

Keystone Kourier

President's Message

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



Hello Keystoners! August has arrived and it's hot! Good time to be out Airstreaming, although I'm not sure there are many cool places unless you're in the mountains.

That's where several of us were a couple weeks ago when Don and Phyllis Harrington, Bob and Barbara Livingstone, Joel and Patti

Burkholder, and Arry and I rallied near Jim Thorpe. Despite rain and problems with Don's new hitch we had a good time beginning with the Harrington's hosting a great Keystoner Kafe with grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and lots of sides. Saturday was a clear, but scorching day and the Harringtons and Mergelkamps explored the old jail and the Lehigh Gorge Railroad. The jail was fascinating. It's hard to believe that it's dark and dank dungeons were in use until 1980. It seemed like the Wild West replete with well-used gallows! While we've been to Jim Thorpe several times, it's always nice to explore the charming, hilly streets and Victorian houses.

As noted below, others in our group traveled around the country from Oregon and the International Rally at Wyoming to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. As you can see from the attached Activity Schedule, we've got some really fun events coming up beginning with the August 20-27 Western PA Caravan which features Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater. If you haven't already done so, let the activity coordinators know as soon as possible if you'd like to go.

See you down the road!

Howard

Upcoming Events

August 11-13

PA State Rally

Hosted by AIMonO Club
Emlenton, PA

August 20-27

Western PA Caravan

See notes on page 4

September 14-17

Lancaster Balloon Rally

Mill Bridge Village CG
Ronks, PA

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Sunshine Report

Nothing to report this month.

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:

August

Jody Dietz (5th)

Wayne Fitzgerald (8th)

Jeff Michael (27th)

September

Don Harrington (21st)

Barb Hillegass (23rd)

Peg Spahn (30th)

Happy Anniversary to:

August

Will & Karen Kushto

Vaughn & Caryle Brayton

September

Jim & Janice Hicks

Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald

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

. Very quietly, and after many years of wonderful service, **Hedda Smithson** is retiring as head of Airstream Club publications. Over the years she has patiently guided club newsletter and directory editors through numerous editions, prepared tip sheets for 'best-in-class' editions and sponsored showings and awards at the International rallies. **Thank you Hedda!** Your volunteer service was always fun and positive and greatly appreciated. You leave some big shoes to fill...

. Registration for the October 5-10, 2024 rally in Sedalia, MO opened August 1st. Book Now!

. At the July 13th IBT meeting Eric McHenry was elected as president of the 2023/2025 Executive Council.

. At the July 13th IBT meeting the Council voted to stop printing the annual directory and rely on members using the online directory and quarterly pdf's.

Introducing



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

Hank & Lorraine Lawrence, #7154, from Warrington with their 26' Flying Cloud

Jeffrey Alpert & Christina Krosche, #21723, joining as Affiliates from the Watchung Club with their 27' Flying Cloud

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

International Rally



Keystone members **Karen & Will Kushto, Mac & Melanie Kirkpatrick, Allen & Sharlene Moyer** and **Dale & Mary Anne Winterhoff**; and affiliate members **Norm & Karen Fable** were among the nearly 1,200 attendees (rigs) at the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. We're posting just a few of the pics from the rally for your enjoyment. There are many, many more on the rally Facebook page ([\(20+\) Airstream Club International Rally2023 - Rolling to Rock Springs | Facebook](#))



Jim Thorpe Rally

Keystoners **Don & Phyllis Harrington, Rob & Barbara Livingston** and **Howard & Arry Mergelkamp** headed to Stonybrook RV Resort near Jim Thorpe for the rally. **Joel & Patti Burkholder** were able to grab a site and join for Saturday and Sunday. The weather was 'iffy' so Don hosted the Keystone Burger Bar in his trailer. Visits to town included the Lehigh Gorge Railroad (and museum) and the Old Jail. An entertaining weekend for all, despite the rain...



Keystoners Down the Road

July brings wanderlust to Airstreamers and we're really happy to share pics from our members!

Sue & Jody Dietz hit the road to the upper peninsula of Michigan. We share pics of them at the beginning of the trip...and near the end... (more pics on the Club Facebook page)



Allen & Sharlene Moyer shared some pics from their trip to the Int'l rally.

Mac & Melanie Kirkpatrick impressed with just how versatile their Basecamp *Tny Shny* is in the wilds of Oregon as they returned from the Int'l rally.



And **Dale and Mary Anne Winterhoff** enjoyed the travel back from Int'l with big-horned friends, a small mouth bass (???) and great venues in the mountains!

Upcoming Keystone Events



The **Western PA Caravan** will depart Sunday, August 20th stopping at the **Flight 93 Memorial** in Stoystown, PA before setting up camp at **Hickory Hollow Campground** in Rockwood, PA for 5 nights. Visits are planned for Frank Lloyd Wright's **Fallingwater**, the **Johnstown Flood Museum**, the **Railroaders Memorial Museum** in Altoona, and Wright's **Kentuck Knob** Hagan House and sculpture gardens. On



Friday we'll leave for **Dogwood Acres Campground** in Newville, PA near Carlisle for 2 nights. Visits are planned for the nearby **Lindt Chocolate Factory Outlet**, the **US Army Heritage and Education Center** and, weather and legs permitting the annual **Corvettes in Carlisle** parade in the historic district from 7-9pm, Saturday.



Folks interested in just the Carlisle weekend should try the Dogwood Acres campground directly (717-776-5203).

2023 Activities Schedule

August 11-13 (Fri-Sun) – PA State Rally hosted by AlMonO – Whitehall Camp, Emlenton, PA

Aug 20-27 (Sun-Sun) - Western PA Caravan to tour: Flight 93 Memorial, Frank Lloyd Wright houses, Johnstown Flood Museum, Altoona Railroad Museum, US Army Heritage Center, Corvettes in Carlisle and more!

Campgrounds: Hickory Hollow CG, Rockwood PA (8/20-25); Dogwood Acres CG, Newville PA (8/25-27)
Coordinator: Howard Mergelkamp, 267-733-3565

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

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 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 (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:

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

Oct 6 – 10: Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM (always a sell-out, plan on submitting and joining the next year!)

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!)

Preliminary 2024 Activities

May 3-5 (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)

May 31-June 2 (Fri-Sun) – Chester County Blues BBQ Rally – French Creek State Park, Elverson, PA

13th Annual Blues BBQ, 2-7pm Saturday, June 1st at nearby WyndSOR Farm

Coordinator: Kathleen Quinn (kathleenquinn56@icloud.com)

October 5-10 – International Rally – Sedalia, Missouri **Registration open Now!**

Keystone KomedY Korner



. I asked a camper whose 4 boys were running wild on a Saturday morning, if he had the chance would he still have kids. He responded "yes, just not these 4."

. Did you hear about the Airstreamer at the Int'l rally who roped his rig to the truck bumper. His travels went off without a hitch!

. Isaac Asimov: People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.

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

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