



## President's Message

**BRN 4361**

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Hello and hope this finds you well while keeping cool and dry!

After returning from the Outlaw Race Week it was time to catch up on some house and yard work. For us it's been an active travel winter, spring and summer and the property confirmed it. Sue has been weeding the gardens and tuning up the flower beds and baskets while I have been hacking away at a number of the 26 stumps

left by the Ash Borer. Oh yeah, for the first time we spent three days weeding the driveway rather than using poison. Was it worth it?? Time will tell. Either way we will be ready for the Installation Rally coming up in September. Hope to see you all there! Come on out and support your club officers. (see enclosed schedule) NOTE, butterfly pic is from one of Sue's hanging baskets.

Along those lines Keystone is actively seeking volunteers to fill the following officer positions in the club. These positions are open to all Keystone Regular members So, yes! You qualify. 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair and two year Trustee. Please contact Jody Dietz for information on what these positions entail.

This will be my last President's message before Jennifer takes over in October. It has been a pleasure meeting our new members and seeing old friends. We look forward to camping with you all. The potential of having a blast is always there. We hope to see you at one or all of the remaining events in 2024.

Before I sign off and pass the gavel to Jennifer, check out the exciting 2025 schedule she put together. Ring her up and have your name added as one of the Rally Hosts or Co-Hosts. It really is very easy to do in addition to being a lot of fun.

Until then see you down the road. Thank you and drive carefully!

Jody and Sue

### Club Officers

President, Jody Dietz [dietz4361@gmail.com](mailto:dietz4361@gmail.com)

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### Stay Connected

[Facebook – Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club](#)

[Keystone on the Web](#)

[Airstream International Website](#)

Interested in joining the club?

Contact Jody Dietz [dietz4361@gmail.com](mailto:dietz4361@gmail.com)

### Attention!!!

The Club's annual meeting and election/installation of officers will be held at the September 27-29 Installation Rally. Please let Jody know if we can twist your arm to become a member of the Executive Committee!

Remember, you do not have to be present at the installation rally to show interest in a future position.

## 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.

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### January

Scott & Mary Lou Anton

BRN 14462

Home

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### March

Tabb & Ruth Adams

BRN 5561

Affiliate

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### April

Steven & Bonnie Farrell

BRN 9392

Home

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### May

Brenda & Charles Como

BRN 4306

Home

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### June

Darren Westenberger

BRN 10374

Home

Krishna & John King

BRN 13510

Home

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### July

Allen & Sharlene Moyer

BRN 12046

Home / Renewal

## News & Items of Interest

### Keystone Rally and Caravan Schedule

We are looking for feedback on the 2025 schedule along with volunteers to host/co-host. Please reach out to Jennifer Eggers. [jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com](mailto:jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com)

### Kourier 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.

The deadline for content for the October issue is September 25, 2024.

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

[info@occasionalrv.com](mailto:info@occasionalrv.com)

### Courtesy Parking Moving to Harvest Hosts

Coming in late summer 2024: The Airstream Club International courtesy parking powered by Harvest Hosts. [Click here](#) for all of the details.

If you would like to be a Courtesy Parking Host and haven't yet filled out our survey to get listed in the Summer of 2024 database, please [click here](#) to get started! (ACI member login required)

### Escapees RV Club Moving to Harvest Hosts

There's a lot of information associated with this move. [Click Harvest Hosts Transition](#) for details.

### Airstream's Model Year 2025 Improvements

I always find it interesting to explore what's new and how things evolve and change. Click [Model Year 2025](#) to have a look.

### Airstream Club Member Discounts

A reminder that Airstream International club members have access to some great discounts. Click on the following link for details. (ACI member login required) [Airstream Club member discounts](#)

## 2024 Event Schedule



September 5-8 2024

Pennsylvania Rally  
See form for more info:  
[https://form.jotform.com/240015014\\_357039](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](#)



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. Additional details are in the Event Spotlights below.  
[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  
([gaugeguy2@gmail.com](mailto:gaugeguy2@gmail.com))

## 2024 Event Spotlights



**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](mailto: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.

Fredericksburg/ Washington DC KOA called to say reservations for the rally are now being accepted. Here are the facts.

You may reserve as many of those days as you wish. We are staying all week. We have a block of 9 FHU sites being held until August 16th. After that no guarantees. Reservation may only be made by calling 540-898-7252. You must indicate you are with the "Keystone Airstream Group". Reference my name, Jody Dietz. July 18th was the 1st day you may reserve, August 16th is the last.

Information on what to do is forthcoming.

Hope to see you there!!!



## 2025 Event Summary

We've been busy working on the 2025 Rally and luncheon schedule and would love your input. Here are some highlights of what has been suggested and scheduled. I welcome your feedback. If you've got a dream rally you'd like to plan, please let me know.

