THE POINT

AL-MON-O PA UNIT

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Hello Streamers! Can you believe it's already August? Where did the summer go? Hope you all made good use of it and got out in your Airstream as much as you possibly could. The fall is also a good time to travel - cooler weather and beautiful colors! So don't give up just yet!

It's time again to renew your membership. Al-Mon-O has been slowly and steadily increasing in members the past couple of years and we would certainly like for that trend to continue. I would also like to see these new members out at a rally or luncheon, interacting with co-members, making lifelong friends and enjoying group functions.

Denny Gibson will become the 2019 President and is actively searching for volunteers to host a luncheon, rally, or other event. He also needs a member to volunteer for the positions of 3rd Vice President and 2-year Director. The future of Al-Mon-O depends on your participation!

Denny and I will be kicking off 2019 by hosting a January luncheon. We are thankful for a couple of members who have graciously stepped forward to host luncheons. They are Stevie and Dick Kline who will be hosting one in February; and also Julie and Craig Jensen who are hosting one in March. The rest of our calendar needs to be filled up, so please volunteer for an event. Remember, an organization is only as strong as its members!

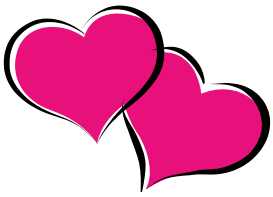
So please, renew your membership, (and maybe get another Airstream owner to join)! Come spend some time with your Airstream family. Hope to see you soon!

Gayle

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

BIRTHDAYS **ANNIVERSARIES**



AUGUST

3	Vincent Rossitto
11	Mary Kingdon
27	Audrey Wagner
29	Daryl Roll

SEPTEMBER

6	Bud Roberts	6 Julie and Craig Jansen
7	Cherie Reilly	
12	Butch Kulbacki	
16	Byron Rossitto	
22	Michael Reilly	

MORE PHOTOS FROM STATE RALLY

Visiting, happy hour on the patio. Roberts in center, Freemans on the right.

Is this an Al-Mon-O meeting? No, just another Happy Hour!

2019 Call for Volunteers

Hi all,

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and we are quickly approaching the fall/winter season. Walking through Wally World (Walmart) school supplies and Halloween decorations are replacing beach towels and bathing suits. The 2019 season is fast approaching. Guess it's time to start planning for next year.

The 2019 Al-Mon-O Event Schedule must be turned in to WBCCI headquarters to insure that our events are covered under the WBCCI Liability Insurance Policy. This policy covers club functions and activities. Normally event info is sent to headquarters by November for the upcoming year. That's only a few months away.

Gayle and I are in the process of lining up events for the up-coming 2019 year. We need volunteers to host Al-Mon-O luncheons for the month of April, and the 2019 December Christmas party.

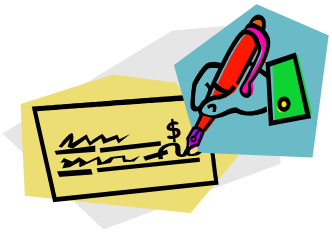
We are also in need of hosts for 2019 Al-Mon-O unit rallies. Months available for our unit rallies are May, June, August, September and October. The Region 2 Rally and The Pennsylvania State Rally dates have not yet been scheduled. The WBCCI International Rally is scheduled for July 20-27, 2019 in Doswell, VA.

If you're interested in hosting a luncheon, the Christmas party or hosting/co-hosting a rally for the 2019 season, please contact me at djgibson1@comcast.net or give Gayle or I a call at 724-863-5305.

We are all here to have fun and fellowship. Our unit depends on your help and your participation.

See you down the road,

Denny
1st Vice President



DUES

2019 dues now need to be paid. All regular Al-Mon-O Unit members will shortly receive a form from Treasurer Sandi Labuda that can be used to submit both WBCCI and Al-Mon-O dues. You may also make payment through the wbcci.com web site. This must be done no later than Nov 1, 2018 in order for your name to be printed in the 2019 WBCCI AND AL-MON-O Directories. The WBCCI International dues are $65, and our Al-Mon-O Unit dues are $15, so the total due is $80.

