



The Grapevine

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The President's Corner

As I am writing this, Diane and I just returned from attending our first International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. As NYFLAC President, I had the privilege to representing our members at the opening ceremonies by carrying in our club flag. It was a lot of fun meeting all of the other club representatives as we waited for the ceremony to begin. I was a little unprepared as I did not bring a flag pole or have a white shirt. Thankfully our Region President, Rich Short, was able to loan me a flag pole and a quick trip to the shirt vendor, and I was set to go. Next time I will read the HQ emails more closely.



The rally had over 780 Airstreams in attendance from all over the US. About 1/3 of the attendees were first timers like Diane and I. This was a great turnout considering the past year we've all been through. Sadly, our Canadian friends to the north were unable to attend this year do to the US/Canada border being closed. We look forward to seeing them next year in Maine.

I was also our club delegate for the ITB meeting and represented the club voting on amendments. We passed three amendments to the Airstream International Club's constitution.

One of the amendments will change how we vote for international officers next year. Currently our trailers carry the big red numbers and technically they are voting for officers via a club delegate. In 2022 each member (main member and partner member) will get to cast their vote for international president and each vice president candidates. This may require you to login to the membership portal on the Airstream International Club website and make sure you and your member partners have an email address on file with the club. Instructions on how to vote and a link will be emailed directly to each member. I have looked at mine and Diane's, and I cannot see if she has an email address set up. Hopefully, correcting this should be as simple as opening a help ticket with the club IT team.

Also changing is when membership renewal will occur for members. Starting next year, some memberships will renew on the anniversary of the date you joined vs. year end. This will help spread out the work for HQ renewing membership throughout the year. For the most part, this change will only affect the "newer" members, as "older" members will continue to renew at the year end. It was encouraged that all members renew online to make it simpler for a club treasurer to manage. You can also renew your affiliate club memberships online.

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For us, it was a great experience as “first timers”! Everyone we met was very friendly and asked us if we were having a good time. We attended a number of the daily events and evening entertainment. We made many new friends - including two other couples that also have YouTube channels. On Friday morning, we all shared a stage together and talked about our experiences sharing our travels on social media. We would highly recommend checking out their YouTube channels - LovSub and WonderLocal - they both share some great weekly videos.

Next year's International Rally will be held in Fryeburg, Maine - July 23-29. Our new International President and friend of NYFLAC, Tye Mott, shared a presentation of the rally site during one of the evening entertainments. The rally will be held at a private fairground with 3000 campsites! The facilities look wonderful with nice size campsites. There are lakes and rivers nearby, and East Conway, NH is a 30-minute drive and offers plenty of restaurants and shopping with small town charm. Registration is open, so sign up and make your plans to join us next year.

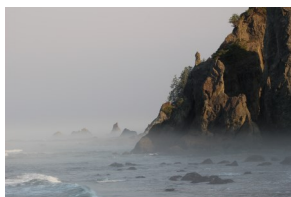
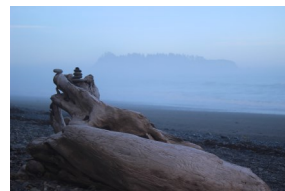
See you Down the Road...

Randy & Diane
BRN -30876

Gary Russo shared that his column “See You Down the Road” will return next month! He's been busy attending International Rally, visiting with family, vacationing and heading to the Hickories Park Rally!!

Greetings from Olympic National Park.

Charlie and I left Rochester on July 14th and headed out for a “bucket list” vacation traveling Washington and Oregon. We plan to do 1 month in Washington and another month traveling Oregon. We expect to be home the very end of September! Washington is everything we had hoped and we already have a list of places for next time.



Yep, I'm still doing the newsletter and keeping up as best possible given the sketchy cell and wifi service (actually I'm writing this article from Hoh Rainforest and have ZERO service at the moment).

I'll be getting out a ballot in the very near future so our members can vote in the upcoming election for Committee Members. I just ask for a bit of patience as things may take me a bit longer than normal. I hope everyone is making the most of their summer wherever you are!!

Liz Kirk



NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club 2021– 2022 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.

