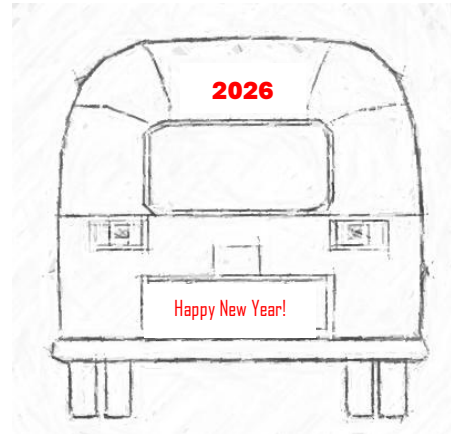


Our 61st Year of Airstreaming

The Hillbilly



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President's Message



Hello Watchung family☺, and Happy New Year! I hope you are all doing well and are able to enjoy this season of new expectations.

I am looking forward to many things this year. Just two years ago Brian and I joined the WBCCI and the Watchung club as well. What a wonderful journey it has been, truly exceeding our expectations; our many new friends quickly began to feel like dear “old” friends! We have learned so much from other club members which has helped us plan our adventures, including our most recent, our first trip all the way across our great country, to Seattle. In fact, this month’s photo was taken at Yellowstone NP. That park was so much more than I had anticipated; such diversity of landscape and infinitely beautiful.

As we begin this year, we are excited to see the many new members as well as the seasoned ones, that are jumping in and taking on roles as board members and hosts for luncheons and rallies. We have a pretty full calendar of events, so the year ahead looks very promising! Anyone else that is considering hosting, rest assured that you will have plenty of help with whatever you need. Our club members are very supportive of each other, and you will not be left to do things on your own if you are not ready to do so.

Our installation luncheon was a fun affair. Chimney Rock Inn fed us well. And thank you George Kiesel for leading our ceremony once again!

This year’s charity will be STOMP OUT BULLYING. This organization is a national nonprofit dedicated to the prevention of bullying and the devastating effects it has on people and their families.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Safe travels, Heidi Cullen



Region 2 President's Message



T'was the night before Christmas.....

Well, let's back it up a bit. T'was the morning before Christmas and I awoke with an early morning email from Newsletter Editor Cody Klingler reminding me to get this message out. I honestly had forgotten about it since the circadian rhythm of the holidays had totally hijacked my brain. Honestly, I hope it has yours!

Why?

Because this time of year, we are celebrating Christmas, Hannukah or whatever tradition one follows and are usually in close proximity to family and friends. I imagine that all of our trailers have been winterized, unless we are on the run. The winter solstice has occurred and culturally, that is in celebration of the days getting longer- which kind of gets the camping juices flowing.

In the spirit of welcoming in the new year, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our new slate of presidents of each of the 13 clubs that encompass Region 2- I and our entire R2 team look forward to working with this new crop of officers- who have joined this full-on volunteer crew:

April Weber- Al-Mon-O AC
Jim Lorden- New Jersey Unit
Terry Hauschild- Central Penn AC
Jamie Bull- Delmarva AC
Lisa Lichtenstein- Washington DC Unit
Hollie Bart- Hudson-Mohawk AC
Heidi Cullen- Watchung NJ AC

Lesley Stewart- Ontario Canada AC
Brian Mulligan- Keystone AC
Cindy Collister- Penn Lehigh AC
Bill Woodford- Pennsylvania AC
Debbie Hammer- NY Metro AC
Chris Cappelletti- NY Finger Lakes AC

We'll get back to business in 2026. I plan on setting up a Zoom call in early January. In the meantime, stay close to those you love, happy holidays, and on behalf of the Region 2 Team, thanks for all that you do in keeping this machine running. There is no "I" in "We"- WE Rally Together, WE are here for each other, WE are family. WE are a Team.

Safe travels!

