



**President's Message**  
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Wow, what a month! I am writing this fresh on the heels of the Finger Lakes Airstream Club rally at Sampson State Park, our Keystone Ladies Rally in West Chester, PA, and am leaving for International in York tomorrow.

Our first Keystone Ladies Rally was small but a smashing success. Kathleen Quinn, Sharon and Emily Fitzgerald, and I enjoyed a few ladies' days, explored Kennett Square, and were joined by Elena Echart for a rainy evening at Longwood Gardens. We all think this needs to be an annual event and should be expanded with an educational component for next year.

## September Maintenance Moment

### Managing Your Girard Tankless Water Heater

After 2.5 seasons, 3 trips to my "local" dealer, 2 calls to Girard, countless You Tube videos, one mobile tech, a new freeze sensor, and a trip to Jackson Center, I was about to throw in the towel and buy a Truma. But determined not to be defeated by a machine, I made a last attempt at research and I FINALLY figured out how to get consistent hot water - not hot, then freezing, then warm, not scalding and then shutting off, but a real shower with consistent hot water AND hot water in the kitchen sink (which was also an issue). If this sounds familiar, here is the adjustment you need.

On the back of your water heater (mine is under the bathroom sink), there is a flow adjustment knob. It is labeled Max/Min but it is the only knob back there so you can't miss it. If this is not adjusted properly, your water heater will not be consistent. Here's why:

Your water heater works on flow. It's a common misconception that it is driven by water pressure. Pressure and flow are different. The rate at which water flows over the heating elements determines its ability to maintain a consistent temperature. If water crosses the heating element too fast, it will get to temperature quickly, but once you use the first gallon or so, it will not stay hot because the water isn't spending enough time on the heating element. This is why it starts hot and just about when you get the shampoo on your head, it turns ice cold. Conversely, if the water spends too much time on the heating element, it will overheat. If you've ever had your water temperature shoot up to 145 and shut off the heater, displaying an E3 code, this is very likely what's happening. (E3 can also be a propane issue if this doesn't solve it). Here's how to fix it:

Set the hot water temperature where you want it in the shower. Mine is set at 108 degrees. Find that knob on the back of your water heater and turn it all the way to the right (the lowest flow possible). This is easiest to do if you can reach your shower wand while you're doing this, but if you can't, get a friend to help. Turn the hot water on in your shower. It doesn't actually have to get hot (you don't have to wait), you just need the water coming from the hot side. While you feel the pressure of the water in the shower, slowly turn the flow adjustment knob to the left (increasing the flow). You should begin to feel the water pressure in the shower increase. Continue turning until the water pressure in the shower STOPS increasing then back off the flow adjustment just a bit (back to the right). This should fix the temperature issues in your shower and allow for consistent hot water. This also allowed me to use either the water pump OR city water equally effectively WITHOUT using both, although both will give you a bit more water pressure.

If you are struggling with no hot water in your kitchen sink, pull out your sprayer and see if your flow increases, and the water turns hot. If it does, you likely have a kink in the sprayer line where the attached weight hits the shelf under your sink. Rearranging where the weight falls should fix this.

If the difference between pressure and flow is confusing, get your garden hose out without a nozzle and try to rinse a window 3 feet in front of you. You can't. You're at full flow but you have low pressure. Now put your thumb over the end to get the spray to reach the window. Viola! You have increased the pressure with the same flow. Pressure and flow are not the same.

I hope to see lots of you in York!

Jennifer

### Stay Connected

[Facebook – Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club](#)  
[Keystone on the Web](#)  
[Airstream International Website](#)

Interested in joining the club? Contact  
 Jennifer Eggers [jegggers@leadershiftinsights.com](mailto:jegggers@leadershiftinsights.com)

### Club Officers

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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.

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### 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**

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### February 2025

David & Monica Platt - Affiliate **BRN 08817**

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### March 2025

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

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### April 2025

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

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### May 2025

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

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### June 2025

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

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### July 2025

Debbie & Dave Busch - Affiliate **BRN 25440**

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### August 2025

Mark Dempsey & Jennifer Lange - Home **BRN 28008**

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## 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](mailto:jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com).

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### 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](mailto:info@occasionalrv.com)

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### Sunshine Report by Karen Kushto

Nothing new to report this month which is wonderful.

