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President's Corner

Dick Saxton, President



Dick Saxton

Hello Fellow Airstreamers!

Last weekend's Lakeside Rally, hosted by Diane & Randy Hill started out with a campfire until we were pushed in by rain. Then the mystery began, what were the loud booms, sounding like fireworks? Come to find out they were "Hail Cannons". As an intense storm approaches the area Doppler radar sets off high velocity hail cannons sending shock waves of compressed air 40,000 feet into the clouds to break up the possible formation of hail. This lasted for about an hour and a half. Randy commented that this a good thing for an Airstream rally!

Gary Russo's "Circle The Wagons" Rally was a huge success and, with that being said, Gary has reserved two loops at Sampson State Park for August 1-5, 2024. That's 98 sites! The Rally will be in junction with the Hudson-Mohawk and NY Metro Clubs. It will be our 1st (recent) NY State Rally. Gary would like to see the formation of volunteer committees to bring this rally together. The logistics he needs help with are: set-up, rally arrival, food catering, coffee, campfire, runners, serving, garbage, etc. More to follow.

Other news:

- Club Officers nominations just finished taking place on Sept. 6, 2023. Election will be announced shortly.
- Our closing rally of the year will be Sept. 22-24 at Hamburg Brewing, Hamburg NY. We are full at 12 trailers. Hopefully next year we can expand this rally.
- Anyone interested in hosting a rally just let any board member know and we'll be glad to work with you.
- Hershey RV show is coming up, Airstream is introducing 3 new ground-breaking launches"!

Hope everyone had a restful Labor Day!

Dick Saxton, President



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2023

NY Finger Lakes Airstream Club Events

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.
Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/231174391441148>
Other: **THIS EVENT IS FULL. FILL OUT THE JOTFORM TO BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST**



Dates: May 3-5, 2024
Event: Region 2 Rally
Location: TBA
Registration: TBA

Dates: August 1-5, 2024
Event: NYS Airstream Rally with Hudson Mohawk and NY Metro Clubs
Location: Sampson State Park
Registration: TBA

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: August 23-28, 2025
Event: 68th International Rally
Location: York Expo Center, York, PA
Registration: More information to come
Other: Region 2 will be hosts

NEW MEMBERS....

Campsite fees will be covered by the NYFLAC for any **NEW** member who has **NEVER** attended a rally whenever you are ready!! 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.



Another wonderful summer has flown by and I am looking forward to the wonderful tastes and smells of September. Hoping to enjoy rallies through the fall season.

Cora's Sunshine Corner

Cora Saxton, Sunshine Chair



In October we celebrate our friends.....

Birthdays

John Andersen	October 6th
Esther Dona	October 8th
Diane Hill	October 15th
Chris Cappelletti	October 19th
Kenneth Zoanetti	October 21st

Anniversaries

Raymond and Audrey Wagner October 24th

Enjoy the splendor of the fall!

Cordially yours from the
First Lady,
Cora Saxton

"All the trees are losing their leaves, and not one of them is worried."

Donald Miller



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!

Mary Gauthier-Teeling & Michael Teeling
Corfu, NY

Geoffrey Craig
Northport NY

Jan & Gary Ormsby
Ithaca, NY

January 1st is only 116 days away!!! I know, I know...you don't want to think about it.

Why do we need to know this? Because it means **it's time to begin planning our 2024 NYFLAC Rallies and Events**. Gary started the ball rolling with a HUGE rally at Sampson SP planned for early August, 2024.

What would you like to see next year? The schedule is **WIDE OPEN** and just waiting for your fantastic ideas!! We have had some great rallies the last few years and many have been at capacity. Let's keep that going.

The beauty of doing the planning is you get to have an event that you enjoy! What suits your fancy? Our members are generally up for just about anything. The wonder of a larger group is there are always people that share your same interests. While a theme isn't necessary for a successful event it often adds to the fun. Doing nothing is always an option as well. Sit around the campfire, visit, and dine. A "make your own fun" rally.

Here are a few ideas to get you thinking.....

