



MOUNTAIN ECHOES

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Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club

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Greetings, Mountaineers!

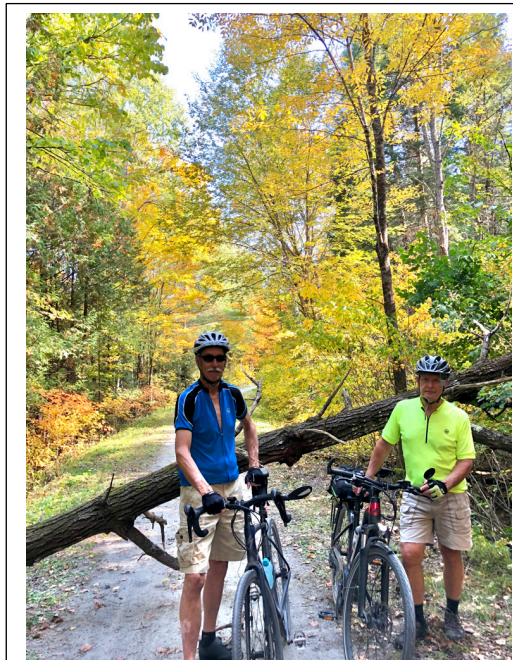
The welcome message on our new website is a good way to begin this edition of *Mountain Echoes* -- it's been so long, I thought we could use this reminder:

Hello, we are the Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club (NEMAC, for short), Region #1, Unit #65. Our members are familiar with the Adirondack, Green, and White Mountains and all the hills in between from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Upstate New York, and Western Massachusetts.

Our membership is diverse in age, professions and interests. What we have in common is a love of travel, adventure, and making new friends. If you are the owner of an Airstream and you love enjoyable and relaxing events that allow for individual interests and activities, the NEMAC Unit of the WBCCI invites you to join us and start taking part in the rallies and the caravans organized by NEMAC and by the Airstream Club International. The dream of fun, fellowship and adventure in your Airstream will be easily fulfilled within the NEMAC Unit!

In the age of Covid, our **2021 Calendar** is fraught with uncertainty. In the hopes of being able to meet in person, we are **changing the date of our Spring lunch meeting at Sarducci's from March 27 to April 17**. Stay tuned!

The big uncertainty regarding the April 9-11 **Pets & Paws Rally** in Provincetown, MA is whether Mountaineers will be able to get our trailers out of the snow or mud that early in the season. This National Event rally is sponsored by the Cape Cod and New England Units, and is held at the *Coastal Acres Campground* in Provincetown, MA, a short 10 minute walk into the heart of downtown Provincetown, a beautiful coastal town at the end of Cape Cod with many great restaurants and many wonderful stores to shop in. "Along with our donation to the "Bark Park" on Saturday at 10:00am, for those who wish, we will volunteer along with some of the townspeople to do some maintenance and cleanup in the dog park. On Saturday evening we will go to a local seafood restaurant and enjoy local fresh seafood." For more information, see <https://airstreamclub.org/pets-paws-national-event-rally-0>



Paul Hynek and Jerry Carruba take a break on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail last fall, enjoying the spectacular foliage and easy riding. We rallied at the beautiful Sugar Ridge Campground September 24-26, and may return there in 2021.



Our **Shakedown Buddy Rally** scheduled for May 1-2 is also pushing the season. It's dry camping at the Hancock Campground on the Kancamagus Highway in Lincoln, NH (White Mountain National Forest), where the Thompsons hosted a similar dry camping rally a couple of years ago. This campground is first come first served (no reservations), so the whole thing will be very informal, but a good opportunity to test out the vital systems on your trailer and get a jump on the 2021 camping season. You'll find a little more information about the campground here: www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/whitemountain/recreation/camping-cabins/recarea/?recid=74649&actid=29

We're reserving the weekend of May 21-23 for our **Maine Event** – we'll head for a scenic Maine campground such as Chewonki, Shore Hills, Winslow, etc. -- details TBA – but we encourage you to save the date and plan to join us that weekend. Your suggestions will be welcome!

Region 1 Rally "Oh the Places You'll Go" Seussfully hosted by the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club June 17-20 at the Three County Fairgrounds in Northampton, Mass. You'll find an information sheet attached that you can use to register. Region 1 includes the New England and Quebec clubs, and is usually a rousing good time. You can also find the Rally listed at airstreamclub.org/region-one-rally Region 1 also has a Facebook page -- WBCCI Region 1.

