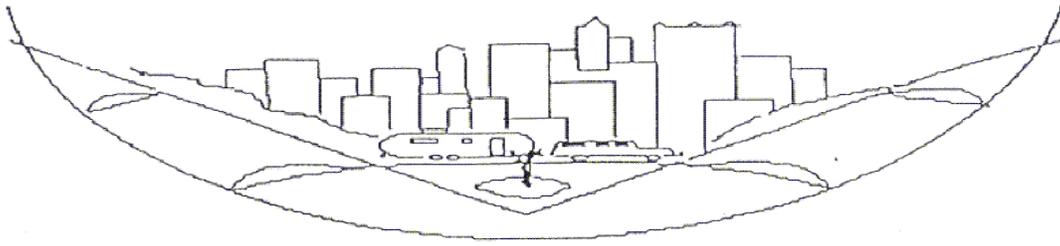


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AL-MON-O PA UNIT

WBCCI Al-Mon-O Unit 131

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February, 2020

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

As the “dark ages” of winter months pass, I’m thinking about those of you currently traveling or parked somewhere in a warm southern clime with more than a bit of envy. However, there is something to be said for staying home during the winter months. Dale, Bryon and I decided not to travel this winter and have been very content with having our trusty Airstream hibernating safely and soundly within clear sight of our front porch and with having lots of time to anticipate this year’s adventures. Each day that passes comes with a little more daylight and lots more fernweh (*fern-veyh, (n.) German 1. A longing for far-off places. 2. A craving for travel. 3. Homesickness for a place you’ve never been.*)

After what was mostly a stay-home year for us in 2019, we are now champing at the bit to hitch up and head out. Our big trip this year will be with the 2020 Springtime in the Rockies WBCCI National Caravan in May and June. We get juiced up each time we hear from our caravan leaders, who recently have shifted into high gear gathering our essential information and giving us glimpses into what lies ahead on this adventure. If this trip is anything like our 2018 North to Alaska Caravan experience, we know that we’ll be making lots of new friends and will have a great time with adventures and experiences that we can hardly imagine right now. We feel fortunate to be able to participate in this grand adventure and look forward

to sharing our experiences as they unfold with any of you who might be interested in vicariously traveling along with us (please let me know).

On a somewhat related note, I’m already enjoying the added dimension of the information exchanges during our luncheons and think they will only get better as we continue moving forward. There were some good tips offered on dry-camping at our ad-hoc discussion at the January luncheon and Craig is preparing to give a glimpse into his and Julie’s awesome trip to Nova Scotia at the February luncheon. I’ll try to give plenty of advance notice of topics planned for each activity in the future so everyone can have some prior thought on how they might want to interact during the activity. Many thanks to those of you who have already volunteered to lead these discussions and I encourage everyone to take the small step of sharing your experiences and know-how in some manner. Check out our line-up of planned activities in the coming months!



Lots to look forward to in 2020! Please stay warm, be safe and see you soon.

Vinny

BIRTHDAYS**ANNIVERSARIES****FEBRUARY**

- 7 Cindy Field
- 7 Cody Klingler
- 20 Don Clayton

MARCH

- 4 Albert Gough
- 25 Ingrid and Gene Nelson

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

Our February 15th luncheon at Palmieri's Restaurant in Plum is right around the corner and we hope many of you will be able to attend. In addition to having a great meal with our AL-MON-O family, Craig Jansen has kindly volunteered to provide a 30-45 minute presentation, with plenty of pictures, of the Jansen's 2019 trip to Nova Scotia. Craig will talk about highlights and have pictures for some of the main places visited on this trip, including Portland ME, Halifax NS, Peggy's Cove NS, Lunenburg NS, Cape Breton NS, Campobello Island NB, and Acadia ME. I've heard that a few members are thinking about making a similar trip down the road and can't wait to check out Craig and Julie's adventures in this beautiful corner of the continent!



I'm sure they will talk about where this was taken.



Can't wait to hear about this!

If you plan to join us at Palmieri's, please try to RSVP to Bev Clayton by February 7th so she can make final arrangements with the restaurant.

In March, Bert and Lia Gough have set up a luncheon at the Hartwood Restaurant and Whispers Pub in Glenshaw. This restaurant has an interesting history – the original building was once the headquarters for the Harmar Coal Company and later was transformed into retail space for antiques and a bookstore (some of which is still intact). The Hartwood became known as the restaurant in a bookstore and is quaint and unique. We plan to have an information sharing session after lunch, potentially a presentation on WBCCI caravan experience.

In April, Dale and Vinny Rossitto have coordinated a luncheon at the Evolution Grille in Freeport. If the weather cooperates, April Claus, who works as a naturalist and educator with extensive local knowledge, has kindly offered to lead a walking discussion on local nature at the nearby Butler-Freeport Rails to Trails pathway for anyone interested in gently working off a big lunch and maybe learning a few interesting things along the way!

In May, Cody Klingler and Matt Moore have set up a Buddy Rally at Wolf's Camping Resort in Knox PA. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter. There are a number of activities being planned to help us enjoy this beautiful part of Pennsylvania, as well as some information sharing and maintenance rally activities. We'd love to hear suggestions for topics that would be of interest to you with regards to the information sharing and maintenance rally activities. We'll have a great opportunity for hands-on activities at this rally.

