



The Grapevine

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The President's Corner

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Newsletter Editor is Liz Kirk.

Next deadline is June 10

THERE WILL NOT BE A JULY OR AUGUST NEWSLETTER

As we approach the next WBCCI International Rally, I need to inform the club that there are 2 amendment changes that are up for your vote. As your Delegate, I represent your voice on these amendments. So, your vote counts! We will be sending out a Jot Form link (**see page 2**) asking for a thumbs up or down on each amendment. I will then vote at International according to the majority of unit members.

Approximately 12 months ago, a committee was formed to brainstorm changes to the International Executive Committee. There have been more Zoom meetings on the changes than I care to count. **There is a Zoom meeting on May 19th for ALL members regarding the amendments— roughly 45 minutes – beginning at 7 pm.** A meeting notice will be sent out from WBCCI. This will be an interactive Q&A discussion for members.

This was driven by the fact that we now need an organization at the International level that does strategic planning and focuses on helping local clubs recruit new members, train officers, and retain membership.

The April issue of the Blue Beret (pages 18-19) raises the question 'Why Change the Leadership Structure of the Club'. **April Blue Beret—** <https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/BB%2004-2022%20April.pdf>

The May issue of the Blue Beret (pages 10-17) introduced the proposed changes to the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws that will be voted on at the International Delegates Meeting in Fryeburg this July. **May Blue Beret—** <https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/BB%2005-2022%20May.pdf>

The club Delegate (President) will need to collect the votes of each club member and deliver them to the Delegates Meeting in Fryeburg.

OUR CLUB VOTING WILL OPEN MAY 9th and CLOSSES MAY 30th. PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 for additional voting information.

The change to the International Executive Committee and elective officers is a very hot topic in the club right now, and I want everyone to understand what the changes are and that you have a say in how the club will be run in the future. Per Hamnqvist (International 2nd Vice President) will be at the Region 2 rally in Delaware and will be talking about the proposed changes.

See you down the road, Gary Russo, NYFLAC President

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In a Nutshell.....What we are voting on?

Amendment No. 1

Title: Deletion of Constitutional Delegates Meeting

Yes or No?

Summary: This motion deletes all references to Constitutional Delegates Meetings in WBCCI Constitution. It also changes the method of amending the WBCCI Constitution. The International Board of Trustees send to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Caravan Club Constitution:

- 1) WBCCI Constitution, Article XI, Constitutional Delegates Meeting be deleted in its entirety from the WBCCI Constitution.
- 2) Remove the reference to "Constitutional Delegates Meeting" in WBCCI Constitution Article X, Club Organization Sec. 2 and insert "vote in elections or participate in voting for any amendments to the WBCCI Constitution."
- 3) Delete Article XIV, Amendments, in its entirety & insert new Article XIV, Amendments.
- 4) Renumber the Articles of the Constitution

Purpose / Impact(s): The purpose of this motion is to establish a new method for amending the WBCCI Constitution by removing the requirement for a Delegates Meeting from the International Rally and establishing, in Policy, a new method for amendment. The impact of this motion will be to provide a more expeditious way to amend the WBCCI Constitution as well as free up time at the International Rally for more educational and social activities. In addition, it will provide the opportunity for all members to directly contribute to the perfection of any proposed amendment(s).

Amendment No. 2

Title: IBT Restructure

Yes or No?

Summary: The club is facing significant opportunities in membership growth, finances, partnerships, and technology. A structure change at leadership level enhances the Club's ability to quickly recognize and respond to these trends. Clearly defined areas of responsibility, a larger leadership team with diverse skill sets, and strategic goals involving leadership and all regions will strengthen and elevate the club's position amongst potential members and like organizations.

The International Board of Trustees send to the membership, for their approval, the following amendment to the Wally Byam Caravan Club Constitution that WBCCI Constitution Article VII, Officers and Their Election and Article VIII, Board of Trustees be deleted, and new Article VII, Board of Trustees and Article VIII, Executive Council be inserted. Further, that Article IX, Executive Committee be deleted in its entirety.

