

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Here's to hoping Punxsutawney Phil won't see his shadow tomorrow and spring will be just around the corner. I certainly am ready to be out camping again. Until then we still have the opportunity to see one another at the February and March luncheons. February's luncheon will be hosted by Dick and Stevie Kline at Paci's Lounge & Dining Room on February 10th at 11:30 AM. I would encourage everyone to attend.

Looking ahead I want to remind everyone of the Region 2 Rally on May 3-5, being held in Centre Hall PA. More information about the rally and how to sign up can be found in the event schedule section of the newsletter. Registration is also open for the Pennsylvania Rally in September of this year also.

I also want to remind everyone of the Campfire Chat on February 14, 2024, at 7PM on Zoom. There is also an IBT meeting on February 22nd at 11 AM. It is open to the membership to watch and listen and ask questions if you have any. Here are the links for the Campfire Chat and IBT meeting.

Finally, I'd like to ask everyone a question. The question is, "Why did you join the Club?". Did you join because of the member benefits offered by the Club (i.e. discounts in goods and services)? Was it for the sense of community and fellowship that the Club offers? In just our small local Club everyone has a unique background. We come from all walks of life, many different career paths, yet one thing brought us all together. That shiny hunk of aluminum in the rearview mirror. I would really like to hear from you what made you join and more importantly what keeps you coming back year after year.

See you all soon and THINK SPRING!

Matt



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Al-Mon-O on the web

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

Follow us on

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlMonO/>



FEBRUARY 2024



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



FEBRUARY

7 Cindy Field
7 Cody Klingler
20 Don Clayton

10 Dan & Linda Moore
12 Robert & Pamela Arnhold

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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2024 LUNCHEON / RALLY SCHEDULE

We are looking for hosts for the 2024 Luncheon / Rally Schedule. If you would be interested in hosting a luncheon or rally, please see the list below and reach out to Matt Moore.

April Luncheon or Rally

June Rally

July Rally

November Luncheon



Rally Reminders

1. Registration is now open for the Region 2 Rally. Use the link in the calendar to register.
2. If you haven't reserved your site for the Bluegrass Rally, registration is open now.
3. Don't forget to reserve your site for the Irish Festival beginning January 1, 2024.
4. Registration for the Pennsylvania Rally is live. Click the link in the calendar to register.

REGION 2 NEWS

Happy New Year!



So starts a new camping season!



Hope all had a Great Holiday Season! Right now, I am looking at my backyard covered with 2-3 inches of snow with a cloudy/sunny sky, temperature outside 27°F or 2.8°C for my Canadian friends. The Winter solstice of 2023 is now behind us, and the daylight time is now getting longer. This event occurred on Thursday December 21st, 2023 at 10:27 PM, for those keeping track of 'When can I open up my trailer'. I started my 2024 camping plans!

The May 2024 Region 2 Rally registration is now live and I've included a link to the JotForm.

<http://form.jotform.com/233605413531144>

The 1st 100 registrant's will get a special Region 2 Goody Bag.

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REGION 2 NEWS

Region 2 has 63 rigs signed up right now for the 2024 International in Sedalia MO. We are planning a Region 2 lunch get together at the International. More information on the lunch once the plans are firmed up. Stay tuned!

The New York Units (Finger Lakes/Hudson Mohawk and Metro New York) are planning an open-to-all Airstreamers Rally on the shores of Seneca Lake at Sampson State Park. Last year's theme was 'Circle the Wagons'. They had 60 rigs last year and had to turn away a number of trailers. This year they were able to lock in **96 sites** for the event! Their theme this year is a '**A Taste of New York**'.

I've been following all of the Unit Newsletters in Region 2, and there are so many rallies/get togethers that I sent out the process to put their rallies/get togethers on the ACI website to all the clubs last month. This will provide anyone who is searching the ACI website to find rallies/get togethers in Region 2 with contact information and to allow that person to register for the event.

