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Airstream Club #026**

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Vintage Airstreams at the Rock Springs, WY International
Photo courtesy of Rock Springs URA Facebook page

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By Andy Dowell, BRN# 6684, President
DelMarVa Airstream Club



Hello DelMarVa Members:

**Andy is On the Road
Will Catch Up in The September Issue**

**Safe Travels, and we hope to see you down the road!
Andy Dowell, BRN# 06684**

DelMarVa Airstream Club Calendar

- Aug: TBD
- Sep: TBD
- Fall Business Meeting with Installation of Officers
 - October 20 to 22
 - Delaware Seashore State Park
 - More info to follow

Region 2 President

By Garry Russo, BRN# 1061, President, Region 2

Hello DelMarVa Members,

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 letter is multi-purposed from my perspective;

- Increase the enthusiasm within each club in the Region.
- Keep the Region 2 members up to date with rallies within the Region.
- 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.
 - 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!
Garry Russo, BRN# 1061

2023 International Rally, Rock Spring, WY

An Article by: Katharine Dowell, BRN# 6684

Photos by Katharine Dowell

The International Rally in Rock Springs, WY, attended by 5 Delmarva Club member units, was quite an event. It was the largest by far in many years, with well over 1100 Airstreams. What made it special was so many renewed acquaintances, plus the Rally program, touring highlights, and fun times with Airstreamers.



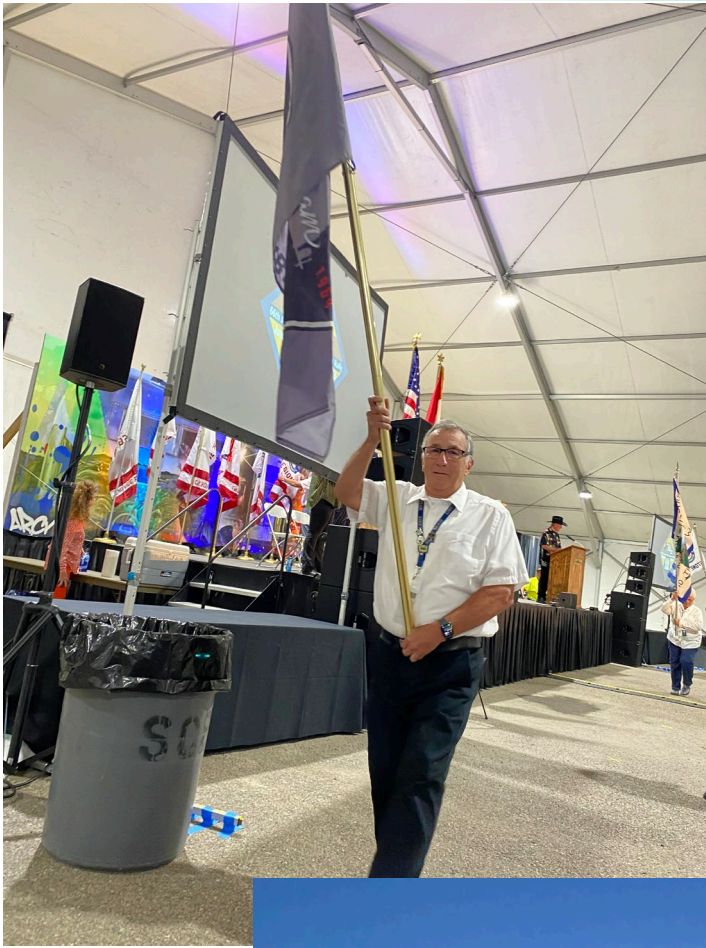
Delmarva members in attendance included Bill and Sharon Turner, Mike & Donna Fields, and new members Lynn and Tom Morgan, and Michael and Sandra Zelensky along with the Dowells.

An impromptu Happy Hour was held with the Turners, Fields, Dowells and Morgans in attendance.

President Andy played both clarinet and flute in the Rally Band, devoting countless hours to pre-Rally Band Camp, rehearsals, staging and performances.

Andy was also recognized by ACI President Eric McHenry along with other Region 2 officers at the annual International Rally Leadership Dinner.





Bill Turner carried the Delmarva flag for the Club at the Opening Ceremony.

