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President's Corner

Dick Saxton, President



Dick Saxton

Hello fellow Airstreamers,

There has been a lot going on, and a lot more to come! Nine trailers ventured out to Rock Springs, WY for the International Rally and I believe everyone had a good time.

The weather was decent and the programs were informative. We had a club Happy Hour with everyone in attendance and a couple of Affiliates joined us. I've got to give a shoutout to Mary & Ron Silco for the great trivia team competition! Everyone has now left the grounds and travelled on to popular sites.

Now for what's to come: Wible's Rally!, Gary's Rally at Sampson!, Randy & Diane's rally at Lakeside!, and our season closeout Oktoberfest at Hamburg Brewing! You can find all the registration info here in the newsletter.

I'd like to send our best to club member John Fahner-Vihtelic and hope that he's feeling better!

Well, that's it, hope to see you down the road!

Dick Saxton



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2023**NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club Events**

Dates:	July 21-23, 2023
Event:	Wible Retreat 2023
Location:	7635 Zoar Valley Road, Springville, NY 14141
Hosts:	Dawn and Boyd Wible
Registration:	https://form.jotform.com/230463665502150
Other:	A few openings remain. 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:	WAITING LIST ONLY
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
Reservations:	Lakeside State Park, New York - Camping & Reservations ReserveAmerica
Registration:	https://form.jotform.com/230475812247153
Dates:	September 22-24, 2023
Event:	Oktoberfest at Hamburg Brewery
Location:	Hamburg Brewing Company, 6553 Boston State Rd, Hamburg, NY 14075
Hosts:	Dick Saxton
Other:	Boondocking—no hook-ups. More to follow.
Registration:	https://form.jotform.com/231174391441148
Dates:	October 5-10, 2024
Event:	67th International Rally
Location:	Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia MO
Registration:	Registration opens August 1, 2023
Dates:	August 23-28, 2025
Event:	68th International Rally
Location:	York Expo Center, York, PA
Registration:	More information to come
Other:	Region 2 will be the hosts

Where does the time go?! The good news is that the rallies have started and camping season is upon us!

Cora's Sunshine Corner

Cora Saxton, Sunshine Chair



Our first rally was with the Spirit of Virginia Club at the beginning of May. We had a wonderful time on the ranch and even rode horses. Our dog didn't want to come home! NY Finger Lakes first rally at Ontario County Park in May was the windiest weekend on the books, but I think a great time was had by all overlooking the scenic Canandaigua valley.

As I write this our trailer is packed! Can't wait for Rock Springs!

Birthdays this June/July/August

Randy Hill	June 5th
Paula Babcock	June 12th
Rich Peebles	June 23rd
Cathy Andersen	June 24th
Cora Saxton	July 11th
Mary Fine-Silco	July 17th
Gary Russo	July 30th
John Fahner-Vihtelic	August 4th
Ann Jakob	August 9th
Fred Curtis	August 19th
Audrey Wagner	August 27th
Mark Sweeney	August 29th

Anniversaries: (Now we are on a roll....)

Dick and Cora Saxton	June 1st
Boyd and Dawn Wible	June 5th
Gary and Suzanne Russo	June 12th
Geoffrey and Lisa Marshall	June 22nd
James and Paula Babcock	July 8th
John and Esther Dona	July 12th
Rich and Amy Peebles	July 30th
Chris and Jennifer Cappelletti	August 1st
Ross and Mary Lou Perry	August 2nd
John and Cathy Andersen	August 19
John and Mary Fahner-Vihtelic	August 20

I am sure there are many out there who were missed and I will make an effort to reach out to those not on my records. Hopefully our path will cross with many other Finger Lakes members this camping season! Hope to see you! Safe travels!

Cordially yours from the First Lady,
Cora Saxton

"A change of latitude would help my attitude." —Unknown



Image from Common Creative

WHERE'S THE AIRSTREAM?

Did I get your attention?

