

# The DelMarVa Ray of Light

*DelMarVa  
Airstream  
Club #026  
Region 2  
July 2020*

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*"The coming Trap Pond mini rally weekend brings  
a glimmer of hope of better days to come. "*

*President Art Potter*

*Photo by Dave Roberts*



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## Canceled, canceled, canceled! When can we cancel this virus?

Well, our July picnic has just fallen by the wayside. Seems like this nightmare will never end. Liz and I have just this week gotten back up to get the trailer and do our April maintenance to begin what will be an abbreviated camping season. This year was supposed to be our grand tour of the USA. What is it they say about the plans of mice and men?

My year as your president has surely been the worst in our club's history and I truly hope my "record" is never broken. The coming Trap Pond mini rally weekend brings a glimmer of hope of better days to come. Those of you who are going to attend, I ask that you please follow all the current health guidelines in effect at that time. Have fun, but be safe and considerate of all those around you.

Unfortunately Liz and I have things we must do back home in Tennessee from where Trap Pond is now a two day trip rather than a 20 minute drive. Thanks to Katharine and Andy for stepping up to host this event. We still are looking for any ideas for an event in August. We are invited to attend the PA State Rally in September, but I just learned that it is canceled too. Hopefully I will have some better news to report next month.

*TTFN Art.*

Some months the newsletter seems to go together easily and there is plenty to cover. Other months it is a chore. For some reason, as yet I'm not sure what, July has been a challenge. It is however, here for your reading enjoyment, and there was news to cover. Also, there is a RALLY to promote!!!!!! It may be a spur of the moment kind of thing, and it will certainly be distancing, so the pot luck is not so likely, but there will be a RALLY! Hooray!!! This Trap Pond Rally was put together by First Vice President Katharine Dowell and 2nd Vice-President Andy Dowell, who also happens to be her husband. They are to be commended. Great new members here I would say!

The information for the Trap Pond Rally is on page 9. I will reiterate that I sent an email to all members after the Club ZOOM Meeting where this Rally was approved, so that members could be aware of the Rally and make reservations at the state park. It can be difficult to get openings at the DE state parks. So, that information was put out early in an email knowing that this newsletter would come out later. Now the details are what you will find in this newsletter on page 9. Go, enjoy! I have notified the new members as possible, but realize that it is now later and sites may not have been available. Some things just can not be improved.

Our President is certainly facing unusual times, and sent a photo to that effect. Thanks President Art for the poignant photo. The edition cover photo shows good times despite the quarantine. Dave Roberts has a MG and loves to scoot around the county in that classic auto. I saw this shot and realized instantly how perfect it showed the little Ray of Light that we are experiencing instead of a strong Beacon. People can still enjoy some of what is normal. I asked permission to use. Thank you Dave and his wife Billie Lynn. I have used some of her shots too in past issues. For the Birthdays/Anniversary page I opted for something totally different. This photo of the lone dog just appealed to me given the quarantine situation. I asked the young lady who posted the picture, Rachel Downes, if I could use it. She agreed. Rachel is a student from the Gunston days. Thank you Rachel. I felt like I wanted a break from the flower photos.

For the member submission, sort of, I used a blog from Dan McDougall. He is on his way home from Washington State, but able to take considerably more time than he had for his rush trip out. With all his concerts canceled, his work load is light, and he is enjoying his Airstream as he takes in the scenery of the USA. Thank you Dan.

Delmarva Airstream Club has managed to acquire some new members. As an editor, I am always excited to welcome new members, and to make it known with a note in the newsletter. Generally I am notified by headquarters in Jackson Center, but sometimes I see them listed in the *Blue Beret* or I don't hear at all. So, while I feel delinquent not contacting new members immediately, it's not always an option. So here is a welcome New Members! Page 8.

Delmarva held their first ZOOM meeting. It was somewhat successful. The minutes are on page 10. President Art worked frantically to get it set up, but some were still not able to 'attend.'

