



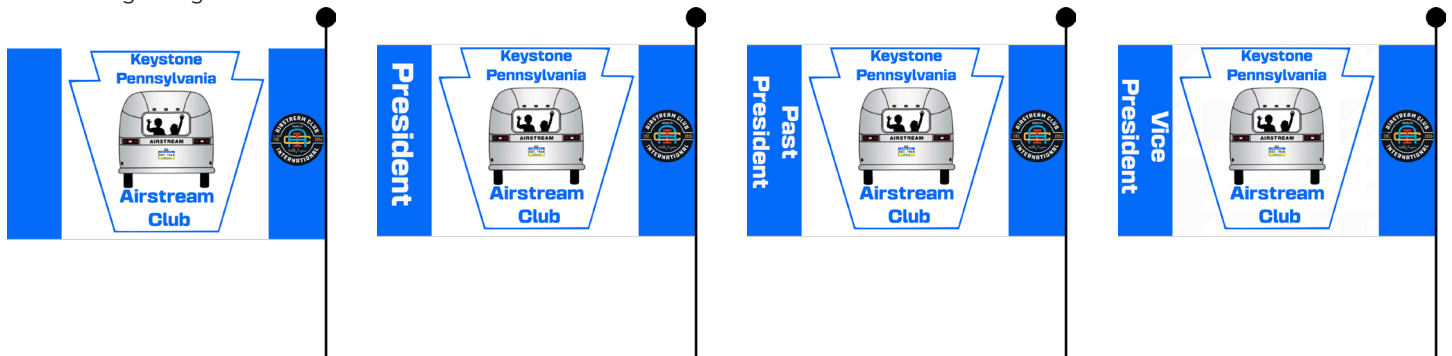
President's Message
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Greetings Keystone Airstreamers

Well, it tentatively looks like summer has arrived! Last week I was coaching and driving competitive waterskiers wearing a down jacket and gloves. Today it is 95 degrees and I'm getting ready to head out to Jersey Shore Haven Airstream Park for a couple weeks. That will be quickly followed by our Upper Delaware Rally, a week at Virginia Highlands Haven, and a rally at Sampson State Park with the Finger Lakes Airstream Club. My rig is getting full of clothing I keep adding from cold to hot weather and I'm hoping to shed some of that by the time you read this.

There's a lot going on, so here's some updates:

OUR NEW LOGO AND FLAG DESIGNS HAVE BEEN APPROVED!!! You'll see the new logo at the top of this newsletter, and here are the flag designs:



Keystone officially has a new logo and we are working on getting flags printed. We need a few people to volunteer to get us some logo swag, so if anyone is interested, let me know. We can also get you the file if you would like to order your own merchandise on www.stickermule.com. They make just about anything you can think of and you can usually order just one.

We are getting ready for so many things!

Upper Delaware Rally - If you're not registered, you still may be able to get a spot if you call the campground. We are planning a happy hour, campfires, and a float trip on Saturday. Come on!

International in York - If you are going to International, check your emails and be sure to volunteer for something. There are a lots of opportunities to get involved. It's my first one and I'm driving a shuttle! As soon as we have a better sense of the schedule, we'll plan a Keystone happy hour. Please plan to attend as we need to take a quick vote on a minor revision to our constitution to bring it into compliance with ACI.

Ladies Rally - Ladies, if you're not registered for this one, you need to be! You are welcome to have your husband drop off your rig if you don't tow. We'll help you with everything else. And if you want to learn to tow, see me and we'll arrange it. There are a few of us that can help. This will be a confidence booster and a whole lot of fun exploring the area. Kathleen is a great host.

Dark Sky and Canyon Mini Caravan - Please register with the campgrounds if you would like to join us (and let me know). We will have a private "tour" of the dark sky with a local guide who can point out all kinds of things in the heavenlies at Cherry Springs and some fun things to do in the Grand Canyon of PA. There will also be a dinner somewhere and lots of campfires and happy hours.

