



April 2021

Delmarva Beacon



Lenten rose blooming in our yard



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<https://airstreamclub.org/delmarva>

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President's Message

Hooray for Spring! I know most of us cannot wait to get out there and camp. I am happy to say that our Club's memberships now number 43. About one third are brand new to the Club within about the last year. What a testament to the popularity of Airstreams --- particularly during these pandemic times. Members, please feel free to pass along your pictures and adventure tales for the newsletter. Otherwise I think you will get very tired of just seeing Andy's and my pictures in the newsletters!

Thanks to those who answered my call for member profiles! I got so many responses that I can now fill more than the entire remainder of the year of newsletters. Each of you who responded will be featured in turn each month. Thank you!!

This month brings 2 rallies, Killens Pond State Park April 9-11 host site D-05, plus our Maintenance Rally April 23-25 -- still time to join us at either or both. Reserve directly with the Delaware State Parks for Killens Pond; use the registration coupon on page 6 of this issue to register for the Maintenance Rally. Let me know by email if you haven't already that you plan to be at Killens Pond.

A word about safety: This year we will enjoy rallies by having socially distanced gatherings outdoors where it is known to be safer, per health guidelines. The Maintenance Rally is unique and will feature one joint buffet served meal. If this is your first Maintenance Rally you are in for a treat. The options for enjoying it include: at or in your camper, anywhere outdoors, including under the covered open air pavilion, or if you wish, socially distanced in the dining hall. Please RSVP for this to Malcolm, per the coupon.

One business item, on page 7, you will see draft new designs for a Club flag and logo. Membership will vote to approve these at the Maintenance Rally.

Hope to see you all soon!

Welcome New Members!

Joined since our last newsletter:

- Betty and Blaine Schwarz
 - Lewes, DE 19958
 - bettyjeanschwarz@gmail.com

WBCCI Region 2: Rich Reports on a Scam Alert

Hello Airstreamers

This is to alert you that I have just recently received an email, purportedly from Bill Woodford of the Pennsylvania Airstream Club, asking me to provide five (5) \$100 pre-paid Visa or Target gift cards to be used for "veterans at hospice care." I was a little wary and asked "Bill" to send me his phone number and I would call him to discuss. "Bill" responded he was going into a 2 hour meeting and couldn't talk and asked if I would do this right away.

This is not the first time this has happened. Unfortunately, some clubs have succumbed to this type of hoax and actually sent checks via FedEx. Some scammers say they are a certain member and need funds in an emergency of some sort. This scammer used info regarding Bill as a member of the Pennsylvania Airstream Club and used his name to address an email to me.

Please be sure to vet any similar requests. Be suspicious of anything that sounds even a little quirky. In your email, pass your mouse over the senders name and look at the email address it is coming from. That is not always easy when you read your email on a mobile device. Please pass this info on to your club officers, treasurer and your members.

Rich
#1512

Getting to know each other

Member Profile: Bill and Cris Plack, BRN # 22690



This (picture) was actually taken during our trip last September in Acadia National Park.

I am originally from Baltimore, Maryland and my wife, Cris, is from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. We now live near Ocean City, Maryland, and have lived here for almost thirty years.

I became a dentist and entered the US Army in 1972. I retired as a full colonel in 1992 from Fort Bragg. I was in private practice in Snow Hill, Maryland, until 2018 when I sold the practice. I continued to work as a consultant for the state of Maryland until March of 2020 when Covid-19 convinced me to retire completely. My wife, Cris, was a hygienist and office manager while I was in Snow Hill.

We met at a restaurant in Ocean City, Maryland, in 1965 and went together for several years when we parted ways. We got back together twenty years later and have been married for 31 years.

With retirement on the horizon, we decided to spend our time on the water with a pontoon boat and start camping which, for my wife, was a huge step as camping to her was staying at a Ritz Carlton. We bought our first and only Airstream at Airstream of Virginia in 2019. This will be our third season of RVing.

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We heard that Airstream was the Cadillac of RVing. When we found out that the first Airstream was built in 1931 and that 70% are still on the road, we decided to go for it. After looking at a number of models, we fell in love with the 2019 27FB Tommy Bahama edition.

We've been to a number of RV campgrounds and ones we really like are Lake In Wood Resort in Pennsylvania, Massey's Landing in Millsboro, Delaware, Castaways RV Resort in Ocean City, Maryland, and the Highland Haven Airstream Park in Copper Hill, Virginia. We hope to visit Camp Gulf in Miramar Beach, Florida and Top Of Georgia Airstream Park in Helen, Georgia, this coming April.

