

November 2023

The Navigator

Hudson-Mohawk NY, 071



Indians watching Henry Hudson's ship, the Half Moon along the Hudson River

President's Message

Dan Steen



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Fall is a bittersweet season for us in the Northeast. While we enjoy the beautiful displays of the season, those of us who are not headed south must tackle fall maintenance items and winterization of our rigs.

The club must also get our plans for the 2023/2024 season finalized. As plans are fleshed out, they will be shared so members can make plans and reservations. I would suggest it is always better to make early reservations and cancel, if necessary, rather than miss an event only because we do not have a reservation. The International Rally in Sedalia MO is a good example. As of last report more than half of the 1500 full hookup sites have already been reserved.

As we close out the 2022-2023 season, a few thanks are in order.

Thank you to Diane Bergquist for serving as President. And to both Diane & Eric, thank you for all the hard work hosting the September Installation Rally. Green Lakes State Park is a beautiful spot. It was a great rally despite the rained-out Movies Under the Stars!

I also want to acknowledge Tess Stoklosa for taking on the role of Treasurer. That is a concern off the shoulders of Wendy Vettovali as she focusses on her recovery. Wendy had been our Treasurer since 2018.

Hollie Bart will move up to First VP, the next step before she becomes President next year. Additionally, I want to thank Bill Schultz for volunteering to be our Second VP, without having had his arm twisted. Barb Schultz, who has been Newsletter Editor and Secretary will continue in these rolls. In my opinion we have one of the best newsletters thanks to Barbs efforts. Again, thanks to all you do to keep the club running.

While Pat and I were unfortunately unable to attend, by all reports, the Camp the Coast rally at Southwick Beach State Park was a spectacular ending to our camping season. Great weather, kite flying contest, and great food all weekend was enjoyed by those who attended. Well done Hollie Bart!

A special note to all our members who have not made it to one of our unit rallies, we hope to see you down the road. If you have any questions or have suggestions that might make our events more attractive, please feel free to contact me.

Dan Steen
President

Officers

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Hollie Bart

2nd Vice President
Bill Schultz

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Stan Stoklosa

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Webmaster
Cindy Davis

Newsletter
Barbara Schultz

Activity Chair
Pat Steen



Bill & Barb Schultz rig under the Harvest Moon
Southwick Beach State Park



Great things happening in 2023
That you don't want to miss

November Lunch with Hudson-Mohawk

Parillo's Armory Grill

67 Bridge St, Amsterdam, NY 12010

Saturday November 18, 2023 @12:30

Hosted by Erin McKay and Dan White

Please RSVP by November 8th

Text to Erin at 518-265-0598

Hudson-Mohawk Airstream Club

Holiday Party

Saturday December 9, 2023 @12:00 Noon



Moscatiello's Italian Family Restaurant

99 North Greenbush Road (Rt.4), Troy NY 12180

Menu and directions available at www.moscatiellos.com

Please RSVP by November 30th

Pat Steen (518) 441-5280 - Dan Steen (518) 281-7876



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2024

February 2024 <i>Cabin Fever Luncheon</i>	TBA	Tess & Stan Stoklosa 518-466-3453 tessnunu@me.com
March 23, 2024 11:00am <i>March Luncheon</i>	Carson's Woodside Tavern 57 NY-9P Malta, NY 12020	Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com Please RSVP by March 15, 2024
April 2024 <i>Spring Luncheon</i>	TBA	Hollie Bart 646-398-0066 flostream66@gmail.com
May 3-5, 2024 <i>Region 2 Rally</i>	Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall PA 16828	More information to come
June 7-9, 2024 <i>Spring Rally</i>	Interlake RV Park and Campground 428 Lake Drive Rhinebeck, NY 12572-3213 Call to make your reservation: 888-584-3729	Cindy Davis & Bill Levy 845-235-9473 cindylvdavis@aol.com
July 2024 <i>Summer Rally</i>	TBA	Diane & Eric Bergquist 518-281-3240 riprapmeadows@earthlink.net
August 1-5, 2024 <i>New York State Rally</i>	Sampson State Park Rally with Hudson-Mohawk, NYFLAC and NY Metro	Sites have been reserved at Sampson, there will be more information soon.
September 2024 <i>Installation Rally</i>	TBA	Dan & Pat Steen 518-281-7876 dmsteen@gmail.com
October 5-10, 2024 <i>67th International Rally</i>	 Missouri State Fairgrounds Sedalia Missouri	Register now at: https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024

Remember to let the Hosts know when you make your reservation

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hudson-Mohawk Officers

President	Dan Steen (1389)	dmsteen@gmail.com	518-281-7876
Vice President	Hollie Bart (4597)	flostream66@gmail.com	646-398-0066
Treasurer	Tess Stoklosa (20769)	tessnunu@me.com	518-466-3453
Secretary	Barbara Schultz (5666)	HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com	518-409-2565
Web Page	HUDSONMOHAWKNY.AIRSTREAMCLUB.NET		

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January Issue—December 15
March Issue—February 15
May Issue—April 15
July Issue—June 15
September Issue—August 15
November Issue—October 15



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Stephen Siller
Tunnel to Towers Foundation
TUNNEL2TOWERS.ORG

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a non-profit organization that honors the sacrifice of Firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation carries out its mission to "do good," by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. Tunnel to Towers is also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget September 11, 2001.