Other memorable Rally highlights pictured included:

The Airstream evening glow





Katharine on the Flaming Gorge Bus Tour (Andy was in rehearsals)

The Wild Horse/Pilot Butte drive with views of the sparkling silver Rally grounds below,



Eastern Great Lakes Tour, June 2023

An Article by: Catherine and Dave Voorhees, BRN# 7551

Photos by Catherine and Dave Voorhees



Dave fishing Little Pine Creek

With the Canadian wildfires generating smoky conditions over Lewes, DE we left for Lake Ontario via Little Pine State Park (PA E50AMP) where Dave fished Little Pine Creek while Catherine, John (our son), and Willy (our dog) walked (Willy rolled in the creek) along the creek.



Willy running along the road beside Little Pine Creek

After three nights at Little Pine Creek Campground, we travelled to Four Mile Creek Campground (NY E30AMP) on Lake Ontario. The weather was nice, but smoky due to the wildfires. We spent three nights there while visiting Niagara Falls and Fort Niagara, which were both close by.



Our campsite at Four Mile Creek State Park



Horseshoe Falls with Niagara Falls, Ontario in the background

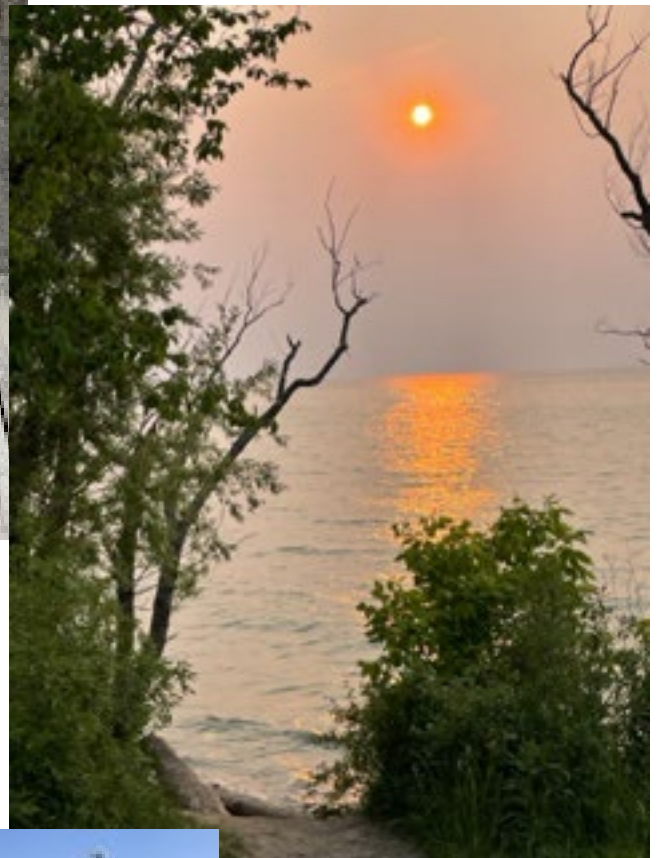


American Falls



Fort Niagara looking towards the Niagara River

We then travelled to Geneva State Park (OH E30AMP) on Lake Erie where we explored the beach, the marina, and the town of Geneva on the Lake. Lake Erie wasn't as smoky as Lake Ontario so you could see Canada on the horizon.



