



President's Message

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Hello fellow Keystoneers!

Hope you all have been enjoying travel season and looking forward to clear skies and interesting adventure.

As we begin the month of Independence you will notice a change in the Kourier. Tabb needed to step aside to focus on his health. We reach out to Tabb with our blessings and look forward to him getting back in shape. Fortunately for Keystone, one of our newer members volunteered to fill the void! Let's welcome Bill Earle as Keystone Editor. No better way then by sending him pics and write ups of your trips. Thank you, Bill!

Fresh off the highly successful Blues BBQ Rally, Sue and I packed up for a Trail Biking Travel excursion. It's basically a giant loop around PA, NY, VT, down the Hudson Valley hitting bike trails whenever possible before the Outlaw Race Week, with one little catch, we have no set schedule and no reservations. Winging it all the way. How will all of this work out? So far so good but we still don't know where we will be on the 4th of July. Stay tuned.

Be sure to look for information in this issue about the "Gunna Need Campfires Rally" in Fredericksburg. Until next time, keep the shiny side up!

Jody and Sue

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Interested in joining the club?
 Contact Jody Dietz dietz4361@gmail.com

Attention!!!

We're always looking for content for the newsletter and we need your input. Photos, trip reports, history of the club.
 Airstream tips and tricks, rally and caravan details from leaders.
 Send all submissions to Bill Earle, Newsletter editor.
info@occasionalrv.com

Message from the Editor - Bill Earle BRN 10333

July 2024 is my first newsletter as editor. I'm excited for the opportunity to contribute to the community and meet the members. I'll be doing most of the work on the newsletter with my wife, Barbara, doing the proofreading. I wanted to share some thoughts and ideas with all of you regarding the Keystone Kourier and what we all can do to provide the club membership with details and information that are helpful and valuable. Thank you to those who have contributed in the past and thank you in advance to those who will be contributing in the future.

Recently, I sent out an email introducing myself and requesting content. Below are a few thoughts regarding possible content submissions. As you consider submissions, please give some thought to things that would interest you and possibly benefit others. I'm always available to answer specific questions you may have regarding the newsletter.

1. Photos from your trips as well as those from Airstream rallies are always great.
2. Campground and campsite photos and reviews for the "On the Road" section. I always find it valuable to see photos and details of places that I'm considering visiting.
3. Any and all club related details such as history of the club, rally and caravan experience.
4. Ideas for content: This is a big one and it would be great to hear from the community regarding what they would like to see in the newsletter as well as what they enjoy as club members along with ideas for events, caravans and rallies.
5. Airstream tips and tricks. Do you have some favorite hacks and things that you'd like to share with the community? Send them in, however, we need to be cognizant of not placing any of us in a position of promoting products. Let's try to keep it generic.
6. Recipes. We all enjoy good food and some find cooking in an Airstream challenging.
7. The club and this newsletter belong to all of us and the more participation we have the more benefit we all receive.

Please send all submissions to Bill Earle Newsletter Editor via email:

info@occasionalrv.com



New Member Spotlight

The Keystone Unit continues to grow. Let's all extend a warm welcome to all of our new members for 2024. Some of you have already joined us at the Maintenance Rally or Lums and we hope to meet all of you soon.

January

Scott & Mary Lou Anton

BRN 14462

Home

March

Tabb & Ruth Adams

BRN 5561

Affiliate

April

Steven & Bonnie Farrell

BRN 9392

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May

Brenda & Charles Como

BRN 4306

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June

Darren Westenberger

BRN 10374

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Krishna & John King

BRN 13510

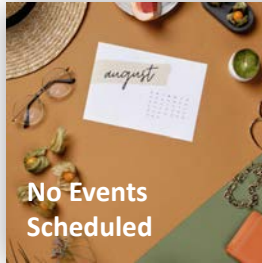
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2024 Event Schedule



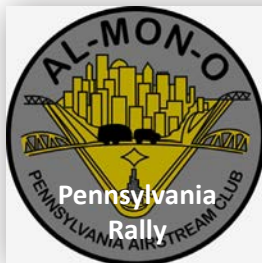
July 21-28 2024

World of Outlaws Race Week
 Hosts, Richard and Andy Pitts; Jody and Susan Dietz
 Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, BAPS Motor Speedway and Williams Grove Speedway
 Two race nights, two great Speedways along with Outlaw racing
 Can't be better than that.
[Click here for additional details](#)



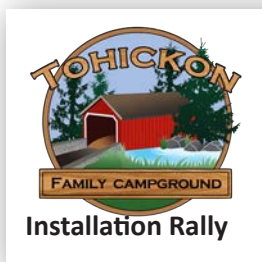
August 2024

No events scheduled at this time



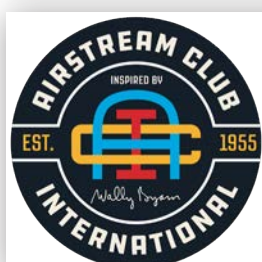
September 5-8 2024

Pennsylvania Rally
 See form for more info:
https://form.jotform.com/240015014_357039



