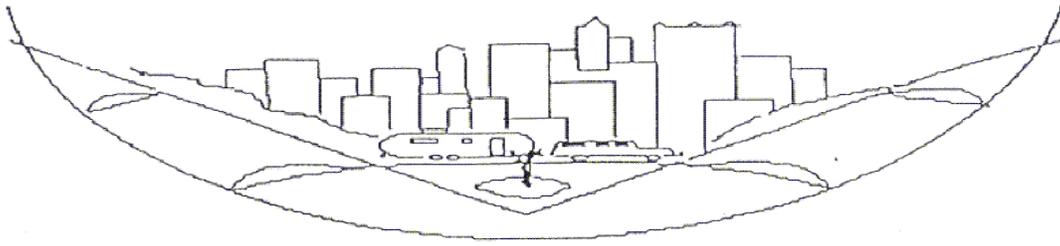


# THE POINT



## AL-MON-O PA AIRSTREAM CLUB

WBCCI Al-Mon-O Airstream Club 131

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March, 2020

### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

We are all shocked and so deeply saddened by our dear friend Beverly Clayton's unexpected passing on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Most of us knew Bev as a longtime & fervent Airstreamer and the rock of our AL-MON-O family. For many of us, Bev was the first AL-MON-O person we met, the one who welcomed us into the club and then frequently kept tabs on us to make sure the club was living up to our expectations. Over the years, Bev made seemingly countless contributions to AL-MON-O. She presided as our unit's President and, for a number of years, handled the collective roles of Secretary, "The Point" Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairman, and Website Administrator with the greatest poise. We will sadly miss Bev's larger than life presence, her kindness, and her love for her AL-MON-O and WBCCI family. Please keep Don and their many nephews & nieces in your thoughts and prayers during these difficult days ahead. Our club will be making a donation in honor of Beverly to the Diabetes Institute in lieu of sending flowers, per Don's request.



I'd like to sincerely thank Cody Klingler for assuming some of Bev's club tasks by volunteering to handle the monthly newsletter and directory updates, at least for the near term. I'm reminded once again that this is what family does during difficult times!

Now, on to some everyday thoughts...

Even though March certainly didn't come in like a lion this year, I think we are all hoping it goes out like a lamb anyway! The good news is Spring officially arrives on March 19<sup>th</sup> this year, the earliest vernal equinox in 124 years according to the Farmer's Almanac! Before you know it, we'll all be de-winterizing our

Airstreams and preparing for our first outings. For some of us, that will be our May Buddy Rally that Cody and Matt are hosting. What a great opportunity for fun and camaraderie with your AL-MON-O family. If you have not yet signed up, please consider doing so ... the flyer in this newsletter has all the details.

Meanwhile, I'm becoming more and more convinced that the winter months aren't much good for anything except dreaming up and planning grand travel adventures. At our February luncheon, Craig and Julie Jansen treated us to a glimpse of their Autumn trip to Nova Scotia, which was incredibly picturesque with lots of interesting stops. Craig's presentation affected Dale and me more than just in an academic way...it actually inspired us to lay down a hypothetical route that explores a significant portion of coastal Quebec (much of which appears to be off the beaten path) and then fully circumnavigates Nova Scotia. We're thinking that a trip like this might just be the scratch for our itch that we're feeling after a stay home year. We expect to have a great experience during this year's 2020 Springtime in the Rockies national caravan, just as we did in the 2018 North to Alaska national caravan. A trip like this would give us something else that we crave, however - lots of unknowns (re: adventures) this time without the structure and security that comes with a caravan, plenty of empty space and distance, amazing and unique natural beauty, and lots of points of interest along the way. So, thank you Craig and Julie for getting our juices flowing and actually inspiring us to move out on making a trip like this...probably in the Autumn of 2021.

