



Greetings  
Keystone Airstreamers

I feel like this year I've said, "Wow, what a month!" every time I start these letters and September has been another one! The highlight this month was attending my first International Rally in York, PA. I'm not sure what I expected, but I know I did NOT expect to love it, but boy did I! I don't think I had a moment of downtime in an entire week. From educational seminars, talking to all the vendors, having my rig worked on, volunteering as a shuttle driver, playing music, and meeting with so many Indies, Stellas, and the new Fly Fishing Intracub, I'm not sure I spent enough time with anyone but boy was it fun! We had a great contingent from Keystone, too. It was great to see the Grahams, Kirkpatricks,

Burkholders, Kushtos, Adams, McCanns, Harringtons, Moyers, Darren Westenberger, and Mulligans. Hopefully, I didn't miss anyone.

After York, I took off for 2 weeks on the Battenkill River in Vermont, where I explored the area, fished, and attended an Indie Streamers Rally. If you are up that way, camping on the Battenkill is a gorgeous place and the state of Vermont is truly awe inspiring this time of year. After 2 guided fishing days, I made a beeline for south Delaware to our Trap Pond Rally where we had 11 rigs and about 25 people. We had a great potluck, pontoon boat tour and a private wagon ride. If you haven't been to Trap Pond, the bald cypresses, hiking/biking trails, birding, and beautiful campground are worth the trip.



Perhaps most memorable, however, was my unexpected "not optional" 2-mile trip in reverse backing up the Airstream down a two lane road with no shoulders when I encountered an unexpected flooded road on Rt. 9 in Delaware. If you get the chance, watch a couple CDL training videos and practice your straight line back...you never know when you'll need to use it.

### October Maintenance Moment

#### Troubleshooting your Propane Furnace

If your furnace stops working, there are a few things to check that may not be immediately obvious. The obvious stuff is making sure it's getting power and propane, but there are a few other things to be aware of that have helped me.

First, carry an extra sail switch. This is your best fail safe and is an easy thing you can replace on the road. The sail switch is a safety mechanism that essentially uses a small "sail" to detect airflow within the furnace's blower fan. Air from the fan moves the sail and signals the control board that there is sufficient airflow for safe ignition. If the sail switch fails, the furnace will not ignite the gas. Sail switches most often fail due to debris, dust, or damage. If you've got pets, hair can gum them up, too. They can easily be cleaned or replaced.

When my furnace stopped working in the spring, replacing the sail switch was my first thought. Unfortunately, I didn't listen to my gut on this, but in so doing, I learned quite a bit.

The first thing I learned was that there is a reset switch on the furnace. Remove the access panel (remove 4 screws and pull panel and the exhaust pipe straight out) and you will find it on the top front of the furnace. Flipping the switch got my furnace

going again. The problem was that after a few hours (generally in the middle of the night), it would shut off again. That said, trying the reset switch is a great first step. But if it doesn't work long-term, you've likely got a bigger problem.

At that point, I removed the sail switch and discovered it was clean, so I didn't replace it.

The second thing I learned was that there is a red light on the control panel inside the furnace. You must really get in there to look for it, but if it is blinking, the sequence of long and short blinks are codes to tell you what's wrong. The codes are printed on a sticker on the furnace, behind the access panel. They are a great help in trouble shooting. Mine was not blinking at all so the Airstream techs in York replaced the control panel.

But alas, a week later, my furnace was failing again. At that point, I knew it was getting power and propane, and I knew I had a new control panel. I took apart the sail switch yet again since it was the only thing left that I could think of. It was perfectly clean, but I replaced it. Evidently, they do fail even when they are clean. My furnace seems to be OK now, thanks to the new sail switch.

You can order a sail switch from any Airstream dealer. It pays to have one on board with your spare parts!

Jennifer

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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. We hope to meet all of you soon.

### September 2025

Michael & Lorrie Mancchio - Affiliate **BRN 04744**

Millie Angelino - Affiliate **BRN 24152**

Erin & Larry Beaver - Home **BRN 04904**

### 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)

### Sunshine Report by Karen Kushto

Heard from Peg Spahn. She is recovering from a recent bout of pneumonia & George continues to improve following his 2 vertebrae fractures 10 months ago.

Peg also let me know that Barb Hillegass recently fell and fractured her pelvis on right side, so is immobilized for a while.

I will get a card out to them.

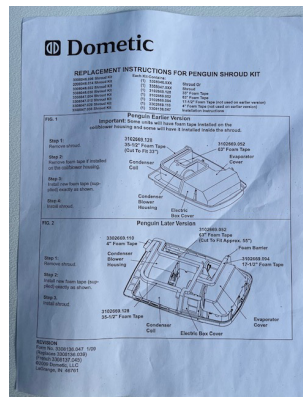
## Items Available from Jody Dietz

I have one item up for grabs new, unused and in original packing.

