



President's Message
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I remember the year when my cousin's family decided they weren't going to celebrate Christmas. No tree, no gifts, no Santa Claus. They have three children and at the time the youngest was about 8. She is my goddaughter, and she still believed in Santa. I was devastated for them all. As I scrambled to figure out how to save Christmas, their mother was insistent. I ran out and bought them each a small tree complete with ornaments and a manger. By the time I got there, Sydney crawled up on the couch with me and quietly shared that her brother had told her there was no such thing as Santa. There were tears welling up in her eyes. I looked up and silently asked God to give me the words.

"Sydney, I said, there's a secret you need to know. You see, Santa is the spirit of Christmas. It is true that he doesn't fly around in a sled dropping presents down your chimney, but he is very much alive and well. Your brother must have thought you were responsible enough to keep the secret. You see, now that you know, you actually become Santa for others."

She looked at me with eyes wide as I explained, "It's a big responsibility and I hope you're up for it." She nodded. "Now that you know," I said, "You get to be the spirit of Christmas for others. You get to do nice things and give gifts...but you must never tell where they came from. Do you think you can do that?" She nodded again and I put my finger to my lips. "Shhhh," I said. "Santa will live in you as long as you want him to." "So you still believe in him?" She asked. "Very much." I said.

Airstreamers remind me of this story every day of the year. The spirit of this community, its helpful people, and the kindness shown over and over to strangers keeps the spirit of Christmas alive all year. Here's a story you might not know:

Alummalina is a rally planned by one couple that had been held in Marion, North Carolina for 17 years. This year would have been 18, but several weeks before the rally, well, you know what happened in North Carolina. Tom Johnson's RV park is gone and with it went the plans for the 18th Alummalina. But here's the thing with a rally that big...planning a fish fry, continental breakfasts, food, entertainment, and probably 100 other things I haven't thought of, costs money. John and Susan Leak had this down to a science and they knew that the rally fee would cover them...unless, of course, the campground was buried under a sea of mud and the rally is cancelled. I was on the list for that rally, and I receive exactly one email about this. They were a bit worried about the fish vendor. That's all they said, amongst their extreme disappointment in announcing the cancellation. My heart sunk for them. But this is Airstream, where hope and joy live.

Within a day, a "gofundme" was started and within 3 days, \$14,000 was raised, far exceeding the goal. The extra funds will help rebuild, both Alummalina and the campground. Santa is alive and well.

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When it gets dark and cold this month for those of you still in the Northeast, remember this community and spread a bit of Christmas spirit yourself! It pays back in spades.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Jennifer Eggers
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 BRN #4825

<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
- Sunshine** - Karen Kushto
- Newsletter** - Bill Earle
- Facebook Administrators** - Jennifer Eggers & Jody Dietz

New Positions for 2025 Include:

- Historian** - Jody Dietz
- Membership** - Kathleen Quinn

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

November

Jerry & Carol Barlow

BRN 19975

Affiliate

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/keystonepaairstreamclub)
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Date	Event	Location	Host(s)
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 by Jody Dietz**

November 10 marked the beginning of the Campfire Rally and the first of the many campfires for the week. It was a beautiful travel day ending at a very nice KOA just south of Fredericksburg.

Most mornings started with coffee and a discussion of what and where each were intending for the day. Evenings we gathered around the fire to compare the days' notes.

As the week progressed it became evident there was way more to see than can be accomplished in one week.

Some of the activities were car tours, battlefield tours, trolley tour of Historic Fredericksburg, National Park Visitors Center, bicycle and walking trails, tours of Washington's childhood home and historic buildings all with excellent docents, fine dining, USM Museum and the list goes on. There is talk of a re-rally to fill in the sites we missed this time around. One way or another add it to your bucket list. It's worth the trip.



Those in attendance L-R Joe and Lori Pfahler, Pat Quinn, Karen and Norm Fable, Terry and Wendy Hauschild, Kathleen Quinn, Susan Dietz. Missing in photo Rick and Andy Pitts, Jody Dietz. More pics on the FB page.



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. Trap Pond has water and electricity. 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.

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



68th Airstream Club International Rally - August 23-28, 2025



Registration is open. Click this link for details: [68th Airstream Club International Rally](#)

On the Road

Keystone Member Returns Home with Blue Ribbon

At the 2024 Airstream International Rally in Sedalia, MO, Bill Earle (BRN 10333) took first place in the “Black & White” category in the Photo Print Contest. Congrats, Bill! The winning photo was taken in 2017 on Ossabaw Island, a barrier island off the coast of Georgia.



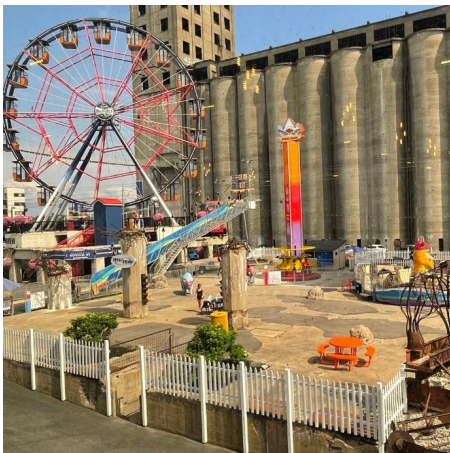
Region 2 Spotlight

Submitted by Gary Russo

Where has the month of November gone???

Suzanne and I have been involved in remodeling our Kitchen and Family room. When we started on our remodeling journey in May, I said I hoped the work would be done by Thanksgiving. Suzanne and the designer laughed and said no problem. Well, here we are mid-November, and we are waiting for the counter top and the plumbing to be finished. I wish I was wrong!

Now onto Airstream news.... Colton RV, a Buffalo Airstream Dealer, reached out to the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club with a wonderful idea. Colton RV wants to have an event at River Works in Buffalo NY, July 10-13, 2025. The NYFL was invited to look at the River Works venue. Below are photos taken during their visit. As they continue working with Colton RV, keep an eye out for more information.



Region 2 Spotlight cont.

The Region 2 Team and the Washington DC unit are working on the Region 2 Rally at the Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair, located at Centre Hall, PA. The theme for the Rally is Kentucky Derby. The 151st running of the Kentucky Derby will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025, with the main event usually taking place between 6:00 and 7:00 pm EST. So, ladies and gents start shopping for or making your hats.



I went online to look at what the 2025 derby hats look like so you can make a fashion statement. Ladies, you can purchase one of these for only \$400-\$600!



Same goes for the men -- get into the theme also! The men get away cheaper for only \$50-\$125. (Suzanne says, "It figures!")



Region 2 Spotlight cont.



Let's make History at the 68th Airstream Club International Rally located in York, Pennsylvania: August 23-28, 2025. Registration is now open. Go to the Airstream Club website today and don't miss out seeing old friends and making new ones at the event. This event is in our Region -- let's show them how to have fun!!!

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 Loves 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.

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