Battenkill Rally – Camping on the Battenkill, Arlington VT -- June 25-27 If you haven't already made your reservations at this lovely area, do it now! We already have 15 units participating, and there are still a few sites held for NEMAC members. You can admire the campground at campingonthebattenkill.com but I recommend calling them to make your reservation — 802 375 6663. Tell the nice lady you're with the Airstream group. By then most (all?) of us should have had our vaccine shots...

Here's information about activities in the area:

- Canoeing, kayaking, tubing on the Battenkill River
- Shop in Manchester including Orvis retail and outlet stores
- Lincoln Family Home at Hildene
- Bennington Museum (Grandma Moses collection)
- hike to Lye Brook Falls
- visit Bennington Monument
- visit Bennington Battlefield
- visit Saratoga Battlefield
- hike around Adams Reservoir at Woodford State Park
- hike at the Merck Forest & Farmland Center

Battenkill registrations to date:

Jerry Carruba & Paulette 00
Andreas & Mary Lehner 3A
Laurena & Rich Will 4A
Tim & Karen Vadney 6A
Jan & David Andrews 7A
Dave & Lori Pierce 8A
Milo Cutler & Diane OF1
Chuck & Anna Kiritsy OF3
Menno & Emma Van Burken OF4
Marty & Mary Womer OF5
David & Diana Spahn OF6
Erin Demers & kids B13
Jim & Kitty Buttitta Tambling
Paul & Pat Hynek
Margarita Ochoa-Maya & Joe Nizko

The **Airstream Club's International Rally** will be held this year in Lebanon, Tennessee July 17-24. It's a really big deal! You can read all about it here: airstreamclub.org/Lebanon

The AC International Rally in 2022 will at last be taking place in NEMAC territory at **the Fryburg Maine Fairground**. Our club will host the pre-inspection committee when they come to visit this summer, July 30-August 1. There will be no fried Oreos, alas, but there's lots to do in the area. Again, more information will be forthcoming.

We have two September dates on the calendar. We're planning a **Return to Fish Creek Pond** September 12-16. It's dry camping on beautiful waterfront sites. You have to make your own reservations at Reserveamerica.com – look for Fish Creek Pond Campground. As of 2/5/21, sites 80, 85, 130, 132, 134, and 135 were still available. Here are the NEMAC reservations that we know about so far – let us know when you make yours please! NEMAC will have its annual Business Meeting there.

95	<i>Marty Womer and Mary Keefe</i>
109	<i>Andreas & Mary Lehner</i>
110	<i>Jerry Carruba & Paulette Gagne</i>
107	<i>Jay & Cathie Waltz</i>
125	<i>Milo Cutler & Diane McElhiney</i>
126	<i>Dave & Donna Thompson</i>
127	<i>Paul & Pat Hynek</i>
128	<i>Erin Demers et al.</i>
131	<i>Tim & Karen Vadney</i>



Our final event will be a **foliage weekend September 24-26**. Again, stay tuned for breaking news...

While you're making your travel plans, you may want to consider attending **Alumapalooza 11**, an annual event held at the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio. Produced with the support of Airstream, Inc., Airstream Life magazine, and other sponsors, it is five days of Airstream fun. Each year Alumapalooza is different, but generally includes camping, seminars, entertainment, door prizes, gifts, factory tours, a group meal or two, and unlimited socializing. Usually held around Memorial Day, this year it's scheduled for September 7-12 (you could go for four days and still get to Fish Creek on the 12th!). Check it out: <http://alumapalooza.com>

NEMAC on the Web Our webpage is a work in progress, undergoing continuing development thanks to the efforts of Pat Hynek, our new webmistress. The website links to the national Airstream Club International site, and the linkage is still a little rough in places. For example, there is not a Members Only tab on the NEMAC Basecamp page. Once you login you will be directed to your own personal Administration Page. From there you can see all the clubs' members information and all the WBCCI club information. The tricky part is getting back to the NEMAC website. You need to click on the Menu button to the right of the login button -- those 3 horizontal bars in the upper right corner of the page. When the drop down menu appears, click on Explore. This will let you find our club which you then click on and you are back to the NEMAC website. If you are still logged in you need to click on login again and it will throw you back to your Admin page where you can logout. We hope this will be remedied in the near future. You can access our site by going to <https://airstreamclub.org/nemac>

You can also find Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club on Facebook, where you can post pictures and news. It's a closed group, members only, so you'll need to answer the questions to join. Mary Lehner (melehner@mac.com) is the page administrator.

And finally, **WBCCI** has amended its by-laws to **allow Clubs and Executive Boards to conduct business meetings electronically** with a minimum of ten days notification. NEMAC will add this to our bylaws at our September business meeting.

Attachments:

- Region 1 flyer
- Membership Book