

Keystone Kourier

Keystone Unit #092
Region 2 - WBCCI



President's Message

Hello Keystoneers,

Arry and I are just back from the International Rally in Doswell, Virginia. It was the third International we have attended and, for us, the most enjoyable,



aside from the weather. The facilities were great and the location was ideal, within driving distance of Richmond, Washington D.C., Fredericksburg, and several important Civil War battlefields. We visited Monticello, Mt. Vernon and the U.S. Marine Museum in Quantico all of which were interesting and informative. Speaking of the weather: IT WAS HOT! It may have slowed folks down a bit but didn't dampen the collective enthusiasm at the rally. More about our unit's participation follows.

One exciting thing for Keystone at the rally was the selection of the Kourier as the 2nd best newsletter in the printed newsletter category! In fact, the chief judge told me that if we had included a table of contents and increased the font size of the article headings we could have come in 1st place. This is a major achievement for our unit and reaffirms the quality of our monthly communication. Hats off to our outstanding editors, Andy and Rick Pitts, for their hard work and creative efforts in making this happen! WAY TO GO PITTS!

Another "highlight" (?) of our trip was dinner one night at the Golden Coral with Jody and Sue Dietz and Barbara and Gerry Hillegas. Not only did we gorge ourselves but it was there that Jody discovered the best coffee in the world, or at least in Jody's world: Gold Peak brand.

For information, we picked up a set of TST Trailer Tire Pressure monitors at the TSL vendor and were impressed with the ease of installation and the added level of security they provide. Check them out. Safety is the top priority for travelers such as us.

Next up on our travelling agenda is the Exploring Central Pennsylvania Caravan which leaves on August 12 and returns on August 18. While attendance will be lower than expected, we are sure to have a great time exploring an interesting part of Pennsylvania. We'll be visiting French and Indian War battlefields, Frank Lloyd Wright houses, sites of flood and 9/11 tragedies, engineering railroad marvels and a few museums. Plus we'll enjoy the company of our fellow Airstreamers. It's not too late to come along, so let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in joining the adventure.

Howard Mergelkamp

Upcoming Events

Aug 12 - 18

Exploring Central PA

Caravan meets at Hamburg Cabellas Monday Aug 12

Aug 16 - 18

Unit Camping

Join returning caravaners at Pine Grove Furnace St. Park Gardners, PA

Sept 5 - 8

PA State Rally

Grange Fairgrounds
Centre Hall, PA

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Follow us on Facebook

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

Please review the important WBCCI and Unit renewal information on page 5!

62nd International Rally - Doswell, VA - Enjoyed the Ride

By Karen Kushto

The 62nd rally (670+ rigs) wrapped up after 2 weeks at The Meadows, Secretariat's birthplace. The event was packed with the pageantry of traditional ceremonies, nightly entertainment and numerous seminars on Tech, WBCCI History and our National Parks. Many toured the historic Virginia area. Hazardous heat & humidity did not deter Keystone PA Unit attendees from enjoying the festivities. Attendees were: President Howard Mergelkamp and Arry; 1st VP Jody & Sue Dietz; 2nd VP Don and Phyllis Harrington; Jerry & Barb Hillegass, Veterans of numerous rallies; Region 2 Treasurer Will & Karen Kushto; and dedicated Shuttle Driver & First Timer, Sue Walton.

Bicycle Excursion Chair Will Kushto led morning rides, including 2 at 6:30am to avoid the sweltering heat. Both he and Karen assisted with Registration/Check-In and Rally Security. The Kushto's are now trained Co-Leaders of The Springtime in the Rockies Caravan. Don added: 'Phyllis and I have been enjoying the rally in multiple ways. It has been great to renew relationships with people from all over the country, visit several fascinating places, pick up some new equipment for our RV, dine in some fine restaurants, enjoy a wide variety of entertainment, and establish some new connections with new people! The heat was an annoyance for a while but has moderated somewhat. The highpoint for us was the Secretariat Tour.' And Sue (Walton) let us know: 'I didn't do any tours but went to several seminars, ate plenty of ice cream, and went to several happy hours: vintage area, southeast, Keystone, Wash DC, and Canadians. I drove shuttle cart almost every day, and met many folks (that's how you get invited to happy hours). I learned a lot and had even more fun.