Purpose / Impact(s): Restructure the Executive Committee with the following objectives:

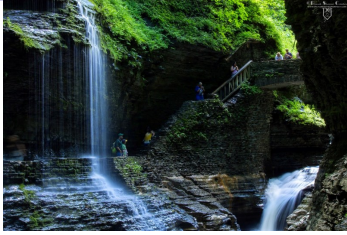
- Develop an Executive Council structure that reduces the total time commitment expectation of its members to a manageable number
- Help to attract talented individuals and enhance succession and continuity and open opportunities to serve to a broader set of WBCCI members.
- Allow broad Executive Council participation without requiring ascension to President.
- Provide a structure and process that helps the IBT select Executive Officers that have the right skills at the right time: proven leadership track records, active involvement and excitement in WBCCI, etc.
- Get beyond the "learning curve" & help continuity by increasing terms of office to 2 yrs.
- Make it easier to run the Club by adopting a proven Board structure used by most non-profits, local governments, for-profit, etc.
- Integrate strategic planning and oversight for standing and special committees into the Executive Council structure.

Everyone has the opportunity to vote.

Voting is now open and will close on May 30th

Cast your vote at

<https://form.jotform.com/221284862819060>



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.

ATTENTION NEW CLUB MEMBERS!!

ALL rally campsite fees will be covered by the NYFLAC for ANY NEW MEMBER WHO HAS NEVER ATTENDED A RALLY. New members will still be responsible for any additional costs associated with a rally. This offer does not apply to individuals who have transferred to our club AND have attended a rally elsewhere. This is only offered to members and affiliates of the NYFLAC.

<p>May 19th-22nd</p>	<p>Region 2 2022 Rally Delaware State Fairground</p>
<p>June 9th-12th</p> <p>Register now at: https://airstreamclub.org/watkins-glen-state-park-rally</p>	<p>Watkins Glen State Park Watkins Glen, NY Hosts: John & Cathy Andersen</p> <p>4 Sites Left—it's not too late</p>
<p>June 23rd—26th</p> <p>Register now at: https://airstreamclub.org/sampson-state-park-rally</p>	<p>Sampson State Park Romulus, NY Host: Gary & Suzanne Russo Co-hosts: Jim & KC Gillio</p> <p>6 Sites still available</p>
<p>July 1st—5th</p>	<p>Zoar Valley July 4th Bash Hosts: Dawn and Boyd Wible</p>
<p>July 23rd-30th</p>	<p>65th Annual WBCCI International Rally</p>
<p>September 8th-11th</p> <p>3 ways to register:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct link to JotForm registration at https://form.jotform.com/221284090015142 2. ACI link at https://airstreamclub.org/oktoberfest-rally-letchworth-state-park 3. Coupon on page 6 of this newsletter 	<p>Oktoberfest at Letchworth State Park Castile, NY Hosts: Dick & Cora Saxton Co-hosts: Jenn & Chris Cappelletti</p> <p>REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!</p>

Suzanne's Sunshine Corner

April showers bring May flowers! Welcome to this beautiful time of year in western New York!



We had a quick Easter weekend with lots of laughter with some of Gary's family from Ohio who were able to join us in Rochester. Just to keep celebrations going, we visited with them two weeks later at their place. It was a happy coincidence that we were heading to Jackson Center the last week of April *and they just happen to live 45 minutes from there*, so we had the opportunity to see them again and meet Natalie Rose, our niece who was born March 19. Gary's Mom went with us, and the proud Great-Grandma so enjoyed rocking her.

Our local library had a travelogue on April 19 by a woman who took her sister on a tour of New England last fall. She has been to Maine many times and had lots of photos and recommendations for things to do and see in Maine, many of which we already had on our list. It was good to confirm that we have chosen wisely! If you ever have an opportunity to attend one of these sessions at your local library, I highly suggest it.

Happy Birthday to:

John Kelley	May 2
Raymond Wagner	May 3
Roy DeWitte	May 18
Kathy Herrera	May 26
Connie Hoxie	May 27
Ron Silco	May 30
Geoffrey Marshall	May 30



Didn't see your birthday or anniversary? Let me know so that I can update my list (Suzanne.Russo21@yahoo.com).

Closing Thoughts

We are excited to get this year's camping show on the road and hope to see you all in Delaware for the Region 2 Rally from May 19-22. And if you haven't signed up yet for the Watkins Glen Rally to be held June 9-12, make sure you do soon.

