

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Things have been pretty slow for our club lately, but I hope that everyone enjoyed reading about the travel adventures of Doug and Cindy Field on their trip. You'll find pages more from Doug in this newsletter. Isn't it great that our Airstream's allow us to travel anywhere and experience this great country?

Vinny and Dale Rossitto have added the Oktoberfest luncheon at their home on September 9 at Noon. Please find the luncheon flyer towards the end of this newsletter.

We have 21 trailers signed up for the PA State Rally now. It is a little over a week away and Matt and I couldn't be more excited for the amount of signups we've received. It's going to be a wonderful event. There will be more about it in the September newsletter.

The Bluegrass rally is also coming up this month. If you haven't let me know you are attending, please do. We have multiple people planning a few meals and need to know counts for it.

I have finally found a place for our Christmas / Business Meeting Luncheon. It will be held on Saturday, December 2 at 11:30 AM at Compadres Mexican Restaurant in Butler, PA (at the Clearview Mall). Everyone will be able to order off the menu. The event details are on our schedule at the end of this newsletter.

There really isn't anything else to report on at the moment, so I'll leave you to enjoy the great travel articles in our newsletter.

Until next time...
Cody



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

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AUGUST 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.

You can also find WBAC goods at <http://store.wbcci.org>



BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES



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- 3 Vinny Rossitto
- 5 Chuck Weber
- 31 David Burns

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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



REGION 2 NEWS

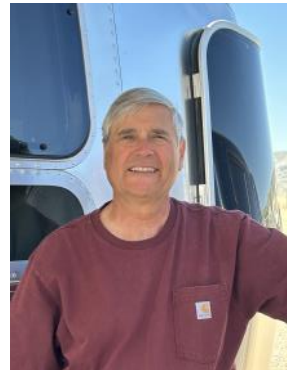
Greetings from your new Region 2 President just back from Rock Springs! My wife (Suzanne) and I were on the road for 3.5 months in MaryAnn II (our 25' Globetrotter BRN 1061). Staying in 15 states and 8 National Parks, what a summer adventure. I want to give those who do not know me a thumbnail outline of my background. We live in Webster, NY. I am from the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club (NYFLAC). I was the President of the NYFLAC and the Region 2 1st VP last year. We have been members of WBCCI since 2016. We are both "Retired". Suzanne has been working 1 day a week for a year, and I've been career retired for 8 years. I have 2 adult children and 1 grandchild.

We were tent campers for 16 years before making the jump to a 2016 22' Airstream Bambi FBQ. We found if we were to be on the road longer than 2 weeks, we needed just a little more room. This monthly newsletter is multi-purposed from my prospective.

- Increase the enthusiasm within each club in the Region.
- To keep the Region 2 members up to date with rallies within the Region.
- To keep the Region 2 members up to date with decisions at the international level.
- Continue with the team building that RJ started at the Region leadership level and to expand it down to the club president level.
 - o Club presidents are a vital part in the information chain. I plan to invite the club presidents to monthly Zoom meetings.
- Also, to have an open door and ear to the members of the Region. Please feel free to reach out and contact me at fulloflife123@yahoo.com.

The club runs on volunteers so many hands make light work for all -- even if only setting up chairs at a rally. With that said, safe travels and see you down the road!

--Gary Russo (#1061)



SUMMER TRAVELS

Courtesy of Doug & Cindy Field

Below are the text messages and photos from Doug and Cindy Field as they traveled. As Doug provides their summer travels, they will be sent out in the monthly newsletter.

Friday, June 30

Well, the time has come and the 2023 International Airstream Rally has come to a close. First pic is a gathering at Ron & Brenda's on Thursday afternoon. Next is a wild horse. Then a western dance on Thursday night. Then on closing night is the installation of Gary Russo for president of Region 2 and retiring R.J. who was president this past two years of Region 2. We are back at the trailer packing up to leave tomorrow morning to continue our cross country journey.



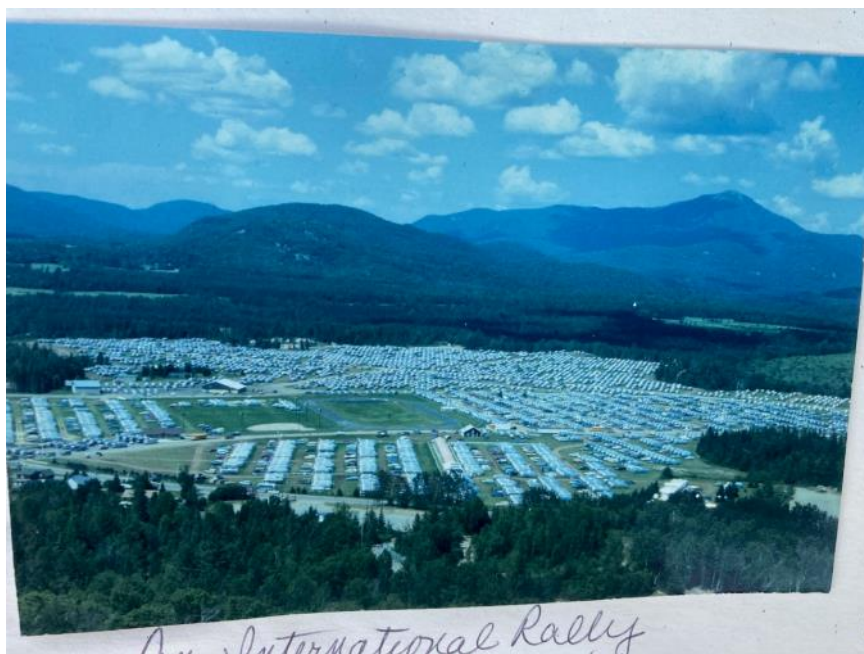
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I forgot to mention that it has been a wonderful wonderful week. As I may have mentioned before this is our sixth International Rally that we have gone to and even though there's a lot of similarities they're still different in many ways. We are glad we came and looking forward to the next one. Though next year of 2024 the International Rally is going to be held in Missouri, we have decided not to attend that one. But in 2025 it is in York, Pennsylvania and we will definitely be there.

