

Celebrating our 60th Anniversary

The Hillbilly



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President's Message



Summer is winding down, and we are already seeing leaves fall. September does not have a scheduled event, but the October Rally at Kymers is sure to be a great time. The October rally is the club's business meeting. This is where we nominate the new officers and prepare for the upcoming year. If you are interested, nominations are open, including the Historian position. Contact any member of the executive team if you would like to be considered. If you would like to attend the meeting but cannot attend the rally, I can arrange a remote option.

This camping season has been a great one! There was an excellent turnout at the International Rally. Rich coordinated the entrance, so many of us camped together. Lois put together a Whats App, and we were able to communicate as a group. It worked beautifully. Celebrating the WBCCI's 70th anniversary and the Watchung Airstream Club's 60th anniversary was very special. The celebratory luncheon was a great success. The 60th anniversary stickers were handed out. If you would like one, we will have them at future events. Heidi, the grill masters, all the cooks, and helpers put on a fabulous meal. Rich and Brian's beer and bourbon tasting was another favorite event that we may have to recreate. Seeing many of the newer members and reconnecting with long-time members makes an International Rally special. The Rally and Luncheon Schedule is filling in for 2026. If you have an idea for an event, let Steve Germansky know and add it to the calendar.

Leslie



Region 2 President's Message



*Region 2 President Patti Galupo and
Matt Moore.*

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 an 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. One 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



Announcements

This Month's Birthdays

Lynda Kresge
Mark Ratliff
Robert Cucci
David Hargrave

ACI members can buy a personalized brick to be included in the member clubhouse under construction in Jackson Center, Ohio. Scan the QR code, right, for more information.



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.



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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



International Rally, York, PA



Almost 900 rigs, about 1900 attendees, near-perfect weather, more things to see and do than one could possibly squeeze into a week, and Watchung may have had the most participating members of any club! But as they say, pictures are worth a thousand words; thanks to everyone who contributed them. (Clockwise from below: Suzanne Schumakoff with PeeWee Schwamborn, son of Helen, the founder of the WBCCI;



Watchung club treasurer Lois Wagner won big, for awhile, at Casino Night; the truck informally voted most unlikely to pull an Airstream, or maybe anything; Watchung club rigs waiting in line for site assignments.





Club Luncheon. Clockwise from right: George Trunk delivers his barbecued pulled turkey; club president Leslie DeHerde with past Region 2 first lady Kathi Short; the barbecue crew:



Rich Short, Steve Germansky (??), Brian Cullen, past club president David Cahall, and Dave Deibert; Region 2 president Patti Galupo makes her way down the buffet line, served by club president Leslie DeHerde, Cathy McCarthy, and club first vice president Heidi Cullen.





Clockwise from below: Robert Boehm makes a point to Cal Bacon; Christine Kuekel, Sandra Molenaar, and Dawn Hutchinson at the hot dog table; Keri O'Connor snags a cookie for two of her children; Jeanette Viruet reviews the homemade salads with Heidi Cullen and Nancy Deibert.





Clockwise from left: Bruce Walker and Lauren Lee Walker share a laugh; shooting the breeze in the parking lot after lunch; Suzanne Schumakoff and George Trunk.

Next page clockwise from top left: Lea Plant, Rich Short and Kathi Short attend the opening ceremonies; the rally organizing committee; not everyone brought their dogs; the ACI leadership; center: Rebecca Glick was the overall first prize winner of the photo contest for her picture of a fox.








Watchung Club Events Schedule

2025

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
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/November 15	Barbara Taylor and Michael Koczwar	Lois Wagner/Derek Conley	The Little York, Milford, NJ
December 2025 	Officer Installation Luncheon/ Saturday December 6	Heidi and Brian Cullen	Leslie/ Frank DeHerde	Chimney Rock Restaurant, Flemington, NJ

2026

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
January 2026	Luncheon/January 31	Host needed	TBD	Princeton Soup and Sandwich, Cranberry, NJ
February 2026	Luncheon/TBD	Gary and Sandra Molenaar	Lois Wagner/Derek Conley	
March 2026	Luncheon/TBD	Leslie and Frank DeHerde	Ken and Nancy Eagan	Knights of Columbus, Woodbridge, NJ
April 2026	Unbutton Rally/TBD	Heidi and Brian Cullen	Saskia Schmidt and Brian Stein	Holly Acres, Egg Harbor, NJ
May 2026	Club or Region 2 Rally/May 14-17	NA	NA	Pocono Raceway, Blakeslee, PA
June 2026	Club Rally/June 5-8 BOOK NOW TO GET A SPOT. See page 12	Steve and Cynthia Germansky	Rich and Kathi Short	Cedar Point State Park, Clayton, NY
July 2026	Club Rally/TBD	Sharon and Joe Moran	Lois Wagner/Derek Conley	Croton On Hudson Park, NY
August 2026	International Rally/Aug 22-27	NA	NA	Minot, ND
September 2026	Club Rally	TBD	TBD	TBD
October 2026	Business Meeting Rally/TBD	George and Linda Kiesel	Mark and Angie Ratliff	Jane's Island State Park, Crisfield, MD
November 2026	Luncheon/TBD			
December 2026	Installation luncheon/TBD	Heidi and Brian Cullen	Steve and Cynthia Germansky	



