

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I am putting the final touches on this newsletter while sitting on our deck at our permanent site for our SOB trailer in Mercer. As many of you know, I'm a member of the Mercer Community Band and on weekends I have concerts, we stay at this site to make it easier on Matt and the pups. If you are looking for some good entertainment, every Friday evening all summer, there is a concert on the Mercer Courthouse Square. It's free to attend.

This newsletter is packed full of great articles about the Region 2 Rally and Summer Travels going on. Please take the time to read them. If you have summer travels you'd like to include for our members to read about, please submit them to me by the 25th of each month. Even if you just have photos to show off, there is always space in our newsletter.

I want to make one final push for the PA State Rally coming up in August. We have some wonderful things lined up (Skymed Presentation, Past International President, Tye Mott will be there, The Good Times Big Band doing Saturday night entertainment, etc.). We are almost to 15 trailers and have 25 more spots open, so please consider joining us for this event. It would be awesome to fill all 40 spots at the venue. If you have any questions, please reach out.

I am still on the hunt for a restaurant for our December Business Meeting/Christmas party. Ideally, it would be somewhere central to our members. If you have any suggestions, please send them my way. I will be making a final decision by the middle of July.

I hope that everyone is staying healthy and out enjoying their Airstreams!
Until next time...

Cody



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<https://airstreamclub.org/al-mon-o-pennsylvania>

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JULY 2023



Show off your AI-Mon-O Pride! Order your club apparel today!

Order all club apparel from Mike's Embroidery, owned by Cody Klingler. Please email Cody at cwk5292@gmail.com to order.

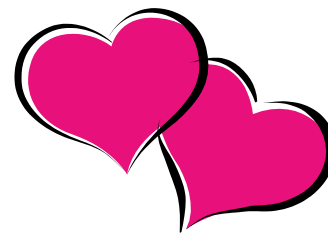
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NEWSLETTER IDEAS!

Hello WBAC members of the AI-Mon-O Airstream Club. Without news, there is no newsletter. Without rallies and

luncheons, there is nothing to write about. Or is there? Some believe this is a time where we need one another even more. Please share articles, anecdotes, photos, recipes, jokes, member interviews, anything Airstream related that will let us feel connected. Throw out a prompt like "What is your new favorite small appliance?" or "Adventures with our first camper."

Please send your offerings to Cody Klingler (cwk5292@gmail.com) no later than the 25th of each month. Thanks!!!

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2023 RALLY SCHEDULE

We are looking for hosts for the 2023 Rally Schedule. If you would be interested in hosting a luncheon or rally, please see the list below and reach out to Cody Klingler.

September Rally

October Rally or Luncheon

November Luncheon

December Luncheon/Business Meeting (Location only)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Dan & Jayme Glover—BRN 3423—1987 25' Sovereign—114 Meadowvue Dr., Wexford, PA 15090—Dan: 724-355-0638—Jayme: 412-585-0855

REGION 2 RALLY

by Vinny Rossitto (with many thanks to Doug & Cindy Field and David & Tina Burns for their inputs...)

Dale & I joined fellow AL-MON-O friends Doug & Cindy Field and Dave & Tina Burns, as well as over two hundred other Club members (100+ Airstreams) at the Jellystone Park Niagara in Ontario for the annual Region 2 Rally from June 2nd to 5th. Unfortunately, David & Daniel Hewett had some technical issues with their rig and were unable to make the trip.



The rally was well organized and lots of fun, the campground was perfect for handling such a large rally, the weather was warm and dry (albeit a bit smokey at times due to the hundreds of fires burning in Canada), the meals were very tasty, and the people (as always) were so friendly.

Dave & Tina Burns were publicly welcomed as Region 2 Rally “First Timers” and made many new friends at the rally!

There were so many things to enjoy in the area... something for everyone!

Of course, Niagara Falls and other water features are the most famous aspects of the area. With the weather being so perfect, viewing these sites was especially grand.



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Doug & Cindy had a wonderful evening in the observatory and revolving dining room atop Skylon Tower, overlooking the Falls.



Dave & Tina did some sightseeing from the White Water Walk situated along the Niagara River. They also watched some boating traffic make its way through locks on the Welland Canal. Also on the river were some artifacts of the War of 1812. Fort George was built by the British in 1796-1799 to complement Navy Hall and to guard the strategic river mouth on Newark. During the War of 1812, the Americans took and occupied it until December.

