

Our 62nd Year of Airstreaming

The Hillbilly



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President's Message



Goodbye Summer! Wow, did that go by quickly.

And hello Fall! With the onset of somewhat cooler and crisp Autumn air, we welcome back some familiar traditions; School, many holidays, and of course, welcoming our new Executive Board for the upcoming year!

Next weekend at our Jane's Island Rally and General Meeting, we will make the new proposed slate of officers official. But believe it

or not, it is not too late to volunteer for the board. As of this writing we have a one- year Director term to fill. Whether you are new members or have been with Watchung for a while, please do not hesitate to offer a little of your time and energy to the club. It is always exciting to have new people join the board, bringing with them their own fresh ideas and outlooks. We need many people to keep our club going strong and operating at the high level for which Watchung AS Club is known. (We are in the top 3 in our region, per Patti and Cody! Rating includes things such as membership, newsletter, full board slate, and rally and luncheon activity among others.)

Brian and I were very new members (in our first year) when I agreed to be 2nd VP for the following year. The truth is, I did not realize at that time that that commitment would also involve the subsequent year as 1st VP and then President. In hindsight I suppose that is amusing. But at the time, it was a bit daunting. However, as it turned out I have really enjoyed my time on the board. I have met so many good people and learned so much about the club



and what we need to do to keep it vibrant. And the support from so many of the seasoned members has been invaluable. That is one of my biggest takeaways...the reminder that we are all here to have fun, go camping, and do the best we can to support each other. We are not expected to be perfect, but to be kind and helpful and respectful, and to encourage each other to be glad that we are part of this great club.

So, if you have any interest, or questions regarding joining the board, please let me know. We can discuss the various positions and details. One of the things that keeps our club going strong is the desire for many of us to gather each month for a luncheon or a rally. Our rally schedule for next year is not set yet so we need hosts and co-hosts! Brian and I plan to host a rally again probably in June. No details yet so more to come on that. Anyone who feels they may want to host or cohost a gathering can reach out to me or to Rebecca Glick, our 2nd VP or anyone else you feel may be able to answer your questions.

Our next club meeting will be on Sunday 10/11 at 9:30 am at Jane's Island. If you are not attending the rally, you can join us by zoom, and that invite will be sent out in a week or so. We will vote on our new officers at that meeting.

Rich Short has been working on a new fundraiser and shopping opportunity for us. The flyer appears in this issue. He has been able to partner us with an artist who has offered us a purchasing discount as well as 50% of her profit to be donated to this year's charity, STOMP Out Bullying! And just in time for holiday shopping! She even has Airstream themed pieces.

As I prepare to send this message to Derek for printing, the wind is howling and the Jersey shore is hunkering down for another day or two of rain, wind and possible flooding. I hope you are all safe and secure somewhere. I look forward to seeing you down the road:)

Happy trails....

Heidi

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Region 2 President's Message



Patti Galupo and friends staffing the Airstream Club International booth at the annual Hershey America's Largest RV Show in August.

"If you build it, he will come."

Most of us should remember this famous line from the 1989 movie, "Field of Dreams" starring Kevin Costner. The ultimate baseball movie. Of course, the meaning is rather obvious. Build a foundation based on hard work, love, loyalty and tradition. The rest will take care of itself.

That's how I'd like to frame our experience as R2 reps at the Hershey RV Show. For the second consecutive year, Cody, Matt and I manned the booth at the Airstream Inc. booth, with the responsibility of garnering new members, by touting the Explorer Program, among other things. Matt has suffered through me constantly talking about "chopping wood" - I use the phrase as a metaphor to discuss management and leadership principles. Yes, it's fun to plan and attend rallies- and that is often the reward of why we are all here. But the garden must be tilled to allow for that to happen. It's often done behind the scenes without fanfare, recognition, standing ovations etc. That's chopping wood!

If a curious shopper approached our booth trying to determine who the salesman was and who ran the club, I would say "those guys build the machines, and we supply the fun."



Simple, right?

It all came together in about one hour with one of the customers. After purchasing a unit from Colonial RV, over she came to us. We established a connection, gave her a thorough briefing and all of the brochures, to include one for our upcoming region rally in Ocean City, MD in May of 2027. Two days later, the computer pinged—excitement now comes in the form of a completed JotForm! Our gal had joined the New Jersey Unit and registered for the rally! That's how it works. One member at a time. A small investment of human capital. Where the rubber meets the road. People talking to each other. It's a beautiful thing.

And that's how I think of all of you—all of our volunteers at every level. With our paid staff at Jackson Center serving as the great support system. This thing doesn't exist and doesn't work without all of the moving parts.

As we enter installation season, I'll be reaching out to set up a meeting with the Region Board to track those changes and set the table for calendar year 2027. It kind of fits with circadian rhythm of nature itself. The autumn equinox has occurred. Everything is changing, from the colors of the leaves to Club Officers; and trailers, considering their upcoming hibernation.

On behalf of all of the Region 2 Officers, we'd like to thank all of our local club officers for a job well done. Your success is our success. That's how families work! As I enter my second year as your president, it's been pure joy getting into the trenches with you guys.

