

WHAT TO NAME?

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Region 2 is launching a brand-new newsletter—but it needs a name! We're inviting you to submit your best ideas and help make Airstream history. Check inside for details and how to enter the contest!

Meet the Region 2 Team

Get to know the dedicated volunteers behind Region 2's leadership. From planning rallies to keeping us connected, they're working hard to keep the Airstream spirit rolling strong!

Region 2 Rally 2026

Start your engines! Region 2 is heading to the legendary Pocono Raceway for our 2026 rally. It's going to be a one-of-a-kind event filled with fun, friends, and fast-track memories. Stay tuned for more details—you won't want to miss this!



President's Message

The thick of summer is upon us- a new IBT will officially assume office on August 1st, the circadian rhythm of the WBCCI will be on full display at the International Rally in York, PA. The deep traditions of this club are what holds us all together, and its time to salute and say goodbye to outgoing President Gary Russo and bring in the new team for the next two years!

I'm honored to serve as your region president for the next two years. During the last four years of serving as your 2nd and 1st VP respectively, I've learned a lot about the governance of our organization. It's the part of the job that most of us recoil from; drafting policy, revising the Blue Book etc.- but it underpins all of the other stuff that we enjoy doing, and that's camping!





Region 2 Club Officers

President:

Patti Galupo, BRN 22010

1st VP:

Matt Moore, BRN 3937

Secretary:

Judith Cahill, RBN 4058

Treasurer:

Will Kushto, BRN 2518

Membership:

Colleen Ahlers, BRN 5505

Newsletter Editor:

Cody Klingler, BRN 3937

Webmaster:

Ron Silco, BRN 6958

Immediate Past President:

Gary Russo, BRN 1061

Most of you know that I'm a member of the Washington DC Unit (WDCU)- and have served that club in both leadership roles and what I call, "chopping wood"- that is, rolling up the sleeves, and doing the daily chores of why we all joined this club- to be together and forge new friendships. Honestly, I'm just as content serving as the adhoc DJ at most rallies, blasting Dancing Queen and anything I can from the 1970's!

But, at this level, its all about teamwork. Speaking of which, we have a rock-solid team. I can't wait to work with all of them as your president. Speaking of that, one of the first things out of the gate that we're doing, is launching the new Region 2 Newsletter, our first issue, under the sound tutelage of Cody Klingler, will be out August 1st. It'll be centered around the Region 2 Team. We haven't named the newsletter as of yet- so look forward to a contest to do such!

I plan on being hands-on and interactive with the 13 clubs that make up our region. We're gonna start out with a "listening tour"- and work together to determine what your expectations are and how we can deliver. In the meantime, I hope to see and meet many of you in York.

Stay safe- stay cool!

Patti





Where is Region 2 Headed

Calendar of Events

Al-Mon-O August Bluegrass Rally 2025

August 15-17
Kooser State Park
943 Glades Pike
Somerset, PA 15501
Host: Stevie & Dick Kline
stevie.kline@gmail.com

2025 Rideau Acres Rendezvous

August 15-17
Rideau Acres Campground
1014 Cunningham Rd.
Kingston, ON, K7L 4V3
Host: David Hutzal

Region 2 International Rally Luncheon at

York

August 26, 11:30 AM
York Expo Center - Memorial Hall - West
Host: Region 2
[Register Here](#)

2025 Fall Rally and AGM

September 12-14
Lombardy Fairgrounds
6 Kellys Rd.
Lombardy, ON K0G 1L0
Host: Kerry & Betty Matilla
kerrbett@gmail.com

PAC Elections Rally

September 13-14
Pennwood Airstream Park
999 Kindel Rd.
New Bethlehem, PA 16242
Host: Julie Zybert
jzybert377@gmail.com

Helping the Helpers: Region 2 Stands with Local Clubs

The strength of WBCCI starts with local clubs—the volunteers who plan rallies, keep members connected, and carry the spirit of Airstreaming forward. Region 2 officers recognize that this work takes time, energy, and commitment. That's why we're focused on one thing: **helping the helpers.**

Our job at the regional level isn't to add pressure—it's to provide backup. Whether your club needs guidance planning an event, help navigating WBCCI processes, or just fresh ideas to keep things moving, we're here to support you.