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



June Rally: Cedar Point State Park

Friday, June 5th – Monday, June 8th , 2026
Cedar Point State Park, 36661 Cedar Point SP Drive, Clayton, NY 13624

Hosts Steve and Cynthia Germansky have been camping here in the Thousand Islands region every season for the past five years. The park is directly on the magnificent St. Lawrence River. Nearby things to do include [Boldt Castle](#), the [Antique Boat Museum](#), take a ride down to where the St. Lawrence meets Lake Ontario at [Tibbets Point Lighthouse](#), visit the [Cape Vincent Brewing Company](#), or [The Cape Winery](#). Cedar Point State Park is a roughly six to seven-hour drive from New Jersey. Steve and Cynthia will be on-site from Monday, June 1st thru Monday, June 8th . If you want to break the trip up into two days some suggested places to camp are: [Chenango Valley State Park](#) and [Lackawanna State Park](#) .

Cedar Point campsites fill up early. Bookings opened September 1 for the week of June 1-8, 2026. We suggest you **book now**; you can always cancel later. Canceling 8 days or more prior to arrival - \$7.25 Reservation Fee + \$7.25 Cancellation Fee. Canceling 7 days or less prior to arrival - \$7.25 Reservation Fee + \$7.25 Cancellation Fee + the cost of the first night's stay.

Please book your site directly with [ReserveAmerica](#). Sites near the group area are electric only (see map on the ReserveAmerica site). Sites near the river with full hookups: 43, 41, 39 37, 35. Also 33, 31, 29 but these sites require backing into a tight site with trees. Full hookups away from the river are available at sites 138-159. **We have reserved sites 78 and 79 for us and our co-hosts Rich and Kathi Short.**

After you make your reservation please email Steve your site number: egerms@verizon.net. Questions? Call Steve at 973-495-1067





How to Host a Club Luncheon



Your club needs you—to host luncheons (we'll get to rallies later on). Here's an overview of how to do this.

Co-hosts

Get a co-host. The co-hosts can help you generate ideas, can share some of the responsibilities, and can take over responsibilities in an emergency

Venue

Since you are hosting, you get to choose the venue. This will give you an immense feeling of power! When making your choice remember to find a place that is not too difficult to reach and has adequate parking. Make sure there is enough room for the unit to sit together in one area. We usually have between 20 and 30 people attend a luncheon. If lunch includes a business meeting, make sure that there is a separate space where the officers can meet prior to the general meeting.

Menu

Choose a menu that you feel most folks can order from. If the restaurant requires that selections be made ahead of time, remember to collect that information when collecting members' payments. If the restaurant does not serve alcohol, can we bring our own? Is there a corking fee?

Money

Try to keep the total cost of the lunch around \$30 per person.

- Remember to include tax and tip in the price
- Remember to include cost of party favors, if any, in the price
- Will you need to pay a deposit? You can ask the treasurer to send a check.
- If you cancel due to weather, is the deposit forfeit? Can you reschedule?

Collect money and give it to treasurer. Attendees have two ways to pay: by printing and completing the paper form published in the Hillbilly and mailing it with a check to the host, or by using the link for the event that appears on our website.

Party favors

Typically, the host provides centerpieces or flowers for the tables and/or bags of party favors to be given out or raffled off at the luncheon. No need to go overboard. Just something around \$2 per person that goes with the theme of the luncheon.

Collection for charity

If there will be a collection of items or money for the club's selected charity, make sure to let people know what they should bring.



Business meeting

If the luncheon includes a business meeting, make sure that there is time and a place for the executive officers to meet prior to the general meeting. Allow 30 minutes for the executive meeting. If space is tight, members can just hang out elsewhere at the venue while the officers meet.

The flyer

The flyer for the luncheon should be completed 3 months in advance. Make sure to include the following information.

- Location (directions optional)
- Time
- Contact information for hosts/co-hosts
- Description of menu and if the venue requires advance orders, a place for members to indicate their choices and quantities
- Cost
- Deadline for submitting payment
- Donations to bring if there will be a collection

Send the flyer to the editor of the Hillbilly newsletter and to the website master.

Write-up

Find a volunteer to take pictures and write a summary of the event and send it to the newsletter editor.

Forms submission

Complete post-rally report forms that the treasurer will send to you and return to the treasurer.



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Correspondence Secretary	Frank Deherde
Recording Secretary	Richard Short
Treasurer	Lois Wagner
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	Cathy McCarthy
	Jay McCarthy
	Pat Attanasio

Other Club Roles

Membership	George Kiesel
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Web Master	Mark Ratliff
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Newsletter	Derek Conley
Quartermaster	Jason Pomerleau

