

THE REGION 2 BEAT

Region 2 - The Region 2 Beat! Get Ready for the 2026 Rally in Pocono

The excitement is building across Region 2 as we look forward to the 2026 Rally at Pocono Raceway! From camping fun to social events, there's something for everyone. Don't miss your chance to join the adventure and be part of the best region community..

Stay with the Best - Renew Your ACI Membership with the Region 2 Beat!

Membership keeps you connected to the friends, events, and experiences that make Region 2 so special. Renew today to stay in the loop, enjoy excluding benefits and help keep our club strong into 2026 and beyond.

Don't Miss Out - The Region 2 Beat is Making Headlines!

The Region 2 Beat brings you all the latest news, stories, and updates from across the region. From rallies and activities to member highlights and club insights, it's the best way to stay connected and never miss a moment of the fun.



President's Message

As we approach the holidays, my hands are typing words that have been hovering around in my heart for the last few months. So, this newsletter will be focused on just that- giving thanks and giving back.

We all scrambled to the front row to hear the Airstream Band diligently tuning up their tradecraft at the International Rally in York. What a treat! As the newly minted Region 2 president, I shuffled into my seat flanked by our equally minted 1st VP, Matt Moore, along with some of my friends from the WDCU (my home club, the Washington DC Unit). Suddenly, the baton changed hands and "Happy Birthday" was being directed by our own Cody Klingler, Region 2's newsletter editor and assistant webmaster, and MUSICIAN!





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It was a surprise, and I felt like a proud mom watching her kid perform for the first time at a school play. And, deeply ironic on another level; while Cody swooned the band into wishing ACI a happy 70th, I too, turned 70 just a couple of months earlier. Which I guess, is putting me into a sappy, sentimental mood.

This club means so many things to so many people. I've been dealing with some health issues, which are being managed, but also require me to talk about it, not in my comfort zone! And ask for help! Yikes, that 5000 pound phone! Just a couple of days ago, two of my closest friends, WDCU members Linda Moore and Gayle Sunde heard something in my voice during a phone call and decided to make a house call. Talk about what the doctor ordered!

Why did I join?

To see a young man realize his dream while serving in a volunteer position, and to be surrounded by great friends who will drop everything on a dime to make sure I was okay. I'm sure Wally had this in mind when he formed our great club in 1955 and why we volunteer to do a job to keep it going, and why we all are part of something larger than ourselves.

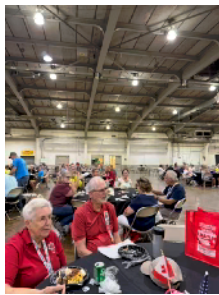
Please enjoy this quarter's issue of our newsletter, which has a new name, The Region 2 Beat! It's chock full of information and human-interest stories. I'm going to lean in on that aspect and will write a second column which will be titled "What's in a Name." Every quarter I'll set up an interview with each of our 13 local club presidents, their newsletter editor and historian if applicable, and write a column about their history, traditions and culture. If a club doesn't publish a newsletter, you'll still get a call! This month will feature Al-Mon-O.

After all, that's what anchors us to each other. This amazing tapestry of local lore, all rolled into this international conglomerate. But it all starts with a couple of trailers and a shared heartbeat. So, when I come aZooming, it'll be for a good cause! We are our history.

On behalf of Region 2, we wish you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season. We are Region 2, but we are ONE!

Patti





Where is Region 2 Headed

Calendar of Events

Keystone PA Installation Rally 2025

November 14-15
Country Acres Campground
20 Leven Rd.
Gordonville, PA 17529
Host: Jennifer Eggers
jegggers@leadershiftinsights.com

Al-Mon-O PA 2025 Christmas Luncheon/ Business Meeting

December 6
Primanti Bros.
200 Executive Dr.
Cranberry, PA 16066
Host: Matt Moore & Cody Klingler
cwk5292@gmail.com

KeystonePA/Central Penn Joint Rally @Lums Pond 2026

April 30-May 3, 2026
Lums Pond State Park
1068 Howell School Rd.
Bear, DE 19701
Host: Rick Pitts
r_pitts@verizon.net

Eastern Ontario Shakedown - Richmond Fairgrounds

May 8-10, 2026
Richmond Agricultural Society Fair Grounds
6121 Perth St.
Richmond, ON K0A 2Z0
Host: Lynn & Rob Douglas
rdouglas@magma.ca

Avoid Falling for Phishing Scams

ACI Headquarters was recently alerted to a phishing scam with a suspicious PDF attachment. The email claims to contain an important document regarding your membership and asks for your email and email password to open it. Do not open the attachment or enter any information. The ACI Membership team will never send you a PDF requiring your email login information.