We know the challenges local leaders face, and we're committed to being a resource, not just a name on a roster. If you've got questions, concerns, or ideas, reach out. We're listening—and ready to pitch in.

Together, we keep this community strong. Region 2 has your back—because when we support the helpers, everyone rolls forward.

Welcome to Your New Region 2 Newsletter!

Welcome to the very first issue of the Region 2 Newsletter! This publication is designed to keep you informed, inspired, and connected to all the great things happening across our region. From rally highlights and upcoming events to member spotlights and helpful tips, we're excited to share your stories and celebrate our vibrant Airstream community. Have a story or photo to share? Send it to Cody Klingler - cwk5292@gmail.com by October 15, 2025 for the November issue.

Don't Be a Stranger: Why WBCCI Rallies and Events Matter

If you're part of the WBCCI, you already know this club is more than just a shared love of Airstreams—it's a community. But here's the thing: a community only works when people show up. So if you've been sitting on the sidelines or just waving from across the campground, this is your invitation: **don't be a stranger.**

Why It's Worth Showing Up

Local rallies and regional events aren't just for longtime members or social butterflies. They're for anyone who wants to connect, learn, explore, or simply park their rig next to someone who gets it. Every event is a chance to swap road stories, share tips, and maybe find a new favorite camping spot. You'll meet people who've been rolling for decades—and others who are just getting started. You'll get practical advice you won't find in a manual. And you'll have the kind of fun that reminds you why you joined WBCCI in the first place.

What You'll Miss If You Skip It

Sure, you can camp alone. But when you skip these events, you're missing out on something bigger:

- Friendships that last longer than the trip.
- Access to regional knowledge—best routes, hidden gems, trusted mechanics.
- Camaraderie you can't fake.

And let's be honest—your Airstream wasn't meant to sit still. Neither were you.

Show Up, Be Seen, Stay Connected

Local clubs and regions work hard to put these events together. Whether it's a weekend rally or a major regional meet-up, they create space for us to reconnect, recharge, and feel like part of something larger. So if you've been thinking about it, do it. Dust off your calendar, check out your local club's next rally, and say yes. Say yes to shared meals, to campfire laughs, to being part of the story. Don't be a stranger. Your seat's already saved. Let's roll.

Calendar of Events (Continued)

Shawnee State Park Rally

September 19-21
Shawnee State Park
132 State Park Rd.
Schellsburg, PA 15559
Host: Dan & Roxann Bare
drbare88@gmail.com

Keystone PA Trap Pond Cypress and Eagle Rally 2025

September 19-21
Trap Pond State Park
15654 Goose Nest Rd.
Laurel, DE 19956
Host: Jennifer Eggers
jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com

Winedezvous East

October 3-5
Smuggler's Cove
3187 County Rd. 13,
Picton, ON K0K 2P0
Host: Roch Giguere

Pennsylvania Wilds Rally

October 15-25
Rally begins at Parker Dam State Park
28 Fairview Rd.
Penfield, PA 15849
Host: Ralph Olson
ralpho226@gmail.com

WDCU Installation Rally

October 16-19
American Heritage RV Park
146 Maxton Ln.
Williamsburg, VA 23188
Host: Lisa Lichtenstein
lisalichtenst3@gmail.com



What to Name? Our Newsletter Needs Your Help!

Region 2 is thrilled to launch a brand-new newsletter created *for members, by members*. Whether you're on a rally, at home planning your next trip, or just love keeping up with what's happening across our region, this newsletter will be your go-to source for updates, stories, highlights, and more.

But first, we need your help with one very important detail—a **name**!