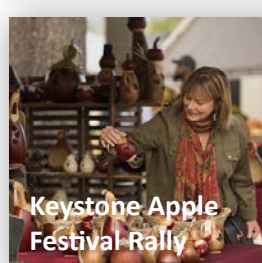
September 27-29 2024

Installation of new officers. Hosts, Mulligan and Dietz
 Please reach out to Jane at the campground to see if there are spots still available. (215.804.8346)
 Hope to see you there!
[Tohickon Family Campground](#)
 8308 Covered Bridge Rd
 Quakertown, PA 18951



October 5-10 2024

Airstream Club International Rally
[Airstream Club International Rally website](#)



October 11-13 2024

Keystone PA Apple Festival Rally. At South Mountain Fairgrounds
 A festival with several large barns of craft booths, great food choices, country music bands, steam engines, and all things APPLE.
[National Apple Harvest Festival](#)

2024 Event Schedule cont.



November 10-16 2024

Gunna Need Campfires Rally. Hosts, Jody and Sue Dietz. One of the best times of the year to camp. Fredericksburg is a beautiful town steeped in History.

[Click here for additional details](#)

Washington DC South KOA
7400 Brookside Ln
Fredericksburg, VA 22408



December 7 2024

Holiday Luncheon
Plumsteadville Inn
5902 Easton Rd., Pipersville, Pa. 18947

Coordinator: Barb and Jerry Hillegass
(guageguy2@gmail.com)

2024 Event 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:

Jody Dietz, jdietz4361@gmail.com, 484-941-1151

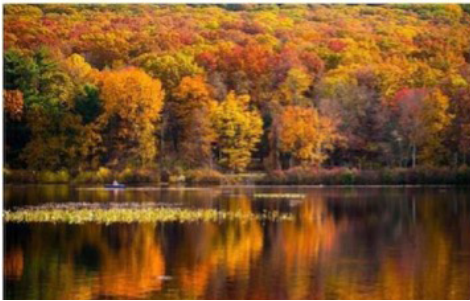
Rick Pitts, r_pitts@verizon.net, 610-793-9262

2024 Event Spotlights cont.



Keystone PA Apple Festival Rally
Adams County, PA
October 11-13, 2024

Located in the heart of Pennsylvania apple country, The National Apple Harvest Festival celebrates the fall season with beautiful hand made 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. The 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 one 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 will be provided on Saturday and Sunday morning. 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

2024 Event Spotlights cont.



Gunna Need Campfires Rally Nov. 10-16

We all know it's been hot and most likely going to get hotter before we really NEED a campfire but it's time to move those thoughts to the front burner. (Pun intended.)

The official dates of the rally are Sunday to Sunday, arriving November 10 and departure the 17th. Location, Washington DC south KOA, Fredericksburg, VA.

If you cannot make the entire week, come when you can. Fredericksburg is steeped in history and a cool town at that. You'll find bicycle trails, parks, and the nation's capital nearby along with great places to eat with cool evenings to grill your own grub and sip your coffee by the campfire.

To make a reservation call directly to the WDC KOA # 540-898-7252 after August 1. Tell them you are with the Keystone PA Airstream Club. We have at least 6 FHU sites held for us. At this time site fees are unknown. It is off season so 2024 rates will not apply.

Hope to see you there!!!



2024 Event Spotlights cont.

Chester County BBQ Festival French Creek State Park
May 31st - June 2nd 2024
Hosted by Kathleen Quinn

A wonderful time and perfect weather for the Chester County Blues BBQ Rally. Eighteen rigs including visitors from Central Pennsylvania & Massachusetts. Thanks to the organizers for making this a fantastic weekend!



2025 Event Summary

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. 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

Lums Pond, May 2-4, 2025 (joint with Central Penn) - BOOK NOW THEY ARE ALREADY NEARLY FULL - [Click here for details](#)

May 15-18, 2025 Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival - LOOK FOR BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS ON MAY 20

International Rally is in YORK!!! - seeking a volunteer to coordinate Keystone involvement; no experience required

Jersey Shore Haven (in the off-season)

July 11-13, 2025 - Explore the Upper Delaware (fishing, tubing/paddling or river watching)

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

October 17-21 - Dark Skies & Canyons Mini Caravan to Grand Canyon of PA and Cherry Springs for New Moon



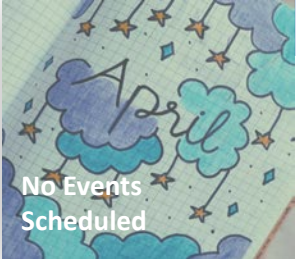


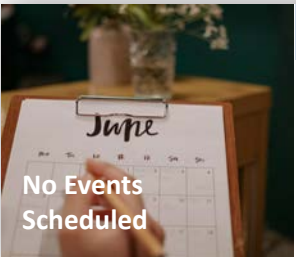
Cape Henlopen (trying to get a block reserved - wish me luck)

November 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 co-host, please let me know at jegggers@leadershiftinsights.com