Cybercriminals are always looking for new ways to trick people into sharing personal information. Phishing—impersonating a trusted organization to get you to click a harmful link, download a malicious attachment, or share sensitive information—is one of their most common tactics.

Recognize the Signs of Phishing

- Urgent or threatening language such as "Act now or your account will be suspended."
- Unfamiliar or misspelled sender addresses.
- Sender names that don't match the sender email address.
- Requests for passwords, payment information, or personal details.
- Suspicious links or unexpected attachments.

How to Stay Safe

- Do not click links or download attachments from unknown or unexpected senders.
- Check the sender's email address to make sure you recognize it and for subtle spelling errors or differences.
- If you're unsure about an email, contact the sender directly using **known, official contact information**.
- Do not reply. Replying can confirm your email is active to scammers.

A few extra moments of caution can help protect you and your personal information from phishing scams.

Welcome to Your New Region 2 Newsletter!

Welcome to the Region 2 Newsletter, *The Region 2 Beat*! This publication is designed to keep you informed, inspired, and connected to all the great things happening across our region. From rally highlights and upcoming events to member spotlights and helpful tips, we're excited to share your stories and celebrate our vibrant Airstream community. Have a story or photo to share? Send it to Cody Klingler - cwk5292@gmail.com by January 15, 2026 for the February issue.

International Rally Photo Contest

Photos courtesy of Rebecca Glick who won first place in the "black and white" category, first place in the "best picture" category and second place in the "night lights" category.



Calendar of Events (Continued)

Region 2 Rally - Pit Stop in Pocono

May 14-17, 2026
Pocono Raceway Infield RV Park
1234 Long Pond Rd.
Blakeslee, PA 18610
[Signup Here](#)

2026 Spring Rally

May 15-18, 2026
Drayton Fairgrounds
49 Elm St.
Drayton, ON N0G 1P0

2026 Pennsylvania State Rally

June 25-28, 2026
Rose Point Park Campground
8775 Old US 422
New Castle, PA 16101
Host: Al-Mon-O PA Airstream Club
[Signup Here](#)

Al-Mon-O PA & WDCU Joint Rally at Gifford Pinchot State Park

July 16-19, 2026
Gifford Pinchot State Park
2200 Rosstown Rd.
Lewisberry, PA 17339

Reserve Camping

Rally Details to Come

Sampson State Park Rally

July 30-August 3, 2026
Romulus, NY

69th Airstream Club

International Rally

August 22-27, 2026

Minot, ND

[Signup Here](#)



What to Name? The Winner...

When we set out to rename our Region 2 newsletter, we wanted something that reflected both our spirit and our pride. Thanks to **Hollie Bart** of the **Hudson Mohawk NY Airstream Club**, we found the perfect fit: **The Region 2 Beat!**

When I called Hollie to let her know she won, I also asked her how she came up with the name. She said she just kept chanting "Region 2" to herself and then the rest fell into place.

It's more than just a catchy title – it's a clever play on words that proudly declares Region 2 as *the region to beat!* The name captures our energy, enthusiasm, and the rhythm that keeps our members connected and our adventures rolling.



What's In A Name? - Patti Galupo

I've always been enamored with history and culture. And, a great nickname. At first, I started noticing the local club's newsletter names in dribs and drabs. My own local club, the WDCU (Washington DC Unit) entitles our monthly morning shot "The Capital Times"; easy enough, reference to the capital city which is smack in the center of everything that we do. Then, as I joined the ranks of Region 2, other things became more ubiquitous, names that reflected parts of our iconic appendages, such as Central Pennsylvania's "The Silver Penny"; but it was PAC's (Pennsylvania Airstream Club's) "The Itchy Hitch" which really caught my eye. Did it come with a warning label to take some Benadryl before reading? Or would I be warned to slow down before running out of the front door to go camping?