Region 2 would like to start a list of sites within our geography that could potentially host a Region 2 Rally. Ideally, the location would have capacity for at least 75 rigs with 30 amp electric, at a minimum. Additionally, hookups are a bonus. If there's no sewer hookups, a dump station would be necessary. We'd also want to have some sort of covered area where we can have meals and, in case of inclement weather - a building, or a place where we can set up a tent.

We know there are campgrounds out there that could support such a rally, much like the Jellystone Park in Ontario that recently hosted the 2023 Region 2 rally. The site should be in the Region 2 territory - Delaware, Maryland, DC, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and/or Ontario.

We know these places are out there but there's no easy way for us to find them. I'll bet many of you know of places that might fit the bill. We do have a list of regional fairgrounds, like Delaware and York, but that list was created with International rallies in mind - and we're nowhere near that size. If you know of a site that could handle this, please let Gary Russo know.

Hello

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It's a pleasure to introduce the newest members of our club. We look forward to meeting you on great camping weekends, rallies and caravans!

Hattie & Peter Tigh

Skaneateles, NY

Stephen & Jerrienne Scheiderich

Lee Center, NY



New York Finger Lake friends celebrating the installation of Gary Russo as Region 2 President at the 66th International Airstream Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

We would all like to congratulate Gary and wish him much success in his new position.

A RARE FIND AWAITS

Contact Trina Kelly 607-368-1244

After 27 years as members of our club, Jack & Trina Kelly have decided to sell their 1997 Norman Rockwell Limited Edition 34 ft Airstream Trailer. (Only 50 were made in 1997)



This spectacular trailer has been stored under cover, except when traveling or attending rallies.

Non-smokers
No pets
New rugs
Everything else is **original**

This gem can be seen at:
524 East Lake Rd. Penn Yan, NY
14527.

Priced at \$40,000 (negotiable)
and includes some dishes and
RV necessities.

To schedule an appointment or
more information contact Trina
Kelley at 607-368-1244



Region 2 President's Update

THIS IS IT. My last Region 2 Presidents notes! Although I started writing these weeks ago, I'm finishing them at the 2023 International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Erica and I left home in early June, after the Region 2 rally, and spent weekends traveling, and we worked from the Airstream during the week in St. Louis and the Denver areas.

First, the Region 2 rally was a great success; thanks to Ray Barrick (#6497) and the Ontario Canada Airstream Club for making it memorable for all of us. Incoming Region 2 President Gary Russo (#1061), and soon-to-be First Vice President Patti Galupo (#22010), and incoming Second Vice President Matt Moore (#3937) are working on the plans for next year's rally.

We had a Region 2 Happy Hour at the Rock Springs rally. I'd estimate about a third of the Region 2 attendees were at the happy hour; a thunderstorm and another major event scheduled at the same time likely kept some people away. But we had a good time anyway!

My goal was to attend an event for every club in the Region during my tenure. Unfortunately, I only managed to visit 8 of the 14. In theory, the Region President, or his or her designee, is supposed to attend an event for every club in the region - but it's difficult for our region, given the number of clubs, and that events tend to get scheduled on the same weekends. However, as our Region 2 presidents get practice planning for this goal, we'll get better at it over time.

I've avoided talking about specific club rallies I've attended, because I didn't want to come across as reviewing the rally or the club. We've met quite a few members of the region, and a few people outside the region, and had instant connections with many of them. Everyone has been extremely welcoming, and we've always had a great time. Prior to taking on this region president role, I had not visited the rally of any other club, or a region rally. That was a mistake; we were missing a lot. Don't hide in your club.

I'd like to encourage each club to do more joint rallies. I know some clubs have standing joint rallies with others, but consider spreading beyond that. I'd like to challenge each club to do a joint rally with one other club every year - whether it be another Region 2 club, or a club in another region. You'll meet new friends, see new places, and have new ideas. Break up any monotony that has set in!

Although my time as region president is at an end, I do want to continue helping the club. We've already been involved in preliminary plans for the 2025 International Rally in York, Pennsylvania, and International President Eric McHenry (#153) just told me that more questions are on the way. Erica and I are thrilled to be a part of the planning.