I encourage everyone to share your Airstream experiences whenever possible, whether they be related to travel adventures, operation, maintenance, or any form of know-how. Someone always benefits from these interactions and that's what it's all about. We have a great year planned with luncheons and rallies, and we've been trying to integrate more information sharing and hands on maintenance rally items into these events. I hope you are enjoying this format as much as I am! Please let me know if there are any information sharing topics that interest you or maybe one that you might like to lead.

Vinny

**2020 Officers**

- Vinny Rossitto President
- Julie Jansen 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President
- Cody Klingler 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President
- Open 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President
- Vinny Rossitto Recording Secretary
- Craig Jansen Treasurer
- Denny Gibson Director – one year
- Open Director – one year
- Dale Rossitto Director – two years
- Open Director – two years



Moore, Bob Kuszyk, and Vinny, Dale & Bryon Rossitto. The food selections were awesome and the setting was ideal for private and group conversations.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**



**MARCH**

- 4 Albert Gough
- 21 Do Solomon
- 24 Mary Ann McMurtrie
- 25 Ingrid & Gene Nelson

**WONDERFUL FEBRUARY LUNCHEON**



Bev & Don Clayton hosted our February luncheon at Palmieri’s Restaurant, a new venue for us. Attendees included Bev & Don Clayton, Gayle &

Denny Gibson, Julie & Craig Jansen, Lia & Bert Gough, Sandi & Paul Labuda, Alice & Bud Roberts, Stevie & Dick Kline, Cody Klingler & Matt



Bev treated us all to a beautiful birthday cake and individual Airstream cookies! Such care taken to make this luncheon very special! Craig & Julie presented highlights from their Autumn trip to Nova Scotia, which were quite beautiful. Bert Gough provided us with the ability to project pictures for all to see. Many thanks to Bev & Don, Craig & Julie, and Bert for putting together a terrific luncheon experience.



**2020 DIRECTORY**

I am hoping to have the 2020 Directory complete by the end of March. Please email Cody Klingler at [cwk5292@gmail.com](mailto:cwk5292@gmail.com) with a photo, updated contact information and emergency contacts by March 25.

## Upcoming Activities:

### - March Luncheon

Bert & Lia Gough have set up a luncheon at the Hartwood Restaurant & Whispers Pub in Glenshaw for March 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 & unique. After we are done with our meal, Vinny & Dale will present their experiences during the 2018 North to Alaska national caravan. Topics may include planning & preparations, the caravan experience, and highlights of the trip, depending on the group's interest.

### - April Luncheon

Dale & Vinny Rossitto have coordinated a luncheon at the Evolution Grille in Freeport for April 25<sup>th</sup>. If the weather cooperates, April Claus, who works as a naturalist & 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! Everyone should bring a pair of binoculars on our hike, if possible. As an added treat, April will be bringing a few creatures with her (snakes, salamanders, etc.)

### - May Buddy Rally

Cody Klingler & Matt Moore have set up a Buddy Rally at Wolf's Camping Resort in Knox PA for May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 & maintenance rally activities. We'll have a great opportunity for hands-on activities at this rally. If you have not signed up for this wonderful opportunity for fun and camaraderie with your AL-MON-O family, please consider doing so!

## AL-MON-O Re-Chartering:

Every 5 years, WBCCI units are required to be re-chartered and our 5-year anniversary is this Fall! The process involves submission of our Constitution & Bylaws (C&BL) to the WBCCI C&BL Committee for review. We have formed a committee of our AL-MON-O officers to update our Constitution & Bylaws and are nearing completion of initial work. Because we expect some WBCCI Blue Book amendments to be approved at the Delegates Meeting in Colorado this summer, we plan put our initial work on the shelf soon and then to revisit our updates after the International Rally before submitting our C&BL for WBCCI review. We'll keep you posted on our progress and will make the document available to everyone before submission.



## Region 2 News February/March 2020

The Mid-Winter IBT meeting held in Las Vegas last month is now in the rearview mirror and the kickoff of Spring camping season is up ahead and coming on FAST. The calendars of our local clubs reveal many, many camping opportunities to look forward to. Maintenance Rally, Unbutton Your Rig Rally, Spring Rendezvous... whatever your club calls it... mark up your calendar now and start counting down the days to that first outing. I know I am!

