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The President's Corner

As you read this summer is just around the corner and our rally season is off to a good start. We just completed the Spring Meet-up at Sampson State Park. Gary and Suzanne Russo and Mark and Mary Sweeney did a wonderful job planning a fun and safe event. Seventeen Airstreams enjoyed evening happy hours, boat rides on the lake and nightly movies outside on the big screen.

This weekend (June 18 & 19) we have a rally at Boyd and Dawn Wible's home in Springville, NY (south of Buffalo). We still have room if you have not RSVP'd. Contact me by phone if you can join us for the weekend.

Next month is the International Rally in Lebanon, TN. Diane and I are leaving for the rally right after July 4th. We plan on touring sites in Kentucky and Tennessee on our way down to the rally. We heard from some of you that you are also planning on attending. If so, be sure to sign up for the Region 2 luncheon on July 21. Menu choices can be made on the Region 2 website along with payments. Also, Diane and I will host a happy hour at our trailer for our club members - stay tuned for more information.

We still have two more rallies on our calendar this summer - Hickories Park, Owego, NY (August) and Lake Side Beach in Waterport, NY (Sept.). Additional details are in this newsletter. Please be sure to let the rally host know you will be attending.

Lastly, I want to close by thanking everyone who volunteered to host these rallies. It's volunteers that make this club possible. We are a small unit of the International Airstream Club and we need all of our members to keep this club active. There are so many ways to get involved. If you are new to our unit and have not attended a rally I encourage you to join us at one of our upcoming events.

We are also looking for volunteers who are willing to hold leadership positions in order to keep our club possible. We have several positions available, including an opening for a 2nd VP. This person will become 1st VP next year. This is a critical need for our club as this position is required in order to fulfill the requirements of our charter. If any of you are interested, please contact me directly.



This is shaping up to be a very busy summer. We hope to see all of you down the road.

Randy & Diane #30876

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SPRINGVILLE RALLY

Still have space for 4 more!!

We are looking forward to our pop-up Springville Rally next weekend. Thank you to our hosts, Boyd and Dawn Wible, for offering their property for our rally. We will be dry camping and need to carry-in carry-out so nothing is left behind but good memories.

The weekend agenda:

Friday—June 18th

- Happy Hour - 4:00 PM
- Evening Campfire - 7:00 PM

Saturday— June 19th

- Morning Coffee - 8:00 AM
- Midday open for individual exploring of the Springville and Zoar Valley area
- Happy Hour - 4:00 PM
- Make your own Pizza Night - 6:00 PM Bring your own pizza makings. Boyd and Dawn have a pizza oven that have offered to fire up.
- Evening Campfire - 7:00 PM

Sunday—June 20th

- Morning Coffee 8:00 AM

Boyd & Dawn's: 7635 Zoar Valley Rd, Springville, N.Y.

Directions from the Thruway:

1. Exit 39 - Rt 219 south
2. 32 miles to exit NY-39
3. Turn right on to NY-39
4. 600 feet, turn left on to Zoar Valley rd
5. Boyd and Dawn's place is 1.4 miles on the left.

If you find yourself free next weekend and want to go contact Randy Hill directly!!

Note: After the rally if you need a dump station, Camping World in Hamburg has one available for Good Sam members, call 855-660-3857 for more information. There is also one at Springbrook Park about 11 miles away.

Note from Liz: Just did a quick search of the area and there's **PLENTY** of activities. What's your pleasure? Biking, fishing, hiking, breweries, wineries, golfing? Or chillin' at your rig and enjoying the day!!

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS IS:

<https://newyorkfingerlakes.airstreamclub.net/>

OR

find us on Facebook

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

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.