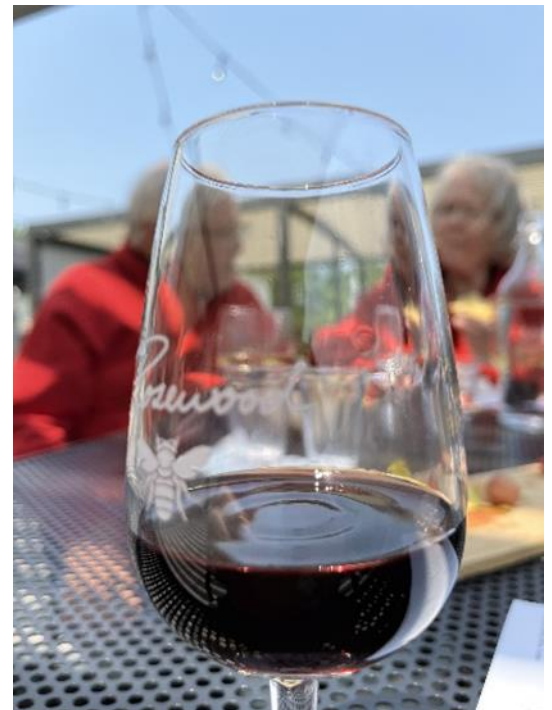


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Doug & Cindy and Dale, Eli & I enjoyed some wine tasting at a few of the many great wineries in the area. There are many different wine regions in the Niagara area, mostly distinguished by local climates, soil & geography. Across the board, the wines were great. We had never tasted wine made from Gamay grapes, which were spectacular. We were also treated to excellent Ice Wine at a couple of the wineries.



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I was fortunate to be able to join seven other Airstreamers from Canada and the US for a round of golf on Sunday June 4th at Legends on the Niagara, Battlefield course. This course overlooks the Battle of Chippewa fought during the War of 1812. The weather was beautiful and the course was in great shape. Many thanks to Kim and Jeannie Ellison (# 2480) of Ontario for all of their planning and leadership to make this golf outing so much fun. Also, a note of thanks for the significant generosity of prize sponsors: Murray and Melanie Cornwell (# 9889), and David, Phil & Sue Allan (# 27100).

We played a scramble best ball format, which turned out just perfect. The strong were able to carry us weaker ones and the sum was definitely greater than the parts! The one over par round was decided by just one stroke!

We finished up on the 19th hole with lunch and a drink and really enjoyable conversations. Just a perfect day with many new friends made!

The rally was terrific and well worth the 3-year pandemic related wait! Many thanks to the Ontario organizers and sponsors. We're happy that we decided to join the fun at our 3rd Region 2 Rally and grateful for new friends made.

REGION 2 NEWS

THIS IS IT. My last Region 2 Presidents notes!

Although I started writing these weeks ago, I'm finishing them at the 2023 International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Erica and I left home in early June, after the Region 2 rally, and spent weekends traveling, and we worked from the Airstream during the week in St. Louis and the Denver areas.

First, the Region 2 rally was a great success; thanks to Ray Barrick (#6497) and the Ontario Canada Airstream Club for making it memorable for all of us. Incoming Region 2 President Gary Russo (#1061), and soon-to-be First Vice President Patti Galupo (#22010), and incoming Second Vice President Matt Moore (#3937) are working on the plans for next year's rally.

We had a Region 2 Happy Hour at the Rock Springs rally. I'd estimate about a third of the Region 2 attendees were at the happy hour; a thunderstorm and another major event scheduled at the same time likely kept some people away. But we had a good time anyway!

My goal was to attend an event for every club in the Region during my tenure. Unfortunately, I only managed to visit 8 of the 14. In theory, the Region President, or his or her designee, is supposed to attend an event for every club in the region - but it's difficult for our region, given the number of clubs, and that events tend to get scheduled on the same weekends. However, as our Region 2 presidents get practice planning for this goal, we'll get better at it over time.

I've avoided talking about specific club rallies I've attended, because I didn't want to come across as reviewing the rally or the club. We've met quite a few members of the region, and a few people outside the region, and had instant connections with many of them. Everyone has been extremely welcoming, and we've always had a great time. Prior to taking on this region president role, I had not visited the rally of any other club, or a region rally. That was a mistake; we were missing a lot. Don't hide in your club.

I'd like to encourage each club to do more joint rallies. I know some clubs have standing joint rallies with others, but consider spreading beyond that. I'd like to challenge each club to do a joint rally with one other club every year - whether it be another Region 2 club, or a club in another region. You'll meet new friends, see new places, and have new ideas. Break up any monotony that has set in!

Although my time as region president is at an end, I do want to continue helping the club. We've already been involved in preliminary plans for the 2025 International Rally in York, Pennsylvania, and International President Eric McHenry (#153) just told me that more questions are on the way. Erica and I are thrilled to be a part of the planning.

I have to thank Past President Rich Short (#1512) for his guidance. You may recall I came into the Region 2 leadership only a few months before becoming president, and Rich taught me everything he could in the time available and provided advice well beyond that. Gary and Patti have been partners in crime over the last two years, too - always ready to listen and give advice.

