

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

I can officially say that I'm done with winter and ready for camping season. A few weekends ago Cody and I met Dave and Daniel Hewett at the Pittsburgh RV Show. We had a great morning walking through lots of RVs. Out of the hundreds of SOB's there were only four Airstreams to tour. We spent most of our time in the Airstreams, giving them a thorough look through. While we were checking out the golf carts and campgrounds that were exhibitors at the show, one campground owner struck up a conversation with the four of us. Their names were Debby and Rick Yeager and they are the owners of Rose Point Park Campground, located between Butler and New Castle on Rt 422. Debby noticed Dave and Daniel in their Airstream t-shirts and then told us that they also have an Airstream. They were excited to talk to us about the Al-Mon-O and encouraged us to bring the group to their campground this summer for a rally.

And speaking of rallies, this summer is going to be a busy one. The first official rally will be the Region 2 Rally in Centre Hall, PA. on May 1-4. You can find the JotForm in the rally section of the newsletter to sign up. The theme will be Kentucky Derby, A Night at the Races.

The next rally will be on June 13-15 in Cook Forest PA with the Pennsylvania Airstream Club. You can make reservations on Reserve America.

June 26-29 will be the PA State Rally in Dubois PA. All the details and links to register will be in the rally section of the newsletter.

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FEBRUARY 2025



Show off your Al-Mon-O Pride! Order your club apparel today!

Order all club apparel from Mike's Embroidery, owned by Cody Klingler. Please email Cody at cwk5292@gmail.com to order.

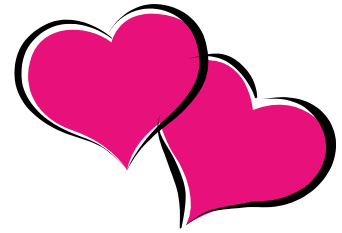
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BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES



FEBRUARY

- 7 Cindy Field
- 8 Cody Klingler
- 12 Wendy Hauschild
- 20 Don Clayton

- 10 Dan & Linda Moore
- 12 Robert & Pamela Arnhold

NEWSLETTER IDEAS!

Hello WBAC members of the Al-Mon-O Airstream Club.

Without news, there is no newsletter. Without rallies and

luncheons, there is nothing to write about. Or is there? Some believe this is a time where we need one another even more. Please share articles, anecdotes, photos, recipes, jokes, member interviews, anything Airstream related that will let us feel connected.

Throw out a prompt like "What is your new favorite small appliance?" or "Adventures with our first camper."

Please send your offerings to Cody Klingler (cwk5292@gmail.com) no later than the 25th of each month. Thanks!!!

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2025 LUNCHEON / RALLY SCHEDULE

