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President's Message



Camping season is in full swing. The June Rally at Triplebrook Campground was a success; thank you to the Cullens and all that attended. The rain allowed us to trial our new canopy; we enjoyed our time out of the rain. Anyone who is hosting a rally or club event and may need a 10X20 cover—we got you covered. The digital picture frame also made its debut. Lois loaded some pictures from past events. Just like that, we had it out during our dinner for everyone to see. Members will be able to upload their pictures from events to the frame for all to enjoy. Which reminds me, we are still looking for someone to take on the historian position. Lea has done it for many years and would like to turn it over to someone. Please

consider this role; it is a fun opportunity, and Lea would be happy to answer any questions.

The July Rally is rapidly approaching. I am looking forward to the music festival. The International Rally will be a great time! We'll be having both a Region 2 luncheon and a Watchung Club luncheon so be sure to watch for the dates and times of both.

It is not too early to think about next year's camping schedule. Anyone who has a favorite place to camp or a place for a luncheon please send me the location. You do not have to host it. The club can start the process to contact the campground and try to get a few things on the calendar.

Happy camping! Leslie.

Region 2 President's Message



As your outgoing Region 2 President, I want to say thank you to the Region 2 members for the fun, fellowship and memories that came as being your Region 2 President! It seems that only yesterday I was writing my 1st newsletter input to the Region 2 clubs. My first goal was to build a strong, cohesive Region 2 team right from the start. I believe that goal was accomplished during my tenure and want to personally thank the full Region 2 team that supported me during my term.

Patti Galupo will be taking over the leadership reins as the incoming Region 2 President and Matt Moore as the 1st VP. We are still looking for a 2nd VP to fill that role. One of the goals that I worked on was to fully involve my 1st and 2nd VPs as a team in the decision-making process. To say that Patti, Matt, and I spent many hours discussing, reviewing, and researching proposed motions that would affect the full WBCCI membership would be an understatement. Patti and Matt each in their own way challenged me with their differing viewpoints with the final decision always being mine either pro or con on the motion.

The other aspect was to involve the Region 2 Club/Unit Presidents. Multiple Zoom meetings were held to discuss/share common issues. These meetings also were used to bring the Club/Unit Presidents together. Because Region 2 extends from Ontario Canada to Delaware, we had local and international connections to maintain. I hope that these connections grow and strengthen moving forward.

Highlights from my term: The new governing structure of WBCCI that was instituted 3 years ago is still maturing, and the CBL team is still cleaning up Bylaws, Policy, and Procedures to be in line with the new Constitution. The WBCCI office staff has transitioned from 803 E. Pike Street to 707 E Pike Street, which is Phase I of a multi-phase program. I know that the current Region 2 Team is more than able to handle the challenges that will be coming down the road.

With that said, the club membership is vigorous and healthy. Suzanne and I look forward to fulfilling the Wally Byam Creed.

- To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.
- To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way of travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.
- To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands...of rediscovering old places and new interests.
- To open a whole world of new experiences...a new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions.
- To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendships, travel fun and personal expressions.

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- To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow...over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts...to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.
- To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.
- To refine and perfect our product by continuous travel-testing over the highways and byways of the world.
- To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end...and thus make your travel dreams come true.

See you down the road!

Gary and Suzanne Russo



Austin Texas

Announcements

Sunshine Report

The club sent a "Thinking of You" card to Jeanne and Fred Brugmans, former Watchung members who we thought could use a card. That was the only card sent this month so here's hoping everyone is good!

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

Calvin Bacon
Roger Kriz
Thomas Noble

Barbara Bacon
Lynn Brink
Frank DeHerde



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

June Rally, Triple Brook NJ

By George Trunk



The author with Suzanne Schumakoff and Christine Kukel.

By myself leaving from near Reading, PA, I travelled towards the campground by route 22 and after passing through Phillipsburg, I found myself in an area of northern Jersey that much reminds me of northern PA with lots of farmland, valleys, horse farms and creeks. It was a lovely ride and the scenery was beautiful.

After following some long winding back road signs began to appear directing me towards the campground.

Pulling into the office area was neat, clean and organized. And checking in only took a few minutes and the clerk was very informative, took payment, gave a map, and was pleasant. I found my way to my site which was large and easy to back into; however, it was on a hillside, and I found myself unable to completely level the trailer side to side despite the use of many blocks. I found Lea to be very helpful in leveling my trailer. It was very impressive to see all of our trailers, backed in, and lined up side-by-side. It was a small,

but good turnout. After unhitching and set up, I started cooking my contribution of marinated skewered chicken for the Friday night dinner.

The weather for the weekend wasn't the greatest with threats of showers so our President, Leslie DeHerde, provided a large canopy to cover all the tables, protecting the food and who attended this rally. Compliments to all who brought delicious food to share accompanied by friendly discussions. There was a nice mix of entree food and finger food shared by the members.

