

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

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THE DELMARVA BEACON



DelMarVa Airstream Club Installation Rally, 2024
Queen Anne's County, MD 4H Park
Photo by Liz Clements

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Denis Clements

From the DelMarVa Club President

Jamie Bull BRN# 9026

Hello DelMarVa Members,

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable fall camping season thus far! I want to thank you all for having Joanne and I serve as officers for the coming year. While we have been DelMarVa members for three years (after being Watchung NJ members from 2016-2021), we haven't been able to participate as much as we would have liked because we have been on very long caravans (as well as some shorter ones) from 2021 through this year.

Now that the big, long ones are mostly finished, we can now catch our breath to be able to participate in Delmarva's activities. With the exception of heading to California for the Rose Bowl Rally (which will be over New Year's through most of January while we make our way home), we are ready to participate in adventures more local in nature.

Joanne and I grew up in northern New Jersey where we pursued our professional careers and raised our three kids. Joanne is a registered nurse and retired after 25 years as a school nurse in Dumont, NJ. She is a great one for any medical advice you might need! I started flying airplanes at a very young age in my dad's little Cessna and the bug never left me. I flew for several corporations in my career, retiring after 31 years working for a philanthropist flying his Gulfstream 5. I was able to see many great parts of the world, including some not-so-great ones. I enjoyed my career greatly with the exception of the sometimes miserable on demand schedule, so it is nice to be able to finally make schedules of our own. Our kids all ended up moving out of New Jersey to pursue their own careers, so we left New Jersey (and the taxes) behind and built a house just west of Fenwick Island.

We purchased our Airstream, a 25' Flying Cloud new in 2016 from Colonial up in New Jersey. It was our first (and only) RV, and we enjoyed our travels and experiences so much. Some of the best things, though, are the friendships we have made along the way. We hope to keep that going through Rallies, trips and caravans in the future.

So, we are excited to start a new year of events with all of you, and we look forward to meeting the members we haven't met yet. We got involved because we realize that to make this a fun and exciting group, folks have to take an interest in helping out whenever possible. Please feel free to get in touch with me for whatever reason: ideas, improvements, criticism, whatever! If you think it can help the club, let me know. We do have an upcoming event on December 17. We will tour the Winterthur estate, followed by lunch in the café. Please see the enclosed coupon. In the meantime, have a Happy Thanksgiving and see you in December!

**Kind Regards,
Jamie Bull
973-727-7895 (phone/text)**

DelMarVa Airstream Club Calendar

Oct 25-27, 2024, Installation Rally;
Location - Queen Anne 4H Park;
Host - The Dowells

Dec 17, 2024: Holiday Get
Together;
Location - Winterthur Yuletide
House Tour and Café;
Host - The Bulls

Feb TBD, 2025;
Valentine's Day Luncheon;
Location - TBD;
Host - Andy Dowell

Mar TBD, 2025;
St. Patrick's Day Get Together;
Location TBD;
Host - Malcolm Comstock

Apr 25-27, 2025;
Maintenance Rally;
Location - Queen Anne 4H Park
Campground, Centreville, MD;
Host - DelMarVa and PA Clubs

May 1-4, 2025;
Region 2 Rally;
Location - Grange Park, Centre Hall,
PA;
Host - Region 2 WBAC

June 2025
Nothing planned at this time

July 12, 2025;
DelMarVa Club Picnic;
Location - Bob and Laurie
Pullman's Home;
Host - The Pullmans

Region 2 President

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

Hello DelMarVa Members,

I'm fresh from the Sedalia, MO International Rally.



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.



What's a Rally without Great food and Door prizes! We held a joint luncheon with Region 1.

DelMarVa Airstream Club Calendar

Aug 23-28, 2025;
International Rally;
Location: - York, PA;
Host - ACI

Sep 5-7, 2025;
DelMarVa Crisfield Rally;
Location – Crisfield American
Legion, Crisfield, MD;
Host – Roger Sansom

Oct 17-18, 2025
DelMarVa Installation Rally
Location: - Queen Anne 4H Park
Campground, Centreville, MD;
Host - DelMarVa AS Club

More calendar details in future
issues



Bandana BBQ supplied us with Brisket, smoked sausage, potato salad, baked beans, and cookies. There were gallons of sweet, unsweetened tea, along with pink lemonade. The final count was 150 people, and no one left hungry from the room!

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???



Suzanne and me at the party.

With that, the clock is now ticking toward the 68th International in York Pennsylvania. Jenna Koslosky from the York ExpoCenter 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 1:00pm
- 1000 sites are available
- 30 amp Electric/Water with Pump out service on the 3or 4 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.

