

Keystone Kourier

Keystone PA Airstream Club #092
Region 2 - WBCCI



President's Message



Hello All!

As Keystone closes out the 2023 season and prepares to begin the 2024 season I am once again amazed how quickly the season went by and repeated the phrase, "where did the time go?" To answer that, one only needs to look at the year's pics on your phone. Ahh now I remember 2023!! It was a busy year.

As Thanksgiving nears we were reminded at the installation of the many things to be thankful for. Thanks to Howard and Arry for serving as President and secretary for yet another term. Thank you to Jennifer for serving as 2nd VP and now 1st VP. A hearty thank you to our newer members Brian and Katherine for volunteering to fill the 2nd VP and Trustee positions. Thanks to Pat and Don as trustees and Karen in Sunshine. Even on the road Karen never misses to put a smile on the face of those that are in need. And last, but not least, to you, our Keystone Members without there would be no club. Thank you all.

Over the past several years Rick and Andy have without fail supplied Keystone with a top notch Newsletter and updated Website. In addition, serving as Keystone treasurer, keeping the unit in compliance with International policy, sending out regular financial reports, starting up and moderating the ever popular Keystone Facebook page all the while enjoying a busy travel schedule, hosting rallies and luncheons. Thank you for all you do!

After many years of consecutive Keystone service Rick and Andy understandably wish to lighten their club duty load. Both have agreed to continue with treasurer and Keystone webpage however, the monthly editing and production of the Kourier are now in need of a new editor. Jennifer has taken over the day to day Facebook duties, thank you Jennifer. As mentioned in the last newsletter the November issue will be the last issue from Rick and Andy. Please contact them or myself to learn more or begin this all important Key in the Keystone Club!! I'll be waiting by the phone !!

Before closing, take a look at the event schedule. Details will be out soon. The club needs hosts and co-hosts. Make the most of your membership, volunteer today, you will be glad you did.

See you all at the Christmas Party on the 9th. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Jody



Upcoming Events

December 9th (noon)
Holiday Luncheon
Plumsteadville Inn
Pipersville, PA

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Sunshine Report

Rob Livingston is recovering from a leg break. Another few weeks before he is back in action.

Long time (former) member Bud Cattell died on October 20 at the age of 80. There will be a memorial service next Spring, Morell Funeral Home, Boyertown is handling the services.

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:

November

Cindy Yerk (13th)

Karen Kushto (15th)

December

Pat Quinn (20th)

Chris Boland (30th)

Happy Anniversary to:

November

Chris & Carey Boland

December

Jody & Sue Dietz

Barry & Lesley Heckenswiler

Bud & Clare Vogt

Keystone Bits

. Did you see Airstream's introduction of the 2024 25FB Trade Wind?---With inspiration drawn from the massive battery capacity and increased focus on solar power generation developed in Airstream's one-off eStream Concept Travel Trailer, Trade Wind delivers the largest battery bank, solar array, and power monitoring system in any Airstream travel trailer manufactured in the company's 92-year history. In conjunction with a 3-inch suspension lift that provides more ground clearance, Trade Wind's powerful electrical system enables ultimate flexibility in choosing campsites – from traditional campgrounds with full hookups to off-grid boondocking far from the crowds.

. And for you motor coach enthusiasts, the new 19 ft Interstate!--- Built on the 19-foot Mercedes-Benz® Sprinter van chassis, Interstate 19X is purpose-made for outdoor and off-road enthusiasts who seek to explore our natural world while enjoying the comforts of home.

Keystone Komedie Korner



. WK: Smoking will kill you...Bacon will kill you...But smoking bacon will cure it!

. Airstreamer on wrong turn: "If stupidity got me into this, then why can't it get me out?"

. Elbert Hubbard: Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive.

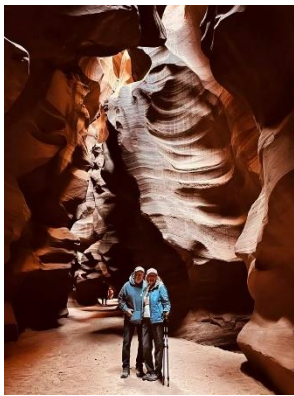
Keystone Annual Meeting & Beacon Hill Rally

Jody & Sue Dietz, Jennifer Eggers, Don & Phyllis Harrington, Barry & Lesley Heckenswiler, Jerry & Barb Hillegass, Howard & Arry Mergelkamp and **Pat and Kathleen Quinn** camped at Beacon Hill for the weekend and were joined by **Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald** at the annual club meeting on Saturday at Bird in Hand Restaurant. The Heckenswilers stayed in a rental cabin/rig and it was a great reminder that those who don't have a trailer or can't use it for some reason can still join in the fun as many sites now offer rental service. The lunch buffet was outstanding and the meeting facility great. Your 2024 officers were elected and installed and are shown on page 2. Meeting discussions included ways to include and involve new members for volunteer positions and rally coordination and the preliminary 2024 rally plans.

