





# The Point

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB. #131

## From Your 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents

I came across a cookbook on cast iron cooking in a Free little Library in our campground. This reminded me of an outdoor show I went to years ago where they had a demo on baking bread in Cast Iron Dutch ovens. I didn't really see the demo, I just saw the Dutch ovens sitting on coals, but I still wanted to give it a try. We had a new large Dutch oven and a small antique cast iron pot with a lid in the shed at camp, so Joel and I got busy making a meal over our campfire. I know the appropriate way to bake in the Dutch oven is to put coals (charcoal briquettes) over and under the pot, but all we had were logs and a campfire.

Joel made a stew using the big pot, I used the small one to make cornbread. I used a box of mix and a can of creamed corn. I lined the pot first with parchment paper so that even if I burned part of the bread, I'd still be able to remove it. I pushed the logs to one side of the fire ring and placed the little pot of corn bread on the hot metal floor close to the side wall. I spun that little pot frequently hoping to keep it from burning on one side. They say every time you lift the lid you're losing precious heat to bake with, but I kept peeking in to see if it looked browned on the top.

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#### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Above, Joel and April's Dutch Oven cooking

#### President's Message

The summer is flying by. Hopefully some of you are out enjoying the Irish Festival in Columbus Ohio. Regretfully we had to miss the festival this year due to the International Rally in York. We had a great time there last year and I'm sure everyone will have a blast this year also.

The Blue Grass Rally is only a few weeks away. I know Stevie and Dick have a wonderful rally planned for everyone. We're starting a new tradition this year by moving the rally to Kooser State Park. Hopefully there will be less crowding at Kooser, which we were beginning to experience at Laurel Hill.

From Kooser Cody and I will be driving to York for the International Rally. We plan to leave Kooser early Monday morning and arrive in York mid-morning. Cody will be busy with the band, and I have signed up to volunteer as a Rally Arrival Team member. Cody and I have also signed up to be Ambassadors at York. There are still openings for many different volunteer roles at York if you'd like to lend a hand. Volunteer opportunities can be found here: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025/committees-volunteers">https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025/committees-volunteers</a>

Also, don't forget to sign up for the Region 2 Luncheon in York. The JotForm is here: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/250156206580148">https://form.jotform.com/250156206580148</a>

Cody has/will be sending out an email about voting on some changes to our Local Club governing documents. All the changes and how to vote will be in his email. Please take a few minutes to read through the changes and send your vote in. I want to send out a special thank you to Vinny Rossitto for completing this project.

See you soon!

Matt



#### Show off your Al-Mon-O Pride! Order your club apparel today!

Order all club apparel from Mike's Embroidery and More, owned by Cody Klingler. Please email Cody at <a href="mailto:cwk5292@gmail.com">cwk5292@gmail.com</a> to order.

You can also find Airstream Club goods at <a href="http://store.airstreamclub.org">http://store.airstreamclub.org</a>



#### **July Birthday's and Anniversaries**





- 3 Vinny Rositto
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# Photo from Al-Mon-O Archive August 2020 Newsletter

2025 Officers			
<b>President</b>	<b>1st Vice President</b>	2nd Vice President	
Matt Moore	April Weber	Joel Weber	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	Immediate Past President	
Craig Jansen	Vinny Rossitto	Cody Klingler	
<b>1 Year Directors</b> Dick Kline Stevie Kline	2 Year Directors Bud Roberts Alice Roberts	Social Media Admin Paul Labuda	

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Al-Mon-O is currently seeking dedicated members to fill the roles of Second Vice President and Secretary. If you're interested in getting more involved and helping guide our club's future, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Matt Moore to learn more or express your interest. Role descriptions are below.

