



President's Message

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Fellow Campers from Club Keystone:

Camping ah... I am sure we all started or had nights in a tent at some point in our lives. I know I have been in snow, summer heat and torrential rain, and really don't miss it much. So, does it really feel like camping when you pull in and set up, plug in and start the AC, flip the hot water heater on, and grab a cold bev from the fridge? Well, we are a camping club, so yes, it's camping. Enjoy it all.

I am writing the message a bit early this month due to travel and logistics. Yes, we are all entitled to prioritizing our time away. The Sampson Region 1 & 2 rally was a huge success, as always. I was not able to attend this years' rally, but did get some feedback there were approx. 90 rigs. Wow that is a great turnout! I believe this may be the last Sampson rally, too. It was a great run, and sometimes great things do come to unexpected ends. Gary Russo, former R2 President, and his team did an incredible job of organizing the weekend. Thanks to him and his entire crew.

At the time of this writing, we are still a week away from Cowtown Rodeo. We are getting oh so close to the C-Town chili competition. And yes, the hype and excitement is in the air, and maybe in a few emails too. Our friends from Watchung have been great and are also ready to compete for the righteous title of the C-Town Chili Winner. I heard a guy with the initials JD was trying to intercept the Mulligans proprietary recipe for the winning dish. Jody, if I knew what she was making, I'd let ya know ... haha.

I hope everyone has had a chance to look into the new merchandise with our club logo. We also have the garden flags with our logo too. Please reach out to Joel if interested. Feel free to send in pictures with your new wear anytime with a brief description of where you are for our next newsletter too.

This week, I was speaking with a club member who has taken on a rally and had a few questions about running a rally. Many of us have attended rallies, and may not have been the one to organize, and I thought it may be a good idea to highlight a few helpful hints. Lori has published the calendar for next year, and we are also looking for folks to take on the role of rally host. It's really not a lot of work, and it becomes what you make of it. So, below are a few suggestions. You can always call on any current or former officer of the club, although they are not the only ones to take on running a rally too.

1. Plan a rally- or take on running a rally from our calendar. Most have some type of a theme. Do what you want as a rally host. Plan a trip where you want to go, and do the things you want to do. This is most likely what everyone else wants to do too. Ideas include group campfires, dinners- pot luck or other with a theme (if you chose), coffee and breakfast and some type of activity. This may include a hike, boating, bike rides, or other activities at the location you have selected.
2. Our club policy is to reimburse up to \$100 for a protein and other rally expenses, with receipts. We should always let Rick Pitts, our treasurer, know what we are planning ahead of time. Rally host should consider a rally coupon for the event if it will incur expenses above \$100. Rally fees are nominal, typically 10 per person (excluding camping fee's), although this can vary depending on the amount of activity planned. Keeping track of who is attending a rally can be challenging. Our members typically indicate they are attending a rally on the Facebook page. Non Keystone members typically will reach out to a rally host when they see it published. We typically use a printed form, and ask for checks or cash payable to Keystone Airstream club, to be sent to the rally host. After the rally, the host will tally all costs and amounts collected by rally fees and send them to Rick. The host will be reimbursed after the rally.
3. All of our Keystone rallies must be on our Keystone club calendar, published monthly, along with notifying ACI, our parent company. This must be done to ensure our trips are insured. They must also be open to anyone who belongs to ACI.

That's it - it's really not difficult and can be fun. Yes, it takes a small amount of planning and maybe some pre-buying. I would suggest if you have never done it, give it a try, you may be surprised.

That's all for now. Safe travel to all and please, continue to send in pictures you want to share of your adventures.

Brian

Keystone Korner

Camping at the EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Lori Pfahler **BRN 3663**

In July, Camp Scholler at the Experimental Aircraft Association's weeklong airshow comes alive. Camp Scholler will grow to have around 15,000 camping sites with nearly 40,000 folks camping together. AirVenture is a weeklong event that includes vendors, workshops and daily airshows (learn more at: <https://www.eaa.org/airventure>). During the event, this relatively small airport becomes the busiest airport in the world. I went to AirVenture when I was in high school with my Aviation Explorers Post (Scouting program for young women and men). I have always wanted to return and this year we made it happen.

One of the best ways to experience AirVenture is to camp at the airport. Hundreds of pilots will fly their planes to Oshkosh and camp under the wing next to the runways (Fly-in campers). Drive-in campers will set up in the area around the airport called Camp Scholler. There is a small portion of the camping area with water and electric. These sites go fast once they are open for reservation in late June. The issue with these sites is that once you place a reservation, you start paying the daily fee at that moment till the end of the event. This can add up fast and we decided not to try for them. The other option is to boondock. There appears to be an unlimited amount of space for boondockers with areas designated as "no generators" to areas that allow generators 24 hours a day. The campground has large shower facilities, camp stores and port-a-potties throughout. As some of you may know, I am a FHU-camper. However, I love airplanes and wanted to experience AirVenture the best way possible. For four days, we boondocked!



