

Keystone Kourier

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



President's Message



Hello Keystoners! This is my last President's Message as my term is coming to an end. I think it has been a successful year. We began by developing a travel schedule based on the results of a questionnaire to all members asking for your input about types of travel preferred and where you'd like to go this year. We had luncheons at the Pitts' and at Mergelkamp's prior to de-winterizing our trailers and beginning our travels. We opened the Spring camping

season with our boulder rally at Hickory Run State Park followed quickly by our joint rallies at Lums Pond, Delaware, and the Maintenance Rally in Maryland. The Region 2 and International Rallies were held in interesting, new places requiring a bit of travel i.e. Niagara Falls, Canada, and Rock Springs, Wyoming. Closer to home we went to the Chester County Blues and BBQ Festival at French Creek State Park and Jim Thorpe in the Poconos. We concluded the travel schedule with the Lancaster Balloon Festival and the Western PA Caravan to the Flight 93 Memorial, Johnstown, Altoona and Carlisle. Of course, many of you traveled around the country on your own to such places as Michigan, the West, Maine, Virginia and many other places. We'll wrap up the year with the October 20-22 Installation Rally at Beacon Hill in Intercourse with meeting and lunch at the Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant. This will be followed by the Holiday Luncheon on December 9 at the Plumsteadville Inn. I hope to see many of you there. Thanks to our rally coordinators and to all of you for your participation this year. I am pleased to be passing the Presidency baton to Jody Dietz who has held the post multiple times and I'm sure will lead us to another successful and interesting year.

Sayonara, Ciao, Adieu and Happy Travels! *Howard*

Keystone Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Keystone Club will be held **Saturday October 21st** following the 1:00 pm luncheon at the Bird in Hand Restaurant, 2760 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird in Hand, PA. The purpose of the meeting is to elect and install officers for 2024 and cover any new business for the Club. Those members not attending the weekend rally are encouraged to join for the luncheon and meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Club is seeking volunteers for the **2nd Vice-President** and **2-year Trustee** positions on the Executive Committee.

The Club is also looking for **Editors** for the **Kourier** beginning in January.



Upcoming Events

October 20-22
Keystone Installation Rally
Beacon Hill Campground
Intercourse, PA

October 21st (1pm)
Annual Meeting
Bird-in-Hand Restaurant
Bird in Hand, PA

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

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2023 Officers

President

Howard Mergelkamp

1st Vice President

Jody Dietz

2nd Vice President

Jennifer Eggers

Treasurer

Rick Pitts

Secretary

Arry Mergelkamp

1 Year Trustee

Pat Quinn

2 Year Trustee

Don Harrington

Immediate Past

President

Kathleen Quinn

Membership

Don Harrington

Sunshine

Karen Kushto

Kourier – ACI Web Pages

Andy Pitts

Social Media

Jennifer Eggers

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:

October

Sue Dietz (11th)

Clare Vogt (13th)

Arry Mergelkamp (15th)

November

Cindy Yerk (13th)

Karen Kushto (15th)

Happy Anniversary to:

October

Jeff & Joanne Michael

November

Chris & Carey Boland

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

. Your club needs YOU to help keep it active. This Fall, Howard's term will end and Vice Presidents will 'move up' a notch so we will need a 2nd VP. Similarly, Don Harrington will move to 1-yr Trustee so we will need a new 2-yr Trustee. Of course, nominations are open for all positions so if you'd like to throw your hat into the ring please let Howard know asap.

. Rick and Andy Pitts will be stepping down as editors of the Kourier following the November edition. We are looking for someone to step into the editor position at that time. Let Jody know of your interest!

2024 Slate of Officers

Presently the slate of officers to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting includes:

President: Jody Dietz

2nd Vice President: Open

Secretary: Sue Dietz

1-year Trustee: Don Harrington

1st Vice President: Jennifer Eggers

Treasurer: Rick Pitts

2-year Trustee: Open

Immediate Past President: (non-elected) Howard Mergelkamp

Keystone Lancaster Balloon Festival Rally

Jody & Sue Dietz, Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald, Don & Phyllis Harrington and Jerry & Barb Hillegass were joined by **Gary & Suzanne Russo** (NY Finger Lakes and Region 2 President) and **Son Huang** (Central Penn) at **Mill Bridge Village Camp Resort** to take part in the Lancaster Balloon rally September 14-17. Unfortunately, the winds from Hurricane Lee kept the balloons from lifting off until Sunday, but there still were plenty of activities and great evening glows Friday and Saturday.



Checkout more pics on the Keystone Facebook page!

Keystoners Down the Road

September was a great month to be out and about in Airstreams. Thanks to all for sharing pictures of their travels:

Jody & Sue Dietz finished their trip at Highland Haven and on the Blue Ridge as they headed to the Lancaster Rally.



Jennifer Eggers joined the 'Smidge of the Blue Ridge' Airstream caravan for some adventurous fun!



Pat & Kathleen Quinn caught the urge to 'go west young Airstreamers' and have been posting some fine pics from their travels to Dinosaur National Monument, Rocky Mountain National Park, Great Salt Lake and more.





Affiliate members **Bill & Julie Graham** headed to New River Gorge in Virginia for some serious biking.

Joe & Kori Pfahler traveled to Ohio and sent some great pictures of the US Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB.



Will & Karen Kustho posted some fabulous pictures from the Northern Lights & Polar Bears Airstream caravan they are now on.

Rick & Andy Pitts and **Howard & Arry Mergelkamp** spent 2-weeks eating their way through New England, just managing to miss Hurricane Lee.



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

Upcoming Keystone Events



The **Annual Keystone Meeting** will be held the weekend of our rally at **Beacon Hill Campground** in Intercourse, PA. The meeting will follow the Club luncheon (to which all members are invited) at 1:00pm Saturday, Oct. 21st at the **Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant**. Be sure to join in the fun!



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!

Introducing

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



Jim & Laura Harbage, #5492, from Atglen with their 23' International

Alan Kenney, #2690, returning as an Affiliate from the Pennsylvania Club with his 34' Classic

Jennifer & Christopher Olejnik, #31309, joining as an Affiliate from the Michigan Airstream Club with their 28' Flying Cloud

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

Preliminary 2024 Activities Schedule

Hello Fellow Keystoneers,

Based on Keystone staples, a recent questionnaire from Howard and things Sue and I find interesting, I am submitting for your perusal Keystone's 2024 tentative schedule. There may be additions and or alterations 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 me 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 (tbd)	Stayed-at-home Rally; New Holland Farmers Fair and Spectacle of Bands Parade Something for everyone at this street fair that began in 1927 Host, Your name here	Dates to be confirmed and 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

Andy and Rick Pitts
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INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE CLUB

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