**With that said,
Safe travels and see you down the road!
Gary Russo, BRN# 1061**

DelMarVa Airstream Club Installation Meeting Minutes

Delmarva Airstream Club #026
INSTALLATION Meeting
Queen Anne's County 4H Center
October 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Andy Dowell at 4:05 p.m., including the Pledge of Allegiance and member introductions around the room. Eighteen Club members were in attendance,

OFFICERS Present at Roll Call:

Acting President	Andy Dowell
Treasurer	Chuck Helwig
Newsletter Editor	Denis Clements
Recording Secretary	Katharine Dowell
Trustees	Katharine Dowell, Charlie Michels, Andy Dowell
Membership Chair	Roger Sansom

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Minutes of the April 2024 business meeting at the Maintenance Rally were published in the May 2024 Beacon. Minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote after Chuck motioned.

Treasurers Report:

Chuck Helwig reported that there was about \$4,900 in the treasury, an amount that's been fairly consistent for the last 16-20 years or so.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Several club members attended the International at Sedalia, including Andy Dowell, De Matthews, Helwigs, Fields, and Carrs.

New Business:

Registration for next year's International in York, PA opens soon. Note there are 1000 sites, so act quickly to reserve.

The Region 2 Rally will be 5/1-5/4 2025 at Center Hall, PA like this year. Registration opens mid-January.

Finally, Acting President Andy Dowell conducted the swearing in on the new officers in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20.

OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025

President	Jamie Bull
1st Vice President	Bob Pullman
2nd Vice President	Edward Cummins
Treasurer	Chuck Helwig
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The second half of the meeting led by Jamie Bull opened at 4:20 p.m.

Jamie presented the proposed full Club Calendar for 2024, subject to adjustments. The calendar was unanimously approved after Chuck motioned and Katharine seconded.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jamie Bull at 4:42 pm.

Members in attendance:

Jamie and Joanne Bull
Denis and Liz Clements
Andy and Katharine Dowell
Chuck & Maggie Helwig
Jim and Nancy LeVan
Ed and Liz Carr
Roger and Celeste Sansom
Bob and Laurie Pullman
Charlie Michels
Malcolm Comstock

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Dowell
Recording Secretary

DelMarVa Airstream Cub Installation Rally: 25 to 27 October, 2024

Text by Denis Clements

Photos by Liz Clements

We had a great weekend at the Queen Anne's County 4H Park for our 2024 Installation Rally. Thanks to Chuck and Maggie Helwig for organizing the event.



Past President Andy Dowell congratulating the incoming President, Jamie Bull, following Jamie's swearing in ceremony

Andy Dowell presenting the new slate of Officers, from the left, Joanne Bull, Recording Secretary, Bob Pullman, First Vice President, Jamie Bull, President.





Jamie Bull and Bob Pullman conducting their first meeting of the DelMarVa Airstream Club,

Congratulations guys!



Master Chefs Chuck Helwig and Malcolm Comstock preparing a great dinner for the attendees



Several club members enjoying the pre-dinner Happy Hour



DelMarVa Airstream Club members lining up for the excellent Prime Rib dinner prepared by Chuck and Malcolm, I think Maggie may have assisted as well.

Jamie, Joanne, and Bob are ready to put together a great calendar of events for us for the 2024-2025 DelMarVa Airstream Club year.



An Airstream Summer and Fall (in two parts), Part 2, Highlights of the Return from the West

Text and Photos by Katharine Dowell

After winding up our Caravan, we headed back east taking in some great locations along the way. Here are a few of them.



We enjoyed our time in Washington state staying at an Airstream park. Andy took the picture touring Mt. Rainier. We also had a great group salmon dinner at the campground rally.

We also toured the Billy Frank, Jr. Wildlife Refuge at the mouth of Nisqually River – it originates on Rainier which can be seen from there. Years ago, the land almost was turned into another port but fortunately USFWS bought it to preserve. Ironically it was about that time I had a summer internship in DC in the budget office managing those types of public conservation funds!





We had a beautiful day exploring Crater Lake, despite the wildfire smoke.

We enjoyed the many overlooks and then a glass of wine at the historic Lodge.





Lake Tahoe's colors are out of this world. And yes, the water is that clear! We've so enjoyed touring around the entire lake and looking at the spectacular scenery here. Another bucket list item

The state line separating Nevada and California runs through Lake Tahoe, Casinos on the Nevada side, not on the California side.



After leaving Idaho, we took a beautiful drive around Flathead Lake, with lunch in Kalispell, MT.