Chuck Helwig called to my attention that Maryland offers a Golden Age Pass for seniors. I have had one for a while, but felt his suggestion could be handy for others, so there is a notice about the Pass and a link on page 4.

Finally, there is a message from Region 2 President Richard Short, who is doing a wonderful job, and keeps us well informed. He also included the minutes from the Region ZOOM meeting. That document can be found in this newsletter as well.





**Anniversaries**

*Les & Mary Ann Parks July 20*

**Birthdays**

<i>Bill Mannering</i>	<i>July 05</i>
<i>Art Potter</i>	<i>July 18</i>
<i>Les Parks</i>	<i>July 25</i>
<i>Liz Potter</i>	<i>July 28</i>
<i>Joe Berg</i>	<i>July 31</i>
<i>Bonnie Purcell</i>	<i>July 31</i>

*We are working on an updated Directory, to include birthdays and anniversaries.*

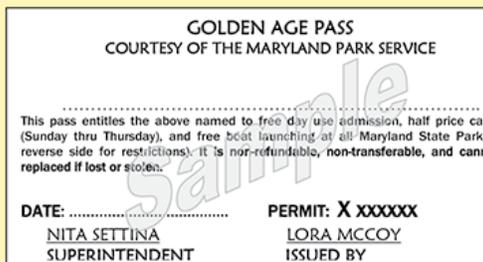
*The information you give when signing up does not include the bdays and anniversary, so if your birthday or anniversary doesn't show, it is because I don't have that information. Please email.*

*Photos by Rachel Downes*

**For Interest -**

## **Golden Age Pass - Maryland State Parks**

**To be eligible for a Golden Age Pass, you must be 62 years of age or older.\***



**A Golden Age Pass offers cardholders:**

- Free entry into any Maryland State Park. (Some areas utilize coin-operated gates during the off season that cannot be opened with this card.)
- Half price camping, Sunday through Thursday - excluding holidays. (Not valid for rentals or other facility use service charges that may apply.)
- Unlimited boat launch access at any Maryland State Park.

Use the link for ordering and other info -

<https://www.shopdnr.com/GoldenAgePass.aspx>



# If a bass plays in the forest...

by Dan McDougall

After a month of painting, deck board flipping, and more painting, I'm leaving my parents' house in Washington. Roughly, heading east, with no timeline. Santa Fe Opera Festival was to have been my 2-month summer concert engagement, but I learned during this trip that it was cancelled.

I would've loved to have camped at Mt. Rainier, but all campgrounds were still closed. So, I "settled" for this:



*Rimrock Lake, OR*



Campground closure info was changing daily, but I took a risk. It was a weekday, and Rimrock Lake, off Highway 12, hadn't yet gotten busy. And since the adjacent true campground was closed, it was "free". I called the ranger office to confirm.

*Rimrock Lake, OR*

Sadly, its easy proximity to Yakima also meant that it had seen some hard use. I spent one morning's walk picking up a few bags of trash and recycling from the road. When I left the next day, there were fresh beer cans on that same route.

