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Greetings Keystone Airstreamers!

It's that month where our luckier members are on the road someplace warm and the rest of us in PA wish we were!

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

I use the winter to plan for Airstream season and get organized, so this month as I get my rig retooled to head south in a few weeks, I thought I'd share my thoughts on a few products I've found worthwhile. If you've got ideas for others, please write them down or post them on our Facebook page so others can benefit.

The first is a website: <u>RVWeather.com</u>. This site has evolved quite a bit since it started a year or so ago, so if you haven't checked it out recently, it's worth a look. The purpose of RVWeather is to provide a weather forecast tailored to degree of driving impact a full 8 days before the weather hits AND to reroute your trip around weather impacts that you are uncomfortable

with. There are a lot of free weather apps out there, but there is nothing out there that does what RVWeather does. Here's how it works:

When you subscribe and start a new trip, you fill out a profile telling the system your preferred speed, daily driving distance, and the level of impact you're comfortable with. When you plan a trip, you enter your start and end destinations and all your stops along the way, with dates. You'll get a forecast for your route with a graphic (much like radar, but instead, think degree of driving impact) a full 8 DAYS ahead of time that allows you to scroll through the dates and see the impact on your route. That means you have time to change plans without adding up demerits in Harvest Hosts or costing a fortune in cancellations. But this tool really proves it's muster when there is a storm or other weather impact (temperatures, wind, etc.). It might show you a better route to avoid bad weather or tell you to hold at a certain stop, or leave early to avoid driving in bad weather...all while keeping you as close to your original schedule as possible.

RVWeather also offers custom routing for an additional fee and a free daily forecast that you can get delivered to your inbox...again, all based on impacts. For example, this morning's forecast recommended anyone traveling south on 95 through the northeast, get to Rocky Mt. North Carolina by 10 pm to avoid being stranded in an oncoming snowstorm. That's the kind of thing I can actually use and that no free app tells me.

No, it's not cheap, but if you take 2-3 longer trips a year, it will pay for itself in time and aggravation savings. I don't know about you, but I have never paid much attention to weather...I plow through and wear good rain gear. But I can think of several really big storms I could have avoided had I had this tool. Check it out and sign up for the free forecast at <u>RVWeather.com</u>.

As a solo streamer, I love things that save me time and effort, so the second product I'm a big fan of is Snap Pads. These are little rubber blocks that permanently adhere to your stabilizers. They live on the stabilizer under your trailer and prevent you from having to carry 4 extra blocks and crawl under there every time you park. They keep your stabilizer pad from resting (or sinking) in the mud so they stay, well, stable. Check them out at <u>rvsnappad.com</u>. I might even have a discount code somewhere if you need it.

What products do you have that you love? I've got a few I'm anxious to try so stay tuned!

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A few announcements:

- If we have enough interest, we are planning a Keystone Airstream Swap Meet at our Installation Rally in November. I don't know about you, but somehow trailer stuff seems to accumulate and I know there are some things I'll never use that someone else could. Bring your items for a "flea market" style swap meet in November. Let me know if you're interested and we'll plan accordingly.
- Did you know about the Airstream Club International (ACI) "Stars" program? ACI uses red star stickers to recognize their years of
 membership in the club. Each star represents 5 years of membership and they are intended to be mounted next to your BRN's on
 the ends of your trailer. Members can order stars free of charge via the link below. <u>https://store.airstreamclub.org/collections/
 trailer-stuff/products/membership-stars</u>
- By your vote, we have a tentative new logo. It (along with a flag design) has been submitted for approval of the International Board. Stay tuned!
- One huge thank you to Bill Earle for continuing to knock the Keystone Kourier newsletter out of the park!

I hope to see you on March 15th at our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. Please RSVP to Sharon Fitzgerald or on Facebook to let us know if you're coming.

Enjoy the rest of winter and all your 'stream dreaming!

Jennifer

Stay Connected

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

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

Club Officers

President, Jennifer Eggers jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com 1st VP, Brian Mulligan <u>mulligansix@rcn.com</u> 2nd VP, Lori Pfahler <u>loripfahler88@gmail.com</u> Treasurer, Richard Pitts <u>r_pitts@verizon.net</u> Secretary, Kathleen Quinn <u>kathleenquinn56@icloud.com</u> Immediate Past Pres., Jody Dietz <u>Jdietz4361@gmail.com</u> 1st Year Trustee, Katherine Mulligan <u>mulligansix@rcn.com</u> 2nd Year Trustee, Joel Burkholder jpburkholder@verizon.net

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

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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.

January 2025

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

February 2025

David & Monica Platt - Affiliate BRN 08817

News & Items of Interest

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. George Spahn has suffered a setback from an injury last year and is back in rehab. Our thoughts and prayers go out to George for a speedy recovery.

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.

Airstream Discontinuing the Pottery Barn Model

It appears that 2025 will be the last year for the iconic Pottery Barn model.