September 16th-19th

Fall NYFLAC RALLY Lakeside State Park

Waterport, NY
Host: Randy & Diane Hill

What to Do in Waterport, NY

Orleans County Tourism <https://orleanscountytourism.com/>

Wineries and Craft Beverages <https://orleanscountytourism.com/wineries/>

Sweet Tooth Calling you? <https://orleanscountytourism.com/sweets/>

Farm Markets, Maple Syrup, Nurseries and Green Houses, Alpaca, Seasonal Markets <https://orleanscountytourism.com/agri-tourism/>

If you don't feel like cooking <https://orleanscountytourism.com/restaurants/>

If water activities are your thing then check out the Orleans County Marine Park

<https://orleanscountytourism.com/recreation-leisure/ocmp/>

Trails for biking, hiking, driving <https://orleanscountytourism.com/tours-trails/cyclingtrails/>

Everything you need to know about fishing in the area <https://orleanscountytourism.com/fishing/>

Military Buffs may enjoy visiting the Military Memorials

<https://orleanscountytourism.com/history/military-memorials/>

Maritime History at Oak Orchard Lighthouse and Point Breeze

<https://orleanscountytourism.com/maritime-history/>

Cobblestone Museum and over 100 Cobblestone structures are in the area

<https://orleanscountytourism.com/cobblestone/>

If golfing is your game check out Hickory Ridge Golf Course and **RV Resort** (Who knew???) <https://www.hickoryridgegolfresort.com/rates>

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The following is FYI if you like golfing and RVing together

Medina Railroad Museum <https://orleanscountytourism.com/suggested-tours/> Start your railway tour at the Medina Railroad Museum, a 300' long freight house built in 1905, exhibiting railroad and firefighting history as well as housing the largest HO scale model railroad layout in the eastern US. Enjoy a leisurely 34-mile round trip, 2 hour themed excursion through the Erie Canal Heritage Corridor aboard a comfortable vintage passenger coaches between Medina & Lockport (reservations required).

In Albion, tour a church resembling a castle built by George Pullman, inventor of the rail sleeping car at East Park St., Albion (corner of N. Main St.). George Pullman (1831-1897), noted industrialist, was once a resident of Albion and later became the manufacturer of Pullman Railroad Cars. One of his local legacies is the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church in Albion, which he built in 1894 to honor his parents' memory. Includes several famed Tiffany Stained glass windows.

Country Barn Quilt Trail begins at [Partyka Farms](#) on Routes 272 & 18 just off the Seaway Trail. Pick up a map and step-on guide for a homespun tour of over 50 barn quilt patterns. The Barn Quilt Trail is about 21 miles long and takes a little over an hour to complete. Many of the quilt patterns have very interesting and sometime poignant backgrounds, with names like The Farmer's Daughter, Carpenter's Wheel, Circle the Field, and Joseph's Coat.



What to Do in Waterport, NY

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Cobblestone Trail on Ridge Road: The “Ridge” sits upon a ridge of sand once forming the shoreline of ancient Lake Iroquois before receding 10,000 years ago. It was first used by the Senecas and Iroquois, and in 1798 a road was traced through the forest near the ridge, transforming the trail into a stagecoach turnpike. Tillman’s Village Inn at Childs is the only surviving stagecoach stop. The Ridge is often referred to as “the road of the cobblestone houses,” for there are more such buildings along its 25 miles from Rochester than on any highway in America. The [Cobblestone Museum](#) in Childs is the only cobblestone museum in the world. It showcases the unique masonry construction method using stones rounded and polished into cobble by glacial action. Visit our [Cobblestone page](#) to view a map featuring over 100 cobblestone structures’ locations throughout Orleans County.

Orleans County Cycling Trail <https://orleanscountytourism.com/tours-trails/cyclingtrails/>

[Amish Country Cycling Trails](#) (Easy, Recreational & Challenging)

[Barn Quilt Cycling Trails](#) (Easy, Recreational & Challenging)

[Cemetery Cycling Trail](#) (Recreational)

[Cobblestone Cycling Trails](#) (Easy, Recreational & Challenging)

[Holley Cycling Trails](#) (Easy, Recreational & Challenging)

[Lakeshore Cycling Trails](#) (Easy, Recreational & Challenging)

[Sandstone Cycling Trails](#) (Easy, Recreational & Challenging)

[Erie Canalway Cycling Trail](#) (Challenging)

The Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (INWR) at 1101 Casey Rd, Basom (off Route 63 at the Genesee/Orleans County border) is over 10,800 acres of wooded swamp, marshland and meadows providing a stopping point for an estimated 100,000 Canada geese and 266 species of birds during their spring and fall migrations. Sixty species are considered year-round residents. Activities include nature trails, overlooks, photography blind (by permit), canoeing in designated areas, fishing, hunting (by permit) and cross country skiing/snowshoeing. The visitor center is open weekdays 7:30 AM-4 PM year-round and weekends 9 AM-5 PM spring and fall. Trails and overlooks are open sunrise to sunset, year-round. Fishing areas are open from sunrise to sunset within state seasons.



The Great Lakes Seaway Trail is a 518-mile scenic driving route that follows the shores of Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River in New York and Pennsylvania. Follow 25 miles along the Lake Ontario State Parkway and Route 18 in Orleans County. One of the first roads in America to be designated as a National Scenic Byway, the Great Lakes Seaway Trail includes unique historical locations such as the Oak Orchard Lighthouse in Point Breeze, cultural heritage sites as well as outstanding views and scenic vistas. Fish at the 2013 Ultimate Fishing Town of Point Breeze year-round. Schedule a drive on Tuesday evenings in July & August for a concert series in the Orleans County Marine Park or catch a Shakespeare in the Park performance in August.

