



# The Grapevine

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NY FINGER LAKES AIRSTREAM  
CLUB

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## The President's Corner

Hello All NYFLAC Members and Friends,

First and foremost, we are a camping club! That being said, our first rally of the 2023 season will be at Ontario County Gannett Hill Park, Thursday, May 18th—Sunday, May 21st. Mark your calendars!!

Individuals planning on attending will need to secure their own site though Reserve America (<https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/ontario-county-gannett-hill-park/MMIS/762800/overview/>.) Site fee will be \$20 per night and no kitty fee. Meals will be potluck.

I hope you've marked your calendar for our Holiday Social on December 29th at 2:00 pm at Star Cider, 3365 NY 364, Canandaigua, NY. There will be Mexican Food available on-site. Hope to see you there!

Here's to Happy Holidays and a great 2023 camping season!!

Dick Saxton, President  
BRN 8477

No other owners' group has such a connection with a product as Airstream owners - except maybe Harley Davidson.

We wave at each other when we pass going down the highway. When you see an Airstream in a campground, you always look for the owners to say "hello". You are connected to each other. It is part of a lifestyle that you get as a bonus when buying one.

Since the early days of Airstreaming, Airstreamers have been naming their Airstreams. For many of us, our Airstreams are part of the family. They hold memories that we make along the road. Did you know that there is an Official Airstream Registry where you can register the name of your Airstream? (More info on this later)

We asked the members of the Finger Lakes Airstream Club Facebook page to share with us their Airstream's story - Does your Airstream have a name - Is there a story behind the Big Red Numbers on your Airstream?

## Membership - What's in a Name?

Randy and Diane Hill, Membership Chairs.



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## What's in a name...continued

Here's what we learned...

**Crystal & Gary Faria 18112** - Our Airstream doesn't have a name yet... but we picked our BRN based on our anniversary date.

**Mary Fien-Silco & Ron Silco 6958** - Our Airstream's name is "Dolly," after Dolly Parton because Dolly IS country music, Dolly is triumph over adversity, Dolly is joy. Our BRN is a combination of our birth years.

**Liz & Charlie Kirk 11214** - Come on...if your name is Kirk your Airstream is "The Enterprise." What else could it be? Our BRN is the day we bought the AS (11214 - Jan. 12, 2014) which is also our anniversary date. We always think of the # as 1 -12- 14 but when people call our BRN, they say 11 - 21- 4, and we never know who they're talking about.

**Jennifer & Chris Cappelletti 20088** - Our Airstream is "Josie!" Why? I suggested it as a fun retro name and Chris loved it too. We named her during the long wait to get her. By the time we were able to pick her up, we had "Josie's Favorite" playlist made along with many boxes labeled "Josie" with goodies for the interior. Our BRN 20088 is our wedding year (2008) and month (Aug).

**Diana McIntosh 4937** - My Airstream's name is "Mimi." I named my Airstream after my Mom, who died from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) 12 yrs ago. My Mom will always represent the epitome of unconditional love, courage, peace and freedom, and that is what my Airstream means/represents to me... It has always and continues to give me the Courage and Freedom to keep living my dreams. I don't have a story behind BRN - LOL! But I will be working on one!!

**Suzanne & Gary Russo 1061** - Our Airstream is "Mary Anne," named after the character on Gilligan's Island. Of course, our generator is "Ginger," and our GPS is "Gilligan" as it has sent us down some strange paths.

**Cathy and John Andersen 17514** - We named our Airstream "No Agenda." We bought our Pearson 26 sailboat in 2001, and the previous owner, Peter Allen, had named it "No Agenda." John saw no reason to change the name because, as a college professor, he took his summers off to sail and race. Peter Allen passed away the same year we retired and bought our 2019 Airstream, so it seemed fitting that we name our Airstream "No Agenda." John is first generation American. His Mom came from Norway, and he has traced his family heritage back to the 1500's. Norway was claimed variously by Sweden and Denmark through the years and now Norwegians celebrate their Independence Day as May 17, 1814. Our big red numbers reflect the European date order of day/month/year — 17514.

**Val Davis 15535** - Her name is "Airabella" (note the spelling) - my friend Martina and I decided on it when we picked her up in Albany in 2019. We just liked the name, and it suits her. My big red numbers are just her old numbers with a "one" before it. Not much thought went into that.

