

Celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# The Hillbilly



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## President's Message



This is my final message as president. I never thought I would take on the role. I am very happy I did; it has been a rewarding experience serving as the club's president this past year. I am grateful for the support of the executive team, the luncheons, rallies, and the overall engagement; it has been amazing.

On behalf of the club, a special thank you to Lois and Derek, both of whom will remain in their current roles. Lois's attention to detail in maintaining our financial reports has been impeccable. I know I speak for everyone when I say THANK YOU! Derek consistently puts out an excellent monthly newsletter. I always look

forward to reading each month. THANK YOU, Derek, for all you do. Thank you both for continuing in these positions. It is greatly appreciated.

If you are thinking of getting involved, there is an opportunity to be the club historian. Lea Plant will be happy to mentor the new historian. Rich Short remains as recording secretary, and he has offered to mentor a secretary for next year.

Safe travels,

Leslie



## Region 2 President's Message



Greetings from Region 2! We're in the thick of the holiday season- which translates into winterizing the rig for most of us here in Region 2; unless of course, you are actually traveling to warmer climates where that Pepto Bismol-like RV anti-freeze remains on hold!

It's been a busy month. I attended the IBT strategy session in Jackson Center, Ohio, where we gathered under the leadership of newly installed President Jenny Schnettler, for a week of work, and a hands-on look at the new HQ building. Equally as exciting is the transformation of the old HQ building into the new Member Clubhouse and Historical Center and Educational Library. President Schnettler provided a thorough synopsis of the highlights of our strategy meeting in her new direct-to-membership blog entitled "breaking news." If you haven't, I encourage you to read it.

Speaking of direct correspondence, our R2 team huddled up and dispatched our first mass email to nearly 2700 members of our region, including local members and members-at-large. We've been talking about doing this for a while. We attached the last issue of the "The Region 2 Beat", our quarterly newsletter, as well as registration information with a more specific agenda for the R2 Rally in May, at the Pocono Raceway. We are teaming up with the Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) at our rally who will sponsor our Sunday breakfast, as well as hold an Open House, a history seminar, and sponsor a Cornhole Tournament. Please click [here](#) to see their flyer. We have some other surprises in store for the rally; I really can't discuss it here, you are just gonna have to come!

Additionally, we're putting on the finishing touches of our joint Region 1 and Region 2 Rally at Sampson State Park in the Finger Lakes, New York. Back by popular demand, this is a popular rally initiated by R2 Past President Gary Russo; and has garnered positive reviews since its inception five years ago. Gary is leading the charge again this year. We plan on opening registration just before Christmas; so be on the lookout for mass emails, Facebook posts, ACI website event cards and the like to get the word out. We're just finishing up the JotForm as of this writing.

Lastly, we want to welcome and congratulate our new slate of officers for our local clubs and units. Thanks for stepping up and leading your respective crews! We'll huddle up and have a Zoom meeting after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

That's all for now. I'm preparing for my own trip into the "shop" aka the operating room to get "riveted up" aka; getting screws put into my spine on December 1<sup>st</sup>. So, by the time you read this, I should be just waking up from a long nap; humor is my way of deflecting stress if you haven't figured that out!

But seriously, from all of us here at Region 2, we wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season! Be safe!

Patti



## November Luncheon



*Clockwise from left: Glen Roth, Lynda Kresge and Sunshine Director Linda Kiesel; Webmaster Mark and Angie Ratliff share a moment with Historian Lea Plant; Patty Ciak and Sam Kessel; Mike Richards and Membership Chair George Kiesel; all at table.*







# Announcements

## Sunshine Report

The club sent a Get-Well card to Rich Short.

*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](mailto: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!

From Robbinsville New Jersey

David Etherton

Linda Dereka

## This Month's Birthdays

Sean Boyle  
Sam Kessel  
Jason Pomerleau  
George Trunk

Fred Brugmans  
Cathy McCarthy  
Steve Tancer  
Chris Forster

### Items for the newsletter?

Send them by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to: ([dconley1810@gmail.com](mailto:dconley1810@gmail.com))

**Interested in joining the Watchung NJ Airstream club?**

Contact:

Membership: George Kiesel

[068membership@gmail.com](mailto:068membership@gmail.com)

President: Leslie DeHerde ([lesairstreaming@gmail.com](mailto:lesairstreaming@gmail.com))