A word on rallies - if you plan to attend, please be sure to let the host know or RSVP on Facebook so we can keep you in the loop. This is important!

In other news, I've been in touch with the folks at ACI and there are some new benefits for club members in the works. If you are passing through Jackson Center, there are courtesy parking spots at the ACI headquarters. These will soon be replaced with full hookup spots with a dog park, pavilion, and fire pit at the new headquarters. If you are so inclined, there are also naming opportunities available if you would like to donate to the construction of the new club amenities. You heard it here first!

July Maintenance and Mechanical Tip

This month I tested two new (to me) products. I recommend both the foam cannon from Griots Garage and Gas Stops.

The foam cannon was a game changer. It is essentially a bottle with a nozzle you attach to a pressure washer in which you put their "foam snow" wash fluid. Aside from driving through Blue Beacon, there is no easier way to wash an Airstream. It was a bit cumbersome on the end of the pressure washer, but it's quick enough not to matter. You essentially rinse the rig, spray it with foam (and it's REALLY foamy), let it sit 5 minutes, and rinse off. This stuff cuts through all manner of pollen, dirt and grime. I did one side at a time, dried it with a towel, and it looked amazing. I followed it with a spray-on wax Griots recommended, wiped that off, and I'm good till at least fall. ACI has a discount with Griots and these guys really know their stuff. I had an issue with the foam cannon and they immediately replaced the part and made some recommendations. These guys are good and the foam cannon was worth every penny. I had the rig washed, dried, and waxed in a little over an hour. That's a first!

After losing a bottle of propane when the squirrels chewed through the lines on my last rig, I've been eyeing Gas Stops for a while. I'm not afraid of propane but a healthy respect for something that can explode a few feet from your head just makes sense. If you buy them from Airstream Supply Company, they come with a kit you need to make them fit in your propane box. The install was super easy and took about 20 minutes. The hardest part was making sure there were no leaks, but upgrading the teflon tape made short work of that. Gas Stops shut off the tank if there is a leak in the system. They also have a built-in gauge and a mechanism to test for leaks. It's one less thing to worry about and I'll keep you posted as to how they work over time.

Hope to see you on the road and as always, call if you have any questions!
Jennifer

Stay Connected	Club Officers
Facebook – Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club Keystone on the Web Airstream International Website Interested in joining the club? Contact Jennifer Eggers jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com	President, Jennifer Eggers jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com 1st VP, Brian Mulligan mulligansix@rcn.com 2nd VP, Lori Pfahler loripfahler88@gmail.com Treasurer, Richard Pitts r_pitts@verizon.net Secretary, Kathleen Quinn kathleenquinn56@icloud.com Immediate Past Pres., Jody Dietz jdietz4361@gmail.com 1st Year Trustee, Katherine Mulligan mulligansix@rcn.com 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

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**

March 2025

David & Susan Newman - Home **BRN 02563**

April 2025

Richard & Eva Rodgers - Affiliate **BRN 14631**
Brian & Polly Robinson - Home **BRN 03619**
Laura & Scott Thoroman - Affiliate **BRN 04456**

May 2025

Miguel & Susan Rodriguez - Affiliate **BRN 07035**

June 2025

Paul & Rinda Carey - Affiliate **BRN 21381**

News & Items of Interest

Keystone Rally and Event Schedule

We are always looking for feedback on our event schedule along with volunteers to host/co-host. Please reach out to Jennifer Eggers at 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: info@occasionalrv.com

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. Our thoughts and prayers go to Will and Karen Kushto and their family as Will's mother recently passed peacefully at the age of 102.

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>

If you plan to attend, PLEASE let Jennifer Eggers know you are coming (jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com).