We then stayed several nights near Glacier National Park— number 25 park stamp in our NPS Passport book (not counting over 30 national monuments, etc.)

Spent two days taking the historic Red Bus tours in the park along the Going to the Sun Highway. Words and pictures don't do justice to the majesty of the mountains, waterfalls, lakes, streams and valleys.





We travelled along Lake Superior in Minnesota for a few days. We drove up the North Shore and enjoyed the lake vistas on the way. It is the world's largest lake, holding 10% of all freshwater. Amazing!

We stayed at a large campground in Grand Marais, MN. The town has a lovely public waterfront and cute shops and businesses. It feels surrounded by water. Andy hiked the trail to the MN high point on Eagle Mountain and I enjoyed the waterfront and catching up.



Visiting the Michigan Upper Peninsula is the last 2 weeks of joint trip. We've stayed in 5 different towns and campgrounds. So many lighthouses, waterfalls, and boat rides.

Part 1:



First stop was L'Anse so Andy could reach the MI high point. This was one to drive to — on miles of dirt roads, but good view. Second stop: Munising for Pictured Rocks cruise and waterfalls.

We also visited the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and Tahquenemon Falls. Local music and brews were fun, too. Third stop: Sault St. Marie and Soo Locks for a lighthouse cruise



Part 2: Michigan Upper Peninsula



Fourth stop: Mackinac Island area and the Great Mackinac Bridge. Have always wanted to tour the historic island resort with no cars. So lovely. Very cool Butterfly Museum - I had 4 land on me there. Also toured restored historic Fort Michillimackinac with reenactors and the nearby lighthouse.

Final stop: Manistique on Lake Michigan for its lighthouse, and to Big Springs 'Kitch-ipi-Kipi' and historic Fayetteville Village — Victorian era company town for iron processing.

Our Great Lakes tour is a wrap.



From this point, I headed home. Andy continued to Sedalia, MO for the International Rally. Andy is in the Airstream Orchestra.

Voyageurs National Park and the Lower Part of the Upper Peninsula

Another ETV – Airstream Adventure

Text and Photos by Catherine and Dave Voorhees

Lake Kabetogama (25,670 acres) is part of Voyageurs National Park and our campground, The Pines of Kabetogama RV Resort, CD rented pontoons so that we were able to cruise around the islands exploring the coves of Voyageurs.



On our first day, Dave fished in some of the coves and we had lunch in one of the coves. Then, the winds picked up and the waves increased - I was humming Gordon Lightfoot's The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald. However, Captain Dave steered us back safely.

The next day we travelled to International Falls MN to see the Smokey Bear Park.



The town is across the Rainy River from Fort Frances Ontario, Canada. It was Labor Day weekend, and it was quiet in International Falls and Lake Kabetogama. However, a 15 minute drive to the Lake Rainy visitor center told a different story. The parking lot and sides of the road was filled with cars and boat trailers. The docks were filled with families fishing, but few boats were seen on the lake

from shore as Rainy Lake (360 square miles) is about 3 times the size of Lake Kabetogama. The US/ Canadian border splits the lake. We had a good outing to the Northern end of Voyageurs National Park. On Labor Day, we took another fishing pontoon ride. The sun was out and the lake was calm.



We fished coves and visited Ellsworth's rock garden. The fish finder on the pontoon boat didn't find the fish so Dave caught a Walleye on the side of the road.

The Pines of Kabetogama had hiking trails through meadows which Willy enjoyed and a good little laundry room (2 washers/2 dryers). The Northern Lights were visible. The first night, a white glow appeared on the horizon. The next two nights, a green aura appeared over a larger area of the sky around 3AM.

We left Lake Kabetogama with a full charge (227 trailer towing miles) and drove to Fall

Lake campground 8 miles past Ely MN with 50 amp electric hookup and water available (104 miles - no charging station).

Fall Lake is a US Forest Service campground and an entry point to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Our campsite had a trail to Fall Lake (2258 acres), as well as Stub Lake. The Stub Lake trail was paved and about 3 miles long from our campsite.