Speaking of the Mid-Winter IBT Meeting, much was accomplished during those 3 days in January. Congratulations to the clubs who had their name changes approved, including our own Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club. I know of several more in our Region who have or are in the process of voting on a name change. Over 75% of the local clubs in our WBCCI have made the change so far. There were several motions approved that make continued improvements to our Constitution and Bylaws, with the intent to “clean up” verbiage and complete the reformatting of the documents. The goal is to have a clean, “searchable” Constitution and By-Laws on our Club website, with policy and procedures separated from the basic foundational documents. Those approved motions will be presented for Delegate voting at the International Rally this summer out in Loveland, CO. A full slate of International Officers will also be presented for Delegate voting as current Region 1 President Per Hamnqvist #285 has accepted nomination to the office of International 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. Congratulations, Per! Additionally, the IBT voted to approve the new colorful AIC (Airstream Club, Int’l) marketing logo as one of three (3) official emblems available for club use. Look for that new logo and brand guidelines to be available for widespread download on [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) soon.

At our Region Officers forum, I was proud to have presented a discussion paper titled “*The Airstream Club’s Brand and Member Benefits*”. Written in collaboration with Mid-Atlantic Airstream Club President, Jonathan Jacobs #2784, the paper put forth for discussion the need to increase our Airstream Club’s member benefits. I presented and discussed our ideas on how to expand Member Benefits and add value to our Club brand. The paper and the ideas proposed were well received, stimulated some critical thinking and prompted a lot of good questions. We will continue to push for expanding the benefits of Club membership by offering and promoting those ideas such as product and service discount programs, insurance partnerships, travel services, a branded rewards credit card and educational opportunities, to name a few. I want to thank Jonathan for his help and contributions to the effort.

The new Club website continues to fill out, with more content and additions to the calendar of events. Remember, all local clubs are responsible for adding their planned activity info directly to the website. I recently sent out a reminder and included instructions on how to access and edit your calendar. Any questions on that procedure, please let me know. Transitioning our local club websites over to the new web format will begin this Spring and will be done in waves. There will be three modern, easy to implement brand-consistent templates for both Region and local clubs to use in updating their websites.

Work on the new membership data base and other items included in Phase 2 of website improvement is also under way, including a self-service member portal. Members will be able to create and input/change/update info in a “log-in, member only” secure personal member profile. Also in the works is a new process for signing up for Caravans, including secure online application and registration, plus a centralized banking and payment process. It was reported that there are twenty (20) National Caravans being offered in 2020, the largest number ever offered by the Airstream Club!

The biggest take away from the meetings in Las Vegas is that our Airstream Club is in the midst of its largest modernization and transformation in years. We are fortunate to have a dedicated core of talented members, all volunteers, who work countless hours to the benefit of our Airstream Club and its growing membership. Lori Plummer, our Corporate Manager, and her staff do an awesome job, day in and day out, for our members. It is exciting and impressive to see the improvements being made and those in the pipeline soon to come. Stay tuned!

I am pleased to introduce Lea Plant #2256 as our new Region 2 Membership Chair. Lea is a Past-President of the Watchung NJ Airstream Club and is also Past-Editor of their club's award-winning newsletter, *The Hillbilly*. Lea will be working to help our local clubs by acting as a liaison to Headquarters and by bringing information and ideas for club growth. I know she will do a great job and I thank her for volunteering. I am also pleased to say I have spoken with several people interested in becoming Region 2 Officers. I am confident that we will install a 1<sup>st</sup> VP in May at our Region 2 Rally in Kingston Ontario, Canada and then a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP by the end of the year. I am grateful for those who have stepped up and expressed interest in continuing our efforts to **Renew Region 2** and are dedicated to making our Region and Club the best it can be.