There are no reservations for boondocking. You just show up at the camping area entrance. The EAA volunteers have a very efficient process for you to pay for your camping and event tickets. We arrived on the Sunday before the event started on Monday. We lined up with around 20-30 other arriving campers. It took maybe 30 minutes to get registered and then we were on our way to claim our spot. The fields are marked with designated roads, and you can choose where you want to park. Your site is to have a 5 ft. perimeter around your RV. It was a little crazy trying to find a spot that would work but we eventually found a field that had just started to fill with campers and pulled in.



We don't have a generator but had recently purchased a portable power station with solar panels. Having either a generator or power station is essential in my opinion. We strapped our solar panels on the bed of the truck to charge the power station during the day and plugged the trailer in at night. Our solar on top of the trailer was not enough to power our refrigerator at night.



Going to event areas and airshows involves lots of walking. It's like going to Disney World. We walked about 5 miles a day and that included using shuttles. The most important advice I can give is to go early in the week; Monday through Wednesday was perfect. Less crowds and more pilots with their planes on display. You must make sure you include Wednesday. On Wednesday, they have both an afternoon airshow and an evening airshow. The evening airshow is not to be missed (drones, fireworks, big explosions, and aerobatic planes with fireworks and LED lights).

Attending AirVenture is an amazing experience even if you are not a pilot. All that is required is a bit of interest in aviation and that your heart beats faster when you hear the jets roar. If you ever plan to go, reach out and I can share what I know about having a great time.



Stay Connected Facebook – Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club Keystone on the Web Airstream International Website Interested in joining the club? Contact Brian Mulligan mulligansix@rcn.com	Club Officers President, Brian Mulligan mulligansix@rcn.com 1st VP, Lori Pfahler loripfahler88@gmail.com 2nd VP, Joel Burkholder jpburkholder@verizon.net Treasurer, Richard Pitts r_pitts@verizon.net Secretary, Kathleen Quinn kathleenquinn56@icloud.com Immediate Past Pres., Jennifer Eggers jeggers@leadershiftinsights.com 1st Year Trustee, Katherine Mulligan mulligansix@rcn.com 2nd Year Trustee, Elena Echart meem22272@gmail.com
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In addition to our officers, Keystone's bylaws provide the option of adding additional positions or committees to handle specific tasks. I would like to recognize those that have agreed to continue to serve and a few new ones. If you would like to help, please let any of us know!

Returning positions include: Website - Andy Pitts Sunshine - Karen Kushto Facebook Administrators - Jennifer Eggers & Jody Dietz	New positions in 2026 include: Historian - Jody Dietz Membership - Kathleen Quinn Newsletter - Joan Willy
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Welcome New Members

Martha and Joseph Borraccini **BRN 04451**
Christeen and John Lemunyon **BRN 06263**

Pamela and John Kerr **BRN 06340**

Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club Future Rally and Event Schedule

Attention!!! Anyone should sign up ASAP for any rally listed and available.

Calls for Volunteers are highlighted in yellow.

More information available in our private Facebook group Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club https://www.facebook.com/groups/keystonepairstreamclub			
Date	Event/Host(s)	Location	Notes
Sept 24-27	Killens Pond State Park / Brian & Katherine Mulligan	Killens Pond State Park, DE	Book online Loop C
October 9-12	Shenandoah River State Park / Jim Fitzgerald	Shenandoah River State Park	Currently sold out. Contact Jim Fitzgerald if you are interested to get on waiting list.
November 13-15 2026	Installation Rally / Brian & Katherine Mulligan	Country Acres Campground Gordonville, PA	Call Campground (Kathy) to reserve (717) 687-8014. We have 10 Big Rig sites reserved. You can also book for 3 nights.
December 5 2026	Holiday Luncheon	Plumsteadville Inn, 5902 Easton Rd. Pipersville, PA 18947	More details to follow. *Looking for volunteer assistance.
Feb 13 2027	Valentine's Day Luncheon	Elana Echart and Brent Ballenger House	
Mar 20 2027	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	Kathy and Steve Roosa	
May 2-13 2027 (ACI)	Chesapeake Adventure Caravan / Jennifer Eggers & Ian Poulin	Rock Hall, Trapp Pond, Chincoteague and Assateague.	*This is an International Caravan Blend of Full/Partial/No Hookups. Register on the International website under the Caravan Link. Contact Jennifer Eggers
May 13-16 2027	Region 2 Rally	Sun Resorts, Ocean City, MD	More details to follow.
May 21-23 2027	Keystone-Central Penn Opener rally / Rick & Andy Pitts	Lums Pond State Park, DE	Host sites: 44 and 48 (and probably 50). Booking window opens May 21, 2026. Let Rick Pitts know your site reservation #. This is a Delaware State Park with online reservations through ReserveAmerica
June 2027	Flowers and Brews Rally / Lori & Joe Pfahler Hosts	Hershey, PA	Saturday morning, enjoy the wonderful flowers at Hershey Gardens (https://www.hersheygardens.org/). Late Saturday afternoon, visit Troegs Brewery for a tour and tasting (https://troegs.com/tourfaq/). This is one of the best craft breweries in the nation. If breweries and flowers are not your thing, another option is to visit Hershey Park and enjoy some great roller coasters and rides. Troegs Brewery Hershey Gardens
July 29 – August 1 2027	PA State Rally	Gettysburg Area	Details Coming Soon! See Flyer at end
July 2027	Barnstormers Rally Need a volunteer to organize	Lancaster, PA	Take in a Lancaster Barnstormers' baseball game and enjoy other great activities in Amish country. Possible campgrounds: Beacon Hill, Mill Bridge Village, Country Acres

