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President's Message Jennifer Eggers BRN 4825 jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com

Greetings Keystone Airstreamers! I'm writing this having just returned from a relaxing spa retreat at the amazing Woodloch Lodge and am now stuck inside watching the snowfall...and of course, dreaming about my Airstream and planning details for Keystone Rallies!

Since I also just received a box of goodies for our Dark Skies and Canyons "mini caravan" goodie bags (yes, there will goodie bags), I thought I'd tell you more about that. If you haven't got spots for that yet, don't delay! Here's the deal:

Our trip begins at Twin Streams Campground in Morris, PA, just southwest of Wellsboro. This will be our basecamp as we explore the Grand Canyon. The "Grand Canyon of PA" is actually the Pine Creek Gorge. There are two state parks on opposite sides of the gorge (Leonard Harrison and Colton Point) and many scenic vistas offer spectacular views into the canyon. We should be there just slightly after the leaves peak, if not during, so the scenery should be fantastic.

The canyon begins just south of Ansonia, along Highway 6 and continues south for about 47 miles. A 12-mile section of the gorge is designated as a National Landmark by the National Park Service. At its deepest point, the gorge is 1450 feet deep and nearly a mile wide. According to the Potter-Tioga County visitors center, there are some fantastic hiking trails, and the Pine Creek Rail Trail offers some great biking. The town of Wellsboro is also worth exploring.

After a few days at Twin Steams, we will move to our next stop at Ole Bull State Park. Ole Bull (pronounced OH lee) is a jewel in it's own right with plenty of fishing and hiking opportunities. But for us, but it will also serve as a basecamp (with water and electric) because our real destination is the Cherry Springs Dark Sky Park (where there is no water and electric). The dates of this caravan were chosen to ensure we can get to Cherry Springs during the new moon, when the sky is the darkest. It is said that Cherry Springs is as remote and wild today as it was two centuries ago. The park is surrounded by the 262,000-acre Susquehanna Forest. There are numerous hiking opportunities here as well, but the real draw is for night sky enthusiasts. The park is one of the best places on the eastern seaboard to see the Milky Way, planets, galaxies, nebulae, and other hard-to-see astronomical objects.

This caravan won't have a lot of organized activities because of the diversity of available options, but you can count on campfires, happy hours, and carpools to Cherry Springs (if you're not a night driver, we've got you). If we find something we all want to do, we'll coordinate it on the spot.

So, if that appeals to you, book your spots at Twin Streams and Ole Bull now. Details are available on Facebook or in an email I sent a while back, so let me know if you can't find it.

In the meantime, I'm going to do a review of a couple of RV related products and technology in March. If there is anything you would like to include, let me know!

Hope to see everyone at our Valentine's Day Luncheon on February 15th!

Jennifer

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Stay Connected

<u>Facebook – Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club</u> <u>Keystone on the Web</u> <u>Airstream International Website</u>

Interested in joining the club? Contact Jennifer Eggers jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com

Club Officers

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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 2025. We hope to meet all of you soon.

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Elena Echart - Home BRN 07579 Anthony & Selina Chaffier - Home BRN 11154 John & Patrice Ferko - Affiliate BRN 10043 Kirk & Cyndy Bunte - Home BRN 31364

News & Items of Interest

New Keystone Logo

Look for an email update sometime in the near future.

Need Money Scam

Just to be clear because it's still happening and I'm getting questions. If any of you get an email from any of us (likely Rick or me) asking for help with a payment or needing to pay something for the club, these are a scam. DO NOT give anyone any money. It is not us. If money ever needs to be exchanged, I suggest we do that by phone so we can identify voices, but I cannot think of a single reason why it would ever need to be. So if you get a text or an email saying anyone needs help paying a Keystone bill, please ignore it.

These guys are convincing and they are pulling emails from the website. I don't exactly know how they emulate us, but somehow they do. Be careful out there!