March Luncheon

April Rally or Luncheon

July Rally

September Rally

October Rally or Luncheon

November Luncheon



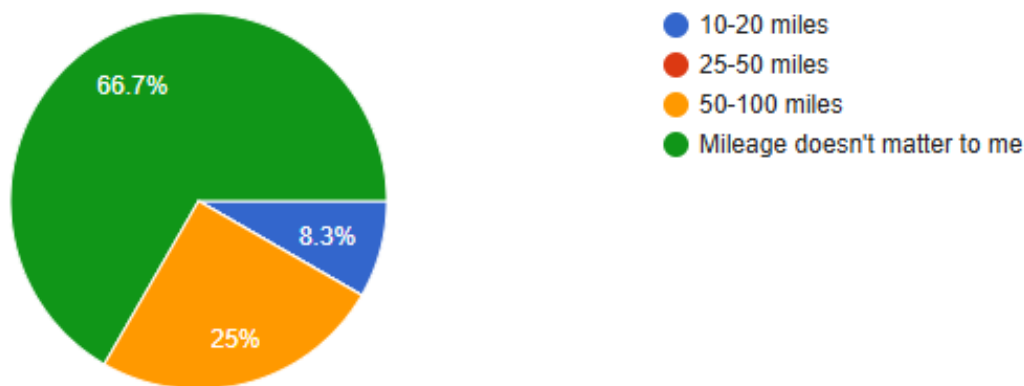
2025 January Pittsburgh RV Show



DECEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

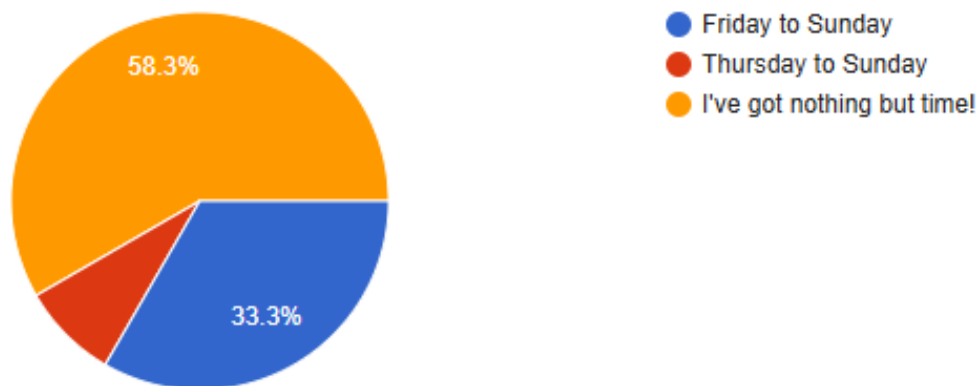
How many miles from your home are you willing to travel for a Local Club rally?

12 responses



What length (duration) of rally interests you more?

12 responses

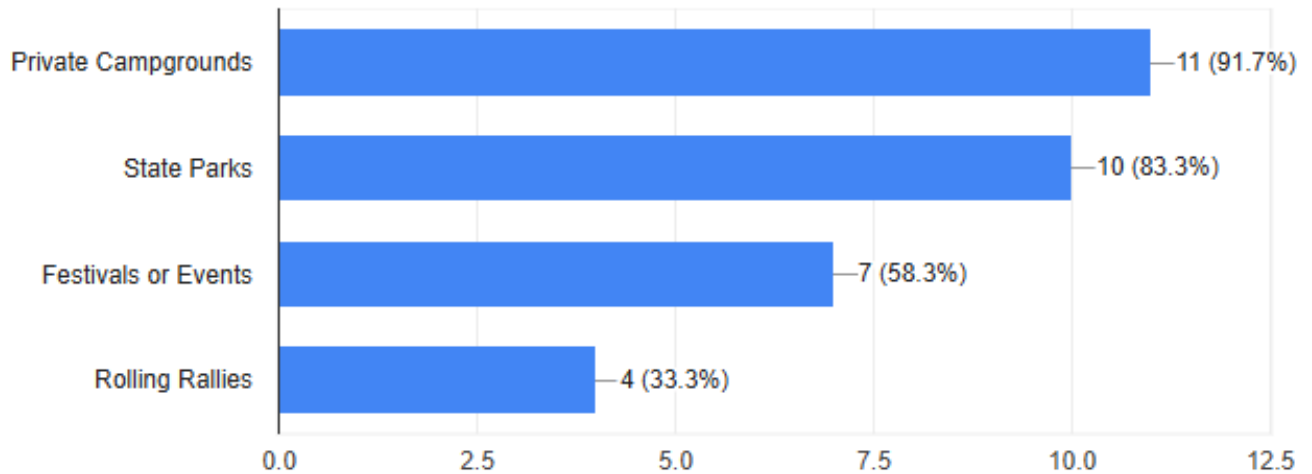


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December Survey Results, continued from page 4

Where would you like to see a rally held? Check all that apply.

12 responses



Do you have a favorite spot or great idea for a rally?

