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The President's Corner

After 167 days traveling the southwest, driving through 14 states, and spending the winter in 3 different states we have made it back home. Five and a half months is a long trip, but it went by very fast. Seems we were just getting into our travel groove, and it was time to return home. We even extended the drive home by a few days by limiting our driving to 350 miles or less per day and finding interesting places to stop along the way.

What did we learn during this trip? With two people and two medium dogs, did the walls of the AS close in on us after the first month? Did we miss our home base? Would we do it again?

We learned a lot about what does and doesn't work living full time in 200 sq ft. Daily routines are important to give each other time and space in the morning. I found that morning walks with the dogs, gave Diane time and space to get ready. Being in a place where we could extend our living space to the outdoors helped make the Airstream seem larger.

It's always good to return home and see family, friends and neighbors, to visit favorite local restaurants and stores, but we miss seeking out those new and different places. We miss daily walks, hikes and adventures in different locations. Would we do it again - Yes! We have already started talking about next winter and planning where we will go and the route we will take to get there and on the drive home

Traveling the country in an RV or better yet an Airstream, is one of the best experiences one can have. You get to meet some of the nicest people - like the couple in Phoenix that were out for the first time in their new (to them) Airstream and wondered why the gray tank is over half full after the first morning? Or the couple we met in the most remote state park in Arizona (maybe even the country) that popped into our campsite asking "what part of New York were we from?" Turns out we had lived about 10 miles from each other and both worked for the same company!

Everyone in campgrounds are very friendly, but Airstream owners are even more so. We seem to go out of our way to say "Hello" to other Airstreamers and offer assistance when needed. That's why we are looking forward to getting together with our fellow NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club members this summer to share stories, travel tips, and catch up on what's new. The Summer is just getting started, but like the our winter, it will be over before you know it. Be sure to join us at one of the events we have on the club's calendar or at one of our meet-ups posted on Facebook, with other club members.

See you around the campfire, it's story time.

See you down the road...
Randy & Diane #30876



NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club 2021 Activities

All activities are subject to change.
Please refer to upcoming issues of The Grapevine Newsletter for
current activities. You can also find activities listed on our website.

<p>May 20th-23rd</p> <p>SOLD OUT!!!</p>	<p>Spring NYFLAC Rally Sampson State Park Romulus, NY Hosts: Suzanne & Gary Russo Mary & Mark Sweeny</p>
<p>July 11—24, 2021 REGISTRATION OPEN https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon-2021-international-rally-0</p>	<p>64th Annual WBCCI International Rally Farm Bureau Expo Center Lebanon, TN</p>
<p>August 13th-15th</p>	<p>Hickories Park Rally Owego, NY Hosts: John & Nancy Hussar</p>
<p>September 16th-19th</p> <p>↓</p>	<p>Fall NYFLAC RALLY Lakeside State Park Waterport, NY Host: Randy & Diane Hill</p>



Location: Lakeside State Park, 13691 Roosevelt Hwy, Waterport, NY 14571

Dates: September 16-19, 2021

Sites: Randy and Diane are reserving in Loop E which is pet friendly. NOT ALL LOOPS ACCEPT PETS. 30 amp electric. No water or sewer.

Registration: Everyone makes their own reservation through Reserve America. You have complete flexibility in deciding when to arrive and when to leave. Come for one night or five nights! It's up to you.

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groups/1472017733005344/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472017733005344/)

NYFLAC May 2021 Business Meeting Agenda

Saturday, May 15th at 11:00 am

Zoom Meeting:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84926719084?
pwd=b0JmWlllSlhOUFlpdlIXUnpZRkNSdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84926719084?pwd=b0JmWlllSlhOUFlpdlIXUnpZRkNSdz09)

Meeting ID: 849 2671 9084
Passcode: NYFLAC

1. Open meeting and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Treasures report
4. International Business
 - A. The **2021 Election of International Officers June 1st**
 - B. The **2021 WBCCI Delegates Meeting** will be conducted **July 21st, 2021**, at the 64th International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee.
5. Club Business
 - A. Discuss creating a JetForm and PayPal accounts for the club to use for Rally registration and fees. The cost of JetForm is \$14/month and PayPal charges a transaction fee. There is talk that this may be required by WBCCI in the future (*I am being told in 2021*) when they add PayPal to their website as a way to pay for rallies directly (both international and local) on the WBCCI website.
 - B. Appointing a nominating committee to select nominees for our offices for the next term 2020-2021.
6. 2021 Rallies & Meet-ups
7. Member roundtable for other topics not listed above.
8. Meeting Close

Diane's Sunshine Corner



I cannot believe it's May already! Randy and I, plus Zephyr and Monty, made it safely back home from our trip to the Southwest. I hope any of our members that traveled back home over the past month made it safely home as well! We decided for our trip back home that we would take a different route home than we had taken on our trip out last November - we traveled through Colorado where we did encounter quite a bit of

snow, also Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and then back into New York. Fortunately for us, everywhere was smooth sailing, encountering no extreme weather! Along the way, we stayed at a couple of Harvest Host locations - one location was a farm located in Manhattan, Kansas where all the farmer's children were more than willing to greet and help us out in their store in any way they could - telling us about the things for sale as well as introducing us to their baby chicks as well as the many kittens they had - it was a very fun experience for us!! We have stayed at many Harvest Host locations while traveling and have found each one to be a unique experience.

