





The Point

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

From Your 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents

Stream And Sketch: Creating Your Illustrated Travel Journal

I was lucky to be able to attend a seminar at the International Rally in York on travel journaling. It was put on by Billy Stears, a wonderful children's book writer and illustrator. He showed us how to share our travels and stories through sketches and water color paints.

All you need is a small blank book. (He suggests a journal with thicker paper due to the nature of the water color paints warping thinner pages. These journals can be found in the artist section of Michaels or Hobby Lobby.) A small palette of water color paint and a brush, a water proof pen to sketch with and gel pens to add the lettering.

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT







Above, Photos taken by Dan Glover of Matt and Cody traveling home on the PA Turnpike from the International Rally in York, PA.

President's Message

It's October and camping season regretfully is coming to an end. And what a summer it's been. We're finally recovered from our two weeks in York at the International Rally, and I figured I'd tell those that didn't hear about our very eventful trip to York what happened. We had planned to leave home on Friday, August 15th at noon and drive to Kooser State Park for the Bluegrass Rally. Noon came and we loaded up and headed towards the turnpike. A few miles before we made it to the turnpike the truck developed a brake issue, which I diagnosed in a Lowes parking lot to be a frozen brake caliper. I decided to drive the truck and trailer to a Chevrolet dealer that was less than a mile away and pray they would be willing to help get me back on the road. That wasn't the case. So, I did what I really didn't want to do and called my dad. "Please come get us." And without hesitation he did. I made an appointment at the Chevrolet dealer for them to fix my truck and hitched up the trailer to my dad's brand-new truck and headed back home. On the drive home we came up with a plan to take my dad's other truck for the next two weeks so we could make it to Kooser and from there York.

So, I return home with my dad's borrowed truck, and I had to get to work removing the Hensley hitch from my trailer because the stinger I use with my truck would not fit in the hitch of my dad's truck. After removing the Hensley and installing the antique weight distribution hitch my dad bought second hand 30 years ago, I was ready to hookup, and we planned to leave first thing Saturday morning for Kooser. And that was a successful trip.

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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 http://store.airstreamclub.org



September Birthday's and Anniversaries





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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 - cwk5292@gmail.com by November 29.

*See Flyer

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

Venue: Pocono Raceway Campground, 1234 Long Pond Rd.,, Long Pond, PA 18334

Reserve Your Site: 800-722-3929 and give that you are with the Airstream Club Region 2 Rally.

*See Flyer

*Sign up using this link: Region 2 Rally Signup

JUNE 25-28, 2026 PENNSYLVANIA STATE RALLY

Venue: Rose Point Park Campground - 8775 Old US 422, New Castle, PA 16101

Reserve Your Site: 724-924-2415 and give that you are with the Airstream Club Pennsylvania State Rally

*See Flyer to sign up

JULY 30-AUGUST 4, 2026 SAMPSON RALLY

Venue: Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY

Hosts:: Region 2 and Region 1

*More details to come. Save the date for this great event!

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

President-

We made it to Kooser with no issues and had a great weekend. We got up extra early Monday morning and booked it out to York without issue again. We had a wonderful, albeit busy time in York, and made it safely back home.

What about my pickup? I'm sure you're all wondering. After 22 days, countless phone calls, misdiagnoses and a large helping of disappointment, oh and \$1000 poorer I finally had my truck back operational. But that's a story for another campfire. In 20 years, I'm sure I'll look back and laugh.

Looking ahead to next year we've got lots of rallies in the works. First on the list is the Region 2 Rally in the Poconos on May 14-17. We'll be camping at the Pocono Raceway. The JotForm should be live and hope everyone will come out for this unique opportunity.

The next rally I hope you will sign up for is the Pennsylvania State Rally. Next year's rally will be at Rose Point Park Campground in New Castle, Pa. The dates for the rally are June 25-28. There are a ton of attractions near the campground to explore, and we've ordered some excellent food for this rally.

The third rally I want to mention is a joint rally between Region 2 and Region 1 in Romulus Ny at Sampson State Park. The dates of the Sampson Rally are July 30- August 4. Some of you may know this rally from previous years as the Taste of New York rally. Region 2 plans to continue this favorite rally next year and continue to improve it. The JotForm should be live before the end of the year.