BTW – in the 'Printer Friendly' Newsletter contest, the *Kourier* won 2nd place on the podium (with the Northern California 'Poppy' 1st, and Arizona 'Riveted Razorback' 3rd. Congratulations to all!)



Registration is now open for next year's Rally at Loveland, Colorado:
Loveland 2020 International Rally, June 20-27
The Ranch Event Center
REGISTER AT: Loveland.airstreamclub.net



It was **HOT!**

And it Rained!

But a great time was had by all:
(check the webpages for even more pictures)



Upcoming Rally Fun:

Exploring Central Pennsylvania Unit Caravan – August 12-18

This 1-week caravan will explore world famous architecture, sites of terrible tragedies, the site where the French and Indian War began and museums for train enthusiasts and Civil War buffs. The group will depart from the Hamburg Cabellas Monday, August 12 and drive to Ohiopyle State Park where we spend 2 nights. On the way to Ohiopyle we stop at the Flight 93 Memorial (9/11 crash site near Somerset).

The next day (Tuesday) will be spent visiting two Frank Lloyd Wright locations (Fallingwater and Polymath Park) and exploring the waterfalls at Ohiopyle. Wednesday, we head to Wrights Orchard Station Campground which will be our base for 2 nights as we explore Johnstown and Altoona. On the way we'll stop in for a quick visit to where George Washington helped start the French and Indian War at Fort Necessity. After setting up camp we'll visit the Johnstown Flood Museum and take the Incline tramway to the overlook above Johnstown. Thursday we'll visit Altoona where we'll go to the Railroad Museum and scenic Horseshoe Curve, a marvel of 19th century railroad engineering.

Friday we head to Pine Grove Furnace State Park, our base for 2 nights while we visit Carlisle and Harrisburg. After setting up camp, we'll go to the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle to tour the outdoor park/museum's military displays of important periods in the country's history. For a sweet change of pace we'll visit the Lindt Chocolate Warehouse in Carlisle where we'll have a chance to purchase a variety of fresh chocolate truffles and other goodies.

Saturday we'll spend the day in Harrisburg. There are 3 places to visit either as a group or on our own: The State Capital Building, the State Museum of Pennsylvania and the National Civil War Museum.

We welcome campers who can only join us on the weekend at Pine Grove Furnace State Park and who wish to explore Harrisburg and Carlisle with us.

Those wishing to join us just for the last 2 nights should contact the campground directly to make reservations as soon as possible (please notify Howard of your plans to attend that weekend only and what site you have reserved):

<https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/pine-grove-furnace-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=PA&parkId=880310>.

After the week's adventures, we depart for home on Sunday.

Pennsylvania State Rally – Sept 5-8 Grange Fairgrounds – Centre Hall, PA

The Grange Fairgrounds sits in the rolling PA countryside just 12 miles east of State College, PA. Poe Valley State Park is nearby, as is Penn's Cave & Wildlife Park. The Nittany Antique Machinery Association Fall Show is the same weekend and just a 12 minute drive from the fairground with a huge flea market, demonstrations, food, entertainment and more!

Fairground camping area is open for easy parking, grassy and level. Sites include 30A electricity, water and a dump station. Plus, we will have the use of the activity hall for meals and gathering out of the weather. Rally fee includes 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners and evening hospitality. Coupon on webpage. Please let Howard and/or Rick know that you have registered.

2019 Officers

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Sunshine Report

As we're trying to stay cool during the summer's heatwaves it is nice to report that Barb & Jerry Hillegass have recovered from surgery and injuries and were able to enjoy the International rally. Barry Heckenswiler is doing well and is anxious to get his doctor's 'okay' to hit the road. Safe travels on your summer adventures.

Let us know of illnesses, surgeries, friends needing a kind word - and better yet, recoveries.
Karen (kkushto@comcast.net or cell 215-266-2410)

Happy Birthday to:

August

Jody Dietz (5th)
Wayne Fitzgerald (8th)
Sam Engelman (17th)
Jeff Michael (27th)

September

Dot Britt (5th)
Don Harrington (21st)
Barb Hillegass (23rd)
Peg Spahn (30th)

Happy Anniversary to:

August

Vaughn & Caryle Brayton
Will & Karen Kushto

September

Jim & Janice Hicks
Wayne & Sharon Fitzgerald

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)

Updated 2019 Activities Schedule

2019

August 12-18 (Mon-Sun) – Exploring Central PA, Keystone Unit Caravan.