Finally, an update on our 2020 Region 2 Rally. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, we stopped taking registrations and started a waiting list as we were at capacity and had filled all 108 sites at Rideau Acres Campground. Since that time, we have been given a few more sites, had some cancellations that we then filled from the wait list and are now at **119 rigs registered!** Thank you for the tremendous response to the Rally and many thanks to the Ontario Club #124 for all their work and support. It is going to be awesome! Roll on, Airstreamers! **Rich**

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No matter which name you use **There is only one Airstream...and one Airstream Club!**

**WBCCI Al-Mon-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club (131)  
2020 Schedule**

Date/Time	Event	Location	Host(s)	Contact Info
January 11 12pm noon	Luncheon	Rodney's Restaurant 555 Wendel Road Irwin, PA 15642 <a href="http://www.rodneysrestaurant.com">www.rodneysrestaurant.com</a>	Denny/Gayle Gibson	<a href="mailto:djgibson1@comcast.net">djgibson1@comcast.net</a> 724-863-5305 RSVP by January 7 <sup>th</sup>
February 15	Luncheon	Palmieri's Restaurant 951 Old Frankstown Rd, Plum, PA 15239 <a href="https://palmierisrestaurant.com/">https://palmierisrestaurant.com/</a>	Bev/Don Clayton	<a href="mailto:aunt_bev@msn.com">aunt_bev@msn.com</a> 724-325-1205
March 14 11:30am	Luncheon	Hartwood Restaurant & Whispers Pub 3400 Harts Run Road Glenshaw, PA, 15116 <a href="https://hartwoodrestaurant.com/menus/">https://hartwoodrestaurant.com/menus/</a>	Lia/Bert Gough	<a href="mailto:rocks2portraits@gmail.com">rocks2portraits@gmail.com</a> 412-492-9541
April 25 11:30am	Luncheon	Evolution Grille 1186 Butler Road (Rt. 356) Freeport, PA 16229 <a href="http://www.evolutiongrille.com">www.evolutiongrille.com</a>	Vinny/Dale Rossitto	<a href="mailto:rossitto@comcast.net">rossitto@comcast.net</a> 724-568-4801 RSVP by April 15 <sup>th</sup>
May 8 - 10	Al-Mon-O Buddy Rally	Wolf's Camping Resort 308 Timberwolf Run Knox, PA 16232 <a href="https://www.wolfscampingresort.com/">https://www.wolfscampingresort.com/</a> (814) 797-1103	Matt Moore & Cody Klingler	<a href="mailto:cwk5292@gmail.com">cwk5292@gmail.com</a> 724-504-6884
May 21 - 25	Region 2 Rally	Rideau Acres Campground 1014 Cunningham Road Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V3 613-546-2711	<b>SOLD OUT as of 1/15/2020</b> See Flyer or Online Registration: <a href="https://region2.airstreamclub.net/rally-paypal/">https://region2.airstreamclub.net/rally-paypal/</a>	
May 26 – June 17	Region 2 Caravan to International Rally	Depart: Kingston, ON Arrive: Loveland, CO	See Flyer or Online Registration <a href="https://region2.airstreamclub.net/rocky-mountain-high-caravan/">https://region2.airstreamclub.net/rocky-mountain-high-caravan/</a>	
June 20 - 27	International Rally	The Ranch Events Complex 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, Colorado 80538	See Online Registration: <a href="https://loveland.airstreamclub.net/">https://loveland.airstreamclub.net/</a>	
August 13 - 18	Al-Mon-O Bluegrass Rally	Laurel Hill State Park 1454 Laurel Hill Park Road Somerset, PA 15501 (Make reservations online at <a href="http://www.reserveamerica.com">www.reserveamerica.com</a> . Then contact TBD with site number	TBD	TBD
September 11 – 13	PA State Rally	Centre County Grange Fairgrounds 169 Homan Lane Centre Hall, PA	See Flyer: <a href="https://centralpa.airstreamclub.net/event/working-on-the-pa-state-airstream-rally-centre-hall-fairgrounds-september-11th-13th-2020-draft/">https://centralpa.airstreamclub.net/event/working-on-the-pa-state-airstream-rally-centre-hall-fairgrounds-september-11th-13th-2020-draft/</a> Contact: <a href="mailto:centralpenn164@gmail.com">centralpenn164@gmail.com</a>	
October 3	Octoberfest Potluck Luncheon	Rossitto Home 437 Markle Road Apollo, PA 15613	Vinny/Dale Rossitto	<a href="mailto:rossitto@comcast.net">rossitto@comcast.net</a> 724-568-4801
December 5 11:30am	Luncheon	Rachel's Roadhouse 100 Fairfield Lane Butler, PA 16001 <a href="https://www.springfields.com/rachels-roadhouse-butler-pa/">https://www.springfields.com/rachels-roadhouse-butler-pa/</a>	Vinny/Dale Rossitto	<a href="mailto:rossitto@comcast.net">rossitto@comcast.net</a> 724-568-4801 Please send completed coupon & payment to Vinny/Dale by November 15 <sup>th</sup>



