

The Hillbilly



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President's Message



I have heard that the September rally at Lum's Pond was fun. Unfortunately, due to an injury which made hitching up and driving impossible, I had to cancel. Fortunately, a member of our club was able to take my site.

I am now 'good to go' for our last rally of the 2024 season. October 24 - 27th at White Oak Campground in Quarryville, PA. October is the last rally to be able to make a cash donate to our 2024 charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. November is our annual food drive and December is our toy donation drive.

More information for signing up for these events can be found later in this issue and at: <https://airstreamclub.org/watchung-nj>.

Our Annual Business Meeting will take place at the October rally. We will be voting on our Slate of Officers for 2025! Thank you to the members who have either agreed to continue or have stepped up to show their support to our club. It is wonderful to see 'newer' members getting involved. We are all volunteers so please show your support in any way that you can.

2025 Watchung Club Officers

President	Leslie DeHerde
1 st Vice President	Laura Riley
2 nd Vice President	Heidi Cullen
Correspondence Secretary	Frank DeHerde
Recording Secretary	Richard Short
Treasurer	Lois Wagner
Directors	Rebecca Glick
	Cathy McCarthy
	Pat Attanasio
	Jay McCarthy

We might be one of the few clubs that install our incoming officers in December. I am happy to say that we still practice Watchung's tradition of a candlelight ceremony. Hope to see you there.

Lea #2256

Welcome New Members

Colleen and Richard Huisa

Installation Luncheon

**Please join us for our annual Candlelight Installation Luncheon
for our 2025 Club Officers and Christmas Toy Drive**

Hosted by: Leslie and Frank DeHerde Cohost: Lea Plant

Where: [Chimney Rock Inn](#) 41 Rt 31 Flemington, NJ 08822 Phone: 908-788-8800

When: 12/08/2022 @ 12:30 pm

Price: Forty dollars per person includes appetizers and family-style meal. If you have special dietary needs please contact Leslie. Our candlelight Installation Ceremony will take place after lunch.

Reservation Deadline is November 25, 2024

RSVP and pay online by clicking [here](#) or clip the form below and mail to Leslie DeHerde 22 Hissim Rd. Great Meadows, NJ 07838 (Make checks payable to Watchung NJ Airstream Club).

Questions: Call Leslie at 908-797-3387

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for any aged girl or boy for our annual Toy Drive

***** CUT HERE AND SEND WITH CHECK IF NOT REGISTERING ONLINE *****

Name _____ Email _____

Cell# _____

Price per person = \$40.00 x number of people _____ = \$ _____ - Pay and register
Leslie DeHerde 22 Hissim Rd. Great Meadows, NJ 07838.

(Make checks payable to: Watchung NJ Airstream Club)



September Rally Report: Lums Pond

Text and Photos by Angela Ratliff



Mark Ratliff entertains at the campfire.

It was a beautiful weekend in Delaware for the September rally at Lums Pond State Park.

Hosted by Laura and Meg Riley and Mark and Angie Ratliff, the weekend had it all! Sun, fun, epic hikes, unexpected rain and birthday cake!

The weekend started with happy hour and a potluck on Friday evening. Everyone enjoyed the shared meal which included Pat Attanasio's famous campfire alfredo. We ended dinner with a

carrot cake to celebrate Mark Ratliff's birthday. Lynda Kresge added a magnificent birthday candle to the festivities.



Kathi and Rich Short.

The biggest celebration of the evening was not the musical candle but having Heidi Cullen agreed to be the 2nd VP for the upcoming year!

We ended the evening with a cheery campfire expertly managed by Brian Schmidt and Pat Attanasio before heading off to bed for a good night's sleep in the cooler evening air.

We started Saturday with a hearty breakfast of Fred

Brugman's Canadian Oatmeal. For those who have not experienced this particular breakfast, Fred makes his Canadian Oatmeal following a simple recipe: Make oatmeal and top it with ice cream. It was a fun and not so healthy way to kick off the day's events. Some Watchungers headed off for a 4-hour hike, a few road bikes on the trails, others headed to Longwood Gardens for the day, a



Heidi Cullen, our new 2nd VP, holds the Watchung club event schedule.