Sunset over Lake Ontario with the smoky haze



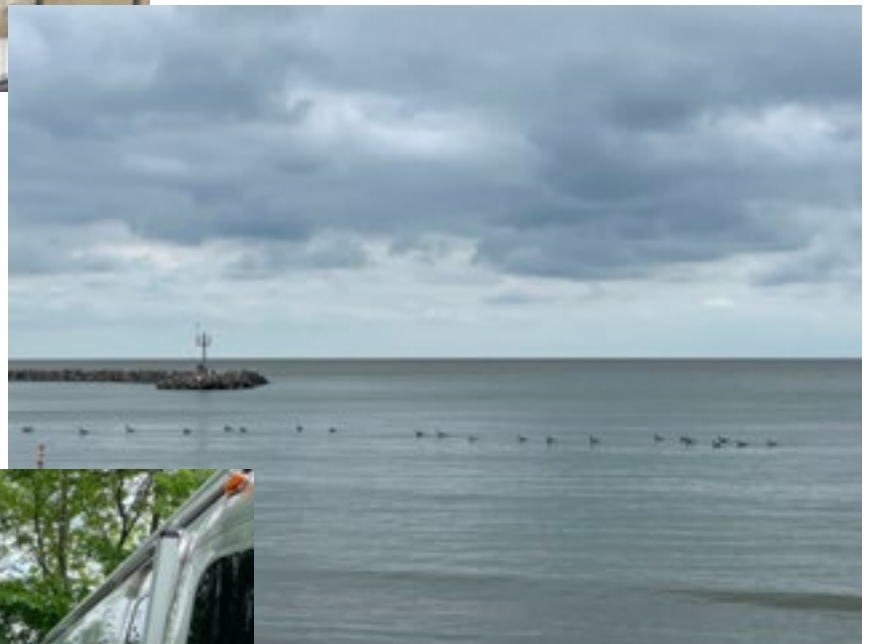
Lake Geneva State Park marina

To experience Lake Erie further, we travelled to Kelley Island State Park (OH FHU E50AMP) where the rain and thunderstorms began. We had our gazebo adjacent to our awning, so we had more room in spite of the rain. John and I explored the island while Dave fished. The food was good on the island. We had barbecue sandwiches from Peepers. The burgers and chicken sandwiches at Kelley Island Wine Company were very tasty. We also had a burger, quesadilla, and Italian hoagie at the Village Pump.



John at the Glacial Grooves

Kelley Island State Park Jetty



John at our campsite at Kelley Island State Park

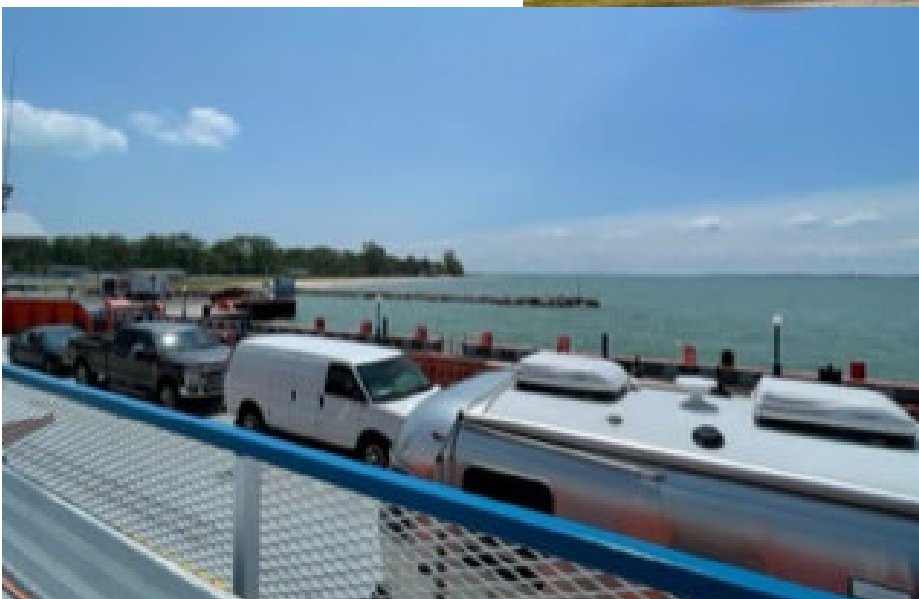
Our next stop was Port Crescent State Park (MI E30AMP) on Lake Huron just outside the town of Port Austin on the thumb of Lake Michigan. Well-used campground with lakefront sites. We had a handicap site with a large concrete pad.



Swans in the backwater near our campsite at Port Crescent State Park, MI

It rained in Michigan, but I was able to do the laundry at the Green Clean Bean; coffee shop in the front, laundry in the rear with a WIFI hot spot to boot. The lattes and muffins were perfect, and the rain stopped when the laundry was finished.

