



Keystone Kourier April 2024



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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Hello All and Happy April!

April means two things. One is a lot of bad April Fools jokes, and the other is the start of the rally season. What's not to like about that? First Rally Up will be **The Joint Maintenance Rally**. Details can be found, in the Kourier, on the Keystone FB page, and on the Keystone website. This is a good rally to get reacquainted with your rig, check the nuts, bolts, gas lines fittings, spring clean, treat your seals or if you like kick back enjoy the surroundings or shoot the breeze and watch others work! We generally take secondary roads to the park traveling through Chesapeake City hanging a right at Galena through Chestertown, Browns Corner into Centraville. We found a few places along the route for nourishment. Send in your rally form today!

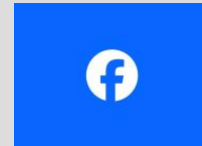
As I write this Sue is gathering the necessary goods for the St. Patty's Luncheon tomorrow at Lori and Joe's. Hope to see everyone there but if you cannot make it, stay tuned for a recap and pictures in next month's Kourier. It's good to be home, but the road is calling.

See you soon, Jody and Sue!

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Interested in joining the club? Contact Jody Dietz
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Upcoming Events

March 16th

St. Patty's luncheon/ Spring Get together.
Joe and Lori Pfahler
1073 Meadowview Dr, Quakertown

April 19th- 21st

Joint Maintenance Rally Keystone Host, Will and Karen Kushto
4H County Fairground Centraville MD See Rally Form on Keystone's
Facebook Page under Joint Maintenance Rally for details.

Attention!!!

Content for the newsletter is needed, Photos, Trip Reports, history of the club, Rally and Caravan details from leaders. I'm trying to have a couple of rally spotlights each month! If you would like to submit anything, please email Tabb Adams Newsletter Editor!
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2024 Rally and Caravan Schedule

Rally Reminder!

If you have secured a site for the May 3-5 rally at Lum's pond, please complete and send the rally coupon [Keystone PA / Central Penn Joint Rally @Lums Pond 2024](#) with your rally fee (\$25/adult) to Rick . Thanks!"

March 2024

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1073 Meadowview Dr, Quakertown

June 2024

No Events Scheduled

September 2024

Sept 27th-29th

Installation of new officers
Host, Mulligan and Dietz Details to follow!

Sept 5-8 2024

Pennsylvania Rally
See form for more info:
<https://form.jotform.com/240015014357039>

December 2024

Dec 7, 2024

Christmas, Holiday Luncheon
Barb and Jerry Hillegass,
Plumbsteadville

April 2024

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See Rally form at end of
newsletter!

July 2024

July 21st-28th

World of Outlaws Race Week
Host, Richard and Andy Pitts, Jody and
Susan Dietz 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.

October 2024

Oct 5th-10th

International Rally
See Blue Beret for info.

Oct 11th-13th

National Apple Harvest Festival Joint Rally
with Del-Mar-Va Unit Biglerville, Pa
appleharvest.com
Rick and Andy Pitts
Details to follow.

May 2024

May 3rd-5th

Lu.ms Pond Joint Rally Host, Rick Pitts
and Howard Mergelkamp Details,
Lums Pond Delaware

May 3rd-5th

R-2 rally Center Hall Fairgrounds
Center Hall, PA

May 31st- June 2nd

Chester County BBQ Festival
Host, Kathleen Quinn
Details, French Creek State Park PA.

August 2024

No Events Scheduled

November 2024

Nov 10th-16th

Gonna Need Campfires Rally 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.

Maintenance Tips

Oil in your lines??

Chances are if you use a bulk tank for your grill, you either have, had, or will have oil in the hose. Once it's in there things can only get worse. The oil will travel through the system clogging valves, orifices, and burners. Cleaning these pieces is a major job sometimes requiring replacement of parts.

How does the oil get there? Depending on who you talk to or what website you read it could be a couple of causes. One is the high-pressure propane reacts negatively with certain rubbers in the hose. The other is overfilling the bulk tank causing dirt oil and moisture to be released when using the tank. I believe the source of my oil to be the first example FWIW.

How do you protect your favorite grill from sudden death? First is to purchase a hose that will not break down. Mr. Heater has such a monster. The second is a filter as pictured. Cost is about \$10-\$15. The filter will protect your grill, but the hose is toast.



Keystone Komedey Korner

Why is everyone so tired on April 1st?
They just completed a 31-day March.

On April 1st, a cartoonist was found unconscious. Details are sketchy.

I went to a seafood disco on April 1st and pulled a mussel.

I lost my winter weight, and now just have spring rolls.

That's it.

Will Kushto.