The wood pile is bountiful!

Happy Fall!

Patti

Watchung Club Events Schedule

DATE	WHAT/WHEN	HOSTS	COHOSTS	VENUE
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/Saturday November 14</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



Your Club's Proposed Officers for 2027

President:	Steve Germansky
1st VP	Rebecca Glick
2nd VP	Linda Dereka
Treasurer	Christine Kukel
Recording Secretary	Rich Short
Corresponding Secretary	Cynthia Germansky
Membership	George Kiesel
Sunshine	Linda Kiesel
Directors	
	Nancy Deibert
	George Trunk
	David Etherton
	TBD (we need four directors; please consider volunteering!)

Reminder:

The last club General Business Meeting of the year will be held on Sunday October 11 at 9:30 AM.

This is the meeting where next year's officers will be elected.

If you aren't coming to the Jane's Island rally, please be sure to join the meeting via Zoom. Your participation is important!
Watch your email for the dial-in information from Heidi.



Fundraising Event for This Year's Charity



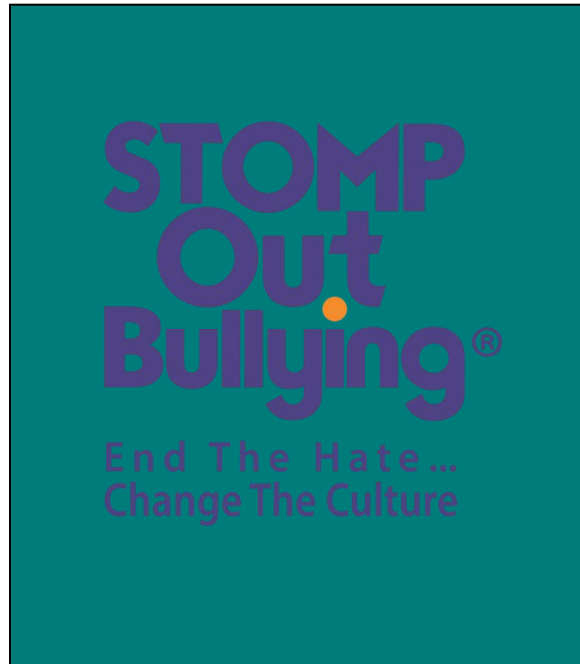
Richard Short writes:

Attention Watchungers! Here is an opportunity not to be missed...a chance to do some Holiday shopping, enjoy a 15% discount on purchases, and support our 2026 Charity **STOMP Out Bullying**. Here is how it works:

On Thursday, November 12th Watchung members will be able to take advantage of a **ONE Day-24 HOUR FLASH SALE** at <https://noelledass.com/> and enjoy a 15% discount at checkout.

Click on the link above and browse Noelle Dass's beautiful, colorful, and whimsical artwork. You will be immersed in her signature style of uplifting art featuring animals, birds, outdoor scenes and...Yes, Airstreams! Kathi and I purchased several of Noelle's Airstream works. One hangs in the shiny **1512** and another was given as a gift to our granddaughter. Members will enjoy a 15% discount at checkout with **coupon code WatchungCares15**. Additionally, the artist will donate 50% of net sales proceeds to **STOMP Out Bullying** in conjunction with our Watchung NJAC. It's easy. Hit the web link, browse, find some artwork that you love for yourself or as a gift. You receive a discount at checkout, and our charity gets a donation. A Win-Win for all!

WATCHUNG NJAC 2026 CHARITY FUNDRAISING
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Noelle Dass is the artist behind a delightful collection of whimsical and vibrant paintings that celebrate life, humor, and the joy of animals and nature. And airstreams! Her artistic journey began at the age of three, when she first grasped a pencil. Later, she pursued formal training in classical oil painting, achieving notable success. However, she eventually chose to unleash her imagination through her signature style: stylized animals, bold, colorful, and often humorous works that use her love of animals to reflect human emotions like happiness, love, friendship, bliss, and playful silliness - elements essential for a fulfilled life. Beyond her artistic endeavors, Noelle is deeply committed to giving back. She donates a portion of her proceeds to organizations that support both animal welfare and human causes, ensuring her art contributes to meaningful change in the world. This generosity is made possible by the support of those who connect with her work. That is where you come in. Ms. Dass has agreed to donate 50% of net proceeds of sales of her reproction artwork, to **Stomp Out Bullying**, during a **One Day Flash Sale** for our members!



One Day Flash Sale
November 12

<https://noelledass.com/>

**Be sure to search for Noelle's
airstream artwork on her website**



Announcements

Sunshine Report

The club sent a Pet Sympathy card to David and Judy Cahall on the loss of their beloved and well-traveled Airstream companion, Mr. Porter, who was also their Head of Security.

