

THE POINT



AL-MON-O PA UNIT

WBCCI Al-Mon-O Unit 131

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February, 2018

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Hello Airstream family! Hopefully soon we will be washing the last of the road salt off our vehicles — and by the time the crocuses sprout we will have started our travel plans for this year's RV season. Please include the Al-Mon-O rallies in those plans! We look forward to spending time with all of you!

The January luncheon, graciously hosted by Sandi and Paul Labuda, was a huge success. New members, Stevie and Richard Kline, joined us and they were a pleasure to be with. (And they have not yet picked up their Airstream!) After great food and camaraderie at Carol and Dave's Roadhouse, we joined the festivities of the Ligonier Ice Fest. There were many delightful ice sculptures to view and carvers were showing off their unique talent. It was a great day!

I hope to see you all at our next luncheon on Saturday, February 17th, hosted by Julie and Craig Jansen. It is being held at Bella Frutteto's in Wexford. If attending, be sure to call the Jansen's. Phone: 216-973-3257 or 412-738-0214.

Please keep the Claytons in your thoughts and prayers. Don is recovering from his surgeries at Woodhaven. Bev says it's only a 15 - 20 minute drive from their home. Cards may be sent to: Woodhaven Care Center, Room 229, 2400 McGinley Road, Monroeville, PA 15146.

PS. I would like to thank those of you who sent sympathy cards and condolences upon the death of my brother, **Kurt**. **They were very much appreciated.**

See you soon!

Gayle



See attached information from IBT meeting in January from Region 2 1st VP and also information about Region 2 Rally in NY.

The group enjoyed being together in January:



2018 Officers



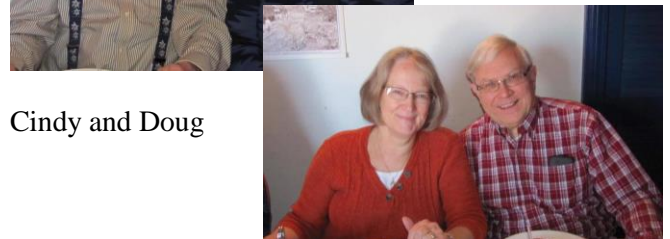
- Gayle Gibson President
- Dennis Gibson 1st Vice-President
- Vinnie Rossitto 2nd Vice-President
- Julie Jansen 3rd Vice-President
- Beverly Clayton Recording Secretary
- Sandi Labuda Treasurer
- Dale Rossitto Director – two years
- Paul Labuda Director – Past President
- Don Clayton Director – One year
- Sandi Labuda Director – One year

January Luncheon

January luncheon was hosted by Sandi and Paul Labuda at Dave and Carol’s Restaurant in Ligonier. Good food, good friends, and good fun walking around the Ice Festival! Attending: Sandi and Paul Labuda, Sandi’s Mom Gleema, Julie and Craig Jansen, Cindy and Doug Field, Carol and Robert Anslinger, Richard and Stevie Kline, who just ordered an Airstream and who will be joining Al-mon-o shortly, and Dennis and Gayle Gibson.



Carol and Robert



Cindy and Doug



Julie and Craig



Richard and Stevie



Sandi and Paul

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



FEBRUARY

- 7 Cindy Field
- 20 Don Clayton
- 22 Harold and Mary Kingdom

MARCH

- 11 Ray Bonkoski
- 21 Bernie Solomon
- 24 Mary Ann McMurtrie
- 25 Ingrid and Gene Nelson



Member News: Don Clayton contracted a serious infection Dec 27th and required three surgeries to remove bacteria from his grafts/bypasses. As Gayle mentioned in her note, he is now in a rehabilitation facility in Monroeville, getting daily physical therapy, IV antibiotics and wound care. He and I sincerely appreciate your thoughts and prayers. It will be a long road, but he has made beginning steps.

What? No photos of Denny or Gayle?

**WBCCI Al-Mon-O Unit 131
2018 SCHEDULE**

Date/time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
January 20 11:30 a.m.	Luncheon	Carol and Dave's Roadhouse 122 N. Market St, Ligonier, PA 15658	Paul & Sandi Labuda sjlabuda@gmail.com by Jan 6 if possible	724-423-4873
February 17 11:30 a.m.	Luncheon	Bella Frutteto's 2602 Brandt School Rd. Wexford, PA 15090	Craig/Julie Jansen by Feb 10 if possible	216-973-3257 412-738-0214
March	TBD	TBD		
April 21 11:30	Luncheon/ Tour	Benjamin's Roadhouse Patio Room 1211 Liberty St., Franklin, PA 16323	Daryl Roll by April 14	814-549-0996 814-385-6712
May 4-6	Cinco De Mayo Rally	Donegal Campground 106 Yeckel Dr, Donegal, PA 15628 724-593-7717	Denny/Gayle Gibson reserve site by April 15	724-863-5305 djgibson1@comcast.net
May 31 - June 3	Region 2 Rally	Ulster County Fairgrounds New Paltz, NY		
June 15-17	Buddy Rally	Penn Wood Airstream Park 999 Kindel Rd, New Bethlehem, PA 16242	Sue McLaughlin Doug/Cindy Field	724-289-8523 724-834-1031
June 23-30	International Rally	Salem, Oregon		
July 20-22	PA State Rally	Penn Wood Airstream Park 999 Kindel Rd, New Bethlehem, PA 16242		PA Unit 091
August	Bluegrass Rally	Laurel Hill State Park 1454 Laurel Hill Park Rd, Somerset, PA 15501 – Make reservations online at reserveamerica.com	Denny/Gayle Gibson	724-863-5305 djgibson1@comcast.net
September				
October				
November				
December	Luncheon	Christmas Luncheon TBD	Beverly/Don Clayton	724-325-1205

