

The DelMarVa Ray of Light



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President Art Potter

Photo by Erin Ferguson

President Art's Message

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Question: How can this be our 'new normal' when 'normal' is just a setting on the dryer?
Well we have survived another month of "travel celibacy." Oh for the days when we could just pack and go. Hopefully we can do some traveling before the good weather is gone.

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Now for some better news, I was able to find toilet paper!!! Not in Walmart, nor Food City, nor Publix but in of all places, Dollar General. It was even Liz's preferred brand! Now I realize that I just caused a panic run on Dollar General, but you all have a right to know!

I am hoping that at least our October Installation Rally can be held, and hopefully our remaining events on the 2020 calendar. We will keep you updated as things open up. Parks are open here in Tennessee and many private campgrounds are taking reservations, so get out there and camp if you are able. Our trailer is still cold and lonely trapped in Delaware, maybe next month we can go get her!

So TTFN *Art*



Well here we go into another month when I'm putting out a newsletter for an Airstream group that isn't able to gather or have our usual activities in our Airstreams as we would normally have. Or Are We? Truth is, though many of our members are quarantined as prescribed, many still find ways that the Airstream can do some good. When Past President Donna suggested taking this 'what are you doing during the quarantine' theme, it was hard to imagine how it would work. She found much newness in the area where they live and thought it a good premise to hear from others.

The plan was to have other members submit what they are doing. So, as editor I put out the call. At first there was no response, but with another email call, things started to come in. This Unit/Club just never ceases to amaze! Thank you all! When they came, the stories were interesting and in some cases even found a way to use the Airstream.

You will find a story from Roger where he has found some out of the way spots to get away in the Airstream, properly distanced. Claire & Clyde got in some golf while they could. Though they were spending the time in Florida they then made the run back home, but not in the Airstream. Dan made a cross country trip to visit his mother with his Airstream towed by his VW. Katherine and Andy are getting some tasks completed around the house. Thank you to all the people for taking the time to write up these stories. Keep them coming. We don't have collective events to report, but we still have lives to cover.

The cover photo is by a fellow teacher and friend, Erin Ferguson. She is now teaching at St. Andrew's and is housed on campus. Erin has an eye for the photographic image and she uses it well, most recently for a group of photos around the somewhat empty campus. Fortunately she gets out at all hours of the day and in doing so is at the right spot at the right time. The cover shot I felt showed the small 'ray of light' that is now the theme of this newsletter until we get back to regular activities. I enjoyed working with Erin and thank Erin for the use of her photo.

The photo on the Birthday/Anniversaries page is by Eva Johnson. Eva is a camper that I met at a bluegrass festival. A retired nurse, Eva has become quite the hiker, taking some long hikes some days, but she takes a camera, or phone, or both, and she gets some fantastic photos of flowers and plants. She frequently shares these photos on Facebook and I am pleased to be able to share some here from time to time. I have used Eva's flower shots on that page in the past.

This month she had photos of a patch of the Jack-in-the-Pulpit flowers. I can say that I have never seen this plant in the wild, and know very little about it, other than I remember my sixth grade teacher talking about the Jack-in-the-Pulpit flower and showing us photos. The main photo is the group of plants with a single Jack-in-the-Pulpit foremost and the caption included, "Jack-in-the-Pulpit is morphologically variable and some botanists have split *Arisaema triphillum* into a few different species." My son knows all those species names of plants, but I'll take Eva's word on this. I then merged the two photos to show the Jill up close. There were more views in the series. Her love of flowers, those planted in her yard and those she sees on hikes, is clearly evident. Her ability to capture them digitally is equally evident. Thank you Eva.

As I was working on the Memorial for Carl Morris, I received a thank you note from Margaret. I have posted the note. Carl was a great person and served our Unit well. He will be missed. His Memorial is on page 10. Though I had some photos of Carl and Margaret I reached out to Malcolm and he had some better ones. He ably served as the editor of this newsletter and continues to help out. Thank you to Malcolm. Many thanks to Frances Mason for her words on the Memorial page for Carl. Frances is a wonderful resource, as she knows so many of our members from years back.

