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President's Corner

Dick Saxton, President

Greetings Airstream Family and Friends,

Ski season has been marginal this season. There's little coverage even with snowmaking. Evenings are spent trip planning and thinking about our Rally schedule.

Off season is the time to make improvements/modifications to the trailer. One that I did this season was to put dividers in the bumper storage compartment to keep items separated and from sliding around. An old cutting board and pieces of aluminum angle worked well.

Hoping that you are able to attend our kick-off rally in May (check the Rally section) and planning to camp as much as possible! Anyone with a National Parks Lifetime Senior pass...half price at all Corp of Engineer (COE) campgrounds. At the bottom of the registration page enter the bar code number from the back of your pass.

Well that's it for now, see you down the road!

Dick Saxton



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2023

NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club Events

Dates: May 18-21, 2023
Event: Spring Rally Opener
Location: Ontario County Gannett Hill Park
Reservations: <https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/ontario-county-gannett-hill-park/MMIS/762800/overview/>

Dates: June 2-6, 2023
Event: 2023 Region 2 Rally
Location: Yogi Bear's Jellystone Camp Resort
 Niagara Falls, Ontario, CA
Hosts: Ontario Canada Airstream Club
Other: Rally page & registration at : <https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally>

Dates: June 24-30, 2023
Event: 2023 International Rally—WAITING LIST ONLY
Location: Rock Springs, Wyoming
Sponsor: WBAC

Dates: July 21-23, 2023
Event: Wible Retreat
Location: 7635 Zoar Valley Road, Springville, NY 14141
Hosts: Dawn and Boyd Wible
RSPV: Contact Dick Saxton at saxtonrg@aim.com
Other: **Limit 10 trailers.** Boondocking. Stunning grounds with outdoor seating. Pizza night in the woodfired oven. Hiking trails. Many activities nearby—or just stay and enjoy the weekend. You will not regret it.

Dates: August 3-7, 2023
Event: Ontario and NYFLAC Joint Rally
Location: Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY
Hosts: Ontario and NYFLAC Clubs
Other: Details on page 3
Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/230345192257151>

Dates: August 24-27, 2023
Event: Meet-Up at Lakeside Beach State Park
Location: Lakeside Beach SP, Waterport, NY
Hosts: Diane & Randy Hill
Other: Details on page 4

Dates: September 14-17, 2023
Event: Oktoberfest Rally
Location: TBD
Hosts:

A Warm Welcome to our Newest Members

Diane & Eric Bergquist
Windham, NY

ARE YOU A NEW CLUB MEMBER? If yes, 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 the rally (ex. food or entertainment). This is offered only open to new members and affiliates of NYFLAC.

*This does not apply to transfers to our club and have attended a rally elsewhere.



IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER PLANNING TO ATTEND THE ONTARIO AND NYFLAC JOINT RALLY "CIRCLE THE WAGONS" PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Because we only offer the perk of covering your 1st rally to NYFLAC members we have to handle this a bit differently than other rallies. Here's how it will work.....

1. All new members will need to register and pay the full fee upfront through the online rally form.
2. **Be sure and check that you are a member of Finger Lakes AND that you are a first time rally attendee.**
3. NYFLAC will REIMBURSE all 1st time attendees a fee of \$80.

CIRCLE THE WAGONS RALLY

SUBMITTED BY GARY RUSSO

**Registration
is NOW
OPEN**



**Sampson
State Park**

Brush off your chaps, boots, best cowboy hat and get your western gear ready. It's going to be a Western party.

This is a joint NYFLAC and Ontario Club event and we anticipate this rally to be VERY popular. There are only 60 reserved sites so don't delay. Everyone one is welcome and families are encouraged. There is reduced pricing for children under the age of 15. New this year is the ability to pay directly at registration through PayPal.

Follow this link to the registration and payment form: <https://form.jotform.com/230345192257151>

You can sign up to volunteer on the rally registration to help with the following areas:

Parking/Welcoming

Tent, table and chair setup

We have arranged rental for 1 commercial tent plus tables & chairs. The tent will be installed and taken down by the vendor, but tables and chairs need to be set up and taken down.

We will also have a 2nd non-commercial 10 x 20 tent that will need to be setup and taken down, for the event.

Kitchen and Cooking

Coffee (3 mornings Fri/Sat/Sun)
Breakfast (1 morning Sun)
Dinner (2 evenings Fri/Sat)

Campfire Master(s) - Weather dependent (2 nights)

Activities coordinators

Another Rally Has Been Added!!

Diane and Randy Hill are hosting a meet-up at Lakeside Beach State Park in Waterport, NY. We have reserved site 17 in E loop and are asking anyone interested to join us on August 24-27 for the weekend. In the past this has been a great place for a rally with plenty to do in the area. There are local farmers markets, nearby lighthouses to visit, many other local attractions. And it goes with out saying that our clubs nightly happy hours and campfires are legendary.

