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# The Grapevine

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## President's Corner

Dick Saxton, President



Dick Saxton

Happy St. Patty's Day to all!

PayPal is up and running on Jotform. This will make registering for rallies a breeze. Many thanks to Liz Kirk, Ted Smith and Gary Russo for making this happen.

For anyone traveling and attending the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming, if you would like to camp as a club group, let me know. I'm pretty sure we have about 8 or 9 trailers right now. As we get closer to our arrival date of Thursday, June 22nd, we'll be in contact at a meeting place in Rock Springs (like Walmart) and "parade" in together.

Ontario County Park rally will be May 18th-21st. Register on your own. This first rally will be a relaxed agenda with plenty of natural beauty surrounding our sites.

Lots to look forward to this camping and traveling season. I think we really enjoy the trips between stays as much as anything. Last fall on our drive thru Alabama just seeing all the cotton fields and lowland swamps were just what we had pictured. As we all know; rallies, courtesy parking, Harvest Hosts, state parks, National parks, COE's, BLM's are part of our traveling vocabulary.

Get out and enjoy!

Dick

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## NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club Events

<b>Dates:</b>	<b>May 18-21, 2023</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Spring Rally Opener</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Ontario County Gannett Hill Park
<b>Reservations:</b>	<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> .
<b>Registration:</b>	<a href="https://form.jotform.com/230464484994165">https://form.jotform.com/230464484994165</a>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>June 2-6, 2023</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>2023 Region 2 Rally</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Yogi Bear's Jellystone Camp Resort, Niagara Falls, Ontario, CA
<b>Hosts:</b>	Ontario Canada Airstream Club
<b>Other:</b>	Rally page & registration at : <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally</a>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>June 24-30, 2023</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>2023 International Rally—WAITING LIST ONLY</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Rock Springs, Wyoming
<b>Sponsor:</b>	WBAC
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>July 21-23, 2023</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Wible Retreat 2023</b>
<b>Location:</b>	7635 Zoar Valley Road, Springville, NY 14141
<b>Hosts:</b>	Dawn and Boyd Wible
<b>Registration:</b>	<a href="https://form.jotform.com/230463665502150">https://form.jotform.com/230463665502150</a>
<b>Other:</b>	<b>5 openings left—then waiting list.</b> 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.
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>August 3-7, 2023</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Ontario and NYFLAC Joint Rally</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY
<b>Hosts:</b>	Ontario and NYFLAC Clubs
<b>Other:</b>	<b>ONLY 19 sites remain. Registration closes at 60 and then waiting list.</b>
<b>Registration:</b>	<a href="https://form.jotform.com/230345192257151">https://form.jotform.com/230345192257151</a>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>August 24-27, 2023</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Meet-Up at Lakeside Beach State Park</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Lakeside Beach SP, Waterport, NY
<b>Hosts:</b>	Diane & Randy Hill
<b>Reservations:</b>	<a href="#">Lakeside State Park, New York - Camping &amp; Reservations   ReserveAmerica</a>
<b>Registration:</b>	<a href="https://form.jotform.com/230475812247153">https://form.jotform.com/230475812247153</a>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>September 14-17, 2023</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>Oktoberfest Rally</b>
<b>Location:</b>	TBD
<b>Hosts:</b>	

# RALLY REGISTRATION UPDATES

When I set up the rally registration for “Circle the Wagons” I turned to other club and region templates for inspiration. I realized a feature we had been lacking was asking for contact and emergency information for attendees in advance. I’ve been at rallies where someone was expected to arrive and, as the evening got later, they still hadn’t arrived. No one had contact information at their fingertips to reach out and make sure everything was okay. We need to improve upon this. Things happen!!

Moving forward...for EVERY rally or Meet-up we are going to ask everyone to complete a registration form, even if there is no cost involved. The reasoning is simply to be prepared in the event of an emergency situation. **All registrations will be received by the host of the event.**

Other benefits include...

