

Our 62nd Year of Airstreaming

The Hillbilly



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President's Message



I am writing this message on the longest day of the year, The Summer Solstice. We are just about halfway through 2026. Our camping season is under way and off to a great start with two well attended rallies. And we are looking forward to several more, both regional and club. Just around the corner is the Croton Point rally and music festival, back by popular demand! Joe and Sharon Moran are our hosts, with Carl Dashman and Sheryl Skolnick as cohosts. Then there is the R1/R2 Sampson Rally in upstate NY at the end of July. And in August we are joining the Keystone Club at

Cowtown in south jersey for a joint rally! Andy and Sharon Wright are cohosting with the Keystone club and have sent out info to our club members on how to join us for the weekend. Finishing off our club rally season will be the Jane's Island MD rally with the Kiesel and Ratliffs at the helm! We will also conduct our annual meeting and vote on new board members at that event.

Over the next few months, we will be looking ahead to 2027 and planning for our new Executive Board. We will need for next year a 2nd Vice President, three Directors, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and a Historian. All members, both seasoned and new, are welcome to be considered for these positions. If you think you may be interested, please reach out to me or someone else in the club and let us know. We will be happy to answer your questions.

One can't help but ponder how so many people, each with our own strengths and weaknesses and our own opinions, manage to keep a club such as ours going strong through all these years. Persoback and find it very admirable that we can have our differences, share our thoughts, take



a step back, and then move forward with respect and a shared sense of unity. If only world peace were that simple.

Don't forget...club sweatshirts are still available for purchase! Look for Christine Kukel's email on how to order.

And flags...George Kiesel has been working with a company and we have some beautiful, two-sided club flags coming our way. Most of them are promised to members who made their payment already, but we may have one or two still available! Reach out to George if you are interested in purchasing one.

Our treasurer Lois Wagner has reported that we have already collected over \$1000 for this year's charity, STOMP Out Bullying. This nationwide organization has a gargantuan task; putting an end to hatred, discrimination and bullying, and in so doing, to save lives. And I am so impressed and grateful for the many generous donations we have received! We still have just a few more rallies at which to continue our collection, and I sincerely thank you all again in advance.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns,
And as always, have happy trails and safe travels,

Heidi

Region 2 President's Message



Civics: the study of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of citizens within a society.

Most folks of the boomer generation will have studied this in high school, as an adjunct to American History. And with our Nation's 250th birthday in a just a few days, I thought it appropriate to apply this curriculum to our roles as members of the IBT. To reiterate what we do as region officers, my umbrella role as a member of the IBT (International Board of Trustees) is to ensure that our members know the services that we provide. As I enter the second year as your president, I want to encourage you to reach out to us; and, with our team; we will work on a more succinct way to ask questions (we'll probably develop a



JotForm) to go over any topics that you have questions about. More specifically, about the issues that we work on before, during and after a quarterly IBT meeting.

But you may be thinking, we're just camping! All of the activities that we enjoy, from rallies and caravans at the local clubs, the regions, up to the crown jewel known as the International Rally, require a structure, and a budget, at the minimum, a slew of volunteers and the paid staff at Jackson Cener to keep the engine running. I hesitate to use this analogy, but the IBT operates much like an HOA; writing policy and governance to ensure a standard of uniformity and structure. Without such, it would be chaos. And, like many HOA's some rules are not universally accepted, but we all must find a way for the good of the order. We're all doing the very best that we can.

We represent YOU, the members of Region 2, and to that end, work very hard to communicate through social media. Also, my favorite kid-direct contact to each member through mail chimp, as well as our flagship region newsletter, to this message for the local units, and finally, hours on the phone talking to you guys. But I want to do a better job at legislating; getting your input before I vote at an IBT meeting. Stand by for more on this as we develop it.

In the meantime, we can almost, in our sleep, plan all the fun events that you expect of us, and look forward to. We have two irons in the fire in the coming weeks; the R2 Lunch at Minot (<https://pci.jotform.com/form/261597677855075>); the Region 1 and 2 Rally at Sampson at the end of the month (<https://form.jotform.com/261513781740052>). More on Minot in next month's message. Although registration is closed for Sampson, we are getting several cancellations; so sign up for the waiting list, and you just might score a spot.

We're working out the details and expect to open registration for the R2 2027 Rally in Ocean City, MD (tbh on May 13th-16th) on August 1st. You don't want to miss that one! Who doesn't like a boardwalk on the Atlantic Ocean and a bonfire on the beach?

