

The Hillbilly



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President's Message



Our July Watchung Rally at Mt. Greylock in Lanesborough, MA is now 'in the history books'. It was a great turnout. A different method (for us) of collecting money for the rally fee was tried. Instead of collecting ahead of time, expenses were calculated at the end and were collected after the Saturday evening dinner. This enabled the expenses to break even. Firsts for me was to see a sewer hose already set up at the dump station, thus saving time, and a 'gray water' only disposal at the campsite. Thanks to Joanne and Chris Forster and Lois Wagner and Derek Conley for hosting. On a personal note, I spent Sunday (July 21st) 'tracking' my daughter on my

phone as she completed her third IRONMAN in Lake Placid, NY

As we did, some members made stops on their way to the rally. After traffic on the NY Thruway, the heat and humidity, and me constantly watching my TST tire monitor (glad the alarm never went off) the



Short's and I spent two nights at Schodack Landing State Park in New York. We were able to get to the campsites before the wind and rain began. A large tree did come down a way down the road. The crews wasted little time in cleaning up what they could so late in the day. This State Park did offer electric only. The sites and restrooms were nice. Water spigots for topping off the freshwater tank were close by. "It's a keeper".



After the Rally, we traveled further north, staying at Camping on the Battenkill in Arlington, VT. There we visited the Bennington Museum and walked around the town. In 2005 Moosefest was

celebrated with moose models painted by local artists displayed around town. In 2013 the moose were replaced by catamounts (Eastern Mountain Cougar)



From Vermont, on to Riverside Acres Campground and Cottages in the 1000 Islands in, Clayton, NY. The visit to The Antique Boat Museum with a speed boat ride on a replica of an antique boat on the St. Lawrence River was great. Even though the water was a bit rough, the ride was smooth. We crossed over into Canadian waters, as Verizon notified me.

This day also included a tour of the La Duchesse, a two-story houseboat commissioned by George C. Boldt in 1903. Next day was a tour boat ride on the river, passing multi-million-dollar homes, many of which were built in the hay-day when people came from Philadelphia and New York City to vacation.

A stop at Boldt Castle

on Heart Island, then over to the Boldt Yacht House where the La Duchesse, Boldt's houseboat, had been stored (notice the size of the door to accommodate his houseboat).

A quick visit with George and Linda Kiesel, before heading home. Looking forward to this month's rally and Business Meeting at Lake Glory Campground in Catawissa, PA.

Lea #2256



Region 2 President's Message

Can you believe that it is August already?



We are just catching up with rallies and other Airstream activities, now that we are back from our European River cruise up the Blue Danube River. I have included some photos from our trip. While in Budapest, Hungary, we found--you guessed it--an Airstream that was converted into a food truck!

While out of the country, so many good things have been happening in the Airstream arena. Here is a thumbnail sketch.



- The Sampson Rally that is sponsored by the New York Finger Lakes, Metro New York, and Hudson Mohawk Clubs, at last count had 68 trailers attending that event.
- The International Rally in Sedalia MO is sold out!!
- Current results from the Explorer Program: Region 2 along with 3 other Regions accounted for 57% of the membership in this program. Region 2 had the second highest number of members in the program. Way to go Colleen Ahlers and local Membership Chairs!
 - One of the recommendations to come out of the results is to have a Newbie Region Rally. I'll examine rally opportunities that could occur before the end of the Region 2 camping season or have a meet and greet during the off months.
- The renovation of 707 East Pike St. in Jackson Center is moving forward. The office staff expects to move from 803 into their new digs between October 21-31, 2024.
- This will allow the staff an orderly move after the International in early October.
- ACI is returning to a standard accounting year, January 1 to December 31.
 - 'A calendar year makes more sense.' is a quote from the accountants.
- Save the date for the IBT meeting on August 22, so fire up your computer and go online to see your Club Officers in action!
- Last but not least the Region 2 Rally NEXT Year (I can't believe I already looking at 2025) is May 1-5.

See you down the road.

Gary

Announcements

Sunshine Report

For the month of August, we sent a Thinking of You card to Bill Walker after a fall and a Thinking of You card to Ken Egan who is coping with some medical issues. Please keep Bill and Ken in your thoughts and prayers.

Would you like to have a card sent to another club member to wish them well or mark a milestone? Please send a note to Linda Kiesel our Sunshine Director at lkiesel@ptd.net.



