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President's Corner

Dick Saxton. President

Hello Fellow Airstreamers,



Dick Saxton

Winterized, Washed and In Storage! That's our Autumn wrap-up. I know there's a few out there traveling South or West for the winter, Safe Travels!

We've got a lot in the planning stages for 2024. As we finalize these Rallies we will have the reservation links up in our newsletters.

- NYFLAC Winter Meet-Up January 27, 2024. Kings Bend Park, 170 Jefferson Road, Pittsford, NY. More info to follow.
- Region 2 Rally May 2—May 5, 2024, Centre County Grange Encampment, 169 Homan Lane Centre Hall, PA 16828 (Near Penn State).
- NYFLAC Season Opener—Ontario County Park, May 10 13, 2024, Naples, NY.
- ☑ Watkins Glen Harbor Fest Rally— June 13 17, 2024, Watkins Glen, NY.
- NY State Rally—August 1 5, 2024, Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY.
- NYFLAC/ Washington DC Club Joint Rally— August 22- 25,2024, Knobeles Amusement Park and Campground, Elysburg, PA.
- MYFLAC Lakeside Buddy Rally Lakeside State Park, Waterport, NY. More TBA.
- NYFLAC Hamburg Oktoberfest Rally— September 19 22, 2024, Hamburg, NY.
- WBCCI International Rally—October 5—10, 2024, Sedalia, MO.
- NYFLAC Columbus Day Rally –October 11 14, 2024, Green Lakes State Park, Manillus, NY.

Happy Hour as always is 4:00 PM

Have a Happy Thanksgiving Dick Saxton #8477

2024

NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club Events **SAVE THE DATES!!**

MORE INFORMATION COMING YOUR WAY!!

Dates: January 27, 2024 Event: Winter Meet-Up

Location: Lodge at Kings Bend Park, 170 Jefferson Road, Pittsford, NY. Hosts: Mary Fein-Silco, Ron Silco, Dick Saxton, & Cora Saxton

Dates: May 2-5, 2024 Event: **Region 2 Rally**

Location: Centre County Grange Encampment, 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA 16828 Registration: Registration will open close to January 1, 2024. We'll let you know ASAP!!

Dates: May 10-13, 2024

Event: **NYFLAC Season Opener**

Location: Ontario County Park, Naples, NY

Dates: June 13-17, 2024

Event: Watkins Glen Harbor Fest Rally

Location: Watkins Glen, NY

Dates: August 1—5, 2024 Event: **New York State Rally**

Location: Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY

Dates: August 22-25, 2024

Event: NYFLAC/Washington DC Joint Rally

Location: Knobeles Amusement Park and Campground, Elysburg, PA.

Dates: **Dates To Be Announced**

Event: Lakeside State Park Buddy Rally Location: Lakeside State Park, Waterport, NY

Dates: September 19-22, 2024 Event: **Hamburg Oktoberfest Rally**

Hamburg, NY Location:

Dates: October 5-10, 2024 Event: 2024 International Rally

Location: Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia MO

Registration: NOW OPEN at International Rally 2024 | ACI (airstreamclub.org)

Dates: October 11-14, 2024 **Event:** Columbus Day Rally

Location: Green Lakes State Park, Manillus, NY

Cora's Sunshine Corner

Cora Saxton, Sunshine Chair

"Fall has always been my favorite season.
The time when everything bursts with its
last beauty as if nature had been saving up
all year for the grand finale."

—Lauren DeStefano

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Happy Fall, Y'all! Returning home from my favorite travel time of the year. Sunny days and cool nights made for a great month-long journey through fourteen states. Our second trip to the Fiddler's Convention Rally in Athens, AL and our first, but not our last, Alumilina Rally. Visited with many old friends and made even more new friends. Always a tinge of sadness in putting the trailer away for the winter. Hope those that traveled or are planning to travel to warmer climates have a great winter. We will hunker down in the Finger Lakes and hope the slopes get covered this year.

Birthdays this November:

Mary Fahner-Vihtelic November15th

Richard Saxton November 29th



Anniversaries:

Ted and Donna Smith November 30th



So many wonderful Finger Lakes rallies this summer and even more planned for 2024! I can't wait! Fall-elujah! Hope you enjoy a happy Thanksgiving holiday!

