

The Hillbilly



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President's Message



Summer is in full swing, and it has been great so far. The July Rally and music festival was well attended, and a good time was had. The club was able to use its new easy-up over the dining tables to protect us from the sun. It worked beautifully. Lois has been loading pictures on our new frame. It is fun to watch the slideshow during our group events. I cannot wait to see what she is working on for us to see at International.

Steve Germansky is working on the Rally schedule for 2026. If you have an idea for a venue or are looking to host or cohost, please let him know. It may seem intimidating to host, but we have a strong support team in place to guide anyone who wants to give it a try.

Watchung Airstream Club's 60th Anniversary is being celebrated this year. Sixty years is a long time for an organization to remain vibrant. This is a testament to all the leaders who have taken the time to be involved. That leads me to remind anyone considering joining the incredible leadership team to let us know. We will be looking for a 2nd VP, Club Historian, and 3 Directors. Rich Short is our recording secretary and is willing to stay. However, if someone is interested, Rich is willing to be a mentor for the year.

The Watchung Luncheon at the International Rally will be held August 25 at 11:30. The location will be our camping area (which is to be determined by the group's arrival time). Please let Heidi Cullen know if you plan on joining. It is going to be a great time.

Happy camping! Leslie.

Recipe of the Month

This month's recipe is from WAC President Leslie DeHerde.

Ice Cream Cake

Ingredients:

24 Ice cream sandwiches

Cool Whip- Large Container

Crushed candy/cookies crushed (your choice) for instance Oreos, Butterfinger bars, peppermint candies, whatever flavor you are looking for.

Topping (your choice): fudge, strawberry or caramel

Directions:

Unwrap the sandwiches and place ½ of them in the bottom of a 9x13 pan. Then place ½ the Cool Whip on the sandwiches. Then add your toppings, some sort of crushed candy or cookie, and a flavor of topping.

Next, place the remaining unwrapped sandwiches, then top with Cool Whip. Decorate the top with some candy and/or toppings.

Freeze and enjoy

New: Quarterly Region 2 Newsletter

By Cody Klinger, Region 2 newsletter editor

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.

In off months, Region 2 First VP Patti Galupo will continue to send out a monthly recap of Region 2 activities.

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.

Regards,

Cody Klinger

Announcements

Sunshine Report

The club sent a sympathy card to Dawn and Jeff Hutchinson

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.



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.

This Month's Birthdays

Anne Hargrave
Marian Wooding



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

068membership@gmail.com

President: Leslie DeHerde

lesairstreaming@gmail.com

July Rally, Croton Point Park, New York

Story by D. Conley; photos by Cynthia Germansky and Lois Wagner

For the week leading up to the Croton Point Park rally the weather forecast was unpromising, to say the least: rain all day for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Ugh. Even Thursday afternoon when rallyers began to arrive the forecast hadn't changed. We parked, connected utilities (a state park with sewers for almost every site!) and watched the leaden skies.

Croton Point is a 500-acre thumb of land that juts out into the widest part of the Hudson River and marks the northern end of the Tappan Zee. Humans have made a living on Croton Point for at least 7,000 years, first fishing, later growing crops, and making fine wine and bricks (there's a combo!). Westchester County bought the land in 1923 and turned it into a combination park and landfill, the latter of which was closed some years ago and is now crisscrossed by hiking trails. Today, in addition to its commanding views of the Hudson and the New Jersey Palisades, the park includes fields for baseball, soccer, and cricket, among other sports, rentable cabins and pavilions, a number of spectacular specimen trees, and most importantly for the club, a large campground with spacious sites nestled under maples and oaks.



On of the many specimen trees in the park.

Friday the skies were still grey, but a bit brighter. Everyone checked the weather on their phones. No rain on Friday! Saturday still didn't look great, but at least we got a reprieve for one day. By Friday afternoon the sun was out; beastly hot and humid but at least no rain. Checked the weather again and behold, no rain for Saturday, and no rain until late on Sunday! We lucked out.



The view south from the park takes in the Tappan Zee, the eponymous bridge, and the volcanic cliffs of the New Jersey Palisades.