## MAY BUDDY RALLY

**May 8-10, 2020**

**Wolf's Camping Resort**

**308 Timberwolf Run, Knox, PA 16232**

**814-797-1103**

**Hosts: Cody Klingler & Matt Moore**

**724-504-6884 or [cwk5292@gmail.com](mailto:cwk5292@gmail.com)**

Get your Airstream ready for the first rally of the season! This years May Rally will be a buddy rally. This means that you can invite a non-Airstream travel trailer to join us for the weekend.

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 nights 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

# Pennsylvania State Rally 2020

Hosted by:



**September 11-13 2020**

Centre County Grange Fairgrounds-169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA  
**'Exploring State Parks at the PA Rally'**

The Centre County Grange Fairgrounds offers a great location with many options for visitors. The camping area is large, open and grassy as well as flat. The campsites will have 30amp electrical service with water hookups and are pet friendly. There is a dump station at the entrance of the grounds and a large hall will be available for our use for meals, activities and demonstrations.

The Centre County area offers a great variety of activities for everyone, such as exploring one of the nearby State Park's to go kayaking (rentals available at Bald Eagle State Park), hiking, biking or wildlife watching. You may also enjoy local wine tasting, relaxing while learning at the H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens in the Arboretum at Penn State, or a visit to a local brewery. The Nittany Antique Machinery Assn. fall show (which includes a large flea market, daily tractor parades, antique car & truck displays, antique small engines & garden tractors, tractor pulls, steam tractors, cider press & apple butter) as well as the Outdoors Sportsman's Club gun show will also be held during these dates. America's oldest antique automobile museum, the Swigart Museum may also be of interest or a visit to the largest cavern in PA or America's only all-water cavern. We hope you take advantage of this great opportunity to explore Centre County where great opportunities and fun adventures await!

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_ (Yes)

WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Camping per night (Water/30amp/dump) \$40 a night X \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**-You may arrive on Thursday 9/10/20 NO earlier than 3:00 P.M. and must depart by Noon on**

**Monday 9/14/20 a MAX of 4 nights. \*No open flames will be allowed on the fairgrounds**

**Rally fee includes two breakfasts, catered dinner, 1 night entertainment**

**Rally Fee per person (Ages 13 & up, under 13 free) \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Rally T-Shirt's available: size (adult)- \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL (additional

\$2.50 fee): Total : \_\_\_\_\_ ( shirts) @ \$15 each= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP by June 30<sup>th</sup> with T-Shirt orders

RSVP by: August 3, 2020 (with no T-Shirt order)

Make checks payable to: WBCCI Central PA Airstream Club. Send Payments To: WBCCI Central PA Airstream Club, C/O Roxann Bare, 3551 Holly Road, Dover, PA 17315.

Contact: [centralpenn164@gmail.com](mailto:centralpenn164@gmail.com) with any questions.