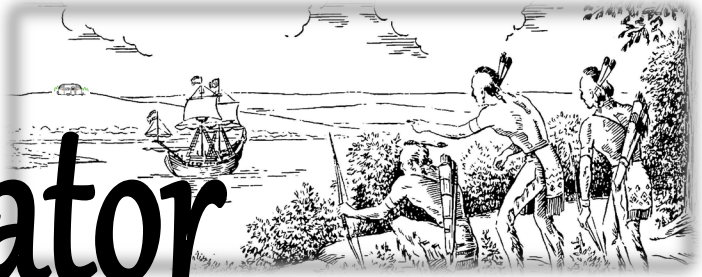


September 2021

# The Navigator

Hudson Mohawk NY, 0718



Indians watching Henry Hudson's ship, the Half Moon along the Hudson River.

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## President's Message

From Dan Steen

I had hoped by now Covid would be solidly in our rear view mirror. Unfortunately, the Delta Variant has other plans, so we will need to remain vigilant as we travel.

At our next few events we will be looking for members to host rallies for the next camping season, as well as hosts for our off-season lunches. Either can be as easy or complicated as you would like to make it. While we cancelled lunches last year for obvious reasons, in the past, they have been well attended.

The 2022 International Rally will be 7/23-7/29/2022 in Fryeburg, Maine. You can register by going to the member's only section of the Airstream Club Website. If you think you might go, register early; just make sure you understand the cancellation policy. Every site will have electric and water.

Historically, the club only announces the International Rally one year ahead. However, rumor has it that in 2023 rally will be June 25-July 2 in Rock Springs, Wyoming, at a venue with more than 1200 full hook-up sites. Yes, I said **FULL HOOK-UP** sites. Better yet, you can stay for up to two weeks after the rally for \$14 per night. If that proves to be true, this could be a good base of operations for a trip out west.

Enjoy the rest of our season. Stay safe. Hope to see you down the road.

Dan Steen, President

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## Newsletter Deadlines

- January Issue—December 15
- March Issue—February 15
- May Issue—April 15
- July Issue—June 15
- September Issue—August 15
- November Issue—October 15



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## 2021

September 9-12 2021		Installation Rally "The Villages at Turning Stone Casino"	Dan & Pat Steen 518-441-5280 pmsteen04@gmail.com
October 1-3 2021		"Chili" Weekend Schodack Island State Park 1 Schodack Way, Schodack Landing, NY	Bill Levy & Cindy Davis 845-235-9473 cindyldavis@aol.com

You still have time to reserve a site at both of these Rallies.  
What are you waiting for? There's a spot just for you at the campfire.  
Checkout all the information in this newsletter, need more info,  
just give the host a call or send an email.

**Come on out and join the fun!!**

**Save the date for...**  
**2022 International Rally**  
**July 23-29**  
**Fryeburg, Maine**



Who's ready for 2022?  
ME, Me, Me, I am!!  
Where do want to go?  
Lets fill our 2022 calendar of Events  
and get going!!

# REGION 2 NEWS

August, 2021

I'm writing this at a KOA on our trip home from Lebanon. Several other Airstreams are at the same campground, including a few couples from the Central Pennsylvania club. There's so much to talk about, and I hope I'm not blowing up everyone's newsletters. First, thank you, everyone, for the support you've shown Erica and I already, and it was nice to meet so many of you and reconnect with old friends. We're looking forward to being able to sit down with you around a campfire.

Unfortunately, our Canadian members were unable to attend the rally. The Region 10 flag wasn't present; there was an empty spot in the flagpole holder. It was a constant reminder of our missing friends in Canada.

My prediction for a polar vortex didn't pan out, but at least we didn't see extreme temperatures like we had during the 2019 Doswell rally. Most days topped out around 90°F (~32°C), so it was hot, but survivable. Mornings tended to be in the high 60s (16°C), though the humidity was always over 90%. The electrical system at the rally site was excellent; we had no problems with the air conditioner shutting off unexpectedly.

The rally was great – I heard the final count was around 780 Airstreams, and many people were first-time International attendees (something like 30% of the people there were first timers). We met many new people and caught up with old friends, and we found some time to explore Nashville. Our dog Sulley had a great time with long walks, visits to the dog park, and meeting many other Airstreamers and their dogs. I think he loves Airstream rallies as much as we do...maybe more.

Our Region 2 luncheon was a huge success. We had great food and great giveaways. The raffle for the biggest prizes generated \$675 for the local animal shelter "A New Leash on Life". Your generosity really came through. The shelter was thrilled with the donation, and, as animal lovers, Erica and I thank you, too.