As other campground guests drove by in their golf carts, they inquired about our group and our members greeted them kindly.



Linda Ward and Meg Riley.



Past President Frank DeHerde eyeing First Vice President Heidi Cullen's brownies.



Dinner is served under the new big top.

After the meal, Frank and Derek started a nice fire and we all brought out our chairs and continued with more conversation, fun, laughter, collected contributions to this year's charity, Covenant House, and our hosts provided prizes for an exciting raffle. Come nightfall, people started to return to their trailers for the evening.

In the morning, we gathered under the canopy for a complete breakfast. Consisting of hard-boiled eggs, muffins, baked egg casserole. Followed by free time to explore the rain-soaked area in and around Blairstown, NJ.

Saturday night meal was prepared by our hosts of different kinds of burgers, hotdogs, baked beans, mac n cheese, salads and chicken smothered in barbecue sauce. Ceyan Birney brought wine and a box of wine glassware. Afterward, more good

conversation was had around the campfire while enjoying drinks and desserts. Members were laughing and sharing joy and enjoyed a nice mix of music.

Sunday morning brought out members clutching their coffee mugs and enjoyed a nice breakfast with our hosts graciously handing out leftover breakfast foods to the members.

Slowly members helped to disassemble and put away our new canopy and began packing up and pulling out.

Despite the weather we all had a wonderful time, and shared good conversations. As new members, Suzanne and I are grateful to have met new friends who have welcomed us warmly in this organization.



Club President Leslie DeHerde and First VP Heidi Cullen at the Saturday night campfire.

2025 Watchung Airstream Club Rally and Luncheon Schedule

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
July 2025	Club and Buddy Rally/July 11-14	Steve and Cynthia Germansky	Lois Wagner/Derek Conley	Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson, New York
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 Koczwar	CoHost needed	TBA
December 2025	Installation Luncheon/TBA	Heidi and Brian Cullen	Leslie/ Frank DeHerde	TBA

In addition to the club and International rallies, ACI also offers National Event Rallies. Find the [complete list of National Event Rallies on AirstreamClub.org](#).

ACI Code of Ethics

To be ever mindful of our responsibility to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and through conduct, indicate to the public that membership in this organization is an assurance of our courtesy on the road and good will to all peoples and countries. To be ever mindful of what we say or print with respect to the effect on others so as to avoid disharmony and ill feelings among club members and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of WBCCI in bonds of good fellowship and mutual understanding. To conduct ourselves in a manner to inspire others engaged in recreational vehicle travel to a full appreciation of the intent and meaning of this code. To maintain our camps in an orderly manner and leave them in the same way.

July Rally

Watchung Airstream Club July BUDDY Rally* - Croton Point Park & Pleasantville Music Festival Friday, July 11th – Monday, July 14th, 2025



Where: Croton Point Park, Croton Point Ave, Croton-On-Hudson, NY 10520

Details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/croton-point-park>
www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6W6GMwcGDP9hXSSz7>

Hosts Cynthia & Steve Germansky Cohosts: Lois Wagner & Derek Conley (sites #14 and #16)

Book your spot for the Croton Point & Pleasantville Music Festival Rally. Croton Point Park is a 508-acre park, the largest peninsula on the east shore of the Hudson River. Arrive Friday, stay until Monday if you desire.

Reservations by phone only, call 914-862-5290

ACI Website Link: [Watchung July 2025 Rally | ACI](#)

RV Site – full hookups: \$60/night (see park website for map and be sure to read the park's rules and regulations. For example, no alcoholic beverages and no "ground fires". Solo stoves are apparently OK.)

Please email Steve Germansky your arrival/departure dates and site # egerms@verizon.net 973-495-1067

Group meals: To be collected at the rally, details to follow

* Buddy Rallies allow Watchung members to invite non-Airstream owning friends to camp with the club.

International Rally

Get Ready for Unforgettable Nights in York!

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!

We've got a full week of **evening entertainment** planned to keep the good times rolling long after the seminars wrap up. From classic campfire moments to Vegas vibes and a musical celebration of 70 years of the Club, there's something every night to make you smile. Check out what's in store:

Opening Ceremonies Saturday Aug 23 7-8 PM

Vintage Airstream Club Dance Sunday Aug 24 7-9 PM

Block Parties, Storytelling & S'mores + Airstream Aglow Monday Aug 25 7-10 PM

Colonial Airstream Casino Night Tuesday August 26 7:30-10 PM

ACI Band & Chorus Concert + 70th Anniversary Party Wednesday Aug 27 6:30–9:30 PM

Closing Ceremonies Thursday August 28th 6:30-8 PM

And that's just the evenings! We're still putting the finishing touches on the full session schedule, with plenty of seminars, activities, and surprises to keep your days just as full as your nights. The official rally app, with complete schedule of activities, exhibitors and sponsors, maps and more is coming soon! Visit AirstreamClub.org/Rally2025 for all the latest rally information.

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 -

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	Pat Attanasio

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