NEWSLETTER IDEAS OR SUBMISSIONS?

I welcome any comments and suggestions for articles you'd like to read. I would like to make the newsletter informative, entertaining and accurate. So, please feel free to send your suggestions or a story you would like to post.

Thank You, Barbara

Send pictures, rally reports and club information to:

HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com for the newsletter.

Pictures can also be sent to Cindy Davis at:

cindydvadavis@aol.com for our web page.

Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528607020682777/>

Meet Henry Hudson.....



Larry will bring this cutie home on 11/01/23
Looking forward to seeing Henry Hudson in person at a rally this Spring!!



Sitting in the dog food bowl.....
possession is 9-10's of the law!

CELEBRATING

November

2 Dee Perry 5031

10 Lee Belec 3035

10 Wendy Vettovalli 4391



November 30th Jeffrey & Julie Quay 5551

December 24th Bill Levy & Cindy Davis 23673

December 27th Randy & K.C. Boelsems 3203

December

4 Joan Stevens 4430

9 Craig Arons 9389

11 Cheryl Arons 9389

19 Roger Smith 10566

24 Stan Stoklosa 20769

28 Sandy Boogertman 2911

30 Bill Schultz 5666

Happy Birthday

Welcome
New Members

Glenn & Beth Oldrich / 2017-Bsaecamp-16' / 8727

So happy to meet you at Camp the Coast Rally!



Happy to report Wendy is home and doing well

Pat has recovered nicely from knee surgery

Speedy recovery goes out to Lianne after her knee surgery

Happy thoughts and well wishes to all!



REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President Gary Russo



October, 2023

At the Fryeburg, Maine, International Rally the voting structure was changed from a delegate format to a system where each member's vote will count in the decision-making process. I want to provide how the membership of Region 2 did in the new voting process. Some of the voting information was provided to me by Eric McHenry.

Highlights:

- * The voting system we use does NOT track or record individual votes – the system only tracks if an email voted or not.
- * The percentage calculation used the number of members who voted vs the total number of members in Region 2.
- * Approximately 90% of the membership in Region 2 have valid emails. Therefore, I can assume that those approximately 90% received an electronic ballot for the June 2023 elections.

Region 2 has 962 Big Red Numbers (BRN's), or approximately 1920 voting members. This assumes that each BRN has 2 voting members. The number of reported votes cast from Region 2 for the June 2023 election was 246. That means only 12.6% of the Region voted! Based upon this information, Region 2 had the lowest voting percentage of all WBCCI regions.

I cannot express how important it is for your voice to be heard. Since the number of valid email addresses in Region 2 is somewhat less than 90%, please update/confirm your email address with the record on the WBCCI site.

You can do this 1 of 2 ways.

1. Go to <https://airstreamclub.org>, log into your account and confirm/update your membership information. If you have a partner in your trailer, please add their email information so they will receive any future voting ballots.
2. You can also call the WBCCI home office, and they will be glad to confirm/update your email information.

Remember your vote does count. Please exercise the right!

November 2023

As the end of the camping season winds down in the North, it was time to put MaryAnn II into winter storage. It was a sad time for Suzanne and me. This year we made several lasting memories, being on the road for 3 plus months, and my installation as Region 2 President. I would also like to introduce the other Region 2 team members:

*1st VP Patti Galupo

Patti is from the Washington DC Unit.

*2nd VP Matt Moore

Matt is from the AL-MON-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club

*Corresponding Secretary Suzanne Russo

Suzanne is from the New Your Finger Lakes Unit

*Recording Secretary Judy Cahall

Judy is from the Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club

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REGION 2 NEWS

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*Treasurer Will Kushto

Will is from the Keystone Pennsylvania Airstream Club

*Membership Chair Colleen Ahlers

Colleen is from the Metropolitan New York Airstream Club

*Newsletter Editor Cody Klingler

Cody is from the AL-MON-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club

*Webmaster Ronald Silco

Ron is from the New Your Finger Lakes Unit

As President, I would like to say thank you to them for stepping up to fill these positions.