So, it got me thinking- what's in a name? Ever the keeper of a good list, I called 1st VP Matt Moore one evening and asked if he could create a list of all of the newsletter's in Region 2. It kind of looks cool when you view it in the aggregate:

Hudson-Mohawk: The Navigator

NYFLAC: The Grape Vine

Watchung: The Hillbilly

Al-Mon-O: The Point

PAC: The Itchy Hitch

Penn Lehigh: The Pensyl (read Pencil)

Keystone: Keystone Kourier

Central Pa: The Silver Penny

DelMarVa: The DelMarVa Beacon

WDCU: The Capital Times

Ontario: The Trillium

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Full stop! You must be wondering what the origins of “trillium” are? What is a “trillium?” Do not google it! Please! Or maybe you do know what it is; sit tight, they’ll be featured in our February edition!

Up first; Al-Mon-O.

Note; this was easy and practical; I had a Zoom call on other matters last week with Matt and Cody. They both wear a couple of hats; Matt is the current president of Al-Mon-O and Cody also edits their local newsletter.

Okay, let’s get the hyphenated elephant out of the room. Anybody my age remembers that the Pittsburgh Steelers once played in Three Rivers Stadium. Which lay on the banks and at the intersection of the Allegheny, the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers. It almost got tanked. Not the stadium, the name of the club. Why?

Many of the prospective members did not know what it meant. (minus Terry Bradshaw if he had an Airstream). So, the club that came to be in 1972 could be something else today.

“They are often met with the quip, “why do you want to hang out with old people?...It’s because we have something to offer...we are fun!”

Maybe we should have a “what if” contest. But the charter members and all who followed stuck with it.

Matt and Cody, are really young; and they speak of their home club with much reverence. They refer to it as a vibrant club that nearly aged out; and came close to caving if not for a few dedicated folks who refused to abandon ship.

A name that frequently arose during our conversation were Bev and Don Clayton. Like many long-standing members of Al-Mon-O, the Clayton’s served in literally every position within the club, mentored the young folks, and refused to let the club dissolve. This is turning out to be a somewhat familiar story and an inevitable part of life. We see a few clubs who are on the verge of “aging out.” Which makes it imperative to attract younger folks up into the officer ranks. And, to have a crew of any age and background stand strong together.

Matt and Cody describe a dynamic where they drive around in the off-season dropping in on the older folks. They are often met with the quip, “why do you want to hang out with old people?” And maybe there is a reason why they do. It’s because we have something to offer; and need I hesitate to opine, we are fun! And it’s a void that we fill for each other. Which makes the world, and our clubs go round and round and round....

“The Point”; a literal geographic spot on a map where three rivers converge in western Pennsylvania and a 59-member club whose destiny is imbedded in that name remain on solid ground. Firmly entrenched in bedrock. Known as Al-Mon-O, that club where its fashionable to hang out with “old people”; and where we can all have a sense of humor about all of it. I am one of those “old people” after all!

Or, metaphorically, “The Point” is not just the name of a local camping club’s newsletter, but a place where old friends make new friends, regardless of age tied together by a love of the outdoors and a zest for living.

Thanks Matt and Cody, for your insight, sense of humor and dedication to your club!

Next quarter, we’ll explore the history and traditions of the Ontario Canada Airstream Club (OCAC) and the Trillium.

Representing the Airstream Club at the Hershey RV Show - Matt Moore

This year I had the chance to represent the Airstream Club International at the Hershey RV Show, and what a great experience it was! The show is huge — thousands of RV enthusiasts wandering through rows of shiny new rigs, accessories, and everything in between — and the Airstream booth was buzzing with activity from start to finish.

Bill Hamblin, one of our Executive Council members, did a fantastic job coordinating the whole effort. Volunteers from the Central Pennsylvania Airstream Club stepped up to help, including Joanne McMullen and Doug Verhagen, who worked hard all week welcoming visitors and spreading the word about what makes our Airstream community so special.

I joined in on Friday and Saturday, along with Patti Galupo and Cody Klinger. The three of us spent our days talking with current owners, future owners, and a few people who just wanted to peek inside those beautiful silver trailers and dream a little. It was fun answering questions and sharing what the club is all about — the rallies, the caravans, and most of all, the friendships that come from being part of the Airstream family.

We stayed at an Airbnb in Harrisburg, which turned out to be a great choice. Each morning and evening, Patti, Cody, and I took walks around the neighborhood and along the Susquehanna River. It was the perfect way to start and end the day — a little peace and quiet after the excitement of the show.

