

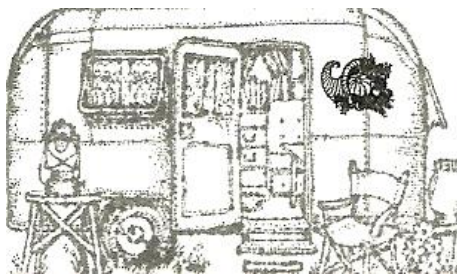
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President's Message



Our last rally of the 2024 season is now over, as is our Annual Business Meeting. We voted on our 2025 Slate of Officers. Please support them through the year, beginning with the Installation in December. We also got some great interest from those present for hosts next year (see the schedule later in this issue). We do still have some months open. Contact our Second VP, or any of the Exec Board with questions or concerns.

Now is the time for most of us to think about winterizing including taking 'freezables' out of the trailer. Do not forget to take your badges out of the trailer so that you have them for the upcoming luncheons! Also put on your calendar that registration for next year's International in York, PA will begin on October 30th at 1:00 pm.

Normally during the summer, I avoid the sun like the plague. This time of year, I seek it out. House furnace has had its annual check-up but I had been holding off turning it on. Once on, it might not be turned off till late spring. I am however looking forward to company so that I have an excuse to turn it on. The heat in the trailer is another story. It worked fine for the cool nights at the rally at White Oak Campground. It's also that annoying time of the year where you have your shorts and flannels available.

As we turn to the great indoors to get together, please do not delay with signing up for our November luncheon and the all-important Installation of our 2025 officers. You can sign up for both with either the mail-in coupon or online at:

<https://airstreamclub.org/watchung-nj>

'In case you didn't know': If you use E-Z Pass in NJ, there are 2 discounts available which may be of interest. The Trailer Discount Plan will give you a discount off the full fare off-peak and peak

tolls on the Garden State Parkway only. In addition, if you are 'of a certain age', a Senior Citizens Discount Plan is available. Discount off the full fare off-peak hours on the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike. See 'Plan Descriptions' under 'E-ZPass Info'.

Lea #2256

Region 2 President's Message: Sedalia



Hello Region 2. I'm fresh from the Sedalia MO International Rally. All I can say is WOW!! Do they know how to put on a Rally.

Region 2 held a joint luncheon with Region 1 that featured games and door prizes. 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!



Forty-four percent of the attendees were first timers.



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 I did have some free time to explore the area. We had dinner at the Bothwell Hotel where Harris S. Truman had dinner. What an amazing hotel. You could feel the history.

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 hope to have a large attendance from the Region for the International.
Gary

October Rally Report: Quarryville, PA

by Cathy McCarthy



A horse and buggy drives past the White Oak Campground. Photo by R. Short.

We had beautiful weather all weekend for the October Rally at White Oak Campground in Quarryville, PA. The Rally was hosted by Rich and Kathy Short, Lea Plant and Brian and Heidi Cullen. Eleven rigs arrived at various times for the long weekend Thursday the 24th through Monday the 28th.

The Rally festivities began Thursday afternoon at 5:00 with a shared appetizer happy hour in the campgrounds enclosed pavilion complete with a decorated fireplace and rocking chairs. The evening ended with a perfect fall sunset.

Friday we awoke to a crisp, cool, sunny day. We couldn't have asked for better weather for this trip! A few rigs arrived on Friday to complete our total of 11 for the Rally. The first part of the day was an "explore the area on your own" day. Lea Plant and Kathy Short went to a Gourmet Popcorn Shop in Lancaster to purchase all kinds of sweet and salty treats. Laura and Meg Riley had lunch on the Strasburg Railroad dining car with Pat and Flo Attanasio. The McCarthy's spent the day scouring antique stores for buried treasures. Fun was had by all!



Strasburg Railroad steam engine enters the station. Photo D. Conley.



Pat Attanasio starts his puzzle. Photo C. MCarthy.

Some of us experienced a very special treat that evening organized by Rich and Kathy Short. We had dinner at the home of a local Amish family, Aaron and Barbie Blank. Dinner began with a beautiful blessing given by Rich. We then had a complete 3 course dinner with all the homemade fixings, ending with lava cake and vanilla ice cream for dessert. The Blanks could not have been more gracious hosts. We all especially enjoyed having their 4-year-old son direct traffic while sitting on a pony. It was really a unique experience!

Back at the campground, Friday evening ended with a social gathering to share our day's experiences by the fireplace in the pavilion. That night Pat began his puzzle project.



Brian Cullen and Rich Short co-hosted the rally and did a good bit of the cooking. Photo C. McCarthy.

Saturday started out with a wonderful breakfast of sausage and blueberry pancakes provided by Chef Rich and Sous Chef Brian. It was another day of exploring the area. Some went hiking, some went biking and others went shopping. Ann and David Hargrave had the opportunity to visit a working Amish farm. Lois and Derek, Cynthia and Steve and Jay and Cathy went for a ride on the Strasburg Railroad steam train.