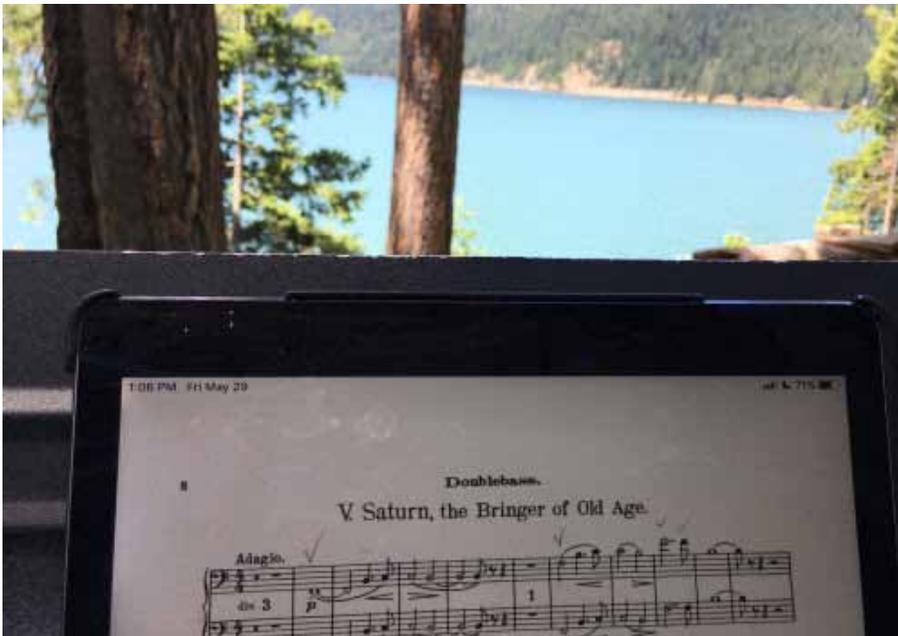
Altho I brought my double bass with me, I hadn't touched it all month. Watching concert after concert disintegrate was demoralizing. Santa Fe Opera's cancellation was the last nail in that coffin, and even looking at the bass just made me sad.

The double bass is a social instrument in a now socially-distant world. Being the bottom voice means the most rewarding playing (for me, anyway) involves collaborating with others. And a key ingredient to those collaborations is an audience. Sigh...

I decided to play a little concert for the lake. That no human would hear.

To answer the age-old question:

If a bass plays in the forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?



Using the Bluetooth stereo in the Airstream to play along with the orchestra, I read the part from my iPad. I started with repertoire that had been cancelled: Holst's "The Planets".

*Never, did this Movement heading ever ring truer*

Army helicopters flew overhead. Jet skis and pleasure boaters zig-zagged across the lake. Kayakers paddled by. My campsite was distanced enough from others, and the road, that I'm fairly confident no one heard a note. Just the lake. I played a little "Vocalise", bits of some Rachmaninov symphonies, among others. After a month without playing and my fingers hurt, but I decided to play one more thing. Copland's "Appalachian Spring".

Nothing fancy. An easy bass part. But playing it then, in that space, for no one in particular, felt right. This is a snippet, with part of the "Simple Gifts" section.

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.*

-Shaker Melody (text, Joseph Brackett)

# *Welcome New Members*

Recently it seems like there have been a number of new members, either members new to Airstream, or transfers from another unit. This information has sometimes come to me via what I would call the normal channel, but sometimes it comes to me somewhat second hand. I try to learn of new members so they can be officially welcomed in a timely manner. Suffice it to say though, each of you is welcomed whole heartily to what the current members consider a great group of Airstream owners.

Some of my data needs additional information. I ask the new people to send me any missing info such as emails, phone numbers, type of rig, year, model, length, and if you would, your birthday (year excluded) and anniversary date, (again year excluded).

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*Given the current pandemic, this is super informal. And, within current guidelines. Just camping safely in our own units at sites near each other. No group anything planned.*

*We will likely have our kayaks. Maybe others will have theirs, or bikes, I guess. I would steer away from group anything, including shared dishes. I can envision folks at mealtime sitting 6 feet apart at, or near, a site eating their own prepared meals.*

*Or similarly at a campfire.*

*Outdoors, at suitable distance, no masks would be needed.*

*I think if there are open sites, anyone who wants to can still come.*

*Or maybe drop by for a day visit - Katharine Dowell*

*Kat*

# **EXTRA! EXTRA! A NEW RALLY @ TRAP POND**

## **July 3 -5, 2020**

**Hosts -**

**Katharine & Andy Dowell**

Reservation Information - Trap Pond Park, Laurel, DE

Reservations 1-877-98-PARKS

<http://delawarestateparks.reserveamerica.com>

Reserve in: **Loop C - An email went out earlier to encourage reservations early enough to be successful. It is hoped you took advantage of the early notice.**

Due to the increasing use of State Parks by campers, you should make your reservation as early as possible. It books up early. You may have to take a site other than those suggested, but that can work too.