Region 2 Rally is SOLD OUT:

This year’s Region 2 Rally in Kingston, ON has been fully booked – all 108 sites! – and the reservation process is now being suspended. The Region 2 Rally Committee is actively working with the Rideau Acres Campground, reconciling the lists of Rally registrants with camping reservations already made. All sites were booked on a first come-first served basis, as advertised in the promotional flyers. Every effort is being made to accommodate all who have registered to date. For those already signed up, get ready for the biggest and best Region 2 Rally held in years.



JANUARY LUNCHEON

Another typical (?)balmy winter day in Pittsburgh! At least typical this winter. A great turnout of 18 people came to Rodney’s in Irwin to share food, fellowship and information. A lively discussion of “dry” camping or “boondocking” was held, and a synopsis of the discussion was written and edited by those present. Vinny sent a copy to all members via email, and Cody posted it on our website. .



Everyone had a good time, and notice all the “doggie” boxes. Lots of good food. Thanks to Denny and Gayle for hosting, AGAIN!

CHANGE OF NAME

The motion for our name change to “**AL-MON-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club**” was unanimously approved by the WBCCI Executive Committee at the IBT Meeting on January 23rd. Most all “units” have done this.

In addition to Klines (above) Attending were:

Bev Clayton, Doug and Cindy Field, Denny and Gayle Gibson, Bert and Lia Gough, Julie and Craig Jansen, Cody Klinger, Robert Kuszyk, Sandi and Paul Labuda, Matt Moore, Vinny, Dale and Byron Rossitto.



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

Date/Time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
January 11 12pm noon	Luncheon	Rodney's Restaurant 555 Wendel Road Irwin, PA 15642 www.rodneysrestaurant.com	Denny/Gayle Gibson	djgibson1@comcast.net 724-863-5305 RSVP by January 7 th
February 15	Luncheon	Palmieri's Restaurant 951 Old Frankstown Rd, Plum, PA 15239 https://palmierisrestaurant.com/	Bev/Don Clayton	aunt_bev@msn.com 724-325-1205 412-818-2413
March 14 11:30am	Luncheon	Hartwood Restaurant and Whispers Pub 3400 Harts Run Road Glenshaw, PA, 15116 https://hartwoodrestaurant.com/menus/	Lia/Bert Gough	rocks2portraits@gmail.com 412-492-9541 RSVP by March 4th
April 25 11:30 am	Luncheon	Evolution Grille 1186 Butler Road (Rt. 356) Freeport, PA 16229 www.evolutiongrille.com	Vinny/Dale Rossitto	rossitto@comcast.net 724-568-4801 RSVP by April 15th
May 8 - 10	Al-Mon-O Buddy Rally	Wolf's Camping Resort 308 Timberwolf Run Knox, PA 16232 https://www.wolfscampingresort.com/ (814) 797-1103	Matt Moore and Cody Klingler	cwk5292@gmail.com 724-504-6884
May 21 - 25	Region 2 Rally	Rideau Acres Campground 1014 Cunningham Road Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V3 613-546-2711	SOLD OUT! See Flyer or Online Registration: https://region2.airstreamclub.net/rally-paypal/	
May 26 – June 17	Region 2 Caravan to International Rally	Depart: Kingston, ON Arrive: Loveland, CO	See Flyer or Online Registration https://region2.airstreamclub.net/rocky-mountain-high-caravan/	
June 20 - 27	International Rally	The Ranch Events Complex 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, Colorado 80538	See Online Registration: https://loveland.airstreamclub.net/	
August 13 - 18	Al-Mon-O Bluegrass Rally	Laurel Hill State Park 1454 Laurel Hill Park Road Somerset, PA 15501 (Make reservations online at www.reserveamerica.com . Then contact TBD with site number	TBD	TBD
September	PA State Rally	TBD	TBD	TBD
October 3	Octoberfest Potluck Luncheon	Rossitto Home 437 Markle Road Apollo, PA 15613	Vinny/Dale Rossitto	rossitto@comcast.net 724-568-4801
December	Luncheon	TBD	TBD	TBD



MAY BUDDY RALLY

May 8-10, 2020

Wolf's Camping Resort

308 Timberwolf Run, Knox, PA 16232

814-797-1103

Hosts: Cody Klingler and Matt Moore

724-504-6884 or cwk5292@gmail.com

Get your Airstream ready for the first rally of the season! This year's May Rally will be a buddy rally. This means that you can invite a non-Airstream travel trailer to join us for the weekend. We plan to include some information sharing, and a maintenance topic and will be coordinating specifics with interested attendees.

Please make your reservation with Wolf's Camping Resort as they require a down payment of \$25 to hold your spot. Our reservation is listed under "**Al-Mon-O Airstream Club**". Please use this when you call to make your reservation. The campground fee will be \$41 per night. We have reserved 10 sites close together until March 28. After this date, we can't guarantee you'll be parked near us. You are welcome to come early and stay late.

Once your reservation is made, please reach out to Cody or Matt to let them know which site you have. The rally fee will be \$7 per person. This fee includes: breakfast Saturday morning, dinner Saturday evening and a continental breakfast Sunday morning. Please bring all drinks and table service to each meal except Friday night. Saturday night's dinner will be a potluck dinner.

Friday, May 8:

Check in starts at 4 PM.

Dinner at (to be determined) at 6 PM

Saturday, May 9:

Breakfast starts at 8:30 AM at Cody and Matt's Airstream

Lunch on your own

Wine excursion to Deer Creek Winery at 1 PM (3333 Soap Fat Rd., Shippenville, PA 16254). We can carpool if needed

Happy hour at 4 PM Potluck Dinner at 6 PM with campfire to follow (weather permitting)

Sunday, May 10:

Continental breakfast begins at 8:30 AM

Check out by 3 PM