh fruit are all a potential source of trouble. None of it seems onerous or surprising, but I don't want anyone to have issues at the border.

After that rally, we'll be home for a few days, then we're off again for the International Rally in Wyoming (some issues with our jobs prevent us from traveling to Wyoming directly from the R2 rally). We'll mostly be traveling on weekends and working from the trailer during the week. We'll see those of you who are also going. We have a Region 2 happy hour planned, so check your programs or the app for the date and location of that. No charge or signups, just show up.

The list of candidates for the new Executive Council has been released - there are 30 people running for 9 seats! I'm thrilled to see so much enthusiasm for this; it's exactly the participation we were looking for. On the list, I see a number of people who are currently on the IBT, and several other people I recognize, including a few from Region 2. Please read their bios and vote starting June 1. (If you're wondering, I've decided not to run; I'd like to just be a regular club member for a while.) <https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate/2023-executive-council-candidates> (You must be logged in to see the candidates.)

Region 2 Caravan Coordinator Kerry Matilla (#5417) is busy planning the Capital to Capital Caravan, September 15-19, 2023. Start in DC, end in Ottawa! More information is available in the flyer I've attached to these notes, and Kerry's contact email is 124caravan@airstreamclub.net. (Kerry is also planning next year's Maritimes Caravan and is one of the candidates for the Executive Council.)

I'm happy to announce that Ron Silco (#6958) of the Finger Lakes Airstream Club has taken over the Region 2 Webmaster duties. Thank you, Ron! I've asked Ron to work on updating or removing several pages that have gone stale during my tenure and help promote Region 2 events, like Kerry's caravans.

I mentioned this last month, and I'm probably going to keep mentioning it until Gary takes over: The 2025 International Rally will be in Region 2, at the York Expo Center in York, Pennsylvania, August 23-28, 2025. I hope you all marked your calendars for it!

See you next month!
—RJ Marquette, #13270

Welcome New Members!

Darryl and Laura Zack

SUNSHINE

Would you like a card sent to another club member to wish them well? Please send a note to Linda Kiesel, our Sunshine Director. lkiesel@ptd.net.

--Linda

May Birthdays

John Crawford	Joanne Forster
Rebecca Glick	Meg Riley
Margaret Noble	Judy Cahall
Hunter Lloyd	

Bits and Pieces

Items for the newsletter? Send them to Derek Conley by the 20th of each month. (dconley1810@gmail.com)

Interested in joining the Watchung NJ Airstream club?

Contact:

President: George Kiesel (gkiesel861@gmail.com)

Membership: Lea Plant (tenlea@aol.com)

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 June Region 2 Rally: June 2-6, 2023 Niagara Falls, Ontario. Here's the online form to pay the rally fee: <https://form.jotform.com/223457122866156> . See the Region 2 website for additional information: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally>

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

2023 July Rally: **Host & CoHosts Needed.** *Going once, going twice . . .*

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.

2023 December Luncheon and Officer Installation To Be Announced

Instructions for event registration and payment are on page 7.

August 2023 Rally

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 through 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 September 15 through 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

Other Upcoming Region 2 Rallies

Upcoming rallies in May, June, and July hosted by other Region 2 clubs:

May 27-29 Pennsylvania Airstream Club “Memorial Day Weekend Rally” at the Penn Wood Campground for Airstreams, New Bethlehem, PA.

June 2-4 Keystone Airstream Club “Stay at Home Rally” (Chester County Blues and BBQ event) at French Creek State Park, Elverson, PA.

July 1-4 Pennsylvania Airstream Club “Penn Wood Campground and Independence Day Rally” at the Penn Wood Campground for Airstreams, New Bethlehem, PA.

July 14-16 Keystone Airstream Club “Jim Thorpe Rally”, Jim Thorpe, PA.

July 21-23 Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club “Jersey Shore Haven Airstream Park Rally”, South Seaville, NJ

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