#### The 2nd Vice President shall:

- Attend all business meetings of the Club and the Executive Board
- Assist the President and the First Vice President
- Assume the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of said officer
- Assume the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President and the First Vice President
- Perform the duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

#### The Secretary shall:

- Issue notices of all meetings of the Club and the Executive Board as prescribed in Article VI, Sections 1 and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution and Article XIV, Section 1 of the Bylaws.
- Prepare an agenda of pending business for use by the presiding officer at each meeting.
- · Coordinate with the Treasurer and Membership Chair to maintain an accurate roster of paid-up members of the Club.
- Record and preserve the minutes of all official meetings of the Club and the Executive Board, and mail copies to the members of the Executive Board not more than fifteen (15) days following each meeting.
- Record the attendance of the officers and directors at each meeting and advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present.

#### AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB CBL RECHARTERING

Dear AL-MON-O Members,

Please review our updated AL-MON-O Constitution & Bylaws (CBL) document and, if you are satisfied, vote to approve the document. If you want to note an issue, please let me know about that too. Please respond to rossitto@comcast.net with your vote within 15 days (August 11th).

As a bit of background... this year, we must "recharter" our club. That means that we must update our Constitution & Bylaws (CBL) to align with the current WBCCI Blue Book/CBL Model and receive approval of the WBCCI Executive Committee. All local clubs have a requirement to recharter every 5 years. This process ensures all of the local clubs in WBCCI operate in similar fashion (in principle at least).

We last rechartered in 2020 and the last updates to our Charter & Bylaws were adopted in the Fall of 2022. This current update has been drafted to comply with the current Model CBL document.

Our Executive Board and the WBCCI CBL Committee have completed their reviews and have approved the updated document – it is now ready for a member vote.

Most of the changes are editorial in nature and are made to improve clarity, readability & style.

These are the more substantive changes that have been incorporated our CBL.

#### CONSTITUTION:

- 1. Co-Owner language removed. No longer applicable for regular membership & voting rights in WBCCI
- 2. Broadened interpretation of electronic ballot for voting beyond just email
- Added the requirement to provide proposed amendments to the AL-MON-O Constitution to WBCCI CBL Committee before asking our board or members to vote on them

#### **BYLAWS:**

- 1. Changes to description of Nominating Committee creation and process. President now must provide membership with a report of nominees at least 20 days (versus 15 days) prior to election. The verbiage seems to make a stronger case for transparency and openness/encouragement for members to run for an open position, more similar to Executive Committee processes.
- 2. New requirement for President to make a detailed report of the previous year's accomplishments at the Annual Business Meeting
- 3. New requirement regarding the Immediate Past President to be a member of the Executive Board for two years and to advise the President and Executive Board for continuity of Club functions.
- 4. New section on liability insurance, requiring AL-MON-O to publish events to ensure they are considered sanctioned activities of the Club, since our liability insurance only covers sanctioned activities.
- 5. Aligned with Blue Book on terminology adoption of "they" in lieu of "he/she"
- 6. Removed reference to collection of dues from Treasurer's responsibilities (no longer applicable)
- 7. Minor changes to the Code of Ethics to faithfully comply with the current version in the Blue Book
- 8. Moved the requirement of the Incoming President being responsible for ensuring an audit of the Club's finances be performed from the Treasurer to the President's responsibilities
- 9. Changed the number of days from 10 to 15 that proposed amendments to the Bylaws are provided to the Executive Board to allow better review prior to voting (similar to requirement in the Constitution)

Please review our updated CBL & cast your vote by August 11<sup>th</sup>. Once the we have an approved document, I'll work with the CBL Committee Chair on our "re-chartering" process. The finalized document will be uploaded to our website for your access.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Vinny Rossitto Secretary, AL-MON-O PA Airstream Club

\*\*\*PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE UPDATED DOCUMENT FOR VOTING. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE EMAIL, PLEASE REACH OUT TO VINNY ROSSITTO\*\*\*

### AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB UPCOMING RALLIES & EVENTS

#### **AUGUST 15-17 BLUEGRASS RALLY**

Costs: TBD

How to register and/or reserve a camping spot: Campsite thru Reserve America Venue/Campground: Kooser State Park, 943 Glades Pike, Somerset, PA 15501 RSVP Contact and Email Address: Stevie Kline @ stevie.kline@gmail.com

**Event:** The Bluegrass Festival will be held at Laurel Hill State Park.

\*See Flyer on page 5

#### **AUGUST 23-28 68TH INTERNATIONAL RALLY**

Register here: https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025

\*See Flyer on page 6-7

#### **DECEMBER 6 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING**

Venue: Primanti Bros., 200 Executive Dr., Cranberry, PA 16066

**Time:** 11:30 AM

RSVP Contact and Email Address: Cody Klingler - <a href="mailto:cwk5292@gmail.com">cwk5292@gmail.com</a> by November 29.