I have to thank Past President Rich Short (#1512) for his guidance. You may recall I came into the Region 2 leadership only a few months before becoming president, and Rich taught me everything he could in the time available and provided advice well beyond that. Gary and Patti have been partners in crime over the last two years, too - always ready to listen and give advice.

I also have to thank everyone I've talked to during the last two years. You were supportive, and many of you reassured me that I was doing a good job. Thank you. Of course, I also have to thank Erica. Her support and advice have been invaluable.

This is it for me. I'll see you down the road!

—RJ Marquette, #13270, Washington DC Unit, Past Region 2 President



ELECTRICAL SAFETY

RANDY HILL

Recently while staying at a campground in Cottonwood, Arizona we had an electrical fire in our Airstream! The 30-amp twist plug overheated and burned the connection going into the Airstream. The heat was so hot, it melted the two plugs together.

It was pretty scary as we did not know what was happening. Our electrical power went on and off a couple times and then we had a fault showing on the LED plug in tester. I first thought there was an issue with the power pedestal. After a while, we found the twist plug had overheated and melted. When I unplugged it, the receptacle broke apart.

When our plug failed, we were not running any more electrical load then any other morning- our hot water and heat pump were the main electrical load. We have run this combination many times in the past without issues.

So why did it fail? I believe there were two main reasons ours failed that morning. #1. Poor connection at the plug. #2. Moisture getting into the connection. The night before we had a heavy rainfall for most of the night. Sometimes the rain was hitting the side of the trailer very hard. The combination of the heavy rain and the poor connection of the twist plug created resistance at the connection causing the plug to heat up under the load.

We did have a surge protector plug into the pedestal, so we should have been protected? Surge protectors only protect you from the power coming into your Airstream from the pedestal. They monitor the voltage and will stop high or low voltage spikes from coming into your Airstream. They also monitor for improper grounds. They do not protect you from high resistance because of a poor connection.



Since this happened, I have been talking to a number of experts, and this is a common issue with these twist plugs. The twist plug is a poor design that is prone to failure. Thankfully, there is a better plug that you can replace the twist plug with. SmartPlug is a marine plug that offers 27x more electrical contact - this maximizes electrical transfer to the RV. The plug has flat blades that are wider and don't require a twist to lock in place. The SmartPlug has triple weatherproof seals to keep the moisture out.

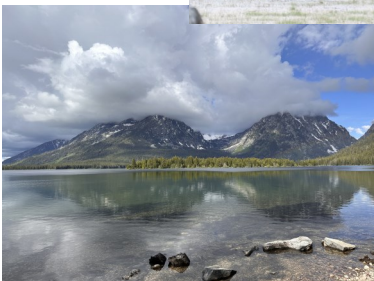
After going through this event, we would recommend every RV have a SmartPlug. The cost to upgrade is about \$200 to change both the receptacle and plug on your power cord. The upgrade kit is available in both 30 and 50 amp. SmartPlugs are available from many stores like TechnoRV, Amazon, Etrailer and other RV supply stores. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

Randy & Diane Hill
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WYOMING REFLECTIONS

As many of you know, Charlie and I traveled throughout Wyoming for five weeks before attending the IR in Rock Springs. I may be an editor, but I'm not a writer. Instead, I prefer to share travel adventures through images. We are both from Wyoming but there's so much we hadn't seen. On this trip we poked into the corners and seldom visited areas of the state. It was an absolutely fantastic experience. While WY has had a geologically violent history, that's also what makes the landscape so diverse and beautiful!!! I hope you enjoy the images. Liz Kirk





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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.

New email address coming for NYFLAC

The days of ACI using Google for email addresses is coming to a close. Google now wants to charge for each email account—which would be financially unrealistic for ACI or local clubs. ACI is migrating accounts to Outlook 365 and is covering the cost for one email per club. I am currently in the process of moving all of the member contacts to the new account. I anticipate that by the August newsletter everything will be in place. I expect the old account to be closed by end of August. Any officers wishing to use this account should contact me directly. Our new club email is: club002@airstreamclub.org.