By the end of the weekend, we were tired but happy. I came away with a renewed appreciation for our community — for how generous, enthusiastic, and welcoming Airstreamers are everywhere you go. A big thank-you to Bill for organizing, to the Central Pennsylvania Club for providing volunteers, and to everyone who stopped by the booth to say hello.

It was an honor to represent the Airstream Club, and I'm already looking forward to doing it again next year!



Region 2 Membership Update - Colleen Ahlers

Total R2 Members: 1076

Total Members joined within the last year: 203

Highest years of Longevity:

Frederick Reinhardt 55 years - Watchung NJ AC

Alice Jane Boeshore 55 years - Central PA AC



Do you know about the Airstream Club's "Star" Recognition program?

One of the meaningful traditions in the Airstream Club is the awarding and display of **membership stars** that recognize years of commitment and loyalty to the club.

What Are Membership Stars?

- For every **five years** of continuous membership in the Club, a member becomes eligible to receive a star to add to their display.
- These stars are typically placed adjacent to your Airstream Club decal on both the front and rear of your rig, serving as visual recognition of your longevity as part of the community.
- The Club issues these stars to members (usually at no charge) once their membership milestone is verified.

How to Display the Stars

A guideline from the Club's documentation, "Star Placement," suggests the following for positioning:

- Begin measuring from the edge of the Club emblem or decal to find the center point for your first star.
- Each additional star is offset by a specified distance (for example, 4½" from the decal edge for the second star, 6½" for the third, etc.).
- Using lightly soapy water during placement can help adjust positioning before fully adhering the stars.

Why Stars Matter

- They serve as a **badge of honor** for long-term members, publicly displaying the years of investment in the Airstream community.
- Seeing stars on another's rig can be a conversation starter and a sign of shared experience.
- The system reinforces the sense of belonging, continuity, and tradition that club members value.

If you want to know how many stars you can display, please reach out to your local club or Region Membership Chair. ACI has also added Maple Leaves that can be used in place of the stars. Stars and Maple Leaves can be ordered at no charge from the ACI Web store.

2026 ACI Membership Renewal Guidelines

Date: October 1st, 2025

To: All Membership Chairs

Cc: Region Officers

Executive Council

Local Club & Intra-Club Presidents

From: HQ Team

Re: Membership Renewal Season is here!

For many of our members, the 2026 Membership Renewal season begins October 3rd. Below are a few highlights to remember:

- Membership dues are \$99 per year.
- The primary or partner member MUST be logged in to the member-only portal to renew online.
- Members with multiple Big Red Numbers (BRN) can renew their additional BRN in the member-only portal at the time of renewal.
- HQ is collecting Affiliate and Intra-Club dues.
- All Lifetime members must go through the renewal process.
- HQ will be notifying members it is time to renew by postcard, email and social media starting November 1st.
- HQ will notify Local Clubs if there is an issue contacting a member.
- The deadline for the 2026 Published Membership Directory is January 31, 2024.
- Members can pay by credit card or ACH (bank transfer).
 - Credit card payments will be charged a 3% convenience fee but are processed immediately.
 - ACH payments may take 3-5 business days to process.

Follow this link to the [2026 Reminders/Guidelines for Renewals](#) for additional information.

Membership chairs are able to pull current membership lists through the Membership Chair Dashboard.

If you have any questions, email Amber at membership@airstreamclub.org or call 937-596-5211.

Save the Date! 2026 Region 2 Rally at Pocono Raceway

May 14-17, 2026

Mark your calendars – the **2026 Region 2 Rally** is set for **May 14-17, 2026**, at the legendary **Pocono Raceway** in Long Pond, Pennsylvania! This promises to be a fun-filled gathering of Airstreamers from across the region, with **great food, fellowship, and plenty of adventure.**

Rally participants will enjoy a truly unique experience – **camping right on the infield of the Pocono Raceway!** Every site offers **full hookups**, so you'll have all the comforts of home while surrounded by friends and fellow Airstreamers in an unforgettable setting.

The Pocono Mountains area offers something for everyone – from hiking and waterfalls to charming small towns, wineries, outlet shopping, and scenic drives. Whether you're exploring local attractions or just relaxing and swapping stories with friends old and new, it's sure to be a memorable weekend.