Contact the Hosts - **Katharine 410-212-2125, Andy 410-212-4431,**  
**mom2jaydee@gmail.com dowellandyp@gmail.com,**

**PLEASE** - it would be nice if you *call the host(s)* to indicate your attendance number so they know.

This Rally has been designated a Buddy Rally, so it can be friends who may not be members and even rigs of SOB.

DELMARVA SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING  
May 31, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Art Potter at 7:10 p.m.

Officers Attending were:

President	Art Potter
1st Vice President	Katharine Dowell
2nd Vice President	Andy Dowell
Treasurer	Malcolm Potter
Recording Secretary	Donna Field
Corresponding Secretary	Liz Potter
Trustees	Mike Field
	Glenn Michael

Members Attending:

Sue Comstock  
Chuck Helwig  
Maggie Helwig

There was a quorum for the meeting.

Mark Hammer was nominated for the nominating committee, Chuck Helwig motioned to accept, Glenn Michael seconded.

Amendment 1 - Malcolm moved to accept, Glenn Michael seconded.

Amendment 2 - Chuck Helwig moved to accept, Malcolm Comstock seconded.

Amendment 3 - Chuck Helwig moves to accept, Andy Dowell seconded.

Chuck Helwig motioned to close meeting, Glenn Michael seconded, The meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Field  
Recording Secretary

## ***Getting the Big Red Numbers On or Off***

Editor Note - I can't say from experience that this idea works, but it does make some sense.

Replacing the big red numbers - spray the old number heavily with Windex and let it soak for a bit. The number will then slide right off. Likewise to install the new one, put a thin layer of windex in the area, place the number and then you can slide it as needed for alignment adjustment.

People who try this, let me know how it works.

### ***The Official Delmarva Airstream Club Annual Picnic has been CANCELED!***

After much discussion, calls, and consideration it has been decided that the Picnic, originally scheduled for July 18, will be Canceled.

There was some talk at the Zoom meeting to hold it on July 4, in conjunction with the Rally. However, due to traffic concerns, it was decided not to have people coming to Trap Pond for the day, and particularly with our somewhat at risk population.

Certainly the people at the Rally can have a proper distancing celebration, but there will not be a club wide gathering for the purpose of the Annual Picnic.

### ***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.***

<b>July 18</b>	<b>Annual Unit Picnic</b> Officially Canceled.
<b>August/September</b>	<b>Locations and Dates TBD</b> President Art Potter is looking for volunteers to step up and plan and host a Rally for one or both of these months.
<b>October 23-25</b>	<b>Unit Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD</b> Hosts - Art & Liz Potter 302-236-8830

# *Message from Region 2 President Richard Short*



## *Region 2 News for July 2020*

Region 2 News June 12, 2020

**W**e continue to work our way through the impact of the last 3 or 4 months, innovating and adapting as we go. With no Region Rally this year and subsequently no in-person Region 2 Business meeting, we did as many others have done...we went virtual. On Wednesday evening May 27th, Region 2 held its first ever Zoom business meeting. I am pleased to say our meeting was a grand success. It was well attended, and it accomplished all Region 2 business required. Thank you to all the local club Presidents and to our Region Officers who participated, reported, and voted. We had 22 attendees in all. It was great to “see” and interact with everyone!

It was extremely satisfying to present and elect a full slate of Region 2 Officers for the 2020-2021 term. Congratulations to RJ Marquette #13270 of the Washington DC club and Gary Russo #1061 of the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club for stepping up to take the 1st and 2nd VP positions, respectively. I personally want to thank them both for working with me and, most importantly, with each other as we ironed out the details of their service to the Club and our Region. I am confident our future is in good hands and their efforts will continue our trend of a renewed, active, and dynamic Region 2. Thank you, RJ and Gary.

