



President's Message
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As the 2024 camping season comes to a close in the Northeast, I wanted to talk about what it means to be a part of the Airstream community. They don't tell you this at the dealer, but the way I see it, the value in the Airstream isn't in the unit at all. It's in this community. That might be the best kept secret for new Airstreamers. If you know, you already know. But just in case you don't, let me tell you what I've discovered.

It started with Keystone when I found friends from just about all walks of life from every end of the political spectrum that shared a common bond and could have a darned good time. But then I realized it's not just Keystone.

Admittedly, I've had issue upon issue with two different rigs. While researching these issues on-line, I met strangers who came from out of the blue to help. I've lost track of the number of questions I've posted on Facebook or Airstream Forums and gotten answers to in seconds. I've had engineers call me to discuss my hitch set up, a guy in Texas sent me the specs for his truck after he sold it to someone else 5 minutes before I called, a woman offered to coach me when I started, a friend helped me turn my dinette into a desk and rescued me the day the cabinet that held my fridge fell off the wall (whoever bought my 20 can rest assured that cabinet is NEVER coming down again), and another friend helped me fix a fan and do roof maintenance at an Airstream Park. I've become fast friends with Solo Streaming Sisters in three states. The list is endless.

Last year, on the Smidge of the Blueridge Caravan, while witnessing the kindness of complete strangers when another Airstream backed into me, it hit me: Kindness is what it means to be an Airstreamer. But this culture continues for one reason only - because we want it to.

It had been a rough day. Part of it was spent untangling a bicycle rack from my front bumper and I pulled into camp exhausted after a tense 5-hour drive in a truck I wasn't sure I should be driving. Just about the time that I sighed a sigh of relief, I realized I was responsible for salad. I had to unhitch, go find a grocery store in a strange town and buy the salad, prepare and serve it for the caravan's dinner that night. It was 4:30. And all I wanted to do was curl up under a blanket when I heard my name. Word of the accident had spread, and these people rallied around me. Lesa and her husband ran over before I even got unhitched and asked me what I needed. I tried to wave them off, but they insisted. "Salad," I said, slightly panicked. "I need to get salad." I dug for the envelope of kitty money, and they ran off. As they left, Lesa put her hands on my shoulders and said, "We got this. You are done." And I was. I could finally breathe.

Another accident that day required more help. Have you ever seen 15 people calling around to find a repair shop? Someone had a grandchild in the town we were in who knew someone...and they got a shop to fit them in.

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You can’t put a value on this kind of culture. In a world of “Fight, Fight, Fight” and “When we fight, we win,” this is a community that has chosen another path. We encourage, we support, we help, and we love hard. We don’t care where you are from, what you do, or what you believe. If you show up, we will include you. You simply cannot beat the Airstream family.

This November, I could not be more thankful for you.

Jennifer

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<p style="text-align: center;">Stay Connected</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Facebook – Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club Keystone on the Web Airstream International Website</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Interested in joining the club? Contact Jennifer Eggers jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Club Officers</p> <p>President, Jennifer Eggers jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com 1st VP, Brian Mulligan mulligansix@rcn.com 2nd VP, Lori Pfahler loripfahler88@gmail.com Treasurer, Richard Pitts r_pitts@verizon.net Secretary, Kathleen Quinn kathleenquinn56@icloud.com Immediate Past Pres., Jody Dietz Jdietz4361@gmail.com 1st Year Trustee, Katherine Mulligan mulligansix@rcn.com 2nd Year Trustee, Joel Burkholder jpburkholder@verizon.net</p>
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In addition to our officers, Keystone’s bylaws provide the option of adding additional positions or committees to handle specific tasks. I would like to recognize those that have agreed to continue to serve and a few new ones. If you would like to help, please let any of us know!

Returning Positions Include:

Website - Andy Pitts

Andy keeps our website updated so all ACI members can see what we have going on, sign up for rallies and participate. The website also informs the event section of the Blue Beret Magazine and the ACI website.