Patti Galupo, Matt Moore or I plan to attend one of each unit's rallies/get togethers during the 2024 season. I started looking at rallies and found some were already full. My recommendation is don't wait -- look for rallies now and register! I know there are limited sites at a number of rallies.

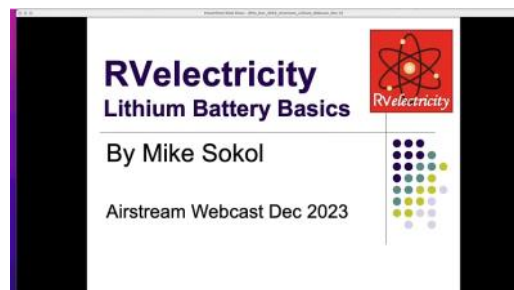
I've included the links to 2 YouTube videos. One is on BRN's and Rallies and the other is on RV electricity and Lithium batteries.

The one regarding BRN's was forwarded to me by Eric McHenry. The video talks about Big Red Numbers (BRN's) -- what they are and why you want to Rally. It's a 26-minute video and worth the time. I've attached the link below.



<https://youtu.be/irfdq5boMD8?si=2tsMWxyaPSRoJ7PZ>

On December 13th Mike Sokol had a Webcast on RVelectricity with the topic directed to Lithium Battery Basics. I've attached the link below.



<https://www.youtube.com/live/6UAsum0qzml?si=MfAHRTr8BftXyw8T>

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As an ACI member, check out the discount programs available to you at [Member-Only Section | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](#). The Club has worked hard with vendors to provide these discount programs. Now that winter has started and things are now quiet in the North Lands, you can sit back and check them out while watching the snow fall outside of your window or if you are lucky to be relaxing on the beach where it is warmer.



Winter In New York

We finally have snow in New York!

Time to pull out the snow shoes and the skis. The Buffalo area is leading the snow race now, but Rochester has the snow making machine of Lake Ontario turned on and the cold winds of the North are dropping lake snow here in copious amounts. So, Buffalo you better watch out -- Rochester is coming on strong!

Right now, the registration for the Region 2 rally in May is live. So, do not wait. Here is just a tease as to what we have scheduled: Building # 14 on the fairgrounds will be open to us every morning where coffee and tea will be available Friday-Sunday mornings. On Saturday night we have Nittany Catering providing a scrumptious buffet dinner, plant-based options will be available. Do not forget to bring your dancing shoes to burn off those dinner calories because we have the Malpractice Band returning to play on Saturday night.

Sunday, we have a continental breakfast with coffee and tea.

Sign up now and reserve your site!

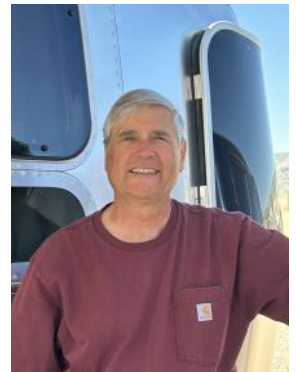


Region 2 will have a booth at the Sedalia WBCCI International Rally. To showcase Region 2, I am looking for photos from events your club/units had during the 2023 year for a poster. Please send one or two photos to me by email. Then do not forget to stop by the booth and say Hi while in Sedalia. If you would like to volunteer to assist at the booth, please contact me and I can schedule time.

We are planning to have a get together at the rally for Region 2. I have reserved the Missouri Electric Cooperatives facility (MEC1) at the Fairgrounds. We have access to that room from 11:30am to 1pm. Stay tuned for what we have planned.

Just a friendly reminder. The Region 2, ACI website has multiple rallies already posted for 2024. Please check the ACI site as some of the rallies are already filling up because they are now available to any WBCCI member. We have seen members from the south who are traveling north to get relief from the southern heat.

--Gary Russo (#1061)



PRODUCT REVIEW—WEBER TRAVELER GRILL

By Matt Moore

If you're looking for a portable camping grill, I can recommend the Weber Traveler.