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| <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 Registration now open. Information on page 3 and Registration on page 11</p> | <p>Hickories Park Rally Owego, NY Hosts: John & Nancy Hussar</p> |
| <p>September 16th-19th</p> | <p>Fall NYFLAC RALLY Lakeside State Park Waterport, NY Host: Randy & Diane Hill</p> |
| <p>2022 EVENTS State Parks in the New York State Region More information to come later this year</p> | <p>So far we have plans for: Sampson SP Letchworth SP Watkins Glen Cooperstown</p> |



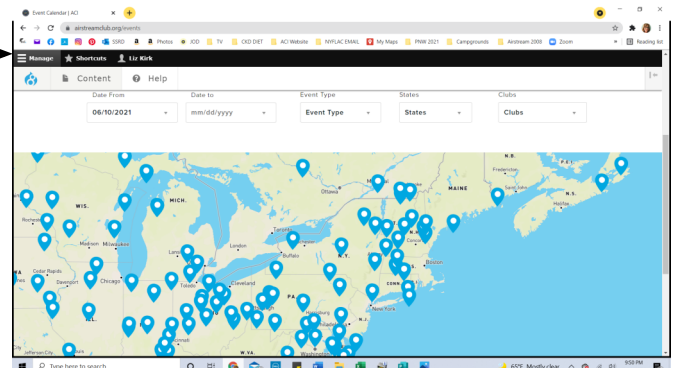
Have you ever seen this map?



It's a map of all Airstream Club rallies across the Nation.

Click on a blue marker and get information about a rally anywhere in the country. Are you travelling to another state this summer....it's likely there will be an event for you!

Log into <https://airstreamclub.org/events> and find your fun.



Rally in Hickories Park Owego, NY August 13-15, 2021



Back by popular demand!! We will be gathering in Owego, NY which was previously voted as the “Coolest Small Town” in the USA!!

Owego is 20 miles west of Binghamton. The beautiful county park is less than 2 miles off Route 17 (I-86), exit 65, adjacent to the Susquehanna River.



Friday evening will include a pizza and salad buffet followed by a short talk on near-by attractions, which include the local six antique carousels (rides are free) and local museums about companies that started in the area—showcasing IBM, Endicott Johnson shoe factories and Link (manufacture of flight and space simulators).

<https://thereshedgesagain.org/village-of-owego/>

The Very Charming Village of Owego in New York



Saturday will start with a full breakfast and allow plenty of time for touring or strolling through the village of Owego. Saturday evening we will enjoy dinner at a local hotel or restaurant (a la carte). Following will be entertainment.

<https://www.boboandchichi.com/2020/07/things-to-do-in-owego-new-york/>

BEST THINGS TO DO IN OWEGO NEW YORK – UP- STATE’S COOLEST TOWN

Co-host or hosts wanted!!

We would like a co-host or host to assist us with this rally, primarily with food preparation and distribution. Anyone who would like to gain experience for possibly being a future host would be greatly appreciated. Kindly contact Nancy or John if interested.

Call (607) 797-4083 or email hushearts@greygoosegraphics.com

Potpourri Page

Well loved 1989 Excella for sale

29 foot trailer
Twin rear beds
GREAT CONDITION



Stock photo—not actual trailer

For additional information contact
John and Nancy Hussar at
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Or call
(607) 797-4083

New deadline for submission to the
Grapevine newsletter!!

Please submit all information to Liz
[no later than the 7th of each month.](#)



Bob Wagner of Colton RV wanted me to let you know ...if you are in need of additional copies of the directory he has more available. You can contact him at buffalobob@coltonrv.com or let Liz Kirk know and she can pass along your request.

New York Finger Lakes
Airstream Club
2021 Member Directory



Wally Byam Airstream Club
Region 2
Unit 2

Ted Smith has discontinued his AOL email account. Please do not use! Replace with Ess18294@gmail.com



We'd like to
welcome our
newest member

Cindy Petti
Naples, NY



We need you!! We really, really do. Our little NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club desperately needs to fill the positions of 2nd Vice President and secretary or we risk losing our charter. If/when that happens we'll be incorporated into another club. If you're even a *tiny* bit interested please reach out to Randy, Gary, or any committee member for more information. We're a small group and work together well. You won't be sorry.