Cordially yours from the First Lady,

Cora Saxton

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



A Very Warm Welcome to our newest members Lucy Yeah & Sean Carney Los Angeles, CA

And our newest affiliates

Mary & Andreas Lehner

Waitsfield, VT

Please make the following change to your membership roster: Linda Ferguson email is now lferguson5806@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS....

Campsite fees will be covered by the NYFLAC for any <u>NEW</u> member who has <u>NEVER</u> attended a rally <u>whenever you are ready!!</u> New members will still be responsible for any additional costs associated with the rally (ex. food or entertainment). This offer is open only to new members and affiliates of NYFLAC.

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



46 days left

to renew your membership (Legacy Members only)

Submitted by Mary Fien-Silco



HAMBURG BREWING Welcomes NYFLAC with Open Arms



The last rally of the season was held at Hamburg Brewing in Hamburg, New York. A huge thank you to Dick and Cora Saxton for doing the legwork to plan this Octoberfest event as well as the owners of the brewery who embraced this event with open arms. Thirteen Airstreams converged on the brewery and set up on the grass in the back lot. No one seemed to mind that this was a boondocking rally. Solar panels and generators were the equipment of the weekend. The weather cooperated, giving us bright sunshine and warm temperatures.

The brewery had food so good that many of us ate dinner both Friday and Saturday nights at the brewery as well as a wonderful Sunday brunch. We were able to get snacks to go, and of course, beer. Saturday morning's pancake and sausage breakfast was cooked in the brewery's pavilion by Dick Saxton, Chris Cappalletti and Randy Hill. A big thanks to our chefs!

Members explored the local area with hiking and shopping. One couple took in the Peter Gabriel concert in Buffalo and several of us got some of the amazing donuts from Paula's Donuts. We held a public open house for brewery patrons on Saturday afternoon.





As a group, we had nightly campfires, thanks to Chris and Jennifer Cappalletti and their huge solo stove. We had our Saturday afternoon happy hour, complete with a Buffalo themed trivia contest and an outside TV viewing of college football. Corn hole and Skittle Scatter were some games we enjoyed together.

We were truly able to bond as a group and make connections and new friendships with new rally-goers. If you are hesitant to join in a rally, please give it a try. We can almost guarantee you'll have fun and meet many new friends.



Region 2 President's Update

As the end of our 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 three plus months and my installation as Region 2 President. I would also like to take this opportunity 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 a member of the AL-MON-O Pennsylvania Airstream Club
- ★ Corresponding Secretary Suzanne Russo—Suzanne is from the New Your Finger Lakes Club
- ★ Recording Secretary Judy Cahall—Judy is from the Watchung New Jersey Airstream Club
- ★ 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 Club

As President, I would like to say **THANK YOU** to each of our volunteers 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, Club officers are changing, plans for next year's Rallies are either in the books or are in the planning stages. Club Presidents, please remember to send your Officer's Reporting form to WBCCI.

It has come to my attention that some Clubs are having joint rallies next year. I'd like to encourage this type of activity as there is synergism when rally events get to a certain size: cost factors are distributed over a larger number allowing for additional activities; friendships across different clubs are developed; and the volunteer workload is spread over more people. One example is the rally that the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club had in August of 2023, partnering with the Ontario unit. This rally had over 60 trailers, with rigs from as far away as Texas. With the success of the NYFLAC/Ontario rally, the three New York State clubs are planning a partnering for a 2024 rally. As you can see, rallies need not be limited to local clubs.

However, your Region 2 officers have not been 'asleep at the switch'. Plans for the Region 2 Rally are taking shape. **Save the DATES**, May 2—5, 2024. Our location is the Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair. The status is that we are finalizing the contract as I write this. What I can share is the following:

Location—169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall, PA, 16828

Sites will have 30AMP hookups and water (dump station is available). PLEASE NOTE: We've been told Grange Park has HIGH water pressure. Please bring your water pressure reducers to avoid water hookup issues!

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

We're currently investigating catering and entertainment options.

Pricing/Registration information to follow in the next Presidents' newsletter 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 this form there will be opportunities to volunteer and please identify any food allergies/limitations/requests, and information you think we should know. We plan to have online registration open for the rally by Jan 1st, 2024.

Sincerely,

Gary Russo, Region 2 President



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