

MOUNTAIN ECHOES

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Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club

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Greetings, frozen Airstreamers!

I'm thawing out my fingers long enough to give you some important updates on the NEMAC event calendar, in the hope that thinking about summer travel will warm you up and perhaps inspire some action.

- June 21-23 North Beach Buddy Rally in Burlington, VT -- VT right on Lake Champlain and the Burlington Bike Path, offering easy two-wheeled access to the queen city downtown and waterfront, and the northern Champlain islands. Jerry Carruba reports:
 - Early registration is on-line only, beginning 01 February, at 9 am at https://enjoyburlington.com/campground-reservations/ You can find the campground map there. Check it for updates before you register. Phone reservations begin on 01 May: 1-802-862-0942.
 - Sites 1-16 and 109 119, gold ovals on the map, are 50 amp, W/E/S, and have pads. Sites 90-108, circles on the map, are 30 amp, W/E, gravel pads.
 - Sites 58-69 and 73-84, squares on the map, are 30 amp, W/E, grassy. Jerry says that these sites are shady, and although they don't appear on the map, are actually back to back. He and Paulette will aim for a site at the top of the triangle, #66-69 or 73-77.
 - Request a site for your size trailer when you register. If you have a long 30+ unit, you may want to consider the full-hookup sites #1-16.
- Blues Festival Airstream Rally, Rockport, ME at the Camden Hills Community Campground, an excellent place to enjoy the beautiful Penobscot Bay area of the Maine seacoast. Marty Womer has done the research, and provided the detailed information about the location, sights to see, and rally activities -- please read the attachment. You can reserve your campsite by calling Catherine Plourde at 603 502 6103 ASAP tell her you are with the "Blues Festival Airstream Rally". When you have your reservation, please send the registration information on the attachment, along with the \$25 rally fee, to Marty. This looks like a great event.
- August 15-19 Jersey Shore Rally at the Jersey Shore Airstream Haven, South Seaville, NJ. www.jerseyshorehaven.org Maryann Bastian reports: "The campground is located about 9 miles from the beaches in Avalon and Sea Isle, halfway between Atlantic City and Cape May, NJ. I spent many summers as child in the area and the beaches in Avalon and Stone Harbor are some of my favorite! See www.avalonnjguide.com for more information about that area. I have a seasonal campsite at JSH and spend multiple weeks there during the summer. Most of the sites are occupied by friendly Airstream seasonals but there are a couple of campsites available under the trees with 3 point hookups as well as 2 point hook up sites in the rally field. A weekly social hour on Saturday evenings and a group campfire. The pool is spotlessly clean and heated."

We are considering whether there is enough NEMAC interest to reserve the group sites in the rally field, or whether we should make our own individual arrangements. Please reply to sender of this newsletter (don't reply all) to indicate your interest, and I'll tally the results for the executive committee.

By way of review, here is the calendar with the rest of the events. Remember that you can also consult that NEMAC/WBCCI site: https://nemountaineers.wbcci.net and the Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club page on Facebook, where, among other things, Nancy Phillips has been posting club history photos and reports, and Larry and Susan Warren have shared photos from their travels in the Southwest, "Streamin' in Shiny".

Finally, we're looking for suggestions for a fall – late-September or October – rally. Send us your ideas!

- March 23 **Spring Lunch** at Sarducci's Restaurant, Montpelier. 12:00-3:00
- May 3 5 **Jamaica State Park Rally** for the Ball Mountain Dam water release for kayakers, canoeists and rafters, plus access to the 16-mile West River rail trail. Dry Camping. A great venue -- https://vtstateparks.com/jamaica.html Reservations for this weekend must be made ASAP by calling VT Parks & Recreation, 888-409-7579. Jerry Carruba (birddog@tds.net) is organizing the event.
- May 3 5 **Region 1 Rally**, Loudon, New Hampshire.
- June 6 9 New York City Basecamp Rally, Liberty Harbor Marina and RV Park, Jersey City -- with a great view of the New York skyline and easy subway and water access to all of New York City. This is a National Rally, with limited space, so act fast. Cost for 3 nights is \$355, with additional nights at \$115. Send check for \$355.00 in USD to: Per Hamnqvist, 2 Queens Way, Merrimack, NH 03054. Make check payable to NEU of WBCCI. Email: psh@wbcci.org Cell: 603-866-6440.

You can find more information about this event and other interesting events and rallies at the www.wbcci.org website – look for the *Activities* headers, and pull down to *National and Special Events*.

- June 21 23 North Beach Buddy Rally, Burlington VT see above
- July 11 15 **Blues Festival Airstream Rally,** Rockport, ME -- see above.
- July 20-27 **WBCCI 2019 International Rally** in Doswell, Virginia, near Richmond and Fredericksburg. 660 rigs were registered as of November! You can read all about it, and register, here: https://doswell.wbcci.net
- August 15-19 **Jersey Shore Rally** see above.
- Sept 14 or 21 **Breezy Meadows,** Concord VT featuring opportunities for hiking and biking, the Danville Corn Maze, the Dog Mt Chapel, and the Fairbanks Museum. NEMAC fall business meeting. Milo Cutler (dmmacmilo@gmail.com) is organizing this one

We hope you will find pleasing opportunities in these events, and you will enjoy thinking about your 2019 travel plans. We will send out updated information in future communications. In the meantime, please feel free to send comments, suggestions, or requests to the event organizers and the unit secretary (<u>u065.us@airstreamclub.net</u>).

Cheers! --