



# MOUNTAIN ECHOES

Newsletter of the

## Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club

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November 1, 2018

Greetings Airstreamers!

We conducted our fall business meeting at the delightful Greenwood Lodge and Campsites on Route 9 in Woodford VT, a few miles east of Bennington. The Club was represented by five units – a small but resolute quorum! – and two friends from Charter Oak CT and Region 1. The minutes are included with this email.

We elected Milo Cutler as our club President, and Diane McElhiney as Vice President for the 2018-19 season. Dave Peirce continues as Treasurer, and Andreas Lehner remains Secretary and Newsletter propagator.

We talked about the club's **printed membership booklet** – should we continue to publish it annually? Nancy Phillips points out that it's expensive, costing around \$300 a year, and given the growth in our membership, quickly obsolete. We do intend to publish digital membership lists with regular updates. On the other hand, some members also enjoy the colorful printed booklet. We will provide an updated digital list with this newsletter, and will send out a survey soon to get your preferences, including an option to pay for a paper edition.



*Milo Cutler, our 2018-2019 Club President*



We also gave our approval for the Club's constitution, with minor changes to allow the use of email for Club business, after determining that it was consistent with the WBCCI guidelines. Our By-Laws have not been reviewed since 2008, so we will be working to update them in time for the Spring meeting.

Webmaster Diane McElhiney provided the statistics of our website [nemountaineers.wbcci.net](http://nemountaineers.wbcci.net). The site has photos from activities and rallies -- Alumapalooza 9 and the Region 1 Rally in NH, for example -- under "Our Rally Memories" under the *On the Road* header. You can share photos on the unit website by sending them to [0065@Wbcci.net](mailto:0065@Wbcci.net). The unit also has a Facebook site, [Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club](https://www.facebook.com/NortheastMountaineersAirstreamClub) where you can post pictures and stories, and see what others have posted.

Our calendar for the 2019 camping season is a work in progress. Where would *you* like the Mountaineers to go next year? Do you have a favorite campground where the club could gather for a simply camping experience? A short caravan or a buddy rally? **Feel free to share your ideas with a reply to this email, and/or bring them to the Winter meeting, where we can consider them together.**

**2019 Calendar** (please check Base Camp calendar on [nemountaineers.wbcci.net](http://nemountaineers.wbcci.net) for updates)

- December 15     **Winter Lunch Meeting** Saturday afternoon 12:30-3:30, at the home of our new President and VP, Milo and Diane, in Randolph Center, VT. Bring some food to share, sit, have some laughs while we brainstorm our Airstreamin' adventures for the 2019 season. Their address is 3458 VT Route 66, Randolph Center, VT
- March ?         **Spring Lunch Meeting** — Date and time TBA
- May 3-5         **Region 1 Rally**, Loudon Speedway, NH
- May 28-June 2   **Alumapalooza 10**, Jackson Center OH.
- July 16-22       Charter Oak Caravan to International via Jersey Shore and Delmarva Peninsula
- July 20-27       **62<sup>nd</sup> WBCCI International Rally** in Doswell, Virginia. Enjoy the ride...in the birthplace of Triple Crown Winner, Secretariat. You can get more information and register at [doswell.wbcci.net](http://doswell.wbcci.net)
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**NEMAC Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

September 22, 2018 -- Greenwood Lodge Camp, Woodford, VT

Present: Dave & Donna Thompson, Dave & Lori Peirce, Jerry Carruba & Paulette Gagne, Mary & Andreas Lehner, Dianne McElhiney & Milo Cutler. Guests from Charter Oak Unit: Bard & Jesse Fuller, Russ Fuller. (Bard is Region 1 second VP)

1. Chairman Dave Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Five units were present, thus meeting the minimum quorum requirement. Members duly pledged allegiance to the flag.
2. Dave, Paulette moved to approve minutes as presented in the May 21 NEMAC Bulletin, with the clarification that the meeting took no action regarding increasing dues to cover the cost of printing the membership roster.
3. President Thompson reported that he had enjoyed the activities, including the spring shakedown rally in Lincoln NH, the Region 1 rally in Haverhill, NH, Randolph VT and "Meet the Mayor" rally on Upper Mattawamkeag Lake in Maine.
4. Treasurer Peirce reported that Unit's financial assets total \$5092.50 as of 9/12/18, including \$4553 in an investment account, and \$539.50 in the Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. He invested \$4500 of the Unit's funds in a stock that has gained \$53 in value since May. Andreas, Diane moved to accept with gratitude the Treasurer's report. Jerry expressed concern with the potential volatility of the investment in Enbridge (oil field, petroleum, multi-billion company). Jerry, Donna moved to continue monitoring and adjusting the current investment.
5. Secretary Andreas reported that he published three newsletters in 2018 (January, April, August/September), and a meeting report in May.
6. Membership chairman Nancy Phillips submitted a written report showing 49 regular members (including 10 new members) and 7 affiliates for 2018. She again raised the question of whether the Unit should continue to publish a printed book / directory in addition to the electronic editions. Diane, our webmaster, suggested the \$300 cost could be better spent, and noted that more up to date information is available on the website. Data on line is protected. We could sell

copies of the printed directory to members who want one. Extensive discussion ensued, including concerns about accessing electronic editions when internet is not available. Andreas likes the colorful print edition in part because he feels it celebrates the unit. Lori moved that the Unit members be surveyed as to who wants a digital copy. Donna second. Jerry suggested the motion be amended to see who wants print in addition to digital. VOTED