I am emphasizing the following information to make sure you know that:

***President Art is having a ZOOM meeting on
Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 2 PM.***

This meeting is designed for voting members so that they can vote to give direction for President Art to cast a vote in our behalf at the International virtual meeting in a couple of weeks. Because of the technical difficulties, he is hoping he can get all paid up members in the ZOOM meeting, but does realize that may not happen. It would be exceedingly difficult to include all Associates and Friends who technically can't vote anyway. I want to notify you that the meeting is coming, and so I have included: October 2019 Minutes for your action, and the Agenda for the meeting. Also you will find in this issue President Art Potter's message where he gives you details on the meeting too. Please Read! And mark your calendar!

Additionally, I am sending this newsletter a bit early to get this information to you in time for the meeting.

Finally, there is the always informative message from Region 2 President Richard Short. Please read that as well.

I really like to hear when people say, "I read the news-letter cover to cover." That means they should have all the details.



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Anniversaries

Richard Hass & Katie Moyer June 12
Charles & Mary Jane Pierce June 14
Malcolm & Sue Comstock June 15
Mike & Donna Field June 17
George & Peggy Spahn June 21
Clyde & Claire Warden June 29

Birthdays

Ralph Knutson June 09
John Chromy June 17
Abby Mannering June 20
Betsy Behler June 24
Frances Mason June 27
Bobbie Smith June 30

Photos by Eva Johnson

Note from Margaret Morris

Dear Airstream Members and Friends,

Thank you so much for all the cards, telephone calls and emails I received after Carl's passing. I heard from Canada to Florida. It was very comforting to know that Carl was so well thought of. Your many kind words were greatly appreciated. God Bless and stay safe.

Margaret

Roger & Celeste

As the weather finally broke (this past weekend), we're finding every good remote private spot that we can to get away. This is a private 25 acre spot near Tyaskin Wharf in Wicomico Co.

This coming weekend we plan to hit a waterfront farm in Gargatha, VA. Covid's not keeping us completely still. Just need to know the right Realtor to find ya'll a few vacant farms to visit.

My father-in-law, Dave Ziara also joined us last weekend.

Hope to head south to Gargatha-Parksley, Va area this weekend



Roger & Celeste Sansom

Photos provided by Roger Sansom

***Extra! Extra! Extra!
Stay tuned. Just in!
More from Roger
next month!!!***

Clyde & Claire

During our confinement from mid March until we left May 10th, Clyde and I had kept to a rigorous schedule. Early morning (early for me was 9:30), we would go golfing. After we finished that tiring task we would retire, Clyde to the cabana and me to the trailer, due to the heat we were suffering under. If you ventured outside in the afternoon, the sun was oppressive, you would feel like you were going to melt. Most days the temps were somewhere in the 90's with the heat index reaching 100. There we would stay until happy hour when we would pour a drink and maybe sit outside. After dinner I would take to the street and start walking. Sometimes I would venture off the street and walk the golf course, depending if there were still golfers trying to golf. My stepson and I keep track of our walking with our Fitbits and I was killing him on steps (over 100,000), it's usually the other way around. Some days Clyde would ride his bike and walk with me for the a lap around the park.

One day we ventured out and got some ice cream at the shop we love in town. That excursion was a 40 mile round trip. How desperate were we to go so far for two scoops of ice cream?

One afternoon while golfing (it was much cooler that day), we noticed some very dark smoke on the field next to us. We heard the fire trucks drive past the park. Eventually we heard a helicopter fly overhead and then it returned with a hose hanging down and it came to our lake to suck up the water into tanks to take to the fire. They returned about six times until the fire was out. I have to say that all that excitement wrecked an already bad game.

