

Celebrating our 60th Anniversary

The Hillbilly



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President's Message



Wow, camping season has wrapped up! It was a great one from the unbutton in April to the October Rally at Kymers and everything in between. I am sorry I didn't get to spend a little more time at Kymer's; the band was fabulous!

The winter luncheon schedule looks to be a tasty one. Our December Installation Luncheon is a very special event. I hope that we will see everyone there. We have a slate of officers who have already started working on next year's activities.

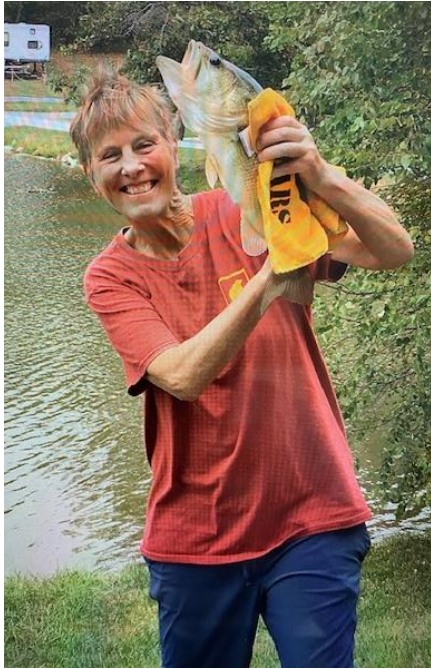
We are still searching for a club historian. Lea Plant has been fulfilling the responsibilities for a long time and would like to turn it over. If you have some time and like history, talk to Lea; we would love to have you. Rich Short has been our recording secretary for a few years now and is planning on stepping down after the 2026 season. Rich is willing to mentor someone, so there will be a seamless transition to a new recording secretary next year. It is a great way to get involved.

Safe travels,

Leslie



Region 2 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 focus 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! 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

Click [here](#) to see the November issue of the quarterly Region 2 newsletter. — Ed.



October Rally Report

The final rally of our camping season took place October 3 through 5 at Kymer's Camping Resort in Branchville, New Jersey, the heart of the New Jersey Highlands. Pat and Flo Attanasio were our hosts. David and Dottie DeCota co-hosted. By common consent they did a great job, so we hope they'll host again sometime! Although New Jersey's drought isn't a good thing it did make for beautiful rally weather (the drought is now over; we've been inundated since).



*Kymer's was all decked out for Halloween.
Photo L. Wagner*

Kymer's is a large, thickly wooded campground that is roughly half transient and half seasonal. It borders Stokes State Forest on the south and is close to High Point State Park and the Delaware Water Gap



The Cowboy and The Hippy entertained Saturday night. Photo L. Wagner

National Park. The sites are large (an average of roughly fifty feet on the side, maybe more). Oddly, despite its size and location (and the comparative lack of similar campgrounds in New Jersey) no one could remember having a rally there previously.

Attendance at the rally was comparatively small (eight rigs) but for a good reason: a number of members who frequent club rallies were off traveling the country. More good news, new members Jeff and Staci Bolton joined us for their first rally and affiliate members. Affiliate members Andy and Sharon Wright also joined us.

Saturday's catered dinner was followed by a campfire and entertainment by the two-man group The Cowboy and The Hippy serenaded members with country and Top 40 hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s; music for all ears. Sunday morning after breakfast we had our final club meeting of the year at which the slate of club officers for 2026 was presented: Heidi Cullen, president; Stephen Germansky, first vice president; Rebecca Glick, second vice president; Brian Cullen, corresponding secretary; Lois Wagner, Treasurer; Rich Short, recording secretary; one-year directors Nancy Deibert and Jay McCarthy and two-year directors George Trunk and Christine Kukel. With that the last club rally of the year concluded with everyone looking forward to next year's camping season.

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New members Staci and Jeff Bolton receive their new-member gift certificate from club treasurer Lois Wagner.



Announcements

Sunshine Report

This month the club sent three cards: a sympathy card to Steve and Cynthia Germansky following the loss of their beloved dog Jasper; and “get well” cards to Frank DeHerde and Chris Beddiges after their surgeries.

Would you like to have a card sent to another club member to wish them well or mark a milestone? Please send a note to Linda Kiesel our Sunshine Director at lkiesel@ptd.net.



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.

Welcome New Members!