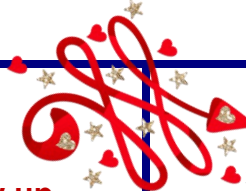
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## NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club 2022—2023 Activities

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 be 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><b>Thursday, December 29th</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> <b>No RSVP Required. Just show up.</b></p>	<p><b>2022 Holiday Social</b> <b>Star Cider</b> 3365 NY 364, Canandaigua NY 14424 <a href="http://www.starcider.com/">http://www.starcider.com/</a></p>
<p><b>May 18—21, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Spring Rally Opener</b> Ontario County Gannett Hill Park, Bristol, NY Reserve your site at: <a href="https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/ontario-county-gannett-hill-park/MMIS/762800/overview/">https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/ontario-county-gannett-hill-park/MMIS/762800/overview/</a>.</p>
<p><b>June 2-6, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>2023 Region 2 Rally</b> Niagara Falls, ON Details to follow</p>
<p><b>June 24-30, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>2023 International Rally</b> Rock Springs, WY Registration is now open</p>
<p><b>August 3-6, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Ontario and NYFLAC Joint Rally</b> Sampson State Park Registration to open in January</p>
<p><b>September 14—17, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Oktoberfest Rally</b> Location TBD</p>

## We'll Be Circling the Wagons in Ontario!!

Submitted by Gary Russo



Tired of looking at your trailer in storage or the driveway? Well, you can start planning to attend next year's rallies! We are planning a joint rally with the Ontario Club in August with a Western theme. So, add your trailer to the circle for the August 3-7 shindig.

As in the past, we have sites already reserved at Sampson State Park for the event (limited to 60 sites), a large meeting tent, and a live band. Cost information and registration using Jot form to follow in the next newsletter.

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### What's in a name...continued

**Diane & Randy Hill 30876** - Our Airstream is "Zephyr Travels" - it took us a couple of years before we were ready to buy our Airstream - during that time, we watched a lot of YouTube videos on RV travel. Randy got the idea to create a YouTube channel to document our future adventures. We had just adopted our dog Zephyr and really liked the name, so it was used to name our YouTube channel and our Airstream. After we got our Airstream and joined the club, we inquired if BRN 30876 was available as it was Randy's parents' number from when they were members. We had used their Airstream on our honeymoon and during many summer vacations and wanted to take those memories along with us on our travels.

We want to thank everyone who share their stories on their Airstreams' names and numbers. If we missed your Airstream story, please send us an email at: [randy\\_diane\\_hill@me.com](mailto:randy_diane_hill@me.com). We will include it in a future article.

Oh and if your want to register your Airstream's name go to [www.airstream.com/name-your-airstream/](http://www.airstream.com/name-your-airstream/) Tell them your info, your Airstream's official name and it's story. Each registered Airstream gets an aluminum medallion with the name of your Airstream you can display on your rig.

Randy & Diane Hill  
Membership Chairs

## Suzanne's Sunshine Corner



Welcome Winter!

Did I mention last month that Autumn didn't want to move on this year? Well, the weather certainly made me sound silly! Poor Buffalo got 77 inches of snow! We were fortunate in our area as we only received a dusting. It always amazes me that just 45 minutes away the weather can be so different.

We hope you all had plenty of turkey and fixin's for Thanksgiving and were able to enjoy the time with family and friends. Our granddaughter came in from the west coast so that we could spoil her! Unfortunately, they came down with COVID. I wish that awful virus would just go away!



Happy Birthday to:

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Mary Sweeney    | December 2  |
| Anna Ganz       | December 8  |
| Kristine Gillio | December 23 |
| Dorothy Curtis  | December 26 |
| James Gillio    | December 26 |
| Mary Farmer     | December 31 |

Happy Anniversary



Happy Anniversary to:

- John & Trina Kelley December 26

Closing Thoughts

It has been a pleasure sharing our travels and news with you. Starting in January, you will begin receiving the musings of Cora Saxton in this space. Welcome Cora!

Gary and I wish you all a happy holiday season, a very merry Christmas and a healthy 2023! Until we next meet, best wishes for good health and safe travels!

Suzanne

## Have you Tried Courtesy Parking?

Submitted by Cathy & John Andersen

When we bought our Globetrotter in 2019, the salesman told us about Courtesy Parking. We joined the WBCCI and got our book of Airstream owners offering courtesy parking.

Our first long trip was to Sister Bay, WI and we stopped for one night in Helena, Ohio. We didn't know what to expect and were happily surprised to meet Steve Ruth whose company buys old Airstreams and renovates them! He had dozens of Airstreams lined up in various states of customization and he showed us around his shop. As we were leaving in the morning, Steve shared info about an Airstream park in Melbourne FL, which came in handy when we went south. That same trip, we also courtesy parked in Woodstock, IL and London, Ontario.

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## Have you Tried Courtesy Parking? Continued.....

In early April 2020, when Covid hit, we were camping in Plano, Texas and, with everything closed down, we wondered how we could get on the road for home. We called Airstreamers who offer courtesy parking and were welcomed to stay with them in Memphis, Louisville and Cleveland. Each generously offered electricity, water, conversation—at a safe distance, and one even gave us eggs from their chickens!