Thanks, Jennifer

Holiday Luncheon Toy Donations

All toys donated at the Holiday Luncheon have been donated to the Pennridge FISH Organization and were distributed as part of their Christmas Toy Distribution. We did this on behalf of Keystone and in Leslie's honor as this was the charity she collected them for for years. They were most greatful when we dropped them off, so thank you to all who participated.

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: <u>info@occasionalrv.com</u>

Sunshine Report by Karen Kushto

As we begin the new year a few of our fellow members are experiencing some health issues and we wish speedy healing and recovery for all of them. They are: Howard Mergelkamp, Phyllis Harrington, Lori Pfahler, Kathleen Quinn, and Sue Walton. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Wayne and Sharon Fitzgerald who lost their son Andrew at age 41 to a heart attack.

Blue Compass buys more Airstream Dealerships

Blue Compass RV has expanded its footprint by acquiring two Airstream dealerships in New England, bringing its total number of Airstream locations to 12. The company has acquired Airstream of New Hampshire in Nashua and Airstream of Maine in Lebanon. Click additional details for more information.

Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club 2025 Rally and Event Schedule

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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: <u>Click here for reservations</u>.

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

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2025 Event Spotlights cont.

Lums Pond Rally Update Andy & Rick Pitts

Looking forward to camping with many of you at Lums Pond State Park, May 3-5, 2025. We are working with Central Penn to put together a fun-filled weekend. Spoiler Alert: think Kentucky and horses!!!

If you have secured your site at the campground, please email Rick (<u>r_pitts@verizon.net</u>) so we can keep an up-to-date list of attendees for planning purposes. Send along your site number, reservation dates and number in party. There will be a modest rally fee and we'll be sending out more information and fun plans as we get nearer the rally date.

The campground continues to be fully booked. Rick is maintaining a waitlist as we have Airstreamers who were not able to get reservations. If you have registered and your plans change, please let Rick know before you cancel your reservations with the campground so that we can put the next waitlisted party in touch with you to take over your reservation. If you have not registered and would like to be added to the waitlist, just let Rick know.

Thanks all, Andy & Rick Pitts





Installation Rally - November 14-15

The date has moved back to our original dates that the club voted on. 2050 Installation will be held on November 14-15 at Country Acres Campground in Lancaster, PA.

BOOK NOW - They are holding 10 spots for us for 1 month, but have more if we need them.

Call to book NOW - DO NOT BOOK ONLINE - (717) 687-8014 (ask for Kathy or Becky and tell them you are with Jennifer Eggers / Keystone Airstream Club)

We have 10 big rig spots reserved and a pavilion booked on Saturday morning for our Installation Ceremony. The spots we have reserved are their bigger FHU sites. We were able to negotiate a 10% discount. If you want something else, be sure to specify but you will not be with the group. Please note that Country Acres is closed for the season but they ARE in the office in the mornings. You will be asked for a 1 night deposit and there is an easy 7 day cancellation policy. This is a very busy time in Lancaster, so if you think you might want to go, book now!

This campground also has cabins available for those who no longer have rigs and would like to join us.

https://bird-in-hand.com/country-acres-campground (717) 687-8014

The ceremony on Saturday will be held at 10 am, followed by a luncheon at the the newly rebuilt Bird in Hand Restaurant.

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On the Road

This place feels like home

Bill and Barbara Earle BRN 10333

We've traveled to many incredible places in the US over the past few years and have thoroughly enjoyed all of them. One area stands above the others and that is the State of Michigan.

Our first trip to Michigan was to the lower peninsula in Leelanau County. The main attraction was Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. We stayed at Indigo Bluffs RV Park in Empire, MI. It's a beautiful RV park in a beautiful area and not far from the dunes. We began exploring the area and the feeling and energy that we experienced was like no other place we've visited. We felt like we were home, and we could easily live in this area. The warmth and serenity were abundant. Our second trip took us back to Leelanau County and we also ventured to the Upper Peninsula staying in Munising MI with a campsite right on Lake Superior. The energy and feeling here while wonderful was not as powerful as Leelanau County.

