

**Official Newsletter of the
DelMarVa Airstream
Club #026**

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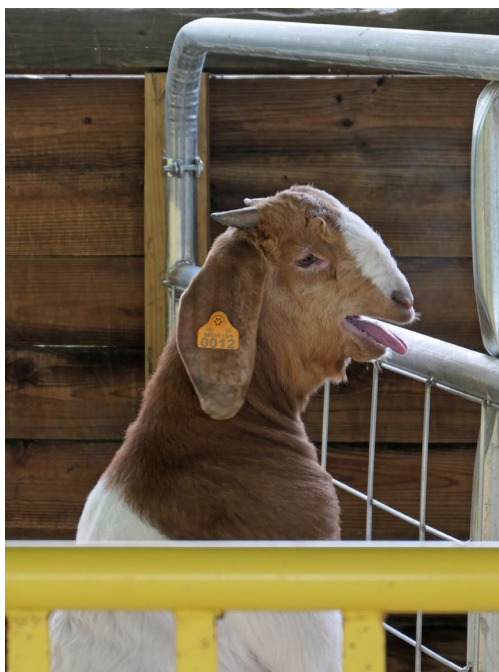
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THE DELMARVA BEACON



Queens Anne's County 4H Park - DelMarVa Maintenance Rally
Photo by Liz Clements

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Vacant

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Chuck Helwig

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Webmaster.....
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From the DelMarVa Club Acting President

Andy Dowell

I hope this email finds you well, and your new year is off to a good start!

We had a great Maintenance Rally in April. There was a lot of construction going on at the QAC 4H Park, which meant we camped in different (tighter?) areas than our past rallies there. Lots of DelMarVa Club members attended, as well as a large contingent from the Keystone Club. It was great seeing everyone, meeting new folks, comparing notes, helping each other out, etc. The weather wasn't so great, but we carried on our maintenance activities regardless. Big Thanks to Chuck Helwig for organizing the Rally, and Big Thanks to all who prepared the wonderful Saturday breakfast and dinner. Our Club business meeting was well attended, and now I am happy to say we have a full slate of officer candidates to lead our Club into the coming few years:

- President: Jamie Bull
- 1st Vice President: Laurie Pullman
- 2nd Vice President: Joanne Bull
- Treasurer: Chuck Helwig
- Recording Secretary: Katharine Dowell
- Membership Chair: Roger Sansom
- Newsletter Editor: Denis Clements
- Trustees: Roger Sansom, Bill Turner, Malcolm Comstock, Charlie Michels

I would say I'm looking forward to seeing you folks at an upcoming rally, but Katharine and I will be taking off soon to join the Nuts for Ruts/Finding the Oregon Trail caravan, and then off to Sedalia, Missouri for the Airstream Club International Rally, so we'll most likely see everyone at the Installation Rally in October at the QAC 4H Park. Hopefully the construction will be completed by then and we'll have an easier time moving around the park.

Kind Regards,
Andy Dowell
410-212-4431 (phone/text)

DelMarVa Airstream Club Calendar

May 3-5, 2024: Region 2 Rally;
Location: Centre County Grange
Encampment and Fair, 169 Homan
Lane, Centre Hall PA 16828;
Host is Region 2

May 3-5, 2024: Joint Rally
w/Keystone;
Location: Lums Pond State Park,
DE;
Host is Keystone AS Club

Jun 4-7, 2024: DelMarVa Rally;
Location: Kiptopeke State Park, DE;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club

June 15 - 18, 2024: DelMarVa
Rally, Location: Elk Neck State
Park, MD, Host is DelMarVa AS Club

Aug 16-18, 2024: DelMarVa Family
Rally;
Location: TBD;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club

Sep 27 - 29, 2024: DelMarVa Rally;
Location: Crisfield American
Legion, MD;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club;
Contact: Roger Sansom

Oct 5-10, 2024: 2024 International
Rally;
Location: Sedalia, MO;
Host is ACI International

Oct 11-13, 2024: Joint Rally with
Keystone AS Club, Installation Rally
for DelMarVa AS Club;
Location: National Apple Harvest
Festival at South Mountain
Fairgrounds, Route 234 near
Arendtsville, PA;

Region 2 President

By Gary Russo, BRN# 1061, President, Region 2

Hello DelMarVa Members,

May is when my Cleveland Pear trees bloom and what a spectacular site it is. We have 4 20+-foot-tall pyramidal trees in my backyard, and my truck and trailer are now in the driveway.