For all of our moms out there, Happy Mother's Day!

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

Suzanne

John & Rosanne Ragone Farmingville, NY

Todd Goldstein & Kimberly Heck Apex, NC

Zachary & Katharine Pelletier Ballston Spa, NY



Region 2 News

RJ Marquette, Region 2 President

Hello, everyone! Spring is arriving, finally, and I hope you're getting your Airstreams out and about. Erica and I are looking forward to getting our trailer back on the road this spring. Our first trip is to the joint rally with several clubs at Lums Pond in May.

We're busy with planning the Region 2 Rally and looking forward to it. Depending on when you read this, there's probably still time to sign up! The rally is May 19-22, in Harrington, Delaware. More info is available on the website: <https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2022-region-2-rally> If you've already registered, you should have received an email message from me around April 17 (or after you registered, if it was after the 17th). If you didn't get that email, please contact me at region2president@wbcci.net.

I know a lot of you are going to Fryeburg, Maine for the International Rally - it's less than 3 months away! Region 2 First Vice President Gary Russo (#1061) is working with a caterer for the Region 2 Luncheon. More information will be coming soon.

I just finished a day of working on the restoration of our Airstream B190 motorhome. I've managed to remove the cabinets and am now ready to remove the interior walls and ceiling. There's a long way to go, but at least there is progress. It'll make its way back to the road someday.

I'll see you down the road!
-RJ Marquette, #13270

Bits & Pieces

There will NOT be an issue of The Grapevine in July or August!!

Charlie and I are going on the Viking Trail Caravan to Newfoundland and may not have good internet connectivity. We leave June 16th and return around August 18th.

Gary will be able to access 002newslettereditor@wbcci.net should he need to share information with you directly.

If you've ever wondered what a caravan is like or would just enjoy following our Viking Trail Caravan adventures on Facebook you can request to join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/345046097424464>

If you ask to join please drop me a line and let me know so I can approve your request.

Starting in the August edition of the Grapevine Charlie and I will be sharing points of interest in Wyoming since the 2023 Airstream International Rally is being held in Rock Springs, WY. We're planning on going. You may (or may not) know that Charlie was born, bred, and raised on a farm in WY. He's a tried & true Wyomingite. I moved to Laramie in my sophomore year of HS.

We lived there until moving to Rochester in 1985!!
If you have a Wyoming favorite to share let me know.



Ocktoberfest Rally at Letchworth State Park

REGISTRATION FORM

New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club

Location: Letchworth State Park, 1 Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY 14427

Dates: September 8th – 11th, 2022

Cost: \$81, plus \$12 per person rally fee

Check-in: Any time after 3:00 pm on September 8th

Departure: By 11:00 am on September 11th

Limit: 20 Trailers (If the rally fills up you may make a reservation through ReserveAmerica. Please let the hosts know you will be attending.)

There will be eating, drinking, cavorting, and singing with the Saxtons & Cappellettis. Join us for a traditional German meal. Bring along your favorite brew if you would like to participate in a sampling. Lots of fun and festivities!

Additional Information:

- All sites have electric.
No water hook-ups.
Dog friendly loop.
- Rally fee covers Saturday morning coffee and Kuchen, Saturday evening supper (German pork schnitzel, German potato salad, and harvest beets) prepared by the Saxtons and Cappellettis
- An optional beer tasting event is scheduled for nearby Silver Lake Brewing Project, Perry, NY
- This rally is co-hosted by Dick & Cora Saxton and Jenn & Chris Cappelletti
- Link to park website <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/letchworth>

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Please complete the following information:

Name(s): _____ WBCCI# _____

Address: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone/Cell# _____

Pets: _____ no _____ yes (you must bring a current rabies certificate)

This is my 1st Rally: check if yes _____ \$ FREE _____

Campsite for 3 nights \$ 81.00 _____

Number of people in party X \$12 = \$ _____ (Rally fee)

Total Fees = \$ _____

Mail coupon and check payable to WBCCI-NYFLU by August 31, 2022 to: Dick Saxton, 310 E. Naples Street, Wayland, NY 14572

Questions: Contact your hosts Dick & Cora Saxton at saxtonrg@aim.com or Jenn & Chris Cappelletti at ccapp68@me.com