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### Airstream 2026 Upgrades and Improvements

<https://www.airstream.com/blog/model-year-2026-travel-trailer-upgrades-and-improvements/>

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## 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](mailto:jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com)).

Date	Event/Host(s)	Location	Notes
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

More information available in our private Facebook group Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club  
<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 do 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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## Silver on the River National Event Rally

Registration for the Silver on the River National Event Rally (NER) is now open.

The inaugural NER cruise to Alaska just concluded, and it was a great success. So we're doing another one next summer, but this time on a river in France. The dates are July 15-22, 2026, and departing from Lyon, France. More details about the cruise are at the website for the event (<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>) and in the registration link below.

Our travel agent, Leave It to Mel Travel, will also be arranging pre- and post-cruise touring opportunities in France. There are no details on this yet, but consider it already in your travel plans that getting to France or staying later by a few days will have fun things to do, potentially with fellow Airstreamers, too.

For any questions about the event, I welcome an email at [jasingrendahl@gmail.com](mailto:jasingrendahl@gmail.com).

And now, your link to reserve: [https://app.tern.travel/trips/Ai5yRdjyfi\\_Hq7MoGWqzOA/landing\\_page](https://app.tern.travel/trips/Ai5yRdjyfi_Hq7MoGWqzOA/landing_page)

-Jason Grendahl, Event Host, Silver on the River 2026  
[jasingrendahl@gmail.com](mailto:jasingrendahl@gmail.com)

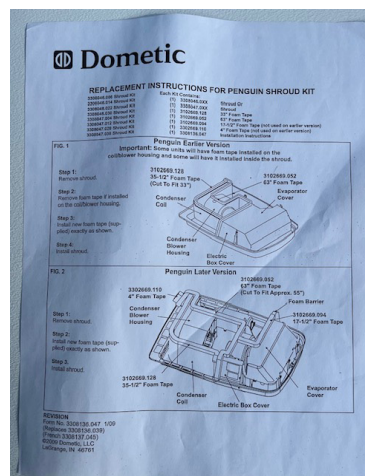
## Items Available from Jody Dietz

I have two items up for grabs. Both are new, unused and in original packing.

1. Street side rock shield. Fits wide body classic.
2. AC shroud for Dometic Penguin.

Free. Take them, use them, sell them.

Shed is busting at the seams time to thin the herd. Please reach out to Jody if interested. [jdietz4361@gmail.com](mailto:jdietz4361@gmail.com)



## Viking Trail Caravan 2025

Submitted by Karen Kushto

Kushto's had a great time Co-Leading the 2025 Viking Trail Caravan: 55 days on 'The Rock'.  
Please visit the club's Facebook page for more... <https://www.facebook.com/groups/keystonepairstreamclub>





## Finger Lakes Airstream Club Rally at Sampson State Park

Submitted by Jennifer Eggers

I was joined by the Burkholders and Mulligans at Sampson and I have to say that was one of the best rallies I've ever been to. Gary Russo and his team did an incredible job planning it and we took over an entire loop with 45 Airstreams. There was wine tasting, movies, BBQ, a clam bake and the best live band I've ever heard...not to mention lots of new friends and more laughs than I've had in years. The Keystoneers even rented a pontoon boat, and I've never been so sad to pack up and leave a rally. I did move on to Watkins Glen State Park for a week and enjoyed an exceptional hike through the glen.



## On the Road

## A Western 'Air'venture (part 3)

Rick &amp; Andy Pitts



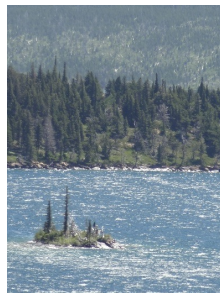
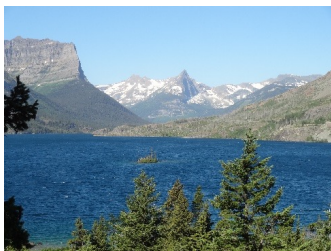
Heading east from Washington state we crossed the Tacoma-Narrows bridge and wandered into the trendy, crafty burg of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Beautiful campground at the fairgrounds right in town for our brief stop.



