

Region 2 News June 12, 2020

We 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.

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