1. It allows us to have a primary contact phone number which can be used for group texts/WhatsApp/emergency communication.
2. Including license plate numbers (at least for tow vehicle) is good practice in the event of an emergency or missing person.
3. Attendees will be asked to designate an emergency contact in the event of an emergency
4. There will be a record of registration for first come, first served events.

As you can see on our Club Event Calendar (page 2) every event now has a JotForm registration.

Submitted by Liz Kirk

## 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 PLAN TO ATTEND ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RALLIES OR MEET-UPS PLEASE USE THE JOTFORM LINK(S) ON PAGE 2 AND COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM**

**SPRING RALLY OPENER  
WIBLE RETREAT  
MEET-UP AT LAKESIDE SP**

## IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER PLANNING ON ATTENDING “CIRCLE THE WAGONS” RALLY PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Because we only offer the perk of covering your 1st rally to NYFLAC members we have to handle this rally a bit differently. 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 to check the box 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

Hitch up your wagon and join us!!



Latest update for the Circle the Wagons rally at Sampson State Park. We are having quite a response for this rally! Trailers from as far as Arizona are attending the event, and, with the border restrictions now dropped for Covid, the Canadians are coming down from the north in droves.

Sites are going quickly so do not be left out of the circle! We have a **VERY** limited number of sites left for Loop 2 and only 6 sites on Loop 1. Once these sites are gone, you will need to go through Reserve America.

We have a live band for Saturday night (Sticks and Stones Country Band) and have reached out to several local wineries near Sampson for discount coupons for wine tasting. We have had a huge outpouring of volunteers. Thank you! I will be sending out a notification as we get closer to the event with more information, i.e., trailer site and your volunteering assignment.



## Colton RV Update

Dick Saxton and I had a meeting with Colton RV in Buffalo on 03/09/2023. At the meeting we addressed a number of concerns, one being the ability to service Airstream trailers NOT purchased from their facility.

**Colton RV will now service ALL Airstream trailers at the following Buffalo location:  
3443 Southwestern Blvd  
Orchard Park, NY 14127**

The contact person is Wes Toth and his direct phone number is (716) 392-1597. At this location they have 2 Airstream Factory Trained Service Technicians and 14 service bays.

Verbally, they have expressed interest in becoming the number one Airstream dealer in the area and receiving the 5 Rivet rating. This rating is awarded to "The top Airstream dealers who have successfully met the highest standards in both sales and service are recognized for their accomplishments."

If you reach out to Colton RV for sales and service support and are not getting traction, i.e., response, please contact Dick or me immediately!

Rally opportunities were also discussed. Colton RV would like to attend events by showcasing new Airstream models, hosting winterization support events, and providing financial support for rally activities. We'll keep you posted.

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Both articles submitted by Gary Russo

# Cora's Sunshine Corner

Cora Saxton, Sunshine Chair

March has come in like a lamb with a bit of lion roar already. The month isn't over yet!

Birthdays this March:

Trina Kelley	March 1st
Dale Campbell	March 10th
Ross Perry	March 18th
Ray Miller	March 21st
John Dona	March 26th
Val Davis	March 30th



Anniversaries: None again

Sunshine has continued to be lacking in the Finger Lakes area this month.  
 Hopefully some club members are enjoying the warmth of the sun's glow in other parts of the country.  
 Days are getting longer, each getting closer to camping season.

Cordially yours from the First Lady,  
Cora Saxton

***“Spring will come and so will happiness.  
 Hold on. Life will get warmer.”  
 —Anita Krizzan***

 A close-up photograph of a bouquet of various flowers. The bouquet includes white daisies, blue flowers, yellow flowers, and black and white flowers. The flowers are arranged in a dense, colorful cluster.