Although many events had to be cancelled as uncertainty concerning the pandemic prevails, not all is lost. A recent check of activities in our Region shows quite a few opportunities to get out and rally responsibly with our fellow members in the coming months. The Al-Mon-O Airstream Club has a Rally scheduled for mid-July in Knox, PA., NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club plans to be rallying in Owego, NY mid-August. Watchung NJ Airstream Club has one scheduled for late August in Rhinebeck, NY. The Pennsylvania State Rally is scheduled for Centre Hall, PA September 11-13 and the Hudson Mohawk club will head to Saranac Lake, NY the following September weekend. Please be sure to check with the local clubs for updates if you plan on attending and keep an eye on guidelines coming from Fed, State and Local government agencies as the country opens for business again. As we know, things can change rapidly!

The business of the Airstream Club, International will be conducted via Zoom with two IBT meetings scheduled for June to replace those originally scheduled for Loveland, CO. Be sure to check the latest edition of the Blue Beret and the Airstream Club website for details. I am confident my motions for a name change to Ontario Canada Airstream Club and for the new logo and flag of the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club will be unanimously approved by the Board. Congratulations to those two clubs for continuing to update and improve their clubs. Thank you to club #124 President Kate Dowsett and #002 President Randy Hill for their leadership in initiating the new name and new look for their respective clubs. Well done!

Please keep me up to date on any changes to your schedules. Be sure to include me in your newsletter email chains and let's continue to be cautious as we exit the lockdowns we have had to live with/abide by these last several months. Stay positive, confident, alert...and healthy!

Kathi joins me in sending best regards to all Airstreamers in the sixteen clubs of our great Region 2 family. We are planning to see you down the road soon.

***Rich Short***

***#1512***

## Region 2 Business Meeting Date: May 27, 2020

A. Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 on ZOOM by Richard Short, President of Region 2. The WBCCI Code of Ethics was read, and a moment of silence was held as a Memorial Day Observance.

B. Pledge: It was agreed that the Pledge of Allegiance and the anthems would not be said/sang due to nature of this being a virtual meeting.

C. Roll Call Members Present: Colleen Ahlers, Chris Beddiges, Kathy Blake, Judy Cahall, Judy Coupe, Jody Dietz, Kate Dowett, Mark Hammer, Randy Hill, Jonathan Jacobs, Will Kushto, RJ Marquette, Kerry Mattila, Jerry McConnell, Lawrence Northway, Lea Plant, Mark Ratliff, Michael Read, Vinny Rossito, Kathi Short, Rich Short, Bill Woodford, Members Excused: Linda Amme, Gary Russo  
Members Absent: George Collister, Art Potter, Rune Moeller, John Vettovalli

D. Approval of minutes from May 2019 R2 Rally, Biglerville, PA – minutes unavailable

E. Correspondence: Mike Sisk's (Pres Region 8) Re: COVID Charitable Giving Challenge  
The challenge: local club presidents to encourage members of their Units to make donations that could be given to charities of their Club's choice in the Club's name and report the amount donated to Headquarters by July 15.

Considerable feedback was requested from several of Units present. The consensus was to take the idea back to the members so they could decide. Many Units are already giving in their communities and/or individuals might want to continue the giving they are already doing outside the club. All responses were positive in the desire to continue in the Airstream giving tradition. The purpose of the challenge was to be an incentive and not a contest. Rich Short requested that if any Units did raise funds for this purpose to advise Headquarters and copy him.

### F. Committee Reports

1. Treasurer Report presented by Will Kushto in written form.

Rich Short indicated that without objection the report would be approved.

Hearing no objection, the report was approved as presented.

2. Membership Report presented by Lea Plant in written form.

3. Caravan Report presented by Kerry Mattila verbally.

The Caravan to International had twenty-one Canadian and US rigs signed up before it was canceled due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Some of the expenses could not be recouped: one reservation only gave a credit and one could not be reached. As a result, deposits were refunded to individuals, except for \$46 US and \$65 Canadian to cover those expenses. The hope is to try again next year.

4. Webmaster Report presented by Lawrence Northway in written form. Rich Short indicated that without objection the report would be approved. Hearing no objection, the report was approved as presented.

