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The President's Corner

I am taking a break from packing for our Lebanon, TN trip to write this month's president's column. We leave tomorrow (July 6) and are planning on taking 10 days to get to the International Rally. Along the way, we are stopping in New River Gorge, West Virginia; Lexington, Kentucky; and parts of eastern Tennessee. We have traveled through these states before but never have taken the time to explore them - these are all new places that we have not visited and we are looking forward to seeing what they have to offer.

Speaking of places we have never visited before, this is our first International Rally since joining WBCCI. Years ago Diane and I attended an International Rally in Duluth, MN with my parents, but I don't remember much of it except for riding school buses everywhere. We are both looking forward to this rally. Having attended Alumapalooza twice, we really enjoy meeting Airstreamers from across the country. We have made many friends there and look forward to the opportunity to make new friends in Lebanon.

A couple months ago I answered a Facebook posting looking for rally attendees that also have a YouTube channel to participate in a panel discussion on what it's like to document your travel experiences on social media. Joining us on the panel are Rich & Cindy Collins from the YouTube channel "Luv Sub" and Daniel & Loren Fernandez from their channel "Wander Local". If you like RV travel videos on YouTube, I would suggest you check them out as they both post very interesting videos each week, and of course, if you haven't already, please consider following us on our channel "Zephyr Travels." Our panel discussion will be held on Friday, July 23 at 9:00 AM.

If you are attending the International Rally look us up and say "hello" or maybe we will see you at the Region 2 luncheon on Wednesday. Be sure to stop by our panel discussion on Friday to see what it's like to be Airstreaming YouTubers. I am hoping we don't end up talking to an empty room!

Well it's time to get back to packing. We leave early tomorrow morning, so everything needs to be done today. Wherever your travels take you this month be safe and enjoy your journey.

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



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.

August 13th-15th

Registration now open on our website at:

<https://airstreamclub.org/new-york-finger-lakes-airstream-club-rally-0>

OR

The June Grapevine newsletter located at:

<https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/June%202021%20NYFLAC%20Grapevine%20Newsletter.pdf>

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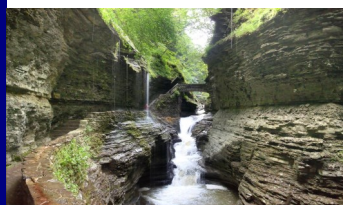
Our Facebook Page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472017733005344>

Hickories Park Rally

Owego, NY

Hosts: John & Nancy Hussar



September 16th-19th

Fall NYFLAC RALLY Lakeside State Park

Waterport, NY

Host: Randy & Diane Hill



2022 EVENTS

“State Parks in the New York State Region”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Hosts and Co-Hosts needed for 2022 events

Sampson State Park - May 19-22

Watkins Glen State Park - June 9-12

Dawn & Boyd Wible's Place—
Springville, NY June 17-19

Letchworth State Park Sept 8-11

Shadow Brook Campgrounds (Private park) Cooperstown are
Date TBD



Diane's Sunshine Corner

Welcome to July and best of all - welcome to Summer! I hope all of you enjoyed your July 4th holiday weekend and were able to tolerate our extremely hot and humid weather!! I shouldn't complain - at least we are not in the triple digits like out West, and we have had some rain!

I know that I speak for all those that attended the rally last month hosted by Boyd & Dawn Wible at their home in Springville, NY that we had a great time! We were treated to a couple of nature walks, a visit to a cricket farm, a pizza party where individual pizzas were made in a wood-burning pizza oven, and exploration on and around the Wible's property. For me, I especially enjoyed visiting the cricket farm - "Perfect Protein" is a new business located on Franklin St. in Springville - owned and operated by the Wibbles & Nick Alexander. I am not going to tell you everything about the business - you will have to visit yourself! However, if you really cannot wait to learn more about this exciting and interesting new business, you can check out our video on our unit's Facebook page or you can find it on Randy and my YouTube channel "Zephyr Travels".

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



Nancy Hussar and Clyde Millspaugh - July 13

Richard Coke - July 24

Donald Farmer - July 25

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

Paula & Jim Babcock - July 8

Esther & John Dona - July 12

Christine & Rick Ganz - July 24

Amy & Richard Peebles - July 30



As always, if I have missed your 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.