8 responses

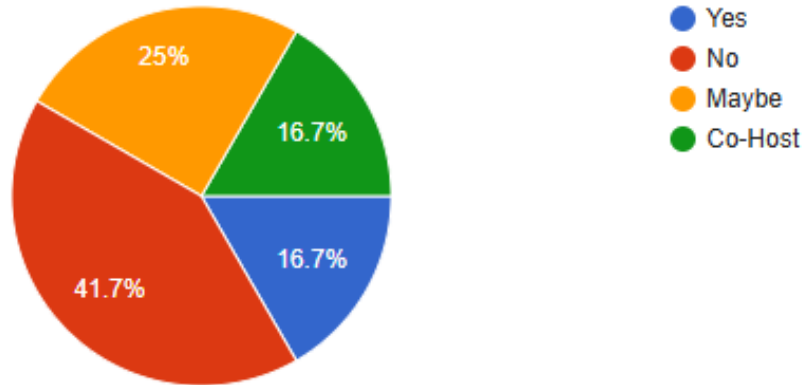
- History Rally
- amish country Ohio
- Ricketts Glen State Park
- Niagara Falls, NY Finger Lakes, waterfalls
- Full Hookups
- Bald Eagle State Park
- Blue Canoe in Connellsville PA
- Not really

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December Survey Results, continued from page 5

Would you ever consider hosting a rally or co-hosting a rally?

12 responses



What activities do you like most when attending rallies?

11 responses

Visits to places not normally available to the public.

Campfires, biling, hiking and get togethers with food!

Touring the area

Bonfire, entertainment

Local tours, museums.

Simple things

Getting together

Live Music; education seminars

Outdoor activities (bike, hiking, golfing)

Food and campfires

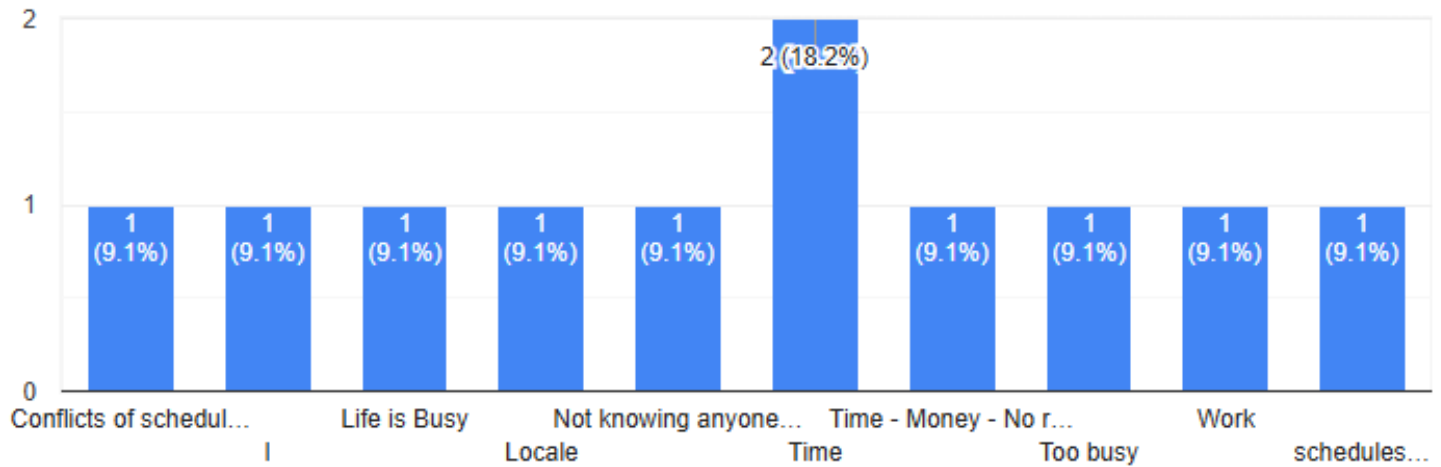
Sightseeing, tours And live music

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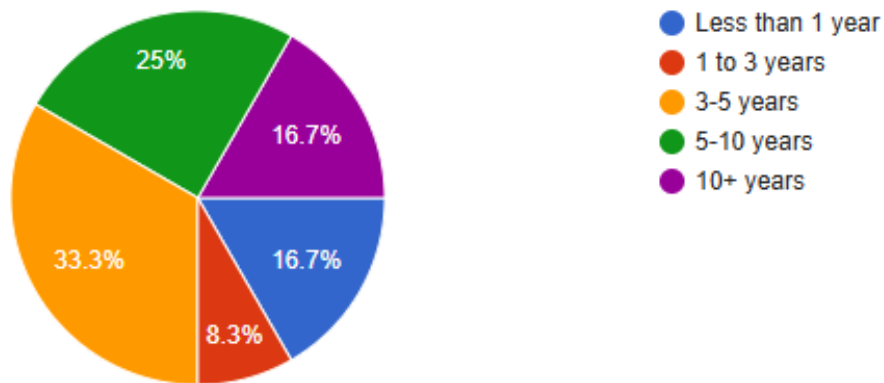
What do you think prevents members from participating in rallies or luncheons?