5. President's Report Rich Short expressed his appreciation for the work done by the Webmaster Lawrence Northway, who worked on updating the Region 2 Web Site and transitioning it to the AirstreamClub.com website.

The R2 Rally committee did a great job planning for the Rally that unfortunately had to be cancelled. Rich thanked Treas. Will Kushto and Registrar John Gough for handling the registrations and refunds. 2021 Rally will be in Kingston, Ontario

Thanks were expressed to Lea Plant, Membership and the Kerry Mattila, Caravan Leader, and all who have worked so hard for the Club. The Mid-Winter IBT will be held in Sarasota, FL at the fairgrounds January 18- January 22, 2021.

Several more clubs have changed their names to include Airstream Club: Ontario Canada is the latest. The New York Finger Lakes Unit has changed their logo to include Airstream Club. Rich is encouraging any club that has not changed their name to do so.

### G. Special Orders – Election of Region 2 Officers

Rich Short announced the opening of the voting for the slate of Region 2 officers. RJ Marquette spoke of his background. He is a second generation Airstreamer who bought his first Airstream in 2005. He has served on the national committee that conducted a member wide survey for the Airstream Club. He and his wife, Erica, have both served as presidents of the Washington DC Unit and reside in Harwood, MD.

Rich presented background information for Gary Russo who could not attend. Gary bought their Airstream in 2016 and is 1st VP, NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club. He is a retired Quality Control Engineer with over 30 yrs. experience with Eastman Kodak in research & development. He and his wife, Suzanne, reside in Webster, NY.

Slate of Region 2 Officers for 2020-2021

President	Richard Short #1512
1st VP	RJ Marquette #13270
2nd VP	Gary Russo # 1061
Treasurer	Will Kushto #2518
Rec Sec	Judy Cahall #4058
Corr Sec	Kathi Short #1512
Membership	Lea Plant #2256
Webmaster	Lawrence Northway #17410
Caravan	Kerry Mattila # 5417
Editor	Kathy Blake #4901

The vote was YES unanimously from all present plus 2 excused who voted electronically (Gary Russo and Linda Amme) to total 23 positive votes. Rich Short said he would continue to recruit members for Region 2 Officer positions, so the club stays strong and continues to grow in future years.

H. Unfinished business Will Kushto sent out refund checks to the Units on January 22 and as of May 1 there were 5 Units that had not cashed their checks (Mid Atlantic Unit, Metropolitan NY Unit, Pennsylvania Unit, New Jersey Unit and Del Val NJ Unit). The checks were mailed to the Unit Treasurer. Rich Short requested that the checks be cashed or sent back to Will.

I. New Business Jonathan Jacobs – Mid Atlantic Unit – Is it possible that credits the Units received when they couldn't use a (paid) camp site, and could not receive a refund, be listed on the website at Headquarters for other Units to buy. That way the original Unit could recoup their money and the credit could be used. Rich said he would talk to Jonathan about this to see how they could push it to Headquarters.

J. Announcements from Local Clubs – News or Ideas

1. Colleen Ahlers – Metro NY Airstream Club

The Club has had one virtual Happy Hour and another one is scheduled for 5/29. Another meeting will be set for voting purposes. Metro NY canceled their annual Mother's Day Rally which was missed by all.

2. Randy Hill – NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club The club has been having virtual "Campfires". The second one was on May 2. They voted to keep the same officers as were installed last year. They approved an update to their bylaws and constitution primarily due to the name change. They also voted to start a Facebook page for their Club to help stay connected. They want to do smaller rallies with maybe 5 trailers to stay safe.

Randy has also contacted Airstream Addicts and asked questions as to how they think people are going to feel comfortable and safe reintroducing Happy Hours etc. Rich Short asked him to share the information he receives in his Metro NY Newsletter, and for all the Units in Region 2 to share their newsletters with each other. It is a great way to share ideas and sometimes joint rallies develop as a result.

