

# Keystone Kourier

## President's Message

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



**Hello Keystoners** and Happy July 4! This is peak travel season and I know many of you are out and about exploring this great and beautiful country of ours. June was a busy camping month for our group. The Region 2 Rally in Canada was a well-attended success. Several folks enjoyed the Stayed at Home Rally which featured Chester County Blues and BBQ, and the International Rally in Wyoming is just now coming to an end. See the reports from the attendees below.

Our main event in July is the Jim Thorpe Rally at the Stonybrook RV Resort in Lehigh, PA being held July 14-16. The 5 sites that Don Harrington reserved were taken quickly however, there may still be other sites available. Anyone else wanting to go should contact the campground directly.

August will also be an active month with the PA State Rally in Emlenton, PA (Aug 11-13) and the Western PA Caravan from August 20 – 26. Details of this interesting Caravan are included below. Anyone who would like to join the Caravan should contact Howard Mergelkamp, asap. There are still spaces left for at least 2 additional rigs.

Please let Rick and Andy know what you've been up to so we can include some pictures and commentary in the Kourier and on our group's website.

Happy travels and we'll see you down the road!

*Howard*

## Upcoming Events

**July 14-16**

**Jim Thorpe Rally**

StonyBrook RV Resort  
Lehigh, PA

**August 11-13**

**PA State Rally**

Hosted by AImonO Club  
Emlenton, PA

**August 20-27**

**Western PA Caravan**

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### Sunshine

Karen Kushto

### Kourier – Web Pages

Andy & Rick Pitts

## 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:

#### July

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

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

#### August

Jody Dietz (5<sup>th</sup>)

Wayne Fitzgerald (8<sup>th</sup>)

Jeff Michael (27<sup>th</sup>)

### Happy Anniversary to:

#### July

Wilson & Cindy Yerk

#### August

Will & Karen Kushto

Vaughn & Caryle Brayton

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

. The following ACI members were elected to the 2023-2025 Executive Council: John Becker, Jim Cocke, Kathy Geese, Per Hamnqvist, Marcia Howes, Eric McHenry, Millie O'Donnell, Jenifer Schnettler & Terri Warner. Thanks to them for stepping up and to you for voting!

. **RJ Marquette** will be passing the Region leadership baton to **Gary Russo** the end of this month. A BIG thanks to RJ for managing well the last two years and to Gary for stepping into the president position!

. Mark your calendars - 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!

## Introducing



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

**Joel & Patti Burkholder, #3254**, from Shoemakersville with their 25' Flying Cloud

**Carolyn & Mike Hayworth, #31962**, from Chester Springs with their 23' International

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

## Region 2 Rally



**Rick & Andy Pitts** finished their Spring travels with the **Region 2 Rally** in Niagara Falls, Ontario. More than 100 rigs steered into a nice Jellystone Park for the event. The Region and Ontario hosts did a fine job providing food (including *Tim Horton* donuts), entertainment (*Niagara*

starring Marylin Monroe) and timely seminars (one on light-weight towing and another on caravanning). The campground was well situated for easy access to Niagara's many attractions or just drives along the river to Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Catharines. Good weather prevailed and we were fortunate to avoid the smoke from the Quebec wildfires (at least until the ride home through New York).



## Chester County Blues BBQ Rally



Keystoners **Jody & Sue Dietz, Jennifer Eggers, Brian & Katherine Mulligan, Rob & Barbara Livingston, Joe & Lori Pfahler, Pat & Kathleen Quinn** and **Steve & Kathy Roosa** glamped at **French Creek State Park** for the nearby **Chester County Blues BBQ Festival**. The festival is for charity and was very well hosted with ample parking and shuttling right

to the festival field. The music was excellent and at a volume that talking, not shouting. A local caterer provided great bbq'd pork, chicken, ribs and brisket, with plenty of sides. Two EZ-ups and chairs were easily shuttled to the grounds providing plenty of shade for the afternoon festivities. And campfires back at the campground provided great opportunities meeting our new members and sharing Airstream stories. Next year the Festival will be on June 1. You can make French Creek reservations now.



## Upcoming Keystone Events



July brings the **Jim Thorpe Rally** the weekend of **July 14-16**. **Don Harrington** is coordinating if you have any questions. Sites are limited so if you haven't registered try calling the campground for availability (Stony Brook RV Resort in Lehighton, 570-386-4088).

The **Western PA Caravan** will depart Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Spots are limited (we have openings for 5 of which 3 have been taken) so call Howard now if you would like to join (267-733-3565). Folks interested in just the Carlisle weekend may try the campground directly (717-776-5203).





## 2023 Activities Schedule

**July 14-16 (Fri-Sun) - Jim Thorpe Rally** - StonyBrook RV Resort, Lehighton, PA  
Coordinators: Jennifer Eggers (jegg@leadershiftinsights.com) and Don & Phyllis Harrington

**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, [Reserve now!](#)  
Coordinators: Jennifer Eggers (jegg@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 (jegg@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!)

## 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  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual Blues BBQ, 2-7pm Saturday, June 1st at nearby WyndSOR Farm  
Coordinator:

**October 5-10 – International Rally** – Sedalia, Missouri

## Keystone KomedY Korner



. Overheard at the region rally: "...I grew the beard thinking it would say 'distinguished gentleman'; instead it turned out to say 'senior discount please!'"

. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is absolutely the new midnight!

. WC Fields: Start every day with a smile...and then get over it!

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

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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE CLUB

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