**A Warm Welcome to our  
 Newest Members**

Michael Brinster Fairport, NY	Earl & Pamela Hall Fairport, NY
Judy & Daniel Lawless Naples, NY	Ellen & James Broude Hastings-on-Hudson, NY Affiliates

Find us on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472017733005344>



Val Davis

# My First Airstream Rally

BRN # 15535

My friends think my first Airstream Rally was in 2019 when I joined the NY Finger Lakes Club. Surprise! In November 1965 my parents put me on a plane to Washington, D.C. to visit my Uncle Dave and Aunt Thalia, who lived in McLean, Virginia. As a kid, it was my first solo trip on an airplane and my first time away for a long week.

On the first full day, my Uncle Dave took me into his work to meet his co-workers and see his building, The U.S. Department of Agriculture. My uncle was a PHD in Chemistry. I had to wear a name tag and go through screening. Great fun!

The next day we packed up their Airstream, hitched it to his big old car, and the following morning we drove off to the Caverns and then eventually to Shenandoah National Park where me met up with other people with Airstreams! What? Is this a cult? Campfires, alcohol, Potluck, Jarts! I had a great time and learned how to conserve the water in the tank, cook on a tiny stovetop, and open up the dinette for my bed.

Dave told me that I would buy a trailer some day, it would be another brand, but he said, "You will eventually buy an Airstream because it's the right thing to do!"



Airstreams are forever."

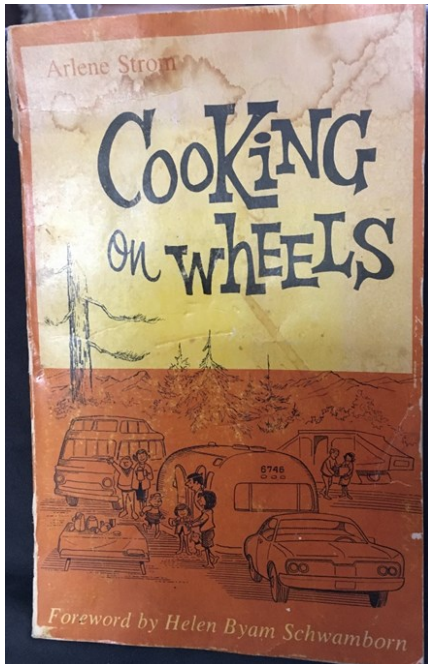
Years passed and my parents had no interest in camping or trailers so I became involved in other activities. My Uncle retired from his government job in the mid seventies. It was then that he told me about his actual job. Yes, he was a PHD Chemist, but he was actually a CIA Agent, and he had taken me to CIA Headquarters in Langley. Who knew? He told me that he spoke Russian and was an expert on the Soviet Union. So many other stories for another time.

Val Davis

# My First Airstream Rally continued...

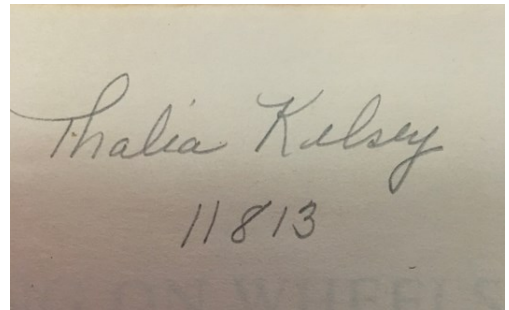
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My Aunt and Uncle brought their current Airstream to Western New York from their retirement home near Tampa, Florida a final time in 1979. Shortly thereafter, my uncle's health started failing. The Airstream was sold. My Aunt Thalia sent me her Cookbook, "COOKING ON WHEELS", written by her friend Arlene Strom, with a forward by Helen Byam Schwamborn! Inside the front cover my aunt included her Big Red Number.



I finally purchased my first travel trailer in 2006, a little 16 foot Jay Feather. I had a few "other brands" until purchasing "Airabella the Airstream" in Albany in early 2019. Dave was right. He knew I would eventually buy an Airstream.

I hope you enjoy some of these photos of the Rally at Shenandoah. I'm the one throwing Jarts next to my Aunt Thalia. Uncle Dave is standing by his precious Airstream. Many thanks to them for taking me to this rally!