3. Chris Beddige – Watchung NJ Airstream Club The Club has had two ZOOM Happy Hours and plans to have more. He likes Randy's idea to ask the Club members questions about how to safely return to camping.

4. Judy Coupe – New Jersey The Club had a great Christmas party at Pat's house. Jersey Shore Haven will be closed to all but seasonal renters. All facilities including the pool will be closed so if you were planning on going please cancel your reservations.

5. Vinny Rossito – Al-Mon-O Airstream Club Luncheons scheduled for Christmas, January and February were well attended. The Club has done online voting for the three amendments. They plan to update their constitution after the Delegates meeting. In July they hope to reactivate and have a rally with much thought going to safety. August - the Blue Grass Rally is still scheduled at Laurel Hill State Park and will go on if it is deemed safe, even if the Blue Grass Festival is canceled.

6. Bill Woodford – Pennsylvania Airstream Club Changes were made to their constitution so that meetings could continue to be conducted virtually. No formal rallies are planned at this time. Pennwood Airstream Park has been open to members and will open on a first come first served basis this weekend. Airstreams will be parked in every other space on the rally field. No facilities will be open. Members at Pennwood have been having Happy Hours on their golf carts and music on the porch presented by members who live there.

7. Jody Dietz – Keystone Pennsylvania Unit A rally was held in Lancaster, PA and five trailers signed up. Everyone had meals at their trailers and used social distancing even at the nightly camp fire. They had a taste of a rally and want more! A Unit Caravan to New England is scheduled for August but making reservations is difficult at this time. They are keeping everything on the schedule and hope everything will be safe enough to go out and have rallies.

8. Kate Dowsett – Ontario Canada They were "gung-ho" for the Region 2 Rally that was canceled due to COVID. All rallies are cancelled until September. Some people are having virtual meetings. The Club voted electronically and is in the process of working on their By-laws and Constitution. Busy but separate.

K. Adjournment Rich Short noted that all clubs are trying to keep things rolling while staying safe. He shared a definition of the difference between solitude and loneliness: solitude we enjoy, like reading a book, but loneliness we do not enjoy and can be detrimental. He encouraged all to continue having ZOOM meetings and reaching out to members by email, phone calls and through the newsletters. As he noted we are one big family and it is important to keep connected. Judy Coupe shared that Pat McFadden has been calling older members of the Club to check on them. Rich asked if the Unit Presidents (who will be their club Delegate) had questions about the three (3) amendments presented by the IBT on which they would be voting. There were no questions raised. Delegate voting will run from June 1st to the 15th.

Congratulations were extended to all the newly elected Officers for the coming year and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Cahall Recording Secretary #4058

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K. Adjournment Rich Short noted that all clubs are trying to keep things rolling while staying safe. He shared a definition of the difference between solitude and loneliness: solitude we enjoy, like reading a book, but loneliness we do not enjoy and can be detrimental. He encouraged all to continue having ZOOM meetings and reaching out to members by email, phone calls and through the newsletters. As he noted we are one big family and it is important to keep connected. Judy Coupe shared that Pat McFadden has been calling older members of the Club to check on them.

Rich asked if the Unit Presidents (who will be their club Delegate) had questions about the three (3) amendments presented by the IBT on which they would be voting. There were no questions raised. Delegate voting will run from June 1st to the 15th.

Congratulations were extended to all the newly elected Officers for the coming year and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Cahall Recording Secretary #4058

### ***Another Message From Rich Short -***

Hello Airstreamers

Who knew words from a car commercial of several years ago, with the young voice saying “zoom zoom” when the new sporty car models flew past, would become part of our present vocabulary and so heavily occupy our conversations and time! Well, after the almost 15 hours of Zoom video meetings and webinars I attended, spread out over four days, I’m here to bear witness to the fact that the “zoom zoom” is here to stay. Those Zoom meetings were conducted in lieu of the two (2) Region Officers Forums and the two (2) IBT meetings that were supposed to happen in Loveland, CO at this time. Hats off to the staff at HQ, our IT Committee and the Executive Committee for all of their efforts to make these meetings and the installation of the new IBT officers a success. It was a great accomplishment and all the meetings were well attended!