Please join me again in thanking Rich for his efforts; in addition to his efforts for our region, he chaired a committee to improve membership benefits – the Michelin tire discount, for example – so his work has improved the club's offerings for everyone. We presented Rich and Kathi with a gift and plaque at the luncheon.

Various motions were passed during the International Board of Trustees (IBT) meetings; most of them were not controversial and passed easily. Probably the most exciting was that the 2023 International Rally will be held in Rock Springs, Wyoming, from about June 24 to about July 2. (Speaking of International rallies, registration for next year's rally in Fryeburg, Maine is now open. The dates of the rally are July 23-29, 2022.)

The one controversial topic was a motion to prevent the WBCCI from requiring proof of vaccination (or proof of exemption) for any event. This mostly affected caravans that are traveling between multiple jurisdictions and dealing with differing local requirements. Members submitted valid arguments for and against the policy, and although the motion passed, it was not a unanimous decision. The IBT felt that they had to clarify as much as they could, to avoid having the burden fall on event planners. The caravans will follow local or CDC guidelines, whichever is more restrictive.

One item brought for discussion (only – not voted upon) was changing the International positions to two years, instead of the current one-year term, and eliminating the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP position. Various members of the club had great arguments for and against this suggestion, so it wasn't immediately clear what was best for the club. President Tye Mott will appoint a committee to look into it and report back.

Now that International has ended, I am turning my attention to other things, including the Region 2 rally for 2022. Multiple people have offered suggestions and preferences, and I thank you for that feedback. My first goal is to nail down the dates and location, so that we can get them on everyone's calendars. More information will be forthcoming in my future notes.

There's so much more I could say about the last week or two, but I've taken up enough space in everyone's newsletters. Thanks for your time, and we'll see you down the road!

RJ Marquette, Region 2 President

September

Hello, everyone! With the decision to move to one member, one vote, everyone should check their accounts on the [Airstreamclub.org](https://airstreamclub.org) website. If you haven't already, get your account set up, then look yourself up in the membership directory and confirm the club has the correct information. Check your partner's information, too – when they transitioned to the new website, they needed unique email addresses for everyone, so (if they didn't already have a partner email's address) they added a "1" to the email address they had on the account. So, in our case, my address was [rjm1@yahoo.com](mailto:rjm1@yahoo.com), and Erica's was set to [rjm11@yahoo.com](mailto:rjm11@yahoo.com), which isn't an account we have. Send an email to [membership@airstreamclub.org](mailto:membership@airstreamclub.org) or call HQ at 937-596-5211 to get it straightened out.

Why is this important? Most importantly, because we'll all need to log in so we can vote for the International officers next year. It can also be important if you're an officer for your club or have a role such as the Webmaster. Beat the rush and fix your accounts now. HQ is eager to get this fixed for all members!

Does anyone else love camping in the Fall? It's a good thing we do, because we have no less than four trips planned between mid-September and the first weekend of November! I hope everyone else is getting to use their Airstreams – like an old Blue Beret said, "Non-use is misuse!"

In other news, look for an announcement about 2022 Region 2 Rally soon!

Until next time...

--RJ



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Dan Steen Barb Schultz Wendy Vettovali Bill Levy



Hudson Mohawk New York  
Attn: Wendy Vettovali, Treasurer 293 Reed Hill Rd Unit 071  
Tulonville, NY 12072

July 13, 2021

Dear Hudson Mohawk New York,

On behalf of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your recent generous contribution of \$132.

Our Foundation was started in memory of Firefighter Stephen Siller, who sacrificed his life on September 11, 2001 to save others by strapping 60 pounds of gear on his back and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers.

Since the founding of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, the Siller family has been inspired by good people like you who have joined us to show our heroes and the loved ones they have left behind that we will NEVER FORGET!

Because of you, our Foundation is able to continue our mission to "do good". Through your generosity, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation builds specially-adapted custom designed *smart homes* for catastrophically injured veterans and provides mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children.

Please know that your donation was applied as you requested. In compliance with the IRS Substantiation and Disclosure provisions for 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organizations, we affirm that no goods or services were received in exchange for your donation.

On behalf of America's heroes, thank you so much for your support! Let Us Do Good!

Warmest regards,

*Siller Family*

Siller Family & Tunnel to Towers Foundation

*Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Our EIN number is 02-0554654. Please retain this letter for your tax records and consult with your tax adviser regarding the deductibility of your contribution.*

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"The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a non-profit organization that honors the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country."

## ATTENTION

Are you looking for an exciting way to be involved in the Hudson Mohawk Airstream club! There is an opening for 2nd Vice President. Please consider filling this important roll in the club.

