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President's Message Jennifer Eggers BRN 4825 jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com

Greetings Keystone Airstreamers and Happy Fall Y'all!

First, I want to say a huge thank you to our outgoing President, Jody Dietz, and to Brian and Kathryn Mulligan for organizing a beautiful installation rally. It rained cats and dogs, but we stayed dry, and the warm spirit of Keystone was present at the meeting, the lunch and the campfire! Thank you also to Wilson and Cindy Yerk, former Region 2 President and First Lady for leading a really fantastic ceremony!

As I write my first President's letter, I am reminded of my first Keystone meeting three years ago and how much buying an Airstream changed my life. I had never spent a night in an RV when my first Airstream arrived (a 20-foot Flying Cloud). It was pulled by the woman who sold it to me because I had only just figured out that my existing vehicle was inadequate. After spending a day with her going through everything, I knew enough to know I was in over my head and I figured if I was going to do this, I was going all in. I spent days watching videos and scouring the forums. Someone told me the fourth trip would be easier than the first, so I however steep the learning curve, I knew that I would climb as far as I could in the shortest time possible.

It was September, but I was determined to do four trips by the end of the season. On the first trip, my step and jack broke. On the second, a hitch socket sheered in half on Rt. 78. At that point, I knew this wasn't for the faint of heart, but I learned more with every mishap. On trip three, my controller and solar charger went, and I realized creative problem solving and mechanical expertise I hadn't used in a while needed to emerge from hiding. Nobody died. When my red numbers arrived, I couldn't imagine what kind of people actually did this, so I decided to attend a rally to see for myself before I put the numbers up.

Lo and behold, I pulled into Chuck and Linda Chowns farm for Kathleen Quinn's Installation Rally and within five minutes, I knew I had found home. Those numbers proudly went up that Monday morning and are now displayed on my second Airstream.

It took a season to figure out why they tell you to, "buy your second Airstream first" and I needed to fit two cats and an office into "Fort Grace." I upgraded to a 28-foot Flying Cloud and a GMC Sierra 2500 in 2023 and can count the number of summer nights I've spent in my house on one hand these past three seasons. I coach competitive waterskiing and maintain boats at Twin Lakes Waterski Park in Monroe, NY and Fort Grace made it possible to stay on-site. I am also the Facebook administrator for the Solo Streaming Sisters and it is my mission to enable others especially solo women do this.

I grew up in Allentown, spent nine years in NJ, and 20 in the south (Charlotte, Memphis, Atlanta) before returning to PA in 2020. I am an executive advisor, author, speaker and consultant. I'm an avid fly fisher (not so much "catcher") and love a good bluegrass jam.

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So what's next for Keystone? If you're new here, welcome! We are thrilled to have you. If you've been around a while, I'm glad you're here, too. You play a huge role in helping us grow. Here's a few goals for the year that I would love your help with:

- 1. Active Growth it doesn't matter how long our membership list is. What matters is how many people on that list are involved. I'd like to see our rallies and social events grow to include more of the people who haven't joined us and keep others coming back. We'll try some new things and bring back some old favorites. If you haven't come to a rally, please sign up. There's no obligation to do anything, we don't have an agenda, and you can participate (or not) as you are comfortable. We don't bite!
- 2. Involvement we always need rally hosts and coordinators. It's not a lot of work and you can even cohost to make it easier. You don't have to plan anything formal, and we have people who can help every step of the way. If you want to do something that isn't on the schedule, say something! I bet we can fit it in somewhere if you're willing to coordinate it. And seriously, "coordinate" can be as simple as calling a campground. We're low key here...it's camping, not a conference! You don't have to get fancy unless you want to.
- 3. Logo I feel strongly that the Keystone Unit needs a logo. A little badge we can have made into whatever swag you can dream up. Stay tuned for a logo contest...we'd love submissions and get ready to vote! Details will be forthcoming.

This is your club. If you want to try something, do something, help with something or get involved, we need you! We want you and we welcome you.