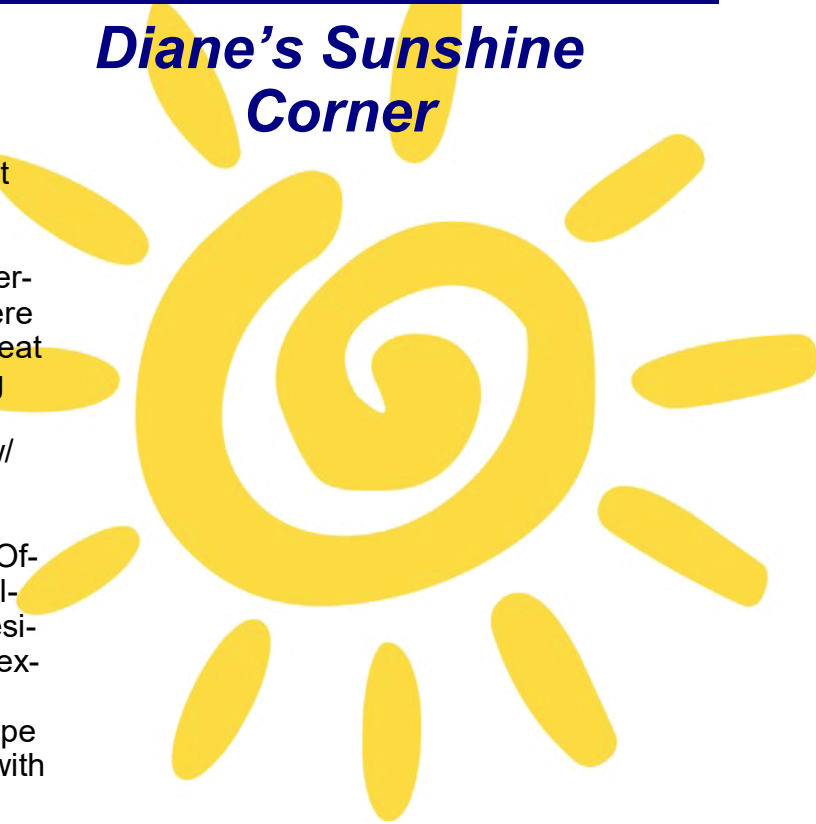
[Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor](#)

25 miles of the 360-mile Erie Canal cuts through Orleans County and includes 3 port villages: Medina, Albion & Holley. Year-round activities include:

- Hike or cycle the 25 mile stone dust towpath in Orleans County
- View the bluebirds at 180 nesting boxes in and around Albion
- Visit Holley Falls, Medina Falls & Aqueduct
- Drive under the Erie Canal at the Culvert
- When the water flows From Mid-April to mid-October, activities include canalside concerts and festivals at the ports of Holley, Albion & Medina. Boating canoeing, kayaking or stand up paddle boarding. Fishing for bass, catfish, carp, yellow perch, sunfish and more.

Diane's Sunshine Corner

Well, August is here, and we're already halfway through Summer! I hope with all the nice weather that we have been having, all of you have been out traveling and camping with your Airstream trailers! Last month, Randy and I, as well as several other members from our Airstream club attended the International Airstream Rally in Lebanon, TN - there were close to 800 Airstreams in attendance. It was a great week and a great rally with many fun events taking place - the Grande Old Opry, food and ice cream vendors, entertainment, presentations, a dog show/contest (unfortunately, we waited too long to enter our two), a flea market, many vendors, unit luncheons, and the installation of our new International Officers for next year. For those of you who do not already know - Tye Mott is our new International President. Anyone that knows Tye knows he will be an excellent president and will work tirelessly in his new position. For those that have not met Tye yet, I hope each of you gets the opportunity to meet and talk with him - you will be very impressed!



During the International Rally, Randy and I, along with two other couples who also have YouTube channels, did a presentation for anyone attending the rally who may have an interest in becoming a YouTuber or just had an interest in meeting us and talk about our YouTube channels. Our presentation turned out very well, and all six of us were quite surprised with the number of people that attended! In the next couple of weeks, our YouTube channel "Zephyr Travels" will feature our video of our time at the international rally - so please, be sure to watch!!

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



Gary Russo	July 30
Ann Jakob	August 9
Fred Curtis	August 18
Margo Underwood	August 24
Mark Sweeney	August 29

For August, we want to wish these couples a very "Happy Anniversary"

Mary Lou & Ross Perry	August 2
Connie & Ray Hoxie	August 25



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 at:

diane.hill@me.com.