How to Find, Sign Up and Pay for an ACI Event Online

- Log on to <https://airstreamclub.org/>
- Click on the EVENTS tab
- A map of the US will be displayed containing pins for all the events for all the Airstream clubs. Just above the map on the right side of the screen is the Clubs box. Click on the down arrow to display the list of clubs then scroll down to **Watchung NJ Club**. Clicking on this will cause the map to display only Watchung club events.
- Find the event you wish to sign up for and click on the associated pin.
- A text box giving a brief description of the event will be displayed. Click on the arrow in the orange box that says **More**.
- A new page will be displayed. If a registration form has been created for the event this page will give you two options: online registration or mail-in registration using a download of the form. The online form allows payment via PayPal. If you prefer to pay via check download and print the form, which includes payment instructions. If there is no registration form available yet one will be at a later date.

August Birthday

Just one!

Marian Wooding



July Rally Report

Lynda Kresge writes

Sixteen rigs, 31 avid Airstreamers, 5 enthusiastic dogs, great weather, and a beautiful campground on the side of Mt. Greylock . . . Watchung sure hit the jackpot with our July rally weekend this year! Every one of us was thrilled to trade the steaming misery of NJ these past weeks for a long weekend of spectacular Berkshire summer weather!

Although the rally officially began Friday, over half of the group arrived Thursday and, for the first time in a long time, every single person who signed up also came! On arrival everyone was impressed by the large sites shaded by huge trees and the extravagant spacing in-between that Mt. Greylock Campsite Park featured.

Photos clockwise starting at top left: Hikers (l-r) Lynda Kresge, Glen Roth, Ann Hargrave, Chris Forster and Sukie pause to take in the view from Mt. Greylock; War Memorial Tower atop Mt. Greylock; Saturday breakfast under the tent; Leslie DeHerde makes a birthday wish while Lois Wagner holds the cake; around the campfire playing Two Truths and a Lie, New England Version; regular oatmeal beat unsalted by a mile. Credits: David Hargrave, L. Wagner, D. Conley.





View from Mount Greylock. Photo L. Wagner

The fun began on Friday with the usual camaraderie and good food (meatballs ruled the potluck supper), followed by a hilarious group game around the campfire, Two Truths and a Lie: New England version (thank you, Joanne!). Who knew that it is illegal in Massachusetts to make clam chowder with tomatoes? That Vermont was its own country for 14 years? That New Hampshire invented Teenage Mutant Ninja

Turtles? That in Connecticut a pickle is not officially a pickle unless it bounces?! But most relevant of all, who knew that the plastic pink flamingo was invented in Massachusetts?? Yankee magazine notes, "Invented by Don Featherstone in 1957, the creatures' sole breeding ground for 50 years was the Union Products factory [in Leominster]. From there, they migrated to front lawns and flowerbeds around the world—no small feat for such a generally lethargic creature."



Raffle winners Saskia Schmidt and Brian Stein, Jennifer and Jason Taylor-Trama. Photo L. Wagner



Concert-going at Tanglewood: Derek Conley, Lois Wagner, Glen Roth and Lynda Kresge, Brian Stein and Saskia Schmidt.

We had so many options for activities — The biggest decisions of the weekend were which ones to choose! There are hiking trails all over the Berkshires, including a section of the Appalachian Trail. In addition, music, art, and dance venues, museums, galleries, gardens, literary landmarks, boating on nearby lakes, picturesque New England towns... and of course the top of Mt. Greylock itself, with its stone lodge, wildflower meadows and iconic tower. Up there on a clear day (which we had all weekend!) you can see for 90 miles. Mass MOCA, Tanglewood and Edith Wharton's home The Mount were all popular destinations in addition to Greylock. Oh, and evening campfires under a bright full moon.

As always, Saturday's dinner was followed by a raffle, which collected over \$300 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and awarded goody baskets to our lucky winners (Saskia Schmidt and Brian Stein, and Jennifer and Jason Taylor-Trama).

Many thanks to hosts Joanne and Chris Forster, Lois Wagner and Derek Conley, for all the fun and for that fabulous summer weather!



Hillbilly Cooking

Welcome to Hillbilly Cooking, a new section of the newsletter suggested by our 2025 president, Leslie DeHerde and dedicated to sharing recipes that have worked well for our camping experiences. Leslie gets us started by sharing one of her favorites, Sausage Stars, which is designed to share at a pot-luck supper. Please send your favorites to the editor (dconley1810@gmail.com).

Sausage Stars (makes 32)

Assemble ahead, then freeze unbaked and filled wrappers. Keep frozen and bake 10-12 minutes until bubbly. Keep warm to serve.