As we move forward, people are either thinking of, or are on the road to, warmer climates, but the business of Region 2 continues. During this time of year, Unit officers are changing, plans for next year's Rallies are either in the books or are in the planning stages. Unit Presidents, please remember to send to WBCCI your Officer's Reporting form.

It has come to my attention that some Units are having joint rallies. I want to encourage this type of activity because there is synergism when a rally event gets to a certain size. Cost factors are distributed over a larger number, allowing for additional activities, friendships from different Units are developed and the volunteer workload is spread over more people. One example is the Rally that the New York Finger Lakes Airstream unit had in August of 2023. They partnered with the Ontario unit. That rally had over 60 trailers. The rally had a rig from as far away as Texas. The 3 NYS units are partnering for a rally in 2024. As you can see, these rallies are not limited to their local units.

Your Region 2 officers have not been 'asleep at the switch'. Plans for the Region 2 Rally are taking shape. So, save the DATE May 2 to May 5, 2024. The location is the Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair. The status is that we are finalizing the contract. What I can tell you at this point is the following:

Location: 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall PA 16828

Sites will have 30AMP hookups and water (dump station is available).

Note Grange Park has HIGH water pressure. Please bring water pressure reducers to avoid water hookup issues!

We will have access to a building with tables and chairs.

We are looking at Catering services and Entertainment options for the Rally.

Pricing/Registration information to follow in the next President newsletters and will be posted on the WBCCI website along with the Grange Encampment & Fair Guidelines.

We will be using JotForm and PayPal for registration and payment.

On the JotForm for the rally there will be an area to volunteer, identify if you have any food limitations/requests, and other inputs for the rally.

We plan to have online registration open for the rally by Jan 1st of 2024.

Safe travels and see you down the road!

Gary Russo, Region 2 President



Movies Under the Stars

Green Lakes State Park

INSTALLATION RALLY

September 8-10, 2023

Hosted by

Diane & Eric Bergquist

A new year of the Hudson Mohawk Airstream Club Officers term has begun. The baton has been passed. Dan Steen has assumed the Presidency with Holly Bart 1st VP, Bill Schultz 2nd VP, Tess Stoklosa Treasurer, Barb Schultz Secretary.

The swearing in ceremony was held at our annual Installation rally, which was at Green Lakes State Park in Fayetteville, NY. This is one of New York's finest as State Parks go.

The weather cooperated for our Installation dinner, campfire and the installation of officers. Then not so much, rain, rain and more rain canceled our Movies Under the Stars, but a good time was had by all.

Eric and I hosted the rally and were thrilled to have Dan & Pat Steen, Bill and Barb Schultz, Bill Levy & Cindy Davis, Bob & Joan Stevens, Tess & Stan Stoklosa, Holly Bart, Larry Ascenzi, Erin McKay & Dan White take part.

Here's to beginning a new camping year for our Airstream Club with a new calendar of rallies and luncheons scheduled and our Holiday party, being hosted by Pat & Dan Steen and a full calendar already set for 2024.

Happy Holidays to all and looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

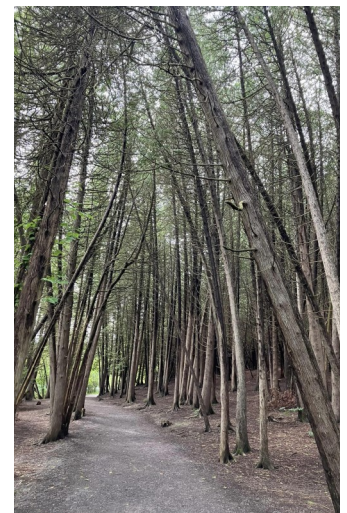
Diane Bergquist



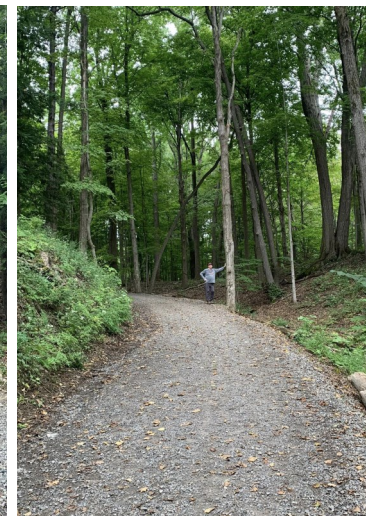
Installation of Hudson-Mohawk Officers



Diane put on an Italian Hero dinner that was out of this world!



Some hiking and cooking and dodging rain at Green Lakes. Very unique place. The glacial green water and cedar forests are impressive, Stan S.



What an incredibly beautiful park! I feel like I am on another planet!



Campfire, Friends, and stories of adventures from the past and plans for future Airstreaming adventures, that's why we Rally together!



