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See page 8 for update on Membership Directory distribution.

The President's Corner

February started off with just a little snow here in Upstate NY. Last week, when the Nor'easter came through, we only got 16 inches of the white stuff. On top of what we already had on the ground, the snow pack is now at the height of our mailbox! Check out the photo Suzanne shared in her Sunshine message. I'm the one in the red jacket....

The May 19-22 Region 2 Rally at the Delaware State Park is in the final stages of planning. The online registration should be live in the next week or two.

Speaking of rallies, the reservations are coming in fast and furious for our 1st Rally of the year at Watkins Glen State Park.

The Gillio's and the Russo's are working on the Sampson Rally theme. We are currently having high level negotiations with Colonel Tom Parker (Hint Hint)!

I am hoping to have a lunch get together at Wagner's Vineyards on Saturday, March 19th or 26th, once their restaurant is open. They have a café along with tours & tastings at a decades-old lakeside winery and a brewery. More information to follow.



It's a short month so this a short update.
Gary Russo, NYFLAC President

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Thank you for your patience as I work on our new and revised Membership Directory. It was not a big surprise to find a few errors and up-dates that required addressing. All will be corrected in the next distribution.

My apologies to the Ferguson's as I misspelled your name in the directory. I had used a find/delete tool to remove all of the USA and US country designations. This removed all of the names that had "us" like the Russos. I thought I found them all - but I definitely missed yours.

I also owe the Hefferman's an apology as they were left out entirely. They have been on our contact emailing list but I was missing the remaining information.

I have added the following designations: (L) for Life Members and (A) for affiliate members. Everyone else is considered a Club Member.

In the past we designated if a Club Member offered Courtesy Parking. I chose to eliminate this as members can change their Courtesy Parking offering whenever they want through their ACI directory page. For the most accurate information it's best to refer to the current Courtesy Parking on-line. Directions for how to access ACI Courtesy Parking can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

REGISTER FOR WATKINS GLEN RALLY WITH ONE CLICK

Register for the Watkins Glen Rally using the following link:
<https://form.jotform.com/002newslettereditor/watkins-glen-rally-2022>

This link takes you directly to an online form containing the exact same information as found in the traditional paper registration.

It's **SO EASY!!**
Hosts will be notified **IMMEDIATELY.**

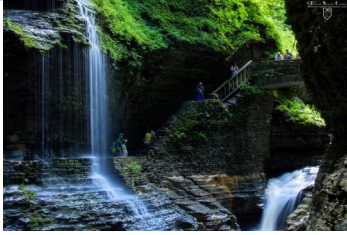
But don't forget to send the check right away to secure your spot. All sites are on a first come, first-serve basis.

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS IS:

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

OR
find us on Facebook

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



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.

Reservations are not yet open for Sampson or Letchworth State Park rallies. Once the hosts have determined their agenda, costs, etc. we will open up the registration process. You may contact the rally host and inform them of your interest but you will not be fully registered until the registration form and fees have been received.

TBD - Sat., Mar. 19th or 26th	Wagner's Winery/Brewery Host: Gary Russo
May 19th-22nd	Region 2 2022 Rally Delaware State Fairground Harrington, Delaware
June 9th-12th Registration is filling fast!!! See page 2 for easy, one-click registration	Watkins Glen State Park Watkins Glen, NY Hosts: John & Cathy Andersen
June 23rd—26th	Sampson State Park Romulus, NY Host: Gary Russo Co-hosts: Jim & KC Gillio
July 1st—5th	Zoar Valley July 4th Bash Hosts: Dawn and Boyd Wible
July 23rd-30th	65th Annual WBCCI International Rally Fryeburg, Maine
September 8th-11th	Letchworth State Park Castile, NY Hosts: Dick & Cora Saxton

Suzanne's Sunshine Corner

Hello everyone and welcome to winter!



Looking at the national weather map, there doesn't seem to be a safe place to get away from the cold and snow. We received over 15 inches of the white, fluffy stuff in our driveway in Webster, New York. It's all good as long as the letter carrier can still find our mailbox!

We haven't reviewed the news channels' footage of the annual Polar Bear Challenge in Lake Ontario on the morning of February 6 so we don't know if any of you took the plunge. If you did and have a photo, we'd love to share it with everyone!

Happy birthday to:

Mary Lou Perry	February 5
Lisa Marshall	February 12
Ted Smith	February 18
Eleanor Vroman	February 28



As always, if your birthday or anniversary was missed, let me know so that I can update my list (Suzanne.Russo21@yahoo.com).

We send you warm Valentine wishes from the north to wherever you may be.

Until next time, best wishes for good health and safe travels!

Suzanne

Bits & Pieces

What are all of those Abbreviations?

I have to admit....we're pretty fond of our abbreviations in the Airstream world. I'm going to start posting what each abbreviation mentioned in the newsletter stands for:

ACI – Airstream Club International
IR – International Rally
EC – Executive Committee
IBT – International Board of Trustees
WBCCI – Wally Byam Caravan Club International

Region 2 News

RJ Marquette, Region 2 President

Region 2 rally update: The contract has been signed, and we're getting the pieces in place. We're reaching out to various clubs and members who have offered assistance to help with the planning. I hope to have registration open by early February. I'll notify the club presidents and newsletter editors when it is ready.