I'll try to provide advance notice for camping reservations and sign ups as some of these things fill up fast. Keep an eye on your email and please join the Facebook page. The Keystone Facebook page IS private. We don't allow people who are not members of Keystone and it does periodically get purged. We do this so we can feel safe posting travel plans, site numbers, etc. on there. It's not a place for lurkers, so please post your pictures and stay in touch! Since not everyone is on Facebook, we'll send emails as well.

I'm sad to see this season end, although we still have another good month, Apple Fest, and the "Gunna Need Campfires Rally" to go, but I am excited for the 2025 camping schedule and the future of the Keystone Unit. I hope you'll join me!

See you on the road! Jennifer BRN #4825	Club Officers President, Jennifer Eggers jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com 1st VP, Brian Mulligan <u>mulligansix@rcn.com</u> 2nd VP, Lori Pfahler <u>loripfahler88@gmail.com</u> Treasurer, Richard Pitts <u>r_pitts@verizon.net</u> Secretary, Open Immediate Past Pres., Jody Dietz <u>Jdietz4361@gmail.com</u> 1st Year Trustee, Katherine Mulligan <u>mulligansix@rcn.com</u> 2nd Year Trustee, Joel Burkholder jpburkholder@verizon.net Newsletter Editor, Bill Earle <u>info@occasionalrv.com</u>
Stay Connected Facebook – Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club Keystone on the Web Airstream International Website Interested in joining the club? Contact Jennifer Eggers jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com	I would like to thank all of those that graciously agreed to fill the officer positions for the 2025 season. As is customary with the Keystone Unit, when help is needed, the membership will be there. Because of this willingness to pitch in, Keystone remains a viable cog in the Airstream Club way of life; very proud to be a part! See you soon and keep the shiny side up. Jody Dietz



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
Мау
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

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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

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

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. <u>Click here</u> 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 <u>click here</u> to get started! (ACI member login required)

Escapees RV Club Moving to Harvest Hosts

There's are a lot of information associated with this move. <u>Click Harvest Hosts Transition</u> for details.

Airstream's Model Year 2025 Improvements

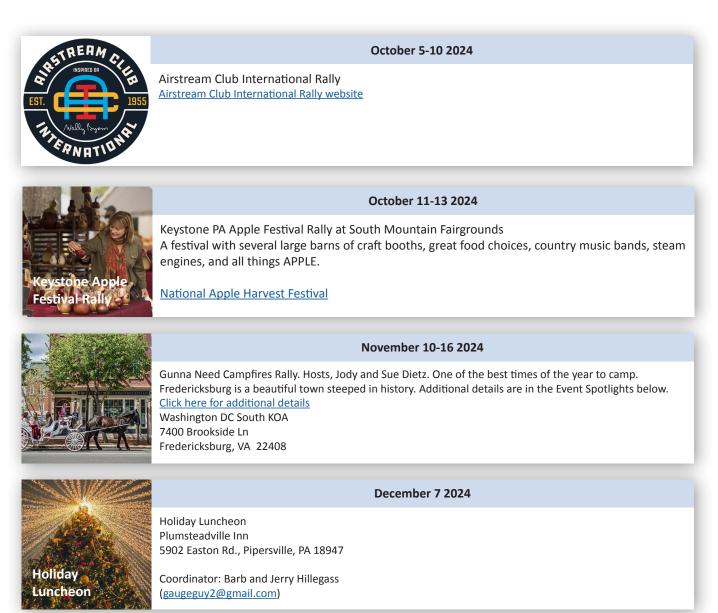
I always find it interesting to explore what's new and how things evolve and change. Click <u>Model Year</u> <u>2025</u> to have a look.

