



Greetings Keystone Airstreamers!

President's Message

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First, a bit of backpedaling. While our logo WAS, in fact, approved, when we went to print the flags, we learned the file was not large enough to blow up to 3x5 and it was not able to be remedied because of where the original graphic came from. After much ado, we had a graphic artist recreate the image, but it is not an exact copy for several reasons. Fortunately, we were able to resubmit for another approval and the new logo has been approved. We are hoping to

have flags created by the International Rally in York. The new Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club Logo is pictured at the top of this newsletter.

Camping season is in full swing! I returned from two weeks at Jersey Shore Haven where I effectively stuffed myself with seafood, fried in the heat wave, and provided many a meal to the local greenhead flies. The Upper Delaware Rally was a great time too. The Burkholders, Fitzgeralds, Roosas, myself and two guests of Keystone had a fantastic time. This was a rally to repeat. However, it WAS in a riverbed and this brings me to my next point.

August Maintenance and Mechanical Tip

This month would be remiss if I didn't talk a bit about a piece of equipment most of us don't think of and that NO rig should be without: The NOAA weather radio. After following the tragic news in Texas this month, it was evident that just about all RVers in harm's way relied on sirens and warnings that never came, if they thought about it at all. There always seems to be enough blame to go around for all the people and systems that "should've" kept them safe. But the truth remains that many of us camp in places that don't have sirens. The Upper Delaware is a great example. So is the Battenkill River where I will be for two weeks in September. These are remote, rural areas where cell service and electricity is not guaranteed, especially during a significant weather event. When you put your life in an RV, you alone are responsible for your safety in these situations. This is not to be taken lightly.

A good NOAA weather radio can operate on electricity with a battery backup and can be set to sound an alarm in the event of a weather alert or emergency, providing adequate warning to evacuate or move your home on wheels. This approximately \$50 investment replaces the need for a charged cell phone with service, a siren or someone to knock on your door. But alas, it cannot replace common sense.

My hope is that we can all learn something from the flooding in Texas on July 4th. Here's what we know: First, the tragic RV deaths occurred in an area widely known as "flash flood alley." Significant flooding has occurred there many times, including 12 deaths as recent as 1987 and more in 2005. It was July 4th weekend, campgrounds were full and on Thursday, a flash flood watch was issued at 1:18 pm. That watch was elevated to a warning later that night, likely after many had gone to bed and became an emergency warning at 4:03 am. Many likely never saw the warning or the watch because there is almost no cell service in the area. These people woke up trapped in their RVs when an entire campground including everyone in it (except one guy in the bathroom), was washed away. My take, however unpopular is that this was nature doing its thing. The tragic disaster lies solely in the human response.



When things like this happen, you can (and should) assume that NO ONE is going to save you. You MUST prepare for this. A NOAA weather radio would have woken people up with enough warning to escape with their lives, but likely not with their rig. But if you pair that with situational awareness, every life (along with their property) could have been saved. Situational awareness says this...You know you're in an area prone to flash floods. You know that these floods can happen, well, in a flash. It's raining hard. Really hard. With no sign of letting up. If you can look at the radar, you would know it's going to get worse AND that it had been raining just as hard upstream (important fact to consider). If you can't, you still know it's raining REALLY hard. AND there's a flash flood watch. Everything you have is on wheels. You can move. Do you deal with a bit of inconvenience to make sure you and your family are safe or do you take the risk and go to bed with your head in the sand? Hindsight may be 20/20, but it can also be "next time's" foresight.

At the Upper Delaware Rally, we were camping in a similar situation very close to the river. We learned that NOAA weather radios do not have reception everywhere and this was one of those places. I was a bit fanatical about watching radar and making sure my phone was near Wi-Fi to get alerts. I also did a fair amount of research that said that while this area floods, it does not "flash" flood. We had a bit of rain, but when most of us left on Sunday, the river was about 50 yards from our trailers. It rained on Sunday night and the Roosas woke up to water about 3 feet from their back door. So much for the research. You have to be extraordinarily careful when camping in a river bed or floodplain. Clearly, this is nothing to mess with, no matter how tired you are of the warnings that amounted to nothing before.