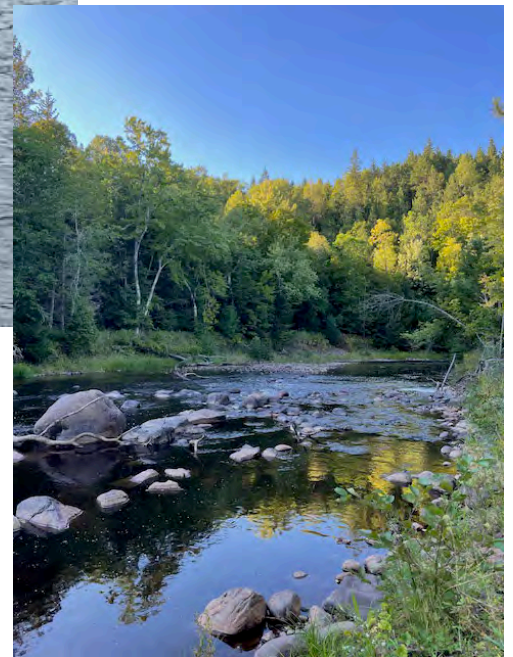
Boundary
Waters
Canoe Area
Overlook



We explored the town of Ely and the lakes north of us. Dave saw a bald eagle at one overlook; and another day at breakfast (Evergreen Restaurant in Ely), we saw 2 bald eagles and a golden eagle circling above Lake Shagawa (2345 acres).



Willy had a swim at Lake Ojibway (367 acres). We enjoyed our two days in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.



We left Fall River Campground with a full charge and drove to Copper Falls State Park in Mellen WI (220 miles - 2 EV charging stations: Ford Dealership Eveleth MN and Ford dealership Ashland WI). We charged to 100 percent in Eveleth , and about 75% in Ashland even though the campground was only 28 miles away as we learned that it is better to have extra charge when arriving at a campsite.



At campgrounds with 50 amp service, we generally hook-up either the Rivian or the Airstream. We don't charge the Rivian when the Airstream is on shore power. The 50ish degree nights in MN were furnace heating nights and it was possible to charge the Rivian at night while the Airstream was connected to our Jackery electric generator/battery. Also, if a fast charger is available nearby that charger is preferred, over using the slower charger at the campground. The Pines of Kabetogama had 50-amp chargers in the marina parking lot so we could charge while on the lake.

From Copper Falls State Park, we traveled to Indian Lake State Park Campground in Manistique, MI via Crystal Falls MI (127 miles to Crystal Falls - Ashland Ford charging station and 128 miles to Indian Lake - Escanaba charging station). When we pulled into our ADA campsite, I noticed 2 Airstreams adjacent our site. Turned out, there were 17 Airstreams on our loop of the campground beginning the Ores, Shores, Waters, and Lights-East Caravan.



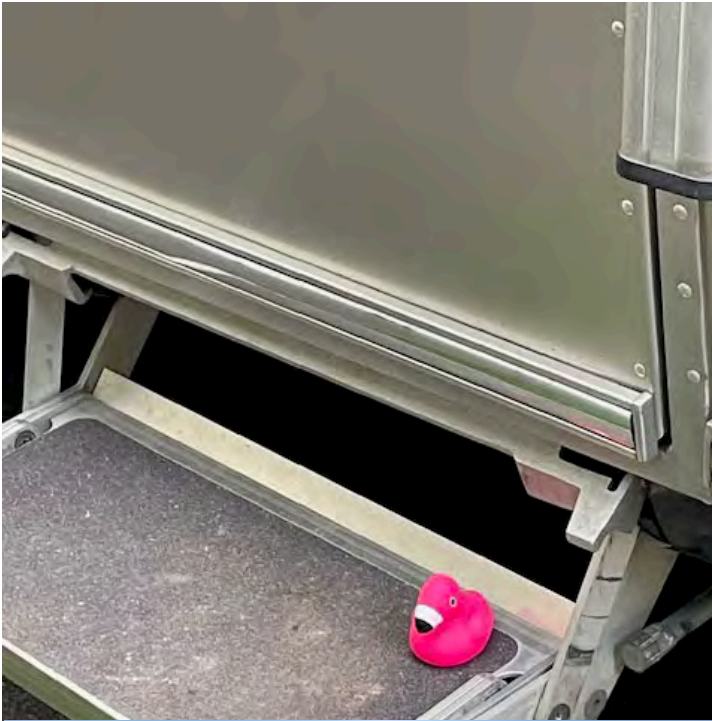
We checked out Kitch-Iti-Kipi (Big Springs) in Palms Book State Park, Manistique MI. The water was very clear and the trout seemed to follow the raft to stay in its shadow.

We explored the lakes of the Hiawatha National Forest hoping to see a moose before we leave the Upper Peninsula. Alas, no moose sightings. However, in addition to deer and squirrels (black, red, and gray), we did see a wolf cross the road on our way up to Voyageurs National Park, and a marmot at our VNP campsite.