Karla Schwedt
Rob Emmer

From Clark, New Jersey

This Month's Birthdays

George Kiesel
Valerie Nehlig
Barbara Talor
Kathi Short
Jean Dillon

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)



A Visit With Betty Lou and Bill Walker

By Linda Kiesel, Sunshine Director



On Friday, October 3, 2025, a beautiful fall day, while en route to Kymer's Campground for the October rally, George and I stopped in for a visit with longtime Watchung members Betty Lou and Bill Walker, who live quite close to the campground. Interestingly, none of us recalled Watchung camping at Kymer's as a unit in the past. Betty Lou and Bill were Watchung members for about 30 years and had attended a number of International rallies with the club.

The last rally they attended was at Hickory Run State Park in White Haven Pennsylvania, hosted by the Beddiges and Kiesel. Soon after they sold their trailer and hoped that the new owners would have as many fun adventures as they did in their trailer. Those of us in the unit for some time will remember that the Walkers always traveled with their beloved bird, Chipper. We always knew where the Walkers were parked.

Bill and Betty Lou have been married for 69 years and they still live in their own home. They were kind enough during our visit to donate some Airstream mementos of their time in Watchung to be given away at future rallies to raise money for our charity.

For a long time, Betty Lou was the source of a great deal of club member information, providing me with material for "Sunshine Committee" cards. Back when Merit Badges were given out, Betty Lou and Bill volunteered many hours towards the Community Service hours, which I tallied up for a twice per year report for International.

Betty Lou and Bill would love to hear from some of the members that they still know in the club, as well as some of the newer members and perhaps share a memory from your time with the Watchung NJ Airstream Club. They continue to receive the Hillbilly and enjoy reading about the current members and activities. Thank you to Betty Lou and Bill for allowing us to share some precious time with you both.

Cards can be sent to Betty Lou and Bill Walker 97 Beemer Church Road Branchville, NJ 07826-5703, or at their email address: blw97beemer@gmail.com



Watchung Club Events Schedule

2025

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

2026

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
January 2026	Luncheon/January 31	Steve and Cynthia Germansky		Princeton Soup and Sandwich, Cranberry, NJ
February 2026	Luncheon/TBD	Gary and Sandra Molenaar	Lois Wagner/Derek Conley	TBD
March 2026	Luncheon/TBD	Leslie and Frank DeHerde	Ken and Nancy Eagan	Knights of Columbus, Woodbridge, NJ
April 2026	Unbutton Rally/April 16-19	Heidi and Brian Cullen	Saskia Schmidt and Brian Stein; Rebecca Glick	Holly Acres, Egg Harbor, NJ
May 2026	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 11	Steve and Cynthia Germansky	Rich and Kathi Short	Cedar Point State Park, Clayton, NY
July 2026	Tentative Club Rally	Sharon and Joe Moran		Croton On Hudson Park, NY
July 2026	Regions 1 and 2 "Sampson" rally/ July 30-August 3	NA	NA	Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY
August 2026	International Rally/Aug 22-27	NA	NA	Minot, ND
September 2026	Club Rally	TBD	TBD	TBD
October 2026	Business Meeting Rally/October 9-12	George and Linda Kiesel	Mark and Angie Ratliff	Jane's Island State Park, Crisfield, MD
November 2026	Luncheon/TBD			
December 2026	Installation luncheon/TBD	Steve and Cynthia Germansky	Heidi and Brian Cullen	



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 Koczvara Contact: allofus1989@gmail.com or 609-947-6789

Co-hosts: Lois Wagner & Derek Conley Contact: airstreaminglois@gmail.com

Entrée Choices – Please indicate you 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



CANDLELIGHT INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

FOR OUR 2026 OFFICERS

Hosted by: Heidi and Brian Cullen

Cohost by: Leslie and Frank DeHerde

Where: Chimney Rock Inn

41 Rt 31

Flemington, NJ 08822

chimneyrockinn.com

908-788-8800

When: 12/06/2025 @ 1230 pm

Price: 41.00 dollars per person

Includes appetizers and family style meal

If you have special dietary needs, contact Heidi.