I have DE winterized MaryAnn II. Hard to believe that we are less than a week away from the Region 2 Rally.

In this message I would like to talk about the Region 2 Facebook page. This Facebook page is for the advancement of Region 2, Club activities, Airstream trailer related issues, and How To videos. We are now working on the rules of the road for it. One aspect is the security and safety of people who are members of this Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we move forward.

Campground will be near
Gettysburg, PA;
Host is Keystone AS Club

Oct 25-27, 2024
DelMarVa Installation Rally
Location: 4H Club Campground,
Centreville, MD;
Host is DelMarVa AS Club
More details in future issues

As with the use of any social media:

- Use appropriate language and behavior when interacting with others (i.e. no cyberbullying)
- Respect the opinions and ideas of others
- Obey all intellectual property laws
- Do not use or share others' work without permission
- Follow rules and/or codes of conduct for the Facebook page
- Responsibility to report cyberbullying, threats, and inappropriate use of digital resources

With that said, safe travels and see you down the road!

Gary Russo, BRN# 1061

Delmarva St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, 2024

Sheridan's Pub - Smyrna, DE

Mother nature did not cooperate, but ten intrepid Delmarva Airstreamers made their way to Sheridan's Irish Pub for the post St. Patrick's Day lunch. One of the basic tenants about Airstreaming is; that members love food, and good conversation. That proved especially true as we spent about two hours, eating and conversing before returning outside to brave the elements going home.



Clockwise from left to right: Bob Pullman, Dee Mathews, Maggie Helwig, Chuck Helwig, Charlie Michels, Nancy Eldred, Andy Dowell, Malcolm Comstock, Amy Cummins, Ed Commins.

Thanks, everyone for coming!

Sheridan's 2018



Clockwise from Left: Bonnie and Bruce Purcell, Bob and Laurie Pullman, Nancy Eldred and Charlie Michaels, Maggie and Chuck Helwig



Front to Back: Liz and Art Potter, John Cromy and Millie Brown, ? and Faye Cruchley, Bill Turner, Phil Cruchley