I have to be honest, I've never been one to worry much about weather. I've driven my Airstream through a hurricane and a tropical storm in the last year alone before I thought much about the danger. These floods shook me to my core. Please Keystone Airstreamers, have a weather radio and batteries on hand and for the love of all that is holy, stay situationally aware. Your home moves. Go somewhere safe!

I'm writing to you from Virginia Highlands Haven Airstream Park (where everyone should go if you haven't been here) and next week am heading to New York's Sampson State Park with the Finger Lakes Airstream Club. I hope to see all of our ladies at the Women's Rally in West Chester, PA and everyone else at International in York.

A quick note about York: we will be taking a vote on some administrative changes we have been asked to make to Keystone's constitution. Please plan to join a short meeting after the Region 2 luncheon so we can get that taken care of. You'll be receiving more information to prepare for that.

Stay safe out there!
Jennifer



Stay Connected

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[Airstream International Website](#)

Interested in joining the club? Contact
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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.

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
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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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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Region 2 Spotlight

Submitted by Cody Klingler
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I'm excited to share that the newly created Region 2 Newsletter is in progress and will be sent out shortly. Going forward, this quarterly newsletter will take the place of the traditional President's message, providing updates, highlights, and information from across Region 2 in a more engaging and comprehensive format. It will be sent out August, November, February, and May. If you'd like to have something included in the newsletter, please send it to me no later than the 15th of the prior month.

In off months, Patti Galupo will continue to send out her monthly recap, as has come in the past.

We're looking forward to sharing stories from around the region and keeping everyone connected through this publication. Thank you all for your continued contributions and support in making this a meaningful resource for our members.

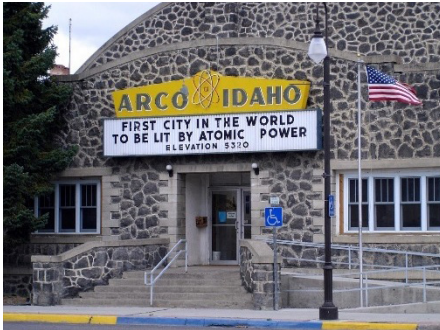
If you have any questions or content ideas for future editions, please feel free to reach out.

On the Road

A Western 'Air'venture

Rick & Andy Pitts

Following our stop at Rocky Mountain National Park (as reported in last month's Kourier) we headed to Salt Lake City, UT. While Howard and Arry visited the Mormon Tabernacle and enjoyed the beautiful choir rehearsal, Andy and I took a break and flew to San Diego for a quick, fun visit for our granddaughter's high school graduation.



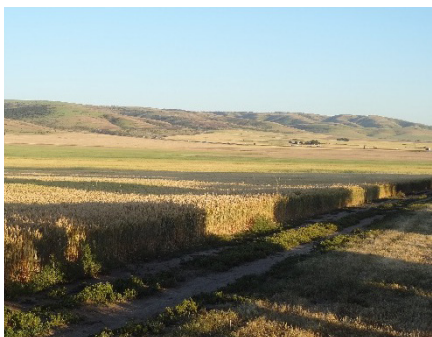
Meeting back in Salt Lake we traveled to Arco where, in 1955, the US' first nuclear reactor did light the city – for about an hour. Arco is better known as the gateway to Craters of the Moon National Monument.



Craters is a huge (over 600 sq. miles) lava field with amazing vistas and caves (which the daring can explore after getting a permit from the park). Just simply fascinating!



We traveled further west and stopped during the day at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City, OR. It provides a wonderful look at the largest voluntary migration in the US back in the mid-1800s. We learned that the Prairie Schooners were specifically designed for the trek such that the wheels could be taken off and the carriage floated across rivers! While the wheels aren't coming off our silver wagon (we hope) we favor it to the Schooner...



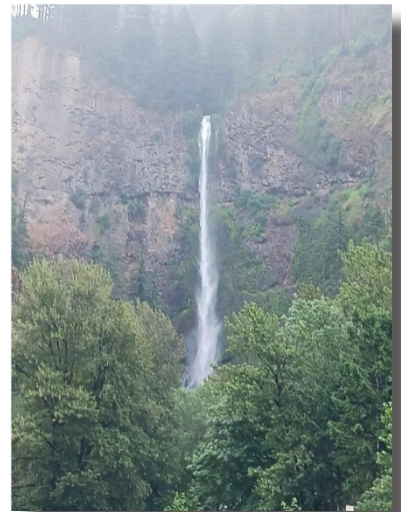
Wagons, Ho, we continued across the prairie to Pendleton, OR, staying at a very nice campground at the Wild Horse Casino. Here we visited the Pendleton Woolen Mill, still in operation and the Hamley Saddlery and Saloon (where they still produce or refurbish, by hand, the finest saddles in the US).