Lots going on as our members have hit the road and are out enjoying the summer sun. Keep cool; it's gonna be 101-104 degrees for our nation's birthday this week in the Capital City, my go-to spot to reenergize on everything – CIVICS! Washington, DC.

I love enjoying all the monuments in the National Mall; it reminds me of the sweat that many before us have endured to create the HOA of a lifetime!

Until then, travel safe!

Patti



The Watchung NJAC Apparel Store is Open!

The first items offered are a Watchung NJ Airstream Club Hooded Sweatshirt and Zip-Front Hoodie Sweatshirt, each available in two color choices. The source for the merchandise is Mike's Embroidery in PA, owned by the parents of Cody Klingler **3937**.

Email your completed order form to Christine Kukel (christine.kukel@yahoo.com) no later than **July 31, 2026** (one order form per person). Calculate the final cost of your order and send a check payable to "Watchung NJ Airstream Club" to our Club Treasurer, Lois Wagner at 29 Colony Court, New Providence, NJ 07974. Christine will tally the orders and distribute your items at our club activities.

Gildan® Heavy Blend™ Hooded Sweatshirt

- Adult Sizes: XS-5XL
 - 8-ounce, 50/50 cotton/poly
 - Double-needle stitching at waistband and cuffs
 - Double-lined hood with dyed-to-match drawcord
 - 1x1 rib knit cuffs and waistband with spandex
 - Front pouch pocket
 - Embroidered, full color Watchung logo on LEFT breast
- Colors: ASH \$39 Size S-XL, +\$2 2XL, +\$3 3XL, etc.
 NAVY \$42 Size S-XL, +\$2 2XL, +\$3 3XL, etc.

Gildan® Heavy Blend™ Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt

- Adult Sizes: S-5XL
 - 8-ounce, US 50/50 cotton/poly
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 - Unlined hood with dyed-to-match drawcord
 - 1x1 rib knit cuffs and waistband with spandex
 - Front pouch pockets and metal zipper
 - Embroidered, full color Watchung logo on LEFT breast
- Colors: ASH \$46 Size S-XL, +\$2 2XL, +\$3 3XL, etc.
 NAVY \$48 Size S-XL, +\$2 2XL, +\$3 3XL, etc.

OPTIONS: Embroidered Name, RIGHT breast, +\$3
 Embroidered BRN, RIGHT breast, +\$3
 3' x 2' American Flag Patch, LEFT shoulder/upper arm, +\$15

Sweatshirt ORDER FORM (use one per person, final order and payment due by July 31, 2026):



Name								
Model (circle your choice)	Hooded #18500				Full-Zip Hooded #18600			
Color (circle your choice)	Ash +\$39		Navy +\$42		Ash +\$46		Navy +\$48	
Size (circle your choice)	S	M	L	XL	2XL +\$2	3XL +\$3	4XL+\$4	5XL +\$5
Embroidered Name (circle)	Yes +\$3 (list name preference)							No
Embroidered BRN (circle)	Yes +\$3 (list BRN)							No
Flag (circle your choice)	Yes +\$15							No
TOTAL COST	\$							

- 1) Calculate the cost of your order (there are no taxes or shipping costs associated with your order)
- 2) Your check should be payable to "Watchung NJ Airstream Club" and sent to our Club Treasurer, Lois Wagner at 29 Colony Court, New Providence, NJ 07974
- 3) Scan or take a photo of your completed order form and email the file to Christine Kukel at christine.kukel@yahoo.com

Reminder: Watchung Club flags are still available!

A few flags have been purchased by the club in case members want one but missed the order window. If you are interested in purchasing one of these flags please let George Kiesel know by sending him an email at 068membership@gmail.com. The flags are 3ft. x 5ft. high-quality nylon and are printed on both sides.



Announcements

Sunshine Report

There were no cards sent from Sunshine this month.

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.