11 responses



How many years have you been in the club?

12 responses

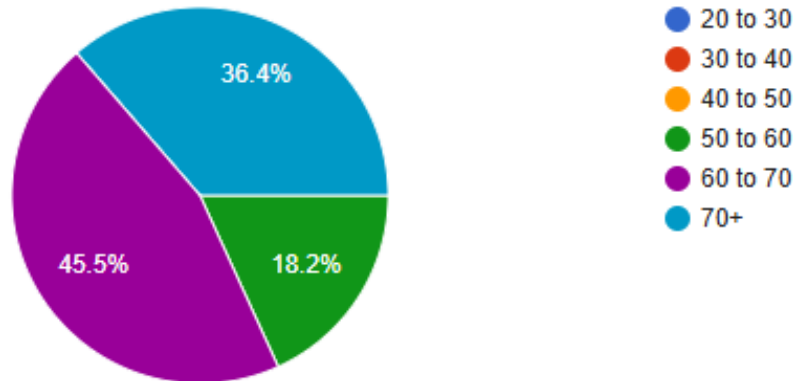


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December Survey Results, continued from page 7

Your age

11 responses



President’s Message continued from page 1

August 15-17 we will be at the Bluegrass Festival as usual. This year will be a bit different because we will be holding the rally at Kooser State Park. Laurel Hill is a beautiful campground but during the festival it gets very congested whereas Kooser seems to be much less busy, but still close enough to enjoy the music.

All of these rallies are leading up the International Rally in York. Pa. Cody and I are scheduled to arrive in York on Wednesday, August 20. At this point we are planning to stay at Kooser until Wednesday, and head into York from there. I am really looking forward to York and our first International Rally. I hope that many of you can make it. And if you are there, Region 2 is hosting a luncheon on Tuesday August 26. Mission BBQ will be providing the meal. So far there are 900 rigs signed up for the rally, and over 200 of those are from Region 2.

Now that we’ve covered the fun stuff, there are some not so fun things to discuss. First thing is that this spring/summer the entire club will be voting for Executive Council members. Candidates will be communicated to all club members after they have been determined. This process has not yet begun, but will be happening shortly. I want to stress to everyone how important it is to vote in the upcoming election. Please take a few minutes to read through who you are voting for and if you need more information or have questions please reach out to me or a Region officer. We will do our best to answer your questions while remaining impartial. The election this year will not only choose Executive Council members, but will also bring about a new International President. Long story short, when you start to get the emails to vote, please don’t ignore them. Please vote.

Matt



FROM YOUR 1ST AND 2ND VICE PRESIDENTS

By April and Joel Weber

Paradise Park Florida

A few years ago, Joel and I were heading down a country road in Charlotte county Florida. We were looking for the sandy dirt road that would take us to our Hip Camp campsite. We had originally planned on staying the night in the parking lot at the Ft. Myers Cracker Barrel but it was too hot that day. The heated asphalt of the parking lot made the camper feel like an oven. We couldn't even safely walk the dogs. So, we got on the Hip Camp app and found something close by. Even though this campsite was located inside a fenced longhorn steer pasture, it had an electric hook up.



Slowing down on this country road to look for our turn, we drove past this "old timey" R.V. park that was full of Airstreams, both vintage and new, all sitting next to colorfully decorated Florida rooms. We both thought, what is this place? We need to find out how we can stay there! The following year we rented a site in Paradise Park that included a shed with a washer/dryer/refrigerator, but no cute and colorful Florida room.

