

**Official Newsletter of the
DelMarVa Airstream
Club #026**

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From the DelMarVa Club Trustee

Andy Dowell

Happy New Year, Airstreamers! I hope this email finds you well, and your new year is off to a good start.

I'm writing to let you know of a change to our Club leadership. Due to an urgent medical issue, President Paul and Vice President Elaine McVinney have resigned, and will be moving out of the area, to be closer to their children. Please keep the McVinney family in your prayers.

As Trustee and most recent Past President, I am assuming Paul's duties, at least until the Business Meeting at the Maintenance Rally in April. At that time, I am hoping that one (or more) of you will step up to take charge of the Club for the remainder of Paul and Elaine's terms, which expire at the end of October. Personally, I would prefer we have an election, so we know the new President will have the support of the membership. Our Bylaws state that the Board - currently Treasurer Chuck Helwig, Trustee Katharine Dowell, and myself, can appoint a President. Since a significant number of our members have held office - some several times - it would be great to have some new faces on the Board. Please consider putting your hat in the ring, so to speak. Please let me know if you are willing to be Club President.

Thank you!

**Kind Regards,
Andy Dowell
410-212-4431 (phone/text)**

DelMarVa Airstream Club Calendar

Mar 23, 2024: Club Luncheon
Travel Planning 2024;
Location: Sheridan's Irish Pub,
Smyrna, DE
Host is DelMarVa AS Club

Apr 19-21, 2024: Maintenance
Rally, may be joint with another
Region 2 AS Club;
Location: 4H Club Campground,
Centreville, MD;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club

May 3-5, 2024: Region 2 Rally;
Location: Centre County Grange
Encampment and Fair, 169 Homan
Lane, Centre Hall PA 16828;
Host is Region 2

May 3-5, 2024: Joint Rally
w/Keystone;
Location: Lums Pond State Park,
DE;
Host is Keystone AS Club

Jun 4-7, 2024: DelMarVa Rally;
Location: Kiptopeke State Park, DE;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club

June 15-18, 2024: DelMarVa Rally,
Location: Elk Neck State Park, MD,
Host is DelMarVa AS Club

Aug 16-18, 2024: DelMarVa Family
Rally;
Location: TBD;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club

Sep 20-22, 2014: DelMarVa Rally;
Location: Crisfield American
Legion, MD;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club;
Contact Roger Sansom concerning
reservations.

Region 2 President

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

Hello DelMarVa Members,

Spring is just around the Corner



I have been getting multiple emails as to when the registration for the Sampson Rally will start. The rally team has been working to get all the moving pieces together, and I am enclosing the link to the JotForm.

<https://form.jotform.com/240374986998177>

The theme this year is 'A Taste of New York'. We have secured 97 trailer sites at Sampson State Park. Which means the 1st 97 trailers will not need to use the Reserve America website to register. We have done that work for you! The rally this year is being hosted by the following Region 2 clubs: New York Finger Lakes, Hudson Mohawk New York, and the Metropolitan New York Airstream Clubs.

Last year the rally had trailers from multiple regions. That is why we have expanded the number of sites available. We again plan multiple

Oct 5-10, 2024: 2024 International Rally;

Location: Sedalia, MO;

Host is ACI International

Oct 11-13, 2024: Joint Rally with Keystone AS Club, Installation Rally for DelMarVa AS Club;

Location: National Apple Harvest Festival at South Mountain

Fairgrounds, Route 234 near

Arendtsville, PA;

Campground will be near

Gettysburg, PA;

Host is Keystone AS Club

Tentative dates late October, 2024

DelMarVa Installation Rally

Location: 4H Club Campground,

Centreville, MD;

Host is DelMarVa AS Club

More details in future issues

activities at the park, and we have an even larger tent to accommodate the number of people we are expecting.

This next story started back in Rock Springs, Wyoming at the Airstream International. There was a presentation by Leslie and Steve Lovett from the Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club. The title of their presentation was Equipment and Tools for Dutch Oven Lifestyle. Leslie and Steve made Dutch Oven biscuits. If you ask Suzanne, I love biscuits! The year before while camping in the Adirondacks I attempted to make Dutch Oven Jambalaya ala the Boy Scouts of America cookbook. The Jambalaya cooking was well...interesting. Bottom line the rice was underdone. The biggest issue I had was maintaining the heat during the cooking time. I did not have my briquette technique down. The Dutch Oven was open to the air which I now know is a large part of the cooking technique, with the oven.