Or, if you have website development experience or mad-awesome computer skills I'd love to have help with our ACI Website (to be honest—for me it's a bear). I would be thrilled if someone more technical than myself could help me out!! Just let me know and I can fill you in on the details!!

Diane's Sunshine



Welcome everyone to June 2021 - I hope all our members are now safely back to their homes in New York and enjoying our beautiful but extremely humid weather! Now I'm not complaining, but it certainly feels good when you can be somewhere that has air conditioning!! I'm pretty sure that all of us hope this nice weather will continue for the next several months!

I think I can speak for all of us who attended our first meet-up/rally of the season at Sampson State Park that it was a great time, and we say "thank you" to the Russos and the Sweeneys for organizing this event. There was a total of 17 Airstreams which included some new members attending their first rally as well as several members from units in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The weather was beautiful and members were invited to take boat rides on Seneca Lake, evening movies, as well explore the many sites in and around Sampson State Park.

Our next meet-up/rally is being held the weekend of June 18th and 19th and being hosted by Boyd and Dawn Wible at their home in Springville, NY - right now, we have 6 trailers attending, but there is plenty of room for more. I think this is going to be both a fun and educational event - you'll have to attend to find out why!! Randy and I will be attending the Airstream International Rally next month - this will be our first one and I hope many of you are attending as well!

We want to wish the following members who celebrate their birthday in June a very "Happy Birthday"

Randy Hill - June 5
Paula Babcock - June 12
Ray Hoxie - June 15
Richard Peebles - June 23
Marilyn Keating - June 24

We also want to wish a very "Happy Belated Birthday" to Jack Kelley who celebrated his birthday on May 2nd!

For June, 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 June - I hope to see all of you at our next event a little later this month in Springville, NY at the Wibles' residence!!

Diane Hill, Sunshine Chair
#30876

See You Down the Road

Gary Russo, 1st VP

What a FANTASTIC start to the camping season! You could not have asked for a better weekend. Four hot sunny days in May. It felt like early August down by the lake. We were fortunate to be near Seneca Lake where Rick and Judy Luce gave scenic rides in their pontoon boat. We had 2 movie nights, showing RV and National Lampoon Vacation. Happy hour every night where there was plenty of fun renewing and making new friends.

Count them. **17 Big Red** numbers were at the rally. This is a great way to kick off the 2021 year. We even had a few trailers from the Watchung Unit check out Upstate New York. John Hussar, our Safety Czar, brought his propane leak sniffer and was checking trailers for leaks during the rally.

Suzanne and I had the chance to try one of the local wineries that had a scrumptious eatery attached to the facility. Other people from the rally were antique shopping, geocaching, bike riding, hiking, exploring other local wineries and checking out the Glenn Curtis Air Museum during the 4-day rally.

Little known fact that Sampson Park was a WWII Navy training facility and a Korean War Air Force training base. Here are a few of the attractions in the Seneca lake area.



Captain Rick Luce gave Pontoon rides during the weekend. Being on the lake gave us a break from the unusual heat wave.

We also had a Birthday Boy (Roy DeWitte) in our midst during our Rally! We'll keep the number a secret. Check out that cake made for him WOW!! Plenty of cake to go around.



Just a few of the 17 Rigs that made it to Sampson.

See You Down the Road—continued



We had our morning Standup Business meeting while being socially distanced.



And we never have a problem figuring out how to end the day!!! Refreshments and a movie.



If you didn't make this event, more rallies are on the docket this season!! SO, get on board to enjoy the outdoor activities.

See You Down the Road—continued

Also, we have already reserved 20 sites for next year at Sampson Park during the weekend just prior to Memorial Day weekend. So, keep a sharp eye out for the announcement in the Grapevine later this year. The theme for 2022 is starting to look like 'State Parks in the New York State region'. That's right, we are planning the 2022 year already, SO get ready to add Rallies to your 2022 calendar! We are taking an aggressive approach for next year. I have reached out to 8 New York State parks to explore having events at their facilities. Who would not like staying at one of the NYS parks to see the fall color foliage? Or try a hidden NYS park gem.