Have not attended any rallies or caravans, but have joined the Delmarva Unit in Region 2 and hope to do so in the future when Covid is in the rear view mirror. We're planning a long trip to Destin, Florida and then to Top of Georgia Airstream Park in April which corresponds to some of the Delmarva Unit's planned activities.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Membership Directory

Our draft directory member pages continue to grow in number. About half our members are now depicted. I would be happy to include you if you would send me your photo(s) depicting yourselves as well as your Airstream. Or separate pictures are fine, too. Again, the purpose is to help us recognize and get to know each other; this is not intended for public distribution. Thanks.

Contact #'s: Chuck Helwig 302-270-7618, Malcolm Comstock 302-724-0654



April 23-25, 2021

Joint Maintenance Rally

Delmarva - Keystone - Mid Atlantic

4-H Park Centreville, MD



Rally Fee: \$65

-Rally Fee Includes:

- Two nights camping with water and electric.
- Dump station available on Sunday
- Dinner Saturday
- *Following covid protocol we will only be doing one meal.
You will have the option of eating in the dinning hall, observing social distancing. Or, picking up your meal and returning to your Airstream to eat.
- Supplies for working on maintenance tasks; torque wrench, propane leak detector, battery tester, fluids, etc. will be provided.

You may also arrive on Thursday, after 1:00 (\$20 extra night fee)

Mail or e-mail the coupon to: malvermont63@yahoo.com, Malcolm Comstock
570 Banning Rd
Camden, DE 19934

Make check payable to: Delmarva Airstream Club

★ Pay (submit checks) at the Rally. ★

Rally Coupon

Name(s): _____ Club # _____

Address: _____

E-mail _____ Cell# _____

Early Arrival Y ___ N ___ Airstream: (trailer or coach) Length: _____

Specific maintenance questions or topics you would like covered at the rally.