This Month's Birthdays

Calvin Bacon
Barbara Bacon
Lynn Brink
Leslie DeHerde
Roger Kriz
Thomas Noble



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

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

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
July 2026	<i>Club Rally July 10-12</i>	Sharon and Joe Moran	Sheryl Skolnick and Carl Dashman	Croton On Hudson Park, NY
July 2026	<i>Regions 1 and 2 "Sampson" rally/ July 30-August 3</i>	NA	NA	Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY
August 2026	<i>Cowtown Rodeo Rally/Aug 20-23</i>	Keystone (PA) Airstream Club	Sharon and Andy Wright	Old Cedar Campground Monroeville, NJ
August 2026	<i>International Rally/Aug 22-27</i>	NA	NA	Minot, ND
September 2026	<i>Club Rally</i>	Host Needed	TBD	TBD
October 2026	<i>Club Rally and Business Meeting/October 9-12</i>	George and Linda Kiesel	Mark and Angie Ratliff	Jane's Island State Park, Crisfield, MD
November 2026	<i>Luncheon/TBD</i>	Barbara Taylor and Michael Koczwar	Lois Wagner and Derek Conley	The Little York Tavern Milford, NJ
December 2026	<i>Installation luncheon/Saturday Dec 12 1-4 PM</i>	Steve and Cynthia Gemansky	Heidi and Brian Cullen	Il Mondo Vecchio, Madison, NJ



L-r Dave and Nancy Deibert, Leslie and Frank DeHerde, Steve and Cynthia Gemansky, and Kathi and Rich Short take in the sunset along the bank of the St Lawrence River during the June rally at Cedar Point State Park. Photo by Dave Deibert.



Cedar Point State Campground Rally June 5-8, 2026

By Brian Cullen



Cedar Point State Campground

Cedar Point is the oldest State campground in New York. It is located on the Saint Lawrence River in the 1000 Islands area of New York. For most of us the campground is about 300 - 400 miles away. For Frank and Leslie, it was a little bit further, but they made it (thanks for making the drive - it was great to see you). Despite



the distance, we heard many members tell us that they loved it and would definitely return to the campground and this area. As a campground, Cedar Point was perfect. It has 33 full hookup sites, 55 electric sites and a recycling center (a big thumbs up from

Heidi). The sites are spacious, some are wooded, fire pits and the views are great. It has a beach and a perfect area to set up for meals and to congregate.

Thousand Islands Area

The 1000 Islands area has many things to do. There are sightseeing activities, restaurants, shopping and many dining opportunities. No wonder many of our members booked additional



View of the St Lawrence River from the campground. Photo Brian Cullen



time for this rally. The many activities available included visiting the Boldt Castle (very interesting), taking in the Antique Boat Museum, cruising the St Lawrence with a boat tour of the islands and homes, and visiting the local wineries or breweries or the nearby towns of Clayton and Alexandria Bay.



Rally Activities

Steve and Cynthia did a nice job of communicating with the members before the rally. They provided a list of all of the rally participants with site assignments, a map of the campground showing each members' site, a list of activities and information about the area and a volunteer sign-up sheet for various tasks.

Our first official meal was on Friday night. As usual, the evening started with a Happy Hour to meet and connect with members, both new and established (not old) members. The Friday night meal consisted of Thumann's Hot Dogs, hamburgers, potato and macaroni salad and Angie's famous homemade Kraut. Then, we had the raffle for this year's charity, STOMP out



bullying. The prizes were great (Thumann's generously contributed some of the items that were raffled off) and the support for the charity was fantastic. Thank you all for your generosity and continued support.

Saturday started as a beautiful sunny day. The hosts provided a classic breakfast of blueberry pancakes, sausage and hard-boiled eggs. But then the weather turned in the afternoon, and it became extremely windy. Luckily, three of our members, Angie, Leslie and Michelle, were playing mahjong under the canopies and were present when the wind started to destroy the canopies. They quickly rustled up some helpers to take the canopies down. Unfortunately, Saturday night dinner had to be postponed to Sunday night (which originally had a scheduled potluck dinner). What's a rally without some weather to test our ability to adjust our schedule to fit the situation?

But, Sunday night did not disappoint. It started with a Happy Hour and then dinner. Dinner consisted of chicken and steak fajitas with a slew of toppings, Spanish rice, salad and various fruit pies. There was plenty of food and a lot of happy campers (including a few Knicks fans). After dinner, Frank built a nice fire to enjoy that evening.



On Monday morning, the hosts provided a nice continental breakfast before we had to pack up and head home. Overall, this was a very nice rally in an area and campground to consider for future rallies.



Rally hosts Steve and Cynthia Germansky.

Thanks to our hosts, Steve and Cynthia Germansky and co-hosts Rich and Kathi Short, the June rally was a resounding success. Also, we would like to thank all of our rally participants (especially the new members) for volunteering for various assignments which helped to pull off a rally to remember.



July Rally: Croton Point Park

Croton on the Hudson

July 10th - 12th 2026

Our rally theme is *Read Across America*

Please feel free to bring a book you love or one you want to share for our summer adventures.