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

Kimberly Sheppard

Frank De Herde

Flora Pomerleau

Robert Cucci



Please welcome our newest members:

Michael and Susan Crawford

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)



November Watchung Airstream Luncheon

Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 12:00 Noon

Location: The Little York, 569 Spring Mills Rd, Milford NJ

Hosts: Barbara & Michael Koczwara Contact: allofus1989@gmail.com or 609-947-6789

Co-hosts: Lois Wagner & Derek Conley Contact: airstreaminglois@gmail.com

Entrée Choices – Please Select When Signing Up for Luncheon

____ 1-Caesar Salad with Ken's Tableside Dressing, Croutons and
Parmesan topped with All-Natural Grilled Chicken

____ 2-Crispy Garlic Chicken Sandwich with mozzarella, lettuce,
tomato and mayo with hand cut fries

____ 3- Fried Onion Smashburger with Cooper Cheese served with
hand cut fries

Luncheon Includes: Pizza Appetizers
 Pitchers of Soda on the Table
 Coffee and/or Tea
 Assorted Mini Desserts

Cash Bar is Available

Please Bring a Donation for Our Food Drive (Flemington Area Food Pantry)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: November 1, 2026

Maximum of 30 attendees – please sign up early!

Name: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Email: _____ Telephone #: _____

of People: _____ @ \$32.00 per person = Total \$: _____

Food Choice: ____ Caesar Salad ____ Crispy Chicken Sandwich ____ Smashburger

* Signup online at our website *

–OR–

Mail check and completed form to: Barbara Taylor 44 Titus Mill Rd Pennington NJ 08534

Make Checks payable to Watchung NJ Airstream Club



October Club Rally: Jane's Island SP



Janes Island State Park Crisfield Maryland

When: October 11th, through October 13th, 2026. Come early, stay late.

Where: Janes Island State Park, 26280 Alfred J. Lawson Dr., Crisfield, MD 21817

Hosts: Mark & Angie Ratliff and George & Linda Kiesel

Come join us for a relaxing fun-filled weekend. Janes Island is set on the Chesapeake Bay with beautiful sunsets in a pine forest environment.

Friday: 3pm – Arrival and official campground check-in
5pm – Happy Hour
6pm – Dinner, hot dogs and hamburgers with fixings. Campfire weather permitting.

Saturday: 8:30-9:30am Breakfast, blueberry pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice.
5pm – Happy Hour
6pm – Dinner, **Thanksgiving in October.** Mark and Angie will provide smoked turkey for all to enjoy. Linda will make Mac and cheese. Please bring Thanksgiving side dishes to round out the meal. Campfire weather permitting.

Sunday: 8:30-9:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30-9:30. Annual club business meeting and election of 2027 officers.

Please bring your own plates, utensils and chairs to all meals.

Please do not bring your pet to Happy hour/mealtimes. Thank you.

Janes Island State Park prohibits alcohol.

Name _____ Email _____ Cell# _____

Rally Fee per adult: \$30.00 x _____ number of adults = \$ _____

Please indicate the side dish you will bring to Saturday dinner. _____

Please note we may need to ask you to change your side if we get too many of the same dish.

Make checks payable to: Watchung NJ Airstream Club or pay online

Mail checks to: Lois Wagner 29 Colony Court New Providence NJ 07974

OR Register online <https://airstreamclub.org/watchung-october-2026-rally>



Other 2027 Rallies to Put On Your Calendar

The calendar for the 2027 club rallies is not yet available but other rallies have already been scheduled.

Region 2 Rally: Registration Open

Sun Outdoors Campground, Ocean City, MD May 13–16, 2027

Full hookup RV site	Dog parks
Swimming pools and splash pad	Clubhouse facilities
Mini golf	Resort activities
Fitness center	Courtesy Shuttle Service Ocean City and
Sports courts	Assateague Island
Walking trails	Catered seafood dinner

For more information and **to register** click [here](#).

To view the Sun Outdoors Ocean City website click [here](#).

Pennsylvania State Rally: Registration Open

Codorus State Park Hanover, Pennsylvania July 29–August 1, 2027

Keystone Adventure – Discover Pennsylvania Together will feature a weekend of camping, food, fellowship and activities, along with an optional Gettysburg Experience. The rally is hosted by the Keystone Airstream club and it is designed and intended as a rally for all members of Region 2 (and beyond!). We hope you will consider attending.

Registration is \$60 per person, with the optional Gettysburg Experience available for \$60 per person. We also have a limited number of rally-held campsites available for the three nights.

Registration is now open: <https://pci.iotform.com/form/262424679992170>

See next page for additional information.



★ 2027 PENNSYLVANIA STATE RALLY ★

KEYSTONE ADVENTURE

— DISCOVER PENNSYLVANIA TOGETHER —





**JULY 29–
AUGUST 1,
2027**



**CODORUS
STATE PARK**
HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA



**CAMP • EXPLORE • RELAX
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

★ **HISTORY • NATURE • FRIENDS • ADVENTURE** ★



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/262424679992170>

\$60 per person | Optional Gettysburg Experience: \$60 per person
Limited number of rally-held campsites available at \$145 per site (3 nights)
Attendees may also make their own campsite reservations directly with Codorus State Park.

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	Jay McCarthy
	Christine Kukel

Other Club Roles

Membership	George Kiesel
Sunshine	Linda Kiesel
Web Master	Mark Ratliff
Directory	Chris Forster
Newsletter	Derek Conley
Quartermaster	Jason Pomerleau