Pros:

- Folds for easier storage and takes up less space in the back of the truck
- Built in wheels to transport around the campsite
- Removable cooking grates for easy cleanup
- Optional griddle inserts for cooking foods like eggs and pancakes
- Ability to use 1lb or 20lb propane tank with an adapter hose

Cons:

- It's a little heavy, about 50 lbs
- It's expensive

I was lucky enough to find this grill on clearance at Walmart last January. You can buy them pretty much anywhere for about \$400. I paid \$199. Had I not found one on sale I probably wouldn't have bought one. I used the grill all last camping season and I really don't have any complaints. It heats up fast and has a pretty even temperature across the entire grilling surface even though it only has one burner.

The grill comes out of the box almost fully assembled, just need to attach the wheels. Two grilling grates come standard, and you can buy separately, griddle inserts that take the place of the grill grates. I bought mine on Amazon. It's not a genuine Weber accessory, but it was half the cost and fits just fine.

Bottom line: It's a quality grill and I would recommend it. Shop around and chances are you can find a deal on one.





Irish Festival Rally

August 1-4, 2024

Hosts: Doug & Cindy Field
dfield4521@yahoo.com

Registration for camping opens January 1, 2024. Maximum 15 trailers.

Camping: Pastime Park Campground
370 N. Chillicothe St.
Plain City, OH 43064

Festival: Coffman Park
Dublin, OH

Doug and Cindy Field will be hosting a Rally during the "Dublin Irish Festival" which is held yearly during the first weekend of August in Dublin Ohio. The festival has everything Irish! There are 7 stages where you can see music and dancing all day. Plenty of cultural treasures too. A very nice campground not far from Dublin (about 10 miles), is "Pastime Park Campground" in Plain City. The goal is for everyone to make their own reservations there beginning January 1st 2024.

The Rally will be centered around the Festival. There will be a welcome social hour on Thursday evening and an Irish brunch on Friday morning. Cost of the rally will be later determined. Campfires are an option in the evening also. More info will be available as the time draws closer. Many of you will research this on your own, but if there are any questions, feel free to give us a call.

Sla'inte

Meandering the Maritimes 2024

This will mark the second running of this Region 2 caravan. The first, in 2022, proved to be very popular and we were encouraged to run it again. Our plans are still being finalized but we plan to start on August 19 at the northern end of Cape Breton Island and spend the next 36 days exploring the sights, sounds and tastes of Canada's the three Maritime Provinces: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Along the way we will see historic forts, coastal villages and museums. We will experience the cultures of this beautiful part of Canada, settled by the Acadians, Scots, Irish and English, all interacting in various ways with the indigenous population. We will go underground and learn of the dreadful conditions for the coal miners of the past century, we will go whale watching and we will go out in a lobster boat to learn about the lobster fishery. Celtic fiddle music will get your toes tapping and everywhere there are fresh lobsters, scallops and mussels. If we are lucky, we may even get to visit Oak Island. Who knows what other adventures you will find? From the world's highest tides to red sandy beaches, the Maritimes will call you back again and again.

Our style is to run caravans that are somewhat laid back, with lots of free time to do your own thing. Some people like to bike, some like to hike, some like to shop and some just like to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Whatever your interests may be, there will be opportunities to enjoy your favorite pastime.

Our caravan Kitty Fee is \$3400 Cdn for an Airstream with a solo traveler, \$4500 Cdn for an Airstream with 2 people, and \$1100 for each additional person. Sign up soon to ensure your spot. Contact the Caravan leader, Kerry Mattila, at maritimescaravan@wbcci.net for more information.



2024 Pennsylvania Rally

Sept. 5-8, 2024

Whitehall Camp & Conference Center
Emlenton, PA

Campsites offer:

- 30 Amp electric service
- Water
- Sunny and shady sites
- Dump station



Scan or Click the QR
Code to Register today!



