





# The Point

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

# From Your 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents

The Best Rooms Come On Wheels

Joel and I recently took a mini vacation in Washington D.C. Our new home in Greencastle PA is only an hour and a half away. We chose D.C. from a number of destinations given to us from a Hilton Club vacation sales brochure. Las Vegas, Sedona, California were all too far. I don't like to sit for more than 3 hours. It doesn't matter if traveling by airplane or towing the Airstream.

Back vacation sales pitch.....we paid a small fee to spend 3 nights in at the Washington Hilton, spending one morning at the sales office at a nearby resort location to tour a vacation condo and to learn about the vacation program they have.

This all started over a year ago while we were checking into at an Orlando hotel last year celebrating Joel's 60th Birthday at Epcot. (I was really surprised he even signed up for something like this.) He did tell the Hilton representative it really wasn't something for us, that we don't stay in hotels that often, let alone luxury hotels, but her job was to sign people up and she told us to go find out for ourselves. So, we did.

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Above, Matt and Cody's Airstream parked at the International Rally in York, PA.

# President's Message

Well my first official International Rally is in the books. I had a great time, but I'm completely worn out. It was great to see many of you there. Thanks again to Doug Field for carrying the Al-Mon-O flag in the opening ceremonies.

I don't want to forget to thank Dick and Stevie Kline for hosting the Bluegrass Rally this year. I think it was a great decision to relocate the rally to Kooser this year. It was much quieter and less congested at Kooser.

I also want to take some time and remind everyone that we are currently looking for a club secretary and incoming second VP. If you think you may be able to help in one of these rolls please reach out to me so we can get the conversation started.

That's all for now.

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 cwk5292@gmail.com to order.

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



# **September Birthday's and Anniversaries**





- Edie Rodgers 7
- Bryon Rossitto 16
- 19 Terry Hauschild
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- Ruth Ann Robb
- Jeff & Kelli Slevin
- Craig & Julie Jansen

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

Membership Chair, Webmaster & Newsletter Editor Cody Klingler

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Al-Mon-O is currently seeking dedicated members to fill the roles of Second Vice President, Secretary and 2 Two Year Directors. 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 Directors shall:

- Attend all business meetings of the Club and the Executive Board
- Accept special assignments as directed by the President. Additional duties may be to chair or be members of committees.

# 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 UPCOMING RALLIES & EVENTS

# **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!

# WE NEED 2026 LUNCHEON AND RALLY HOSTS! PLEASE REACH OUT TO MATT MOORE OR APRIL WEBER IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HOST.

VP\_\_\_\_\_\_

Our D.C. Hotel was about a 15-20 minute walk to the Dupont Metro station. Only 2 stops away from where I thought it would drop us off close to the Capitol Building where we were scheduled for an early morning tour. The Metro station was much further away from our destination than I thought AND we also went the wrong direction when we got off the train. By the time I realized we were going the wrong way, we were only 2 blocks away from the White House. Joel had never seen it and I was only five or six years old when I did. We were glad we made the effort to go see it, and then walk the Mall to our tour.

The Capitol tour, museums, Fords Theatre and Petersen House were all great touristy things to do and we enjoyed it all.

Now for the sales pitch the next morning.....we were nervous! We'd heard that these things get very pushy, can go on for hours, and that they won't let you leave until things get ugly. The truth was it wasn't bad at all. Very informative. A wonderful vacation opportunity for many, I'm sure. Just not for us. As we told them this from the start.

What we did learn from all this was that we have invested in our own "luxury" vacations wisely. We love traveling in our Airstream. We love the fact that it is set up and ready to go at anytime, equipped with all the things we need and love to have with us when we travel.

A speaker at the International Rally in York last week made the comment that when buying an Airstream you are buying a conduit to experiences. That it changes the way you think about life. He was so right. Yes, we get to experience the country in comfort, but one of the best perks is being a part of the ACI, a built-in community, a network of travelers who share the same passion for exploration and friendship. I'm not sure we'd find that in a luxury hotel.

## **BLUEGRASS RALLY AT KOOSER STATE PARK**

by Cody Klingler

This August, our club gathered for the annual Bluegrass Rally, hosted by Stevie and Dick Kline, at the beautiful Kooser State Park. Their warm hospitality set the tone for a weekend filled with music, friendship, and fun.

Kooser proved to be the ideal rally setting, with its shaded campsites and cozy atmosphere, giving everyone a chance to relax, catch up with friends, and enjoy shared meals together. From morning coffee to a good time around the campfire, the fellowship was every bit as enjoyable as the music that brought us together.

Just a short drive from our campsite, the Laurel Hill Bluegrass Festival offered two full days of outstanding performances, artisan vendors, food trucks, and family activities. Members spent their days enjoying the toe-tapping sounds of some of the region's best bluegrass bands before returning to Kooser to unwind and share stories from the day.