We set a return date of May 10th to come back home. We were a bit apprehensive about the trip but decided to take the risk. The traffic on I-95 was so light, along with no accidents, it was a breeze to travel - if only it was always that relaxing! I have to say seven months in a 34 ft. trailer with one bathroom and a queen size bed gets quite confining. So I really appreciated coming home to two bathrooms, a king size bed and a few more rooms to wander through.



Clyde & Claire Warden

Some exciting photos from Claire to come! Stay tuned!

Dan - Airstream to the Rescue



Photos provided by Dan

Having an Airstream during the COVID-19 crisis makes it possible to make the best of a bad situation. I'm sure I'm not the only owner to figure out that we have the perfect social-distancing tool in our driveway. On March 12th, the first of my concerts was cancelled. Within the next three days, my entire schedule was wiped clean thru September (at the least).

So, before the stay-at-home order in Delaware took effect, I spent a few nights at Delaware Seashore. This was the weekend the beaches were shut down due to larger gatherings in Rehoboth Beach.

By late April, my father had been in a nursing home in Washington state for nearly three months, recovering from a broken hip. His release date was looming, and my mom asked me to come out to help. A flight would have meant 2 weeks of quarantine before I could see them.

But... if I drove out with the Airstream, I could eat, sleep, and shower (etc) without seeing a soul. Just ~8-10 diesel fill-ups at self-service pumps. Would I find campgrounds open? Would I be stopped at state borders (as Delaware had been doing)? The only way to find out was to try.

I'm no stranger to long drives (I drove to Alaska with the Airstream in 2018), so my goal was to get out West in five days. I drive across country almost every summer, and hadn't ever done it in less than 8-10 days.

I left May 1st from Wilmington, DE and made it to Indianapolis. Their KOA was open, but all facilities within were closed (bathrooms and all other amenities). En route, PA turnpike rest areas were closed, but I could pull in for a break or meal. Mostly just me and the long-haul truckers.

On day two, I made it to Nebraska - 765 miles that day. COVID-19? What COVID-19? The KOA's playground was open. No masks worn at the check-in desk and pizza station. In fact, I didn't see many masks at all. Listening to local FM radio stations, folks seemed to think all precautions were overdone.

By day three, I camped in Western Wyoming (another 750 miles) where the KOA's office was closed to visitors. We were instructed to press a button on a call-box outside and someone would come to us with a map with our site marked. I appreciated the caution. And a state with only 7 COVID-19 deaths. They must be doing something right.

Leaving at 5 am, somehow I thought I might make the remaining 1,000 miles in one day. After another 750, I stopped in Pendleton, Oregon, getting the last free spot at their KOA. Self check-in at an outdoor desk. And I think the restrooms were closed.

I had never taken this route West. Normally, I go via I-70 and Denver, Grand Junction, etc. Fighting the mountain passes. But this route (I-80 to Salt Lake City, then I-84) was much more gradual. No really steep grades, other than descending into Pendleton.

Oregon and Washington are not messing around with COVID-19. Leaving the next morning, taking I-84 along the Columbia River, all state parks, and many rest areas, were marked closed. Even the exits were blocked in some cases. I saw many more wearing masks. Heading to I-5 north, this route also avoided the worst of Portland, OR's narrow lanes, bridges, and merges.

This visit was a surprise to my parents. So, I called mom from the end of the block. She picked up. We chit-chatted, then I pulled up, got out and knocked on the front door while she was talking with me. She got up to answer the door, looked thru the window next to the door and saw me talking to her. She asked me what flight I took. This one:

So, four and a half days and 3,000 miles later, here I am. Camped in my parents' driveway halfway between Portland and Seattle. Airstream to the rescue.

PS: All other campgrounds seem to be closed for the foreseeable future - at least my usual spots (Mt Rainier, Olympic National Park, and all WA/OR state parks).