For more information contact:

Dan Steen

[dmsteen@gmail.com](mailto:dmsteen@gmail.com)

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528607020682777/>



## NEWSLETTER IDEAS OR SUBMISSIONS?

I welcome any comments and suggestions for articles you'd like to read. I would like to make the newsletter informative, entertaining and accurate. So, please feel free to send your suggestions or a story you would like to post. Thank You, Barbara

Send pictures, rally reports and club information to:

[hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com](mailto:hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com) for the newsletter.

Pictures can also be sent to Cindy Davis at:

[cindyvdavis@aol.com](mailto:cindyvdavis@aol.com) for our web page.

Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528607020682777/>



# CELEBRATING

## September

12 RJ Dominic 22356  
13 Kathryn Griffin 2813  
17 Polly Herring 1144  
29 Bill Levy 23673

Happy  
Birthday

## October

3 Sue Whittle 10565  
7 Lisa Beebe 6055  
21 Hartwell Herring 1144  
27 Connie Pearson 6232

## Happy Anniversary

September 4th, Don & Dee Perry 5031

September 6th, Richard & Kathryn Griffin 2813

Welcome Back!

Richard & Brenda Parker 10147

### Blog

Found My Other Sock By Karen Johnson 3233

Follow along on Karen and Doug's cross country trip in their Airstream "Miss Pickle", She's a 27ft International.

<https://foundmyothersock.wordpress.com/2021/08/11/the-big-tree-is-natures-forest-masterpiece-the-greatest-of-living-things-john-muir/>

## Ready to Tow in Style



Look at this awesome set up!  
That's a 1965 Chevy hitched  
to a 1969 Tradewind.  
Both were restored by  
Bill Schultz 5666





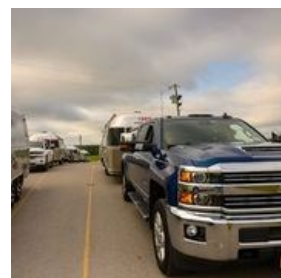
# 64th International Rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. July 17-24, 2021



This years rally in Lebanon, TN is now in the books. Due unforeseen circumstances, our planned contingent of five rigs was pared down to only two.

The Bergquists and Steens did our best to represent our unit!

We met on Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Nashville East/Lebanon KOA which was only a short distance from the rally site. The next morning we arrived at the Wilson County Fair Grounds together and, after a brief wait, were escorted to our sites. By some fluke of luck we were given sites intermingled with vintage units that were only a brief walk to most of the event venues. Check in opened at 1:00 PM and went very smoothly. Friday was a light day, although many of the vendors were open. That afternoon was rehearsal for the opening ceremony. One of our numbers takes the bottom half of the flagpole to the rehearsal.



The rally began to come to life Saturday. Business at the vendors who were open was brisk. Many vintage Airstreams participated in a parade, then filled out the vintage parking area. Late afternoon brought the Welcome Dinner, which consisted of a take out Pulled Pork sandwich, fries and coleslaw. Thanks to the rehearsal, the Opening Ceremony went quickly and smoothly as all the flags were presented and the officers introduced.



On Sunday afternoon, many of the vintage units opened up for tours.

The range of units, from original to fully redone, was amazing.

That evening the VAC hosted a social and a 60's dance.



Monday morning things were in full swing. Workshops were available on many subjects, including Solar, Dexter Axels electric basics and map decoupage, to mention just a small sampling of the offerings. The topics changed daily and something was available every day thru Friday. Tuesday was more shopping and workshops. Unfortunately, due to heavy rains flooding their site, the Bergquists had to relocate to dryer ground as their carpet was floating!



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## 64th continued

The delegates meeting was held on Wednesday where three constitutional amendments were passed. Our unit President served as our delegate. The Region 2 Lunch saw Rich Short thanked as the outgoing President and RJ Marquette introduced as the incoming President. That evening the Steens attended the Service Appreciation Dinner for local & regional presidents and international club committee chairs.

For a change of pace, on Thursday, over 400 Airstreamers went to a performance of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Performers included The Gatlin Brothers, John Conlee, Connie Smith, Riders In The Sky, along with relatively newcomers Parker McCollum and Lauren Alaina. Announcer Bill Cody acknowledged the Airstream presence in the audience to a loud round of applause and cheers.

Thursday also saw the opening of reservations for the next years rally in Fryeburg, Maine July 23-29, 2022.