1. AC shroud for Dometic Penguin.

Free. Take it, use it, sell it.

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)



## 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
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

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).

## Holiday Luncheon 2025

As has been our tradition, we will once again gather for a Holiday Luncheon at the **Plumsteadville Inn** on Saturday, December 6th at noon. We will order from the regular menu with separate checks.

**Plumsteadville Inn**

**5902 Easton Rd**

**Pipersville, PA 18947**

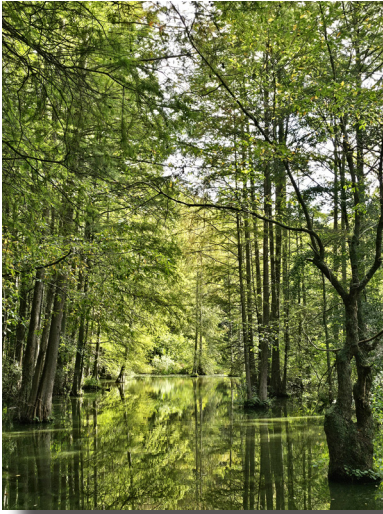
We will also continue our tradition of collecting unwrapped toys for charity.

Please email Jennifer by 11/21 if you plan to attend (even if you responded on our Facebook page!)

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## Trap Pond State Park Highlights by Kathleen Roosa





## On the Road by Bill and Barbara Earle

There are several things that stand out for us when traveling with our Airstream. One that we find special are what we call "roadside attractions". These are the things and landscapes that we see while driving down the road. This past summer we spent two months traveling out to the Pacific Northwest and exploring the area. We found ourselves on many two-lane highways that afforded us spectacular views. Many of the areas we traversed took us through wide open landscapes with beautiful skies.

Another that is special to us is the escape from the noise, distractions and chaos that exists in the world today. When we're hiking in the forest, we always make it a point to stop for a few minutes and listen to the forest speaking to us. It may be quiet but speaks loudly offering peace and nourishment for the soul. It's been proven that connecting with nature provides significant positive health benefits.

National Parks are also a favorite for us. We always arrive early in the morning avoiding the crowds. We visited eight on the trip. Crater Lake, Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, Mt. Rainier, Rocky Mountain, Redwoods State and National Park, North Cascades, Olympic, and Grand Teton.

Photography is a means for us to capture these special places and moments. Our photography leans into minimalism and simplicity creating a peaceful calm mood. One of our goals for the work is for viewers to find it relaxing, engaging and thought provoking. Upon returning to the noise and chaos the memories tend to fade. Revisiting the photographs takes us back to re-live the memories and feelings affording us another escape from the noise and chaos.



Northern CA Coastline



Rt 189 in Wyoming



Crater Lake National Park



Haystack Rock - Cannon  
Beach, OR



Hurricane Ridge - Olympic  
National Park

On the Road cont.  
by Bill and Barbara Earle



Tundra - Rocky Mountain  
National Park



Redwood National and  
State Park



Blue Lake - North  
Cascades National Park



Early Morning - Grand  
Teton National Park



T. A. Moulton Barn  
Grand Teton National Park



Mt. Rainier National Park



## New England Sights and Seafood by Rick and Andy Pitts



For some early fall camping we headed northeast with the Mergelkamps to enjoy the sights and seafood of lower Maine and Massachusetts. Our first stop was an overnight at Moose Meadow Campground in Willington, CT, a nice convenient stop along I84. From there we had an easy ride north to Boothbay, ME, and the Boothbay Tavern & RV Park, a great location with great sites and a craft brewery right on the premises. In addition to full hook-up sites, they are a

Harvest Host member (the first brewery to join HH) and offer good brews and very good tavern food.



We took a day trip to McLoons Lobster Shack in South Thomaston, ME and found some of the tastiest lobster rolls around.



On the way back to camp we made a scenic stop at the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, still in service since 1827!



## New England Sights and Seafood cont. by Rick and Andy Pitts

A short jaunt south took us to Arundel, ME, and Red Apple Campground, one of our favorites. The campground is pretty, the sites are great, the staff is wonderful AND they will deliver steamed lobster right to your trailer door (even in the rain, with a smile!).



From Arundel we easily day tripped down the Maine coast through Kennebunk, Wells and Ogunquit where we ended at Perkins Cove, a quaint (busy) little artisan village with a mile and a half walkway along the sea cliffs called the Marginal Way.



We moved farther south to Salisbury Beach, MA. The area was pretty closed up for the season so we day tripped to Salem where we enjoyed wandering around the grounds of the House of Seven Gables. The historic house is well maintained and the foundation has moved several more structures to the grounds, including Nathaniel Hawthorne's birth place (the red house). We wandered through houses and gardens and used the nice audio tour to take in the history of the coastal town.



And, of course, on the way back to camp we had to stop at the world famous Clam Box of Ipswich to end our seafood excursion...



What fun these silver rigs allow!

## Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club Preliminary 2026 Rally and Event Schedule

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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??
August 22-27	69th Airstream Club International Rally	Minot, ND <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026">https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026</a>	
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

**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).**

## Chester County Blues BBQ Rally 2026 Save the Date

If you haven't heard, we are holding the Blues BBQ Rally again in 2026!

Dates: Friday, June 5 - Sunday, June 7 (Or arrive earlier or stay longer. It's up to you.) On Saturday afternoon we will attend the Chester County Blues BBQ at the beautiful Wyndors Farm in Elverson. This is a wonderful family friendly afternoon that benefits the Coventry Lions Club. We will camp at **French Creek State Park in Loop A**. There are **FHU** sites, but they will book up. So, book your site **ASAP!** Details and a Rally Coupon will be issued in January.



## 2026 Pennsylvania Rally

Additional details and registration information can be found here:  
<https://airstreamclub.org/2026-pennsylvania-state-rally>



**2026 Pennsylvania Rally**  
**June 25-28, 2026**

Rose Point Park  
Campground  
8775 Old US 422  
New Castle, PA 16101  
724-924-2415



Scan or Click the  
QR code to  
Register today!

**Rose Point Park Campground – New Castle, PA**

Nestled along Slippery Rock Creek, Rose Point Park Campground offers a relaxing getaway with modern amenities. From full-hookup RV sites, cabins, and yurts to a heated pool, playgrounds, fishing, hiking trails, and a dog park, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Families can also take part in seasonal events and activities right at the campground.

Just minutes from McConnell's Mill and Moraine State Parks, outdoor adventure is right around the corner. Shopping, dining, and attractions in New Castle, Grove City, and Volant are also nearby. With Interstate 79 close by, Pittsburgh is an easy day trip away—making Rose Point the perfect spot to enjoy both nature and city life.





## 2026 Region Two Rally

The 2026 Region 2 Rally will be held from May 14-17 at Pocono Raceway, offering a mix of motorsport action and local attractions. The Infield Campground offers full hookup sites for convenience. The event begins with a catered breakfast buffet on Friday morning, providing a variety of morning dishes to prepare attendees for the day's events. As the weekend unfolds, a taco bar on Saturday night will serve beef and fish tacos. On Sunday morning, participants can enjoy coffee and donuts.

In addition to the food, the rally features activities that showcase the Pocono region's appeal. Attendees can take racetrack tours to learn about Pocono Raceway's history. For adventure seekers, the Pocono Outdoor Adventures Tours offer a chance to explore the surrounding landscapes. Motorsport fans might also have the option to book a Stock Car Racing Experience, depending on the 2026 schedule, for a chance to drive on the famous track. The 2026 Region 2 Rally combines racing excitement with the charm of the Pocono Mountains.

Use the included link to JotForm to sign up.

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/252582870185060>



## Region Two President's Message by Patti Galupo



Where is fall? I'm sitting here in my home state of Jersey hanging with my high school buddies in the usual uniform of shorts and a tee. It's still feels like summer!

The R2 Team has been hard at work with both "boots on the ground" activities and Zooming away while working on some internal policy projects. Of course, the rite of passage that is known as the Region Rally is well underway with the finalizing of our budget. More on that later!

Matt, Cody and I as well as a couple of volunteers from the Central Penn Airstream Club manned the Airstream booth at the Hershey RV Show. EC Council member Bill Hamblin organized the volunteer effort and set up the membership booth to include an informational video about the Explorer Program and brochures from Region 2 and Jackson Center explaining the program. We enthusiastically signed up several new members after their purchase of a new rig. It is a wonderful partnership between corporate and our club!

We're working together with R2 Membership Chair Colleen Ahlers to expand our outreach to the Members-at-Large (MALs) in our region. One of our developmental projects is creating our own version of a campfire chat to communicate directly with the MALs--this will complement the great job

that Colleen does in sending them important information about our region and educating them on local clubs in their geographic area. We will also direct email them our brand new R2 Newsletter in the future.

Speaking of that--we'll announce the winner of the R2 Newsletter name in November!

We've finalized the budget for the 2026 R2 Rally at Pocono Raceway! (May 14-17) Registration is now open! Here's the link for the JotForm: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/252582870185060>. Stay tuned for the rolling build up--we'll be announcing several outside activities involving third-party vendors. And, of course, I won't be able to help myself so there will be a dance party on Saturday night!

We're aware that we are in the middle of installation rally season! Club presidents, please let us know who your new officers are. I sent an email out to you guys a week or so ago talking about this as well as announcing the Region 2 and Region 1 Sampson Rally next summer. (July 30th - August 3rd, 2026) Check your inbox or spam folders for details. We like to get a jump on who the new officers are before Jackson Center sends out the forms.

As the leaves begin to turn and the temperatures drop, enjoy your rigs and the camaraderie that this club affords each of us!

Travel safe!

Patti