Date	Event/Host(s)	Location	Notes
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/ Keystone Airstream Club; Do not book online; Let Jennifer know or RSVP on Facebook
August 17-19	Ladies Retreat Kathleen Quinn	West Chester KOA	Call West Chester KOA to reserve at 610-486-0447 and let Kathleen or Jennifer know
August 23-28	ACI International Rally Joel Burkholder	York Fairgrounds York, PA	Book directly through ACI; Let Jennifer know
Sept. 19-21	Bald Cypress and Eagles Jennifer Eggers/Kathleen Quinn	Trap Pond State Park Loop C	Book Trap Pond Loop C online; RSVP to Jennifer or on Facebook
October 17-20 & 20-22	Dark Skys and Canyon's Mini-Caravan Jennifer Eggers/Kathleen Quinn	Grand Canyon of PA Fall Foliage and New Moon at Cherry Springs (stay at Ole Bull)	Book Twin Streams (CALL and tell them you're with Keystone Airstream Club) Book Ole Bull online RSVP with site numbers to Jennifer or on Facebook
November 15	Installation Luncheon & Meeting Jennifer Eggers/Kathryn Mulligan	Bird-in-Hand Restaurant, Lancaster Country Acres	CALL to book Country Acres Campground (tell them you're with Keystone Airstream Club) and RSVP to Jennifer
December 6	Christmas Luncheon Jennifer Eggers	Plumsteadville Inn	RSVP on Facebook or to Jennifer

Wanted: Hosts or co-hosts for all rallies! Please let Jennifer know if you can help.

Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club Preliminary 2026 Rally and Event Schedule

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/keystonepaairstreamclub>

Date	Event/Host(s)	Location	Notes
Feb 14	Valentine's Day Get-Together	TBD	TBD
March 14	St. Paddy's	TBD	TBD
April 17-19	TBD / Looking for a Leader	Lancaster Beacon Hill (?)	I called and they will not hold any spots. Please call 717-768-8755 to book a spot. We want to be on top of the hill - they know the Keystone Club. Lots to in Lancaster. Maybe a happy hour Friday night.
May 1-3	Season Opener	Lums Pond State Park (this is firm)	If you are not in now, consider calling very soon - it fills up. This is a Delaware State Park - online reservations.
June 5-7	Chester Blues Festival	French Creek State Park	Saturday, June 6, 2026 - Book Friday, June 5th Loop A. We can get tickets to the festival later. Book online - it's a PA State park - most important to get your reservation at French Creek first.
July	Saratoga Horse Race	TBD	TBD
August	Cowtown NJ Rodeo	TBD	Thinking of a chili cook-off theme??
September	Caravan	Rt 6 from the PA Grand Canyon to the dark sky park to Lake Erie	Details to Follow
September	TBD	Harpers Ferry/Gettysburg/Antietam or Cape Henlopen	Details to Follow
October	TBD	Fredericksburg	Details to Follow
November	Installation Rally	Country Acres	Details to Follow

Additional Potential Rallies:

Hudson Valley Newberg, NY (Sep-Oct?)
Jersey Shore Haven?
Eastern Museum of Auto Racing - TBD

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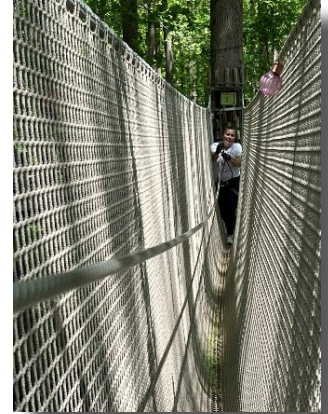
2025 Event Spotlights

**Eastern PA 'Opener' Rally
May 2-4, Lums Pond State Park, Bear, DE**

Fifteen rigs from **Keystone** joined with seven from **Central Penn** and rigs from the **PA, New Jersey and Watchung** for the Opener Rally. This year's theme was **Run for the Roses** and was hosted by Wendy & Terry Hauschild (CP) and Andy & Rick Pitts (Keystone).



