

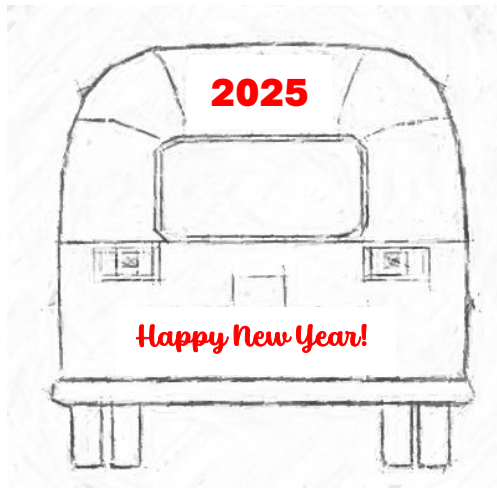
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President's Message



So excited that this is my first message to you as President! I am really looking forward to the activities we have planned for 2025, most especially for the International Rally which will be in our back yard!

I would like to thank George Kiesel for performing our Installation Ceremony. I have known George since he joined the club many years ago.

The installation was well attended, and Chimney Rock did everything to ensure we had a successful luncheon.

The members of the Watchung NJ Airstream Group are always generous and care about their community. The pictures included of toys donated to Toys for Tots is a testament to this.

We are extremely fortunate to have a full slate of officers this year. It is particularly exciting to see the enthusiasm of the new officers who stepped up to lead. They will bring with them fresh ideas while preserving the cherished traditions of the Watchung Club. We have a recipe for success with the perfect blend of new and experienced members.

Lastly, we have a robust schedule for the upcoming year but there are still a few months open for a rally or luncheon. The joy of the club comes from spending time together and exploring novel places. Here's to a new year filled with fun and adventures. If you have a favorite place or idea you would like to share let us know. Happy New Year! Leslie



Region 2 President's Message

From the Region 2 President's computer,

I can't believe I'm saying this, but it's 2025! Happy New Year!! Some of you are already digging out of 2-3 feet of Lake Erie snow.



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. The region and clubs run on volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering as a Region officer, please contact me directly, Patti Galupo or Matt Moore.

Region 2 Rally update. I have good news. The Region Rally team just finished up the final touches for the Region 2 Rally on May 1-4, 2025. This year's theme is Kentucky Derby Days. We will be showing the race live on Saturday. Do not forget women and, of course, men to make sure to wear your finest head coverings for race time! The Washington DC Unit is sponsoring the rally. Matt Moore, our Region 2 2nd VP and Joy Spahr, President of the Washington DC Unit have various fun events planned during the rally.



You can't have a rally without great food and music. If you came last year, you were not disappointed. Again, this year, we were able to get Nittany Catering to provide breakfast and dinner on Saturday. Remember to bring your dancing shoes for after the race. This year we have our own Party Girl Dancing Patti G. playing the tunes!

Registration for the rally starts January 6th. So don't be left in the gate. The registration link is below.

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

International Rally at York PA update. Debby Wood is still looking to identify chairpersons for the Community Service and the Tours committees. They typically look for someone in the host region as they are more familiar with the options available. Let me know if you have suggestions for these positions, and I will forward them to Debby.

Regards,

Gary

Announcements

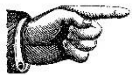
Sunshine Report

One card was sent this month. Ceyan Birney notified us that his wife passed away this past October, so a Sympathy card was sent to Ceyan and his children.

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.

December Birthdays

Linda Ward
Robert Hagman
Elisabeth Reiss
Steven Germansky



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.



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



2025 Watchung Airstream Club Rally and Luncheon Schedule

From First VP Heidi Cullen:

Just a quick reminder that we still have three months that need hosts and cohosts: February luncheon, June and September rallies. Please do not be discouraged from doing this because you are new. If you think you might be interested in hosting, please just reach out to me at 973-945-3406 (text or phone) or email at heidi.watch.air@gmail.com, so that we can discuss the many ways in which you will not be doing the program on your own! We will help and guide you and get it done with you. It will be fun! Many of us have hosted during our first year with the club and the support we received was wonderful:)

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
January 2025	Luncheon/ January 25	Steven and Cynthia Germansky	Brian and Heidi Cullen	Princeton Soup and Sandwich, Cranbury, NJ
February 2025	Luncheon	Host Needed	CoHost Needed	
February 2025	Recruiting drive/Feb 14-15	Contact Lea Plant	NA	Colonial Airstream, Millstone Twp.
March 2025	Luncheon/March 15	Frank and Leslie DeHerde	Ken and Nancy Egan	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	Washington DC Unit	NA	Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair, 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall PA 16828
June 2025	Club Rally/	Host Needed	CoHost Needed	
July 2025	Club Rally/July 11-14	Steve and Cynthia Germansky	Lois Wagner/Derek Conley	TBA
August 2025	International Aug 23-28	WBCCI	N/A	York, PA
September 2025	Club Rally/	Host needed	CoHost Needed	
October 2025	Club Rally/Annual Business Meeting October 3-5	Pat and Florence Attanasio	CoHost needed	Kymer's Camping Resort, Branchville, NJ
November 2025	Luncheon/TBA	Barbara Taylor and Michael Koczwarra	CoHost needed	TBA
December 2025	Installation Luncheon/TBA	Heidi and Brian Cullen	Leslie/ Frank DeHerde	TBA

Installation Luncheon



Watchung Airstream Cub 2025 officers and directors. From left to right: Jay and Cathy McCarthy, directors; Lois Wagner, treasurer; Steve Germansky, second vice president; Heidi Cullen, first vice president; Leslie DeHerde, president; Frank DeHerde, correspondence secretary; Rich Short, recording secretary. Not shown: directors Rebeca Glick and Pat Attanasio.