This is what we found out about the park.... It's a 55+ land owned condominium community. I was told it was created some time in the 1970's by the land owner and his Airstream club friends. The original owner had orange groves here, but when the trees died, instead of replanting, he built the Airstream travel trailer park and sold the rest of the land. It is no longer an

Airstream only park. It now allows class A motorhomes as well. One story I was told is that someone toured the park to consider buying a lot, saw some Class A Airstreams (he had a class A motorhome) and he bought a lot. When he showed up in a non- Airstream camper and was told no, this is an Airstream only park. He went to court and he won. (I heard a few variations of this story so I'm not sure this is accurate, but it's close).



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From Your 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, continued from page 9

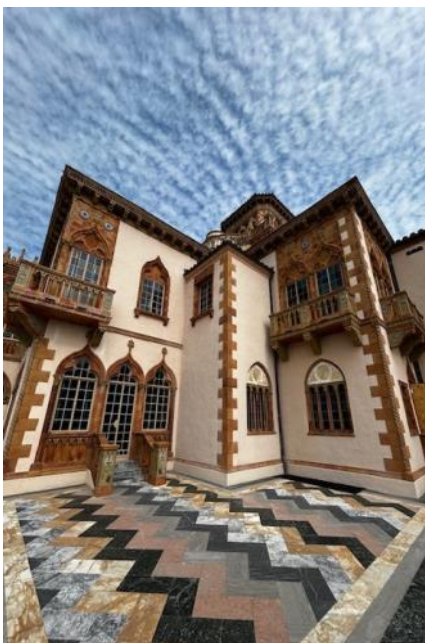
I was able to find some park bylaws on the internet that called the park an all Airstream park, and these were dated 1995. So, I'm guessing the addition of the motorhomes happened sometime after 1995. Today it's probably half motorhomes, half Airstreams. Some people here say the park may not have survived without allowing the motorhomes in, as there was a decline in Airstream ownership in the park.



This is our second year renting here, without a Florida room, which is something we need because of our two dogs always being underfoot in the camper. Because of this we have decided to buy a site here with the extra room. Although this is not a public R.V. park, visitors of owners are welcome as a guest of property owners on a short-term basis. There is a section of the park with water and electric hook ups, dump station. There are twelve sites. So, if you're interested in visiting the Punta Gorda / Ft. Myers area, and want to check out the park, you are invited - give me a call.

Some of the things we are enjoying in the area:

- Florida Everblades hockey games. There is a restaurant (heated) above the rink so we go early and make a whole night of it.
- Punta Gorda Visual Arts classes, this year Joel and his brother Chuck are taking a silver and copper jewelry class. I'm taking a water color painting class.
- The Ringling Circus Museum and the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art.
- Arts festivals almost every week end (from Naples to Sarasota)
- Labelle Swamp Cabbage Festival (turns out swamp cabbage is hearts of palm)
- South West Florida Agriculture Fair and Carnival.
- Shark tooth and fossil hunting. (Casperson beach in Venice Florida is full of shark teeth and is also dog friendly)
- Golfing. (there is a 9-hole course here at the park)
- Arcadia Florida hosts an All-Florida Championship Rodeo.
- Babcock Ranch Farmers Market. (this is a solar powered neighborhood/town built on what was once the hunting grounds turned cattle ranch of 1918 Pittsburgh mayor Edward Babcock).



We often take our bikes here to ride the trails they have. There is also a really fun eco tour near here, on the preserved area. I haven't seen a Florida panther on the tour yet, but lots of birds, alligators, and wild pigs!

- Great seafood restaurants! One of our favorites in Peace River Seafood and Botanicals.

The six indoor tables are in an old (small) cottage. The rest of the seating is outside on the deck or in the large yard on picnic tables beside a pond. The best place for picking crabs!

- Thrifting in Naples is awesome. I have a friend that calls one of the thrift stores the Neiman Marcus thrift shop.
- National Shell Museum & Aquarium on Sanibel Island.

REGION 2 NEWS

Hello from the Sunny FROZEN North,

Right now, it is a cool 14^o F or, for Canadian members, a cool -10^o C, not including the wind chill temp. Brrrrr. 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

<https://form.jotform.com/243194535933159>

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.