Port Crescent State Park Campsite



On the ferry to Marblehead, OH

We left the Great Lakes and travelled to Streetsboro KOA to visit the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Ohio. Since we visited on a Saturday, the park was crowded at the Everett Covered Bridge, Brandywine Falls, and the Boston Store Trailhead along the Ohio and Erie Canal. However, in the northern part of the park, we were able to find a quiet picnic spot along the Gorge Parkway in the Bedford Reservation.



Brandywine Falls at
Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Everett Covered Bridge at
Cuyahoga Valley National Park

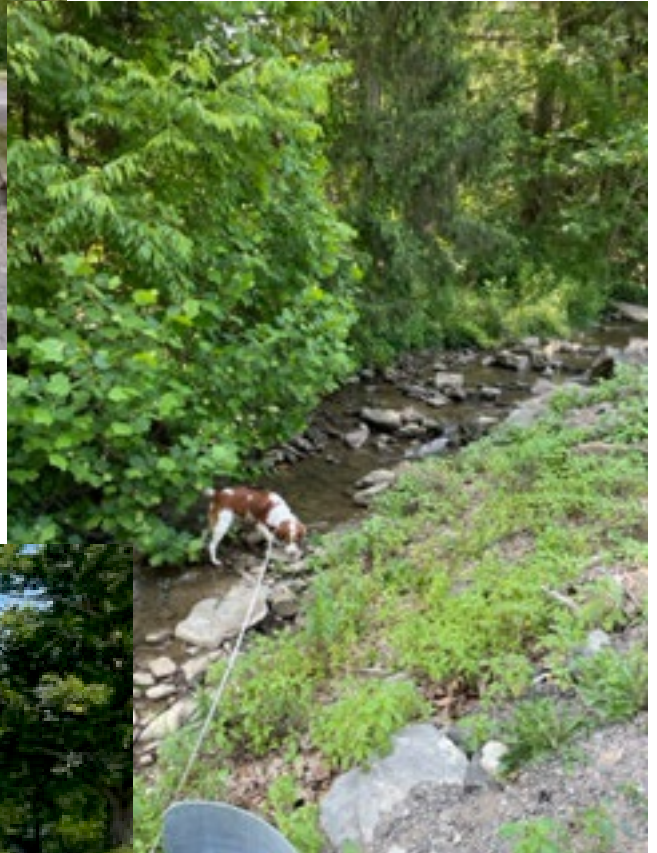


On our way back to Lewes, DE we stopped at the Outflow Campground (PA COE E50AMP). Fishing was good for Dave. John, Willy, and I walked the town of Confluence, PA.



Campsite at the Outflow Campground

Creek at the Outflow Campground which flows into the Youghiogheny River.



John and Willy on the trail from the Outflow Campground to the town of Confluence, PA. It crosses the Youghiogheny River and runs alongside the river.

That's all for now, thanks for riding along on our trip to the Great Lakes. Catherine, Dave, John, and Willy!

DelMarVa Airstream Club Installation Meeting and Rally October 20 through 22, 2023

Delaware Seashore State Park

Web Site: <https://destateparks.com/Beaches/DelawareSeashore>



Plan now to attend the DelMarVa Airstream Club Fall Rally and Club Installation Meeting.

Please join us for this important club gathering.

The meeting will be held at a nearby restaurant, details to follow.

Both the North and South Camping Areas are available through October 31.

Sites with full hook-up are available at both areas.

We will be providing additional information regarding this activity.

Meet the DelMarVa Airstream Club Officers and Volunteers

Being somewhat new to the DelMarVa Airstream Club myself, I thought it would be great to publish photos of our Officers and Volunteers so you might be able to pick them out at upcoming meetings and rallies.



**Andy Dowell, President
And Webmaster**



**Katharine Dowell, Recording Secretary
And Trustee**



Chuck Helwig, Treasurer
(with Maggie)



Mike Field, Trustee



Charlie Michels, Trustee
(with Nancy Eldridge)



Roger Sansom, Membership Chair
(with Celeste)



**Denis Clements, Newsletter Editor and Flag Bearer
At The 2022 Fryeburg, ME International Rally**

The Looking for Information and Advice Corner

If you would like to post a question or comment for the DelMarVa Airstream Club folks, please let me know.

Looking for nuggets that would be good info for our club members.

Looking for questions that you would prefer to keep in the club.

Editorial Review

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