We are planning to move rally registration and payment to an online portal at the NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club website in 2022. This will reduce the pressure on rally volunteers having to keep track of registrant and monies. This will make signing up a one-stop activity. More on this in the following months. If you have any experience in website development, in particular Jot Forms and PayPal and would be interested in helping out Liz Kirk, she is more than willing to share one of her volunteer hats.



And, by the way, during the Winter months, we will be having events to keep non-migratory birds connected during the cold months while their trailers are winterized. We are hoping that Covid-19 will be in the rearview mirror!!

See you down the road,
Gary Russo, 1st VP

Let Me Have It....

Liz Kirk

Our little Grapevine Newsletter is always looking for "guest" authors, photographers, travelers and Airstream enthusiasts to contribute.

- * What great campground did you recently visit? **Tell us!!**
- * What trip did you just take that will interest our members? **Tell us!!**
- * What fabulous hike or bike trail did you discover? **Tell us!!**
- * What challenges are you having with your Airstream? **Ask us!!**

All you have to do is submit your article/review/question to Liz Kirk by the 7th of the month. I would **LOVE** to hear from you!!!!



Safety FirstALWAYS

John Hussar, Safety

For those of you heading out for your beginning of the camping season, consider checking a few things to make sure you and your loved ones will be safe this year:



Check that all of your alarms are in working order: fire, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. Replace batteries if necessary.



Check your “brake-away” brake system by jacking up one wheel - verify it turns freely – then pull out the break-away SWITCH near your hitch and verify the wheel locks up. If you haven’t done this lately, I suggest you check each wheel. I personally have found two wheels with broken wires feeding the wheel solenoids which disabled those brakes.



Check your fire extinguisher making sure pressure indicator reads pressure appropriately. Shake the extinguisher and use a rubber hammer to jar it to loosen the powder.



Check out your trailer electrical items, making sure appliances and lights/outlets all work.



Check your external lights to insure all are working. (brake, turn-signals and marker lights)



Check tire inflation (including spare).



Verify entrance steps work smoothly.



Maybe not a safety issue, but important, verify your TV/ antenna work properly. And don’t forget to put your antenna down before driving away.

I hope you have safe & happy travels.

John

Hickories Park Rally

REGISTRATION FORM

New York Finger Lake Airstream Club Rally

Location: Hickories Park, 359 Hickories Park Road, Owego NY, 13827

Dates: August 13-15, 2021

Cost: \$25.00 per night per trailer plus \$25 per person rally fee

Check-in: Any time after 1:00 pm on 8/13 (if you arrive earlier and a site is available you can park at any time)

Departure: By 12:00 pm on 8/15

Limit: 20 Trailers

Additional Information:

- Most of the sites will be in an area near a "clam shell band stand" and have water and electric. Sites are available with sewer hook-up at no additional costs but will be a short distance from our group
- If you would like to arrive at an earlier date or stay beyond Saturday night sites will be available. You will need to make arrangements directly with the Hickories Park office.
- Per person rally fee covers breakfast, coffee, pizza dinner and entertainment. Restaurant costs are not included.
- Link to park map [Owego Rally Registrartion.doc](#)

Please complete the following information:

Name(s): _____ WBCCI# _____ Trailer length _____

Address: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone/Cell# _____

Pets: _____ yes, _____ no (recommend you bring a current rabies certificate)

Rally Fee: \$25 per person Number of people in party X \$25 = \$ _____ (Rally fee)

Camping Fees: Fri _____ Sat _____ # nights _____ X \$25 = \$ _____ (camping)

Total Fees = \$ _____

If you would like a site with sewer (check this box)

Mail coupon and check payable to John Hussar by July 30 2021 to:

John and Nancy Hussar, 14 David Drive, Johnson City, NY 13790

Questions: Contact John or Nancy Hussar at hushearts@greygoosegraphics.com