Our candlelight Installation Ceremony will take place after lunch

Reservation Deadline is November 25, 2024

RSVP on JotForm or mail form and check to Leslie DeHerde 22 Hissim Rd Great Meadows, NJ 07838

(Make checks payable to Watchung NJ Airstream Club)

Questions: Call Heidi Cullen

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for any aged girl or boy for our annual Joy Drive

***** CUT HERE AND SEND WITH CHECK IF NOT REGISTERING ONLINE *****

Name _____ Email _____

Cell# _____

Price per person = \$41.00 x number of people _____ = \$ _____ -

Mail this form and check to

Leslie DeHerde 22 Hissim Rd Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Make checks payable to: Watchung NJ Airstream Club



WNJAC January Luncheon – Saturday 1/31/26 1:30PM



Princeton Soup & Sandwich Company (Cranbury location) 3 Old Trenton Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512
Hosts: Cynthia & Steven Germansky
cgermansky@verizon.net / 732-759-4292

Maximum 32 attendees – *please sign up early!*

Reservation deadline: January 3rd, 2026

Important: Must Select Food Choice When Signing Up

Choose a Sandwich or Salad:

- **Veggie Burger** in-house made patty with sauteed mushrooms, spinach, fresh garbanzo beans, shaved parmesan, parsley, garlic, salt, pepper, served on a brioche bun with spring mix, tomato, onion and Russian dressing
- **Grilled Chicken & Provolone sandwich** – avocado, chipotle mayo, red onions, and jalapeno peppers, served on a kaiser roll
- **New England Cobb Salad** (gluten/dairy free) - spring mix, hardboiled egg, avocado, bacon, tomatoes, olives, cucumbers and celery; choice of dressing
- **Substitute Gluten-Free In-house made Bread & Dessert Option** – on any entrée (\$3.50 upcharge)

Included with your entrée: small soup - choice of meat or vegetarian, filtered water with lemons, chocolate chip cookie or brownie, coffee or tea. *BYOB if desired,*

Pay online at <https://airstreamclub.org/watchung-january-2026-luncheon> or send the completed form below and a check to Cynthia Germansky, 24 Hoyt Street, Madison, NJ 07940. Make checks payable to: *Watchung NJ Airstream Club.*

WNJAC January 31, 2026 Luncheon reservation form:

Name(s): _____ WBCCI#: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

of People: ____ \$37.00 per person = \$ _____ + GF option @ \$3.50 per person \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Entrée(s): ____ Veggie Burger ____ Grilled Chicken & Provolone ____ New England Cobb Salad

Soup(s): ____ Meat ____ Vegetarian GF option(s): ____

If selecting GF option; with which entrée(s): _____



May Region 2 Rally: Pocono Raceway



The 2026 Region 2 Rally will be held from May 14-17 at Pocono Raceway, Blakeslee, PA, 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.

Click [here](#) to sign up via JotForm.



June Club Rally: Cedar Point State Park

Friday, June 5th – Monday, June 8th, 2026
Cedar Point State Park, 36661 Cedar Point SP Drive, Clayton, NY 13624
<https://airstreamclub.org/watchung-june-2026-rally>

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





Steve & Cynthia Germansky and Brian & Heidi Cullen took the ferry from Cape May to enjoy a final fall weekend hurrah at Cape Henlopen, Lewes, Delaware.

“So long to the camping season and hello to the upcoming lunches. Looking forward to seeing you all!” Heidi and Brian Cullen.





Other Rallies: Flight 93 Memorial Rally



The Delmarva Airstream Club has invited the Watchung club to join them at a rally to be held this coming June at a state park near the Flight 93 Memorial. Delmarva has reserved and paid for 18 sites. The rally campground is also close to two iconic Frank Lloyd Wright homes: [Fallingwater](#) and [Kentuck Knob](#). The memorial is free. The Frank Lloyd Wright homes require a reservation and an entry fee. A little further west of the park are the [Fort Necessity National Battlefield](#) and [Jumontville Glen](#), site of the 1754 skirmish between French troops and a British detachment led by 22-year old George Washington that started the [French and Indian War](#) which then grew into the global [Seven Year's War](#). Britain's taxation of its American colonies to help pay for this war led to the United States of America. The campground is 10 miles south of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Rally dates: June 11-14 2026.

Place: [Laurel Hill State Park](#), 14534 Laurel Hill Park Road, Somerset, PA

Camping fee: \$103 for three nights. 30-amp electric service only, no water or sewer at the site. The park has water spigots located throughout the campground, as well as a dump station (see [campground map](#)).

Rally fee is TBD.

To register, send the coupon below and a check to cover the camping fee to:

James Bull
32879 Watchtower Drive, Selbyville DE19975
Make checks payable to James Bull

Flight 93 Memorial Rally

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

BRN: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____



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Directors	Rebecca Glick
	Cathy McCarthy
	Jay McCarthy
	Pat Attanasio

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