\*See Flyer on page 8

#### MAY 14-17, 2026 PIT STOP IN POCONO - REGION 2 RALLY

\*DETAILS COMING SOON!

#### VD

Thinking that if it was browned on the top then maybe it was cooked fully in the middle too. It worked! We had a fun time with the preparations, the cooking and eating of it on the picnic table.

Here are a few things we learned about cast iron cooking.

The first known use of cast iron cookware was during the Han dynasty in China. From there it made its way to Europe in the middle ages and eventually to colonial America.

The Dutch oven, specifically, has a rich American history. It gained its name not from the Netherlands, but from an Englishman named Abraham Darby who studied Dutch casting techniques in the early 1700s. Darby's innovation allowed for more affordability, making it a staple in covered wagons.

Cast iron is making a comeback today because of health concerns involving other types of cookware.

A cast iron pot can last for hundreds of years if treated right.

There are a few cases where you might want to avoid using cast iron to cook, like when you are boiling water or letting something simmer for a long time because the food may absorb more iron flavor than you like. Also, acidic foods like lemon, tomato, and vinegar are likely to absorb iron flavors. They are also harsh on the cast iron and may remove some of the nonstick coating.

I do plan to keep trying out recipes and learning the correct way to bake with a Dutch Oven.







#### 2025 Al-Mon-O Bluegrass Rally

Laurel Hill State Park - Somerset, Pa 15501

When: Friday, August 15 - Sunday, August 17

Location: Kooser State Park 943 Glades Pike, Somerset, PA

Campground Reservations: Make reservations online at www.reserveamerica.com.

Let Dick & Stevie Kline (stevie.kline@gmail.com) know with site number.

Rally fee: TBD

Activities: TBD—All Al-Mon-O activities will be held at Kooser State Park

#### Laurel Hill Bluegrass Festival

Laurel Hill State Park 1454 Laurel Hill State Park Somerset, PA

The festival is free of admission and sponsored by the Friends of Laurel Hill and many other local businesses. Entry is first come, first served.

Bring your folding chairs. There is a large tent with chairs but it often fills up fast and early. There is a large parking lot available with shuttle carts to the performance area.

Besides food vendors there will be local artisans with crafts and products, period re-enactor village with demonstrations, games and wagon rides.





## 68<sup>TH</sup> AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY

AUGUST 23-28, 2025 YORK EXPO CENTER • YORK, PA

## Seminars ◆ Exhibits ◆ Socials ◆ Entertainment AirstreamClub.org/Rally2025 #ACIRALLY2025

REGISTRATION FEES	RATE
Camping Site Rates:	
*RV on Site - Arrival Saturday, August 23	\$425.00
Arrive 1 day EARLY - Friday, August 22	\$50.00
Arrival 2 days EARLY - Thursday, August 21	\$100.00
Arrival 3 days EARLY - Wednesday, August 20	\$150.00
Members and Guests Rates:	
Adult (18 and over) per person	\$125.00
**Youth (13 and up) per person	\$75.00
**Children (4 to 12) per person	\$50.00
Toddler (3 and under) FREE	0.00
Lifetime Member Discount	-\$20.00

\*RV on site - This is only for RV on site. Rally registration must also include member and guest fees per person.

HOW TO REGISTER – On the ACI website, click on the 68th International Rally under the Events menu:

AirstreamClub.org/Rally2025 or call the ACI office at 937-596-5211 to register. If paying by check, make a check payable to WBCCI, in US Funds Only, and mail to:

WBCCI, P.O. Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334.

Email questions to rally@airstreamclub.org.