As you can tell there's lots happening here and abroad to plan rallies for everyone to enjoy next year. If anyone would like to volunteer to help at any of these rallies, please let me know. There's always a need for help.

That's all for now.

Matt

INTERNATIONAL RALLY WRAP-UP - YORK, PA 2025

by Eric Kulikowski

Showing up at an event like the International Rally as a first timer is always easy because you immediately have something big in common with everyone in attendance. We could not have felt more at home in this big and diverse community in York. We only knew one person when we showed up at the rally (Brad Driver and his dog Piper), but when we pulled out a week later we had made some friends for life. And, oh wow, did we hit the campground neighbors jackpot!! We could not have asked for a better group of people to be around for a week. Victoria and I volunteered at the rally in several capacities and will do more of that in Minot (we are already registered for Minot!!) We knew the Airstream community was amazing before the rally, but little did we know just how amazing. The rally exceeded our expectations in so many ways!! And this experience has sparked our interest in attending more Airstream rallies and events in the future.





INTERNATIONAL RALLY WRAP-UP - YORK, PA 2025

by Chuck Weber

As a first timer to an International Rally, I was excited to participate and enjoy rallying with fellow Streamers from around the country. From the time I arrived at the gate to park, it was apparently the rally team had things well in hand. They got us to our parking spot, backed in and ready to go relatively easily and quickly. It was fortuitous to be centrally parked on the main drag, albeit a bit noisy during the day, but it made getting to all rally locations a breeze. It also provided an opportunity to meet many new folks as they passed by the trailer, and make new friends from the folks parked around me.

I would have to say that the educational activities provided at the rally were informative and entertaining. Whether it was DIY Airstream Repairs / Maintenance, and Full Time RVing with Brad and Blair Driver, to InstaPot Cooking, all were quite enjoyable. Opportunities to fellowship with other Streamers abounded, including the Al-Mon-O Club get together, the Region 2 lunch, the At Large Social and many more. I also appreciated the vendors that came to the rally, and was able to get trailer upgrades at a good price!

As with any event, there were a few negative aspects as well. The trailers, at least in my area, were parked very close together, which made leaving a little early a bit of a chore. The water line daisy chain did not have consistent pressure, and the pump out schedule was really stretching things, 4 days after you arrived was too long, particularly if you had two people in the trailer.

All that being said, I had a good experience at this year's International Rally, and will probably attend again at some point

"I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move."

 Robert Louis Stevenson, Travels with a Donkey in the Cévennes



Photos courtesy of Chuck Weber from the Vintage Parade at the International Rally in York, PA.

Special note that the photo above is Marc and Becky Weimer's trailer and car

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His best advice is to just get started, not to think about the end product. Just to enjoy the process. He had over Forty journals full of images of his travels...drawings of maps, landscapes, people, museums, restaurants, and cartoons. He uses one page per trip and usually fills one journal each year!

Some of his tips:

Start ahead of your trip by creating a banner at the top of the page to help get you started. Kind of like a logo. Add the names of the people traveling with you and the date.

He thinks drawing maps is always good. Sketch your route. Add the towns you stop in, maybe the good restaurants you find. (you may want to return.)

Make a bullet list, don't use too many words.

Try to make each page look different through the layout – draw a border around some pages – change up the colors you use on each page – make some pages look like a graphic novel, some look like a landscape.

Add little symbols to describe the weather like a sun, clouds, wind, lightning.

He suggests sketching in moments of pause, a cup of coffee, or waiting on a tour bus. Then go back in the evening or even after the trip to color with the paints. Another thing he uses is travel brochures he picks up along the way and sketches from the photos in them.

Most of all he says not to be intimidated. Keep it simple. The more you practice the better you will get. (From the side, an airstream is just a letter D on its side. A truck is just a couple of rectangles with circles for wheels.) Again, like the saying "it's not about the destination, it is about the journey," Don't think about the end product, just enjoy the creativity.





REGION 2 NEWS by President 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 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 MAL's- 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







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.



Rose Point Park Campground

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Scan of 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.