Keystoners Down the Road

More great Fall camping adventures from our club members. Thanks to all for sharing pictures of your travels:

Will & Karen Kushto continued on the Northern Lights & Polar Bears Airstream caravan and shared some absolutely fabulous adventures. The only question we pose Will is why the polar bear is not biking???



Pat & Kathleen Quinn finished their western adventure with stops including Upper Antelope Canyon, Monument Valley, Petrified Forest National Park and the Albuquerque Balloon Festival.



Staying closer to home, **Rick & Andy Pitts** and **Howard & Arry Mergelkamp** wandered to Virginia to take in the annual Chincoteague Oyster Festival before crossing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge/Tunnel to Virginia Beach and visits to the NAS Oceana and the Norfolk Naval yard.



Be sure to check the club's Facebook page for more pictures of these fine outings!



Upcoming Keystone Events

The last event for 2023 will be the **Holiday Luncheon** at **Plumsteadville Inn** in Pipersville (215-766-7500). Meet at the Inn at noon on December 9. Barb and Jerry Hillegass are coordinating and can be reached at 610-462-4881 or gaugeguy2@gmail.com. Always a fun event, add this to your schedule now!

Preliminary 2024 Activities Schedule

We continue to make additions and or alterations (see October plans) of which you will be notified as soon as this info arises. As of now, save these dates!!

Some of these rallies are several Days. If you can't make the whole thing, that's ok, come as many days you can!!

There are plenty of opportunities for you to host or help host so please let Jody Dietz know of your desire.

February 10, 2024	Valentines Luncheon. Host, your name here.	Details forthcoming, use your imagination.
March 16, 2024	St. Patty's luncheon/ Spring Get together. Host, your name here.	Details forthcoming, use your imagination
April 19- 21, 2024	Maintenance Rally with DelMarVa and Mid-Atlantic Airstream Clubs Host, Will and Karen Kushto	Details, 4H County Fairground Centreville, MD More info coming.
May 3-5, 2024	Lums Pond Joint Rally with Central Penn and Penn-Lehigh Airstream Clubs Host, Rick Pitts	Details, Lums Pond State Park, Delaware More info coming
May 3-5, 2024	Region 2 Rally scheduled	
May 31-June 2, 2024	Chester County BBQ Festival Host, Kathleen Quinn	Details, French Creek State Park PA. More info coming
July 13-21, 2024	World of Outlaws Race Week Host, Jody and Sue Dietz and your name here. Details, Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, BAPS Motor Speedway and Williams Grove Speedway, Two race nights, 2 great Speedways along with Outlaw racing. Can't be better than that. ***Note*** These dates are based on the 2023 schedule. As soon as the 2024 race schedule is released the dates will be confirmed and campground reservations can be made. Stay tuned!	
August	Open	
Sept 27-29, 2024	Installation of new officers Host, Dietz and Your name here	Details to follow
Oct 5-10, 2024	International Rally, Sedalia, MO See Blue Beret for info	
Oct 11-13, 2024	Stayed-at-home Rally; National Apple Harvest Festival, Beiglerville, PA Camping tbd at nearby Gettysburg campground Host, Your name here	Details to follow
Nov 10-16, 2024	Gunna Need Campfires Rally Week Host, Jody and Sue and your name here Fredericksburg VA, Washington DC South KOA One of the best times of the year to camp in our opinion. Fredericksburg is a beautiful town steeped in history, close to many Bicycle Trails, DC, National Parks.	More info coming
Dec 7, 2024	Christmas, Holiday Luncheon Host, Your name here	Details to follow

Added notes: The Region-2 rally has been scheduled for May 3-5, no details yet. There may be a state rally, no details yet.

Most of August and September are open months for us to travel. If you would like to generate a rally, sounds like a great idea to me!! Once our travel plans have been nailed down, maybe you will want to join in? Have your passports ready.

See you all soon. Jody and Sue

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