



Keystone Kourier June 2024



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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It's here and it sure feels good. That feeling is brought to you by the rally season. Just off the maintenance rally we jumped into Lum's. Kudos to Rick and Andy Pitts for another well planned festive event. Over 20 trailers were in attendance and a good time was had by all. Plans are already in motion for next year. Book your site now.

Next up starting May 31st will be the Chester County Blues Festival with Camping at French Creek State Park. The festival Grounds are beautiful as is much of Chester County (well worth a return trip just for that) and the folks in charge of festival entry, parking, layout, music, food, people moving and exit really have it perfected. One thing to note from last year, before we leave for the fest we will co-ordinate our communications so we can all zero in on our spot on the field.

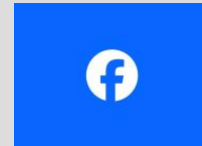
As always keep an eye on the coming events and join in whenever possible. Contact the host if you think all spots are filled as something can and frequently opens up. Send in pics and comments of your own trips. They are always welcome and interesting.

See you all soon! Jody and Susan #4361

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Interested in joining the club? Contact Jody Dietz
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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!
crosscuttabb@gmail.com

2024 Rally and Caravan Schedule

March 2024

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

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

2024 Blues BBQ Rally May 31- June 2
WyndSOR Farm
2550 Ridge Road, Elverson, 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.

Installation Rally
September 27-29.

Tohickon Family Campground.

<https://www.tohickoncampground.com/>

Please reach out to Jane at the campground to see if there are spots still available.

(215.804.8346).

Hope to see you there!

More info to follow.

**It's time to plan for 2024 Blues BBQ Rally!
We enjoyed the Blues BBQ so much that we have put this Rally on the 2024 schedule!**

The music was awesome, the food was amazing, the venue spectacular! So, if you don't want to miss out book your site at French Creek State Park. We currently have 5 sites booked in "A Loop" (11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20 are booked!)

If you even think you might attend grab a site now; if your plans change, you can always pass it on to a procrastinator or cancel for a \$10 fee.

For more Festival information and to purchase tickets follow the link. <https://chestercountyblues.com/>

The Keystone Unit is thrilled to be growing! Welcome to our 2024 new members. Some of you have already joined us at the Maintenance Rally or Lums and we hope to meet all of you soon. Please join us and get involved!

January

Scott & Mary Lou Anton

BRN 14462

Home

March

Tabb & Ruth Adams

BRN 5561

Affiliate

April

Steven & Bonnie Farrell

BRN 9392

Home

May

Brenda & Charles Como

BRN 4306

Home

Hey Keystoners,

While you're washing the pollen off your rig for the 2024 season, we are busy working on the 2025 Rally and Luncheon schedule and would love your input. Here are some highlights of what has been suggested. I welcome your feedback and if you've got a dream rally, you'd like to plan, please let me know. Here is what is on the list of potential rally suggestions and dates so far. By the time you receive this newsletter, there will be emails forthcoming about how to reserve spots for some of these as they are already booking:

Maintenance Rally (joint with Delmarva) - looking for a coordinator from Keystone

Lum's Pond (joint with Central Penn) - BOOK NOW THEY ARE ALREADY NEARLY FULL

May 15-18 - Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival - LOOK FOR BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS ON MAY 20

International IS IN YORK!!! - seeking volunteer to coordinate Keystone involvement; no experience required!

Jersey Shore Haven (in the off season)

July 11-13 Explore the Upper Delaware (fishing, tubing/paddling or river watching)

Trapp Pond (in the fall but before boating and kayak rental closes)

Oct. 17-21 - Dark Skys & Canyons Mini Caravan to Grand Canyon of PA and Cherry Springs for New Moon

Cape Henlopen (trying to get a block reserved - wish me luck)

Nov. 8 - Installation in Lancaster (Details TBD)

And of course, our luncheons for Valentine's Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Installation, and Christmas.

All feedback is welcome (love it or hate it) and if you are willing to host or cohost, please let me know at jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com.

Party at the Pond
Rick Pitts

Friday May 3, Keystoneers Scott & Marylou Anton, Jody & Sue Dietz, Jennifer Eggers, Scott & Lisa Hummel, Susan & Boedan Landis, Howard & Arry Mergelkamp, Brian & Katherine Mulligan, Joe & Lori Phaler, Rick & Andy Pitts and Steve & Kathy Roosa were joined by 6 members from Central Penn and 4 members from other clubs for the Eastern Spring Opener at Lums Pond State Park in Bear, DE. This year's theme was a Cinco de Mayo celebration and was enjoyed by all. Early arrivals were treated to a picture-perfect weather day, suitable for biking and kayaking before Terry Hauschild, Dan Bare and Mike Read from Central Penn served up some mean burgers for dinner. With most rigs settled in, the group got together for a friendly evening campfire to chat all things Airstream, and more.