Clockwise from left: past unit presidents George Kiesel, David Cahall, Lea Plant, Frank DeHerde, Rich Short; Lea Plant passes the gavel to Leslie DeHerde; attendees Roger Kriz, Sam Kessel, Patti Ciak, Frank DeHerde, Leslie DeHerde, Gail Lloyd, Tourrahn Kriz, and Braith and Howard Eldrige; Master of Ceremonies George Kiesel inducts Steve Germansky and Heidi Cullen as second and first vice presidents assisted by their spouses Cynthia Germansky and Brian Cullen. Photo L. Wagner



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 Extended! January 10, 2025
Maximum 32 attendees , 16 spots available as of December 1– please sign up early!
Name(s): _____ WBCCI#: _____
Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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

Select from the following

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

12/21 update: Eleven rigs have signed up so far so we will be receiving a 10% discount on our site fee. Holly Acres will hold our sites until March 14.

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

Items for the newsletter?

Send them by the 25th 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)

Region 2 Rally June: Kentucky Derby Days

Sponsored by: Washington DC Unit

Location: Centre County Grange
Encampment & Fair, 169 Homan Lane, PO
Box 271, Centre Hall, PA 16828

Dates: May 1-4, 2025

Cost: \$230 per trailer, plus \$60 per person
rally fee (children under age 12 are free)

Early Check-in: 11:00 am, Wednesday,
April 30th is the only available option due
to other activities at the venue. If you plan
on arriving April 30th the cost is \$48.30.

This fee needs to be paid with your registration below.

Check-in: 11:00 am, Thursday, May 1st (parking volunteers arrive at 11:00 am)

Departure: 3:00 pm, Sunday, May 4th. There is no option to extend the departure date this year due to another event scheduled at the venue.

Rally Reservation Limit: unlimited sites available

Additional Information:

- All sites have electric and water service.
- Water pressure is HIGH so bring a pressure regulator.
- There is a waste station on the Fairgrounds.
- Coin operated shower facilities (\$2 for 4 minutes).
- Restroom facilities onsite.
- Each trailer will receive a welcome bag.
- If bringing a pet you must be able to present up-to-date valid immunization paperwork. Pets must on a leash at all times and owners are responsible solely for cleaning up after their pets.
- As with any campsite, you are responsible for securing all food, beverages and valuables.
- Link to park website <https://www.grangefair.com/>

Planned activities include:

- Catered breakfast - Saturday morning
- Saturday catered buffet dinner followed by Run for the Roses, games and Derby Party!!!
- Music by our own Party Girl Dancing Patty G.
- Sunday continental breakfast

RALLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 20th.

Use this link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/243194535933159>

Refund policy:

Before March 30th - 80% refund

March 30th - April 20th - 50% refund

After April 20th - No refund



October Rally and General Meeting

Hosts: Pat & Florence Attanasio pjattanasio@yahoo.com fcattanasio@yahoo.com Cell: 201-859-7481

When: Friday, October 3rd – Sunday, October 5th. Early arrival, Thursday, October 2nd.

Where: Kymer's Camping Resort, 69 Kymer Road, Branchville, NJ 07826 **Office:** 973-875-3167

<https://www.njcamping.com/kymers/index.htm> kymers@NJcamping.com

The October Rally brings us to rural Northern NJ and the last weeks of the Fall colors. Kymer's Camping Resort will be home base for daily excursions to surrounding parks, museums, antiques and adult beverage purveyors. Or simply stay on site and enjoy your Airstream. Kymer's will place us as close together as possible while optimizing their site-to-RV size placements. Your hosts will be in Oak-5. The campground will accept your reservation at any time, but to ensure optimal placement please reserve as soon as possible, preferably before March 1st. Refer to their web site (above) for current pricing.

Site Fees:

- 30 amp, electric, water, cable TV (no sewer): \$70
- 30 amp, above plus sewer: \$80
- 50 amp, electric, water, cable TV and sewer: \$85

Rally fees include breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings as well as a catered dinner Saturday night. Please consider contributing a dessert to Saturday's dinner.

Rally fees will be calculated and collected Sunday morning after we have totaled our actual expenses. We're estimating at least \$25 per person.

To attend this event,

- Call the campground, tell them you're with this group and reserve your site before March 1st,
- Email pjattanasio@yahoo.com with your BRN, site number, days attending and number attending. Please note any dietary restrictions or accommodations so that we can plan appropriate menus.