1 Package of Wonton wrappers

1 Lb of cooked Pork sausage crumbled (I use Jimmy Dean)

1 ½ C grated cheddar cheese

1 ½ C grated monterey jack cheese

1 C Ranch dressing

1/3 C black olives sliced

½ C red pepper chopped

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease muffin tins with spray cooking oil.
2. Place wonton wrappers in muffin tin. Spray wrappers lightly with cooking oil. Bake wrappers for 6-8 minutes until lightly brown and bubbly.
3. Remove wrappers from the muffin tin and place on rack to cool.
4. Combine all other ingredients.
5. Place the baked wrappers on a cookie sheet and fill each with the mixture.
6. Place the cookie sheet with the filled wrappers in the freezer. Once the wrappers are frozen, place them in a container or in a sealable plastic bag and return to the freezer. Bring to the campground frozen.
7. At the campground, bake in a 350 oven for 10-15 minutes or until bubbly.



2024-5 Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon and Rally Schedule

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
August 2024	Club Rally and Meetings/August 16-18	George and Linda Kiesel	Jay and Cathy McCarthy	Lake Glory Campground 96 Eisenhower Rd., Catawissa, PA
September 2024	No Dilly-dally Rally/ Sep 6-8	Meg and Laura Riley	Mark and Angie Ratliff	Lums Pond State Park, Delaware
October 2024	International Rally/October 5-10	WBCCI	NA	MO State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO
New! October 2024	Club Rally and Annual Business Meeting/Oct 24-27	Rich and Kathi Short		White Oak Campground, Quarryville, PA
November 2024	Luncheon/TBD	Michael Koczwarra and Barbara Taylor		TBD
December 2024	Luncheon/Officer Installation/TBD	Leslie DeHerde	Lea Plant	TBD
January 2025	Luncheon	Steven and Cynthia Germansky	Brian and Heidi Cullen	TBD
February 2025	Luncheon			
February 2025	Special Event/Oct 14-15	Contact Lea Plant		Colonial Airstream, Millstone Twp.
March 2025	Luncheon	Frank and Leslie Deherd	Brian Stein and Saskia Schmid	Knights of Columbus 130 Main St. Woodbridge NJ
April 2025	Unbutton-your-rig rally/April 25-27	George and Linda Kiesel	Brian Stein and Saskia Schmidt	Holly Acres Campground, Egg Harbor, NJ
May 2025	Region 2 Rally/May 1-5			Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair, 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall PA 16828?
June 2025	Club Rally/			
July 2025	Club Rally/			
August 2025	International Aug 23-28	WBCCI	N/A	York, PA
September 2025	Club Rally/			
October 2025	Club Rally/Annual Business Meetings			
November 2025	Luncheon/	Barbara Taylor and Michael Koczwarra		
December 2025	Installation Luncheon	Laura/Meg Riley	Leslie/ Frank DeHerde	TBA

August Rally Information

August at Lake Glory Campground—Buddy Rally*

96 Eisenhower Rd. Catawissa PA 17820
570-356-7392

*Buddy Rally allows for Non Airstream members and guests to attend.

Please let George Kiesel know what site you have booked so he can keep a tally of who is where: gekiesel861@gmail.com. George & Linda Kiesel 908-930-0550 Jay and Cathy McCarthy 215-833-8647

When: August 16th to August 18th, 2024. Hosted by Linda and George Kiesel, cohost Jay and Cathy McCarthy. Come join us for a relaxing fun-filled weekend. The campground runs a no-cost shuttle to Knoebels amusement park. Other attractions in the area include the Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine tour in Ashland PA, Geyser Big Mine Run, and several covered bridges in the area.

Friday: arrivals.

3 PM: Campground check-in time.

5PM: Happy hour.

6PM: Pizza and salad dinner 6pm. Bring your own plates and utensils to all meals.

Saturday:

8:30-9:30: Breakfast. Blueberry or apple pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice.

Rest of the day: On your own.

5 PM: Happy hour.

6 PM: Dinner. Potluck Supper. Check Box on the form below to indicate what dish you are bringing.

7:30 PM: Re-Gifting Bingo, bring at least 2 affordable gifts to play. Details to follow.

Campfire weather permitting, After dinner: **St.Jude Childrens Hospital charity raffle.**

Sunday: Departures

8:30-9:30: Continental Breakfast

Executive Board mtg. at 9:30 and General Mtg. at 10am.

2:00 PM: Check-out time

Please note that you are asked not to bring your pet to the pavilion during happy hour or mealtimes.

