



# The Grapevine

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NY FINGER LAKES AIRSTREAM

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## The President's Corner

Two years ago at a club rally in Western New York, our second rally with the club, I was approached by members of the club's executive board with a question they wanted to ask me. At the time, our club, like many Airstream clubs, was in transition with declining membership as older members got out of camping or transferred to clubs down south. Fewer new members were joining. At one of the business meetings I spoke up with ideas on how the club could grow the membership. Apparently, I made an impression, as the board asked if I would consider becoming president of the NY Finger Lakes Club.

I had a lot of ideas that I thought would help grow the club, many from our membership, as I listened to all of you - ideas like growing our social media presence with a Facebook group, changing the club's name from "Unit" to "Airstream Club" so members would know that we were a camping club and not a military unit, and updating our Constitution to reflect how we could communicate and conduct business electrically vs by the postal system. These changes, along with many others, were made possible with the support of the members of our Executive Board.

Back in the fall of 2019, no one thought our world would change so much in the next six months. All rallies were canceled and "Zoom" meetings replaced in-person meetings. Through all of this, our club found a way to safely get together in small groups as camping meet-ups replaced rallies. During this time, Diane and I got to meet many new members that have not been to a club event before who came out for a "meet-up" at one of our awesome state parks.

As more people discovered that RVing was a safe and fun way to travel, something our members had always known, our membership started to grow. Each month we were getting notices of new Airstream owners finding our club. This has stopped the decline in membership, keeping us at about 60 Big Red Numbers as of the time I am writing this column.

Our club is in a better place now than it was two years ago, and this is all because of the great group of people that volunteer their time to keep this club moving forward. Without all of you sharing your spare time, this club could have faded away like some of the other clubs have done in the past.

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Charlie Kirk (3 yrs.)

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**Sunshine:** Diane Hill

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I am encouraged to see that for the first time in a while we are back to having nearly every club officer role filled. Thank you to John Andersen, Chris Cappelletti, and Dick Saxton for volunteering, and to Charlie Kirk, Jim Gillio and Ted Smith for continuing in their roles for the next year. I want to give a special "thank you" to Gary Russo for being my VP for the past two years. Gary has been one of the most enthusiastic members of the club - full of great ideas and energy. I have enjoyed our many talks - many times he brought a different perspective that was greatly appreciated.

One of the most important roles of the club is our Newsletter Editor. Without Liz, the President would not have a voice. Every month, Liz brings our members together with the publishing of our newsletter - "The Grapevine." It is here where we get to find out what is going on with our club and its members - I think I can speak for all of us and say "Thank you" Liz for keeping us connected each month

This club is in good hands with all of you.

Lastly, but maybe most importantly, I want to thank Diane, for her support during these past two years. When the Executive Board asked me to be President, I know you had questions - that this was maybe too much to take on with all the travel we had planned. With your help, we made it an enjoyable experience for both of us.

To all the members of our club, being President and First Lady of the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club has been an honor for Diane and I. Getting to meet many of you during these two years, and making new friends, has been the most rewarding part of being president.

For those of you who haven't gotten out to a rally or club event yet, what are you waiting for? Next year's calendar is looking great with five rallies proposed already - make plans now to attend your first rally in 2022! It will be a start of many great adventures.

See you down the road,

Randy & Diane  
BRN 30876



**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/)

# You Voted and the Results Are In...

35% of our membership participated in this election.  
Each position received 27 votes in favor of electing the following members:



**President  
Gary Russo**



**1st Vice President  
Dick Saxton**



**2nd Vice President  
Chris Cappelletti**



**Board of Directors  
1 Year  
Jim Gillio**



**Board of Directors  
2 Year  
Charlie Kirk**



**Board of Directors  
3 Years  
John Andersen**



**Treasurer  
Ted Smith**



**We are still in need of an  
individual to volunteer for  
recording secretary.**

## NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club 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.

<b>TBD</b>	<b>Zoar Valley Hosts: Boyd and Dawn Wible</b>
<b>May 19-22</b>	<b>Region 2 2022 Rally Delaware State Fairground Harrington, Delaware</b>
<b>June 9th-12th</b>	<b>Watkins Glen State Park Watkins Glen, NY</b>
<b>June 23rd—26th</b>	<b>Sampson State Park Romulus, NY</b>
<b>July 23-30, 2022</b>	<b>65th Annual WBCCI International Rally Fryeburg, Maine</b>
<b>September 8th-11th</b>	<b>Letchworth State Park Castile, NY</b>

## See You Down the Road.....

Gary Russo, 1st Vice President

What a whirlwind summer camping season! We started off at Sampson State Park and are ending the season at Lakeside Beach State Park. In between, we had a trip to Arkansas to pick up a new (to us) trailer. We had been looking for the last year or so for a 25ft. and a deal came around that we could not pass up. But, but we had to go to Arkansas to pick it up!