Visiting Carlisle, U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center, Indian School, Harrisburg and others.
Howard Mergelkamp to coordinate.

August 16-18 (Fri-Sun) – Unit camping at Pine Grove Furnace State Park with visits to Carlisle and Harrisburg.

Pine Grove Furnace State Park (Charcoal Heath Campground) 101 Bendersville Road, Gardners, PA 17324

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

Centre Hall Fairgrounds, 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA; Howard Mergelkamp to coordinate for Keystone

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

If you have any questions, please call Larry or Karin Kurkowski; Larry at 248-421-5315; Karin at 586-214-1777

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

Contact Harry or Teresa Herrmann at 865-966-2222 or harry22222@gmail.com

October 4 – 8 – invitation to join Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta National Rally, Albuquerque, NM

Sold out this year.

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

Important Membership News

It's that time of year!

Renew your WBCCI (and Keystone Unit) membership for 2020.

Keystone dues will remain \$15 for the year.

At this time we believe that WBCCI dues will also remain at \$65.

Special Note to all:

For most of this fall Andy & I will be travelling throughout the western states. We will not be getting much of our regular mail, but we expect to have email access most of the time. Please email any questions or concerns regarding dues, **but do not send your annual or lifetime WBCCI/Keystone renewal to West Chester or you will miss being listed in the Directory.** (Note this does not apply to those only renewing their Keystone membership as we can easily record that upon our return.)

If you wish to renew your annual WBCCI and Unit memberships:

Please go to WBCCI.org and pay on the internet (\$80 = \$65 WBCCI + \$15 Keystone, #092). WBCCI will send us a copy of your receipt, and your Unit dues. This is the fastest way to renew and will save you and the Unit postage.

Remember, you must renew through WBCCI by November 1, 2019 to be listed in the 2020 International Directory.

If you wish to renew your lifetime WBCCI and annual Unit memberships:

Please go to WBCCI.org and pay on the internet (\$15 Keystone). WBCCI will send us a copy of your receipt, and your Unit dues. It is important that Lifetime members renew in order to maintain contact information and the directory listing.

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If you wish to renew only your annual Keystone Unit membership:

Please send a \$15 check payable to 'WBCCI-Keystone Unit #092' to Rick Pitts, Treasurer, 930 Stoney Run Drive, West Chester, PA, 19382. Do not renew through the WBCCI website as they coordinate only for renewing WBCCI members. Please renew by November 1.

Thanks!

Rick Pitts (r_pitts@verizon.net)

EXPLORING CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CARAVAN

August 12 – 18, 2019

Email/call Howard to register, then send your check to Rick

Due to timing, some venues may no longer be available. If this is the case your fee for that portion will be fully refunded

Caravan Fee: \$206 camping plus \$81/person entrance fees (2 members: \$368, 1 member: \$287). This covers 6 nights camping (4 nights at PA state parks with electric at site – water refresh and dump site at campground, 2 nights private campground mid-week with full hookups including sewer, and entrance fees to the following:

- Frank Lloyd Wright locations at Fallingwater and Polymath Park
- Johnstown Flood Museum and Incline Plane Tramway
- Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum and Horseshoe Curve

Campers who can only join us for the weekend at Pine Grove Furnace State Park are welcome and camping fees will be \$31/trailer per night (\$62 for weekend).

Note: Senior discounts will be refunded at the end of the trip.

There should be no entrance fees for Fort Necessity, the Flight 93 Memorial, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, and the State Capital Building.

Meals and any other entrance fees (State Museum of PA \$7/Person, National Civil War Museum \$13/person), will be paid by the participants during the trip.

Provide the Information Below

Name(s): _____ Member # _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cell # _____

Airstream: (trailer or coach) _____ Length: _____

Amount of check enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to: **Keystone Unit WBCCI**

Send to: **Rick Pitts, 930 Stoney Run Drive, West Chester, PA19382 by August 1, 2019**

Also notify Howard Mergelkamp of your intention to join the caravan as soon as possible in order to preserve a spot.