Rally Schedule

Friday night: Potluck Happy Hour at 5 PM. Please bring an appetizer and a beverage.

Dinner starts at 6 PM: Grilled sliders and hotdogs with fixins' bar, potato and macaroni salad.

Charity raffle for STOMP OUT BULLYING.

Dessert and Bingo and Books game, campfire.

Have an instrument? Joe is bringing his guitar.

Saturday: Breakfast 8-9:30.

Midday trip to Croton Gorge State Park

Pleasantville Music Festival

Dinner: For anyone who's at camp bring your dinner and come enjoy an evening with your hosts. Campfire at dusk.

Sunday morning:

Grab and go breakfast, yogurt muffins bananas.

Things to do in the area:

Louis Engel Waterfront Park: Relax by the Hudson River, enjoy the playground, or use the splash pad to cool off in the July heat. • **Teatown Lake Reservation:** Explore 15 miles of nature trails at this 1,000-acre preserve, open from dawn to dusk. • **Sing Sing Kill Greenway:** Walk the scenic, restored path that features waterfalls and impressive double-arch bridges. • **Croton Gorge Park:** Located just outside Ossining, this park offers stunning views of the massive Croton Dam and waterfalls. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] **Sing Sing Prison Museum:** Check for 2026 special events celebrating the 200th anniversary of the historic prison. • **Ossining Public Library:** Features art shows, concerts, and workshops throughout the summer. • **Hudson Valley Books for Humanity:** Visit this community hub for books, vinyl, and local art in the historic Olive Opera House. [1, 2, 3, 4] **Sing Sing Kill Brewery:** A popular local brewery in downtown offering craft beers, cider, and frequent live events. • **Ossining Farmers Market:** Open on Saturday mornings, providing fresh, locally sourced food and goods. • **Waterfront Dining:** Enjoy dinner with a sunset view at local restaurants like 3 Westerly or The Boathouse.





General information

Where: Croton Point Park, Croton Point Ave, Croton-On-Hudson, NY 10520

Details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/croton-point-park>
www.pleasantvillemusicfestival.com

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6W6GMwcGDP9hXSSz7>

Rally fee: To be collected at rally. The estimated per-person cost will be between \$15 and \$25.

Hosts: Sharon and Joe Moran, Sheryl Skolnick and Carl Dashman (sites #16 and #14)

Book your spot for the Croton Point & Pleasantville Music Festival Rally. Croton Point Park is a 508-acre park, the largest peninsula on the east shore of the Hudson River. Arrive Friday, stay until Monday if you desire.

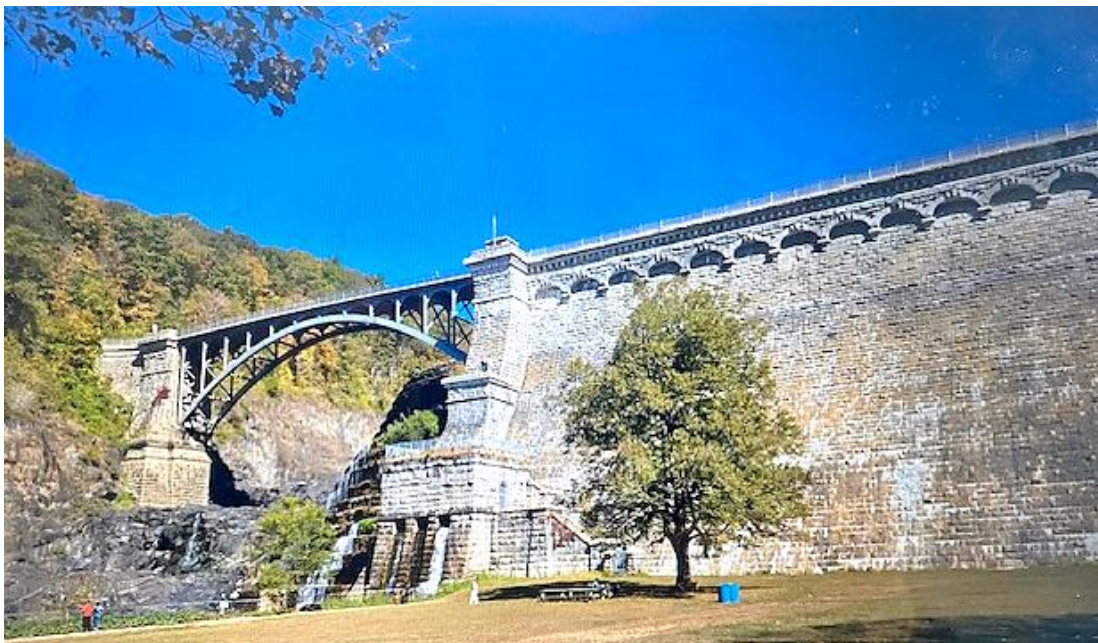
Reservations by phone only, call 914-862-5290