This week at Lakeside, Tye Mott will be officiating at the installation of new officers. As the incoming president, I want to thank Randy Hill for his leadership during the past two years. During the Covid - 19 year many challenges were thrown at him. One was club continuity. His long-term vision for the club laid down the path for myself and the new officers to follow. Again, I want to thank Randy for his leadership.

We are already in the planning stages for next years' get togethers. For Region 2/NYFLAC/WBCCI, we have the following park camping dates reserved:

- Region 2 Rally, Delaware State Fairground, Harrington, Delaware, May 19-22 (contract to be finalized)
- NYFLAC Watkins Glen State Park, June 9-12
- NYFLAC Sampson State Park, June 23-26
- WBCCI International, Fryeburg, Maine, July 23-30
- NYFLAC Letchworth State Park, September 8-11
- NYFLAC Zoar Valley with Boyd and Dawn Wible TBD

For the NYFLAC events, we currently have blocked off 20 sites with electric for each event. SO, you **don't** need to go online and use Reserve America. The club is dealing directly with park management. With that said, we always need volunteers to be contact points. John and Kathy Andersen, and Dick and Cora Saxon have already volunteered for 2 of the 3 events. The club is only as strong as the number of volunteers to support activities. Therefore, start saving the dates on your 2022 calendar!

But wait there is more...once Covid-19 is behind us we will be doing winter get togethers. The plan would be having monthly Wine and Cheese parties at private homes (TBD) or meet and greets at local restaurants for those who can attend.

As always, new and fresh ideas are welcome. Liz Kirk is always looking for articles for the monthly newsletter.

See you down the road,  
Gary Russo, 1st Vice President



## Diane's Sunshine Corner

Welcome to SEPTEMBER! It's hard to believe, but fall is fast approaching and with that comes fall camping. For those of us who travel to warmer and milder climates for the winter months it's time to get those travel plans in order! This winter, Randy and I, along with our dogs - Monty and Zephyr, will be packing up our Airstream and traveling again to the South-west section of the United States. This trip we plan to travel to some different areas, as well as some of the same areas we did last year with hopes to get to the west coast and visit the states of California and Oregon.

I know many of you have received your Covid vaccine and now feel more comfortable about traveling - not only in your Airstream but to your winter homes as well! I hope none of your properties has received any damage from the recent storms and flooding that we have been hit by!

Last month, Randy and I, along with several others from our club, attended a rally at Hickories Park in Owego, NY hosted by John and Nancy Hussar. Even though John and Nancy recently sold their Airstream they were gracious enough to still want to host our rally! I think I can speak for all those that attended (including some new members), everyone had a great time - great conversation, great food, great entertainment - the parks itself is beautiful that not only offers camping, but many other fun activities to do as well!

For any of us who decided to travel outside the park, there was plenty to see and do including visiting the six antique carousels located around the area - all of them were open, and for those who chose to ride the carousel, each one was free! For anyone who took the opportunity to ride all six, you were given a nice commemorative button to keep as a souvenir!

We wish the following members who celebrate their birthday in September a very "Happy Birthday"



John Hussar - 9/8  
Philip Town - 9/22  
Shirley Trubia - 9/26  
Donna Smith - 9/29  
Suzanne Russo - 9/30

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

Jim and KC Gillio - 9/4  
Randy and Diane Hill - 9/16  
Mark and Mary Sweeney - 9/16  
Kathy Herrera and Jill Freidmutter - 9/18  
Donald and Mary Farmer - 9/29



I hope all of you have enjoyed my "Sunshine" columns and bringing it back to our newsletter. Starting next month Suzanne Russo will become our Sunshine chairperson. I want to thank all of you for reading my columns, and I know Suzanne will do a great job!

