



CTAC Club No: 25

Chatter

September 2025

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Presidents Message

by Julie Steers



Billy and Julie in York, ready to dance the night away.

As I write this, I am looking at our supplies for our upcoming trip to the Region One rally in Nova Scotia--food, dog stuff, clean bedding, passports---you all know the drill!

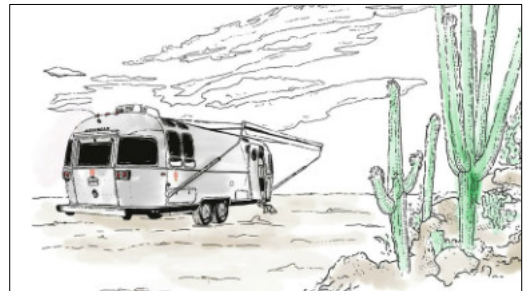
We had a terrific time at the International Rally in York PA. We had a great representation from our club and when people asked me where we were, I just said--"Oh in Connecticut land." We had a sizeable footprint in a nice central location.

Thank you Russ and Rhona for planning and coordinating our arrival.

Our summer has been fun, but unfortunately we had another truck issue. The transmission went out again on the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey in early August. Fortunately, we were able to limp to yet another GM dealership-with the trailer, dogs, and our gear. Pro Tip--if you break down on the Garden State Parkway--get to an exit if you can. If not, you will be towed to somewhere of their choice. We "limped" it to the nearest GM dealership and they determined it was time for a new transmission. Of course! Frankly, it was time for a new one when it failed in Vermont in July but whatever.

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Which is correct: 18 plus 19 is 36 or, 18 plus 19 are 36?

What do you call a group of eagles?

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by Sandy Sasuta

We had a great time at the York, PA Int'l Rally... wonderful seeing everyone again with excellent weather too. Some of the highlights:

Welcome

Timothy Rafferty
Jacqueline Green **15092** Pawling, NY

Amongst approximately 1,000 trailers, traveling a distance, different times and days, without planning and within minutes apart, the **SASUTAS** and **KUSHMANS** ended up parking behind the **ST. LAURENTS** and **JONESES** with the Friday arrival of the CT group in the same area...unbelievable. We had many enjoyable chats with everyone covering every subject, even including toilet talk (what products to use). **HOWIE JONES** repaired a fan belt in a motor home and in the process, lost his tow vehicle keys. Another time **MICHAEL SASUTA** lost his gold wedding band. **SANDI ST. LAURENT** called out to St. Anthony on both occasions for help, and both were found. Happy results.

The biggest news: The **KUSHMANS** purchased a new 27' Globetrotter. (Goodbye Rangeline) Also, **DAVE JENSEN** bought a 28' Classic. Congratulations to all, can't wait to see them. Breaking news: the Kushmans now own a new Ford Expedition Platinum Series to tow their Airstream, and will be ready to roll.

The CTAC breakfast gathering was fantastic...thank you to the **STEERS**, **FULLERS** Russ & Rhona, **LESSIGS** and anyone else that helped. **RICH KUSHMAN'S** birthday happened to fall on August 29 while we were there. The **ST. LAURENTS** and **JONESES** surprised him with a cake and ice cream...nice surprise! And what does it feel like to be 105? Just ask former member **DOROTHY FREED** who celebrated her birthday on August 27. Happy Birthday Dorothy!



Airstreaming is good for you!
Dorothy Freed at 105.

Sending get well wishes to **TED PRICE** who is in rehab and making positive progress.

One morning our 7 year old grandson made coffee for his grandpa. Michael smiled and choked down the worst cup of coffee of his life. When finished, he found 3 little green army men at the bottom of his cup. Puzzled, he asked what are these army men doing in my coffee? Our grandson replied, "Like it said on TV, the best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup".

Hope to see you at the Sweater Weather Rally October 3-5, 2025 which will include the fall business meeting and installation of our new officers (see flyer). Please keep in mind to reserve by **September 17** as the campground requires two weeks notice of confirmed sites for our rally group at a discounted rate, and would be unable to refund if you cancel after that date.

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So, we had the truck back by International and everything worked. Sadly, on the way home we blew a tire on the Airstream on I-81 in Pennsylvania. The tires were not that old, and we checked them. The blowout took out our dump valves. Billy, the eternal optimist said, "Well, we don't have to dump when we get to Danbury." Billy couldn't get the lug nuts off the tire, but a Good Samaritan stopped to help us with the proper tools. (They were a mobile truck servicing business.) As we waited, I called New England Airstream and asked if they could do repairs before we head to Canada. They said they could try--at least they could handle the tires. I am fine with no bathroom--we were tenters before the Airstream and have no problem with campground showers and toilets. Billy took the Airstream up to Union the next day.