Steve Germansky at the grill serves turkey and brisket to past-president Frank DeHerde.

Friday afternoon we set up for dinner, moving picnic tables, assembling the easy-ups, setting up the grills and unpacking all the food pre-made by hosts Steve and Cynthia Germansky for the rally dinner, including slow-smoked turkey and brisket. While Steve warmed the main courses, Brian Cullen grilled fresh vegetables and Cynthia and co-host, Treasurer Lois Wagner, covered the picnic tables and set out the appetizers and side dishes. So much food!



Club Treasurer Lois Wagner "mans" the sweet potato casserole station.

After dinner the club raised \$255 in the charity raffle to benefit this year's charity, Covenant House, then presented gift certificates to the new members in attendance Christine Kukel and Parry and Laura Gosling, worth \$50 towards their next rally.



Dinner is served! Christine Kukel and guest, Kathi Short, Frank DeHerde, Rich Short, Lea Plant dig in.

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Saturday was the main event for several attendees, the annual Pleasantville Music Festival.



Fifty-dollar gift certificates good towards the cost of the next rally they attend were awarded to first-time attendees. Left above: Second Vice President Steve Germansky and his wife Cynthia and WAC Treasurer Lois Wagner present a certificate to new member Christine Kukel. Right: Steve and Cynthia present a certificate to new members Parry and Laura Gosling.



First VP Heidi Cullen, President Leslie DeHerde and rally host Cynthia Germansky take in the Pleasantville Music Festival.

Fortunately, instead of rain Saturday we had blazing sun and ridiculous humidity. Festival attendees could take advantage of tents to stay out of the sun.

The club hosted a communal breakfast both Saturday and Sunday and Sunday night there was a potluck supper for those members who stayed over until Monday.



First VP Heidi Cullen and former Region 2 first lady Kathi Short contemplate the dinner offerings.



Dinner under the big tent.




Host Cynthia Germansky.



Saturday in the park, no rain!

2025-6 Watchung Airstream Club Rally and Luncheon Schedule

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
August 2025	International Aug 23-28 and club business meeting	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 Koczura	Lois Wagner/Derek Conley	The Little York, Milford, NJ
December 2025 	Installation Luncheon/ Saturday December 6	Heidi and Brian Cullen	Leslie/ Frank DeHerde	Chimney Rock Restaurant, Flemington, NJ

Time to start to think about 2026. Second VP Steve Germansky needs your help with locations, hosts, and cohosts for rallies and luncheons. Please contact Steve at egerms@verizon.net, 973-495-1067

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
January 2026	Luncheon/TBD			
February 2026	Luncheon/TBD			
March 2026	Luncheon/TBD			
April 2026	Unbutton Rally/TBD			
May 2026	Club or Region 2 Rally/TBD			
June 2026	Club Rally/TBD			
July 2026	Club Rally/TBD			
August 2026	International Rally/Aug 22-27			Minot, ND
September 2026	Tentative: Club Rally/TBD	Mark and Angie Ratliff	George and Linda Kiesel	Crisfield, MD
October 2026	Business Meeting Rally/TBD			
November 2026	Luncheon/TBD			
December 2026	Installation luncheon/TBD			

International Rally

Get Ready for Unforgettable Nights in York! Map Out Your Perfect International Rally Week—The Schedule Is Live!

We're just weeks away from rolling into York, PA for the 68th Airstream Club International Rally—and trust us, you'll want to pack more than just your camp chairs and cookware. Get ready to step back in time, make new memories, and celebrate everything that makes this community so special!

The complete rally schedule is now available [here](#).

Rally2025 is packed with sessions designed to elevate your Airstream lifestyle—from expert tips and mechanical know-how to club history and heartfelt stories from the road. Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned attendee, there's something for everyone.

Here are just a few highlights you won't want to miss:

First Timers Get-Acquainted Meeting (GAM) Sunday, August 24 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

New to the rally? Join us for a warm welcome and a chance to meet fellow first-timers, seasoned attendees, and rally leaders. We'll share helpful tips, answer your questions, and make sure you start your rally experience feeling connected and informed. Sponsored by Airstream, Inc.!