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!

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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:
 - Identify several contributors to write articles for club publications about the rally locale,
 - Best routes to the rally site,
 - Camping suggestions for enroute to the rally through the region,
 - Staging areas near the rally site for members to meet up before entering rally site (for parking together),
 - Suggestions for local vendors to participate in the exhibitor show, and
 - 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.
- 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.
 - ✦ 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
- Community Service programs
- 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!!!

--Gary Russo (#1061)





AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL INTERNATIONAL RALLY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

COMMITTEE: **Tours & Sightseeing**

COMMITTEE #: **270**

RALLY TEAM LIAISON: **Sherrye McCabe**

RESPONSIBILITIES:

This position is responsible for:

1. Coordinating professional bus tours to take place 1-2 days prior to the first day of Rally.
2. Set up guidelines for minimum number of participants, payments, tour schedules, tour pick-up location, etc.
3. Maintain good records of tour participants, how much they have paid and what tour they are attending. Rally Planning team can assist with JotForms for registration purposes.

SCHEDULE:

Prior to Rally:

- Contact the chamber of commerce or visitor bureau of rally location and obtain a list of professional tour operators.
- Contact tour operators and review their day tour offerings (sites visited, costs/person, tour popularity, etc.) Obtain references if possible.
- Evaluate tour operators and choose one to work with.
- Work with Rally Planning Team to determine number of tours to be offered and tour schedule. Tours should be completed prior to opening ceremony of Rally.
- Work with Rally Planning Team on tour payments:
 - Confirm with tour operator if deposits are required, their payment process, if members can pay the tour operator directly, etc.
 - If ACI is collecting payments, determine payment process – online registration is preferred. Rally Planning Team can assist with JotForms and credit card payments.
- Create an article for the Blue Beret describing the tours.
- Compile a list of local attractions or day trips in the area that members may want to explore.
- Provide updated information for posting on Rally website and social media as tours develop or changes occur.
- Time commitment varies.

At Rally:

- If ACI is collecting fees, obtain checks from Cashier for tour company and ensure payment is delivered.
- Meet the tour director at the bus each day and verify tour attendees. See the tours off.
- Provide a short tour evaluation to attendees so we can use their feedback for future tour planning.
- Provide a final accounting to the Rally Planning Team of monies collected and paid for tours.
- Time commitment varies.



AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL INTERNATIONAL RALLY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

COMMITTEE: **Community Service**

COMMITTEE #: **215**

RALLY TEAM LIAISON: **Sherrye McCabe**

RESPONSIBILITIES:

This position is responsible for:

1. Identifying organizations in the city where the rally is to be held that would benefit from donations (monetary, pop tabs, goods, etc.) and services that the club can provide during rally.
2. Organize activities during rally to fundraise and provide support for the organizations identified.
3. Maintain good records of donations and provide reporting.
4. Write articles and updates to promote and recap community service projects.

SCHEDULE:

Prior to Rally:

- Research local organizations and select organizations that the club will support during rally.
- Act as liaison between local organizations and the club.
- Post articles in the Blue Beret to announce the community service projects and engage membership. Articles are due 2 months in advance of the publication date.
- Work with Rally Planning Team to designate an area for donations.
- Recruit volunteers to assist with donation collection at rally.

At Rally:

- Set up and work a table at Welcome with information about the community service projects and an area to receive donations (including aluminum tabs).
- Provide daily updates to Rally Planning Team about items collected, goals, announcements, etc. to be published in the daily rundown communications to rally attendees.
- Process aluminum tabs through magnetic sorter. Once sorted, place tabs in boxes weighing up to 20 lbs. Seal with tape and contact designated charity to pick up the boxes. Inform the Youth Chair of the amount received for the tabs. (Coins that are recovered from the sorting are forwarded to Common Cents for Kids. Other items of value found among the tabs are turned in to Youth Chair for identification and dissemination.)
- Bag/box other items donated and coordinate pick-up/delivery to the designated charity.
- Provide Master of Ceremonies with community service project announcements (# of items collected, charities receiving items, money raised, etc.)
- Arrange for local representatives to attend the Closing Ceremony and speak briefly about the charitable organization and to receive the donation check (if applicable).