7. Webmaster report: Diane reports that 836 views of the new website – rally memories, calendar (193), referrals from other sites and from google search. See attached report. Etc. We also have a Facebook page. Diane has also generic email addresses (treasurer@....) rather than having officers use their private email addresses. Diane discussed complexity of updating calendar on international sites, directing people to our calendar for updated information. Facebook is very user friendly, and our page currently has many photos from Unit activities, but it is not universally used. The NEMAC pages is closed, private – not available to non-members. Kit has been in charge of our Facebook page; Mary volunteered to take on that job. We can share photos on the unit website by sending them to [0065@Wbccci.net](mailto:0065@Wbccci.net). We commended our webmaster for her work.
8. Constitution: Mary reported that the current version of the constitution is consistent with the WBCCI model constitution. Donna, Lori moved to direct the secretary to sign the current version of constitution (as amended in 2016) and send it to WBCCI. VOTED
9. The By-laws have not been updated since 2008. Jerry, Mary moved to direct Executive Committee to review Bylaws and bring proposed changes to Spring meeting. VOTED
10. Nancy's question of Unit history boxes. Jerry and Russ noted that there is a lot of material there. Mary offered to help Nancy sort and digitize. Russ recalled bringing them to a rally, people enjoyed looking into the pages of Unit history. Nancy has been putting some of the info, pix on Facebook; they should be copied to Unit page. We thank Nancy for this and encourage her to continue to digitize newsletters and photos, see what help we can offer.
11. Unit flag -- how many big display flags (one?); also the option of individual flags 12x18 that unit members could buy to display on their trailers. GVH Studio Inc, Bennington -- Milo will develop options for members. Paulette, Dave P moved to have one unit flag, and provide an order form for individual flags. VOTED
12. Quartermaster Jerry reported that he has disposed of much of the Unit's old stuff, donating to Scouts and other community organizations. We still have a large griddle, a large coffee pot, and a nicely made folding display board.
13. Our checking account at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust currently has two authorized signers, Dave Peirce and Dick Wheatley. Since Dick is spending more time in distant realms, Dave proposed to add Milo Cutler and Diane McElhiney as authorized signers. Paulette, Donna moved to remove Dick and add Milo and Diane. VOTED
14. Discussion of next year events was postponed.
15. New Officers: Paulette, Andreas moved to thank Dave Thompson for his service, and to nominate Milo for President. VOTED Paulette, Lori nominated Diane as VP. VOTED. Mary, Milo nominated Andreas to continue as Secretary and Dave Peirce to continue as Treasurer. Candidates were voted unanimously.
16. Milo is researching how we can get T-shirts and coffee mugs with the new logo -- as a welcome to new members? Available for members to buy?

17. Dave and Donna thanked Milo and Diane, Dave, and Andreas for their help

18. Meeting Adjourned 11:20

Respectfully submitted by Andreas Lehner, Secretary

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**Financial Report** May 9, 2018 – September 12, 2018

**Bar Harbor Bank & Trust**

Beginning Bank Balance (May 10, 2018) \$ 4,928.18

**Income:**

Dues Recd:

Affiliate Unit 15.00

Regular Unit 195.00

Total Dues Recd: 210.00

Interest Income .27

**Total Income 210.27**

**Expenses:**

Food and Dining 75.00

Transfer to Investment 4,500.00

Checks 23.95

**Total Expenses 4,598.95**

**Profit/Loss for Period (4,388.68)**

Ending Bank Balance (September 12, 2018) \$ 539.50

Edward Jones Investments:

Stock Investment Value as of 9/12/2018 \$ 4,553.00

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**Milestones:**

We are sorry to report that Donald Lockhart died on September 14, 2018. Don and Betty Ann had been members of WMNHU and NEMAC since May 3, 1994, and had been members of our unit longer than anyone else. Betty Ann reluctantly put their trailer up for sale, and reports that it sold on the first day!

We are also sorry to report that Jim Fowler succumbed to pancreatic cancer. Many of us have fond memories of camping with Jim and his wife Susan.

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**Attachments:**

NEMAC Web Stats

NEMAC Membership Directory (current as of 11/1/2018)

*NOTE If you haven't already done it, please renew your membership today at [nemountaineers.wbcci.net](http://nemountaineers.wbcci.net)*