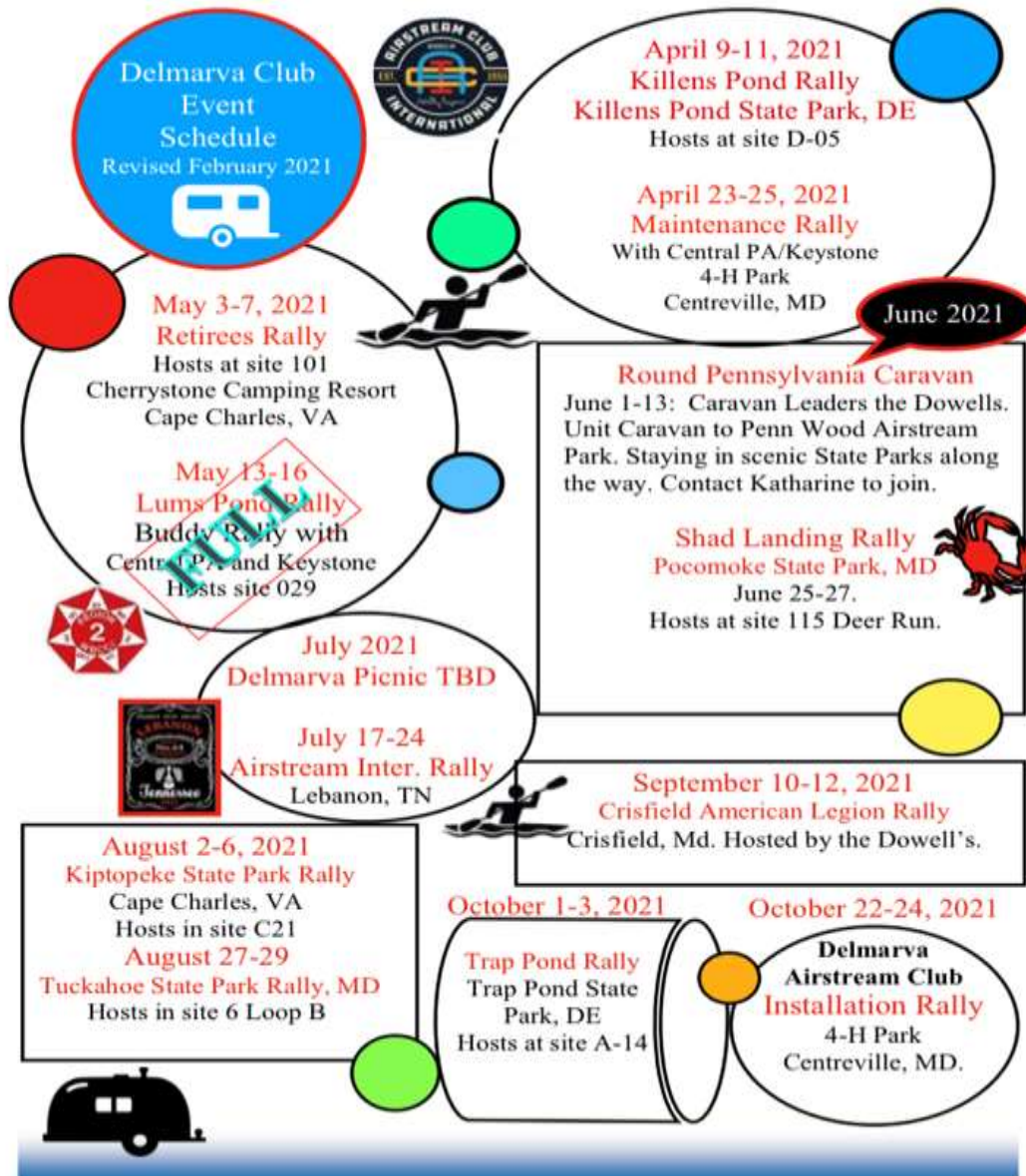
Proposed New Club Flag and Logo

The new Club flag design and logo below are proposed for adoption by the membership. These designs are updated from the old designs and incorporate the word 'Club' in lieu of the old terminology 'Unit' in reference to the Club. Thanks to Malcolm Comstock for these graphics.

In order to officially adopt and use these, we'll need a vote by the membership approving them, followed by approval by WBCCI Region 2. To accomplish this first step, I plan to present these for voting at the Maintenance Rally. Please let me know if you have significant comments.



Club 2021 Schedule



May Club Rallies

Cherrystone _May 3-7: Our Retirees rally will be during the week at Cherrystone Camping resort, Cape Charles, VA. Reserve your spot at <https://www.cherrystone.com/virginia-campgrounds/> Host site 101. Below is information from their website:

At Cherrystone you'll find over 300 acres of natural waterfront on the Chesapeake Bay with over 700 sites, many shaded by tall trees. Our many features include camping cabins, on-site camper rentals, five swimming pools, four fishing piers, beautiful beach, large dog park and their very own dog beach, newly renovated Cafe/Lounge, a well-stocked General Store and the Bait and Tackle Shop. Our waterfront location will delight you with breathtaking sunsets, wildlife and a wide variety of birds. And don't forget all that there is to do! Throughout the season, we have themed weekends and plenty of planned activities for the entire family including fishing and crabbing, taking full advantage of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay!



Dowells' campsite at Cherrystone late winter 2019.

- Lums Pond Eastern PA Opener Rally in Bear, DE. May 14 – 16. This rally is organized by PA clubs and we were invited to join. Last check, though -- the campground is full but sometimes cancellations occur. Reservations: DE state parks - [Camping & Campground Reservations Online | ReserveAmerica](#) -- Lums Pond.

WBCCI International Rally

So far at least half a dozen Club members have registered for the WBCCI International Rally. Information regarding this year's International Rally, including how to register can be found at this link:

[Lebanon 2021 International Rally | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](http://Lebanon 2021 International Rally | ACI (airstreamclub.org))



Region 2 Luncheon information:

The Region 2 Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday July 21, 12 noon** at the International Rally. Mark your calendars. Registration and menu options to follow.

Club Officers

President.....Katharine Dowell
1st Vice President.....Andy Dowell
2nd Vice President..... vacant
Recording Secretary.....Donna Field
Treasurer.....Malcolm Comstock
Corresponding Secretary..... vacant
Membership Chair.....Andy Dowell
Webmaster....Andy Dowell
Trustees.....Mike Field (1)
Bob Pullman. Jr. (1)
Chuck Helwig (2)
Carolyn Spiezio (2)
Sunshine Chair.....Mary Ann Parks
Caravan Chair.....Malcolm Comstock
Newsletter Editor..... Katharine Dowell, acting

Reminder: Anyone who wants to serve as newsletter editor or to get more information please email me. It can be a fun and creative task -- I will be glad to work with the new editor to make it as fun and painless as possible

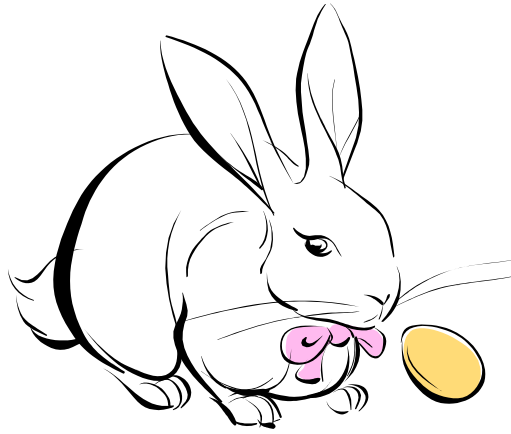


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