As always - safe travels and stay well - enjoy your travels!

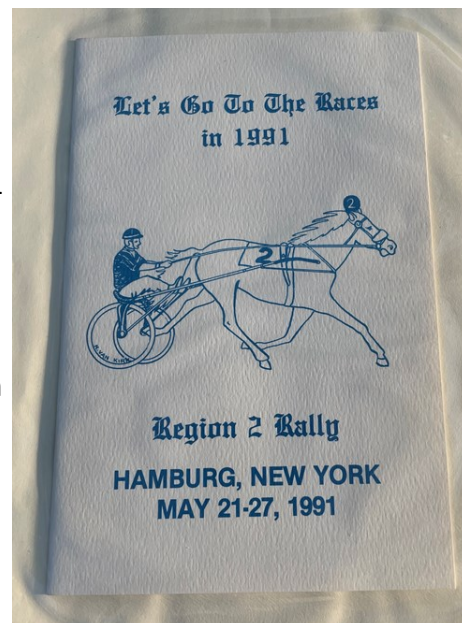
Diane
Sunshine Chair—#30876

NYFLAC Donation to Airstream Heritage Center

Recently I was contacted by a club member and learned of a number of items that belonged to the club that he had been storing in his garage for the past 20+ years. Jack and Trina Kelly had boxes of club history in the form of scrapbooks, newsletters, books, pictures, and other items that were given to them to store when the Rochester unit merged with several other New York units.



The Kelly's met us at the Sampson Rally where we were able to look over the items. They had a 20-year history of the Rochester unit with scrapbooks filled with pictures from rallies, newspaper articles, hard copies of old newsletters (I guess they were all hard copied back then) - all were neatly preserved in binders with protective covers. There were also two year books from the 1976 and 1978 International Rallies.



Jack said that they were in the process of downsizing and before discarding anything he wanted to see whether or not the club was interested in them. Not wanting to lose this history, but at the same time not wanting to store these items for the next 20 years, I set about finding the proper home for them.

John Anderson volunteered to scan all the documents, pictures, and newsletters, so that the club would have access to the digital items for years to come. This still left me with the question of what to do with the physical items.

At the Lebanon Rally I met Samantha Martin, the Archivist and Historian for Airstream's new Heritage Center in Jackson Center and Joe Peplinski, our WBCCI historian. After telling them what the club had I asked if Airstream or WBCCI would be interested in these items. WBCCI does not have the space for the physical item but was interested in the digital copies of the scanned documents. Samantha said that Airstream would be very interested in all of the physical items.

I just happened to have the two International Rally yearbooks with me in our Airstream trailer and shared them with both of them. Joe said that he recently purchased similar books on Ebay that were not in as good condition. I agreed to donate both books to the Airstream Heritage Center and will donate the remainder of the documents once they have been scanned.

I want to thank Jack and Trina Kelly for keeping these items in such good condition all of these years. Hopefully, some day in the future



Region 2 News

RJ Marquette, Region 2 President

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. 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 3rd 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](#)

A Bit of Constitutional and Bylaws Housekeeping (Simplified Version)

At the 2021 International Rally (IR) delegates approved three amendments to the WBCCI Constitution which will require local clubs to amend their Constitutions and Bylaws to be consistent with those of WBCCI.

Beginning in 2022 **EACH** member will be able to vote directly by electronic or mail ballot for the WBCCI International Officers. (Historically there was only 1 vote per registered household.) There will no longer be a need for IR delegate to represent local club voting.

Proposed amendment changes to the WBCCI Constitution **WILL** continue to require a Constitutional Delegates Meeting. Delegates from each local club will represent the vote of their club membership on amendments allowing for discussion on proposed amendments.

To address these changes each local club will need to amend their Constitution and Bylaws to reflect the changes made by the International Board of Trustees (IBT). A copy of the revised model was attached to this email.

The IBT also voted to allow any member of WBCCI (regular or member at large) to become an affiliate of a local club. Our club Constitution needs to reflect this change as well.

The IBT has changed membership renewal date for **new members** effective 8/1/202 to the date they join. As a result, bylaws for local clubs must be updated. All **legacy members** who joined prior to 8/1/2021 continue to have a December 31 anniversary date.

ALL members will renew their membership through Headquarters or Airstream Club International (ACI) for International, local and affiliate dues. This results in some changes in the duties of the Local Club Treasurer and should be incorporated into Local Club Bylaws.

Local Clubs who are not due (NYFLAC is NOT due this year) for review should make sure the changes are incorporated into their documents now. Remember, changes in your Constitution require approval of the Membership.

FULL TEXT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST!!

Here at the Grapevine newsletter we are 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!!](#) Submit your article/review/question to Liz Kirk by the 7th of the month. I would [LOVE](#) to hear from you!!!!