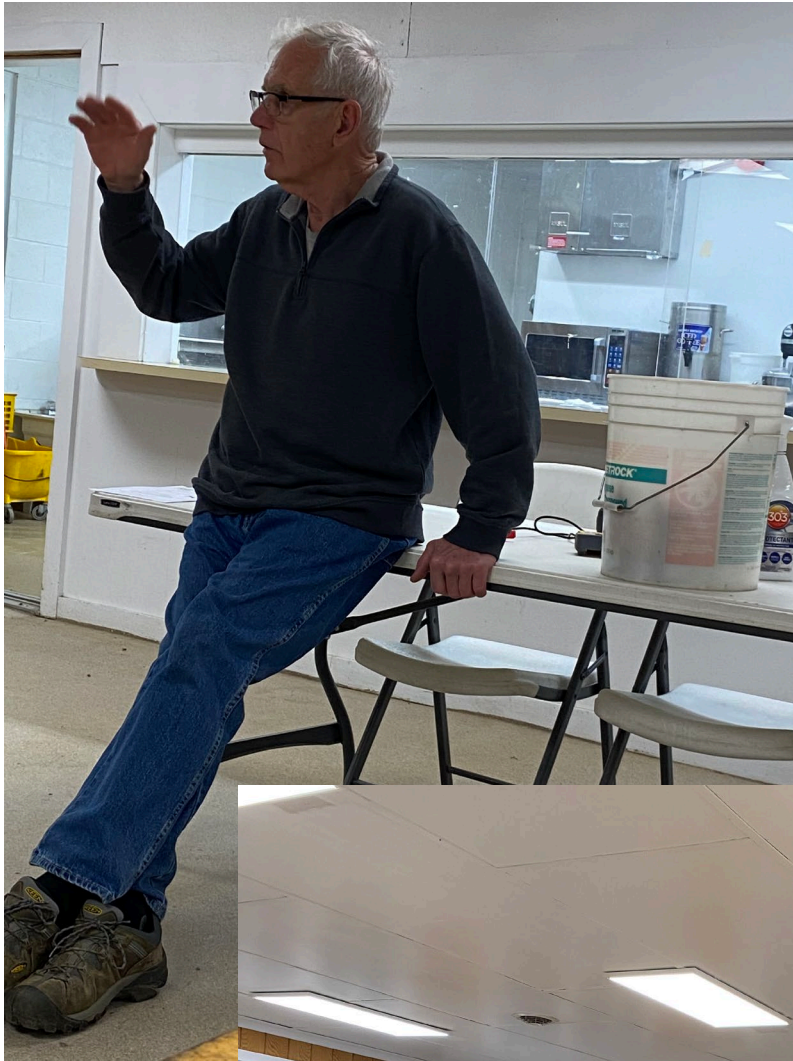
Joint DelMarVa / Keystone Airstream Club Maintenance Rally Semiannual DelMarVa Airstream Club Business Meeting Queen Anne's County 4H Park, MD



The Rally was a Joint Rally that included folks from the DelMarVa Club and the Keystone Club. The Rally saw 18 rigs pull in at the 4H Club site. Little did we know that we would be sharing space with the Queen Anne's County 4H Club's Spring Goat and Sheep Show Handling Event. The park is in the process of undergoing a major construction and expansion project which resulted in us parking around the Goat Barn. That was fine on Friday when we all rolled in and parked. However, first thing Saturday morning, the sheep and goats began rolling in. The 4H club was holding classes on

how to "show" goats and sheep. A whole lot of baaing and bleating filled the day.

Chuck Helwig led us off with an introduction to various products to be used to maintain our trailers.



This came after we enjoyed a great breakfast of pancakes and sausage

After our full day of performing maintenance tasks under the watchful gaze of Chuck Helwig, we settled in for the DelMarVa Club's Business Meeting. This was followed by Happy Hour and then a great meal featuring salad and lasagna which had been prepared by Maggie and Chuck Helwig and Laurie Pullman all from the DelMarVa Club and the Kushtos from the Keystone Club.



Joint
Maintenance
Rally Attendees
listening to
Chuck's
presentation

We had three rare rigs attend our rally: Roger Sansom's 34' Triaxle; a very cool Airstream / Dodge Sprinter / Westphalia Van, only 250 were imported from Germany in 2004 and 2005; and last but not least, Charlie Michels' 60's vintage restored Airstream Trailer.



Roger Sansom's 34' Triaxle



The Airstream / Sprinter / Westphalia Van



Charlie Michels' 60's vintage Airstream trailer, featuring a fully custom wooden interior



Laurie Pullman and Will Kushto serving the Maintenance Rally attendees



New member Joe Russell learning glass blowing from Wayne Fitzgerald (Keystone)



Joe and Trinkka, Jamie Bull and Sue Walton (Keystone)

DelMarVa Airstream Club #026
Maintenance Rally Meeting
4-H Park
Centreville, MD
April 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Andy Dowell at 4:05 p.m. Due to the resignation and move of the McVinnys, the Board appointed Andy to fulfill the remainder of Paul's presidential term until elections at the October Installation Rally. Andy led the Pledge of Allegiance and member introductions around the room. Twenty-one Club members were in attendance.