We have used courtesy parking many times in the last three years and we've met many welcoming, generous people. We try our best to be good ambassadors for The Finger Lakes, even bringing local chocolate or Finger Lakes wine as a small thank you.

For this year's big winter adventure, we left Nov 1 and our first stop was new NYFLAC members, Catherine and Jim Heffernan in Carlisle, PA. They offered us dinner and a lot of laughs!

From there, we visited Roger and Celeste Sansom in Eden, Maryland. They have a 34' Airstream and a Bambi and they meet up with the mid-Atlantic chapter for rallies. We rarely unhitch when we are only stopping to sleep, but we arrived mid-afternoon so Roger sent us to Bordeleau Vineyards around the corner where we had a delicious flight of red wines and a pizza! We slept next to Roger's barn and woke in the morning to chickens and goats roaming their pasture!

We attended the Carolina Airstream Club rally in Myrtle Beach with 62 Airstreams. As we chatted with people and told them how we had courtesy parked to get there, we found that no one had ever used courtesy parking!

On our way to our winter campground in Texas, we stopped at a courtesy parking host in Caryville, Florida and really enjoyed getting to know Geoff Dean, a retired mathematical engineering professor from Virginia Tech. He totally renovated a 1976 airstream that had been damaged and left in a field. He now lives in it full time and gave us a tour. We knew rain was on the way that night but, at 5:15 am, Geoff knocked on the door and said "Time to go, there's a tornado watch. Too many trees here, you need an open space." We were ready in 15 minutes and he led us to the interstate. After an hour of driving, the heavy rain and lightning started so we pulled off. We're pulling a 28' lightning rod, after all! We never saw a tornado, and thankfully neither did Geoff, but there were many around the southern coast that day.

After a day of storms and a flat tire, we had a good night's sleep in Lafayette, LA under the carport of an auto body shop. Our generous host, Terry McFillan, sent John to his "tire guy" in the morning and both the tire and the spare got new valve stems. John pulled out his wallet and the owner said no charge! He and Terry do a lot of business together and he was so happy to help us.

Airstream's courtesy parking program is such a gift. Everyone we've met has said they are in the courtesy parking book but they don't get visits. We can say through our experiences that you can meet wonderful people, just stopping in driveways for one night along the way from campsite to campsite!

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## Region 2 News—RJ Marquette, Region 2 President

Hello, everyone! I'm writing this in late November, so the camping season has ended and most of us have winterized our Airstreams by now.

First, the region rally update: We were hoping the campground would have their registration open by now, but unfortunately some issues with their software have delayed that. By the time you read this, it might be open; I'll let the club presidents and newsletter editors know when it has opened, along with contact information for the campground.

In the recent IBT meetings, we discussed the results of a review of the standing committees - making sure they were still meeting the needs of the club and update the club policy where needed. There was also a motion to update the process for getting candidates who are interested in becoming part of the new Executive Council next year. We also heard more detailed updates from the Vintage Airstream Intra-Club and the Historical Standing Committee.

Headquarters is working on a method for members to submit suggestions for rally sites - local, regional, and national. I'm glad to hear this because I was working on something similar for the region! The idea is to build a database that will then be available to members for a reference when setting up a rally. This information will be invaluable to future region and international rally planners.

I'm still looking for a Region 2 webmaster. Please let me know if you would be interested!

See you next month!

Until next month!

—RJ Marquette, Region 2 President, #13270

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## The National Museum of Military Vehicles

Submitted by Liz Kirk

As I've previously written, whenever there's space in The Grapevine I'll be sharing some of our "bucket list" Wyoming places to visit. I must be honest...we haven't visited this museum yet because it's so new, but our Wyoming friends can't say enough good about The National Museum of Military Vehicles located in Dubois, WY. The following is from their website at <https://nmmv.org/>

The award-winning National Museum of Military Vehicles is a world-class military history museum which opened southeast of Dubois, WY in August of 2020. Inside the 160,000 sq. foot Museum, visitors will find nearly 500 fully restored military vehicles, artillery pieces, naval vessels and aircraft dating from 1897 to the present with a current emphasis on the American experience in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The focus of the museum is to tell the stories of how these vehicles were used and to remember the valor of service members who fought, and sometimes died, in them. The museum also houses a large, historically significant, firearms collection. The privately funded \$100M museum was founded by Dan and Cynthia Starks. [Dan Starks](#) is a former attorney and former CEO of St. Jude Medical.

Dubois is 191 miles north of Rock Springs. The population hovers just over 900 so it's a small, western town. For more information on the area visit <https://duboiswyoming.org/>