The evening ended with dinner and a charity raffle in the pavilion. Rich and Brian slaved over a hot grill to provide us with some excellent hotdogs and brats. Kathy, Lea and Heidi worked hard and provided some fabulous sides and desserts.



Pat Attanasio's puzzle team included (l-r) Meg Riley, Flo Attanasio, Lois Wagner and Cathy McCarthy.

The charity auction was a big success! Two Hundred and Thirty-Six dollars was raised for the Red Cross Hurricane Relief. There were 3 very generous grand prizes: An OnTarget Equalizer towing tool which was won by Meg Riley. A Colonial Airstream winter jacket won by Lea Plant and the Grand Prize was a gift certificate for TorkLift products

worth \$800 !!!! won by Cynthia and Steve Germansky.



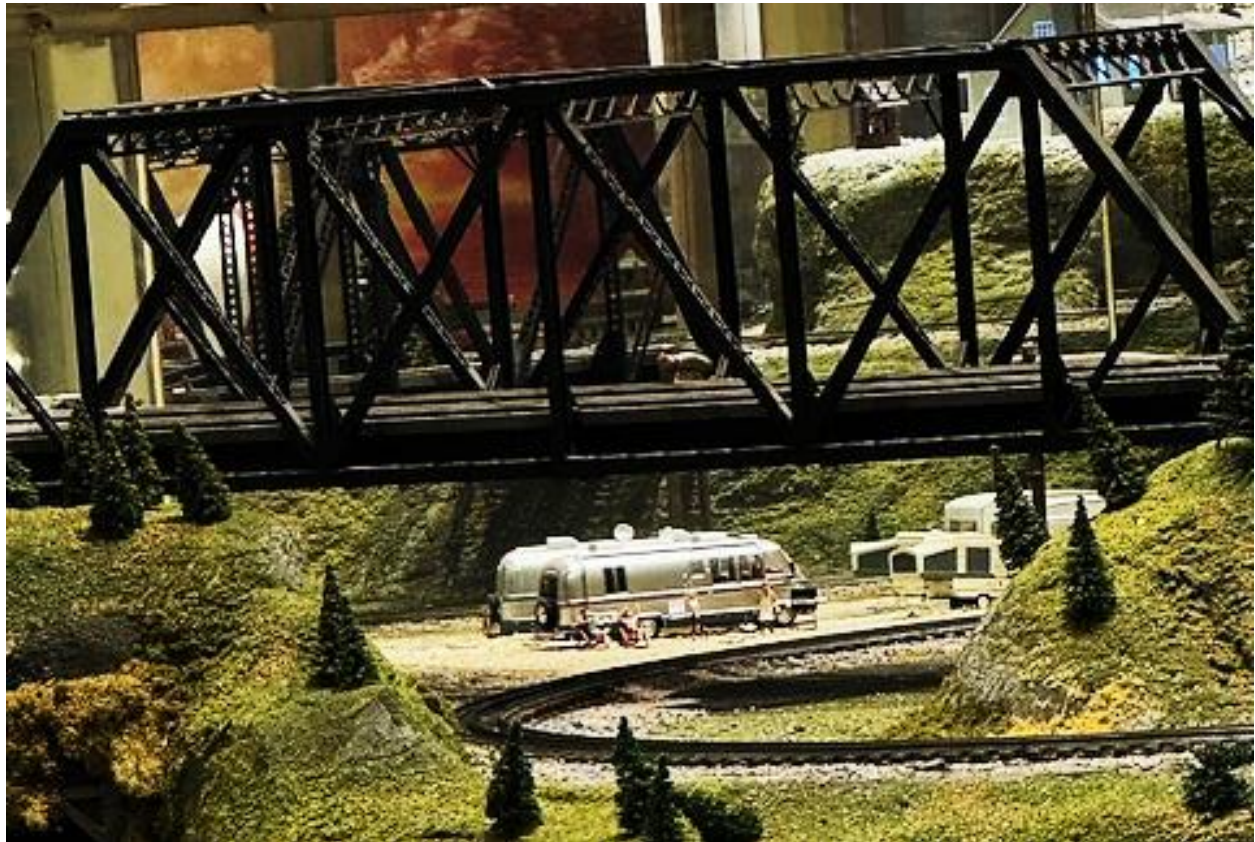
Charity auction winners included (from top): Cynthia and Steve Germansky, Lea Plant, and Meg Riley. Photos by C. McCarthy.

However, the completion of the Pat puzzle project -with the help of a few friends- may have been the biggest celebration of the evening!

Sunday morning began as another beautiful although much cooler day. We shared a continental breakfast in the Pavilion and later that morning began the business of the Watchung Club. Many Club activities were confirmed for the 2025 season. The Region 2 Rally and the International Rally will be held in Pennsylvania this spring/summer. A big Watchung turn out is hoped for those events.

