



MOUNTAIN ECHOES

Newsletter of the

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club

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Greetings Mountaineers!

Welcome to a new year of happy camping, good fellowship, and exciting discoveries.

President's Message *Tim Vadney writes,*

We had a great end to the 2022 season and we really look forward to a solid 2023. In this newsletter we are sharing with you the five events that we would like to hold next year, two of which will be determined in January. I would also like to thank the members who volunteered to do the campground research that was an action item from our December luncheon. I have many of those details and will incorporate those into the July and August TBD list of campground possibilities.

Speaking of the December luncheon, we had 30 Mountaineers come together in Concord NH at the Common Man restaurant for a sumptuous meal.

We want as much participation as possible and while we are simply camping, we'd like to make sure that all our events include areas that can cater to individuals, couples, families with kids, so we can all enjoy all our club has to offer.

Your feedback is important to help the club grow and be stronger. Please feel free to reach out with your ideas, suggestions, or comments. I'd love to hear from you at tvadney@me.com

Happy new year and I look forward to seeing you all in the 2023 camping season.

Membership Update *Cathie Waltz reports:*

Welcome to our newest members!

- Craig and Gretchen Hunter of Poultney, VT are proud owners of a shiny new 2023 International 27'
- Tom and Michele Ballos of Hyde Park, NY. Wow - a great area for a caravan rally! They are ready to explore in their 2023 28' Flying Cloud.

Our newest affiliate members are Jared and Heather Lawler and Bill Clements, Cape Cod Club members. Thanks for joining us!

Farewell and happy trails to

- John and Sandie Dika of Portsmouth, NH. They recently sold their 16' Sport. Best wishes for your future adventures.
- Becky and Andrew Hatfield of Franconia are selling their 2011 28' Airstream. If interested they can be contacted at 904-718-3376.

Time to renew! Thank you to our members who have already renewed for next year. If you haven't done it yet, please go online at AirstreamClubInternational.org to complete your renewal this month. Your information will be included in the 2023 membership edition of the Blue Beret – did you get it done by December 31?

Happy Holidays and Safe Travels to All!

NEMAC Treasurer

Dave Peirce has been the club Treasurer since the beginning of time, it seems, but he has decided that it is time for him to retire and we couldn't think of any way of making him stay, so we are reluctantly seeking his replacement.

Briefly the treasurer maintains the unit's checking account, monitoring revenue deposited from Airstream Club International, dispenses funds as necessary, submits financial reports to the membership, and maintains list of paid-up members. Dave's description is attached.

If you might be interested, please let Tim know by January 31st.



NEMAC 2023 Events Calendar

We're including the 2023 event schedule as we know it today. We are still working on the other TBD options, but we thought it would be useful for you to have this information today. Note that the Boothbay rally sites are reserved for us until January 15, so you should contact them before then to secure your spot. Quaintly, they do not accept plastic, so you will have to mail them a check.

Fish Creek is not on the official NEMAC schedule, but a number of us are planning to go anyway because we love the place. There are still a few sites available on the northwest side of Square Pond, sites in the upper 90's and lower 100's.

Please let the secretary (me – aplehner@mac.com) know which sites you have booked. At Boothbay, Mary & Andreas will have site 64, Tim & Karen Vadney site 73, Jim & Stacy Reck 72, Milo & Diane 69. At Fish Creek, Mary & Andreas will be at site 116, Cathie & Jay Waltz 98, Milo & Diane 120, and Melissa & Chris Corbin at 52.

Region 1 includes NEMAC and the other three New England Clubs (Cape Cod, Charter Oak, and New England) and the fun-loving Quebec Club. The **Region 1 "Flocking the Cape" Rally** June 15-18 in East Falmouth promises to be entertaining, scenic, and delicious (see Saturday clambake!). The flyer is attached.



Mark Brash tells a good story to Chuck and Anna Kiritsy and Dave and Donna Thompson



By Bard Fuller, ACI Region One President

Kathy and I are exhilarated about the enthusiasm we have found in all of our local clubs throughout the New England states, Quebec and the Maritime provinces. We got to all of your business meeting rallies either in person or electronically this fall and we're so thankful for your hospitality. Each of our Region 1 clubs has a wonderful group of volunteer officers that are presenting some outstanding venues for rallies in 2023.