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Date	Event/Host(s)	Location	Notes
June 26 - July 1 2027	International Rally	Sweetwater Events Complex 3320 Yellowstone Road Rock Springs, WY, 82901	Registration opens June 24, 2026. https://airstreamclub.org/rally2027
August 10-15 2027	Rails to Races Caravan Lori and Joe Pfahler 2026 racing season is July 3 to Sept 7	Scranton PA (2 nights) and Saratoga Springs NY (3 nights) Tentative Schedule: <u>Tues (8/10/27)</u> : Travel to Scranton. GAM (Get Acquainted Meeting) Happy Hour and Campfire <u>Wed</u> : Touring Scranton. Campfire and Drivers' Meeting. <u>Thurs</u> : Travel to Saratoga. Visit Treehouse Brewing Tap Room for dinner (pizza is onsite but you can bring your own food). Wine, Soda, Cocktails, and Mocktails are also served. <u>Fri</u> : Horse racing at Saratoga Race Track with a tour of the track. We will "reserve" a couple of picnic tables on the grounds for the club to gather/eat at during the day. You can bring your own food and drink (in coolers is OK). Or purchase (\$\$\$) food and drinks at the track. You can get tickets for seats in the grandstands (~\$25-30). Alternatively, you can get the grounds entry ticket (<\$10) and watch the races from TVs that are everywhere or step up to the rail to watch. Tour timing is TBD. <u>Sat</u> : Touring Saratoga Springs on your own. Final campfire with dessert <u>Sun</u> : Travel home or to your next destination.	Visit the Steamtown National Historic Site with its newly updated facility OR take the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour OR whatever interests you in the Scranton area. Travel on to attend the horse races at Saratoga Springs. While in Saratoga Springs, visit the Saratoga Revolutionary War Battlefield, National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame (horse racing), Treehouse Brewing Tap Room (best craft beer in the nation in Joe and Lori's opinion) or Saratoga Spa State Park (museums, cool architecture, cycling, etc.). There is so much to see in Saratoga Springs; you could easily fill a week with fun activities. See attached flyer
Sept / Early October 2027	Need a volunteer to organize	Fredericksburg, VA (or another destination if host wishes)	This could be as simple as arranging the campground and having a campfire most nights. Jodi Dietz arranged the last visit and attendees made plans together at evening campfires (as desired). 4-5 days worked last time but attendees could come and go as their schedule allows. Fredericksburg/Washington DC South KOA Campground was used last time and worked well.
Late October 2027	Installation Luncheon and Meeting / Lori & Joe Pfahler	Installation Luncheon at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant in Lancaster on Saturday. Camping at Country Acres. To be confirmed	
Dec 4 2027	Holiday Luncheon Kathy and Steve Roosa	First Saturday in December (12/4/27) at Plumsteadville Inn - to be confirmed	
We are always looking for feedback on our event schedule along with volunteers to host/co-host. Please reach out to Brian Mulligan at mulligansix@rcn.com			

New Keystone Merchandise Shop

Want some awesome apparel to wear to your next Airstream Club Rally? The Keystone Leadership Team is proud to announce our new merchandise site. This website has many different options with our club logo such as t-shirts, hoodies, hats, and even a bandana for your furry friends.

This site is run by a “print-on-demand” vendor that will take your order and payment via the website, print our club logo your items, and ship them directly to your home address. We have set up the site to provide the items with the lowest cost possible. It normally takes 8-14 days to receive your order. As you shop, please note that the item appears in a default color that may not be your ideal choice. Click on the item to see all the available sizes and colors. Pick what works for you!