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Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club 2025 Rally and Event Schedule

More information available in our private Facebook group Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club https://www.facebook.com/groups/keystonepaairstreamclub			
Date	Event/Host(s)	Location	Notes
February 15	Valentine's Luncheon Jennifer Eggers	Eggers Home	RSVP to Jennifer or on Facebook
March 15	St. Patrick's Luncheon Sharon & Wayne Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald's home	RSVP to Sharon or on Facebook
April 25-27	Joint Maintenance Rally DelMarVa and PA Clubs	Queen Annes County 4-H Park Centreville, MD	Contact Charles Helwig at helwigcw@icloud.com
May 2-4	Season Opener with Central Penn Rick & Andy Pitts	Lums Pond State Park	Lum's Pond is booked; contact Rick for waitlist
May 15-18	Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival Jennifer Eggers	Granite Hill Camping Resort	Festival is full; contact Granite Hill for waitlist
June 6-7	Jersey Shore Special Sharon Fitzgerald	Jersey Shore Haven	Sharon Fitzgerald
July 11-13	Explore the Upper Delaware Jennifer Eggers/Kathy Russo	Soaring Eagle Campground Equinunk, PA	CALL Soaring Eagle to book; tell them you are with Jennifer Eggers/Key- stone Airstream Club; Do not book on-line
August 23-28	ACI International Rally Joel Burkholder	York Fairgrounds York, PA	Book directly through ACI; We will connect when we get there
Sept. 19-21	Bald Cypress and Eagles Jennifer Eggers/Kathleen Quinn	Trapp Pond State Park Loop C	Book Trap Pond Loop C on-line; RSVP to Jennifer or on Facebook
October 17-20 & 20-21	Dark Sky and Canyon's Mini- Caravan Jennifer Eggers/Kathleen Quinn	Grand Canyon of PA (Twin Streams Camp- ground) New Moon at Cherry Springs Dark Sky Park (Ole Bull State Park)	Book Twin Streams (CALL and tell them you're with Keystone Airstream Club) Book Ole Bull on-line
November 15	Installation Luncheon & Meeting Jennifer Eggers/Kathryn Mulligan	Bird in Hand Restaurant, Lancaster Country Acres Campground	CALL to book Country Acres Campground (tell them you're with Key- stone Airstream Club)
December 6	Holiday Luncheon Jerry Hillegass/Jennifer Eggers	Plumsteadville Inn	RSVP on Facebook or to Jennifer or Jerry

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2025 Event Spotlights

Valentine's Day Luncheon - February 15, 2025

Wonderful Valentine's Luncheon on a snowy afternoon at Jennifer's with the help of her mom and delicious goodies brought by the attendees. So nice to meet up with old friends and make some new ones.









2025 Event Spotlights cont.

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: <u>68th Airstream Club International Rally</u>

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. 2025 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 one 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.

Region 2 Spotlight

Submitted by Gary Russo

Hello from the Snowy North!

Right now, this is the view from my back patio door. It's not ready for a backyard picnic at the moment! I have approx. 2-3 ft of snow on our back deck. Great for snowshoeing after you dig your driveway out.



On Valentine's Day we decided to check out the George Eastman House and see the Dutch Connection where they had their Spring floral display out for viewing. I've attached photos to get Airstreamers dreaming about this year's camping season.



Region 2 Spotlight cont.

Submitted by Gary Russo

Registrations for the Region 2 International Rally Luncheon at York, the Region 2 Rally at the Center County Grange Fairgrounds, and the joint Sampson State Park Rally, are now open. The links are below. There is limited space for seating at the International Luncheon in York so do not delay! Right now, we have 235 rigs signed up for the International. If everyone attends, that works out to approx. 425 people for the Luncheon. Mission BBQ is catering the meal, and we have quite the spread planned! Region 2 International Rally Luncheon at York registration: https://form.jotform.com/250156206580148

This year's Region 2 Rally is being sponsored by the Washington DC Unit. The theme is Kentucky Derby. We will be showing the race live at the Rally along with other activities.

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

This is the 5th year for this Rally at Sampson. This year the Pennsylvania, New York Finger Lakes and Region 1 are the sponsors for this event. The theme is a Taste of New York and New England. Come join the Rally. There will be Wine and Craft Beer tasting at the Rally with charcuterie boards and gourmet popcorn, two catered dinners, and a Sunday Continental Breakfast. There is also a separate bus wine tour if you are so inclined.

Sampson State Park registration: https://form.jotform.com/243194600769159

This rally has a limited number of sites so don't delay your registration. Last year we had a wait list for this event.

Again, I want to remind people that headquarters will be sending out a notice searching for Executive Council candidates to fill the subsequent slate of nominee positions. If you are interested in becoming a candidate to help direct the Airstream club, I want to encourage you to fill out an application form. Even if you are not interested, your vote does count! Please 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 you have any questions while making your voting decisions.

Why not YOU? The search is on. My term as Region 2 President comes 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!

Support positions at the International are still open. Tours Chair and Community Service both report to Sherrye McCabe. Sherrye works out of the Jackson Center office. Debbie Wood is also looking for people to support the Meals & Refreshments committee. Please contact Jackson Center if interested.

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, and
 - 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 mation.

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!!! <u>https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025</u>

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