Mark Ratliff and his birthday cake. Candle by Lynda Kresge.

group headed off to the beer tour guided by Mark Ratliff and the rest of us relaxed until the rains came in the afternoon.

After popup tents went up and the rain disappeared, it was time for our Hawaiian Pizza dinner and a rousing game of Airstream Bingo. Everyone walked away a winner with prizes ranging from cans of Spam to Rock and Roll swag from the Hard Rock Café Atlantic City.

Brian, Pat and Michael started a roaring fire so we could warm up and enjoy each other's company. Sunday morning we gathered for our final shared meal of yogurt, fruit and granola. It was a really fun time together but we left with one unanswered question...

Who tried the ramen noodles from the goodie bag?

Best Dressed Airstreamers of the month



Judy Cahall and Past Watchung President David Cahall attended shareholder's weekend at Jersey Shore Haven Airstream Park. Photo by John Cahall.

Announcements


Sunshine Report

This month we sent Get Well cards to David Cahall, Ed Sowney, and Lea Plant.

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.

October Birthdays

Thomas Breen
Frank DeHerde
Flora Pomerleau
Kimberly Tancer
Tourrahn Kriz



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

Hillbilly Classifieds

For Sale: 2015 GMC Yukon
Formerly used by Fred Brugmans as his Airstream tow vehicle. 31,500 miles, one owner, 5.3L V8. \$27,500 OBO

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Alloy Wheels	Power Door Locks
Fog Lights	Cruise Control
Running Boards	Weather-Tech Mats
Tow Package	Factory brake controller

Please contact Peter Brugmans at 908 256-3640

Hillbilly Cooking

This month's breakfast recipe was suggested by our 2025 President Leslie DeHerde. Do you have tried-and-true camping recipes? Please send your favorites to the editor (dconley1810@gmail.com).

Crock Pot Overnight Breakfast Casserole

Feeds twelve. (When would you need to serve 12 or more people? When you're hosting a rally!)

Ingredients:

Cooking oil spray

One dozen eggs

1 cup milk

2 pounds frozen or refrigerated hash brown potatoes, either diced or shredded

1 pound diced ham

8 ounces shredded cheese

Directions

1. Spray crock pot liner with cooking oil
2. Beat eggs together with milk
3. Place 1/3 of potatoes in the crock pot liner
4. Add 1/3 of diced ham
5. Add 1/3 of shredded cheese
6. Repeat these three layers twice more each time using 1/3 of the ingredients ending with the last of the cheese on top
7. Pour egg mixture over the layers
8. Place lid on crockpot and turn on low.
9. Cook for 6-7 hours if using defrosted/refrigerated hash browns, eight hours if using frozen.

For more complex flavors,

- Finely chop one large or two medium red or yellow onions and add 1/3 on top of each potato layer
- Finely chop one green pepper and add to each potato layer
- Add ¼ teaspoon of dry mustard and/or ¼ teaspoon of garlic powder to the egg mixture

Alternatives:

Sliced brown-and-serve sausages, or precooked bacon, instead of ham

Meatless sausage or bacon

Soy or almond milk

Non-dairy cheese



2024-5 Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon and Rally Schedule

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
October 2024	International Rally/October 5-10	WBCCI	NA	MO State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO
October 2024	Club Rally and Annual Business Meeting/Oct 24-27	Rich and Kathi Short	Lea Plant, Brian and Heidi Cullen	White Oak Campground, Quarryville, PA
November 2024	Luncheon/Nov. 16	Michael Koczwarra and Barbara Taylor		The Little York, Milford, NJ
December 2024	Luncheon/Officer Installation/December 8 at 12:30	Leslie DeHerde	Lea Plant	Chimney Rock Inn, Flemington, NJ
January 2025	Luncheon	Steven and Cynthia Germansky	Brian and Heidi Cullen	TBD
February 2025	Luncheon			
February 2025	Special Event/Feb 14-15	Contact Lea Plant		Colonial Airstream, Millstone Twp.
March 2025	Luncheon	Frank and Leslie DeHerde		Knights of Columbus 130 Main St. Woodbridge NJ
April 2025	Unbutton-your-rig rally/April 25-27	George and Linda Kiesel		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