Sunshine - Karen Kushto

Karen keeps up with birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses and other news in our club. She also sends cards as appropriate. If you have updates, please let Karen know!

Newsletter - Bill Earle

Bill handles the yeoman’s job of writing the Keystone Kourier. If you have articles, news or updates, please get them to Bill by the 25th of the month prior to publication.

Facebook Administrators - Jennifer Eggers & Jody Dietz

Jennifer and Jody make sure that all members of our private Facebook group are members of Keystone so we can feel safe sharing information on our travels. We also post events (although anyone can do that) and monitor the group.

New Positions for 2025 Include:

Historian - Jody Dietz

Jody has agreed to help catalog and maintain several totes of historical photos and information we have received from former Keystone members. Since the club has been in existence for 60 years, there is quite a bit of history out there. Jody has been involved for a long time and has served as President 4 times, so his experience will serve us well in this role.

Membership - Kathleen Quinn

Kathleen will continue and expand the role I have been playing welcoming and reaching out to new members. With Airstream now offering a one-year complimentary membership in ACI, it is increasingly important to welcome and involve new members early so they can find a home in Keystone. We don’t need a long list of members; we need involved members! Kathleen is the perfect person to do this.

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

Home

May

Brenda & Charles Como

BRN 4306

Home

June

Darren Westenberger

BRN 10374

Home

Krishna & John King

BRN 13510

Home

July

Allen & Sharlene Moyer

BRN 12046

Home / Renewal

August

Robert & Erin Stokes

BRN 11323

Home

September

Michael & Christine Godshall

BRN 18045

Home

News & Items of Interest

Keystone Needs a New Logo!!!

Announcing a logo contest. We're going to try this and see how it goes. If we get enough viable options to have a contest, we'll end up with a logo!

Logos need to be in some kind of electronic format. We'll need at a minimum a .jpeg or .png file, but preferably editable formats too.

All submissions must contain the following in the graphic:

Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club

Established (or Est.) 1964

Some use of a Keystone shape is preferred.

All submissions must be received by November 15th. We will then put it to a vote of the unit and hope to announce the results at the Holiday Luncheon at Plumsteadville Inn. Any questions, call or email Jennifer.

There WILL be a prize!

Keystone Rally and Event 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

Kourier Content

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.

The deadline for content for the upcoming issue is the 25th of the month prior to publication.

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

info@occasionalrv.com

Sunshine Report by Karen Kushto

George Spahn, Cindy Yerk and Arry Mergelkamp had health issues requiring hospitalization this month and are wished speedy recoveries.

Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club 2024 Rally and Event Schedule

More information available in our private Facebook group [Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club](https://www.facebook.com/groups/keystonepairstreamclub)
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Date	Event	Location	Host(s)
November 10-16	Gunna Need Campfires Rally	Washington DC South KOA	Jody & Sue Dietz
December 7	Holiday Luncheon	Plumsteadville Inn	Barb & Jerry Hillegass

Wanted: Hosts or cohosts for all rallies! Please let Jennifer know if you can help.

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Date	Event	Location	Host(s)
February 15	Valentine’s Luncheon	Jennifer Eggers’ Home	
March 15	St. Patrick’s Luncheon	Sharon and Wayne Fitzgerald’s home	
April TBD	Joint Maintenance Rally (TBD)	Queen Annes County 4-H Park Centreville, MD	
May 2-4	Season Opener with Central Penn	Lum’s Pond State Park	Rick Pitts
May 15-18	Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival	Granite Hill Camping Resort	Jennifer Eggers
June TBD	Jersey Shore Special	Jersey Shore Haven	Sharon Fitzgerald
July 11-13	Explore the Upper Delaware	Soaring Eagle Campground Equinunk, PA	Jennifer Eggers Wayne Fitzgerald
August 23-28	International Rally “Let’s Make History”	York Fairgrounds York, PA	TBD
Sept. 19-21	Bald Cypress and Eagles	Trapp Pond State Park Loop C	
October 17-20 & 20-21	Dark Sky and Canyon’s Mini-Caravan	Grand Canyon of PA (Twin Streams Camp-ground) New Moon at Cherry Springs Dark Sky Park (Ole Bull State Park)	Jennifer Eggers
November 8	Installation Luncheon & Meeting	Bird in Hand Restaurant, Lancaster Country Acres Campground	
December 6 Noon	Holiday Luncheon	Plumsteadville Inn Plumsteadville, PA	Jerry Hillegass Jennifer Eggers

