

Keystone Courier

President's Message

Keystone Unit #092
Region 2 - WBCCI



Happy May, Keystoners! We're finally kicking off another season of much anticipated camping.

Believe it or not, last weekend at the Maintenance Rally reminded me of my summers as a mailman during college. While delivering mail in Tampa, Florida I followed the postal worker creed of "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." This last weekend those attending the Maintenance Rally in Centreville, MD lived up to my Airstreamer's creed of "Neither wind nor rain nor

lightening strikes stays these campers from their attendance at rally sites!" Although I have to admit that as Arry and I encountered the deluge on our way to Maryland, we almost turned around and went home. Only my call to Don Harrington when we were 10 minutes away from our destination prevented my renegeing on the creed. Fortunately as Don predicted, the storm cleared and the weekend continued as planned, despite our enduring a day of strong winds on Saturday.

In fact, the rally was a success, as always, with good food (pot luck dinner, Barbeque chicken, pancakes and sausage, cinnamon roll breakfast casserole etc.), great technical assistance from Chuck Helwig and others, and fun getting together with fellow Airstreamers. Our thanks to the Delmarva unit for organizing this event and to the Mid-Atlantic unit for joining us in cooking and serving breakfasts both mornings. Our group was well represented with 6 Airstreams. Attending were: Don and Phyllis Harrington, Jim and Janice Hicks, Wayne and Sharon Fitzgerald, Will and Karen Kushto, Howard and Arry Mergelkamp, and Sue Walton who had to fight her GPS system to finally join us.

Most maintenance issues were resolved and all of us should be ready to roll for the season. Our next event is this week at the Eastern Pennsylvania Opener at Lum's Pond State Park, Bear, Delaware. We hope to see many of you there. We're off to the races!

Howard Mergelkamp

Upcoming Events

May 3 - 5

Eastern PA Opener Rally

Joint rally with Central Penn and Penn-Lehigh units at Lum's Pond St. PK. Bear, DE

June 6 - 9

Region 2 Rally

Biglerville Fairgrounds
Biglerville, PA

July 20 - 27

62nd International Rally

Meadow Event Park
Doswell, VA

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<http://KeystonePA.airstreamclub.net/>



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KeystoneUnit/>

Joint Maintenance Rally



Keystoners connected with members from the DelMarVa and Mid-Atlantic units for the spring maintenance rally in Centreville, MD. The event began with a safety check upon check-in and offered plenty of time during the weekend to check hitches, oil squeaky doors and clean windows for the new season. Keystoners prepped breakfast for the rally.



In attendance from Keystone were Howard & Arry Mergelkamp, Don & Phyllis Harrington, Will & Karen Kushto. Jim & Janice Hicks, Sue Walton and Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald and their granddaughter Andrea.



As luck would have it the Kushto's hitch broke on the way and is in repair as we type, hoping to see them at Lum's Pond!



Upcoming Rally Fun:

Region 2 Rally at nearby Biglerville Fairgrounds the extended weekend of **June 6 – 9**. Rally coupon on unit website.

62nd International Rally – this year in nearby Doswell, VA at the Meadow Event Park, birthplace of Secretariat. **July 20 – 27**.

<https://wbcci.org/home/caravans/rallies/international-rally/2019-doswell-va/doswell-registration>

In addition to collecting donations of pennies, aluminum tabs, pet food & supplies and personal care items, the Doswell rally is collecting for the Richmond based **Home Again** charity which assists homeless shelters for families, single women and operates the Veterans Transitional Home. Items needed are new towels & washcloths; twin-size blankets, bed-sheets and standard-sized pillows; new and gently used furniture; school & craft supplies; kitchen & cooking supplies; men's adjustable belts; and household cleaning supplies. Check page 36 of the May *Blue Beret* for more information. If you are not attending and would like to donate, please give your items to Karen Kushto at the Lum's or Biglerville rallies. Thanks!

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Sunshine Report

April showers and May flowers – and nice to report that our folks are on the mend. Barb and Jerry Hillegass are recovering from back and fall injuries and looking forward to opening the rig at the Lum's Pond campout.

Safe travels this spring. Keep the shiny side up!

Let me know of illnesses, surgeries, friends needing a kind word - and better yet, recoveries. Send updates to kkushto@comcast.net or cell 215-266-2410.

Karen



Happy Birthday to:

May

Cheryl Cattell (4th) George Spahn (15th)
Don Weaver (7th) Bud Cattell (19th)
Kathleen Quinn (8th) Phyllis Harrington (25th)
Will Kushto (29th)

June

Keystone PA Unit #092 – 1994! WooHoo!
Harvey Arter (11th)
Barry Heckenswiler (14th)
Sharon Fitzgerald (25th)

Happy Anniversary to:

May

None to report

June

Rick & Andy Pitts
Howard & Arry Mergelkamp
George & Peg Spahn

We have, and like to celebrate many birthdates and anniversary months but if we've missed you please email Rick/Andy (r_pitts@verizon.net)

Introducing:

It's a pleasure to introduce our newest members to the unit:



Terian & Larry Chertok #9698 and their 2019 30' Flying Cloud from West Chester

WELCOME – we look forward to some great camping weekends and caravans!