We left the Upper Peninsula and traveled to Platte River Campground in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Honor MI (252 miles- Rivian charger in Mackinaw City and Rivian charger in Traverse City MI).

This National Park Service campground was great. We had an ADA site with 30/50 amps electrical hookups that was large, paved and level with a spot for our gazebo and a concrete patio with picnic table, fire pit and grill. Our site was across the road from the bathhouse, which had excellent handicap showers. Coho salmon were entering the Platte River, near our campground, from Lake Michigan during our stay for annual migratory spawning. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) controls the amount of fish using two weirs/dams. While we were there, the salmon were amassing at the lower weir waiting their turn to move upstream. The river at the weir was dark because of the number of fish (DNR limits the fish passage to 18,000 and tries to weed out the unhealthy fish at the weirs). Many fishermen were fishing off of docks and boats. Another day, we ventured to the dunes of Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. The dunes were steep, but a few folks had to try to reach Lake Michigan. Pictures do not capture the beauty of this National Lakeshore.





When we returned from our day trip, we discovered that we had been flamingo-ed!

Michigan has a large number of roadside tables on the routes adjacent Lake Michigan, which we used to have lunch on shorter legs that did not require charging.



From the Platte River Campground we traveled north along Lake Michigan to Michigan's Wilderness State Park at the L.M. topside of the mitten (137 miles - no charging required). Our HC site was level concrete and had a view of Lake Michigan.



Although in mid-September, the temperatures along Lake Michigan reached 80 degrees during the day and cooled to the 60s or 70s. Thus, it was too hot for Willy to hunt, which was the plan for our last stop in southern Michigan: Poncho's Pond in Ludington (196 miles - full charge at Rivian Mackinaw City charger and charged at Rivian Grayling charger). Poncho's Pond had a very nice setup. Every site was a pull-through and many had cement pads with full hookups. And adjacent sites had their hookups placed so your neighbors were either in front of or behind your trailer. There were 3 heated pools; the inside heated pool and hot tub were still available and were in the building along with laundry three sites away from our site.

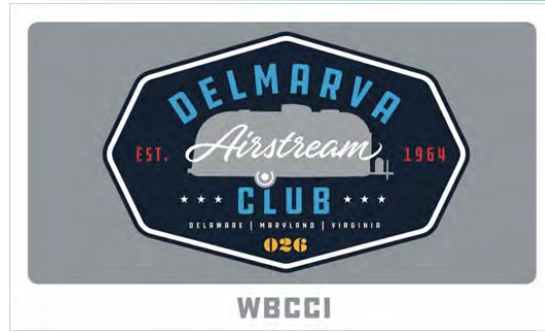
There was a DC fast charger in Ludington on our way to the city marina. There are a number of restaurants in town and Ludington Bay Brewing was dog-friendly so we had an early dinner one day. There is also a passenger and vehicle ferry at Ludington, which is a continuation of US 10 to Manitowoc, WI. While we saw the ferry terminal, we did not see the ferry that leaves in the morning around 9am and returns around 9pm.



We returned to Maumee Bay State Park (Ohio) and Laurel Hill State Park (PA) on our way home. Both SP campgrounds had full hookups.

Jones Mill Run at the Laurel Hill State Park dam

We enjoyed our adventures in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. We learned more about EV charging and towing. More people were interested if we had any problems when we were in the Upper Peninsula and Minnesota. We always found an EV charger when we were running low. If we had received our Tesla adapter, we would have found more fast chargers, which would have been helpful on our trip to Houghton. There were fast DC chargers in progress so we believe the EV infrastructure will get better. I also appreciated the lack of diesel fumes when the truck was idling.



Delmarva Airstream Club Winterthur Yuletide House Tour

December 17, 2024, 10 AM.

Event Fee - \$26.00, includes tour of the house, tram ride through the garden (weather permitting), art exhibit, and holiday shop.

Lunch available in the café at your own expense.

Venue: 5105 Kennett Pike, Winterthur, DE 19735-1819.

To register, send the coupon below with check to:

Charles Helwig
206 Rocky Meadow Lane
Dover, DE 19904
Make checks payable to Delmarva Airstream Club.

Sign up deadline December 4.

Name (s) _____

Address: _____

BRN: _____

Email _____ Cell _____

Number Attending _____

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.



Jamie Bull, President



Bob Pullman, First Vice President



Ed Cummins, Second Vice President



Chuck Helwig, Treasurer
(with Maggie)



Joanne Bull , Recording Secretary



Ed Cummins, Trustee



Andy Dowell, Webmaster and Trustee



Charlie Michels, Trustee
(with Nancy Eldridge)



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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