The good news is that we think they were able to repair everything, and we picked up the Airstream on our way to Canada.

When this stuff happens, I am reminded of a flag I saw once at a campsite: "Enjoy the journey but embrace the detours." Okay--I get it. Happy and Safe travels to everyone! ~Julie



The 68th Airstream Club International Rally York, Pennsylvania



by Kathy Fuller

Let's Make History - was the 2025 theme of Airstream Club International's 68th International Rally. The York Expo Fairgrounds was a good choice to emphasize this theme as the town is nestled in between historic Gettysburg, Lancaster and Harrisburg. Just shy of 1,000 Airstreams came to enjoy the rally and fabulous weather.

The seminar schedule covered a wide array of topics such as AI use when planning a trip, boondocking, use of a variety of energy sources, illustrated journaling, increasing club membership, arts and crafts and SO MUCH MORE. Daily bike excursions, yoga and pickleball were also available. There were over 50 vendors offering products and services to enhance our travel experience. New Airstreams were available including the new Frank Lloyd Wright model which drew a lot of attention.

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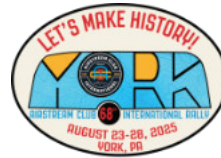
International Rally in York Pennsylvania - most CTAC members were in the area around the little red arrow.



Julie and Eddie ready to present the club flags.



The huge hall during opening ceremonies could not be Fuller. Kathy, Nancy Clemons (Bard's sister), Bard, Russ and Rhona.



International Rally

Continued



Julie and Billy with 2 dogs and their whole kit and caboodle - wow!



Mary-Jo and Howie Jones, Russ and Rhona Fuller, Gail Downing and Nancy Clemons all smiling. Smile Cosmo.



The space between Roland's and Sandie's trailer and Howie's and Mari-Jo's trailer became an often used chat zone.



Simply put - the happiness level for these campers could not be more Fuller! Smile Cosmo.



Highlights of the rally included the Vintage Airstream Club dance with its 60's theme, Casino night with a raffle of several enticing prizes, "block parties" sprinkled throughout the grounds, the ACI band in combination with the band from nearby Emigsville and the vintage Airstream parade where about 20 vintage trailers drove around the racetrack including us in our 1964 Bambi II. There were impromptu gatherings under awnings and food trucks that offered a variety of meals.

We made it a point to travel backroads whenever we could which proved less stressful and more picturesque. What also added to our enjoyment was having the Fuller family there in full force: Russ and Rhona led a group into the fairgrounds and sister, Nancy, was there as our guest.

During her remarks at the Opening Ceremony ACI President Jenny Schnettler said that as we get older our circle of friends diminishes but with Airstreamers it continues to grow. I believe that to be true. ~



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International Rally Continued



Russ and Rhona had a perfect large and grassy site for a gathering of Airstream friends.



Brian & Maureen Hunter brought out their neat gas fired camp fire for a beautiful evening.



Carol Dubrowski, Joyce Rousseau and Nathalie Gingras all make proper use of the Hunter camp fire!



A gathering of friends during the night of *Airstreams Aglow* when running lights are all turned on and campers get lit.



Joyce Rousseau enjoying the evening and perhaps, could it be, possibly singing.



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On 8/29, in the Chat Zone, Sandie St. Laurent presented a surprise birthday cake to Rich Kushman supplied by Roland, Sandie, Howie and Mary-Jo. It was a wonderful surprise.

Note:
Believe me, the old coot told me personally, how much he appreciated and is thankful for this warm and touching show of Airstream friendship.



Chris and Carol Dubrowski, in the center, getting a tour of Sandie and Roland St. Laurent's trailer and it looks like tall Chris can actually stand up straight.



Karen and Bob Baker with Paula and Eddie Carll checking out the murals in York.