That is where Leslie and Steve's presentation of making biscuits comes into play. I decided to give Dutch Oven cooking another try. Steve had what I would call a portable cooker. This cooker kept the heat from the briquettes focused below and around the Dutch Oven.

During the presentation I took multiple photos of what I would call this Rube Goldberg device. After searching/Googling the web, I found a YouTube video titled How to Make a Dennis Cooker for my Dutch Oven. Well, yesterday I got my parts for a homemade Cooker stove and started to assemble the Cooker. I followed the instructions from the YouTube video.

I did make 2 changes to the design:

- My roof flashing was 18 inches tall vs 24 inches.
- I used #6 machine SS screws vs a steel pop rivet.

Any volunteer(s) who wants to be my testing guinea pig?

With that said, safe travels and see you down the road!
Gary Russo, BRN# 1061

March DelMarVa Airstream Club Luncheon

Delmarva Airstream Club March 2024 Activity



Post St. Patrick's Day Luncheon March 23, 2024



...and looking forward to spring.

Saturday, March 23rd at 12:00 noon

Sheridan's Irish Pub, Smyrna



Enjoy delicious Irish food- **order from the Menu**
Meet new and older (more seasoned) members.
"Door" prizes ! ? and good conversation.



Hosted by: Malcolm Comstock (Older Member)
I need to call Sheridan's with the number of attendants.

So text or call me to reserve your spot.....

302-724-0654

Support Your Club

Please reply by Wednesday, March 20

Check out Sheridan's [website](#) for the full menu.

Joint Maintenance Rally 2024

Delmarva- Keystone- Mid Atlantic

April 19,20,21. 2024
[No Thursday Arrivals]



Rally Fee \$ 150. / Trailer

Rally Fee Includes:

- Two nights camping with water and electric.
- Dump station available on Sunday.
- Breakfast Saturday morning
- Dinner on Saturday evening.
- Supplies for maintenance tasks; torque wrench, propane leak detector, battery tester, fluids, etc. will be provided.
- Delmarva: inform us if you are coming to the meeting & dinner only.

Venue:
4-H Park
1945 4-H Park Rd.
Centreville, Md.
21617

Rally Coupon

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Club: _____

e-mail: _____ Cell: _____

Specific maintenance questions or topics you would like covered at the Rally:

To register for the rally: clip the rally coupon and mail with check to:

Charles Helwig
206 Rocky Meadow La.
Dover, DE. 19904

Sign-up Deadline: April 1st

Make checks payable to: Delmarva Airstream Club

Contact Number: 302-270-7618
Contact e-mail: helwigcw@icloud.com

To hold the rally we need a minimum of eleven units signed up by March 15

A Taste of New York A Joint Rally of Hudson Mohawk, Metro NY, and NY Finger Lakes Airstream Clubs

Tired of looking at your trailer in storage or the driveway?



If you attended last year's Sampson Rally, we hope you have fond memories. This year the theme is 'A Taste of New York'. The New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club along with the Hudson-Mohawk and Metropolitan New York Airstream Clubs have partnered together to add to those fond Airstream rally memories or to create new ones. We plan to showcase the taste of New York. On Friday we plan to have tastings under the tent. The tastings will include wines and craft beers from the region. Each trailer will be provided with a Charcuterie Board box (enough for 2 people) and a bag of decadent popcorn, both provided by local vendors. Last year the event started with check in on Thursday and check out on Monday morning. This extended time was a real hit with the Canadians last year because they have a long weekend.

So, add your trailer to the August 1-5 shindig. As in the past, we have sites already reserved at Sampson State Park for the event (limited now to 97 sites), a larger meeting tent, and a live band. Cost information and registration using the JotForm is below.

<https://form.jotform.com/240374986998177>

From the Archives: DelMarVa members at the 2008 Bozeman, Montana Rally



Attendees at the rally included ten former, or future Presidents:

- A. Les Parks
 - B. Don Smith
 - C. Malcolm Comstock
 - D. Sue Comstock
 - E. Clyde Warden
 - F. Carl Morris
 - G. Margaret Morris
 - H. Chuck Helwig
 - I. Phil Cruchley
 - J. Tom Little
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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.

The President and Vice President positions are Vacant at this time



Chuck Helwig, Treasurer
(with Maggie)



Katharine Dowell, Recording Secretary and Trustee



Andy Dowell, Webmaster and Trustee



Roger Sansom, Membership Chair
(with Celeste)



Denis Clements, Newsletter Editor

The Looking for Information, Advice Corner, and For Sale Items from our Members

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.

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