For questions and information contact:

Howard Mergelkamp at 267-733-3565, howardsan70@gmail.com or

Don Harrington at 856-362-1908, pastordkh21@aol.com

2019 Pennsylvania State Rally

Hosted by Penn-Lehigh Unit 093

Grange Fairgrounds – 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA

September 5-8, 2019

The Grange Fairgrounds sits in the rolling PA countryside just 12 miles east of **State College, PA**. **Poe Valley State Park** is nearby, as is **Penn's Cave & Wildlife Park**. The **Nittany Antique Machinery Association Fall Show** (<https://www.nittanyantique.org/>) is the same weekend and just a 12 minute drive from the fairground with a huge flea market, demonstrations, food, entertainment and more!

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Need additional info, contact Jim Ridolfi aston10@verizon.net

Names: _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit: _____ Cell Phone _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

RV Make and Length: _____ State/License: _____

Tow Vehicle Make: _____ State/License: _____

Camping per night (W/E & dump) \$40 x _____ = \$ _____ (May arrive on Thursday 9/5 and must depart by Monday 9/9. Max 4 nights)

Rally Fee (Ages 13 and up) \$50 x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ _____

Make checks payable to: "Penn-Lehigh Unit"

Mail to: Fred Schultz-Treasurer, 24 Lasalle Ave, Shavertown, PA 18708



63RD WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB
★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
★ June 20-27, 2020 ★ Loveland, CO ★

REGISTRATION

LOVELAND2020 Logo, apparel & accessories are available EXCLUSIVELY on Lands' End

RALLY FEES - \$265 for an RV On-Site with 20 amp electric, water and pump outs; \$130 for each Adult (18+); \$40 for each Youth 13-17; Free for Children (12 & Under).

ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING - Special parking, if requested, is near the central rally area for members. We ask that you bring your government/state issue placard and supporting documentation with you to the Rally.

REGISTRATIONS - Through the courtesy of Airstream, Inc., all members registered prior to the start of the rally will be eligible to participate in a drawing for up to a total of \$2,000 in awards. The award may be redeemed at any Airstream Dealership or at the Jackson Center Service Facility for parts and service.

STAGING AREA - In an attempt to keep the flock moving, you will receive a rally arrival date towards the end of March 2020. If you can't make it by that date, the Rally Arrival Team will be ready to park you when you **fly in** from 8:00am to dusk. Arrivals after dusk may stay overnight in the Staging Area, with no hookups, until parking begins the next morning.

CANCELLATION POLICY - Refund requests emailed by April 25, 2020 will be assessed \$50.00 fee. Refund requests after April 26, 2020 will be assessed 50% fee. NO refunds after June 6, 2020. ***If you might have to cancel after that day, please consider obtaining travel insurance.***

PAYPAL FUNDS TO: rally@wbcci.org
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WBCCI "US Funds Only"

RALLY PARKING: Passes will be sent in Spring 2020
MAIL TO: WBCCI P.O. Box 612 Jackson Center OH 45334

FOR REGISTRARS ONLY: Registration Date: _____ **Rec'd By:** _____

Payment Type: Cash Check Card PayPal **Amt Paid:** \$ _____ **Check #:** _____

63RD WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB ★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY
JUNE 20-27, 2020 ★ LOVELAND, CO

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Email:** _____

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State/Province:** _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ **Phone (m):** _____ **Phone (h):** _____

Rally Attendee(s)	Quantity Info	Quantity	Rate	Amount
RV On Site	Yes = 1 No = 0		\$265.00	\$
Adult (18 & Over) (Each)	Enter number		\$130.00	\$
Youth (13 - 17) (Each)	Enter number		\$ 40.00	\$
Child (12 & Under)	Enter number		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Lifetime Member Discount	Limit 1		\$-20.00	\$
		GRAND TOTAL:		\$

Parking Options	Yes
ADA Accessible	
Vintage	
Kiddo Village	
Band Member	
First Time Attendee	
Emergency Medical Responder	
WBAC BIG RED NUMBER	#

Registration Date: _____ **Rec'd By:** _____ **Registration Source:** Mail Online Rally

Payment Type: Cash Check Card PayPal **Amt Paid:** \$ _____ **Check #:** _____

Andy and Rick Pitts
930 Stoney Run Dr.
West Chester, Pa. 19382



INTERESTED IN JOINING THE KEYSTONE UNIT?

Contact:

President: Howard Mergelkamp

howardsan70@gmail.com

Membership: Don Harrington

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