Led by fearless president Jennifer Eggers, early arrivers daringly trekked through the **Go Ape! Zipline adventure**. Comments overheard at the evening campfire included: 'really cool', 'awesome' and 'what the heck was I thinking!', but all had a great time.



Friday evening **Central Penn** coordinated a great burger bar, followed by an evening campfire.



Saturday activities were kicked off by a morning bike ride along the C&D canal trail. Not too surprising, there was an ice cream shop at the end of the trail...



2025 Event Spotlights cont.

Eastern PA 'Opener' Rally cont.
May 2-4, Lums Pond State Park, Bear, DE

The weather held, and adventurous kayakers enjoyed the afternoon on Lums Pond.



Keystone coordinated the evening's Kentucky Derby theme which began with a dubious pair of bartenders serving up some wicked mini-Mint Juleps. Servers (singing their own version of 'take me out to the Derby') then served up a scrumptious dinner featuring Kentucky Hot Brown sandwiches accompanied by southern style green beans and scalloped potatoes.



Vanilla ice cream topped with bourbon caramel sauce completed the meal as diners watched on the big screen with Sovereignty winning the 151st running of the Derby on a soggy Churchill Downs track.

Airstream weather karma persisted through the evening allowing another fun campfire chat.

We'll do it again next year, May 1-3. **Book now** as sites are filling up.



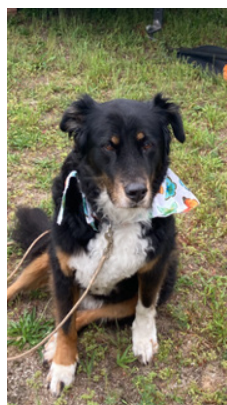
2025 Event Spotlights cont.

**Keystone PA Jersey Shore Rally
June 6-8, Jersey Shore Haven, Cape May Court House, NJ**

A rally was held at the JSH from June 6-8. Some people did come in early and some stayed later. In attendance were Jonathan and Dawn Pugh, Elana Echart and husband Brent, Charles and Brenda Como, Bill and Julie Graham, Lauri and Robert Pullman, Charles and Margaret Helwig, Pat and Kathleen Quinn, and Wayne and Sharon Fitzgerald. The Pullmans and the Helwigs were from the Delmarva Unit and the Grahams are Affiliates. On Friday night, everyone brought a little something to share as we gathered in the pavilion. Kathleen set up a table for our dishes with a patriotic table cover and decorations. The food was delicious, and the company was great. It was nice to sit around and chat after eating. Some people stayed and played some "board" games. A few of us learned how to play *Mexican Train Dominos*; me included! We had expert domino enthusiasts who were great teachers (Chuck and Peg).



On Saturday, it rained off and on, but people still got out riding bikes on several trails near the JSH. Bill and Julie have a passion for riding bicycles. Wayne and I headed to Historic Smithville for a charming day out. Fourteen of us gathered in the evening at *The Tavern* for dinner, which was a few miles down the road from the JSH. Dinner was tasty, and the service was great. Sunday was cooler and the group was out drinking their coffee, walking their dogs and stopping to chat. All in all, it was a very laid-back, relaxing weekend. Thank you to everyone who joined us for an exceptional weekend.



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: [Click here for reservations.](#)



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](#)

The on-site campsites with electric and water are officially sold out!

But good news:

- ✓ **Boondocking sites** are still available on the rally grounds (no hookups). You have the option on the form to indicate a preference to upgrade to an electric site should one become available.
- ✓ You can also **stay off-site** in a hotel or nearby campground and still attend the rally. See Q4 in the FAQs for local places to stay.



Click the appropriate link below to register for either option. We look forward to seeing you in York!

Boondocking Registration:

<https://form.jotform.com/251185360295155>

Off-site Registration:

<https://form.jotform.com/251185241340144>

2025 Event Spotlights cont.**Installation Rally - November 15**

The date has moved back to our original dates that the club voted on. 2025 Installation will be held on November 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.