I know most of you have already renewed your International dues and local club affiliations. May I encourage you to affiliate with other local clubs in your area to receive their communications about their activities whether past, present or future. Remember December 31st is the renewal deadline to have your information appear in the 2023 printed International directory.

Our Airstreams may be hibernating and our local clubs semi-dormant but your International Board of Directors, along with ACI headquarters, are abuzz with activity. The International constitutional changes voted by the membership and brought to the Delegates' Meeting in Fryeburg have required significant by-law and policy changes to support the new constitution.

Most significantly is how we choose leaders to govern our growing club. Our new elected nine-member Executive Council will have two-year terms and will be chosen from a pool of candidates every two years. The traditional International Nominating Committee has morphed into the Recruitment Oversight Committee which has the charge to encourage our best, most talented and enthusiastic members to participate in this leadership council. No prior leadership is required and you do not need to ever aspire to be the president. We just want great people providing their talents to our growing club. A standard on-line Statement of Candidacy will be asked from all interested candidates.

Executive Committee 2023

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Each of us, as ACI members, are asked to encourage our gifted members to accept this opportunity to guide our club. Who do YOU think would be an asset to our club? The Statements of Candidacy will be collected January through March and published on the ACI website as well as the Blue Beret magazine. We all, as members, get to vote electronically this coming June for our new Executive Council members.



Roger and Anna Nagy, Stacy and Jim Reck, and Paul Hynek give their full attention to Tim's after-dinner talk.



Considerable effort is being done to review and realign all the International Standing Committees. One noticeable change already is how the International rally is chosen and organized. With the growing complexity of these massive endeavors our professional leadership at headquarters will be spearheading these events while supported by hundreds of member-volunteers. You may have heard that our 2023 Wyoming rally is all but sold out (1,200 max). The 2024 Rally is scheduled for Sedalia, MO October 5 - 11. Yes, in October. Hopefully this will take us away from the summer heat. The 2025 Rally is likely to be in either Georgia or Pennsylvania. Keeping with the tradition of moving the International Rally around the country, sites for the 2026 rally under consideration are all in the western states.

The International Membership Committee is also undergoing a "facelift" under the direction of our new Membership Chair, Cody Klinger. It is expanding beyond the Blue Beret column to incorporate the ACI website, Facebook, and most recently, a reoccurring Zoom Fireside Chat with President Eric McHenry and Executive Officer, Lori Plummer fielding a wide variety of membership questions. Future Fireside Chats are scheduled on December 14 and March 8, both at 7pm EST. Join in, be informed and bring your questions.

More locally, I want to thank Todd Brink from New England Airstream Club for volunteering to head up our Regional Membership Committee and Marty Womer from the Northeast Mountaineers to be our new Region 1 Blue Beret Contributing Editor. Please support them and keep them apprised of new rallies or membership opportunities!

■ Bard Fuller



Dave Peirce and Melissa Corbin enjoy a moment at the December lunch.



And Felix enjoyed many aspects of the event, doing his best to keep Mike and Sarah entertained...

NEMAC EVENTS 2023

January 1, 2023

	NEMAC Events	Others
March	Spring lunch meeting TBA	
April		April 7-9 Pets & Paws rally , Provincetown MA (Cape Cod Unit & New England Unit) Ty Mott is the host. tmott@wbcci.net https://airstreamclub.org/pets-paws-national-event-rally-0
May	May 19-21 Boothbay rally Shore Hills Campground in Boothbay, ME. Call to make your reservation on the “peninsula”. – 207 633 4782 – Tell her you’re with the Airstream Club. She’s saving the 18 sites for our club until January 15. www.shorehills.com	
June		June 15—18 Region 1 Rally “Flocking the Cape” at the Barnstable County Fairground, East Falmouth, MA Register: form.jotform.com/221935991401154 June 24-30 Airstream Club International Rally , Rock Springs, WY You can make your reservations at airstreamclub.org/members/login (Note: It may be sold out!)
July	TBD	
August	TBD	
September	NEMAC Business Meeting TBD Sept 29-30 Foliage Camping “Boondock” camping at peak foliage season at the Kingdom Brewing site near Newport VT. Stay tuned for details.	Sept 8-10 Gathering at Fish Creek Pond -- a club favorite, dry camping at beautiful waterfront sites. Make your reservation as soon as possible at www.reserveamerica.com You can see pictures of each Fish Creek Pond campsite at www.campadk.com
October	October trip to the shore (RI or NJ, location and dates to be determined)	