Thanks to the Kline's for organizing such a memorable rally. Their efforts made it easy for all of us to simply enjoy the music, the beautiful setting, and—most importantly—the company of one another.

As the weekend wrapped up, a few of our members hit the road from Kooser and continued their travels on to York, PA, for the Airstream Club International Rally—carrying the spirit of fun, fellowship, and adventure right along with them.

# **INTERNATIONAL RALLY WRAP-UP - YORK, PA 2025**

#### by Cody Klingler

The 2025 Airstream International Rally was everything we hoped it would be and more—a shining reminder of what makes our club so special. For one week, the rally grounds transformed into a vibrant village of silver trailers and motorhomes, bustling with energy, learning, laughter, and fellowship.

From the moment the first rigs arrived, there was a sense of excitement in the air. Every lane became an opportunity for a warm greeting or a cheerful wave. It's hard to describe the feeling of being surrounded by hundreds of fellow Airstreamers, all gathered with the same sense of adventure and camaraderie, but you know it the instant you arrive—it feels like family.

#### **Rally Highlights**

The schedule was as full as ever: daily seminars, hands-on workshops, region meetings, open houses, craft shows, and a vendor hall that made it far too easy to find something you didn't know you needed. Members explored local sights on tours, swapped stories over shared meals, and celebrated milestones during recognition ceremonies.

## A Personal Highlight: Playing in the Band

One of my own personal highlights was being part of the International Rally Band. Music has always been a passion of mine, but there's something truly special about bringing it into the Airstream world. The band was made up of fellow members from across the country—some professional musicians, some hobbyists, all united by the joy of making music together.

Rehearsals were lively and full of camaraderie. We laughed, worked hard, and encouraged each other as we prepared for our performance. When the time came to step onto the stage, looking out into a crowd filled with fellow Airstreamers, I was reminded of just how unique our club is. Where else can you combine a love of travel with the chance to make music in such a setting? The applause and smiles from the audience made every note worthwhile.

For me, that moment summed up the spirit of the rally—it's not just about the places we go, but about the talents, friendships, and experiences we bring along with us.

## **Carrying the Spirit Home**

As the final day drew near, there was that familiar bittersweet feeling we all know so well. The rally may have ended, but the memories, lessons, and friendships will carry on long after the last Airstream pulled out.

That's the real gift of International. It inspires us to return to our units and regions energized, ready to host rallies of our own, to welcome new members, and to keep building the kind of community that makes people proud to say, "I'm part of the Airstream Club."

We left with more than souvenirs—we left with stories to tell, friends to visit down the road, and a reminder of why we all joined in the first place. The silver shines a little brighter after a week like that.

Until we gather again at the next International, let's carry forward the spirit of fun, friendship, and adventure that made this rally so memorable.

\*\*CHECK OUT SOME OF THE PHOTOS ON THE NEXT PAGE. FOR MORE PHOTOS, CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.\*\*