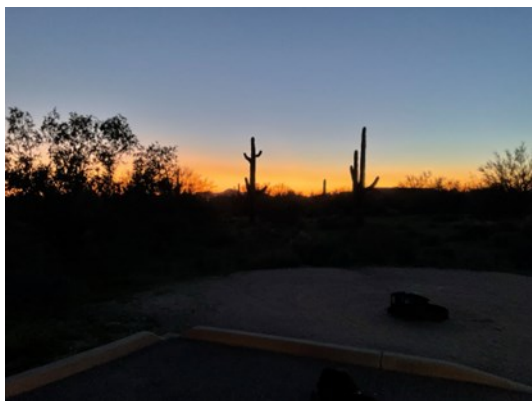


My Aunt and Uncle are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.



# Camping with Your Airstream

Diane and Randy Hill

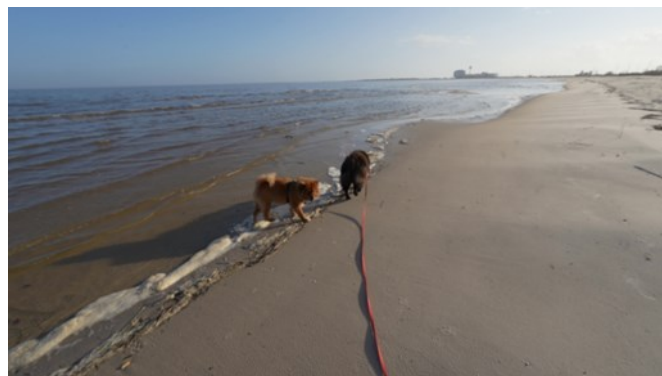


As many of you already know, we are still making our way around the country. We've titled this winter trip "One Lap of the US" - with our most important stop being the Airstream International Rally in Rock Springs, WY! Along the way, we have made many fun stops, stayed at many nice places, and have seen many beautiful sights! Currently we are in Arizona where we will be for the next several weeks before heading into a few more states before the rally.

While we are spending some time relaxing here in Arizona, we would like to share with all of you a couple of the places we stayed at which we really enjoyed.

The first campground which we really liked, and would highly recommend, is Buccaneer State Park located in Waveland, Mississippi - the campground is located right next to the Mississippi Sound on S. Beach Blvd. with plenty of public beach areas.

The campground is quite large with spacious campsites with a seasonal pool and water park located within the campground. If you enjoy gambling, the Silver Slipper Casino is located close by. Biloxi, MS is the closest



The 2nd campground we really liked, and would highly recommend, would be Roadrunner Travels RV Park located In Terlingua, Texas. This is one of the nicest private campgrounds located outside of Big Bend National Park offering both pull-through full hook-up sites, as well as boondocking. We had a boondocking site as all the full hook-up sites were taken, but this was fine for us because we have plenty of solar power! Of course, our visit to Big Bend was spectacular. We would definitely recommend spending more than one day visiting the park if possible! Also while we were staying at Roadrunner's,

we visited the Terlingua Ghost Town and cemetery. Terlingua is a old mining town from the early 1900's, both of which we would highly recommend!

Now that we've shared some of our favorite campgrounds we are hoping that you would help us share your recommendations of places you have enjoyed during your AS travels. Places can be anything and anywhere, near or far, keeping locations within the US. Tell us about your favorite campgrounds/parks, RV resorts, boondocking, Harvest Hosts, courtesy parking experiences, wherever! You can share your comments and recommendations with us either via e-mail at [rhill33@me.com](mailto:rhill33@me.com) or post it on the Finger Lakes Facebook page. We will share all responses in an up-coming issue of the Grapevine!





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**THE APRIL  
GRAPEVINE WILL  
BE 1 WEEK LATE**

Next month Charlie and I will be taking a long awaited vacation to an exotic destination. This means that you will have to wait an extra week for your April Grapevine Edition.

(The blue footed booby is my 1st hint to where we're going. Hint #2: We won't be taking the Airstream).