The weather turned sour overnight with a chilly rain most of Saturday canceling biking, boating and cornhole activities. But Airstreamers were not deterred with nice tents providing cover, and mini margarita's kicking off the evening's dinner celebration. Jennifer Eggers, Wendy Hauschail and Andy Pitts served up some fine Cinco de Mayo tacos (beef and street corn chicken!) and scalloped potatoes. Ice cream with homemade Dulce de Leche sauce topped out the meal.

Plan are already underway for next year's joint Central Penn/Keystone Opener – May 2-4 at Lums Pond. Sites are going fast so book now. Cohosts Rick Pitts and Terry Hauschild are working on a Derby theme – feel free to chime in with ideas!



Rally Spotlights

Get your Motors Running



World of Outlaws Keystone Raceweek

July 21 – 28



Receweek Schedule

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday: Camping at Pinch Pond Family Campground

Manheim, PA Full hook-ups

Tuesday day trip to Roots Country Market & Auction

Call Pinch Pond at 717-665-7640 or pinchpond.com for reservations. Be sure to say you are with the PA Keystone Airstream Club (reservation rate is \$57/night).

Area attractions include:

- . Mt. Hope Winery, Manheim PA
- . Excellent bicycle trails: Lebanon Valley Rail Trail and North West Lancaster County River Trail
- . Roots Country Market, Manheim. Tuesday's only. Great produce, meats, flea market and more.
- . Mount Gretna, a very cool little town just north of the campground.
- . City of Lebanon

Wednesday: Caravan to BAPS Motor Speedway, York Haven, PA

Free DRY camping in lot next to Speedway

World of Outlaws Brickers Bash, 6:30 pm (gates open at 5pm),
general admission \$35

Thursday, Friday, Saturday: Caravan to Walmar Manor Campground

Limited number of sites

Dillsburg, PA Full hook-ups

Sites being held, just pay on arrival \$46/night

Thursday evening potluck dinner

Friday: 10am guided tour of Eastern Motorsports Museum, York Springs, PA

World of Outlaws Summer Nationals, Day 1,

Williams Grove Speedway, 7:30pm (gates open 2hrs before race),
general admission \$35

Saturday: World of Outlaws Summer Nationals, Day 2

Williams Grove Speedway, 7:30pm (gates open 2hrs before race),
general admission, \$40

If you have questions about the rally please contact either of your co-hosts:

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Keystone PA Apple Festival Rally

Adams County, PA
October 11-12-13

Located in the heart of Pennsylvania Apple country, The [National Apple Harvest Festival](#) celebrates the fall season with beautiful handmade crafts, delicious food, and live entertainment. The Festival has something for everyone... steam engine displays, live music, antique cars, orchard tours, pony rides, tastings... and much more!



We will be camping at Charcoal Hearth Campground at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Gardners, PA. Make your camping [reservations](#) now as sites (especially pet sites) will fill quickly for this weekend. Rate is \$27/night. The [park brochure](#) has a map of the campground. Stay Friday through Sunday if you can, so that you may enjoy either or both days of the festival. Sites are electric only, so fill your water tank before arrival. There are dump stations onsite.

Friday evening we'll provide a burger bar and on Saturday you can enjoy great food at the festival. With clear skies we will have campfires and BYO snacks Friday and Saturday. Coffee service Saturday and Sunday mornings. There is no rally fee.

The festival in nearby Biglerville will be open Saturday 8-6 and Sunday 8-5, rain or shine. You can purchase tickets online in advance (\$10), or get them at the festival grounds. Fire police will direct you to parking fields and shuttle bus service is provided to festival grounds (included in admission). Pets are not permitted at the festival. More about the festival here ([National Apple Harvest Festival](#))

If you have any questions please contact Rick or Andy Pitts, your Keystone hosts (Keystone Host site #11 Mule Team Lane). r_pitts@verizon.net or 610-793-9262



Did you know that the longest Airstream was 40 feet long. Airstream had a branch of the company called Mobile Industrial. This division built campers for industrial customers. Western Pacific Railroad wanted crew accommodations for railroad workers. These campers were made to ride atop a flatbed rail car and provide housing for the crew. Airstream took two 20-foot campers and riveted them together to get the 40-foot length required by the railroad. Only 5 still exist today, one right here in North Carolina that you can stay in at Oskar Blues Reeb Ranch in Hendersonville, NC. This coach was renovated by Timeless Trailers in Colorado. Another is on display at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum in Portola CA