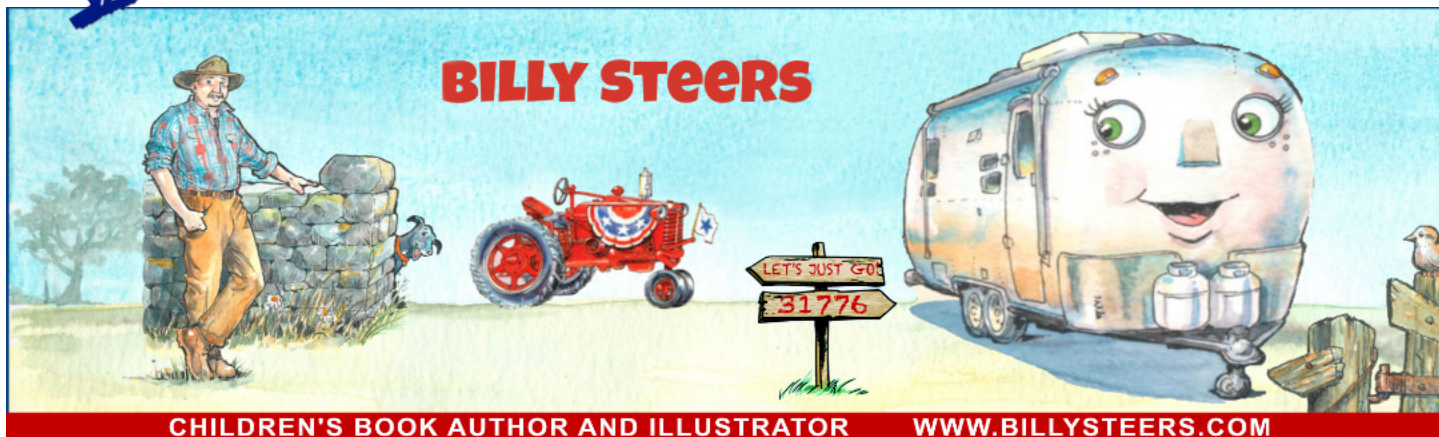
Kathy Kushman documents Sandy Sasuta's nimble fingers during our mural tour in York.



One very nice example of the interesting murals which are part of the Public Art Experience in York, PA.