Alumni and Affiliate members will NOT receive a form from Sandi. Please use the form below to pay only the Unit dues of $15. Make check payable to Al-Mon-O PA Unit and send to Sandi Labuda, 144 Honeysuckle Lane, Acme, PA 15610
PAY NOW so you won't forget!.
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DUES COUPON (alumni and affiliate members)

Name_____

Address_____

_____Affiliate: WBCCI #_____

Courtesy Parking?_____Yes_____No

Please indicate Unit name or number

____Alumnus

Amount due $15.00

Note if you are not a member, and are reading this on our web site or a copy of our newsletter sent to you via postal mail, and would like to join us, please see the wbcci.org web site or send email to me or the treasurer. (sjlabuda@gmail.com)

PA STATE RALLY

The Pennsylvania Unit, led capably by Cody Klinger, put on a very good rally with lots of Saturday activities. On hand were Al-Mon-O members Don and Beverly Clayton, Doug and Cindy Field, Denny and Gayle Gibson, Udo and Diana Maelzer, Bud and Alice Roberts and Frank and Julie Wagner. We saw friends from other units, including Central Penn and Penn Lehigh along with the Penn Wood inhabitants.

Saturday began with an enormous breakfast, -- eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes juice and fruit. Whew! Following the Skymed presentation, we had a craft session, decorating an aluminum cutout of an Airstream (what else) which became a clock. The Deer Creek winery came to provide some tasting and then the Limestone Fire Company demonstrated fire extinguishers and other fire safety tips.

In case all that activity made you hungry again, the Pig Roast along with a large number of side dishes and desserts was served. That evening a band entertained with bluegrass tunes.

Photos here by Denny.

New members Maezlers

Happy Hour!

Limestone Fire Co.

Alice and Gayle with their masterpieces

ROSSITTO'S ALASKA ADVENTURE

In our previous newsletter we wrote about the first 40 days of this trip. They started out on June 10, their 40th anniversary, on what they plan to be a 4 month trip. Here are some more excerpts of his diary and photos he sent, for July 9-Aug 9. I can't really do justice to the over 20 pages of his written report so far, but I will try to hit the highlights (or lowlights?)

In the last newsletter, they were in British Columbia, heading north on the Caribou Highway, headed for the meeting place for the Airstream Caravan. The drive on the Caribou was nothing short of spectacular – beautiful mountain vistas, often with active railways running below them, along the Fraser River in the gorge.

Five days later, they met up with the Caravan. As they approached Dawson Creek, they were amazed to see thousands upon thousands of acres of bright yellow flowered plants – Canola plants. They apparently had just began to flower and are spectacularly beautiful in contrast to the deep blue sky and bright sunlight. The yellow part of the plants are harvested twice over the course of the short summer and are used in the manufacture of Canola Oil.

Seventy-one caravaners converged on Dawson Creek from all over the US and were introduced to each other as the leaders began to organize the group for the long trip through northern British Columbia, Yukon Territory, Alaska and back again. The first part of the trip took them from Dawson Creek, BC through Ft. Nelson, Toad River and then to Watson Lake, Yukon Territory. Vinny said they feel very fortunate to be part of such a good group of people and to be seeing so many beautiful sights. So far, excellent meals together, group campfires almost every night, and most interesting things to see & do in the area. They say they are coping well with the constant mosquitoes and sporadic rain, which seem to be very normal in these parts.

They spent their last day in Watson Lake visiting the Sign Post Forest on the side of the Alaska Highway and hanging a sign that they designed before leaving home on this trip. -- the story on the Sign Post Forest: During WW2 and the construction of the Alaska Highway, the US Army posted directions to various locations in Yukon and added New York, Chicago and Tokyo. A homesick GI named Carl Lindley was ordered to work on damaged signposts and, taking this to heart, set up his own signpost to his Illinois hometown. His signpost started a tradition that has grown into a forest over the years and there are currently over 85,000 signs that have been posted by visitors from all over the world. It's quite a spectacle!