Catch up with old friends and meet new friends at the Pennsylvania Rally. Held at the beautiful Whitehall Camp & Conference Center, nestled on 288 acres in the rolling hills of Western Pa. Since 1892, Whitehall Camp has been a destination to escape from the hustle and bustle of life and enjoy a serene, slow-paced atmosphere, perfect for relaxation and recharging the body and the mind. Conveniently located near Interstate 80, makes getting to Whitehall quick and easy.

It's adventure you seek, there's plenty to keep you occupied in the area. Minutes from the Allegheny River, visitors can kayak and canoe. The area also boasts many well maintained bike and walking trails. There are many local restaurants and wineries to visit and sample too!



INTERNATIONAL RALLY

67TH AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY OCTOBER 5-10, 2024

MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Seminars ♦ Exhibits ♦ Socials ♦ Entertainment
AirstreamClub.org/Rally2024 #ACIRALLY2024



Personal Information*

BIG RED NUMBER: _____

First Name	Last Name	Email Address
First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Address	City, State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Phone Number	Phone Number	

This is my/our **FIRST** time attending an International Rally.

*Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form. Please contact HQ to make those changes.

REGISTRATION FEES	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
*RV on Site – Arrival Saturday, October 5		375.00	
Arrive 1 day EARLY – Friday, October 4		50.00	
Arrival 2 days EARLY – Thursday, October 3		100.00	
Arrival 3 days EARLY – Wednesday, October 2		150.00	
Adult (18 and over) per person		125.00	
Youth (13 and up) per person		75.00	
Children (4 to 12) per person		50.00	
Toddler (3 and under) FREE		0.00	
Lifetime Member Discount		-20.00	
TOTAL DUE			
Parking Group Choice - ONLY SELECT ONE (You may need to be a member of Intra-Club to park with group.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Accessible <input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Radio <input type="checkbox"/> Band <input type="checkbox"/> Boondockers <input type="checkbox"/> Classic <input type="checkbox"/> Future Streamers <input type="checkbox"/> Grapes & Grains <input type="checkbox"/> Indie Streamers <input type="checkbox"/> Pride Streamers <input type="checkbox"/> Stella's Sisters <input type="checkbox"/> Vintage Club			

RV AMENITIES – All RV spaces are full-service camping spaces with water, 50-amp electricity and sewer.

*RV on site – This is only for RV on site no humans included.

CONFIRMATION & PARKING

INFORMATION will be emailed to the email provided above.

CANCELLATION POLICY - Refund requests are to be submitted in writing to rally@airstreamclub.org. Refund requests received on or before August 10, 2024 will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Requests on or after August 11, 2024 will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after September 21, 2024. **If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration Date: _____ Rec'd By: _____ Registration Source: Mail Online Rally

Payment Type: Cash Check Credit Card Amt Paid: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Register ♦ Online www.airstreamclub.org/Rally2024 ♦ Mail ♦ Phone 937-596-5211

INTERNATIONAL RALLY

HOW TO REGISTER – Go to AirstreamClub.org/Rally2024, call HQ at 937-596-5211 or fill out this form and make a check payable to WBCCI, in US Funds Only, and mail to: WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334. Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you bring your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation with you to the rally.

STAGING AREA – The Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Arrivals after 6:00 p.m. may stay overnight in the Staging Area with no hookups until parking begins the next day. If you arrive before your registered date, there is a charge of \$75 per night.

KIDS – Bring them! Our youngest RVers will be treated to programming especially suited to kids ages 4-17. Registration cost covers materials for age-appropriate activities surrounding a daily theme that will keep your kid’s busy learning, exploring and having fun!

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

ADDITIONAL GUEST – Members are welcome to bring additional guests for a fee. Include their names here:

Name: _____ BRN: _____

Name: _____ BRN: _____

PARKING TOGETHER – If you would like to park with family and friends, you must register to arrive on the same date, and you must arrive together.

PARKING GROUPS – Groups of 5 or more wishing to park with the SAME group MUST register as a parking group with HQ by August 24, 2024. All group participants must register to arrive on the same date. The group leader can call 937-596-5211 or email rally@airstreamclub.org to register the group. A coordinator of the Rally Arrival Team will contact the group leader and let them know what time to arrive.