We're holding a **Region 2 Newsletter Naming Contest**, and we're looking for something creative, catchy, and uniquely "us." Whether it nods to the Airstream lifestyle, the spirit of travel, or the community we've built together, we want your best ideas!

Guidelines for Submissions:

- The name should reflect the fun, friendliness, and unity of Region 2.
- Keep it short, memorable, and appropriate for all audiences.
- Bonus points for creativity and a clever play on words!

How to Enter:

Submit your proposed name(s) by **October 15** to cwk5292@gmail.com.

You may submit up to **three different name ideas**.

Must be a member of Region 2 to participate.

Winner Gets:

- Recognition in our newsletter's debut issue
- A special surprise
- Bragging rights as the one who named the newsletter!

We'll narrow the field to a few finalists and put it to a Region Officer vote. So get those creative juices flowing—we can't wait to see what you come up with!



Meet Patti Galupo - Region 2 President

I wear my heritage on my sleeve. A proud daughter of the Great State of New Jersey (the real Jersey Shore- Absecon, just outside of Atlantic City)- I learned how to walk while dodging waves on Brigantine Beach. The middle child of two school teachers, our small town offered a simple life, full of friends that I still hang with to this day. My mother is responsible for my acquired love of camping. Our first trip in 1968 across the country in our little Apache Pop-Up instilled the bug to keep it going. I always lived outdoors; anybody my age will tell you that we were sent outside and told to come home only when the street lights came on- but that wasn't a problem for me!

That's when I saw my first Airstream. I think I was 12 or so, sitting in the back of our family station wagon when one drove by in the opposite direction. I instinctively knew that one day, the dream would be fulfilled.

Life took me to Ursinus College, where I secured a degree in Psychology in 1977- then off to a 31-year career in federal law enforcement, 25 of those with ATF as a special agent. I have safely relegated all of that to the past. I am grateful for having a great education and wonderful career, but resting on those laurels oftentimes keeps me stuck there. Married and divorced, I seem to have carved out a life blessed with tons of friends and living and traveling alone. I used to be self-conscious about that state of affairs, but at the ripe old age of 70, honestly, I don't dwell on any of that anymore! What I call the third act is hopefully filled with using the silver machine until I can't. This club has been like an extension of college to me.

Losing my mother in 2005 put in me in a tailspin, when my father passed in 2013 I knew I had to do something bold. And I bought my first Airstream. 18 months later, I decided I needed a bigger one, and today, schlep around in a 25- foot Flying Cloud that has been largely customized over the years to fit my bohemian lifestyle. I had no intention of joining the club, and had heard about it while chatting it up with Streamers while out on the road, but feared it would be too structured. Until fate intervened. While in Lubec, Maine, a bunch of vintage trailers rolled in from the New England Unit. We connected, and within 15 minutes their leader decided that I would be a great fit with the Washington DC Unit (WDCU), because, according to her (Pam Bleakney), I would love WDCU member Linda Moore. We called Linda on the spot, and to this day, she's one of my best friends in the club. She and her husband Wayne are like family to me, and I am fiercely loyal to my Unit. I love those guys!

Now living in Northern Virginia over the last 25 years, I do spend quite a bit of time in the Capital City. I came up through the ranks in the WDCU, eventually serving as president, and have repeated that pattern in Region 2.

My happy place is Walnut Hills Campground in the Shenandoah Valley on the cusp of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Staunton, VA. The place is deeply spiritual for me. The main drag in town is Beverley Street (same name and spelling of my mom), and while going through some boxes, found out that she and my father had camped out there many decades earlier. I deeply feel their presence when I'm wandering around.

When it all comes down to it, I simply see myself as a worker among workers, a team player who just wants to do my part.

That fierce loyalty assigned to the WDCU now includes many new members, the 13 clubs that are part of this family called Region 2.

I look forward to serving on the IBT and representing you, the members of Region 2!