From the Archives

25 years ago in the May, 1994 Kourier, President Dottie Hautz and Editor Peg Spahn posted this cute reminder of our English language:

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes; but the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.
Then one fowl's a goose, but two are called geese; yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a mouse, or a next full of mice; yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.
If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I spoke of my foot and showed you my feet; then I gave you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth; why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
We speak of a brother and also of brethren, but although we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him; but imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim.
So English, I fancy, you will agree; is the craziest language you ever did see!

Credited May, 1994, to the MAU Newsletter.

Keystone Spring Camping

It's finally spring and that means rigs are hitting the road – although slightly damp and with the trees yet to fully bud-out. Some pics from our early travelers:

Karen & Will Kushto returned from an enjoyable Cajun Caravan in Louisiana:

Will enjoyed crawfish farming/harvesting and a delicious boil lunch accompanied by Cajun Music and dancing. At Savoy's Music the owner demonstrated the art of accordion making.



There were several chances to dance the Cajun Two Step, including at the world famous Fred's Lounge while sipping a very spicy Bloody Mary's at 9am.

Cooking team made beignets with etouffee & grits. We ate our way across Louisiana sampling gumbo, jambalaya, and Karen's favorite, shrimp & grits. We visited the oldest operating rice mill in the US, toured Avery Island, home of Tabasco Sauce and had a red beans & rice cooking class.



Cypress swamp tour was chilly but we were rewarded with numerous migratory bird sightings. Alligators, turtles, and nesting snowy egrets were real treats in their natural habitat.



Karen is dwarfed by oldest/largest live oak "Cleveland". A second "Cleveland" live oak was also seen at Jungle Gardens.

Rip Van Winkle Gardens were beautiful. We also visited the Governor's Mansion where we met the Governor & First Lady, toured the Capitol and Evangeline Oak on Bayou Teche.



The Cajun Country Caravan is highly recommend and popular. Sign up way in advance to get on the waiting list.



Andy & Rick Pitts ventured to Roanoke WV staying at the Briar Point campground at Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park



Terian & Larry Chertok are enjoying warm weather and sunny skies in Florida (the site of their picture which is on the previous page!)

Send us your pictures, we'd love to include them in the Kourier!

Updated 2019 Activities Schedule

Attached is the Activities Schedule. We have an interesting year lined up and we encourage all of you to participate as much as you can. We are still looking for hosts and travel ideas so please let us know your suggestions as soon as you can.

2019

May 3-5 (Fri-Sun) – Eastern Pennsylvania Airstream ‘Opener’ rally with Penn-Lehigh and Central Penn Lum’s Pond State Park, Bear, DE - Rick Pitts to coordinate

June 6 -9 (Thur-Sun) – Region 2 rally at Biglerville Fairgrounds, Biglerville, PA
Don Harrington to coordinate

June 6-9 – invitation to join NY City Basecamp National Rally, Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ.

July 20-27 (Sat-Sat) – International Rally, Doswell, VA,
Howard Mergelkamp to coordinate

August 8-12 or August 15-19 (Thu-Mon) – Exploring Central PA, Keystone Unit Caravan. Visiting Carlisle, U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center, Indian School, Harrisburg and others.
Coordinator needed.

September 5-8 (Fri-Sun) – Pennsylvania State Rally, Penn-Lehigh coordinating.
Keystone coordinator needed.

September 21 - 29 – invitation to join 57th Annual Swiss Festival National Rally, Sugarcreek OH

October 2 – 6 – invitation to join Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally, Jonesborough, TN

October 3-7 or October 10-14 (Thu-Mon) – possible fall rally.
TBD. Coordinator and suggestions welcome

November - Local Day Trip and lunch -- Date & locations to be determined.
Howard Mergelkamp and another to coordinate

December 14 (Sat) – Holiday luncheon at Plumsteadville Inn, Plumsteadville, PA;
Peg and George Spahn coordinating

Keystone Website Change:

The location of the Keystone website has moved. If you have bookmarked or set up a shortcut for the old one just change that reference to: **keystonepa.airstreamclub.net** (the old one was keystone.wbcc.net). Note that this change has no impact on the unit's Facebook page.

REGION 2 LUNCH

WHEN

July 22, 2019
12pm – 1:30pm

WHERE

Meadow Pavilion

62nd WBCCI International Rally, Doswell, VA

FEATURING · BBQ Pulled Pork & Pulled Chicken · Cole Slaw
· Mac & Cheese · Baked Beans · Squash Bake ...plus
Rolls, BBQ Sauces, Sweet and Unsweet Tea, Dessert
We'll supply the plates, napkins, utensils, cups and ice

GO TO:

REGION2.AIRSTREAMCLUB.NET
CLICK ON "REGION 2 LUNCHEON"
TO SIGN UP ONLINE WITH PAYPAL

**SAVE THE
DATE NOW**

TICKETS

\$15 per person
AT THE RALLY
OR you can:

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ONLINE NOW**

HOSTS

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Rich & Kathi Short

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Adventure...

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The Airstream Club

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