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2024 Event Spotlights

Installation Rally

Congratulations to our new officers and new members, John and Krishna. The weather, food, ceremony and campfire made for an exceptional day. A special thank you to Keystone members and Past Region President and First Lady Wilson and Cindy for coming out to officiate. A good time was had by all. (Facebook post by Jennifer Eggers)



2024 Event Spotlights cont.

Keystone Apple Festival Rally

Several of the Keystone folks who did not attend the international rally headed off to Pine Grove Furnace State Park for the Apple Festival Rally. Keystone members **Jody & Sue Dietz, Jennifer Eggers** (and first Mom **Cecilia**), **Jim & Julie Fitzgerald, Howard & Arry Mergelkamp, Joe & Lori Pfahler, Rick & Andy Pitts** and **Kathleen Quinn** welcomed **Libby & Ed Bishop** (DelMarVa) and **Mike & Ginny McNamara** (Pennsylvania) to the rally. Wanderers **Lello & Gretchen** from Washington state were overnighing in the campground and able to join in the Friday evening activities. Weather was perfect for the entire weekend! Burgermeisters Howard & Rick treated everyone to dinner Friday evening before the first of several campfires.

Saturday morning greeted all with coffee and muffins before folks headed over to the South Mountain Fairgrounds for the National Apple Festival. Although it was very crowded, folks enjoyed apples, festival food, apples, clog dancing, apples (you get the pic...) before returning to camp for an evening campfire with tasty baked potatoes and fixin's.

Charcoal Hearth campground was a great central location, but had very limited cell and internet. Back to basics was the name of the game (although some service was available in the nearby general store area). Keystoneers were left searching for service...

Sunday morning greeted all with coffee, cheese Danish and a campfire before heading home or off to visit Gettysburg, the historic round barn and farm market, or biking along the trails in Pine Grove Furnace.



2024 Event Spotlights cont.**2024 International Rally - Sedalia, MO**

Thanks to Karen Kushto, past president for serving as the flag bearer for the Keystone Club.



Click this link for more: [Official Rally Photos](#)

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 Spotlights

Trap Pond Cypress and Eagle Rally September 19-21 2025

As you probably saw on the 2025 schedule, we will have a rally at Trap Pond in Delaware next September 19-21 (2025).

Trap Pond is a fantastic state park we've been to before and fall is the perfect time to camp there. They open up for reservations a year in advance, so if you want to get a jump on things, you can begin making your reservation now. To snag a spot head to the Delaware State Parks Reservation site: [Click here for reservations.](#)

It's a big park, so we will try to cluster on C loop. Once you get a spot, please post it on the event page on Facebook so we can keep up with who will be attending and where you are. Obviously, the earlier you book the better chance we have of being together and this place does fill up. The cancellation fees are nominal, so book if you think you might want to go.

Trap Pond has water and electricity.

If you've not been there before, Trap Pond has a beautiful lake full of cypress trees that make for great fishing, birding, kayaking and canoeing. Their "boat" rental concession should still be open at this time. They also have a pontoon boat ride we can do as a group. Last year, they also offered a wagon tour of the park free from the office and we did that, too. We'll keep you posted closer to the time to sign up for these things as you'll need to book them individually. Not to mention, it's a gorgeous place to sit and read a book and there are numerous trails to hike as well.

We'll figure out the rally stuff closer to the time (anyone want to cohost?), but I'm sure it will be low key with optional happy hours, campfires, and other fun gatherings.