Meet Matt Moore - Region 2 1st VP

Hello! I'm Matt Moore, your Region 2 1st Vice President. I live in western Pennsylvania, about an hour north of Pittsburgh in a small town called Hilliards. I've been the automotive collision industry for over 20 years, with half of those years working on commercial vehicles. I currently am the painter at Hunter Truck Center. One of 14 locations spanning 3 states. I'm also a Supervisor for Venango Twp., which I've been a resident of for all 40 years of my life.

I bought my first Airstream, a 1963 Overlander, in 2010. I saw it listed for sale at a local auction. I went to the auction and decided I wasn't leaving without it. As with most auctions I wasn't the only one that thought they were going to buy it, and after a short bidding war I was an Airstream owner. Of course it had four flat tires, and only three held air, but it was mine and I took it home that night. I joined the WBCCI in 2017, and my only regret has been not joining sooner.

In my local club, the AI-Mon-O Pa Airstream Club, I have held many officer positions. Beginning with Director and then 2nd VP, 1st VP, and now the current President. I help organize several rallies each year, and two years ago I led a small local caravan to Jackson Center. I got involved at the Region level because at the time there were big changes happening very quickly and it seemed that not a lot of members knew what was happening. I felt that there needed to be more transparency and better communication from top to bottom and I wanted to be a part of the solution. I feel the Club is making great strides in this area, and I look forward to the next two years and the progress that I think is possible.

My favorite part of being an Airstream Club member has been meeting new people. It is truly amazing the long-lasting relationships I've made in the last sever or so years. Being on the younger end of the spectrum, I have many Airstream parents and grandparents. And with every rally comes the opportunity to meet new friends. I'm a big believer in "you are the company you keep". It's amazing that I have the opportunity to get to know and become great friends with people who are or have been such things as federal law enforcement agents, executives in many areas of business and technology, doctors, dentists, teachers. The list goes on and on. It's a very special community and I'm honored to be a part of it.



Calendar of Events (Continued)

Keystone PA Dark Skies and Canyons 2025

October 17-22
Ole Bull State Park
31 Valhalla Ln.
Cross Fork, PA 17729
Host: Jennifer Eggers
jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com

Keystone PA Installation Rally 2025

November 14-15
Country Acres Campground
20 Leven Rd.
Gordonville, PA 17529
Host: Jennifer Eggers
jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com

AI-Mon-O PA 2025 Christmas Luncheon/ Business Meeting

December 6
Primanti Bros.
200 Executive Dr.
Cranberry, PA 16066
Host: Matt Moore & Cody Klingler
cwk5292@gmail.com

KeystonePA/Central Penn Joint Rally @Lums Pond 2026

April 30-May 3, 2026
Lums Pond State Park
1068 Howell School Rd.
Bear, DE 19701
Host: Rick Pitts
r_pitts@verizon.net

Region 2 Rally - Pit Stop in Pocono

May 14-17, 2026
Pocono Raceway Infield RV Park
1234 Long Pond Rd.
Blakeslee, PA 18610

Meet Judy Cahall - Region 2 Secretary



I am from Central New Jersey, (Annandale) and Maricopa, Arizona (In the winter). In 2010 I retired as a School Psychologist after 30 years.

My husband, David and I bought our first Airstream (we have 3) in October 2010 and joined the Watchung, NJ Unit and International. It has been a great joy to experience this country in which we live through multiple Airstream Caravans (Alaska, Newfoundland, Southwest, Blue Ridge) and both Watchung and Airstream Rallies.

At International in Salem, Oregon and Doswell, Virginia I served as head of the Check In processing area and have served as First Lady when David was President of the Watchung Unit. Rich Short asked me to be Recording Secretary when he was President of Region 2 and I have held that position since.

Some favorite memories are the times I have shared with so many of the wonderful people I have met, especially on caravans throughout the past fifteen years and the Watchung Unit Rallies and Region 2 Rallies.

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Meet Will Kushto - Region 2 Treasurer

Karen and I live in Philadelphia PA. I retired from the District Attorney's Office after 21 years as a trial prosecutor. Before that I spent over 15 years on the Philadelphia Police Department.