OFFICERS Present at Roll Call:

President	Andy Dowell
Treasurer	Chuck Helwig
Newsletter Editor	Denis Clements
Recording Secretary	Katharine Dowell
Trustees	Katharine Dowell, Andy Dowell

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Minutes of the October 2023 business meeting at the Maintenance Rally were published in the November 2023 Beacon. Minutes were accepted by unanimous vote after Denis motioned and Chuck seconded.

Treasurers Report:

Chuck Helwig reported that there was \$4378 in the treasury (commonly we have run at or about under \$5K). There will be several deposits to add from the Rally for \$600 and a few expenses to deduct. There were no questions from members. Denis moved to accept, several seconded and the Treasurers Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Chuck moved that the Club fund up to \$700 for the expenses of the Installation Rally in October. The motion was also accepted and approved.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Several members offered to host a picnic or rally. Denis will publish the information regarding the dates and details on how to sign up for these events in an upcoming newsletter.

Officer nominations for next year's term were called for and the following members offered to serve (or continue to serve):

OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR 2024-2025 TERM:

President	Jamie Bull
1st Vice President	Laurie Pullman
2nd Vice President	Joanne Bull
Treasurer	Chuck Helwig
Recording Secretary	Katharine Dowell
Membership Chair	Roger Sansom
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	Malcolm Comstock
	Charlie Michels

The meeting was adjourned by Acting President Andy Dowell at 4:45 pm.

Members in attendance at the meeting:

- Jamie Bull
- Denis and Liz Clements
- Malcolm Comstock
- Andy and Katharine Dowell
- Mike and Donna Fields
- Chuck & Maggie Helwig
- Charlie Michels
- Bill Turner and Sharon Mirto
- Trinka and Joe Russell
- Laurie and Bob Pullman
- Roger Sansom
- Dan and Kathy Vieyra
- Dave Ziara

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Dowell
Recording Secretary

A Taste of Crisfield!

A Planned DelMarVa Rally

September 27-29th 2024



Save the Dates for this DelMarVa Rally.

Roger Sansom is pulling this together in real time.

We will be publishing a registration form for the June newsletter.

The cost will be \$80 for 2 nights camping.

Early and/or late arrivals are welcome & available.

A Taste of New York A Joint Rally of Hudson Mohawk, Metro NY, and NY Finger Lakes Airstream Clubs

Tired of looking at your trailer in storage or the driveway?



If you attended last year's Sampson Rally, we hope you have fond memories. This year the theme is 'A Taste of New York'. The New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club along with the Hudson-Mohawk and Metropolitan New York Airstream Clubs have partnered together to add to those fond Airstream rally memories or to create new ones. We plan to showcase the taste of New York. On Friday we plan to have tastings under the tent. The tastings will include wines and craft beers from the region. Each trailer will be provided with a Charcuterie Board box (enough for 2 people) and a bag of decadent popcorn, both provided by local vendors. Last year the event started with check in on Thursday and check out on Monday morning. This extended time was a real hit with the Canadians last year because they have a long weekend.

So, add your trailer to the August 1-5 shindig. As in the past, we have sites already reserved at Sampson State Park for the event (limited now to 97 sites), a larger meeting tent, and a live band. Cost information and registration using the JotForm is below.

<https://form.jotform.com/240374986998177>

Meet the DelMarVa Airstream Club Officers and Volunteers

Being somewhat new to the DelMarVa Airstream Club myself, I thought it would be great to publish photos of our Officers and Volunteers so you might be able to pick them out at upcoming meetings and rallies.

The President and Vice President positions are Vacant at this time



Chuck Helwig, Treasurer
(with Maggie)



Katharine Dowell, Recording Secretary and Trustee



Andy Dowell, Webmaster and Trustee



Roger Sansom, Membership Chair
(with Celeste)



Denis Clements, Newsletter Editor

The Looking for Information, Advice Corner, and For Sale Items from our Members

If you would like to post a question or comment for the DelMarVa Airstream Club folks, please let me know.

Looking for nuggets that would be good info for our club members.

Looking for questions that you would prefer to keep in the club.

Editorial Review

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