Several of our group departed Sunday morning. Those left in the campground kind of just relaxed at their site or went on one last adventure in Amish County.

We are all grateful to our hosts Rich and Kathy Short, Lea Plant and Heidi and Brian Cullen for their hard work! This Rally was a great success and everyone had a great time and will go home with fond memories!



Almost hidden among the many working exhibits at the National Toy Train Museum in Strasberg were what might be two 1982 Airstream 280 Excellas, each about eight inches long, parked next to an HO-scale train track. Photo L. Wagner

Announcements

Sunshine Report

This month we sent cards to Dotty DeCota, David DeCota, and Hunt and Sue Jones.

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.



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 be at a later date.

November Birthdays

Barbara Taylor
George Kiesel
Valerie Nehlig
Kathy Short
Jean Dillon

2025 International Rally Registration is Open

Registration for the 2025 International Rally in York, PA is now open.

<https://airstreamclub.org/2025-international-rally> (login required)



2024-5 Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon and Rally Schedule

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
November 2024	Luncheon/Nov. 16	Michael Koczvara 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	Princeton Soup and Sandwich, Cranbury, NJ
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 24-27	George and Linda Kiesel	Saskia Schmidt and Brian Stein	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 Koczvara		
December 2025	Installation Luncheon	Laura/Meg Riley	Leslie/ Frank DeHerde	TBA

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 Koczwara 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–

Mail check and completed form to Barbara Taylor, 44 Titus Mill Rd, Pennington NJ 08534
Make Checks payable to Watchung NJ Airstream Club

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)

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)

January Luncheon



Saturday, January 25, 2025 @ 1:30PM
Princeton Soup & Sandwich Co. (Cranbury location)
3 Old Trenton Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/xJwz7dJzBFNaBzWTA>
Hosts: Cynthia & Steven Germansky Contact: email
cgermansky@verizon.net or mobile 732-759-4292
Co-Hosts: Heidi & Brian Cullen

\$35.00 per person Entrée Choices – Please Select When Signing Up for Luncheon
(food is ordered ahead of time)

Options:

Falafel Wrap (vegetarian) - homemade falafel balls, avocado, spring mix, tomatoes, pickled sweet onions & cucumbers

Turkey Reuban - fresh cooked Fossil Farms turkey, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut with in-house made Russian dressing on toasted rye bread

Bahn Mi - fresh cooked Fossil Farms pork, sweet-pickled carrots and onions, minced jalapenos, minced cilantro, fresh sliced cucumbers and homemade chipotle mayo on a toasted baguette

New England Cobb Salad (gluten/dairy free) - spring mix, hardboiled egg, avocado, bacon, tomatoes, olives, cucumbers and celery; choice of dressing and a roll on the side

Special Note
Because the food must be ordered in advance, everyone who plans to attend must return the completed form below to Cynthia Germansky regardless of whether you pay by check or online. Thanks!

Substitute Gluten-Free In-house made Focaccia Bread Option – on any entrée

Included with your entrée: Small soup choice of meat or vegetarian, house side salad (with sandwich selection only), chocolate chip cookies and brownies, filtered water with lemons. *BYOB if desired*

Return form: **RESERVATION DEADLINE: December 1, 2024**

Maximum 32 attendees – please sign up early!

Name(s): _____ WBCCI#: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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

Select

Food Choice(s): ___ Falafel Wrap ___ Turkey Reuban ___ Bahn Mi ___ New England Cobb Salad

Soup Choice(s): ___ Meat ___ Vegetarian

If GF Focaccia option; which entrée(s): _____

Please mail Return Form with check (or pay online) to:
Cynthia Germansky, 24 Hoyt Street, Madison, NJ 07940
Make checks payable to: *Watchung NJ Airstream Club*

Unbutton Your Rig, April 2025

Linda and I, along with our co-hosts Saskia Schmidt and Brian Stein, have secured **Holly Acres Campground in Egg Harbor NJ** for the 2025 Unbutton rally.

The dates will be **Thursday April 24th, 2025, thru Sunday April 27, 2025.**

The campground has a cool wagon wheel section with full hookups as well as other full hookup sites available.

2025 rates are quoted as \$75.00 per night with a few sites at \$68, and a few at \$78.

The best part is that if you pay for Friday and Saturday, they will give you Thursday night for free, which lowers your per night cost substantially. We will also receive a 10% discount on all reservations if we have more than 10 trailers.

Egg Harbor is close to Atlantic City, Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, Estell Manor, canoe and kayak rentals etc.

The campground is willing to let people start booking now for next April and will hold sites for us until March 1st. NJ campgrounds fill up quickly, so please book soon.

Contact Hailey at 609-965-5055, and request a site reserved by The Watchung NJ Airstream Club. **Do not book online.** Hailey will have no way of knowing you are with our group. For research only the campground web site is <https://hollyacrescampground.com/>

Please notify us which site you have booked: gkiesel861@gmail.com

See You in April!

George and Linda, Brian and Saskia

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