Please make your own reservations at ReserveAmerica.com and let Randy & Diane know that you will be attending. Once we have an idea the number of people joining us, we will make plans for a potluck dinner on Saturday night.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Randy & Diane
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Lakeside Beach State Park 2020

WE NOW OFFER PAYPAL

For those of you planning on registering for the "Circle the Wagons" rally you will find a new feature!! We now are able to offer our members an online payment system using PayPal. You may now pay directly through PayPal, by credit card, or Vemno.

(Please do NOT USE the Pal Later feature. We are working on having this button removed from the registration form.)

Cora's Sunshine Corner

Cora Saxton, Sunshine



“February is the border between winter and spring.”

Terri Guillemets

I hope 2023 is off to a good start and February puts us a month closer to camping! Crazy weather all over the country, hope you have all been safe and sound.

Birthdays this January:

Mary Lou Perry
February 5th

Lisa Marshall
February 12th

Ted Smith
February 18th

Eleanor Vroman
February 28th

Anniversaries: None again (must be too cold!)



This sunshine corner hasn't provided much sun this month. I was speechless one evening when the weatherman predicted less than 15 minutes of sunshine for the following week. February has been the latest we have ever started downhill skiing. The bright spot is that it is great to see the events/dates for the season and begin reserving camping sites.

Cordially yours from the First Lady,
Cora Saxton

Region 2 News

RJ Marquette, Region 2 President

Preparations for the 2023 Region 2 Rally are well underway and it's shaping up to be a good time. We'll get registration open soon and I'll alert the club presidents and newsletter editors when it opens. I'm happy to report that Can-Am RV Centre in London, Ontario is giving us a generous donation that will cover many of the expenses for the rally, lowering the registration fee drastically. If you haven't booked with the campground, please contact Greg at +1 (800) 263-2570 to book your site. The rally is being held June 2-6 at Jellystone Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

If you are crossing from the United States to go to the rally, you will need your passport. Also, note there are restrictions on what US citizens can bring across the border. In particular, firearms and ammunition are not allowed. There are also restrictions on food, and if you are bringing pets, you will want to check the rules for them. We have more info on the 2023 Region 2 Rally page here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally>

We're starting to think about the 2024 Region 2 Rally, too. We have lists of fairgrounds, but I know there are private campgrounds out there that could hold 75-100 of us. If you know of a campground that might be interested in hosting a Region 2 Rally, please drop me a line at rjm1@yahoo.com. If your club is interested in hosting next year's Region 2 Rally, please let me know!

Until next month! –RJ Marquette, #13270





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

Watchung NJ

April 2023 Rally
Trap Pond State Park
April 28-30
Laurel, DE 19956

August 2023 Rally
Lake Glory Campground
August 10-13
Catawissa, PA 17820

October 2023 Rally
Peaceful Woods
Campground
October 5-9
Blakeslee, PA 18610

Central Pennsylvania

Lums Pond Season Opener Rally
May 5-7
Bear, DE 19701

Central PA Rally at Jersey Shore
July 21-23
Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210

Shawnee State Park Rally
September 15-17
Schellsburg, PA 15559

Washington DC

Capital Kick-off Rally
April 27-30
Clarksburg, MD 20871

WDCU Chincoteague Island Rally
July 13-16
Chincoteague, VA 23336

WDCU Pigeon Forge
September 13-20
Sevierville, TN 37862

Region 2 2023 Rallies Happening Nearby

One Lap of the US

Diane and Randy Hill

After staying home a bit longer last year to attend my sister's wedding, we left home on November 28 on what will be the longest RV adventure we will have taken so far - calling it our "One Lap of the US"! For the first leg of our trip, we headed south making a couple of stops before making it to Florida where we would be spending December and January. During our time in Florida, we traveled around the state staying in many different campgrounds, visiting a couple of tourist attractions, spending a few days at the Florida RV Show in Tampa, and spending time with family, friends and making new friends.

In this article, we are just going to highlight a few of the campgrounds we stayed at, tourist attractions we went to, the RV Show, and 4 friends we got together with (all you will know)!