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) <u>Airstream Club member discounts</u>

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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)











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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 <u>NOT</u> permitted at the festival. More about the festival here (<u>National Apple Harvest Festival</u>)

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

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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 <u>Click here for details</u>

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

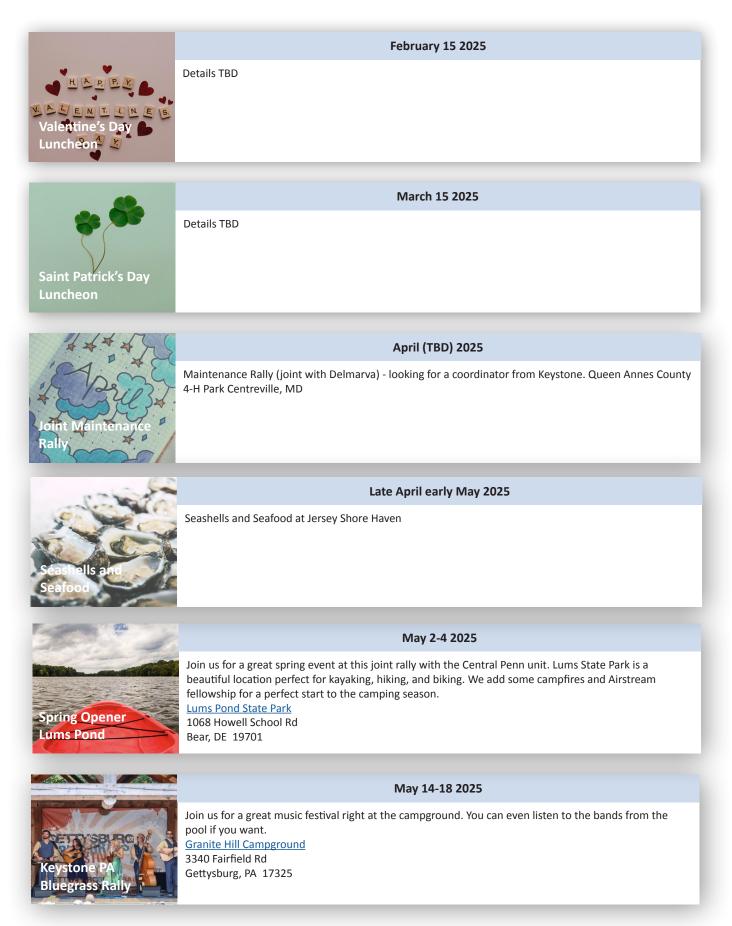
November 8 Installation Luncheon and Meeting | Good & Plenty, Lancaster Country Acres Campground

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

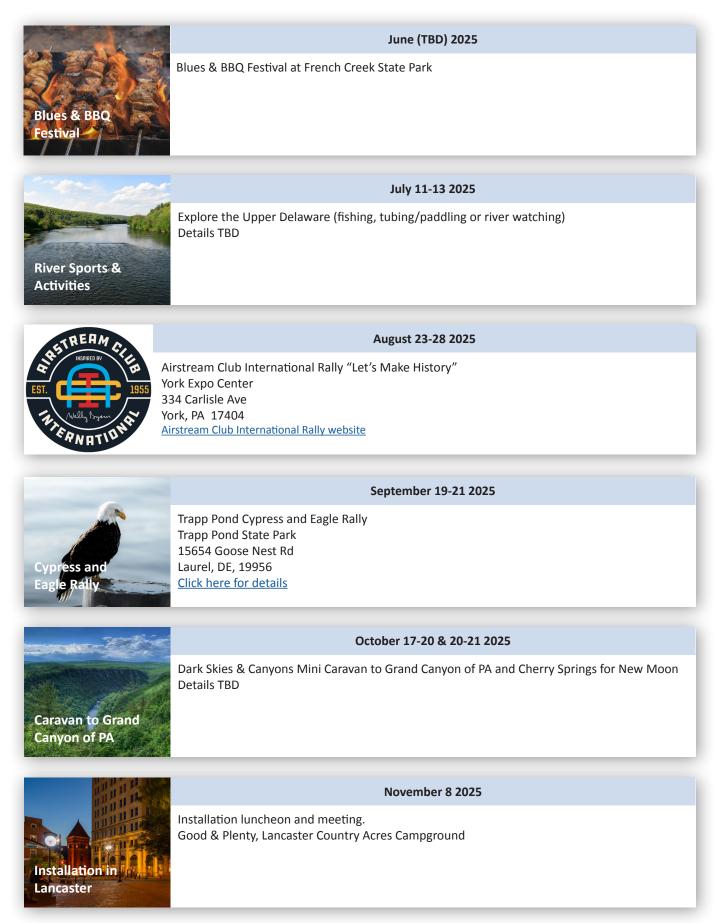
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December 6 2025