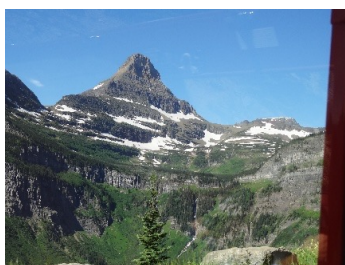
We continued east to our camp at Johnson's of St. Mary (Montana), right at the eastern entrance to Glacier National Park. The views from the camp were amazing and got us anxious for the next few days' adventures.



Our first trek was on the iconic Red Car, its fleet still in service since 1936. The narrow 'Going to the Sun' road (the only one that crosses the park) presents interesting challenges for the savvy drivers.



The next day we took the boat tour on St. Mary Lake. More amazing views. We then struck out on our own to drive by the 'weeping wall' and even catch up with a few whiskered friends who kindly posed for pics.





## On the Road cont.

## A Western 'Air'venture (part 3)

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From Glacier we motored south to Wyoming and Yellowstone, the granddaddy of national parks. We had arranged to stay at the Fishing Bridge RV Park on the eastern side of the park. It's run by Xanterra so you don't get the 50% discount, but you do get spacious newly renovated full hook-up sites with easy access to food/gas/merch and the southern loop road. The southern loop has Lake Yellowstone Lodge and its iconic Yellow Car. Then swings by Old Faithful Lodge and its namesake geyser (which performed right on time for us!). You can mosey along and catch up to a few buffalo herds – and lots of tourists taking their pictures...



There are hot springs, steaming pools, sulphur springs, bubbling mud pots and quiet views of the park all along the loop.





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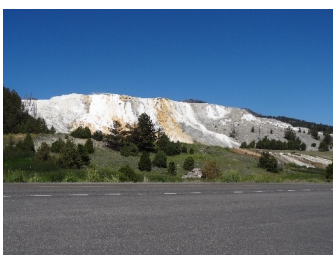
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A section of the southern loop parallels the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, another of the treasures of the park. The views are magnificent, and the hearty can hike to both falls along the Yellowstone River.



Or quietly fish for trout along the river's path.

The northern loop is more rugged and somewhat less traveled. We followed it through beautiful panoramas, taking a quaint rest stop at Roosevelt Lodge before heading on to Mammoth Springs.





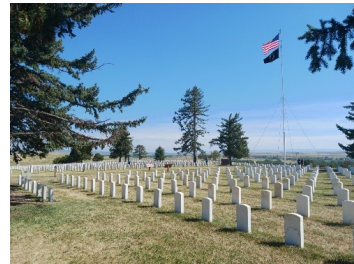
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Before leaving Yellowstone we drove north out of the park on the Beartooth Highway, dubbed 'the most beautiful road in America'. At ~10,000 ft along the drive there's the Top of the World Store, a quaint shop for gas, groceries and cabins for hikers or snow mobile riders in the winter.



We took US 14 east out of Yellowstone, passing through Cody (and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West) and stopped at Little Big Horn, site of Custer's Last Stand (and now also a national cemetery).



Making a left turn we headed north to the Dakotas to visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The northern section, near Epping ND, was very interesting with scenic overlooks and unique formations of round rock-balls that fall from the cliffs.





**On the Road cont.****A Western 'Air'venture (part 3)**

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The southern section, near Medora ND is more expansive and it's easy to see how Teddy fell in love with this part of the country. And here we noted smart buffalo who made their own paths along the park roads rather than on them...



Medora is an interesting town in itself. It's not large but boasts a storied history of the west and is host to the Medora Musical, now in its 60th consecutive year of production. A fun evening outing.



From Medora we headed south to the Black Hills of South Dakota, stopping at Devil's Tower, Mount Rushmore and taking a scenic drive on the Needles Highway.



Moving east we didn't have the greatest weather so the colors at Badlands National Park were muted, but the countryside still fascinating.



**On the Road cont.****A Western 'Air'venture (part 3)**

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Driving out of the Badlands we spotted the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site. It's a fascinating museum complete with a film highlighting how many of us did the 'duck and cover' under our desks in grade school!



From here we headed steadily home but found very nice overnights at a cute little city campground in Montrose, SD; a nice Army Corps park (Tailwater) along Coralville Lake in Iowa City, IA; and a friendly KOA along I-70 in Belle Vernon, PA.



We had a great adventure. 9 weeks with good weather, about 8,200 miles and only a few surprises. But it is nice to be back and not counting down road signs!

Hope you enjoyed our adventure, too, and urge you to plan your trip west!  
Andy & Rick