Oh, I forgot to mention that I found out tonight that there were 1154 airstream trailers this year. The largest attendance in several years. I saw a history slideshow tonight showing the different aerial pictures of the past international rallies and one year or maybe a couple of years it was over 4000 trailers. Wow. That's hard to imagine.

This is an aerial view of an international rally that was taken at Lake placid in 1985. This particular rally, my parents actually attended. I had this picture in my possession, and never knew where it was until tonight. I was so excited to find that out.



Sunday, July 2

If any of you guys have never used the harvest host program, I suggest you do so. You get to camp free but they expect you to buy something or whatever. Last night we stayed at a family farm that was a harvest host. They had animals everywhere, a big gard, and the store that they had was fresh eggs, fresh homemade bread, yogurt made out of goats milk, etc. It was wonderful



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Do any of you remember reading in your history books about the railroads laying tracks Westward and then also Eastward and where they met they put in a golden spike? Well I do and we visited that very place yesterday. It's called the golden spike national historic site. It was fascinating.



Oh, I forgot to mention, I kind of made a very good friend at the Harvest Hosts site.



We are in Idaho at the present time and we are parked for three nights at an RV park called Rest Easy. It's near Hagerman Idaho. A wonderful little park only two rows of campers and trees for shade. Where there's no trees anywhere else lol.

Monday, July 3

Well, we had another tire trouble. This time it was in the trailer. 2" long spike in the tire. Tire company right here and in or near Hagerman, Idaho. Came out and fixed it for us, patched it right up.

Cindy and I just saw a movie that I encourage everyone to go see. "The Sound of Freedom". A true story about child trafficking and how this one man and others saved many of these children. It's now in selective theaters. These children story needs to be told. Once you see it, stay after to hear the special statement.



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Friday, July 7

Ok today is Friday, July 7 and we finally have cell phone signal. We haven't had any for the last few days. We have visited several national parks or monuments and a couple of them were a bust. I mean we still got our book stamped, but there really wasn't much to see, but pictures are to follow. One of the most impressive national parks we've been to or what we saw this morning was crater lake national park in Oregon.



I showed a few pictures of the results of a forest fire. It was quite sad to see. But, I understand that it takes a forest fire, sometimes in order to germinate new life.



The snow was in Lassen volcanic national park. And there was also snow up at crater lake to.

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Saturday, July 8

Today we went to see Oregon caves national Monument. We had to drive 19 miles up a very winding road to the caves entrance. They said the tour would take an hour and a half and there are over 500 steps and or ladders throughout the cave. Now you could also take half of the tour which is just a little over 100 steps but we chose what they call a sneak peek. We saw just a very small portion of the entrance and then we went right back out. I don't think we could handle over 500 steps or stairs and ladders.



Last, but not least we had a cute little visitor at our campsite.

Sunday, July 9

Today we drove an hour south to see the famous redwoods. So glad we did. Then we drove along the California coast. All I can say is beautiful.



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Saturday, July 15

Well, it's been several days since I last made a report. Tuesday we left and drove up the Oregon coast on route 101. We did something that we have never done before. We stayed at Cracker Barrel, we have stayed at Cabela's, but we've never just pulled off the road and stayed the night. So Tuesday night we were told by another airstream friend that we met that along the coast on route 101, there's several pull offs and you can spend the night. And so that's



what we did. Pics to follow. Last one is where we stopped for the night.



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These are some of the spots we stopped at.



Took a boat ride in Gig Harbor Washington. That's what these pics are. Can you find the bald headed eagle? Those seals are called harbor seals. And another great picture of Mount Rainier. They said that Mount Rainier and Mount Saint Helens are still active volcanoes. Mount Rainier still have hot springs coming up and few places the hot gas escapes. So I guess that's why it's still active. Mount Saint Helen's is still active but I don't know why. The last time it erupted was back in 1980. I think I read somewhere that volcano is still considered active if it has erupted within the last several hundred years or something like that.



This is at Washington's Airstream Park. This is the ninth Airstream Park out of 10 that we have visited. We have one more to visit and that's in Minnesota and we will visit that on our way home. After we visit that, that means we've had a chance to visit all 10 Airstream only parks in the United States.