You can visit the Keystone Club merchandise site at:
<https://keystone-airstream-club.myspreadshop.com/all>

This site is available 24/7. We can add items as our vendor expands their merchandise offerings and you never have to wait for the club leaders to organize a club merchandise event. As we gain experience with this approach to club gear, please share your feedback with myself (loripfahler88@gmail.com) or any Keystone officer.

Let's get “geared” up!
Lori Pfahler, Vice President I

Garden Flag

Show your pride!!
Cost is \$30.00.
I will have it shipped directly to you. Stand included.

Interested parties should contact
Joel Burkholder, zippy7jmb@verizon.net



Items Available for Sale, Trade or Free

For sale: RV890 - 8" RV Navigator Discontinued model but still works well. – Contact Joan Willy, joanmwilly@gmail.com.

Submit entries by 20th of month so that we can pass the word to others.

Membership Renewal



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, 2026.
- 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.

Rails to Races – 2027 Club Caravan Dates are Set!

August 10 – 15, 2027 (Tuesday – Sunday). Scranton, PA to Saratoga Springs, NY

August 10 and 11 (two nights): Lackawanna State Park, 1839 N Abington Rd., Dalton, PA 18414. Ledges Loop with Full Hookups (sites with electric are also available). **Make your reservation on Sept 10, 2026!**

These sites may go fast:

<https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>

August 12 – 15 (three nights: 12 - 14th): Saratoga RV Park, 4894 NY-50, Gansevoort, NY 12831. Sites are set aside for our club. A group reservation will be available mid-September 2026 – stay tuned.

Tentative schedule for our Club Caravan:

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Wed: Touring Scranton. Campfire and Drivers' Meeting.

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Fri: Horse racing at Saratoga Race Track with a tour of the track. We will reserve a couple of picnic tables on the grounds for the club to gather/eat at during the day.

Sat: Touring Saratoga Springs on your own. Final campfire with dessert

Sun: Travel home or to your next destination.

Things to do in Scranton and Saratoga Springs:

Scranton Area: Visit the Steamtown National Historic Site with a newly updated facility OR take the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour.

While in Saratoga Springs, visit the Saratoga Revolutionary War Battlefield, National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame (horse racing) or Saratoga Spa State Park (museums, cool architecture, cycling, ...). There is so much to see in Saratoga Springs; you could easily fill a week with fun activities.

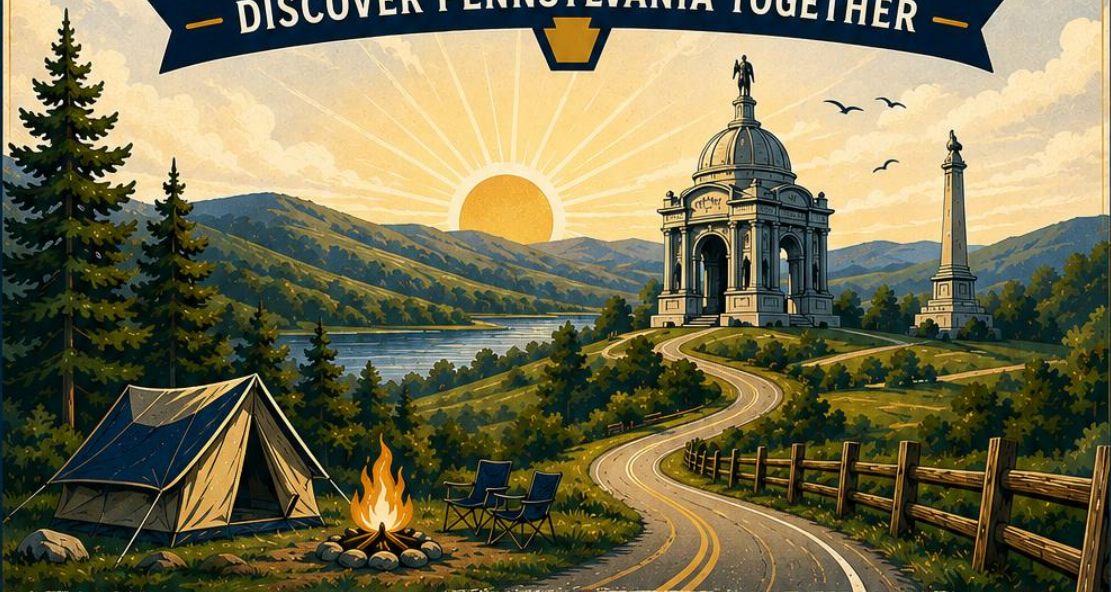


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MORE DETAILS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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