

Our 62nd Year of Airstreaming

The Hillbilly



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President's Message



We just returned from our first, in a very long time, mid-week getaway without our Airstream. To celebrate some big birthdays and our 20th wedding anniversary, we decided to head out to a non-camping destination and relax differently. It was a lovely getaway, and we met many fun people. However, it's not the same as being with your camping buddies. And now . . . summer will soon be upon us, and what better way to kick it off than to enjoy another rally together! We are looking forward to the Cedar Point Rally and to exploring an area to which we have never been before!

Seems like a good time to order some club Tee's and Sweat's! Christine and Rich are working on getting that info to all of us, so more on that from them.

Rumor has it that the Region 2 rally in the Poconos was a lot of fun! Too bad we couldn't make it this year, but we do hope to attend next year in Ocean City Md. I look forward to hearing all about it from some of our club members who did attend!

Our club membership seems to be growing in leaps and bounds! It has been so exciting to meet so many new and returning members. Our club, and the Airstream community in general, has always been so welcoming. That is something we noticed immediately when we first started attending. People seemed genuinely happy that we had joined them, so instead of feeling as if we had intruded upon a group of good friends, we felt welcome. This feels like a cornerstone of our club and I'm sure we will continue to keep that good feeling going for as long as our club is up and running.

Shortly after this printing, we will head up to Cedar Point for the rally, with an overnight Harvest Host stop at the Plainfield Volunteer Firehouse in Wind Gap PA. July brings Croton Point and the joint R1/R2 Sampson Rally in NY state, and in August we will be joining the Keystone club in Cowtown, NJ.



September is up for grabs, and October in Jane's Island MD looks like a great way to wind down the camping season! By the way, if anyone is interested in hosting in September, we will be happy to help you. Please reach out to me if so. As a matter of fact, our Rally Hosting Information Sheet will be updated shortly so that will be helpful as well.

But let's get back to the present because our season is just getting started! We are very much looking forward to spending time with as many of you as possible! I welcome any questions or concerns. Happy trails and safe travels everyone!

Heidi
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BRN# 22024

Region 2 President's Message



Back to basics.

What do cornhole tournaments, stuffed baked potatoes and Bingo have in common? Answer: the essential ingredients to launch a successful Region 2 Rally! What is missing? Answer: the campers who show up! And show they did; over 100 of them.

That's how it started at the Pocono Raceway a couple of weekends ago. Add in a somewhat typical mountain weather report; very cold and blustery. But it's really hard to knock our crew down. Just for yucks, if you wanted to get your blood boiling, then you could have paid a few bucks to ride 160mph around the track. I did. It was exhilarating, and I'm not even a fan. But when I think about all of it; the basics just brought folks together; it's up to us to make it happen. And that's the point; our campers seemed to revel in these simple things of yesteryear. A great meal, the competitive spirit, and remnants from church basements and musty auditoriums across Americana; the Bingo Hall.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who made this happen. It's the marquis event of any region; and the smiles made it all worthwhile. We work very hard to get these things rolling and on the calendar 18 months prior to launch. We hope that we'll get some return customers and then some for our May 2027 Rally in Ocean City, MD. Be on the lookout for details and registration info later in the summer.

And, be on the lookout for a more comprehensive article about the rally in our next issue of The Region 2 Beat. There are many side stories and human-interest anecdotes too lengthy to put into this message.

In other news; I am happy to announce the addition of New Jersey Unit President Jim Lorden to the Region Board. We installed Jim during a special meeting on May 19th to serve as our 2nd VP. Jim has



many skills that will bolster the region, including his professional standing as an accountant and well experienced in governance and best practices. Matt and I are thrilled to have the extra help; and Jim brings a dimension much needed by the region. Congratulations Jim!

That's all for now folks. Most of us are on the move attending rallies and caravans. Enjoy the summer and we'll see you down the road very soon! Next up, Sampson; the R1 and R2 Joint Rally.

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](tel: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
- Double-needle stitching at waistband and cuffs
- 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: Order your Watchung NJ Airstream Club flag soon!

The more flags ordered, the lower the cost per flag. The order will be going in this month so if you are interested please let George Kiesel know if you haven't already by sending him an email at 068membership@gmail.com. The flags are 3ft. x 5ft. Nylon and can be printed on both sides or one side. The flag that we currently have that we use at international and region rallies is the double-sided type.