**February 15** Valentine's Luncheon

**March 15** St. Patrick's Luncheon

**April TBD** Joint Maintenance Rally (with Delmarva) | Queen Annes County 4-H Park Centreville, MD

**Late April or Late May TBD** Seashells and Seafood | Jersey Shore Haven

**May 2-4** Season Opener with Central Penn | Lum's Pond State Park  
BOOK NOW THEY ARE ALREADY NEARLY FULL [Click here for details](#)

**May 14-18** Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival | Granite Hill Camping Resort  
LOOK FOR BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS ON MAY 20

**June TBD** Blues & BBQ Festival | French Creek State Park

**July 11-13** Explore the Upper Delaware (fishing, tubing/paddling or river watching) | Soaring Eagle Campground, Equinunk, PA

**August 23-28** International Rally "Let's Make History" | York Fairgrounds, York, PA

**September 19-21** Bald Cypress and Eagles | Trapp Pond State Park (boat rental closes Oct. 17th)


**October 17-20 & 20-21** Dark Skies & Canyons Mini Caravan to Grand Canyon of PA |Twin Streams Campground  
New Moon at Cherry Springs Dark Sky Park | Ole Bull State Park

**November 8** Installation Luncheon and Meeting | Good & Plenty, Lancaster Country Acres Campground


**December 6** Christmas Luncheon (Noon) at Plumsteadville Inn


We're looking for volunteers to help coordinate and host all of these events. All feedback is welcome (love it or hate it) and if you are willing to host or co-host, please let me know at [jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com](mailto:jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com)

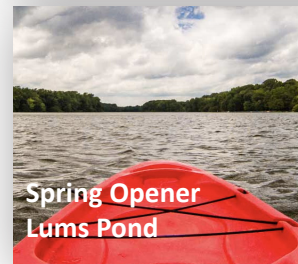
2025 Event Schedule


 <p>Valentine's Day Luncheon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 15 2025</b></p> <p>Details TBD</p>
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 <p>Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 15 2025</b></p> <p>Details TBD</p>
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 <p>Joint Maintenance Rally</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April (TBD) 2025</b></p> <p>Maintenance Rally (joint with Delmarva) - looking for a coordinator from Keystone. Queen Annes County 4-H Park Centreville, MD</p>
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 <p>Seashells and Seafood</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Late April early May 2025</b></p> <p>Seashells and Seafood at Jersey Shore Haven</p>
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 <p>Spring Opener Lums Pond</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 2-4 2025</b></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.  <a href="#">Lums Pond State Park</a>                  1068 Howell School Rd                  Bear, DE 19701</p>
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 <p>Keystone PA Bluegrass Rally</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 14-18 2025</b></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.  <a href="#">Granite Hill Campground</a>                  3340 Fairfield Rd                  Gettysburg, PA 17325</p>
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2025 Event Schedule cont.



June (TBD) 2025

Blues & BBQ Festival at French Creek State Park



July 11-13 2025

Explore the Upper Delaware (fishing, tubing/paddling or river watching)  
Details TBD



August 23-28 2025

Airstream Club International Rally "Let's Make History"  
York Expo Center  
334 Carlisle Ave  
York, PA 17404  
[Airstream Club International Rally website](#)



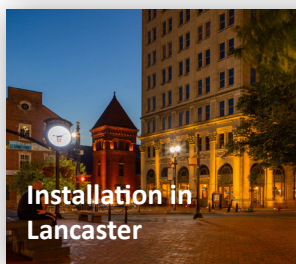
September 19-21 2025

Trapp Pond Cypress and Eagle Rally  
Trapp Pond State Park  
15654 Goose Nest Rd  
Laurel, DE, 19956  
[Click here for details](#)



October 17-20 & 20-21 2025

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



November 8 2025

Installation luncheon and meeting.  
Good & Plenty, Lancaster Country Acres Campground

2025 Event Schedule cont.



December 6 2025

Holiday Luncheon at Noon  
Plumsteadville Inn  
5902 Easton Rd., Pipersville, PA 18947

# On the Road

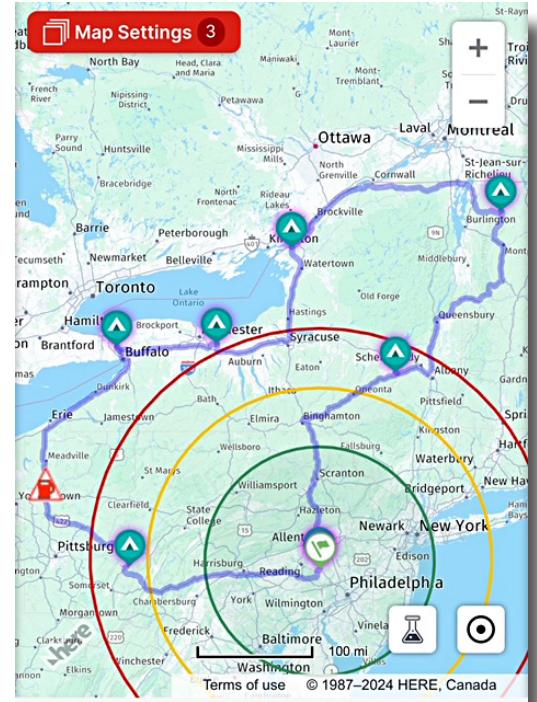
## Northeast Rail Trail Excursion by Jody Dietz BRN 4361

For three plus weeks Sue and I camped and rode our bikes on seven trails in three states with a twist. We made no reservations. We knew approximately where we wanted to camp based on trail location but we didn't know where, when we would get there, and when we would leave. Everything was up in the air, spontaneous. This is not standard operating procedure for us especially with the campgrounds being so full in the past during peak season.