We felt compelled to leave our mark

From Whitehorse the Airstream caravan group took a prearranged day trip to Skagway, Alaska by bus & train. The scenery along the way was amazing – mountain vistas, waterfalls, and glaciers on some mountains. The train ride was incredible – through the mountains and over gorges, from Frazier to Skagway on the White Pass & Yukon Route railway.

Leaving Carmacks they traveled to Dawson City YT via the Klondike Highway, quite a bit of which was undergoing routine construction to repair damage due to spring thaws. They did not suffer any truck or trailer damage, unlike a few of their caravan cohorts. This is a gentle preparation for the drive to Chicken AK via the Top of the World Highway, a narrow & rough gravel road that runs about 65 miles into Chicken. Vinnie and Bryon fabricated some protective shields for the front end of the Airstream out of household vent ducting insulation bubble wrap panels and a spool of duct tape (the most useful part of their tool kit so far)... to protect the window & front panels from rocks thrown by oncoming truck traffic.

Shortly after getting underway from Dawson they took the George Black ferry across the Yukon River

The Canadian side of the Top of the World Highway was reasonably well groomed gravel…a breeze in comparison to the US side, which was extremely rough & dirty. On the US side, Vinny said we averaged about 10-15 mph and that felt like we were traveling too fast at times. The "body armor" for the Airstream added at the last minute was effective as there were countless wounds in the bubble wrap protection from stones that were kicked up.

From Chicken the caravan travelled to Delta Junction, home of Fort Greely, an active army base that performs an anti-ballistic missile mission in Delta Junction. Fort Greely also has been the home of the Army Arctic Training Center.

Next stop was a five day visit in Fairbanks, home to the University of Alaska. The museum there has wonderful archeological, natural and historical displays. (And modern art, not so much)

The tour on the riverboat Discovery was interesting and included a visit to the late musher Susan Butcher's home

The next stop on the way to Denali was at the Tatlanika Trading Co., where Rossittos introduced themselves to the owner Jay Reiter. Jay was a high school buddy of Dan Moore, our friend and fellow member of the Al-Mon-O unit of the WBCCI Airstream club. Jay was very welcoming and completely surprised by us - he was thrilled to hear indirectly from Dan! Jay owns & operates an RV Park and a really unique gift store with lots of local crafts and artifacts...definitely one of the best we've seen.

From the campground near Delani, they took an 8 hour bus tour - about 62 miles into the park and then return back out on the same road. Privately owned vehicles are not allowed very deep into the park. The park road rapidly turns from paved to gravel to dirt and narrows considerably. As they traveled through mountains, the road became more narrow and was cut into the side of pretty sheer cliffs. We held our breath more than a few times when our skilled bus driver dealt with oncoming bus traffic in these spots. Unfortunately, we never did see the 20K+ foot Denali mountain peak (Mount McKinley) because of the rainy & foggy weather conditions.

Stay tuned for the next installment. Vinny

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 17th Noon	Luncheon	Rodney's Restaurant, 557 Wendel Rd. Irwin, PA 15642.	Denny/Gayle Gibson djgibson1@comcast.net on or before Monday, March 12th,	724-863-5305
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 reserve site by April 15	Denny/Gayle Gibson djgibson1@comcast.net	724-863-5305
May 31 - June 3	Region 2 Rally	Ulster County Fairgrounds New Paltz, NY	Region 2 President see coupon	
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	see coupon
August 17-19	Bluegrass Rally	Laurel Hill State Park 1454 Laurel Hill Park Rd, Somerset, PA 15501 Make reservations online at reserveamerica.com Then contact Denny/Gayle with site number	Denny/Gayle Gibson djgibson1@comcast.net Denny C: 412-849-3812 Gayle C: 412-389-2191	724-863-5305
September				
October				
December	Luncheon	Christmas Luncheon TBD	Beverly/Don Clayton	724-325-1205