Announcements

Sunshine Report

This month the club send Thinking of You cards to Betty Lou and Bill Walker and to Laura Raymond. The club also sent a Get Well card to Patti Galupo,

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

JoAnne Elacqua	Karen Smith
Lois Wagner	Howard Eldridge
David Cahall	Fred Reinhardt
John Dillon	Jeanne Brugmans
	Linda Kiesel



Please welcome our newest members:

Stanley and Maryann Cesa

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
June 2026	<i>Club Rally/June 5-8*</i> CLOSED	Steve and Cynthia Germansky	Rich and Kathi Short	Cedar Point State Park, Clayton, NY
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 Koczvara	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

* Buddy Rally



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>

This rally is now closed

** This is a Buddy Rally; friends of club members are welcome to rally with the club even if they don't own an Airstream.*

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](#).

For campground details: [Cedar Point State Park](#).

Please book your site directly with [ReserveAmerica](#). Sites near the group area are electric only (see map on the ReserveAmerica site). **Host/co-host are Sites 78 & 79 for group meals.**

After you make your reservation, please email Steve your site number: egerms@verizon.net. Questions? Call Steve at 973-495-1067





July Rally

Watchung Airstream Club July Rally* - Croton Point Park & Pleasantville Music Festival Friday, July 10th –Sunday 12th, 2026



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

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



July Region 1&2 Joint Rally Sampson SP



Link to register:

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

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.**



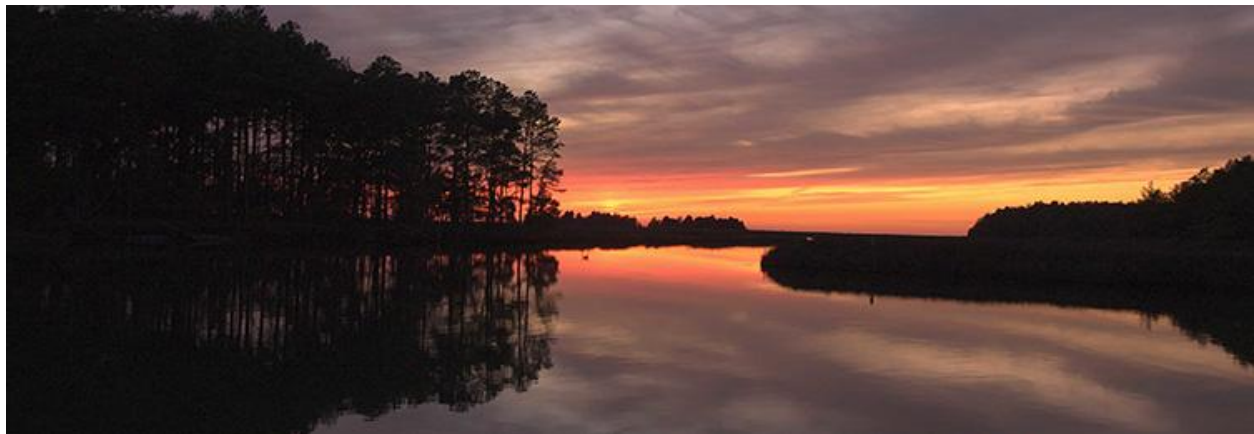
August Joint Rally Keystone & WAC

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.](#)

For more information contact Brian Mulligan of the Keystone Airstream club at mulligansix@rcn.com. To reserve a spot in the campground, contact Phyllis at (856) 358-4881.

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.

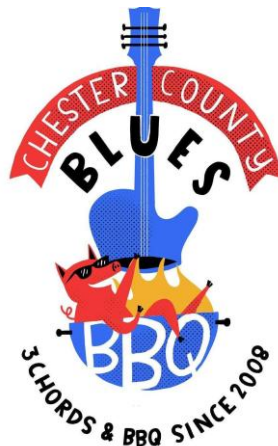
You will need to make your own reservations via Maryland's park reservations website <https://parkreservations.maryland.gov/> or call [1-888-432-2267](tel:1-888-432-2267). Make sure to check that the site can accommodate the length of your rig.



Other Rallies: Chester County Blues BBQ Rally

The Keystone Airstream Club is hosting a rally at a blues festival June 5-7. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Quinn (kathleenquinn56@icloud.com) to see if sites are still available.

CHESTER COUNTY BLUES BBQ RALLY - 2026



French Creek State Park, Elverson, PA
Loop A

Friday June 5 - Sunday June 7

Friday evening - Burger Bar @ Site # 115 (please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share, your beverage, and plate with utensils).

Saturday morning - Explore the area on your own.

Saturday afternoon - Chester County Blues BBQ at WyndSOR Farm

Bring an EasyUp if you have one!

Tickets - <https://chestercountyblues.com/>

CHESTER COUNTY BLUES BBQ RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Site# _____

Email: _____ Cell#: _____

Rally Fee: \$10 per person = _____

Make checks payable to: Keystone Airstream Club

Mail to: Kathleen Quinn, 16 Hawthorne Cr. Elverson, PA 19520



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