I also have to thank everyone I've talked to during the last two years. You were supportive, and many of you reassured me that I was doing a good job. Thank you.

Of course, I also have to thank Erica. Her support and advice have been invaluable.

This is it for me. I'll see you down the road!

--RJ Marquette (#13270)

Washington DC Unit, Past Region 2 President



SUMMER TRAVELS

Courtesy of Doug & Cindy Field

Below are the text messages and photos from Doug and Cindy Field as they traveled from the Region 2 Rally to Rock Springs, WY for the International Rally. As Doug provides their summer travels, they will be sent out in the monthly newsletter.

Thursday, June 15

Well, with the Niagara Falls Canada rally behind us, and also the week of camping with the family in Steubenville, Ohio, we are off to the International Rally in Wyoming. We leave tomorrow, Friday about noon and travel maybe four hours. While the family stayed in Ohio, I had to come home and meet with the contractor who is working on my garage. Fortunately, I do not have to be here while he's working on it. I have great neighbors so they're going to keep an eye out on how things are going. The picture following is the campground we are at in Ohio.



Friday, June 16

This is our first stop heading towards Rock Springs Wyoming. This is a Harvest Host location near Dayton Ohio. Great way to get a cheap night stay.



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Monday, June 19

Hi there everyone. We are presently in Gibbon Nebraska. On our way to this point, we visited 3 National Parks. Orval and Wilbur Wright National Park, Abraham Lincoln home in Springfield Illinois, and then Herbert Hoover birthplace. That Lincoln's home is the home that he and his wife Mary lived in for several years. There was a timeline that I took pictures of. I don't know whether you'd be interested in it or not but I guess I will pass that on to.



As you can see in the one picture, we got to meet Abraham Lincoln himself.

Thursday, June 22

It's Thursday night 8:22 PM Wyoming time, we have finally made it to our step two of our long journey. Step one was Niagara Falls Canadian side and step two is Rock Springs, Wyoming. We have arrived. We only had one slight incident, and it turned out to be a good thing that it happened but we had a flat tire. And had to get two new tires for the back of the truck in order to move on. No biggie, because I sort of figured I was gonna have to get new tires anyway, but I thought I'd be further on my trip before I had to get them. It's all good. Pictures will follow at some point of the sites we saw to this point.

Denny Gibson asked if they hit the hail storm that went through: No, we had to drive through it. But the hail storm was very soft, and it just sort of smashed on impact. But there was a hail storm that we did miss because it was ahead of us. There was like snow all over the side of the roads and surrounding areas. But the roads were fine.

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Friday, June 23



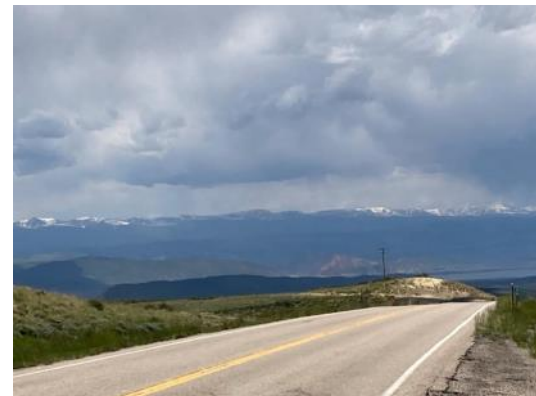
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Saturday, June 24

We took a 2 1/2 hour one way trip into Utah. (Total of 5 hours). The pics really doesn't do it justice. The naked eye is so much better. The beauty and the awesomeness of it all. I thank God all the time that He has blessed us so much to be able to do this and see this beautiful country of ours. Where we are at in Wyoming is quite beautiful. The main reason of the trip was to visit the Dinosaur National Monument.



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The vintage is coming, the vintage is coming. No, we did not enter the parade.



Tuesday, June 27

We are having a great time here in Rock Springs Wyoming. Temp has been good. Down in the 50s at night. Great sleeping. Some of the pictures are not that great only because of the distance but again the naked eye is far better than the picture of themselves. Also, it's been very windy here we can put out our awning but we have to be careful for if it gets too strong but it's been ok so far.

I'm told there are over 1100 trailers here. I don't have an exact count yet.

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2023 Pennsylvania State Rally

Whitehall Camp & Conference Center
580 Whitehall Rd., Emlenton, PA 16373

August 11-13, 2023



Hosts: Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club
Cody Klingler – President & Matt Moore – 1st Vice President
(724) 504-6884 or cwk5292@gmail.com

Tentative Schedule

Friday, August 11

5:00 Social Hour
6:00 Dinner – Hamburgers, hotdogs, sides with an ice cream social

Saturday, August 12

8:30 Breakfast provided – Eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes
4:00 Social Hour
6:00 Dinner – Stuffed Chicken Breast & Roast Beef
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share
Live, Local Entertainment (TBD)

Sunday, August 13

8:30 Continental Breakfast provided

Safe Travels Home!