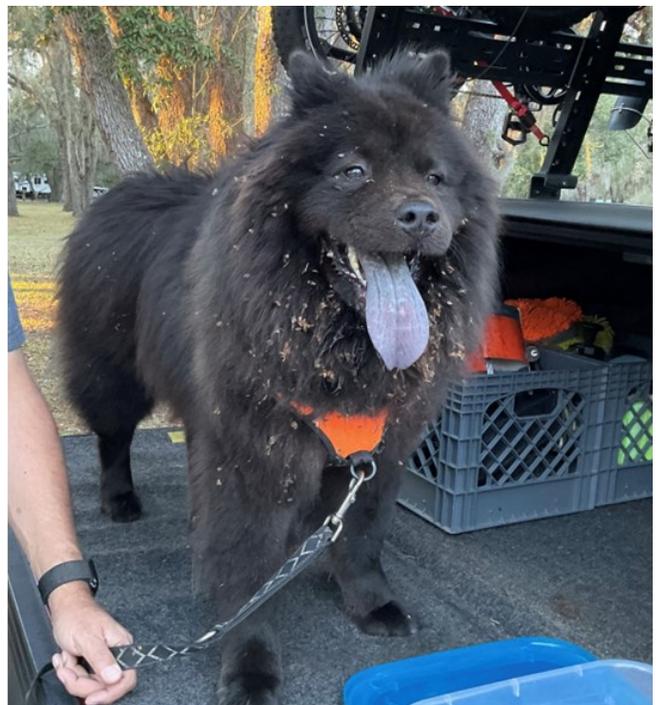
The first campground is "Lake Louisa State Park" located in Clermont, FL - this is a very nice campground and probably one of our favorites - a couple of the great things about this campground is that it is located only about 15 miles from the Disney attractions, and it is much cheaper to camp at! While staying here, we did spend a fun day at Disney Springs. If

you're not familiar with Disney Springs, it is a dining/shopping experience located outside of the Disney theme parks plus it is "free" to enter! Besides dining and shopping, there are a couple of attractions - one being a hot air balloon ride - this one we did! At the end of our day, we decided to sit down and enjoy sundaes from Ghirardelli's Chocolate Shoppe - and believe us, they were delicious.



The second and third campgrounds are part of the Florida State Forest Campgrounds - first let me say one of the best things about these parks is the nightly fee is only \$18.00! - the first is Silver Lake Campground located in Brooksville, FL - located right next to Interstate 75 - all the roads are paved, the campsites are very large with gravel pads, each divided by a split-rail fence, there is a small lake suitable for kayaking, and a paved bike path right across the road that ran for 40 miles. The second is Holder Mine Campground located in Inverness, FL - the campsites were very large with concrete pads, there are 27 full hook-up sites but many other dry-camping sites, located in an area that is very popular for off-roading, has a lot of walking/hiking trails - several of which you could drive on with a high-clearance or 4-wheel drive. Something scary for us happened during one of our hikes - Monty was able to

get away from us and took himself on a run for about 20 minutes - we don't know if he got scared or just tired, but he eventually he did come back to Randy! This is how he looked when he got back -





Another attraction we visited while staying at Holder Mine was the Homosassa Springs Wildlife Sanctuary and State Park - we really enjoyed our visit here - the park is full only of animals who for some reason can no longer live in the wild that are native to Florida except for one - a hippo named "Lu" - several years ago, all of the animals that were not native to Florida were re-homed - when it became apparent that a new home could not be located for Lu, the sanctuary decided to keep him to live out his remaining years - Lu has even been declared an "honorary citizen" of the State of Florida - Lu recently celebrated his 63rd birthday!



I already mentioned that we spent some of our time attending the Florida RV Show in Tampa - this is one of the if not the largest RV show in the US. A great benefit for us is that because we do have our YouTube channel, we can register as "Media" which entitles us to free admission and parking for the entire show. It also entitles us to go into the show on "Industry" Day which is the day before the show opens to the general public - we can spend time looking at any of the RV's we want, check out some of the vendors, and talk with any of the reps from a particular manufacturer if they are available - I'm sure all of you know which brand of RV we paid the most attention to! Not only were there all the different models of the Airstream trailers there, but there were also the camper vans including the new "Rangeline".

We also had the chance to talk with one of the Airstream execs who told us that Airstream will have some exciting announcements coming within the next several months including one that we are very excited about!



I also hinted above that we were able to spend some time visiting friends that most of you know already - Jim and KC Gillio not only invited me and Randy but also Monty and Zephyr down to spend an afternoon - we got to see their new home, which is beautiful - they took us to one of the local parks for a nice afternoon walk - the weather was beautiful, we took a tour of downtown Englewood, and they treated us to a very nice dinner sitting on their patio! I think I can also speak for both of our dogs who had a great time!

Another stop we made for a few days was "Traveler's Rest" which is located near Dade City, FL - many of you know that Ted and Donna Smith spend their winters as residents of this park - we were very happy that we had the chance to spend some time catching up with them. Due to Ted having some health issues over the past couple of years, they have been unable to do any traveling or attend any of our rallies in their Airstream. Thankfully, both of them are doing well and hope to attend at least one of our rallies this Summer!

We are now back on the road after spending 2 months in Florida - We did take a lot of video of everyplace we stayed and everything we did, so if you want to know more, we hope you will check out our YouTube channel "Zephyr Travels".

Diane and Randy Hill #30876

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