As I know many of your newsletter editors are preparing new editions, here is a quick update of the most important items from those meetings: Please share with your editors or incorporate into your President’s Message as you see fit. Here we go....

All three (3) of the Constitutional Amendments passed. There were a total of 5,597 votes cast from 94 of the 106 local clubs

#### #1-Qualification of Members

For 5428

Against 169

Abstain 0

#### #2-Delegates Meeting

For 5399

Against 198

Abstain 0

#### #3-Changing wording from Unit(s) to Local Club(s)

For 5408

Against 124

Abstain 65

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The 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and Members of the Nominating Committee were approved as submitted. At the IBT meeting, Incoming President Andy Selking named Immed. Past President Mona Heath as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Budget Committee presented a balanced budget that included a Dues Increase of \$10 per year. Both the Budget and the Dues Increase Motion were approved. The increase in dues was openly discussed at the Region Officers Forum prior to the IBT meeting and at the IBT meeting itself. There was a powerpoint presentation and several versions of a budget were presented for review at our Forum. This is the first dues increase to the membership in 10 years and will ensure that the Club is able to meet budgetary demands going forward. There will be information in the upcoming Blue Beret to support the decision. I was concerned at first. After review of the documentation provided, listening to the proposals and asking questions, I voted YES to the increase in dues. I believe it is in the best interests of the Club and its membership. I spoke again, several times, during the meetings of the importance of increasing member benefits. Other Officers, including members of the Executive Committee, are now echoing that and I believe we're on track to see tangible improvements coming in the months and years ahead. I will keep pushing.

Online Registration for the 2021 International Rally to be held in Lebanon, TN will open on August 5, 2020. Watch for more information in the upcoming Blue Beret. I will have the date on my calendar and will send out reminders to you all as we get closer to that date.

Both of the IBT meetings and the Region Officers Forums were streamed LIVE on the Club's YouTube Channel and can be found here. Proposed budgets and the powerpoint are also available there in the meeting of Thursday, June 25th.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0W7edcbNd07Hehq2qyQmw>

The Installation of Officers was also streamed LIVE, recorded and available through the same link.

One of the most interesting parts of the meetings was listening to Justin Humphries, VP of Sales for Airstream, Inc., provided a lengthy update. You can listen to it in the Executive Meeting of Wednesday, June 24th. After the initial downturn, sales are exploding! Industry wide, the towables are rebounding much faster than the big Class A coaches. This bodes well for Airstream and our Airstream Club! Our HQ reported a surge in new members as well after falling during the early period of COVID. It has been a difficult year but the future looks bright!

Just as in our Region, other Regions of the Club are reporting mixed results in schedules of upcoming rallies. While many events have cancelled, there are still many events on the calendars but caution was still the common theme. Check the schedule of events often for updates and keep an eye on the State guidelines as well. What may be on the schedule for upcoming months may be subject to constant update.

The name changes for our Pennsylvania Airstream Club and the Ontario Canada Airstream Club were memorialized (they had been approved by the Executive Committee prior) and the new logo and flag for the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club was approved. My thanks and congratulations, again, to those clubs and their leaders!

There will be a new MODEL Constitution and ByLaws available online that contain updates as approved at these meetings. Our local clubs may incorporate those changes into their CBL documents now but are NOT required to send them in for approval now. You may wait until it is time for your 5 year review of your club documents to do that. Any questions, let me know.

It was with great pleasure that I introduced the names of both RJ Marquette and Gary Russo as our Region's new VPs. I expressed my gratitude to them for volunteering. I also expressed my thanks to all our Region Officers and Chairs who have supported me and our great Region 2 this past year.

I think that covers it for now. If I come across something in my notes that I missed including here, I will let you know. As always, reach out if you have questions.

Zoom Zoom, Airstreamers...see you down the road. One way or another!

Rich  
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