I imagine that all of our members are as anxious as Randy and I are to get back to traveling and camping in our Airstreams, and in only a couple more weeks quite a few of us will be heading to our first meet-up at Sampson State Park. The word is that we will be having a great turnout for this event, and I'm sure all of you who are attending cannot wait! I am looking forward to seeing some familiar faces again as well as meeting our new members who will be attending - it is going to be a great time!!

We want to wish the following members who celebrate their birthday in May, a very

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ray Wagner 5/3

Roy DeWitte 5/18

Kathy Herrera 5/26

Connie Hoxie 5/27

Geoffrey Marshall 5/30



For May, we do not have any anniversaries to recognize, and as always, if I have missed anyone's birthday or anniversary or if you have any event that you would like to be included in our newsletter, please let me know by sending me an email - diane.hill@me.com

That's all for May - I hope everyone is as excited as I am for another season of camping fun!!

Diane Hill, Sunshine Chair
#30876

Wandering Labs Review

Liz Kirk

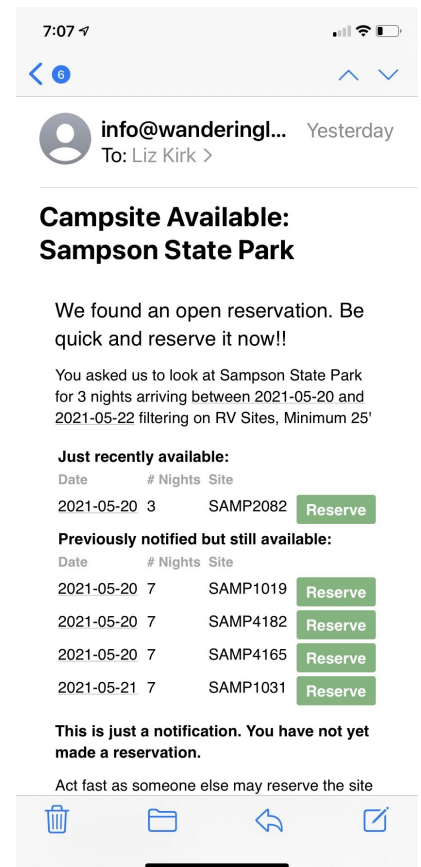
In the March edition of The Grapevine Randy Hill wrote an article about how to find campsites when on the road. It's becoming increasingly difficult to score a desired campground on the dates you want or need. The industry is booming and sales of RVs are up 30%! But there's been no change in the number of campgrounds or campsites to match this explosion. We will all notice it this year and likely for the next few years. Charlie and I spent three weeks in Arkansas in April and experienced this as well. We had absolutely no difficulty getting a site Sunday—Thursday but good luck finding a state campsite on Friday or Saturday. We resorted to private campgrounds for the weekend.

Our club experienced this with the upcoming event at Sampson State Park. All of our reserved club sites sold out (WHOO HOO!!) and we had one member who wanted to attend but missed getting the last site by hours. They reached out to me just in case I heard of an opening. It was the perfect time to try out Wandering Labs at <https://wanderinglabs.com/new>. Here's what happened.....

After confirming with Reserve America there were no available sites at Sampson I signed up. It is free to use. I plugged in the dates that I needed, along with trailer length. Then I waited!! Within 18 hours the first site opened up. I was notified by email. I immediately contacted the member needing the site and they scored!!

I decided to see how many more sites might become available. As of writing this on 5/12 there have been at least 10 sites that have opened for our scheduled weekend!! I'm sold.

For a donation between \$15 and \$50 you can upgrade to a Premium Membership. With your donation the upgrade includes: unlimited requests, scanning for sites twice as often and every minute for high demand locations, no pause in services (free versions pauses every week) and up to 500 text alerts. Charlie and I are planning to upgrade to Premium as we feel if a mere \$25 nets us a fabulous location on the dates we want we are \$\$ ahead. We'll let you know next fall how it worked out.



Region 2 Lunch at International

Submitted by Rich Short, Region 2 President

REGION 2 LUNCH

WHEN

July 21, 2021
12pm – 1:30pm

WHERE

East/West Building

64th WBCCI International Rally, Lebanon, TN

FEATURING a Hot or Cold **Box Lunch** Menu...Your Choice Of: Veggie Lasagna, Veggie Hoagie, Marinated Chicken Breast or Salad with Grilled Chicken. See Registration Form for full description of each menu choice, including sides. Napkins, utensils, and bottled water are included.

**SIGNUP HERE NOW!! OR GO TO
REGION2.AIRSTREAMCLUB.NET AND
CLICK ON "REGION 2 LUNCHEON" TO
SIGN UP ONLINE WITH PAYPAL**

**SAVE THE
DATE NOW**

TICKETS
\$10-13 per person

**SIGN UP
HERE NOW!!**

YOUR HOSTS
Region 2 Officers:
Rich & Kathi Short
RJ & Erica Marquette
Gary & Suzanne
Russo

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OUT**

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Friendship...
Adventure...

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