ACI Website Link: [Watchung July 2026 Rally | ACI](#)

RV Site – full hookups: \$65/night (see park website for map and be sure to read the park’s rules and regulations. For example, no alcoholic beverages and no “ground fires”. Solo stoves are OK.)

Please email Sharon Moran with your arrival/departure dates, your site # and whether you are attending the music festival to sharonmoran257@duck.com 201-406-5942

Pleasantville Music Festival [website](#)



Croton Dam in Croton Gorge Park is only three miles from the campground. Photo by Carl Dashman



July Region 1&2 Joint Rally Sampson SP



Link to register:

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/252602957334156>

Information link: <https://airstreamclub.org/sampson-rally-2026>

Location: Sampson State Park, 6040-6144 NY 96A, Romulus, NY, USA 14541

Dates: Thursday, July 30- Monday August 3

Cost: \$188 per trailer, plus \$46 per person rally fee (\$30 for

children age 5-14, under 5 free)

Check-in: Any time after 3:00 pm on July 30th

Departure: By 11:00 am on August 3rd

Rally reservation limit: 96 trailers. If the rally fills up we will maintain a waiting list OR you may make a reservation directly through ReserveAmerica. Please let the hosts know you will be attending.

Additional Information:

- This rally is co-hosted by Region 1 & Region 2
- All sites have electric. Water is available at spigots in each loop.
- There is one dump station locations across from the campground entrance. You are advised to dump before parking.
- Link to park website <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/154/>
- Please bring extra electric cords. The park has extras to rent for additional fees.

Planned activities include:

- Thursday Evening Welcome Happy Hour (details below)
- Friday - Optional Wine Tour (details below)
- Two evening Catered Dinners
- Super band Saturday evening
- Sunday Morning Continental Breakfast
- Daily morning coffee
- **Optional: wine tasting tour. \$160 extra per person. See <https://airstreamclub.org/sampson-rally-2026> for more details.**



August Joint Rally Keystone & WAC

The Keystone PA Airstream club and the Watchung Airstream club are co-sponsoring the 2026 Keystone PA Cowtown Rodeo Rally August 20-23 at the Old Cedar Campground in Monroeville, NJ.

This rally features Saturday night's "The Best Show on Dirt", the only professional weekly rodeo in New Jersey. [Check out the action here.](#)

Co-hosts: Andrew and Sharon Wright will be in site HD8 .

If you have booked a site please let Andrew and Sharon know: arw3rd@gmail.com. To reserve a spot in the campground, contact Phyllis at (856) 358-4881.

- Friday night will offer a chili competition for those interested in showing off their recipes. It's billed as being for fun and not "really" competitive. Small cups for tasting will be provided. There will also likely be other items being grilled and as always folks can bring a side or other dish to share.
- Saturday Morning will offer coffee and light breakfast items and Brian is looking into local trails that might be available for a group bike ride for those interested.
- Saturday afternoon will be a tailgate over at the rodeo grounds (in Pilesgrove, NJ) before the event, structured as a BYO plus something to share. The rodeo does offer food but may also allow food to be brought in as well (still TBD).
- At this time there does not seem to be a rally fee planned, but if that changes, the cost would be minimal.

For anyone interested in joining us for the rally it does look like there are still sites available for the weekend, and you can either call the campground directly or visit their website to book online. The info is: 856-358-4881 (ask for Phyllis). www.oldcedarcampground.com

Old Cedar Campground, 247 Richwood Rd., Monroeville, NJ 08343.

If you do decide to join us please let us know your site info, and whether or not you are planning to enter into the Chili Competition (we are!!)

For more information contact Brian Mulligan of the Keystone Airstream club at mulligansix@rcn.com.

For anyone interested in joining us for the rally it does look like there are still sites available for the weekend, and you can either call the campground directly or visit their website to book online. The info is: 856-358-4881 (ask for Phyllis). www.oldcedarcampground.com



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. Click [here](#) for site map.

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.



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