Airstream History

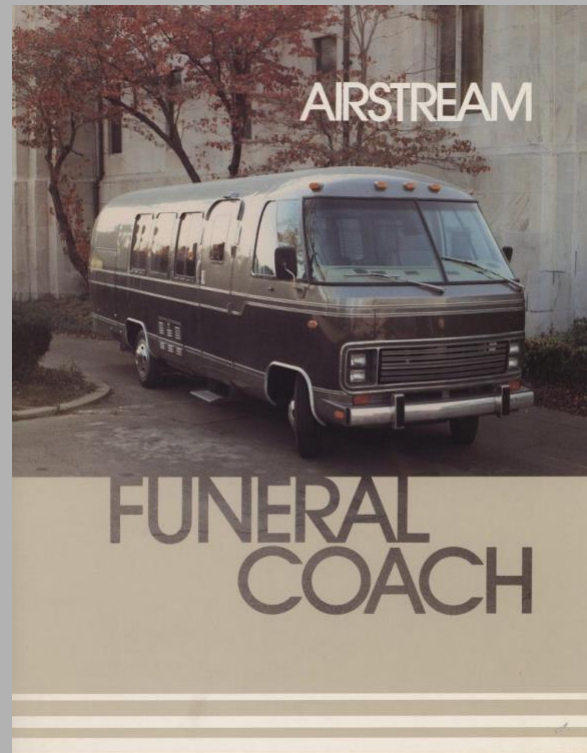
From a mobile office for John F. Kennedy to a quarantine facility for astronauts returning from the moon, Airstreams have been used for a variety of purposes throughout the company's history. In the spirit of Halloween, we decided to dive into one of the spookier – and lesser-known – products in Airstream's history: the Airstream Funeral Coach. Yes, you read that right. In 1981, Airstream introduced a modified motorhome known as the Funeral Coach. It could transport 14 family members, a casket, and up to 20 baskets of flowers between the funeral home, church, and cemetery. Airstream was motivated to practicality to create this unique offering, and the story of the Funeral Coach's genesis is as interesting as the product itself.

The story goes that in 1979, Airstream, Inc. had launched its Class A Motorhome line for the first time. However, because a recession and a gas crisis hit American drivers hard in the late 1970s, Airstream was suffering from a loss in sales. Looking for ways to offset this loss, Airstream's president at the time, Gerry Letourneau, wanted to diversify into a wide range of customized vehicles based on motorhomes. Along with the Funeral Coach, this customized line included the Air Coach, which allowed business professionals to work together on the road, and the Sales Coach, which served as a mobile sales office or display room. The Airstream Funeral Coach comfortably seated its passengers in either individual aircraft-style seats or on a wrap-around couch. It had a rear hatch compartment for flowers and a discreet side compartment for the casket. The Funeral Coach was presented as a fuel-efficient alternative that would reduce funeral procession traffic while maintaining dignity. Most importantly, however, it allowed families to travel together during a trying time.

In 1981, the cost of a Funeral Coach was \$85,000. A traditional hearse came in at \$40,000, and two standard funeral limousines cost \$60,000. Comparatively, the Funeral Coach was a cost-efficient option – and it was also backed by Airstream's reputation for quality aluminum vehicles.

The standard floor plans were 27' and 28', but customized floor plans ranging from 24' to 35' were also available. Some funeral homeowners chose to add features such as a radio, television, microwave, and lavatory to provide extra comfort for families on longer journeys. Funeral home nameplates and identifiers were added to the exterior of the Funeral Coach, but these were removable. Because it did not look like a hearse, the unit was versatile, and early brochures advertised that it could be loaned out for special functions.

Owner testimonies were positive and stated that families embraced the new approach as a comfortable, appropriate way to be together during a difficult time. Ultimately, however, only 32 units were produced from 1981-1991. One of these rare models, a 1984 Funeral Coach, is on display in [Airstream's new Heritage Center.](#)





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From The Road



Back on the Road!

Fall Creek Falls State Park, Tennessee

After many months of stationary living, we are back on the road again! If you haven't ventured into the state park system in Tennessee, you are missing out. We have visited many of the state parks in Tennessee and Fall Creek Falls State Park is one of our favorites. Only about 30 minutes south of Interstate 40 in between Knoxville and Nashville you have easy access to the park. Fall Creek Falls State Park is one of Tennessee's largest and most visited state parks. The park is in Bledsoe and Van Buren counties, 11 miles east of Spencer and 18 miles west of Pikeville. It may be entered from Highway 111 or Highway 30. The park encompasses more than 29,800 acres sprawled across the eastern top of the rugged Cumberland Plateau. Laced with cascades, gorges, waterfalls, streams and lush stands of virgin hardwood timber, the park beckons those who enjoy nature at her finest. Fall Creek Falls, at 256 feet, is one of the highest waterfalls in the eastern United States. Other waterfalls within the park include Piney Falls, Cane Creek Falls, and Cane Creek Cascades. Fall Creek Falls features 30 cabins, 222 campsites, and the 85-room Lodge Fall Creek Falls. Backcountry camping is also available with a permit.

We reserved a FHU site 128 in B loop had easy access to the site. Bathhouse was close as well. There are many types of sites at Fall Creek Falls, please pay attention to the site description as many have severe inclines. Also the campground and park were hit with a tornado in August of 2023, so be aware of trees in the area that could be a danger to you while hiking. The park service has left lots of logs around from fallen trees, so firewood is easy picking!

Safe Travels Ruth & Tabb



Joint Maintenance Rally 2024
April 19th-21st
(No Thursday Arrivals!)
Delmarva-Keystone-Mid Atlantic

Rally Fee \$150 per Airstream

Rally fee includes:

Two nights camping with water and electric.

Dump station available!

Breakfast Saturday Morning

Dinner 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 Road
Centerville, MD 21617

Sign up Deadline April 1st

Rally Coupon

Name: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____

Email: _____ . Cell: _____

Specific maintenance questions or topics you would like covered at the rally.

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

Charles Helwig
206 Rocky Meadow Lane
Dover, DE 19904

Make checks payable to : Delmarva Airstream Club

Contact Cell Number 302-270-7618

Email: helwigcw@icloud.com

Need a minimum of 11 units to hold rally signed up by March 15th