Dan McDougall

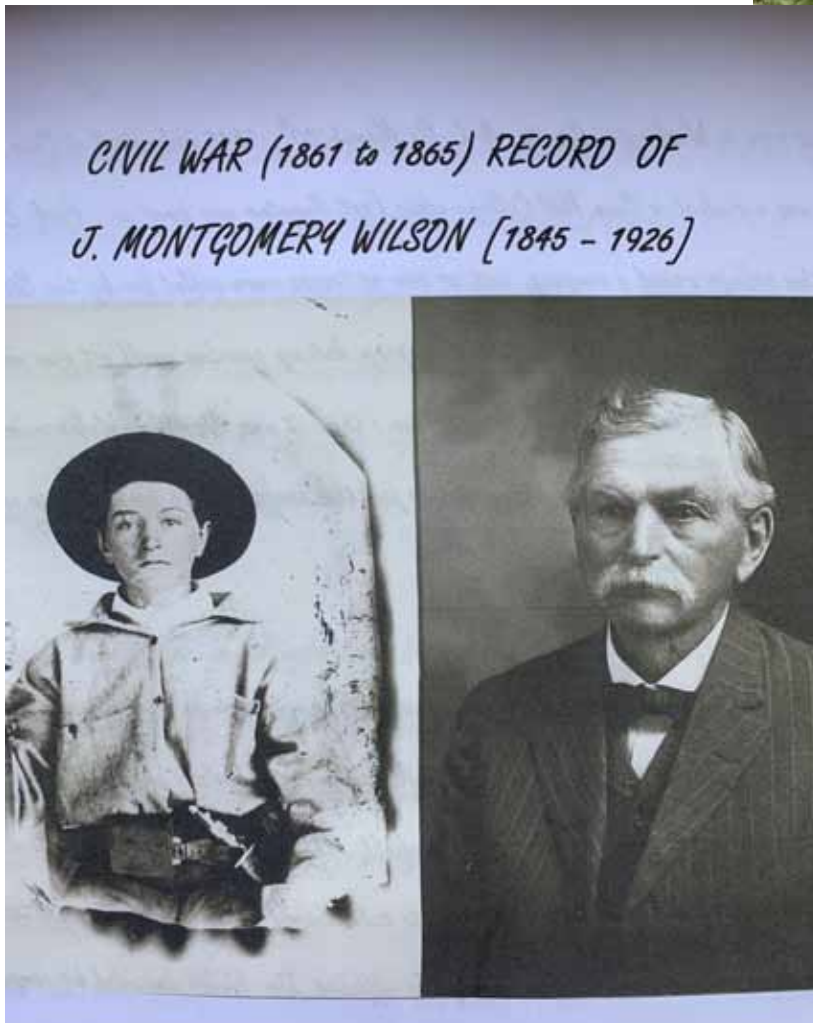


Katharine & Andy

Here's what the Dowells have been up to: With little to do away from home and nowhere to go, we've finally gotten to many immensely satisfying home projects and hobbies including cooking, home improvement, family history, and lots of bicycling in the neighborhood and wonderful trail system through Cape Henlopen to Rehoboth and Cool Spring.

Andy has been focused on overhauling and renovating our house's large deck -- a huge solo undertaking but it will soon be good for another 20 years. We are also planning to have a patio and walkway built next month so our outdoor space will finally be quite inviting. Katharine has also been completing outdoor projects to enjoy the good weather days, including refinishing all our metal and wood porch furniture and powerwashing almost anything she can reach.

She's also been working on family history-- projects long of interest but now facilitated by the lockdown. These efforts have allowed her to get to know her ancestors better, plus preserve and disseminate stories that could otherwise one day be lost. History projects include: 1) finalizing a history of her mother's Italian immigration and early life in Boston last century -- utilizing census, and other records found for her by several family ancestry sleuths, and transcribing a 1981 oral interview with her grandmother. 2) transcribing her great grandfather's handwritten memoir of his time as a young Confederate civil war sol-



dier and parolee, and sharing a scan of the original plus the transcript to make it available through various Arkansas historical institutions. These include, the Butler Center for Arkansas studies, the Canehill Museum -- his AR birthplace and the site of various battles and action, plus with University of AR authors of several books and anthologies including first person war accounts.