ACI Member App Overview and What Lies Ahead Sunday, August 24 2:30 PM-3:30 PM

This session provides an in-depth introduction to the ACI Member App, focusing on how members can access, navigate, and use the app to enhance their club experience. The session will also highlight how member feedback plays a vital role in shaping future updates, ensuring the app continues to evolve with the needs of our Airstream community.

State of Airstream Tuesday, August 26 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Join Airstream's VP of Sales, Bryan Melton and Chief Marketing Officer, Mollie Hansen, for an update on what's new and exciting at Airstream Inc., along with key updates on products, service, the dealer network, and a glimpse into what's on the horizon. Get there early to grab your seat! Attendees will receive raffle tickets at the door for a chance to win prizes at the end of the presentation (must be present to win).

Q&A with Colonial Airstream Tuesday, August 26 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

Join Patrick Botticelli from Colonial Airstream for a candid Q&A covering all things Airstream. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or new to the lifestyle, Patrick will share

real-world tips on trailer maintenance, life on the road, must-have upgrades, and how to get the most out of your Airstream experience. Bring your questions — this is your chance to learn from the #1 top Airstream product experts in the country

Invitation to Minot Wednesday, August 27 10:30 AM-11:30 AM ET

Join your fellow Airstreamers for a special preview of the 69th International Airstream Club Rally in Minot, North Dakota! Get an insider look at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds and hear all about the exciting plans in store. Learn more about the vibrant city of Minot and why it's the perfect destination for our 2026 gathering. Registration will open LIVE at the end of the presentation!

Live Riveted Story Hour Wednesday, August 27 2:30 PM-3:30 PM ET

Airstreamers share true stories of adventure, connection, and the freedom sparked by Airstream to shape life in their own way. Have a story to tell? Stay tuned for details on how you can take part and inspire others by your own Airstream experiences! Jay Cullis, Senior Marketing Manager at Airstream, Inc. will moderate this inspiring hour.

Pro Tip: More sessions are being added every week, and room/time changes happen! Be sure to check the Rally app daily and add sessions to your agenda—you'll get real-time updates if anything changes. Visit the Rally2025 website to download the app today!

Want a great seat? Volunteer to be a room monitor—it's the best way to ensure a front-row view and give back to your Rally community.

Check out the full schedule and start building your week now!

Safe Travels!

Your Rally Planning Team

Airstream Club International

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 on 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
- 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 -

November Luncheon



November Watchung Airstream Club Luncheon

Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 12:00 Noon

Location: The Little York, 569 Spring Mills Rd, Milford NJ

Hosts: Barbara & Michael Koczwara Contact: allofus1989@gmail.com or 609-947-6789

Co-hosts: Lois Wagner & Derek Conley Contact: airstreaminglois@gmail.com

Entrée Choices – Please indicate your choices on the form below when signing up for luncheon

1-**Cobb Salad** with Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Hard Boiled Egg, Bacon and Grilled Chicken

2-**Chipotle Grilled Chicken Sandwich** bacon, cheddar cheese, lettuce and tomato

3-**Fried Onion Smashburger** with Cooper Cheese served with hand cut beef tallow fries

Luncheon Includes: Pizza Appetizers, Pitchers of Soda on the Table, Coffee and/or Tea, Assorted Mini Desserts. A cash bar is available.

Please Bring a Donation for Our Food Drive (Flemington Area Food Pantry)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: November 1, 2025

Maximum of 30 attendees – please sign up early!

Name: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Email: _____ Telephone #: _____

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

Food Choice: ____ Cobb Salad ____ Chipotle Grilled Chicken Sandwich ____ Smashburger

*** Signup online at our [website](#) ***

–OR–

Mail check and completed form to Lois Wagner, 29 Colony Court, New Providence NJ 07974

Make Checks payable to Watchung NJ Airstream Club

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Recording Secretary	Richard Short	Newsletter	Derek Conley
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