After Rally:

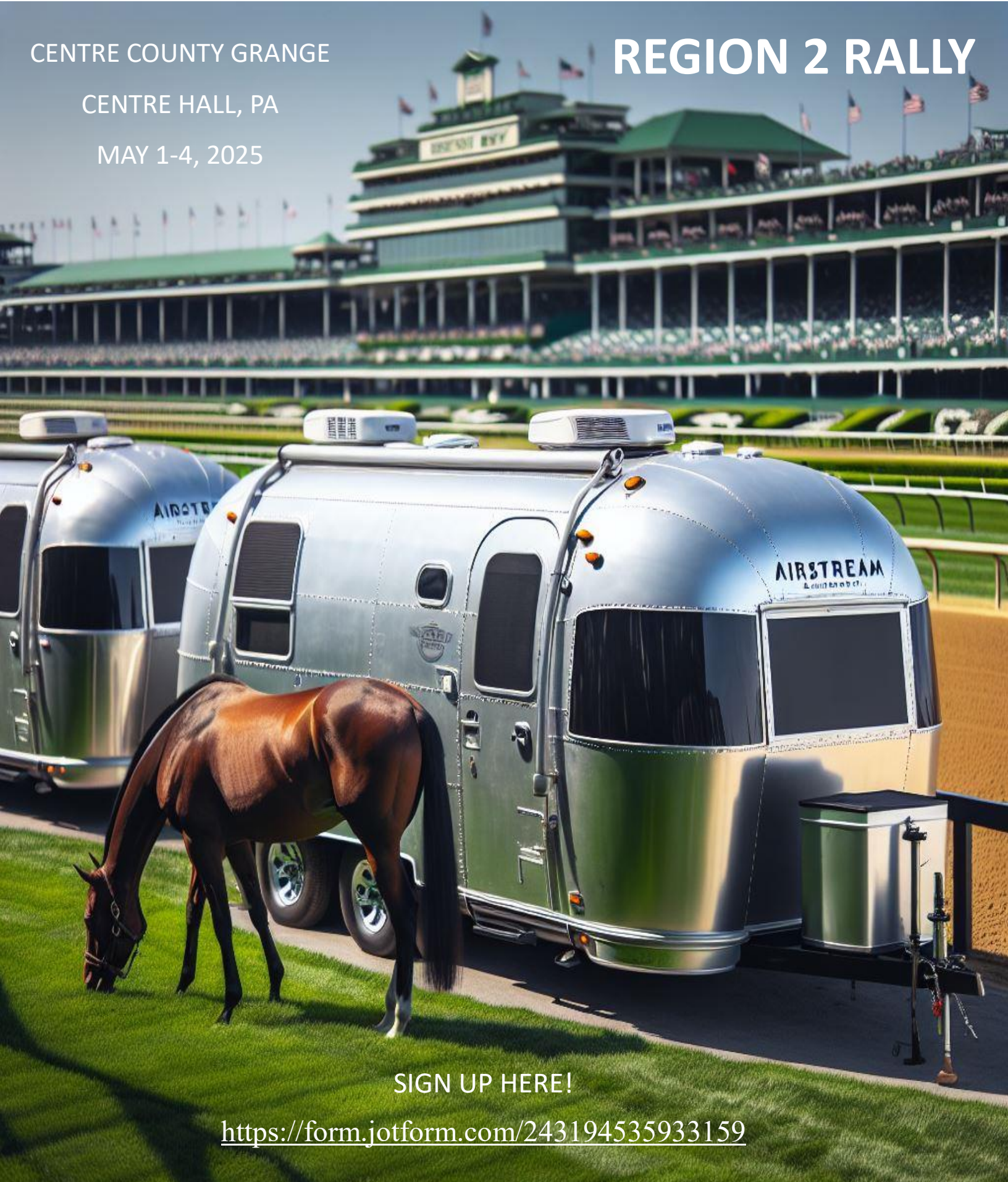
- Write an article for the Blue Beret recapping the community service projects.