**Buddy Rally allows for non-Airstream members and guests to attend.*

Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Rally Fee per adult \$15.00x number of adults=\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to; Watchung NJ Airstream Club or pay online

Mail Checks to Lois Wagner 29 Colony Court New Providence NJ 07974

George & Linda Kiesel 908-930-0550 Jay and Cathy McCarthy 215-833-8647

Please check one: Main Entrée ___ Side ___ Salad ___ Dessert ___ -

Directions to Lake Glory Campground

Please note the campground website states DO NOT FOLLOW GPS, as it will bring you on roads with height restrictions. Please avoid McIntyre and Esther Furnace road due to a covered bridge.

Directions from Knoebel's website:

Lake Glory Campground Entrance — 40°54' 08.80" N 76 ° 2731.73"W

From 1-80 West

For trailers we suggest taking the Buckhorn exit 232 Route 42 South to Catawissa. Cross the bridge and watch for Route 487 south to bear right up an incline. Stay on Route 487 approx. 4 miles, turn left onto Ashton Hollow Rd then Left onto Hemlock Road, then left again onto Eisenhower Road. The campground will be on your left.

From 1-80 East

Take Danville Exit 224 to PA Route 54 east through Danville. PA 54 turns Left to Elysburg. Turn left onto PA 487 North at the Light. Turn Right onto Ashton Hollow Road, then Left onto Hemlock Road then Left again onto Eisenhower Rd. The campground will be on your left,

From 1-81 South

Near Hazleton, Take the 1-80 and 1-81 Junction and follow Route 80 West. Take the Buckhorn exit 232 Route 42 South to Catawissa. Cross the bridge and watch for Route 487 south to bear right up an incline. Stay on Route 487 approx. 4 miles, turn Left onto Ashton Hollow Rd then Left onto Hemlock Road, then Left again onto Eisenhower Road. The campground will be on your left.

From 1-81 North

Take Minersville Rd exit 116. Turn left onto Route 91 west to PA Route 54 west. Turn right onto PA Route 487 North at the lights Turn right onto Ashton Hollow rd., then left onto Hemlock Road, then left again onto Eisenhower Road. The campground will be on your left.

September Rally Information

The No Dilly-dally Rally

Lums Pond State Park
1068 Howell School Road
Bear, Delaware 19701
302-368-6989

When: September 6-8, 2024

Hosts: Meg and Laura Riley

Co-hosts: Angie and Mark Ratliff

We are trying to get all the club in sites 45 thru 62 if possible and there are currently 41 sites open. If you can't get close to sites 45 & 46 no worries! Book asap for best selection!

Use this link to book and view the campground site map:

<https://delawarestateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/lums-pond-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=DE&parkId=360119>

Once you have your site, please email Meg Riley at vespameg@yahoo.com with your site number and date of arrival. Don't dilly dally or you'll miss the rally!

The hosts and co-hosts will be arriving a day earlier, September 5, so please feel free to join them.



Lums Pond State Park. Photo: Delaware State Parks

October Rally Information



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

We have 18 sites reserved at White Oak Campground in Quarryville, PA. OCT. 24-27, 2024 for our October Rally. White Oak Campground offers full hookup sites and a large rec hall for our use. Located in the beautiful Amish countryside of Lancaster County, there will be plenty to do exploring the area. Come on out and support your Club.

Our Group Reservation is for four (4) nights...Thursday thru Sunday, October 24-27. If you want to come early, stay later, or less than the four (4) night reservation please call the Campground at (717) 687-6207 and book your site directly.

More information and Rally details will follow over the Summer. Hope to see you there!

Thanks!

Rich Short
1512
609-618-0355

Spring Trip West

Text and photos Lois Wagner/Derek Conley

This is part four of a multi-part series covering the 8,267-mile trip we took March-May of this year to the West coast and back with our 2019 27FB and F-150.

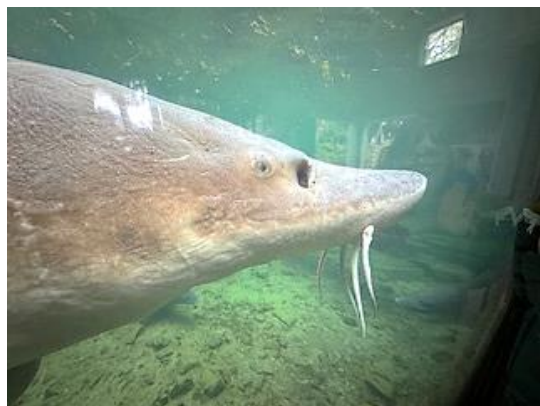
To get to the coast we had taken a more southerly route, mostly I-70, as the weather along I-90 and I-94 in late March and early April (snow, sub-freezing temperatures) seemed a bit daunting. Starting for New Jersey from the Oregon coast in the third week of April the weather had warmed significantly so we headed about as far north as we could get without a passport.