Please send payments & rally coupon to:
Cody Klingler
3055 Oneida Valley Rd.
Hilliards, PA 16040

RSVP to secure the campground by July 9, 2023

Rally Information

General Information: More information to come!

Attendees should use the below form and send to Cody Klingler for signup and campsite reservations.

Meals Included in Fee:

What to Bring: Table service and beverages for all meals. Snacks to share and your own drinks for Happy Hours.

Directions: Directions coming soon!

There is plenty of activities to do near this venue. We will take an excursion to Foxburg, PA (which has a very nice winery) as well as a trip to the Hardwood Mall. Also, the Allegheny Bike trail is a couple miles away and people can kayak or canoe on the Allegheny River

We are inviting the Tri-County Animal Rescue to join us on Saturday. All additional money collected will be donated to them.

2023 Pennsylvania State Rally Coupon	
Name _____	WBCCI BRN _____ Club Name/Number _____
Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____	Email _____
Phone _____	Rig length _____
Arrival Date _____	<u>Departure</u> Date _____ You are encouraged to come early and stay late.
Rally fee per person	\$10 X _____ = _____
Children 0 to 12	FREE X _____ = _____
Parking per night (to be paid to Cody Klingler as part of the payment) = \$30	

ANNOUNCING

C2C

THE CAPITAL TO CAPITAL CARAVAN

September 15 to September 29, 2023

The C2C Caravan is an initiative of ACI Region 2. It will launch on Friday evening, September 15 and wind up 2 weeks later on Friday morning, September 29. Region 2 is unique in that its area includes the capital cities of both the USA and Canada. Our days will be equally split between the USA and Canada.

This caravan will start with 3 days and 4 nights at the closest campground to the DC area, with ready access to rapid transit downtown. We will stroll the Mall at our leisure, visit as many of the wonderful Smithsonian Museums as possible and take in the sights of this beautiful capital city. One evening will be devoted to a guided tour of the most famous monuments, departing right from our campground.

We will then head north with several stops along the way to see some local highlights. Examples will include a museum devoted to country music, an afternoon cruise in the beautiful Thousand Islands and other activities still under development. Most driving days will be moderate in length with lots of scenery to plant in your memory banks!

The caravan will end at a campground inside the city limits of Ottawa, adjacent to hiking and cycling trails and close to rapid transit. We will tour the city on an open top bus, take a boat ride on the historic Rideau Canal (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and visit a few of the museums and galleries in the city. Typically, by this time of year the Ottawa Valley will be resplendent in Fall Colours and we will direct everyone to some of the most spectacular drives. Evening campfires will give us time to relax and share our experiences. Our wind up dinner will be at a very popular buffet restaurant close by the campground.

As Caravan Leader, I like to run caravans that are rather laid back in style where everyone gets to know everyone else and people have opportunities to pursue some of their own interests. Biking, hiking, ziplining, enjoying a cold brew on a patio, whatever floats your boat! We will do our best to accommodate every interest. The estimated Kitty Fee is \$1700 US or \$2400 Cdn for an Airstream with 2 people. Deposit will be \$500 US or Cdn (lets keep it simple).

If this sounds like a fun way to spend some time with fellow Airstreamers, contact me right away. Participation will be capped at 20 rigs. Email me at 124caravan@airstreamclub.net and I will send you a registration form with details on how to make your payment.

Kerry & Betty Mattila, BRN 5417

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2023 Tentative Schedule**

Date/Time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
August 11-13	PA State Rally	Whitehall Camp and Conference Center 580 Whitehall Rd. Emlenton, PA 16373	AI-Mon-O PA Club	See rally coupon for details
August 18-20	Bluegrass Rally	Laurel Hill State Park 1454 Laurel Hill Park Road Somerset, PA 15501 (Make reservations online at www.reserveamerica.com)	Multiple Hosts	Please let Cody know if you are coming to this event.

**WBCCI AI-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club (131)
2024 Tentative Schedule**

Date/Time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
October 5-11	66th ACI Rally	Missouri State Fairgrounds Sedalia, MO	International	Registration opens August 1, 2023

**WBCCI AI-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club (131)
2025 Tentative Schedule**

Date/Time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
August 23-28	67th ACI Rally	York Expo Center York, PA	International	Details to come

This schedule is tentative and could be subject to change. If anyone is interested in hosting a luncheon, picnic or rally, please reach out to Cody Klingler.