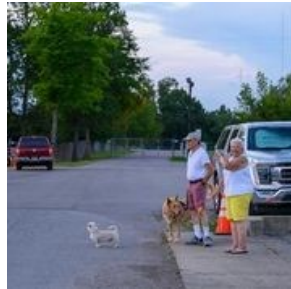


On Friday the Steens started home, stopping at Jack Daniels & Makers Mark, and then on to Jackson Center. On Saturday the Bergquists headed to a family event in Florida.

Overall, this was a well-organized and executed event. Power and water were adequate and stable. The main meeting hall was modern and well air-conditioned.

Food provided, while not without some hiccups, was better than some past events. While some individual sites got waterlogged due to heavy rain, there was no widespread disruption. The parking and check-in process was smooth. Three food trucks were on site for most of the event. The Ice Cream vendor who was at the Virginia 2019 Rally was back and he sold out two days before the rally ended. YUM.

We had a great time and hope our unit will be well represented next year!





*Cowboy  
Rally*

WELCOME TO  
**FRONTIER  
TOWN**



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

*August  
4th-9th*

Bill & Barbara Schultz, Pebbles

Larry Ascenzi, Drake

Hollie Bart, Flynnne

Bill Levy & Cindy Davis, Harry

Dan & Pat Steen

Bob & Joan Stevens

Stan & Tess Stoklosa

Richard & Brenda Parker

Russ & Rhona Fuller, Snoopy & Axe  
from Charter Oak Connecticut

Wow! Frontier Town Campground was a real winner. Large, easy back-in sites. The Equestrian and Stagecoach loops have electric hookups and water near each site. Bill and I were on site R043, it was huge. There are really great walking paths through out the campground that all our doggie pals enjoyed.

The days we were there were very hot, thank goodness for shade trees, electric hookups and air conditioners. There was just one evening with a few sprinkles of rain that sent us under the easy-up to keep dry.

The day time hours were spent exploring the all the local sights. Paradox Brewery right outside the gate was a great place to spend an afternoon having a beer and pizza while taking in the amazing view. Most of us visited the Adirondack Buffalo Company of North Hudson. It was a real unique store and fun to see the buffalo roaming in the pasture. You could get the best pie in the North Country there, at least that's what the locals say. The Star Trek Original Series Set Tour in Ticonderoga was visited. We were told if you wander off the marked paths you can find the old Frontier Town with a lot of the buildings still standing. You have to fight the weeds and bugs (lots of bugs) to get there but well worth the adventure.

There was a campfire every evening where we all gathered to talk about our day of exploring, our past adventures and our future plans.

A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to our next Airstreaming adventure

Barbara and Bill Schultz





Schultz & Stevens



Joan Stan



Dear Miss Barbara. Thank you so much for my red bandana. I love it and the fact that you remembered me [well, that's what my mom said anyway!] Sincerely, Flynn Bart



Barb & Joan



Hollie & Pat



Richard & Brenda



A little rain, no problem.  
We just moved under cover.



Evening campfire with Friends



Adirondack Buffalo Company of North Hudson



Schultz & Stevens at  
Paradox Brewery



Bill and Cindy' site



Larry



Goodbye Frontier Town



# Installation Rally

## September 9-12, 2021

### The Villages at Turning Stone Casino

5065 State Route 365 • PO Box 126 • Verona, NY 13478

turningstone.com Global Positioning: Latitude: 43°6'20.88"N • Longitude: 75°36'16.22"W

## Hosted by Dan and Pat Steen

I have a hold on 10 sites together. #621 to #630.

Dan and I reserved 630

If 10 trailers are coming, we get a 15% discount. If not, then the regular rate of \$45. Per night applies but they do honor Good Sam or triple A (10% off) but won't honor both.

Please call and make your own reservation but tell them you are with the Hudson Mohawk Airstream Group. (800-771-7711).

After Aug 9th they will be releasing any unreserved sites.

No food or activities planned.

If COVID is history by then

(what a wonderful thought)

We may have a pizza party!

Let's have a good turnout to welcome Bill Levy as President.

Please let me know when you make your reservation

**pmsteen04@gmail.com**





# October "CHILI" Weekend

October 1-3, 2021

Schodack Island State Park

1 Schodack Island Way, Schodack Landing, NY 12156

Hosted by Bill Levy & Cindy Davis

*It's going to be another "CHILI" weekend!*

And Bill has been practicing

Get out the crockpots,  
cast iron pots, or crack pots.

Anything goes.  
He's bound and determined, so let's  
give him some competition!

Recipe For: **FUN, Friendship, Food**

Ingredients:

We are in site Creekside 38!

Make reservations through **Reserve America** & Join the FUN!

Please let me know when you make your reservation  
and what site you will be on.

Cindy Davis **cindylvdavis@aol.com** or **845-227-8301**