A few of our favorite places to visit: <u>9 Bean Rows Cafe & bakery</u> in Suttons Bay, MI <u>45 North Vineyard & Winery</u> in Lake Leelanau, MI <u>Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore</u>



Our campsite at <u>Indigo Bluffs RV Park</u> in Empire, MI



Beginning of the Dune Climb in Sleeping Bear Dunes



Sunset view from our campsite on Lake Superior in Munising, MI



Beautiful buildings like this can be found in abundance



Lake Michigan at the lake end of the Dune Climb in Sleeping Bear Dunes



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore on Lake Superior

Region 2 Spotlight

Submitted by Gary Russo

Hello from the sunny FROZEN North,

Right now, it is a cool 14°F or, for Canadian members, a cool -10°C, not including the wind chill temp. Brrr. Earlier today when looking out my window I could only see about 50 yards beyond the patio door due to the falling snow.

Headquarters will be sending out a notice searching for Executive Council candidates to fill the subsequent slate of nominee positions. I want to encourage members to take the time to read about the candidates, get acquainted with them, and reach out to their local Club President or the Region officers if they have any questions while making their voting decisions.

Registrations for the Region 2 Rally at the Center County Grange Fairgrounds, the Sampson State Park Rally, and the Region 2 International Rally Luncheon at York are now open. The links are below. We have limited space for seating at the International Luncheon in York so do not delay!

Region 2 Rally at Center County Grange Fairgrounds registration <u>https://form.jotform.com/243194535933159</u>

Sampson State Park registration <u>https://form.jotform.com/243194600769159</u> This rally has a limited number of sites so don't delay your registration. Last year we had a waitlist for this event.

Region 2 International Rally Luncheon at York registration https://form.jotform.com/250156206580148

The search is on. My term as Region 2 President will be coming to an end on July 31, 2025. The Region 2 team is looking for a 2nd VP. Region 2 covers the following areas: Ontario Canada, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Washington DC, Delaware, and Maryland. If you are interested in volunteering as a Region officer, please contact me, Patti Galupo or Matt Moore to join this dynamic team!

Debbie Wood is looking for people to support the following positions at the International: Tours Chair and Community Service both of whom report to Sherrye McCabe. Sherrye works out of the Jackson Center office. Debbie is also looking for people to support the Meals & Refreshments committee. The descriptions for these roles are separately attached to this newsletter. Please review both attachments from Jackson Center.

If you see an area of support that interests you, please step up.

• Provide local information for International Club's Marketing/Communications including:

- o Identify several contributors to write articles for club publications about the rally locale
- o Best routes to the rally site
- o Camping suggestions for enroute to the rally through the region
- o Staging areas near the rally site for members to meet up before entering rally site (for parking together)
- o Suggestions for local vendors to participate in the exhibitor show
- o Other local information specific to the region and rally site that is useful to members traveling in the area

• At the Sedalia Rally, the **Ambassador program** was started and well received. A signup list will be coming from Jackson Center.

o Recruited volunteers from the local clubs in the region will act as Ambassadors at the rally which will involve:

- Answering questions, providing directions to events in the park and being that enthusiastic presence ready to offer a smile and some assistance
- Attending an orientation session at the start of the rally to be briefed on the rally logistics and other information as needed, and to set up the rally event app and learn to use it

Region 2 Spotlight cont.

Submitted by Gary Russo

- Wearing special vests provided by the rally that identifies them as Rally Ambassadors
- Posting at strategic locations around the rally site to assist members with questions, directions, or local information
- Manning the doors to the Exhibitor Hall before opening hours to allow only exhibitors to enter.
- Identify

o Community Service programs

o Local tourist attractions

As you can see, we have multiple opportunities to help at the York Rally. Please contact

- Primary: Debbie Wood, 704-430-9196, dwood@airstreamclub.org
- Secondary: Sherrye McCabe, 937-722-1436, smccabe@airstreamclub.org



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. <u>Click here</u> 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 <u>click here</u> 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) <u>Airstream Club member discounts</u>

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. Click this link: Loves RV Stops