On the Road

A Western 'Air'venture

Rick & Andy Pitts

After nearly a year in the planning stages the Pitts and Mergelkamps headed out on an 8,000-mile trip to the Pacific Northwest. This is our first report on the trip, more to come in next month's Kourier!

Leaving just before Memorial Day the Pitts' first headed to Barkcamp State Park in Ohio for a quick stop-over before landing in Indianapolis (so Rick and his brother could enjoy the Indy 500).



We joined the Mergelkamps in Louisville after a brief stop in Frankfort, KY to secure some Rebecca Ruth bourbon balls (the official bourbon balls of the Kentucky Derby).



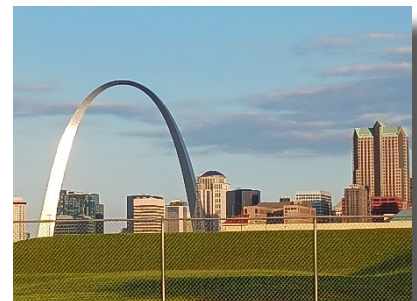
Having just completed the Derby Rally at Lums with Hot Brown sandwiches we had to journey into Louisville to the Brown Hotel where we lunched on authentic Kentucky Hot Browns, and oh were they sooooo good!



If you recall, our dinner servers at Lums were fascinators to celebrate the Derby. The hotel offered their own version (which we passed on after seeing the \$200 price tag...).



After Louisville we overnighed at the Casino Queen RV Park. It is a nice facility right on the casino grounds and just across the river from St. Louis offering great views of the Arch.



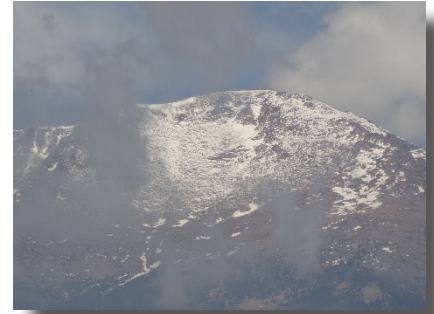
We had another overnight at a fine Love's RV Stop after St. Louis. They're convenient, separate from the truck parking and most offer full hook-ups. You can reserve ahead of time, or right at the site if there is availability.

On the Road cont.



Moving into mountain time, our travels took us to the Cripple Creek KOA, outside of Colorado Springs. At 10,000 ft above sea level they boast that they are the highest KOA in the US, and we did feel the effect of the higher altitude.

Cripple Creek turned out to be a good location for our scenic venues. We day-tripped back into Colorado Springs to drive the Garden of the Gods trail. The visitor center provides great viewing of nearby Pikes Peak and although it was busy, even on a weekday, the slower pace on the one-way trail actually let us grab some better views of the magnificent rock formations.



The next day we planned a day-trip to Canon City, CO for a scenic ride on the Royal Gorge Railroad. Heading out from the KOA we stopped for a quick brunch in the old mining town of Victor. It's quite small, with only one large mining operation still remaining, but boasts the Gold Camp Bakery, one of the tastiest places around!



We boarded the scenic train and enjoyed the ride as it wound along the Arkansas River. Along the route it passes under the Royal Gorge suspension bridge which is 956 ft above the river.

On the Road cont.



The sights are wonderful, and at the far end of the ride there is a rafting camp where you can rent an Airstream (for only \$300/night!).



Our next stop took us to Estes, CO and the Elk Meadow RV Park, just outside the entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. Due to visitor volume the park now requires timed-entrance reservations which we were able to grab online. The 48-mile road through the park is the highest continuously paved road in the US and rises through tundra to over 12,000 feet with stunning views of the Rockies.



There are snowpacks, lava shelves, a point where the road crosses the Continental Divide, and even a Mt. Howard (really!) in the Never Summer Range along the trail. And even with the massive snow plow, the road is usually only passable from May through November. Add this to your bucket list!



Watch for more in the next edition of the Kourier as we head further west on our journey!