Mid-Winter IBT Meeting Sarasota, FL Jan 8-12, 2018

Rich Short, 1st VP Region 2

Although I have attended WBAC Int'l Board of Trustee meetings held at our International Rallies, this was my first Mid-Winter meeting and my first IBT since becoming our Region 2 Vice President. With about 85 rigs on site and another 15 or so attendees who, like me, travelled without their Airstreams the Mid-Winter is mostly about doing the business of the WBAC. I was pleased to join our President and First Lady, Mark and Debbie Hammer, at the scheduled workshops, roundtable discussions, and IBT meetings. Here are some items of interest from the meetings:

- WBAC is averaging about 30 new members a WEEK.
- 259 of the 751 who have registered for Salem, OR are First Timers.
- Int'l Rally arrival registration will now be called "check-in", attendees will receive packet of info when parking and a ticket to later claim their rally "goody bag/gift".
- The Salem, OR International Rally Schedule will be released in February 2018.
- There are now 17 National caravans (14 are full) scheduled for 2018 vs. 10 in 2017 with 3 new caravans and several "resurrected" ones with new leaders. Great news!
- Caravan Leader Training has been successful and is being reworked into a shorter, digital format to provide the capability for presentation at rallies and locations around the country. More Training + Qualified Leaders = More Caravans
- 740 w/e sites plus a number of solar/gen sites will be available in Doswell, VA for the 2019 International Rally scheduled for July 20-27, 2019. Sign up (electronically) ASAP when registration opens during the Salem rally!
- The 2019 Mid-Winter IBT will be held January 14-18, 2019 at the Baldwin County Coliseum in Robertsdale, AL.
- There are still Units not in compliance with updated Constitution and ByLaws (currently 4 in Region 2). All have been notified and a working deadline of May 1 has been set. Those out of compliance after that date risk endangering their status in WBCCI. A motion was approved to make some changes to the Model CBL to better reflect the actual practices of individual Units.
- The Electronic Communications Committee has reviewed all existing Unit and Region websites and a guideline list of essential elements was prepared and sent to those Units needing to upgrade or develop new websites. Assistance is available from the ECC.
- The ECC reported 363 online registrations for Salem vs 217 for Escanaba vs 132 for the Lewisburg Rally. Proof of continued growth and use of online services by members.
- Approximately 20 Unit name changes (incorporating "Airstream" in the name), 6 Unit flags/logos and 3 Unit badges were approved.

Remember: WBAC is a CAMPING and CARAVAN CLUB...get out, camp and have fun! If you have any questions please contact me or your Region 2 President, Mark Hammer.

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Mark and Debbie Hammer #2437hammersf@yahoo.com 516-330-3644



Ready to "Rock the Region"?

May 31 - June 3, 2018

Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561

New Paltz is a unique college town with a 60's vibe and is not too far from Bethel Woods, the site of Woodstock. And if you're interested in the other kind of rock, New Paltz is right near the Shawangunk ('Gunks) Mountains and a host of opportunities for outdoor adventures.

The Rally can promise you 2 breakfasts, one catered dinner and nightly ice cream treats. Mornings will offer seminars on Airstream maintenance, the use Region/Unit websites and social media, cast iron cooking, a caravan leaders class and the obligatory Region 2 business meeting. Evenings will bring 2 nights of professional entertainment including a 60's costume ball with prizes. Afternoons will be free to explore the area and this part of the Hudson Valley offers something for everyone - the 'Gunks for climbing, historic sites in Kingston, New Paltz and Newburgh, the Bridge Across the Hudson in Poughkeepsie and vineyards, distilleries and breweries by the score.

Please RSVP by May 20, 2018.

Name(s) _____ WBCCI# _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Rig _____

_____ Nights @ \$20 = _____

_____ Adult Rally Fee @ \$55 = _____

Total: _____

Make check payable to: Region 2 WBCCI and mail to: Mark Hammer, Region 2 President, 1647 Park Avenue, New Hyde Park, NY 11040