COVID-19 NOTICE – An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event, you understand and assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure. ACI, its staff, officers, exhibitors, volunteers, members, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.

CHECK-OUT TIME – October 11 by noon.

USE OF IMAGE – I grant ACI, and its employees and agents, an unrestricted right and license to use my image, likeness, name, voice, comments and/or other proprietary or public rights and/or those in any live recorded talks, broadcast, photograph, video, audio, audiovisual and/or other recording taken in connection with this event, for all purposes, in perpetuity and in any and all media now or hereafter known, without compensation.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK & WAIVER OF LIABILITY – I assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with attending this event. I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless, ACI, its employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives of and from any such claims, including liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to my attendance at this event.

STAY & PLAY IN SEDALIA



The 67th International Airstream Club Rally will begin on Saturday, October 5 and closing ceremonies will take place the evening of Thursday, October 10. Check-Out is Friday, October 11 by noon.

You may stay camped at the Missouri State Fair after the rally if you’d like! Camping is \$25 per night per spot, for up to 14 days. You can pay this fee **once you are on-site** to the Missouri State Fairgrounds Office via credit card, cash or check.

Here’s some quick stats on mileage to the surrounding areas to help you start planning your extended stay for more *Fun in the Fall!*

- Arrow Rock – 50 miles
- Lake of The Ozarks, Sunrise Beach – 60 miles
- Lake of The Ozarks, Bagnell Dam – 66 miles
- Lake of The Ozarks State Park – 79 miles
- Kansas City, downtown – 90 miles
- Jefferson City, State Capitol – 61 miles
- Columbia, University of Missouri – 68 miles
- Springfield, Bass Pro Shop & Aquarium – 120 miles
- Branson – 168 miles
- St Louis, downtown, Gateway Arch – 190 miles

Register ♦ Online www.airstreamclub.org/Rally2024 ♦ Mail ♦ Phone 937-596-5211

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

Date/Time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
January 6	Meetup	Pittsburgh RV Show David L. Lawrence Convention Center Lunch at Condado Tacos after	Matt Moore & Cody Klingler	RSPV to cwk5292@gmail.com if attending
February 10 11:30 AM	Luncheon	Paci's Lounge & Dining Room 384 Old National Pike Brownsville, PA 15417	Dick & Stevie Kline	RSVP to stevie.kline@gmail.com by Feb. 3
March 16 11:30 AM	Luncheon	Dee Jay's BBQ Ribs & Grille 2602 Brandt School Rd. Wexford, PA 15090	Craign & Julie Jansen	Please rsvp to jucrjansen@comcast.net by March 9
May 3-5	Region 2 Rally	Centre County Grange 169 Holman Ln. Centre Hall, PA 16828	Region 2 Officers	Click the link to register: http:// form.jotform.com/2336054135311
August 1-4	Irish Festival Rally	Pastime Park Campground 370 N. Chillicothe St. Plain City, OH 43064 pastime-park.bussiness.site Festival at Coffman Park in Dublin, OH	Doug & Cindy Field	Reservations can be made with the campground beginning January 1. Please RSVP to dfield4521@yahoo.com once complete.
August 16-18	Bluegrass Rally	Laurel Hill State Park 1454 Laurel Hill Park Road Somerset, PA 15501 (Make reservations online at www.reserveamerica.com)	TBD	Contact Cody Klingler at cwk5292@gmail.com with site and number of people
September 5-8	PA State Rally	Whitehall Camp and Conference Center 580 Whitehall Rd. Emlenton, PA 16373	AI-Mon-O PA	Click the link to register: https:// form.jotform.com/240015014357039
October 5-11	66th ACI Rally	Missouri State Fairgrounds Sedalia, MO	International	Registration opens August 1, 2023

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Date/Time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
May 1-4	Region 2 Rally	TBD	TBD	TBD
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.