The memoir, previously unknown to the authors and the museum, was met with great excitement and enthusiasm. As the museum is preparing a new exhibit on the Battle of Cane Hill, it will now feature additional facts and tidbits on the local situation of the soldiers and citizenry.

One of the book authors now plans to edit and annotate the memoir for an article in the Arkansas Historical Quarterly. 3) also a biographical sketch of this same ancestor and my great grandmother including photographs, and 4) finally beginning to digitize various old photographs and letters. Much more to do both around the house and projects wise but a great start!

Cannot wait to camp again, though!

Katharine & Andy Dowell

Photos provided by Katharine

Carl W. Morris



New Castle - Carl Morris, age 87, died on Friday April 24, 2020 at Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Morris was an instrument technician for the DuPont Company Experimental Station. He worked there for 29 years until retiring in 1992.

Mr. Morris served in the Air Force and was an active member of Salem United Methodist Church. He was a member and past Master of Ionic Lodge #31 AF & AM, and past Grand Officer of Delaware. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Nur Temple Shrine. Mr. Morris was a member and Past Patron of Five Points Chapter #13, and a member of Caesar Rodney #8, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Margaret E. Morris; daughter, Kim L. Morris of The Villages, FL; and son and daughter-in-law, Glenn W. and Jeanne M. Morris of Confluence, PA.

Due to the COVID 19 Funeral Services will be private at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear, DE.

Contributions in Mr. Morris' memory may be made to Shriner's Hospital, 3551 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

To send an online condolence visit
www.nicholsgilmore.com.



Carl Morris will always be "Mr. Wonderful" to me. Whenever we asked Carl "How are You", he would always smile and say, "I'm wonderful" - no matter how he felt. He was a special person and a good friend, personally and certainly to Delmarva Unit. From the time he and Margaret joined Delmarva Unit in 2001 until health problems hindered them, they were active, energetic members, willing workers and special friends to all. They both were unit presidents, (Margaret 2007-08, Carl 2008-09). Carl will be missed by all who knew him.

Frances Mason

Many thanks to Malcolm Comstock for these photos. 10

Delmarva Airstream Club Installation Rally
4-H park Centreville, MD
October 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm by President Bill Turner. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Roll call of officers was conducted.

President	Bill Turner	present
Vice President	Art Potter	present
2nd Vice President	Carl Anderson	absent
Treasurer	Malcom Comstock	present
Recording Secretary	Liz Potter	present
Corresponding Secretary	Mike Field	present
Trustees	Raul Reyna-Galindo	absent
	Glenn Michael	present
	Bruce Purcell	absent
	Claire Connelly Warden	absent

Reading of the minutes - Minutes of the Maintenance Rally Meeting of April 27, 2019, were published in the *Beacon*. Chuck Helwig motioned to accept the minutes as published. Glenn Michael seconded the motion. It was approved.

Treasurers Report - Malcom Comstock reported \$4,697 in treasury. There are 37 members on roster. A list of members and email addresses was passed out. Chuck Helwig motioned to accept Treasurers Report. Glenn Michael seconded it. Motion was approved.

Committee Reports

Logo and flag committee - Malcom showed pictures of some logo ideas. He asked for feedback and any other ideas.

Membership Committee - Roger Sansom sent letter for report. He has been approaching Airstreams without numbers to inquire if they are registered with a unit. He contacted 8-10 persons. He had positive contacts. One has joined our club. Eddie & Debra Kozolowski.

There was no old business.

New Business Chuck Helwig says badges will be changing because WBCI is changing the logo. He motioned to take \$200 for purchase of new badges when the change is official. Charlie Michels seconded it. Motion was approved.

Chuck Helwig motioned for nominees for officers position for 2019-2020.