For those attending the International Rally a bit latter this month, we look forward to seeing you there! Our next club rally is planned for August 13 - 15 and will be hosted by Nancy and John Hussar - hope to see many of you there!

Until next month - stay well and stay safe - enjoy your travels!!

Diane

Sunshine Chair - #30876

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

Dawn and Boyd Wible Knocked it Out of the Park!!



Holy Smokes (or should I say Holy Wood Fired Pizza) did the Wible's ever put on a great rally weekend!! Dawn & Boyd opened up all of their property for us to park and roam. They were over-the-top welcoming!!



First off...WOW....just WOW!

Their property is gorgeous with over 250 acres stretching down to the Cattaraugus Creek at the upper end of Zoar Valley with trails everywhere! Some of us hiked down (and back). Others explored with Boyd on his 4-wheeler. At every bend there was a cabin, or tepee, or pond, and even a historical cabin.



Back at the house it was a treat to gather on the patio (which Dawn built!!) to relax and swap tales. This patio also houses an outdoor wood-fired pizza oven (which Dawn also built). It takes about 6 hours for the oven to come to temperature and only 4 minutes to bake your pizza. But we made lots and lots of pizza. We ended up eating our pizza in a horrific downpour which only added to the ambiance of the evening. What's a rally without a really good rain?



They even arranged for us to participate in a nature presentation through The Nature Sanctuary Society of WNY. Experts were in attendance from the Buffalo Botanical Gardens and the Buffalo Zoo to lead us and answer any questions. We learned the difference between a bog and a fen. This particular weekend pitcher plants were blooming in the bog and rare ladies slipper orchards were in full display at the fen.



And the learning curve continued when we got a tour of Perfect Protein. Boyd and his partner farm crickets and turn them into protein packed treats, bars, powders and pasta!! Most everyone gave the treats a try and agreed they were yummy. To learn more about the perfect, environmentally friendly cricket protein business click here:

<https://www.wkbw.com/news/local-news/local-farmer-eats-crickets-and-thinks-you-should-too>



To Rivet or Not To Rivet...That is Today's Question

Before I took MaryAnn (our 22ft) out to Sampson SP last month I discovered two interior rivets had popped. First off, three years ago I would have been mortified to see popped rivets and second to attempt to replace them!

Two years ago, at the Doswell VA International Rally I had one pop. With the wealth of Airstreamers around me I reached out for guidance. I had the good fortune to run into a seasoned Vintage Airstreamer who showed me in less than 5 minutes what I had to do.

She stopped over and had a small bag with the following items in it:

- 1 compact cordless drill
- 1 pop rivet gun
- 1 container of 1/8" aluminum pop rivets *make sure the rivets are aluminum!
- 1 drill set
- 1 Needle nose pair of pliers (optional)



The following steps will remove the shank of the rivet left in the hole:

1. Place the 1/8" drill bit into the drill. Place the drill bit into the rivet hole and **Slowly** drill out the rivet shank. DO NOT use high speed when doing this, otherwise the drill bit will pop out of the hole and most likely scratch your interior.
2. As you drill out the shank of the rivet you will meet some resistance. Continue to push ever so slightly and you will push through.
3. Remove the drill and set this aside.
4. Place 1 aluminum rivet into the pop rivet gun and push the ball end of the rivet into the now cleared hole.
5. Push the rivet so that it is flush with the interior surface of the trailer.
6. Pull the pop rivet handle till you get a 'POP.' 2-3 pulls of the handle should do it.
7. The long stem should be in the pop rivet gun. You can discard this part. If the stem is left in the hole remove it with a pair of needle nose pliers.
8. You have now repaired the popped rivet!

I recommend a compact drill so that you can get into the tight spaces in or near the cabinets.

After the 2nd time, you will feel like a pro at this!

Submitted by Gary Russo

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!!!!

Region 2 News

RJ Marquette, Region 2 President

Hello, everyone! I'm writing this about two weeks before we leave for International. I'm looking forward to a great International, but I'm sorry our Canadian members won't be able to make it. We'll miss you!

I hope that the hot weather we're experiencing now is not a preview for Lebanon. A 30' trailer with one air conditioner is not a great setup in extreme heat, as we learned in Doswell. Therefore, I am predicting a well-timed Polar Vortex that will keep the highs in the 70s each day.