The Crew (Larry, Dan, Bill) working on Hollie's door lock after she got locked out, Flynn is keeping a close eye on how the work is going.



Tess & Stan



Bill & Cindy



Dan & Erin talking to Harry



Larry, Diane, Eric



Starbase 89



Diane and Taffy



Joan and Bob



Camp the Coast

Southwick Beach State Park

Sept 28-Oct 1, 2023



By all accounts, the 2023 Hudson Mohawk rally season came to a fun and fantastic end at the Camp the Coast Rally at Southwick Beach State Park on Lake Ontario. Sure, the weekend offered spacious campsites in a new loop, waterside dining at an historic Inn, late summer weather that neared perfection, lip smacking food offerings from every trailer, and nightly campfires glistening beneath the Harvest Moon. But what made the event such a success was the active participation of those who came to rally.



Expert rally site set-up by Larry Ascenzi, Stan and Tess Stoklosa and Barb Schultz.

Nightly campfire tenders, Bill Schultz, Bill Levy, Dan White, and self-proclaimed "old school" builder, Stan Stoklosa, who collectively made a valiant effort, but failed, to burn all that wood.

The apple pie work crew, Barb Schultz, Joan Stevens, Tess, and Stan, with Diane Bergquist on technique.

The nature walkers, Tess, Larry, Barb, Hollie and Diane, who decreed, "We're gonna get our 10,000 steps in today!!!"

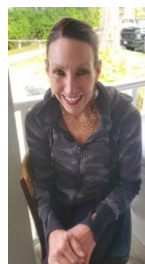
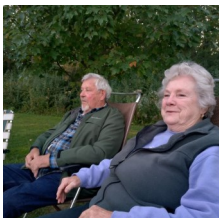
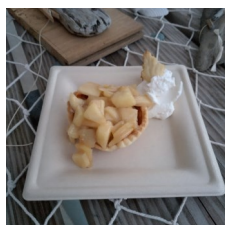
Back-up photo journaling by Dan White (thank you!).

Great energy from newcomers, Glenn and Beth Oldrich, who are the proud owners of Oppy, the Basecamp (of NASA namesake fame).

Invaluable behind-the-scenes efforts by Diane (who made countless trips to the store for ice and more supplies), Larry (who made countless trips back to camp because "someone" forgot essential fire starter supplies), Barb (who made countless dirty prep dishes disappear and return spotlessly clean), and Tess, who set up a grab and go style Bloody Mary bar with fixings from Cindy Davis).

The shish kabob chop and skewer crew – Erin McKay, Joan Stevens and Barb.

The grill master, Larry, who cooked those kabobs like a pro, and then finished the day with his superb blueberry cheesecakes, borrowing a page from his aunt's recipe book.

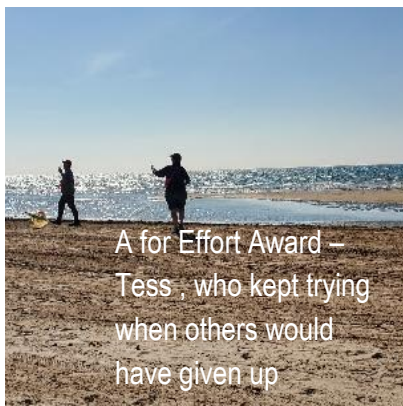




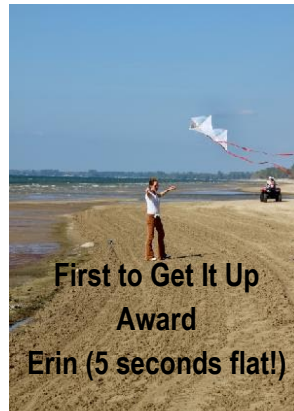
Fierce but [somewhat] friendly kite flying competition on the beach, and after the final whistle blew, the coveted driftwood award winners had become clear:



Camp Champ –
Bob Stevens
(crowned for his technical skill, soaring and steady height and unwavering read of the prevailing winds)



A for Effort Award –
Tess, who kept trying when others would have given up



First to Get It Up
Award
Erin (5 seconds flat!)



Most Spectacular
Crash Award –
Barb, whose suddenly untethered kite crashed in the nearby parking lot

Team Award: The “Minty Green” Team of Erin, Dan White, and Bob & Joan Stevens
Who knew dollar store kites could provide so much fun and laughter?

Anxiously awaiting more fun, food and Airstream fellowship as the rally roster for 2024 begins to unfold!





camp the Coast

Beautiful Sunset



Diane, Larry, Barb, Tess,, Flynn



Lunch at the beach



Campfire under the Harvest Moon



Lots of fun around the campfire



The Hiking crew



we made it to the beach!