On our first day of travel we started on I-84 along the Columbia River Gorge. Where it passes through the Cascade range, less than an hour east of Portland, the gorge features dozens of spectacular waterfalls that tumble hundreds of feet over sheer basalt cliffs. The most famous is 640-foot Multnomah Falls. Its two large parking lots fill up quickly on sunny days and almost every weekend. A personal favorite however, is the nearby and less well-known [Latourelle Falls](#) which has the distinction of being the only falls along the gorge that is a direct plunge (doesn't touch rock) from top to bottom.



Latourelle Falls on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge drops 224 feet past several spectacular layers of 6 to 17 million-year-old basalt.

Thirty miles east of the Falls lies the Bonneville Dam, which includes a large salmon hatchery and a series of ponds that display fish native to the Columbia River. Of these the most spectacular is the sturgeon and the biggest sturgeon of all (at least at Bonneville) is Herman the [Sturgeon](#). Herman lives with several other sturgeons in a pond



Herman the Sturgeon is about 25-30 years old and weighs almost 600 pounds.

surrounded by fir trees, a lovely setting. Although Herman and company can be viewed from walkways above the pond, their great size bringing to mind small submarines, they can also be seen, up close and personal, through a window in a viewing area dug out of one end of the pond. This Herman is actually Herman IV, the fourth in the line stretching back to 1925. Sturgeon in the wild can live to be a hundred or more years old and weigh upwards of 1,800 pounds but in captivity, [not so much](#). Herman is substantially less on both counts but the chance to observe him up close was for us well worth the stop.

An hour beyond the Bonneville Dam complex we passed Hood River, Oregon, where the dense conifer forest begins the transition to desert in the rain shadow of the Cascade Range. The deep blue water of the wide Columbia (once a river with falls and rapids, now a series of lakes due to power-generating dams like the Bonneville) contrasts sharply with the brown, rocky landscape on either side, a bit like seeing the

Suez Canal in the middle of the Egyptian desert. I-84 hugs the river as far as Boardman, about 90 minutes beyond Hood River, where it turns southeast and then south, heading for Salt Lake City. Since we wanted to go north, we left the interstate, continuing along the riverside on US 730 through the Wallula Gap, where the two-lane road is just a few feet from towering cliffs to the south and a guard-rail away from the river to the north.

Just beyond the gap, at Wallula Junction, we left the river following US 12 past Walla Walla, the university town, then through a series of small farming communities, the most interesting of which was Dayton, Washington. Though we did not stop as we were pressed for time, the town looked positively charming, like something out of 1930s movie.



The Snake River looking north from Hell's Gate State Park. The campground is just beyond the trees to the right.

Eventually US 12 winds its way east to the Snake River and then to the twin cities of Clarkston, Washington and Lewiston, Idaho, divided by the Snake and bordered on the north by the Clearwater. Our destination for the night was Idaho's 960-acre [Hells Gate State Park](#), just south of Lewiston on a bend in the Snake. The campground's spacious and generously spaced 80 sites lie along the river's edge under a canopy of trees. Our electric and water site cost \$40. Our favorite park feature however lay above the campground where the landscape climbs steeply to rolling grass-covered hills

crisscrossed by trails. As soon as we had set up camp we went for a hike and almost immediately encountered a flock of turkeys crossing the trail in front of us. Shortly after that we stepped to the side as four horses with riders ambled past. Though we hiked until well-past sunset we didn't have time to explore most of the park, especially the highest point, 700 feet above the river. Some day we would like to go back and spend more time.

The next morning, we started to head north, taking the steepest climb of the entire trip, US 95 out of Lewiston, over the mountain (the locals refer to it as a "hill") that overlooks the city to the north, 2,100 feet up over about four miles of switchbacks. The top of Lewiston Hill marks the



The rolling hills above the Snake river in Hell's Gate State Park are crisscrossed by a network of hiking, bike, and horse trails that offer spectacular views.