Unfortunately, a snow storm canceled my trip to the mid-winter IBT meeting in Savannah, but I was able to participate virtually. The risks of traveling in winter!

There were three motions that required debate. The 1st was about restructuring the Executive Committee (EC), 2nd was simplifying the process for constitutional changes and disconnecting the delegate voting from the International Rally (thus allowing it to be held when it's needed), and 3rd was about allowing local clubs, rally hosts, etc. to set guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination status.

The restructuring proposal would change our EC to work like many other organizations, both nonprofit and corporate. WBCCI members would vote for 7 director positions, then the IBT would vote for a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from the directors. The directors would have two year terms, staggered so that we would elect 3 one year and 4 the next. There would be no change to the Regional Officer roles; they would still be elected and serve as we do now.

All of the comments I've heard on this have been positive; in fact, the only concern I've heard is that we are moving quickly on it, which I also expressed when I first heard the proposal in Dec. However, I'm now convinced the proposal has been fleshed out sufficiently, and there is no benefit in holding off until next year, and that this is a good change for the club. More information will be forthcoming in the Blue Beret and the club website, then it will be voted upon at the delegates meeting in Maine.

The 2nd motion simplifies the process for submitting and ratifying an amendment to the club's constitution, and decouples the delegates meeting from the IR. These are good changes that will reduce the number of meetings held at International, while making the club more flexible. If approved by the delegates in Maine, changes to the club constitution will require at least 2/3rds of the members to approve it, as long as at least 20% of the members have voted.

The final motion, by far the most controversial, would have allowed clubs, caravan hosts, rally hosts, and people in similar positions to set a COVID-19 policy for events beyond what the local, state, provincial, and federal governments require. This motion was narrowly defeated - the vote was 9 to 8. So, the current policy remains in effect - WBCCI events must follow local guidelines and cannot impose additional guidelines beyond those. I'm hoping that we're nearing the end of having to worry about COVID-19 at all.

The new Grapes and Grains Intra-club and the Future Streamers Intra-Club both received permanent charters. Grapes and Grains Intra-club is intended for people to share their interest in wine, brandy, spirits, and beers. Future Streamers Intra-Club is a club designed to keep our youth involved in Airstream activities.

In other news, as of right now, there are 829 campers registered for IR in Maine. Also, the club has 7,339 active memberships as of January 20; we haven't seen numbers this high since about 2001. Welcome to everyone who has joined us recently!

Karen Fisher is looking for members for the Lifetime Membership Fund Standing Committee, as well as the WBCCI Foundation. Please contact me or Karen if you are interested in either one. Also, Region 2 webmaster Lawrence Northway has stepped down after years of service (Thank you, Lawrence!), so I am looking for a new volunteer to take on that role.

Thanks!
RJ Marquette, Region 2 [President](#)

How to Find Courtesy Parking on the ACI Website

Liz Kirk, Webmaster

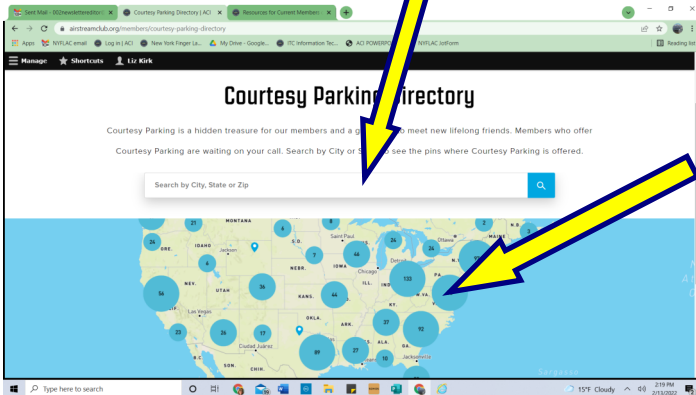
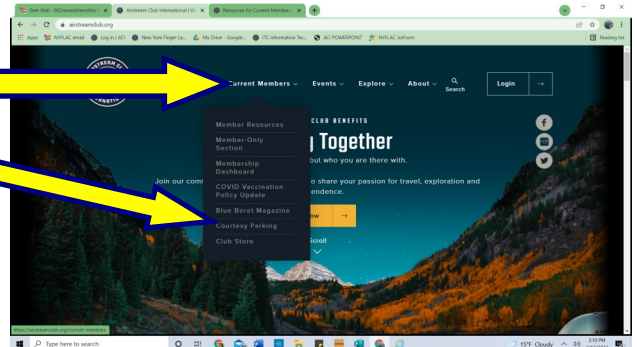
How to locate Courtesy Parking anywhere in the United States and Canada...

Log into your Airstream Club International account at <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Click on “Current Members” at the top of the page.

From the drop-down menu select “Courtesy Parking.”

Use the search tool to find Courtesy Parking by City, State or Zip code.



You will see “blue circles” indicating where Courtesy Parking is offered.

Click on the circle in the area you wish to visit.

Continue clicking until you get a map “pin” (looks like a blue, upside down tear) and you will get the location and contact information for the individual offering parking.