We purchased our first and only 30' Classic Airstream in 2009. We both spent time as Keystone Unit President, have been to every International Rally since 2010 (Bicycle Excursion Chair 2015-2023), have been on 23 International caravans and were volunteer leaders on 5 of them - Springtime in the Rockies, Gone to Texas and The Viking Trail in Newfoundland.

In 2014 I was appointed Region 2 Treasurer by Region 2 President Pat McFadden and have held that position since then.

Our favorite spots include Estes Park, Colorado; Kenai Peninsula, Alaska; La Scie, Newfoundland; St Andrews, New Brunswick and of course the Jersey Shore Airstream Haven where we hang our hat when not on the road.



Meet Colleen Ahlers - Region 2 Membership Chair

I'm originally from Leadville, CO. I met my husband Jerry in high school, and we moved to New York right after getting married in 1982. I worked for Hewlett Packard for 33 years and retired in 2020. We live in Cortlandt Manor, NY and live close to our 2 sons (one married and one getting married in the fall) and our 2 grandchildren.

Outside of the club, we enjoy camping with our children, walking, biking, kayaking and hiking. A little over a year ago I started conga lessons and line dancing. I like yoga and for over 25 years I have met weekly with a women's spiritual group.

We joined the Airstream Club (WBCCI) in 1987 and have been members for 38 years. Jerry grew up Airstreaming with his parents who were also Airstream Club Members since 1969, so we were excited when we bought our first Airstream and joined the club.

We enjoy attending and hosting rallies and events and love meeting and greeting current and new members. When I was asked if I would like to take the open position for the Region 2 Membership Chair a couple of years ago, I was happy to accept. I also am the Membership Chair and Web Master for the Metropolitan New York Airstream Club. I held the President position for our local club for 4 years prior.

After we both retired in 2020 we started our long trips and have since been on 6 National caravans: Viking Trail, Springtime in the Rockies, North to Alaska, Polar Bear and Northern Lights, Springtime in Kentucky, and Southwest Adventure. We loved them all and are looking forward to joining more caravans in the future. We are building great memories one trip at a time.



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Meet Cody Klingler - Region 2 Newsletter Editor

I'm from Hilliards, PA, which is about 60 miles north of Pittsburgh and have lived here my entire life. Outside of the Airstream Club, I've been deeply involved in music for many years - performing in concert bands and orchestras, and directing my own big band. I also served on the Penn State World Campus Alumni Society Board of Directors for 7 years, finishing my time as President. I am also the partner of Matt Moore and we have been together for 11 years, 8 of which we've belonged to the Airstream Club. We travel with our 2 dogs, Wally and Stella

When I met Matt, he already had an Airstream, and we decided to join the club in 2017 after we moved into our house. I immediately volunteered to hold a local club officer position and was hooked from then on out.

Since joining, I've moved up from 2nd VP of our home club, Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club, to being its current Immediate Past President. I am also the Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. In Region 2, I am a past Membership Chair and current Newsletter Editor. At the International level, I am a Past Membership Chair. I've always believed in giving back to organizations that I'm part of, and these roles have been a natural extension of my passion for the club and its mission.

I have so many wonderful memories, but I think the best is yet to come for us. This year, we will be going to our first International Rally, in York and I can't wait for all the experiences that we will have. But one thing is for certain, the people that I've met through the club have showed us what is possible with your Airstream. We have a few older members and they are always surprised when Matt and I call them and want to go out for lunch or just come over to visit. Their stories are what keep this club alive and thriving. I only hope that in my older years, we have a younger generation that is equally interested in our stories, to carry on the legacy.