Patti



Installation Luncheon



Above: Suzanne Schumakoff; George Trunk, Director; Rebecca Glick, Second VP; Nancy Deibert, Director; David Deiber; Heidi Cullen, President; Leslie DeHerde, Past President; Steve Germansky, First Vice President; George Kiesel, membership chair. Not shown: Directors Jay McCarthy, Christine Kukel. Right: George Kiesel conducted the installation ceremony. Left: Mark Ratliff shares a moment with Past President David Cahall.





Announcements

Sunshine Report

In December the club sent get-well cards to Kathi Short, David Cahall and Jeff Pearsall.

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.



Missed Something?
Past issues of *The Hillbilly* going back to January 2021 are online at
<https://airstreamclub.org/watchung-nj/newsletter-hillbilly>

This Month's Birthdays

Pat Attanasio
Elisabeth Reiss
Linda Ward

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: Heidi Cullen (heidi.watch.air@gmail.com)



Watchung Club Events Schedule 2026

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
January 2026	Luncheon/January 31	Steve and Cynthia Germansy		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 9	Steve and Cynthia Germansy	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 Germansy	Heidi and Brian Cullen	



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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): _____



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 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.

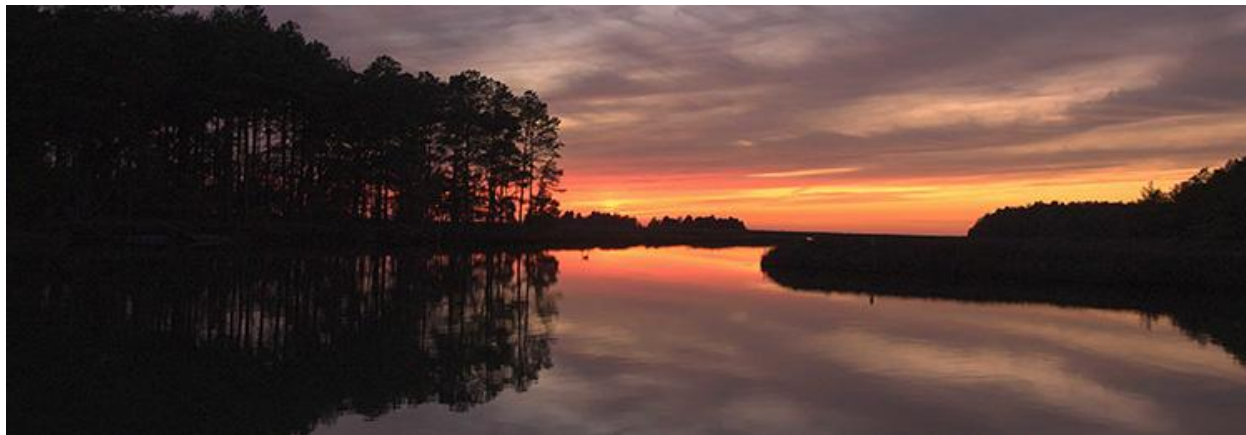
Please book your site directly with [ReserveAmerica](#). Sites near the group area are electric only (see map on the ReserveAmerica site). Sites near the river with full hookups: 43, 41, 39 37, 35. Also 33, 31, 29 but these sites require backing into a tight site with trees. Full hookups away from the 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





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.

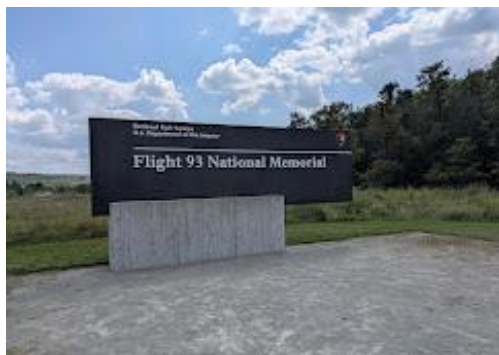
The electric sites on Loop B have 30 Amp hookup with NO water and NO sewer hookups. There is potable water to fill your tanks and there is a dump station.

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

Flight 93 Memorial Rally

Number Attending: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

BRN: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____



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