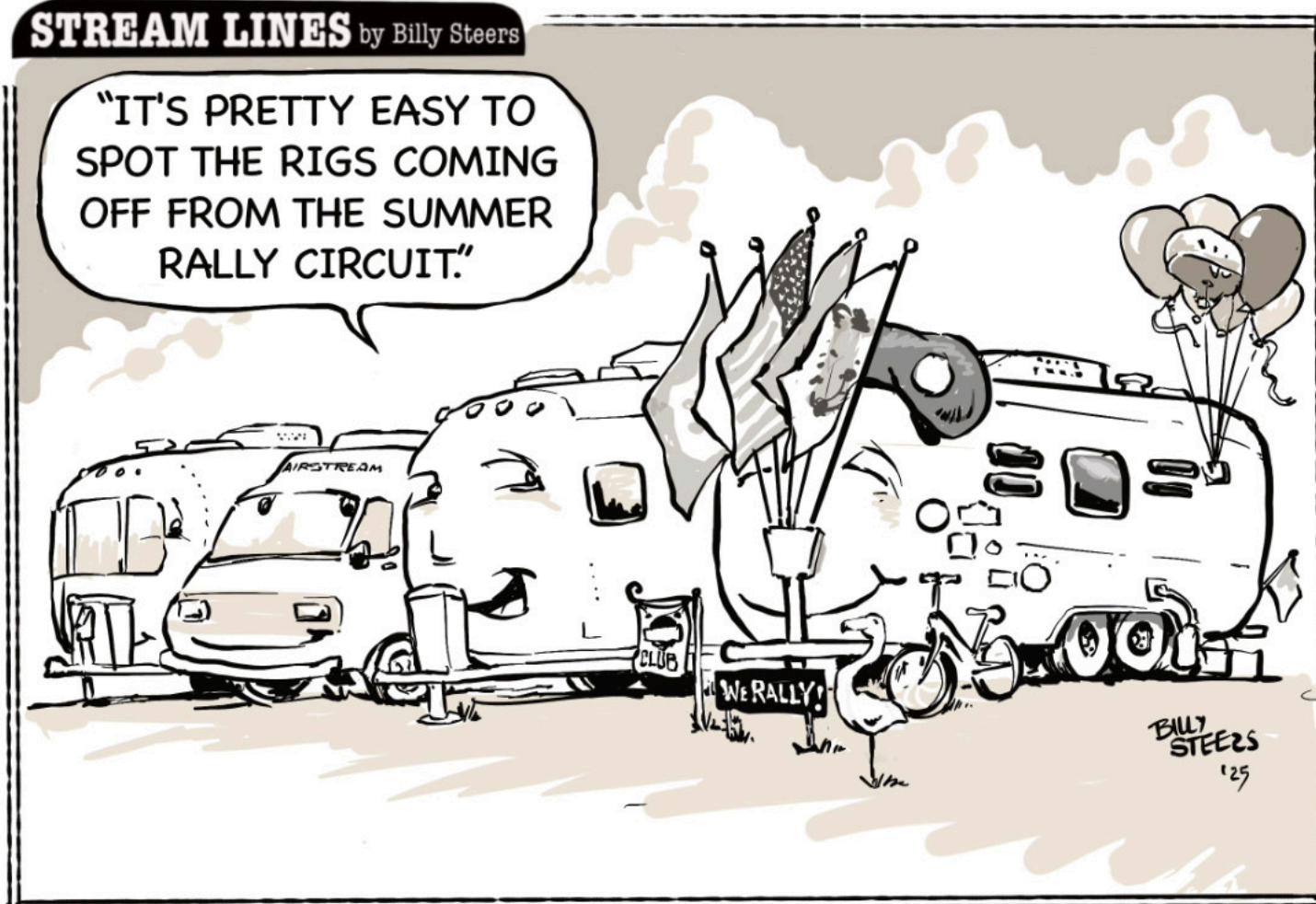


There was an organized bike ride every morning (7 a.m.) but here, at a respectful time, Christine and Glen Lessig with Kathleen and Richard Kushman are getting ready to enter the spooky tunnel - we did about 22 miles on the trail.



STREAM LINES by Billy Steers

"IT'S PRETTY EASY TO SPOT THE RIGS COMING OFF FROM THE SUMMER RALLY CIRCUIT."



Whenever available be sure to attend Billy's seminar on creating a travel journal - also visit Billy's website and make sure you add a copy of **Let's Just Go**, the adventures of an Airstream travel trailer **Snug** to your library or gift list. Oh, and check out **Tractor Mac**. ~Ed

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- Sherry Anderson



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Nominating Committee

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Sandy Sasuta

Each of the following individuals have given prior acceptance of the position indicated. The Nominating Committee thanks each of them for their willingness to serve the Club!

Slate of officers for 2025-2026

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Brian Hunter



Here is a peek at the new Frank Lloyd Wright trailer that was on display in York. The entrance was roped off preventing any look into Frank's bath. Don & Eileen Allers are expecting their very own next February. Hopefully we will see them at a rally next season - let's all ask to see their bath. Ed.

We create our buildings and then they create us. Likewise, we construct our circle of friends and our communities and then they construct us. ~ Frank Lloyd Wright

What did you think?

A group of eagles is called a convocation.

Both are incorrect because $18 + 19 = 37$.

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SWEATER WEATHER RALLY

October 3-5, 2025

Travelers Woods of New England, Bernardston, MA



Dig out those warm cozy sweaters. October could be cool but we are hearty Airstreamers. Join your hosts Michael & Sandy Sasuta for a fun weekend including the Fall Business Meeting and installation of officers. The campground is pet friendly with dogs on leashes but away from food areas.

FRIDAY

2:00 p.m. - Campground check-in. All units must stop at the office to sign in, receive vehicle pass, campground rules and show your pets vaccination certificate. Early arrivals/late departures to be coordinated directly with Travelers Woods 413-648-9105

5:30 p.m. - Meet & greet with heavy appetizers (bring something to share) Bring your own plates, utensils & drinks to all meals. Dessert provided and a campfire, weather permitting.

SATURDAY

8:00 to 9:00 a.m. - Pancake & sausage breakfast with coffee/tea/juice

9:15 a.m. - Club meeting and installation of officers. Afternoon for touring the area.

5:00 p.m. - Social hour with your own drinks, pretzels provided for munching.

6:00 p.m. - Meatball subs and salad provided along with dessert. Campfire, weather permitting.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast sandwich

Campground check-out time by 1:00 p.m.

FEE: \$70.00 for 2 nights camping (water & electric) plus a kitty fee of \$15.00 per person. Children 12 and under are free. All the information to register for this rally is on the CT Jotform below.

Click here to reserve your site and join the rally.
Send a check or pay online.

SIGN UP



Directions: On your GPS the address is 152 River STREET, Bernardston, MA. There is a low clearance bridge 10.5 feet in height, but Airstreams will clear. If over 10.5 feet or a motor home, don't follow these directions. From I91 Northbound, take exit #50B, turn right on Route 10. From I91 Southbound, take exit #50, turn right on Route 10. Turn left at Hillside Pizza (just past the river bridge). Travelers Woods is approximately 3/4 mile on the left, just past the overpass.