October Rally Information



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

White Oak Campground
3156 White Oak Rd.
Quarryville, Pa 17566 (717) 687-6207
October 24-27, 2024

YOUR HOSTS: RICH & KATHI SHORT **1512**, LEA PLANT **2256**, and BRIAN & HEIDI CULLEN **22024**

October 24 (Thursday) **All activities will be in the Rec Hall**
Campground Check in time: 1:00
Happy Hour: 5:00 Bring an appetizer to share **BYO** plates, utensils, chairs, and beverage
Dinner: On Your Own

October 25 (Friday)
Explore the Area: <https://www.whiteoakcampground.com/localguides>
Happy Hour: 5:00 Bring a light appetizer to share **BYO** plates, utensils, chairs, and beverage
Dinner: 6:00 at the Blank Family's Amish farm about 15 miles from the campground. The cost is \$25 per person.
Campfire: weather permitting

October 26 (Saturday)
Breakfast: 8:30 - 9:30 (pancakes, sausage, juice). **BYO** plates, utensils, chairs, and coffee
Explore the Area (see link above)
Happy Hour: 5:00 - Bring a light appetizer to share.
Dinner: 6:00 (Smoked Brats and Hot Dogs on the grill, sides, dessert). **BYO** plates, utensils, chairs, and beverage
After dinner: St. Jude's charity raffle
Campfire: weather permitting

October 27 (Sunday)

Continental Breakfast: 8:30 - 9:30 **BYO** plates, utensils, chairs, and coffee
Executive Meeting: 9:15
Annual Business Meeting (Members): 10:00
Explore the Area (see link above)
Dinner: On Your Own

October 28 (Monday)

Continental Breakfast: 8:30 - 9:30 **BYO** plates, utensils, chairs, and coffee
Campground Check out: 11:00

***** CUT HERE AND SEND WITH CHECK IF NOT REGISTERING ONLINE *****

Name _____

Email _____

Cell# _____

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

- Pay and register [ONLINE](#)

or

- Make checks payable to Watchung NJ Airstream Club. Mail check and coupon to:
Lois Wagner, 29 Colony Court, New Providence NJ 07974-2332

****Please do not bring your pet(s) to Happy Hour/Mealtimes. Thank you.****

Rich Short **1512** 609-618-0355

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

Interested in joining the Watchung NJ Airstream club?
Contact:
Membership: George Kiesel (gkiesel861@gmail.com)
President: Lea Plant (tenlea@aol.com)

November Luncheon Information



November Watchung Airstream Luncheon
Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 12:00 Noon
Location: The Little York, 569 Spring Mills Rd, Milford NJ

Hosts: Barbara & Michael Koczwarra Contact: allofus1989@gmail.com or 609-947-6789

Entrée Choices – Please Select When Signing Up for Luncheon

- Grilled All-Natural Chicken Caesar Salad with Ken’s Tableside Caesar dressing, garlic croutons and parmesan cheese
- Chicken Parmesan Sandwich with homemade tomato sauce and melted mozzarella cheese
- Fried Onion Smashburger with Cooper Cheese served with hand cut beef tallow fries

Luncheon Includes: Pizza Appetizers, Pitchers of Soda on the Table, Coffee and/or Tea, and Assorted Mini Desserts

Cash Bar is Available

Please Bring a Donation for Our Food Drive (Flemington Area Food Pantry)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: November 3, 2024
Maximum of 30 attendees – please sign up early!

Name: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Email: _____ Telephone #: _____

of People: _____ @ \$35.00 per person = Total \$: _____

Food Choice: ___ Caesar Salad ___ Chicken Parmesan Sandwich ___ Smashburger

*** Signup online at our website ***

–OR–

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