## Watchung Club Events Schedule

2025

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
December 2025	Officer Installation Luncheon/ <b>Saturday December 6</b>	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 <b>BOOK NOW TO GET A SPOT.</b> 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 Gemansky	Heidi and Brian Cullen	



**LAST CHANCE!** Tuesday 12/2 is the absolute last day to sign up for the Installation Luncheon. Please reach out to Heidi with any questions...973-945-3406



## 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](mailto:cgermansky@verizon.net) / 732-759-4292

Maximum 32 attendees – *please sign up early!*

**Reservation deadline: January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.*

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### 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): \_\_\_\_\_



# April Unbutton Rally

**April 16-19 (3 nights)**

**Holly Acres campground, Egg Harbor City NJ.**

Nine of our 19 FHU sites are already spoken for! Call Hailey at +1 (609) 965-5055 to book yours. If you book Friday and Saturday, she will offer you Thursday at no extra cost. Check the website's map as we are currently booking sites in the A and B sections. There is lots to enjoy in the area including its proximity to the shore towns and wineries. We hope to have an evening out on that Thursday at a winery (excellent dinner menu also available).

More details will follow in the coming months.







## 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 [Bouldt 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

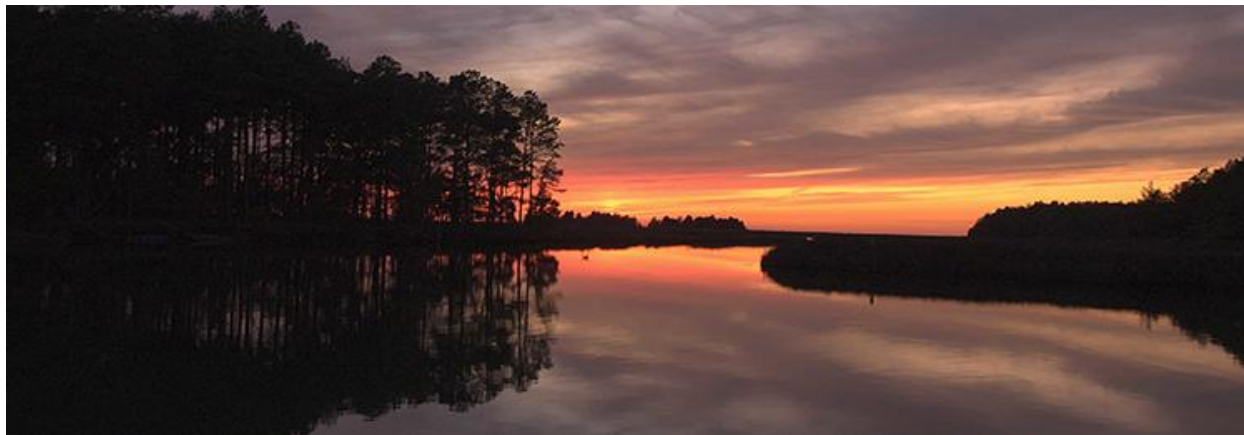
Please book your site directly with [ReserveAmerica](#). Sites near the group area are electric only (see map on the ReserveAmerica site). Sites near the river with full hookups: 43, 41, 39 37, 35. Also 33, 31, 29 but these sites require backing into a tight site with trees. Full hookups away from the 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](mailto:egerms@verizon.net). Questions? Call Steve at 973-495-1067





## October Club Rally: Jane's Island SP



**October 10-12 (Columbus Day)**

**Janes Island State Park in Crisfield, Maryland**

Hosts: George and Linda Kiesel, Mark and Angie Ratliff

Check out this [video tour](#) on Youtube.

The electric sites on Loop B have 30 Amp hookup with NO water and NO sewer hookups. There is potable water to fill your tanks and there is a dump station.

You will need to make your own reservations via Maryland's park reservations website <https://parkreservations.maryland.gov/> or call [1-888-432-2267](tel:1-888-432-2267). Make sure to check that the site can accommodate the length of your rig.

George Kiesel writes: "Really beautiful campground but can be quite windy. Clean bathrooms, and very well maintained. Gorgeous sunsets. As of today November 10) there are 2 sites available in loop B for the weekend of October 10th thru the 12th, 2026. with other sites available with length restrictions. Loop B is electric only. There are many sites available in loop C, but there are no hookups in Loop C." Click [here](#) for site map.



## 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

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Flight 93 Memorial Rally

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

BRN: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_





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	Cathy McCarthy
	Jay McCarthy
	Pat Attanasio

#### Other Club Roles

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