CENTRE COUNTY GRANGE

CENTRE HALL, PA

MAY 1-4, 2025

REGION 2 RALLY



SIGN UP HERE!

<https://form.jotform.com/243194535933159>



Scan or Click the QR Code to Register today!

2025 Pennsylvania Rally

June 26-29, 2025

Dubois / Treasure Lake KOA

95 Coral Reef Rd.

Dubois, PA 15801

814-913-1437

Campsites offer:

- 30 Amp electric service
- Water
- Dump station

Catch up with old friends and meet new friends at the Pennsylvania Rally. The Dubois / Treasure Lake KOA is located deep within a beautiful private gated community. Take in the natural beauty and wildlife as you drive through the community. Campers can enjoy an outdoor pool, playground, and volleyball, basketball, corn hole and gaga ball courts.

It's adventure you seek, there's plenty to keep you occupied in the area. You will have access to 2 top PGA-rated golf courses and a gorgeous white sand beach. The community also offers family-friendly dining at Duffers' Tavern or the 19th Hole Tavern. There are kayaks, canoes, and paddle boats for rent at the Marina. The area also hosts various wineries, distilleries, and unique shops for your exploration and is a 45 minute drive to the Elk Visitors Center, in the heart of the Pennsylvania Wilds.



2025 AI-Mon-O Bluegrass Rally

Laurel Hill State Park - Somerset, Pa 15501

When: Friday, August 15 – Sunday, August 17

Location: Kooser State Park 943 Glades Pike, Somerset, PA

Campground Reservations: Make reservations online at www.reserveamerica.com.

Let Dick & Stevie Kline (stevie.kline@gmail.com) know with site number.

Rally fee: TBD

Activities: TBD—All AI-Mon-O activities will be held at Kooser State Park

Laurel Hill Bluegrass Festival

Laurel Hill State Park
1454 Laurel Hill State Park
Somerset, PA

The festival is free of admission and sponsored by the Friends of Laurel Hill and many other local businesses. Entry is first come, first served.

Bring your folding chairs. There is a large tent with chairs but it often fills up fast and early. There is a large parking lot available with shuttle carts to the performance area.

Besides food vendors there will be local artisans with crafts and products, period re-enactor village with demonstrations, games and wagon rides.



**WBCCI AI-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club (131)
2025 Tentative Schedule**

Date/Time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
January 18	Pittsburgh RV Show	Pittsburgh Convention Center	Matt Moore & Cody Klingler	Join us for a fun day of exploring RV's and come to lunch after. RSVP to Cody (cwk5292@gmail.com or 724-504-6884).
February 8 11:30 AM	Luncheon	Paci's Lounge & Dining Room 384 Old National Pike Brownsville, PA 15417	Dick & Stevie Kline	RSVP to stevie.kline@gmail.com by Feb. 1
May 1-4	Region 2 Rally	Centre County Grange 169 Holman Ln. Centre Hall, PA 16828	Region 2 Officers	Fill out the Jotform below to signup: https://form.jotform.com/243194535933159
June 13-15	Joint event with Pennsylvania Airstream Club	Cook Forest State Park Leeper, PA	PAC/AI-Mon-O	Contact Cindi Carbine at cacarbine@gmail.com or Reserve America to book your site. There are 10 sites blocked off for the group. Email Cody or Matt as well once reserved.
June 26-29	Pennsylvania Rally	DuBois / Treasure Lake KOA Holiday 95 Coral Reef Rd. DuBois, PA 15801	AI-Mon-O PA	Fill out the Jotform below to signup: https://form.jotform.com/243006126876153
August 15-17	Bluegrass Rally	Laurel Hill State Park 1454 Laurel Hill Park Road Somerset, PA 15501 (Make reservations online at www.reserveamerica.com)	Dick & Stevie Kline	Contact Stevie Kline at stevie.kline@gmail.com and let know site number.
August 23-28	67th ACI Rally	York Expo Center York, PA	International	Details to come

This schedule is tentative and could be subject to change. If anyone is interested in hosting a luncheon, picnic or rally, please reach out to Cody Klingler.