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

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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: <u>Click here for reservations</u>.

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



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On the Road

Newfoundland Viking Trail Caravan. Submitted by Susan Walton











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Region 2 Spotlight

Catching up on some Region 2 highlights and information. Submitted by Gary Russo.

August was a full month, with attending the Taste of New York Rally hosted by the New York Finger Lakes, Metro New York and the Hudson Mohawk clubs on Seneca Lake. What a fun time! The rally had people attending from California, Texas, Florida. Region 1 and Region 2 were well represented. Attendance was 130 people with 67 rigs. The three clubs put on quite the event! I've included some pictures from that rally.





Region 2 Spotlight cont.

On August 22, 2024 a four hour IBT meeting was held where we covered many topics. I'm going to hit only the highlights from the meeting.

- 707 East Pike remodel is on budget, and the staff plans to move in late October after the International Rally.
 - o To accomplish this, there was a high level of volunteer labor.
 - o PPG and Sherwin Williams donated paint supplies and material.
 - Harvest Host Courtesy parking benefit is now available to all members.
 - o Currently there are 350 host members.
 - o JotForm for the parking is being updated with the following:
 - NO fee to use the 350 sites.
 - Pictures of the sites.
 - Services that are available at the site.
 - Jackson Center sites will be on the Harvest Host Courtesy parking.
 - There will be a Harvest Host representative at Sedalia, MO.
 - Boondocking sites TBA
- During the IBT meeting Alan Rabb, the International Financial Director, gave a deep dive into the financial health of WBCCI.
 - o After his presentation, he and the financial committee made the motion to raise the annual membership rates to \$95.00.
 - o The committee recommended that the membership fee be reviewed to stay in line with the inflation rate, which was one of the reasons the fee fell behind.

I know this was a hot button for many of the Region 2 membership, and I heard from both sides of the discussion. I was in favor of an increase of \$10.00 to \$85.00 with the caveat that the financial committee continue with a line-item review of the budget. If, after the review, an increase was still needed, then we would go forward with the rate increase to \$95.00.

Another assumption I heard was that the rate increase is due to the purchase of 707 East Pike. A breakdown of the membership fee showed the building purchase accounted for only \$4.00 of the increase. The inflation rate was the biggest cause for the increase. One example of inflation was that a senior coffee in December of 2023 was \$1.07 at a McDonald's in Rochester, New York. That same cup of coffee is now \$1.72. That is a 61% increase in less than one year.

- After the discussion, the voting majority felt that it was better to raise the membership fee once, instead of going back to the membership the following year. I voted against the rate increase.
- o The \$99.00 increase will take effect in September 2024.

The Region 2 luncheon at the International Rally is still open for registration. Mike Giunta, the new Region 1 President, has reached out to us to see if we could have a joint luncheon because we share the same time and are in the adjacent room. I agreed with this proposal. Doing this will allow us both to have great food options at the event.

- Monday October 7, 2024
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- Missouri Electric Coop
- Bldg. MEC 2

Region 2 luncheon link

Don't forget to stop by the Region 2 table during the Sedalia rally.

Can you believe that we are already adding rally dates to the 2025 calendar?!!!

- May 1 to 5 Region 2 Rally, Grange Fairgrounds PA
- July 31 to August 4 Sampson State Park NY
- August 23 to 28 International Rally, York PA