The day we were set to depart, we looked at each other and said, "Let's leave tomorrow." We did just that and changed our trajectory from north, northwest to due west based solely on adding a trail that looked interesting. Our campground destination unknown. During a fuel stop we called a couple of campgrounds. Having no response we left messages and went on our way. As we approached the area both places called back. One was full the other called us 20 minutes from the campground and they could fit us in.

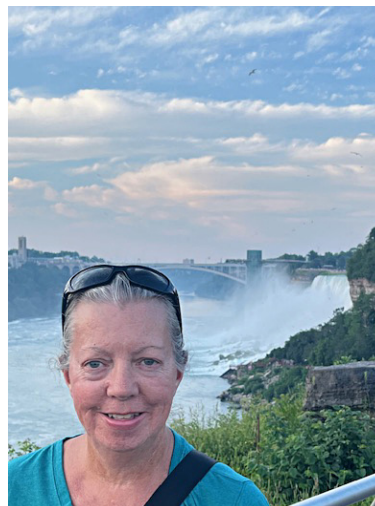
So, it went like that the entire trip, including July 4th weekend. While booking Maplewoods we were told we had to leave on the 4th. We took it and let them know if there was a cancellation to pencil us in. When we arrived, they had three options. Beautiful place, trail, six different firework displays. Was this luck or is this the way it is? I leave it up to you to decide.

Below is our trip in a nutshell. Thumbs up indicate we would stay there or do it again. Ratings 1 to 5, 1 being lowest, 5 being highest.



First stop, 1889 Park (County) South Fork PA \$35 a night FHU (2 thumbs up) Rating-3. Bike Trail, Ghost Town Trail and Path of the flood trail (2 thumbs up). Water was crystal clear, however, all the waterways had a rust color due to the iron content.

Second stop, Cinderella Motel and Campground Grand Island, NY Just south of the American Niagara Falls \$60 FHU (2 thumbs up) Rating-3. Bike Trails, Great Gorge Scenic Trail and West River Shoreline Trail (2 thumbs up).





## On the Road cont.

### Northeast Rail Trail Excursion by Jody Dietz **BRN 4361** cont.

Third stop, Reds Twilight on the Erie RV Resort Macedon, NY \$70 FHU (2 thumbs up) Rating-4. Bike Trail, Erie Canal Trail section from Macedon to Pittsford (2 thumbs up). Very scenic trail with cool little towns along the way. Although we didn't use the bathhouse, it was worthy a pic or two.



Fourth stop, French Creek Marina Clayton, NY \$69 FHU (2 Thumbs up) Rating-3. Bike Trail, Sissy Danforth River Gate Trail (2 thumbs down). Biking the town of Clayton, (2 thumbs down). River Gate is very poorly maintained, biking in town is unsafe. The campground is in the center of Clayton so accessing the trail and exploring town was only a block away. A lot to see and do in and around Clayton. Unfortunately, biking wasn't one of them.



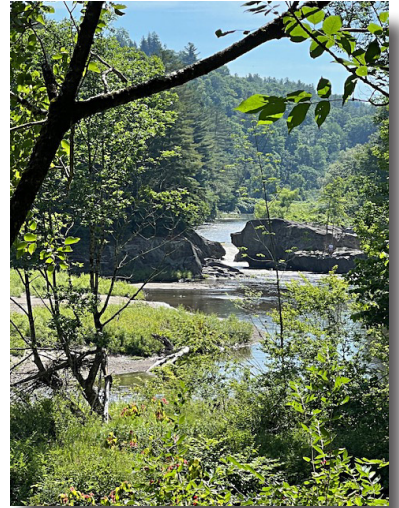


## On the Road cont.

Northeast Rail Trail Excursion by Jody Dietz **BRN 4361** cont.



Fifth stop, Maplewoods Campground Johnson, Vermont 20 minutes from Stowe \$60 FHU (2 thumbs up) Rating-4. Bike Trail, Lamoille Valley Trail Morrystown to Jeffersonville section (2 thumbs up). Every view on this stop was like this.



Sixth and final stop, Hide-A-Way Campsites Central Bridge NY \$48 FHU (2 thumbs up) Rating 3.5. Erie Canal Trail Canajoharie to Little Falls Section (2 thumbs up). Note the Erie Canal trail is 331 miles long and travels almost across the whole state of NY. There are many historic sites along the Erie Canal which is still up and running today. Who knew?