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Membership chair	Roger Sansom
Sunshine Chair	Mary Ann Parks
Trustee	Bob Pullman
	Mike Field
	Raul Reyna-Galindo
	Glenn Michael

At 4:35pm President Bill Turner adjourned meeting. Art Potter seconded motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Potter

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Delmarva Airstream Club

Special Meeting

Approval of questions put before the international club delegates meeting.

- Call the meeting to order
- Roll call of officers
- Establishment of a quorum
- Overview and vote on the four items up for discussion
 - Item 1 Mark Hammer candidate to join international nominating committee
 - Discussion and vote on item 1
 - Item 2 Amendment 1 to WBCCI constitution new article VI
 - Discussion and vote on item 2
 - Item 3 Amendment 2 to WBCCI constitution article XII
 - Discussion and vote on item 3
 - Item 4 Amendment 3 to WBCCI constitution table of contents and various articles
 - Discussion and vote on item 4
- Motion to adjourn

SPECIAL NOTE FROM PRESIDENT ART POTTER

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2019 - 2020 Delmarva Airstream Club Schedule Art Potter - President

Although somewhat decimated, it's not over yet. Keep hopes up!

Don't forget that since we can not meet for Rallies or Luncheons, send in to the editor stories of what you're doing while quarantined.

July 18	Annual Unit Picnic Still tentatively on schedule, but may change venue.
August/September	Locations and Dates TBD President Art Potter is looking for volunteers to step up and plan and host a Rally for one or both of these months.
October 23-25	Unit Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD Hosts - Art & Liz Potter 302-236-8830

Message from Region 2 President Richard Short



Region 2 News June 2020

Covid-19, the cancellation of this year's International Rally, and subsequent work-from-home orders have created unprecedented challenges for your leadership team and staff at HQ in Jackson Center. The Executive Committee, Lori Plummer, and her crew are all working awfully hard to keep everything on track. Delegate Voting this year will be done by either Electronic Ballot or Paper Ballot. Accordingly, we needed to provide HQ with one (1) delegate per local club and other pertinent voting information. I sent out an email to our local clubs and had the info HQ requested returned to them within 48 hours! I want to thank all sixteen (16) of our local club Presidents for responding to me so promptly. Thank you all for your support. I greatly appreciate it. Voting materials will be provided by HQ in the coming weeks. We will be voting on our slate of International Officers as well as several amendments to our Constitution and By Laws. Details may be found in the most recent *Blue Beret*. If you have questions, please reach out to me. HQ and the Information Technology Committee are also working on the new membership database. Additions to our webpage will include a "members only" portal.

As mentioned previously, our Region 2 website has been transitioned over to the new AirstreamClub.org website. You can find us at <https://airstreamclub.org/region2>. Our Webmaster, Lawrence Northway, did a great job facilitating that transition and wrote two user manuals for our local clubs and Region webmasters to use. Those two tutorials, as well as three others, can be found at the Information Technology Committee site <https://itc.airstreamclub.net/airstreamclub-org-resources/>. Local club webmasters will find those user manuals and other valuable information there. Remember, it is the local clubs' responsibility to update their event calendar on the main airstreamclub.org website. You will be getting notice very soon to start transitioning your club website over. Now is the time to start planning an update to your club's site.

With many of our states starting to relax guidelines and opening their State Parks and other facilities to overnight camping, I have had questions as to whether the Club has an official position on local clubs holding rallies, etc. As far as I know, there is no official club directive other than to pay attention and adhere to local and state guidelines as well as CDC and health department directives. Be prudent. Be smart. Be safe and, importantly, mindful of others. I think we are all anxious to get out but wise enough to do so cautiously.

We still have a handful of our local clubs who have not taken the steps to change their names to include Airstream Club. I believe it is one of the most important things you can do to push your club forward. If your club has not, please consider doing so. I would like to see all the local clubs in Region 2 take advantage of our unique and valuable licensing agreement with Airstream, Inc. Please let me know if you need further info.

Best regards to all and we will see you down the road! Soon!

Rich Short #1512