RV AMENITIES – All RV sites are water and 30-amp electric camping spaces with pump outs of tanks every four (4) days. Additional pump out services available for a fee.

PARKING GROUPS - When registering, you will have the option of selecting a Parking Group. These groups are:

- ADA Accessible
- Grapes &Grains
- Amateur Radio Club
- Future Streamers
- Band/Streaming Musicians
- Indie Streamers
- Boondockers
- · Illule Otrealliers
- Classic Airstream Club
- Pride Streamers
   Stella's Sisters
- **CONFIRMATION & PARKING**

INFORMATION will be emailed to the email(s) provided at the time of registration.

CHECK-OUT TIME – August 29, 2025 by 12 noon.

CANCELLATION POLICY – Refund requests are to be submitted in writing to rally@airstreamclub.org. Refund requests received on or before June 28, 2025 will be assessed a \$50.00 fee. Requests on or after June 28, 2025 will be assessed a 50% fee. NO refunds after August 9, 2025. If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Youth and Children registration fees cover the cost of Kids Camp materials. Children must be registered to participate.

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING – Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you bring your government/state-issued placard or supporting documentation with you to the rally.

STAGING AREA – The Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you arrive from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Arrivals after 6:00 p.m. on or after August 20th may stay overnight in the Staging Area with no hookups until parking begins the next day. If you arrive before your registered date, there is a charge of \$75 per night.

KIDS – Bring them! Our youngest RVers will be treated to programming especially suited to kids ages 4-17. Registration cost covers materials for age-appropriate activities surrounding a daily theme that will keep your kid's busy learning, exploring and having fun!

ADDITIONAL GUEST – Members are welcome to bring additional guests for the same rates as members pay. You will be asked to enter their names on the registration form.

PARKING TOGETHER – If you would like to park with family and friends, you must register to arrive on the same date, and you must arrive together.

CARAVANS/PARKING GROUPS - Groups of 5 or more wishing to park with the SAME group MUST register as a parking group with HQ by July 12, 2025. All group participants must register to arrive on the same date. The group leader can call 937-596-5211 or email rally@airstreamclub.org to register the group. A coordinator of the Rally Arrival Team will contact the group leader and let them know what time to arrive.

COVID-19 NOTICE – An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event, you understand and assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure. ACI, its staff, officers, exhibitors, volunteers, members, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.

USE OF IMAGE – I grant ACI, and its employees and agents, an unrestricted right and license to use my image, likeness, name, voice, comments and/or other proprietary or public rights and/or those in any live recorded talks, broadcast, photograph, video, audio, audiovisual and/or other recording taken in connection with this event, for all purposes, in perpetuity and in any and all media now or hereafter known, without compensation.

#### ASSUMPTION OF RISK & WAIVER OF LIABILITY – I

assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with attending this event. I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless, ACI, its employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives of and from any such claims, including liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to my attendance at this event.

## STAY & IN YORK



You may stay camped at the York Expo Center after the rally if you'd like! Camping is \$40 per night for full hook-ups, \$35 for electric and water sites, and \$30 for electric only. You can register and pay this fee once you are on-site to the Expo Center Office via credit card, cash or check.

York, PA, offers a variety of activities and attractions for visitors. Here are some highlights:

- York County Heritage Trust: Explore local history through exhibits and artifacts.
- Susquehanna River Trail: Enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, biking, and kayaking along scenic trails.
- York City Market House: Experience local culture and cuisine at this historic market with fresh produce and artisan goods.
- Central Market: One of the oldest continuously operating farmers' markets in the U.S., perfect for local food and crafts.
- Hanover: Just a short drive away, known for its charming downtown and the famous Utz potato chips factory tour.
- Gettysburg National Military Park: A brief drive will take you to this historic site, perfect for history buffs.
- Hershey, PA: A nearby destination famous for Hersheypark, Hershey's Chocolate World, and Hershey Gardens.
- Lancaster, PA: Experience the rich Amish culture, explore traditional farms, and visit local markets showcasing handcrafted goods and fresh produce.

Whether you're interested in history, nature, or local culture, York has something for everyonel