Meet Ron Silco - Region 2 Webmaster

I'm from outside Rochester, New York. I live in the same town I grew up in and have lived in my current house for 43 years. I'm currently retired although I substitute teach in the local school district. Prior to retirement, I worked for Eastman Kodak for 20 years and St. John Fisher College for 20 years. I started camping with my parents when I was very young. My wife (New York Finger Lakes 1st Vice President) and I began camping many years ago and are now on our 4th camper and 1st Airstream. We joined the club soon after our purchase of our 2017 28 foot Flying Cloud after attending a local meet and greet at a Finger Lakes winery. I have been the webmaster for the Finger Lakes and Region 2 for a few years. I had IT experience in my position at St. John Fisher so the webmaster role was a natural fit for me. Yellowstone and the Tetons have got to be on the top of the list of the places we have visited.

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When It Really Counts - By Patti Galupo

As is with most things with our camping club, I often sit back and evaluate my new friends as we sit around the camp fire. Hailing from nearly the same generation, I'll ponder and wonder, often simultaneously. Would I have hung out with this person in high school?

In the case of outgoing R2 President Gary Russo (he graduated in 1972, I, 1973), I decided that he was the big brother that I needed at the time. We have some digits in common. Both of Italian heritage, both from the northeast (Gary-New York- me-New Jersey), but that's where it kind of ends. I was and am a bit of a wild child, Gary is more cerebral and calm. I swear like a sailor and often have to apologize to him for letting loose in his presence. He probably thinks I'm half nuts (I am), but he has the reverence to let be who I am.

But, we were thrown together in the Region 2 chain of command four years ago under then president RJ Marquette. Since then, we both dutifully fulfilled our responsibilities as vice-presidents, and learned that delicate dance of keeping the seriousness at bay while taking these roles seriously. Gary has done a stellar job as the president, taking on tough positions, and always taking care of business. But I'm going to deviate from the standard script from here- and speak of Gary as my friend. Because at the end of the day, we're just camping, and friendship is what ultimately anchors all of us to this club.

I got seriously ill a couple of years ago, that required cancellation of a couple of rallies and a lengthy hospitalization and recovery. I'm still digging out of the hole, and this isn't about me. It's about Gary. He called me nearly every day, sent flowers, the whole nine yards. You see, long after the trailers are in the dust, these are things that matter. We've worked together diligently, sometimes in disagreement, but he has always listened with respect. The funny thing is that between COVID, my illness and geography, we've only been in each other's presence twice. So, in a weird way, we were these professional pen pals.

It's no surprise to anyone, that Gary is a loving and dutiful husband to Suzanne and a great father to his two children. He is a wonderful son to his elderly mother, and again, does service quietly and with humility.

Thanks Gary. For not just all that you do, but who you are. Now here's a directive from your junior statesman, hit the open road. Don't look back. You left us in a great place. And we'll always be friends.

ACI Region 2

Region 2 of the ACI is made up of more than a dozen local clubs covering the Mid-Atlantic states. If you own any trailer, van or motorhome manufactured by AIRSTREAM, we can offer you fun and exciting opportunities to enjoy your Airstream and the unique AIRSTREAM lifestyle. Each club caters to their local community of Airstreamers with fun, active camping and adventures.

Region 2 Airstream Clubs

Hudson-Mohawk New York Airstream Club; #71

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Metropolitan New York Airstream Club; #72

President: Mark Hammer
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Website: airstreamclub.org/metroplitan-new-york

New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club; #02

President: Chris Cappelletti
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Website: airstreamclub.org/new-york-finger-lakes

Watchung NJ Airstream Club; #78

President: Leslie DeHerde
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New Jersey Unit; #66

President: Judy Coupe
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Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club; #131

President: Matt Moore
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Website: airstreamclub.org/al-mon-o-pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Airstream Club; #91

President: Scott Brinkmeyer
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Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club; #92

President: Jennifer Eggers
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Website: airstreamclub.org/keystone-pennsylvania

Penn-Lehigh Airstream Club; #93

President: Cindy Collister
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Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club; #164

President: Terry Hauschild
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Delmarva Airstream Club; #26

President: James Bull
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Website: airstreamclub.org/delmarva

Washington D.C. Unit; #170

President: Joy Spahr
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Website: airstreamclub.org/washington-dc

Ontario Canada Airstream Club; #124

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