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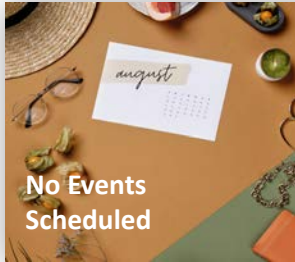
 <p>Valentine's Day Luncheon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February 2025</p> <p>Details TBD</p>
 <p>Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 2025</p> <p>Details TBD</p>
 <p>No Events Scheduled</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 2025</p> <p>No events scheduled at this time</p>
 <p>Spring Opener Lums Pond</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 2-4 2025</p> <p>Join us for a great spring event at this joint rally with the Central Penn unit. Lums State Park is a beautiful location perfect for kayaking, hiking, and biking. We add some campfires and Airstream fellowship for a perfect start to the camping season. Lums Pond State Park 1068 Howell School Rd Bear, DE 19701</p>
 <p>Keystone PA Bluegrass Rally</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 14-18 2025</p> <p>Join us for a great music festival right at the campground. You can even listen to the bands from the pool if you want. Granite Hill Campground 3340 Fairfield Rd Gettysburg, PA 17325</p>
 <p>No Events Scheduled</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 2025</p> <p>No events scheduled at this time</p>

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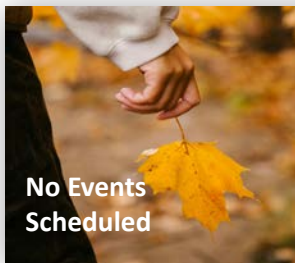
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Details TBD



August 2025

No events scheduled at this time



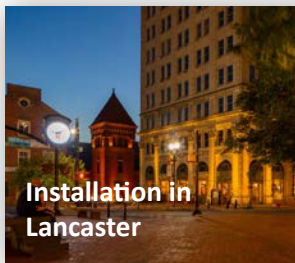
September 2025

No events scheduled at this time



October 17-24 2025

Dark Skies & Canyons Mini Caravan to Grand Canyon of PA and Cherry Springs for New Moon
Details TBD



November 8 2025

Installation in Lancaster
Details TBD



December 2025

Holiday luncheon
Details TBD

News & Items of Interest

Courtesy Parking Moving to Harvest Hosts

Everyone should have received an email from Airstream Club International regarding courtesy parking moving to the Harvest Hosts platform. Courtesy parking hosts were required to complete a survey by June 7th. We're not yet sure of the date that it will actually move over to Harvest Hosts so stay tuned.

How we travel and camp by Bill & Barbara Earle **BRN 10333**

One of the great things about Airstream and RV travel in general is that there's something for everyone. Whether it's the type, size, floor plan and model of Airstream all the way to desired locations, weather and everything in between. Given that we live in Southeastern PA, my wife and I travel during the warmer months as we have no interest in towing or camping in the winter. Our Airstream of choice is a 2023 Flying Cloud 27FBQ which fits us and our camping style perfectly. Many will recommend a "shake down" trip with a new Airstream. Our "shake down" trip was the month of June 2023 traveling to Ouray, CO, Moab, UT and Lyons, CO. Our Airstream performed extremely well with no problems.

We enjoy hiking so we generally seek locations with excellent hiking opportunities. Caledonia State Park in PA is great example. We've been there a few times and are returning this year. Many National Parks offer excellent hiking opportunities as well. We also love local farm to table restaurants and have been extremely fortunate in finding a few gems. A few recommendations are [Farrow in Niwot, CO](#), [Brickhouse 737 in Ouray, CO](#), and [Native in Honesdale, PA](#). We do prepare most of our own meals either in the Airstream or on a charcoal grill. We also look for local wineries where we can enjoy wines that are not readily available in PA. Finger Lakes region in NY has some wonderful wineries. Michigan is another great location when going far enough north (Traverse City area). Photography is a huge passion of mine so we're always on the lookout for photographic opportunities. We're not dry campers and our Airstream is not set up for extended off-grid camping. We enjoy full hookups. We keep our travel days fairly short trying to stay under five hours. We don't drive fast, 60-63 generally depending on road conditions.

Our 2024 travels take us to Florida Keys, Promised Land State Park in PA, Caledonia State Park in PA, Michigan upper and lower peninsula, and the Airstream International Rally. We hope to make a few local rallies next year and look forward to meeting many of you.

We'd love to include your travel and camping style in future newsletters so please send details and or questions to me, your editor, Bill Earle info@occasionalRV.com

On the Road

Michigan 2023 - Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Area

This was our first trip to Michigan and turned out to be one of the best we've experienced so far. We stayed at [Indigo Bluffs RV Park & Resort](#) in Empire, MI. The resort is split into two sections, one for Class A Motorhomes and one for all other RVs. We had a site tucked back off the road a bit with an incredible amount of open area and privacy. Overall the campground is clean and well maintained. Click the link to visit the website and see all of the amenities. We found the area and Lake Michigan nothing short of spectacular. One of the things that hit us immediately was an incredibly comfortable vibe. The area just felt special. Little to no retail, no shopping centers, commercial or strip malls, a lot of wineries and farms. Yes, this means that shopping for food can be challenging but Traverse City is not that far away. We're returning this year and will also be visiting the Upper Peninsula.

Submitted by Bill and Barbara Earle **BRN 10333**