We're also looking for a **small committee of volunteers** to help plan **games and activities** for the rally – something to bring out the friendly competition and laughter we all enjoy. If you'd like to help, just send us an email at mattmoore53@gmail.com.

Ready to join the fun? Register now using the official rally sign-up form:

👉 [2026 Region 2 Rally Registration Form](#)

Stay tuned for more details as plans come together. We can't wait to see you at **Pocono Raceway in 2026** for an unforgettable Region 2 Rally!

- ALL SITES ARE FULL HOOKUP.
- THIS IS A NON-NASCAR EVENT WEEKEND.

N.O.S. Region 2, VAC Guy, Twenty-Three Years and Counting - Paul Waddell

Region 2 welcomes Paul Waddell as our VAC (Vintage Airstream Club) representative. He has been a long-standing member of the WBCCI and the WDCU (Washington DC Unit) and will bring a collaborative spirit to all of our endeavors! - Patti Galupo, Region 2 President

Twenty-Three years ago (2002) I and my wife (Marykim) along with our newborn daughter (Virginia) went to our first WBCCI/WDCU rally held at "Rogers Farm". The WDCU "Cherry Blossom Rally" was in early spring during the Cherry Blossoms in Washington, DC. Looking back, it's almost like we as a family grew up in the WBCCI and traveling in vintage Airstreams. It's easy to understand how folks are in the WBCCI for over 40 years.



Around 2007, the Region-2 VAC Representative spot came open and I was asked if there was interest from me taking it over. It was a great experience as a member hosting the "East Coast Vintage Rally" and heading up a few small caravans during my four years of being in the spot. Around 2011, and after four years, I wanted to give others a chance, and decided to step down. Needless to say, a lot has changed in the past fifth-teen years in the WBCCI and the VAC.

A few months ago at the International Rally in York, PA there must have been a VAC bug in the air. As a firm believer things happen for a reason. During the signing up process to the VAC, it was noticed the Region-2 VAC spot was open again. Please understand, this was not to relive my youth, but to pass down a little knowledge to those (either in age or time with the club) of how we got here today and how our trailers were used 20+ years ago.

Just call me the "N.O.S" (New-Old-Stock) Region-2, VAC-Guy. As the "New-Guy" I'm looking forward to helping Patti Galupo with the Region-2 Rally - May 14-17, 2026 next year at the Pocono Raceway Infield RV Park. But, as the "Old-Guy" the thought of another "East Coast Vintage Airstream Rally" is very appealing, along with a few caravans and some bookdocking rallies. IMHO, it's important to know about the history of the club and how the trailers of the 50's, 60's and 70's needed very little. Though the trailers have changed over the years, one thing that has not changed is the ability to make life-long friends.

Keeping the Beat - From Music to Membership - Cody Klingler

Music has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. I've played in concert bands, orchestras, and jazz groups over the years, and today I have the joy of directing the *Good Times Big Band*. There's something special about watching a group of musicians come together — each one bringing their own style and sound — and turning it into something bigger than any one person could create alone. When it all clicks, there's this incredible feeling of connection, teamwork, and energy.

That feeling reminds me so much of what I love about the Airstream Club. In a way, our club works just like a band. Everyone has their part to play — some people take on leadership roles, others help behind the scenes, and many step in when something needs to be done. When we all contribute, the “music” of our club really comes alive.



I've always believed that passion is meant to be shared. For me, music and Airstreaming both bring people together — they connect us through common interests, shared experiences, and a spirit of community. Whether I'm on stage with my band or helping out at a rally, I get that same sense of belonging and purpose.

So as we continue to roll down the road together, I encourage you to find your own “part” in our Airstream ensemble. You don't have to be a soloist—just bring your enthusiasm and be willing to play along. Together, we can keep the beat strong for years to come.



ACI Region 2

Region 2 of the ACI is made up of more than a dozen local clubs covering the Mid-Atlantic states. If you own any trailer, van or motorhome manufactured by AIRSTREAM, we can offer you fun and exciting opportunities to enjoy your Airstream and the unique AIRSTREAM lifestyle. Each club caters to their local community of Airstreamers with fun, active camping and adventures.

Region 2 Airstream Clubs

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Metropolitan New York Airstream Club; #72

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New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club; #02

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Watchung NJ Airstream Club; #78

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