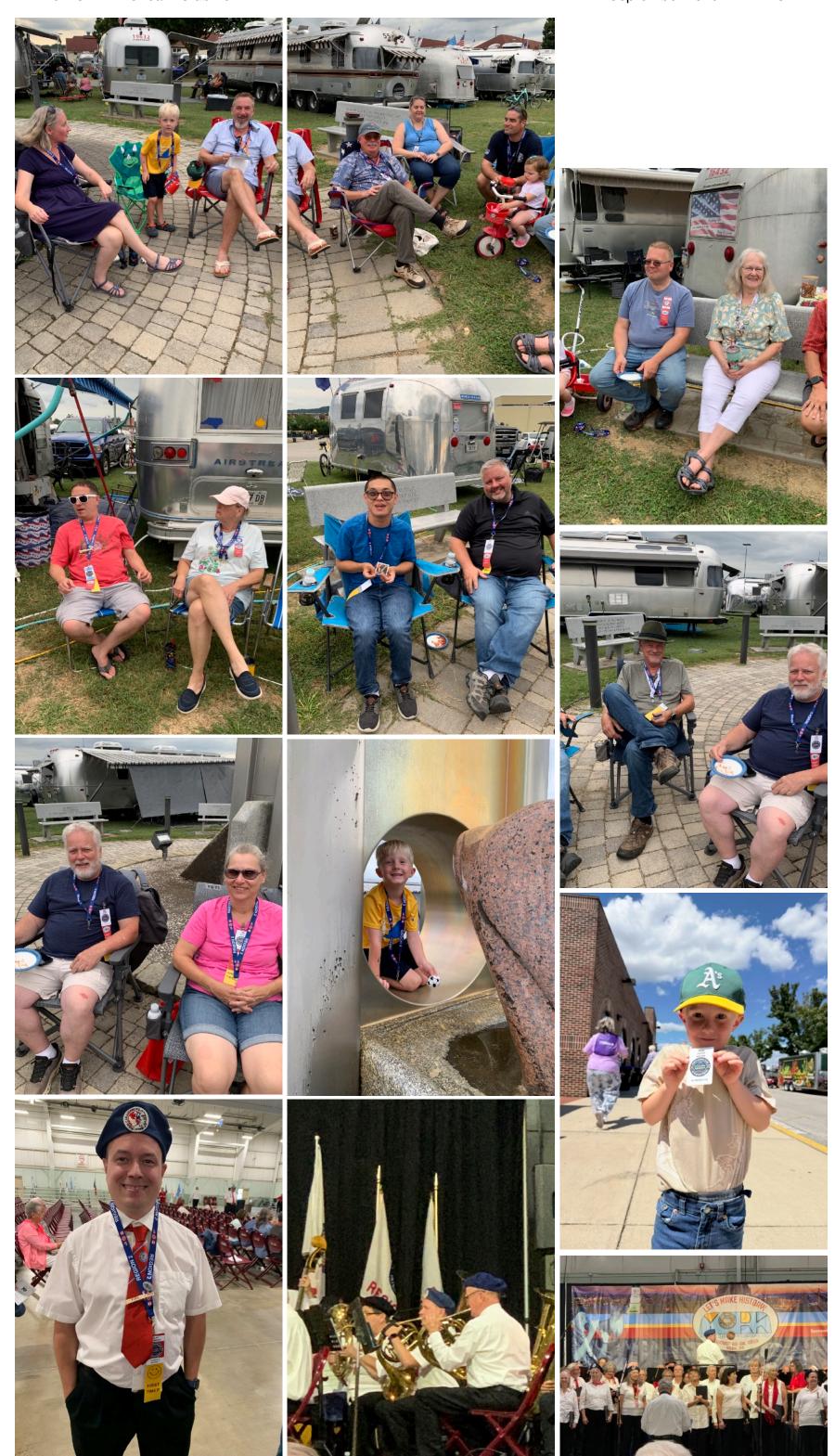












# REGION 2 NEWS by President Patti Galupo

I'm sitting in my home office in the Commonwealth of Virginia typing away with the windows open! Incredulous! Most of you know I have a deep aversion to hot, humid weather. And to experience almost fall-like weather in the summer is refreshing. Which leads me to the recently concluded international rally in one of the other four commonwealths- Pennsylvania. The weather was simply spectacular! My first international rally was the 2019 Doswell, VA excursion. The heat and humidity were overbearing! But it was still a great experience. York was simply spectacular!

This rally was on our home turf. Firstly, I want to thank the R2 Team and all of our volunteers from the 13 clubs and units who stepped up, rolled up their sleeves and did the daily chores which I fondly refer to as "chopping wood." We had a wonderful turnout at the R2 lunch- with a guest appearance by the newly minted international president, Jenny Schnettler. In the spirit of transparency, we need to take responsibility for cleaning up our side of the street with having to turn away some folks away at the door for the lunch. We had opened up registration months before the rally with our standard JotForm that had a cutoff date attached, so we could adequately plan for the requisite amount of food from our vendor, Mission BBQ. We widely communicated the luncheon through social media and the local units and clubs. We had also planned for a cushion of latecomers and late requests. What we didn't account for was that the rally app CVENTS, would be viewed by some (the R2 lunch listing) as a means to register for the lunch itself. In other words, clicking on "more info" equaled registration. We then learned at the 11th hour that a rumor was circulating that you could just show up and pay at the door. Needless to say, this is not the way we like to do business and apologize for any inconvenience this caused some of our members. We'll do better next time!

We also held, for the very first time, a leadership business meeting/happy hour for the officers of the local clubs/units in our region. This was a great opportunity for our team to meet IN PERSON with our local leaders to exchange information, discuss the future, and manage expectations with the field and the region. We plan on being "hands on" with our local clubs, as they are the heart and soul of our region. Whether providing input to me and our team on all things IBT- in other words, educating the field on the inner workings of the IBT, our club's governance, and assisting me in voting on future motions that affect ALL of us.

We announced, several months ago and have widely advertised the 2026 Region Rally to be held at Pocono Raceway from May 14-17, 2026. We plan on designing and circulating the JotForm and open registration around Thanksgiving. So, keep and eye out for that. Until then, get out there and enjoy fall camping! Most of the clubs change officers in the fall months, with their installation rallies. Once of the nice things about the leadership meeting in York, is that most of the 1st- Vice Presidents were in attendance who will be the incoming presidents in the next couple of months.

Stay Safe!

Patti