See you there!
Jennifer

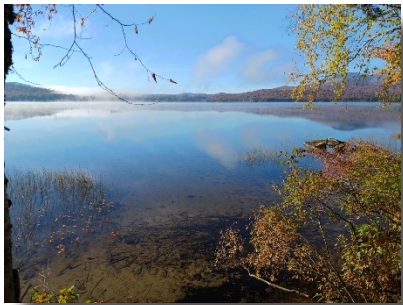


On the Road

Fall Before the Festival
Rick & Andy Pitts



Before heading to the Apple Festival rally we rambled north to the Adirondacks to visit Rick’s brother and enjoy the fall foliage. Our camping spot was in Long Lake, NY, pretty much the center of the Adirondacks and the weather was chilly but sunny and just right for fall camping. We started off at Lake Eaton State Park, and beautiful spot, but without any hookups. The furnace failed on the first night so we moved a short distance into a small camp in Long Lake with full hook-ups. In addition to the fantastic fall foliage that was just past its peak, Rick’s brother headed us to some great attractions in the area.



The best (and you might want to add it as a bucket list item) was the nearby Adirondack Experience museum (ADKX). Recently opened, it is a wonderful venue with art, exhibits and activities from the early days of the Adirondacks to present.



On a day-trip we headed towards Lake Placid, stopping for donuts at the Tupper Lake laundromat/donut shop/gift shop. What a hoot – and the donuts were great! The area is just full of beautiful scenic stops, hiking and biking trails, small camps and eateries and more. Be sure to consider this in your camping plans.



Region 2 Spotlight

I'm fresh from the Sedalia MO International Rally. Submitted by Gary Russo.



All I can say is WOW!! Do they know how to put on a Rally. I'm including some of the highlights from the 2024 International Rally.



Opening ceremony and closing with the Airstream choir and musicians. 44% of the attendees to the International were 1st timers.



The Region 2 table at the International. What's a Rally without great food and door prizes! We held a joint luncheon with Region 1. Bandana BBQ supplied us with brisket, smoked sausage, potato salad, baked beans, and cookies. There were gallons of sweet and unsweetened tea along with pink lemonade. The final count was 150 people and no one left hungry from the room!

Region 2 Spotlight cont.

The door prizes were provided by Colton RV of Buffalo.



Suzanne and I did have some free time to explore the area.



Region 2 Spotlight cont.



We had dinner at the Bothwell Hotel where Harry S. Truman had dinner. What an amazing hotel. You could feel the history.

As always, the Vintage Airstream Intraclub had a wild and crazy night event to match the October theme. Who would have guessed what the most popular costume at an Airstream event would have been???



I did capture Cathy and John Andersen from the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club at the dance. Looks like John finally met his match!

Region 2 Spotlight cont.

With that, the clock is now ticking toward the 68th International in York Pennsylvania. Jenna Koslosky from the York Expo Center gave a presentation at the current International Rally. I want to start off by saying expectations are high after this International. Jackson Center is busily working on next year's International. I'm expecting at some point Jackson Center will be reaching out to Region 2 for support.

This is the information I have about the 68th International Rally from Jenna and Lori's presentation and Q&A session.

- October 30, 2024 registration opens for the rally at 1:00 pm
- 1000 sites are available
- 30 amp Electric/Water with pump out service on the 3rd or 4th day of the rally.
- Sites will be on one of the following surfaces: grass/gravel/asphalt with 60% of the sites on asphalt
- Dog park on the grounds
- No onsite laundry
- Fire pits are OK
- Early and late check out is available
- Tours to Lancaster and Hershey are in the development stage

I'm starting to engage the Region 2 Club Presidents for this rally event, with the hope to have a large attendance from the Region for the International.

Gary

Resources

Courtesy Parking is Live on Harvest Hosts

The new courtesy parking powered by Harvest Hosts is live on the Harvest Hosts site. Please take a few minutes and read the details. [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)

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](#)

Loves RV Stops

Conveniently located at Love's Travel Stops across the country, Love's RV Hookups and RV Stops provide the RV traveler with a safe, clean and well-maintained place to stop on their journey. Click this link: [Loves RV Stops](#)