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

Diane Hill BRN 30876

## It's Time for 2022 Membership Renewals!

Greetings from your Treasurer Ted Smith,

Amanda Hughes, Membership Coordinator, has informed me that WBCCI will begin to notify members directly for the 2022 membership renewal process starting September 1<sup>st</sup> by e-mail, postcard and/or social media. **Members who joined prior to 2021, your expiration date remains December 31<sup>st</sup>. Members who joined after July 1, 2021 your renewal and anniversary date is the date you joined. The following may not apply to members who joined after July 1, 2021 at this time.**

- International dues for 2022 are \$75.00
- NYFLAC dues remain \$10.00.
- A “members-only” self-service portal has been launched at <https://airstreamclub.org/renew> and members will be able to view their account.
- Payment accepted through Pay Pal or credit card.
- Affiliate members are able to renew on line at the same time.
- Life members must go through the renewal process to pay dues.
- As Treasurer I get notified when WBCCI sends your unit dues electronically to our club checking account twice a month.
- Do you have a seasonal address? To have this address included in the directory please complete the NYFLAC 2022 Dues/Directory Form found on page 10 of this newsletter.
- New members, it is helpful to have you complete the NYFLAC 2022 Dues/Directory Form as well to be sure we include accurate information in the 2022 NYFLAC Directory.

Members who do not wish to, or can not, renew on-line have the following options:

- Complete the dues/directory form found on page 9 of this newsletter. Send a check in the proper amount made out to WBCCI-NYFLAC to Ted Smith and I will forward the International portion to WBCCI.
- or
- Call Amanda Hughes at WBCCI Headquarters and she will help you renew your membership over the phone with a credit card. Her number is 937-596-5211.
  - Please review the NYFLAC 2021 Membership Directory and International Directory for accuracy.
  - If there are no changes send the treasurer a check in the proper amount made out to NYFLAC, and a note that everything is the same as last year, and I will forward your international dues directly to WBCCI.

Past members who have sold their trailers and wish to continue receiving The Grapevine, as well as attend functions as a guest, may do so by paying club dues only.

Due to increasing postage costs our Executive Committee voted to discontinue mailing hard copies of our newsletter “The Grapevine” starting January 2022. The newsletter will continue to be electronically delivered as well as being available on our New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club Website and on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me or e-mail me at: [ess18294@gmail.com](mailto:ess18294@gmail.com) or 315-408-9812.

Sincerely,  
Ted Smith # 18294

## Region 2 News

RJ Marquette, Region 2 President

Hello, everyone!

With the decision to move to one member, one vote, everyone should **check their accounts** on the [Airstreamclub.org](https://www.airstreamclub.org) website. If you haven't done so already, please 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 Airstream Club International 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. 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 will each 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 Marquette, Region 2 [President](#)

## Let's offer a warm welcome to our newest members

Bob and Debbie Buckborough—Los Angeles, CA

Ellen and Craig Cramer—Ithaca, NY

Valerie and Joseph Jacoski—Sayre, PA

Diana McIntosh—North Tonawanda, NY

Dick and Cora Saxton—Wayland, NY







### N. Y. FINGER LAKES AIRSTREAM CLUB 2022 DIRECTORY/DUES FORM



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer No. \_\_\_\_\_

Summer address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates for Winter Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail addresses: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(required to receive electronic newsletter)

Birthday: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary date: \_\_\_\_\_

Courtesy Parking ? YES NO

- 
- WBCCI dues \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  - (Life WBCCI members pay no International dues) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Unit dues \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Affiliate members \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Through what unit do you pay your International dues  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to: **WBCCI - N.Y.F.L.A.C.**

Mail your check and this form to: **TED Smith, Treasurer  
PO Box 226  
Chaumont, NY 13622**



### NEW YORK FINGER LAKES AIRSTREAM CLUB 2022 DUES/DIRECTORY FORM



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_, First: \_\_\_\_\_, Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_, Trailer No. \_\_\_\_\_

Summer address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates for Winter Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ (required to receive electronic newsletter)

Courtesy Parking ? YES NO

- I do NOT want to receive a print copy of the Blue Beret
- I do NOT want to receive a print copy of the Annual Directory
- I do NOT want my contact information included in the PRINT directory
- I do NOT want my contact information included in the DIGITAL directory

WBCCI dues \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Life WBCCI members pay no International dues) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit dues \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate members \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Through what unit do you pay your International dues:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to: **WBCCI - N.Y.F.L.A.C.**

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