On the Road cont.



The weather caught up to us as we camped along the Columbia River Gorge and obscured views of Mt. Rainier and Mt. Hood. But we did enjoy the shops and wineries of the area as well as views of waterfalls along the Gorge.

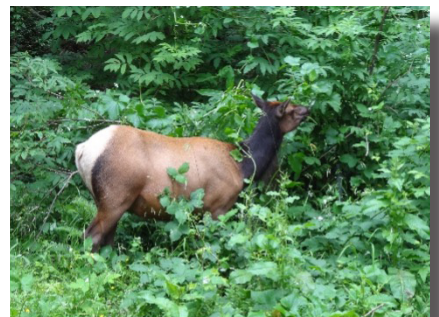


Undaunted, we pushed on to the Oregon coast. Of course we had to stop at the Tillamook factory to check the nice exhibits and sample the cheese, ice cream, and fried cheese curds (tastier than the name suggests!).

We camped at Ft. Stevens State Park in Warrenton, OR, which was a great jumping off spot for touring the coastal area. Of note too, Ft. Stevens preserves the Russell Battery – the only location in the continental US to be shelled (by a Japanese sub in 1942) since the war of 1812.



A day trip took us south to Ecola State Park near Cannon Beach, OR with beautiful coastal vistas and small groups of elk all about.

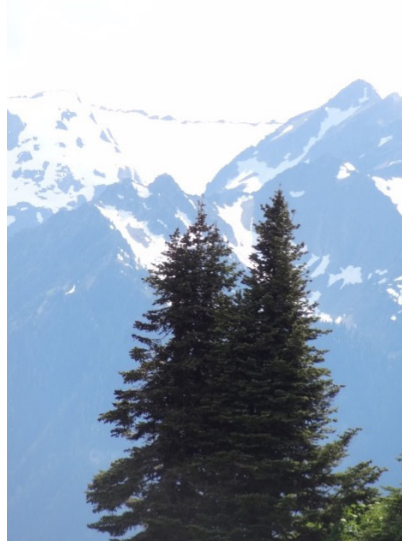
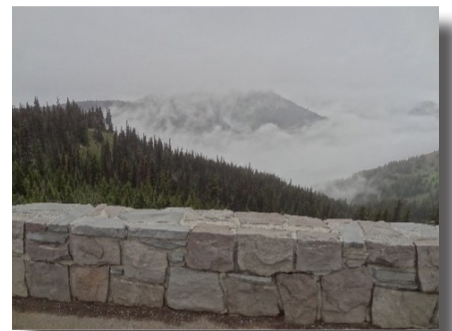
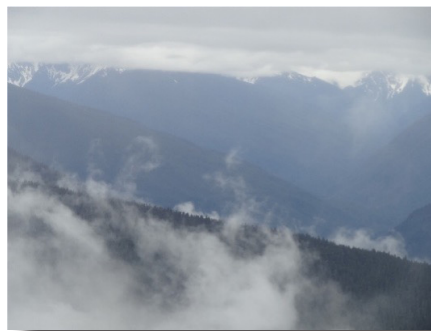


The next day, a trip north across the Columbia River took us to Oysterville, WA, a cute, tiny (~20 residents) oyster farming village on the coast. A great little jaunt, we enjoyed some of the best oysters and smoked salmon dip ever!

On the Road cont.



Finally arriving at Port Angeles, WA (about 3,800 miles into our adventure and our most Western stop) we set up camp at Elwha RV Park, a small busy family operation near Olympic National Park; ferries to Victoria, BC; and other towns along the coast. Traveling through Olympic we found Longhouse Café, a fine authentic Native American café offering tasty fry bread sandwiches and treats.



Day trips up the winding 18-mile road to Hurricane Ridge in Olympic (one day in the fog!) provided magnificent views of the mountains that grace the national park.

Watch next month for the trip east (spoiler alert – Glacier, Yellowstone, T Roosevelt & more!)