Check-in: 2:00pm

Check-out: 2:00pm

Tentative Agenda:

- Thursday: Arrivals and Free range activities, 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Friday: Breakfast, 8:00am-9:30am
- Arrivals and Free range activities, 9:30am-5:00pm
- Happy hour, 5:00pm-6:00pm, dinner on your own, campfire
- Saturday: Breakfast, 8:00am-9:30am
- Free range activities, 9:30am-5:00pm
- Happy hour, 5:00pm-6:00pm, dinner to follow, campfire
- Sunday: Breakfast, 8:30am-10:00am
- Club Exec/Business Meeting – 10:00am-12:00pm
- Pack out, hit the road (2:00pm checkout), 12:00pm -



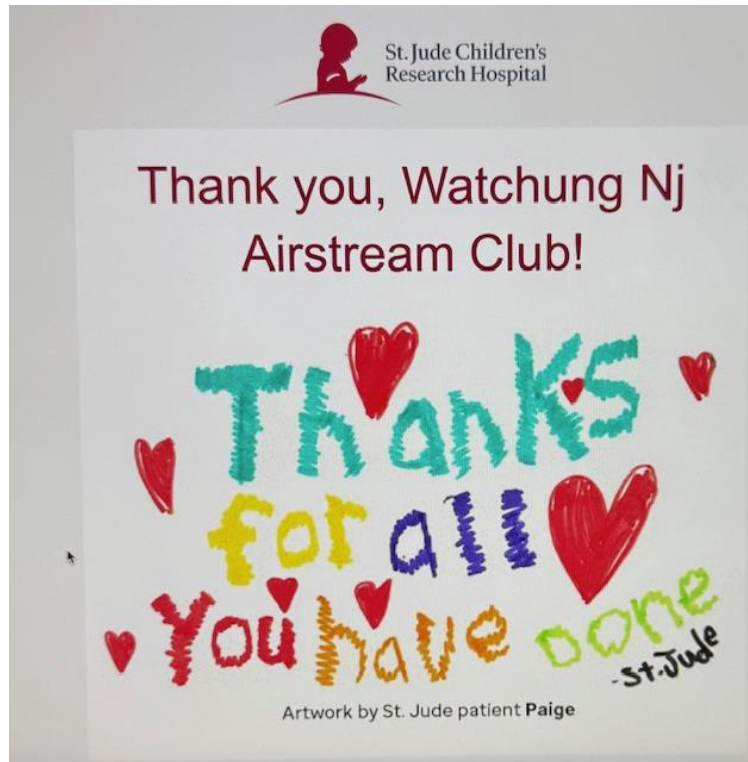
Campground Site Metrics

Full Hook-up sites:	H8 - 32ft	H9 - 30ft	H11 - 30ft
	H16 - 28ft	H18 - 30ft	H21 - 28ft
	Pine 11 - 25ft	Pine 13 - 25ft	Pine 14 - 20ft
	Oak 12 - 30ft	Oak 5 - 23ft	Oak 7 - small
	Oak 8 - small		
	Birch 24 - 30ft	Birch 33 - 35ft	Birch 31 - 25ft

Non Sewer, Maple	Maple 28 - 35ft	Maple 27 - 25ft	Maple 32 - 25ft
	Maple 31 - 25ft	Maple 30 - 25ft	

Things to do; Places to go:

- Stokes State Forest <https://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/stokesstateforest.html>
- Space Farms Zoo & Museum <https://spacefarms.com/>
- Sterling Hill Mining Museum <https://www.sterlinghillminingmuseum.org/>
- Franklin Mineral Mine Museum <https://www.franklinmineralmuseum.org/>
- Milk Street Distillery <https://www.milkstreetdistillery.com/>
- Angry Erik Brewing <https://angryerik.com/>
- Ventimiglia Vineyard (also a Harvest Hosts site) <https://ventivines.com/>
- Lusscroft Farm <https://lusscroft.org/>
- High Point State Park <https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpointstatepark.html>
- Sussex County Fairgrounds (check schedule) <https://sussexcountyfairgrounds.org/>
- Skylands Stadium (check schedule) <https://skylandsstadium.com/>
- Lafayette Mill Antiques Center <http://www.millantiques.com/>



Thank you note from St. Jude's Children's Hospital for our 2024 donation.



Image courtesy Airstream, Inc.

2024 Watchung Club Officers		Other Club Roles	
President	Leslie DeHerde	Membership	George Kiesel
1 st Vice President	Heidi Cullen	Sunshine	Linda Kiesel
2 nd Vice President	Steve Germansky	Web Master	Mark Ratliff
Correspondence Secretary	Frank Deherde	Directory	Chris Forster
Recording Secretary	Richard Short	Newsletter	Derek Conley
Treasurer	Lois Wagner	Quartermaster	Jason Pomerleau
Directors	Rebecca Glick		
	Cathy McCarthy		
	Jay McCarthy		
	Pat Attanasio		