We have about 70 people signed up for the luncheon at International. If you are going to International and haven't signed up, please consider joining us; there's still time! We'll have food from a local restaurant, giveaways from places like Colonial Airstream, and we'll thank Rich and Kathi for their service to the region and the entire WBCCI. Erica and I are looking forward to meeting members from around the region.

After International ends, I want to start planning a Region 2 rally for next year. If you have a recommendation for a location, or if you want to volunteer to help with the planning, please let me know!

My goal is to visit each of the 15 local clubs at least once during my term. At the moment we've planned outings with Keystone, Penn-Lehigh, Central Penn, Delmarva, and Washington DC this fall or next spring. We'll get more on our schedule as rally plans are finalized.

I'm already looking forward to the 2022 International Rally in Maine. Erica and I briefly visited Maine for a wedding a few years ago, and we knew immediately we wanted to see more of that beautiful state. Signup begins during International this year.

—RJ Marquette (#13270)



Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day National Event Rally October 8-11, 2021 Leicester, VT



I am sending everyone from the Finger Lakes Airstream Club an invitation to join us for the upcoming National Event Rally.

One of our most popular rallies in the Northeast is the Columbus Day / Canadian Thanksgiving Day National Event Rally. In the past we have had members from all over the country attend this Rally. It's known as a 'foodie' weekend, with everything made on-site, even the full Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings on Saturday. The fall colors in Vermont have never failed us, which have always been spectacular. And even the weather is always on our side, warm days and cool nights. Our campfire in the central gathering area is always going and a popular hangout spot. There is a link to the event on the Cape Cod Website, or use the attached flyer to reserve your site.

<https://airstreamclub.org/events?list=1&from=09/13/2020&to=&type=-1&state=-1&club=46088>

The surrounding area offer a lot to be discovered. Micro-breweries everywhere. Great Restaurants, hiking, biking trails, museums, and popular tourists' attractions, and don't forget the local shopping at unique stores for those hard-to-find gifts.

Be sure to sign up soon as we are filling up fast.

I will see you there,
RJ Dominic

Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving National Event Rally

October 8th thru 11th, 2021

Country Village Campground
40 US Route 7, Leicester, VT 05733



Hosted by: RJ Dominic & Tye Mott
The Cape Cod Mass Airstream Club

For any questions please contact:

RJ Dominic at rjdominic@airstreamclub.net or Cell: 914-204-6190



Thursday, October 7	10:00am - Early Arrival 4:00pm - Happy hour and TBD (usually a group to a local restaurant)
Friday, October 8	8:00am - Breakfast 10:00am - Arrival to campground 4:00pm - Happy Hour, meet and greet, TBD, (usually pot luck or heavy happy hour)
Saturday, October 9	8:00am - Continental Breakfast 3:00pm - "Smoked" Turkey Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings. If you would like to contribute a dish please contact RJ 5:00pm - Dessert happy hour. Bring your favorite dessert and fall beverage and enjoy the campfire.
Sunday, October 10	8:00am - Pot luck breakfast. 4:00pm - Wine and cheese happy hour. We will supply the cheeses, you bring your favorite bottle of wine or other beverages to share if you have a special appetizer bring that also. 5:30pm - Dinner on your own, there are great restaurants in the area or have an impromptu pot luck.
Monday, October 11	8:00am - Coffee and departure

Check out by noon today. NO LATE DEPARTURES

Please note.. We will be strictly following Vermont's Covid Guidelines for this Rally. Which means that gathering size, and meal service may have to be altered some what. This will still be a 'foodie' weekend with continuous bonfires and a great time. We want everyone safe and healthy!



If there are dietary concerns, please call RJ ahead of time.

Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving National Event Rally, October 8th to 11th, 2020

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

WBCCI No: _____ Please note: This is a WBCCI National Rally and only units made by Airstream may participate.

Rig Size: _____ Plate Number & State: _____

Tow Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Plate Number & State: _____

Rally Fees: \$170.00 - One person three night stay. \$185.00 - Two persons three night stay. Add'l nights _____ X \$35.00

Additional fee per person for more than two in a camper: \$35.00 Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please complete the flyer and mail/email to Eddie Carll, ecarll62@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 1811 Plymouth MA 02362.
You do not need to send money now as Eddie will invoice you as the rally gets closer. Thank you

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)

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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