Clarkston, Washington on the right and Lewiston, Idaho on the left, divided by the Snake River, viewed from Lewiston "hill", which is 2,100 feet above the river. The Clearwater river on the left joins the Snake at Lewiston-Clarkston. US 95, which climbs out of Lewiston, is in the foreground. Hell's Gate State Park is visible as the undeveloped area on the left of the Snake where it disappears from view at the top of the photo. Amazingly, ocean-going ships can reach Lewiston via locks on the Columbia and Snake, so the city is Idaho's only port, 438 miles from the Pacific.

interstate 90 and headed southwest, the mountains in this part of Idaho being impassable except where there are river valleys for roads to follow. I-90 follows the St. Regis River to the town of St. Regis Montana where it joins the Clark Fork River.

We turned off I-90 at St. Regis and headed north on state route 135 which follows the Clark Fork to its junction with the Flathead River. We then followed the Flathead on state route 200. These two roads and the rivers beside them offered some of the most beautiful scenery of the day: the clear, fast-moving rivers flow over rocky beds through wide almost flat flood plains, affording unusually long views of the surrounding mountains and the road and river ahead. We had the road to ourselves and drove slowly, taking in the views.



A view of the Palouse as it appeared to us in early spring. In summer the hills are bright green with wheat and lentils. This view is taken from [Kamiak Butte](#), the highest point in the Palouse. Our drive up US 95 did not afford a vista like this so this photo is courtesy of Wikipedia.

After a half hour or so we left the Flathead and turned north on US 93 for Flathead Lake and a few miles beyond, the cities of Whitefish and Columbia Falls, the western gateways to Glacier National Park. We camped that night in one of the many nondescript RV parks that dot the towns; all the ones we saw had narrow sites and just enough room between trailers to extend an awning, no more than a place to park and sleep.

Of the two cities, Whitefish is by far the more upscale, a little like Aspen or Vail. Columbia Falls, by comparison, is still more of a cowboy town: the original buildings, not gussied up; saloons instead of fancy restaurants; no boutiques or gift shops. We prefer the relative authenticity of cowboy towns, so

beginning of the [Palouse](#), a region of rolling 200-foot hills covering 19,000 square miles in eastern Washington and western Idaho. Although they resemble sand dunes, the hills are formed by wind-blow dirt and dust accumulated over the past 2 million years that is carried from the desert to the west and dropped here as the winds are slowed by the rising land and the mountains to the east. Once covered with prairie grass the hills are now covered with wheat.

We continued up US 95 headed for our destination for the day, Whitefish, Montana. Leaving the Palouse at Coeur d'Alene we turned onto



Flathead Lake, Montana, looking east to the mountains of the [Flathead National Forest](#), which includes the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. At 2.400 square miles it is the largest designated wilderness area in the US. The forest borders Glacier National Park to the south.

popular national parks that, however necessary, absolutely kills the joy of spontaneity); and the park's RV sites were few, booked, and like all national parks, without electric and water service and it was still too cold for us to go without electricity. Instead, we took US 2, which skirts the southern boundary of the park before it turns north and then east across the top of Montana. As it exits the park US 2 goes over [Marias Pass](#), the lowest crossing point of the Rockies between Canada and central New Mexico. It was discovered by surveyors looking for a route for the transcontinental railroad in the 19th century. Here, the reason for the existence of the mountains that form Glacier National Park is clearly visible in the mountains just to the north of the pass.

This is the [Lewis Overthrust Belt](#). The collision of tectonic plates along the western edge of the continent about 75 million years ago compressed the land in this area by about fifty miles, creating the mountains. We stopped for a half hour taking in this

impressive sight before heading to our next stop, Malta, Montana and the Upper Missouri Breaks National Monument.

we stayed in Columbia Falls and dined at the Gunsight Saloon (another option was the Outlaw Diner), which, but for the TVs on the wall, didn't seem to have changed much in the past hundred years.

The next day we headed east. We opted not to visit Glacier National Park on this trip for a few reasons: we had no timed ticket reservation (a recent development at the most



The Lewis Overthrust Belt viewed from the rest area at Marias Pass, Montana. The dark rock above the beige rock is ten times older than the lighter rock below the wavy beige line. Beginning about 75 million years ago, the pressure of colliding tectonic plates along the western margin of the continent compressed this area by fifty miles, forcing the older rock on top of the younger rock and creating the mountains that became Glacier National Park.

Items for the newsletter?

Send them by the 20th of each month to: (dconley1810@gmail.com)

Interested in joining the Watchung NJ Airstream club?

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President: Lea Plant (tenlea@aol.com)

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