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Sunday, July 16

Today my friends, we spent pretty much all day driving east, and somewhat south. Spent an hour at Whitman Mission National Historic Park and then drove onto Nez Perce National Park in Idaho, but we were too late. We'll see that tomorrow morning. Pretty much this whole trip temperature wise, it has been great. Down in the 50s at night and may be up in the 80s during the day. Didn't get that high every day but still it has been wonderful, until today. It's 104 and we're at a state park camping for the night with electricity so I can run the air conditioner. Thank goodness for air conditioning. Can't boondock in these kind of temperatures.

Saturday, July 22

Well last night and in the next couple of days, we're spending at a campground right next door to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, southern entrance of the park in North Dakota. Town called Medora ND. Getting a little weary traveling so we're gonna stop here for a few days. New few pictures is our campsite and a short walk to the little Missouri River.



These pictures are taken from glacier national park and northern western corner of Montana. It was beautiful. In order to get in since we did not have reservations, we spent a night there and since we're already in, they couldn't refuse us. That's what we were told to do.

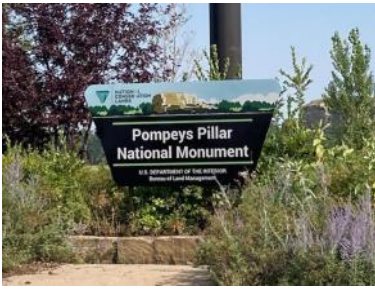


As the sign says, this is the Whitman National Historic site. The Whitman's were missionaries out west, and well to make a long story short, the Indians killed him and his family. Main because they thought that Whitman was killing the Indians through disease. They believe the white man was getting better from the disease, but the Indians were dying. And the Indians thought Mr. Whitman was purposely letting them die. But all faults.



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Pompeys Pillar is where actually Clark of the Louis and Clark expedition signed his name in the sand stone. It is the only known spot that still visible from that great expedition. Clark wrote his name on the sandstone after he and Louis split up when they were going east back to St. Louis Missouri. If you know anything about the Lewis and Clark expedition, on their way back, they split up, Louis went north and Clark went south. They followed two different rivers, and they were supposed to meet where the Yellowstone and the Missouri river meets. I find that completely amazing that they actually were able to fight each other again.



Here, at the battle of Little Bighorn, I found most intriguing and interesting. Yes, a lot of the soldiers lost their lives there, but in some respects, it was all the white man's fault. They wanted to take away the land that belonged to the Indians, and that was previously



given to the Indians. That is just a short part of the story. Because it's quite a long story. We took a tour there, and our tour guide was great. She was a direct descendent of the crow Indians. You can see in the pictures of the markers where the soldiers fell. Very few red markers, which indicate where an Indian fell, because when the battle was over the Indians quickly came and gathered their dead. Where the white man let the dead lay for a couple of days before they gathered them or buried them.



This is basically a trading post between the white man and the Indians. And anybody else who wants to make a trade. The military fork was just a few miles away called Fort Butte.



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Wednesday, July 26

Well friends, we are camped for the day right beside the Mississippi River for tonight. Just a small county park with just electric. That's all we need for now. We have seen several National Parks/Monuments/Historic areas. Some of them wasn't much to take pics of. The visitor center was like the museum. Again, very interesting. A few pics will follow.



Now tonight, we are camping right along the Mississippi River in Dubuque Iowa.



Oh, I forgot to mention, last night we stayed at the last but not least the 10th Airstream park that we have visited in the United States in the state of Minnesota. So we have now visited all 10 Airstream parks in the US. It was a very pretty park. Very well groomed but very expensive. We will not go back.

Sunday, July 30

Well, our trip is almost over. We have arrived in Dublin Ohio for the Irish festival. Will be here all week. The festival actually starts on Friday. A little cooler today than it has been. It's been in the mid 90s the past few days. Glad this week will be slightly cooler.

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	

AL-MON-O Oktoberfest Potluck Luncheon



Saturday, September 9, 2023

Starting at Noon

Hosts: Dale & Vinny Rossitto

(724) 568-4801, rossitto@comcast.net

Please RSVP by Saturday, September 2nd

Location: Rossitto Home – OUTDOORS, Rain or Shine!

437 Markle Road, Apollo, PA 15613

Plenty of room to park

We'll Provide: Sauerbraten with GF Ginger Snap Gravy

GF Dumplings

Red Cabbage

Apple Cider, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water



Please come as our guests.

If you can, please bring a dish, dessert or drink to share.

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

**WBCCI AI-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club (131)
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.
September 9 12:00 PM	Oktoberfest Potluck Luncheon	Rossitto Home 437 Markle Rd. Apollo, PA 15613	Vinny & Dale Rossitto	724-568-4801 or rossitto@comcast.net By September 2
December 2 11:30 AM	Christmas/Business Meeting Luncheon	Compadres Mexican Restaurant 101 Clearview Cir. Butler, PA 16001	Cody Klingler & Matt Moore	RSVP by November 19 cwk5292@gmail.com 724-504-6884

**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.