Themes: Drive-in movies, Halloween, murder mystery, games galore, Cinco de Mayo, flamingos, Christmas in July, local foods, Happy Birthday, Cooking competitions, Dutch Oven Cooking, sports

Festivals or Local Flare: Hot air ballooning, civil war reenactment, music festivals, craft events, beer tasting events, car races

Off-Season Gatherings: Winter Wine (beer) Tastings, Holiday Happy Hour, lunch or breakfast with members in your area

Adventure: Kayaking, fishing, hiking, biking, geocaching,

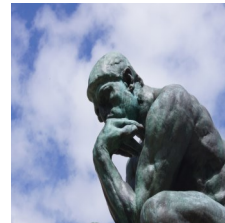
Area Attractions: Wine tasting, museums, boat tour, historical sites

Community Service: food drive, Habitat for Humanity, animal rescue, volunteer efforts

Shakedown or Button-up: Spring Shakedowns are a time to get Airstreams out of storage and make sure all systems are in good working order. Button-up is closing for the winter ahead. Tips and tricks are shared by all

Buddy Rally: Each attendee may invite one non-member recreational vehicle family. The "buddy" is typically someone who may be a prospective member one day but does not own an Airstream. They could also be an Airstream owner that hasn't joined NYFLAC!

Maybe you've thought about hosting a rally but don't know where to start. Perhaps offering to co-host would be more your style. **We can help you.** We have written guides and experienced members ready to assist.



2024 IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Bottom line, let's keep this fun going into 2024 and beyond.....

To volunteer as host or co-host please contact Dick Saxton at saxtonrg@aim.com

DID WE HAVE YET ANOTHER GREAT RALLY OR WHAT ??**INDEED WE DID!!**

The “Circle the Wagons” Rally held at Sampson State Park is now in our rearview mirror! We had quite a response for this rally -- 59 rigs attended the event! Trailers from as far as Arizona were in attendance and, with the border restrictions now dropped for Covid, the Canadians came down from the north in droves -- 23 rigs! We had a live band Saturday night (Sticks and Stones Country Band) and had reached out to several local wineries near Sampson for discount coupons for wine tasting.

Like any event, this rally ran on the efforts of volunteers. The “coffee crew” headed by two of our Canadian friends Lesley Stewart & Leanne Jones used the catch phrase “we’ll figure it out” whenever faced with a challenge. Great job ladies! And I cannot forget the rest of the volunteers greeting, cooking, serving, setting up, tearing down. The Chuck Wagon Dinner introduced Zweigle’s Red Hots and White Hots to the non-Western New York attendees, along with “hot carrots” (for the vegetarians in the crowd), baked beans, macaroni salad, and potato chips. A surprise dessert was provided by the Canadians -- butter tarts (with and without raisins). On Saturday night we had a Chili Cook-Off and the winners of the Mild, Spicy and Vegetarian categories received the Crystal-Clear Plastic Spoon award. To close out Saturday night, the band had the crowd hopping and dancing on the grass.

A survey has been sent out and the results will be in the next newsletter.

Gary Russo

Region 2 President's Update

During the month of August, Patti Galupo and I were busy connecting with clubs in Region 2. Patti attended a Watchung rally in Pennsylvania. Suzanne and I had the chance to take part in the Metro clubs' potluck dinner Saturday night and met with people at the Finger Lakes RV Resort. What a great assortment of food! The next week we were at Laurel Hill State Park in Pennsylvania where we connected with the AI-Mon-O club. We are off to a running start!

While at each gathering, Patti and I continued to emphasize that clubs run on volunteers and that when a vote on a topic comes along, it is an opportunity to voice your opinion. I cannot stress how important it is for you to Vote! A very low percentage of the membership votes.

You are ambassadors for your club and WBBCI. I want to challenge all club members that if you see an Airstream Trailer without a Big Red Number (BRN) go over and ask if they are a member of WBBCI. If they are not, share with them the advantages of being a member of the club.

Just a quick teaser, the Region 2 team has been working on the 2024 Region 2 Rally! Save the date - May 3rd to May 5th. Now that the date is set we are working with the event site on the particulars before we announce the location. Most people who know me know I like to have a theme for the event. The 2024 Rally theme will be 'Pursue Your Adventure'. Airstreamers are the adventurists type.

Safe travels and see you down the road!

Gary Russo, Region 2 President



Membership Renewal Info

Just a friendly reminder that it's renewal time for all members with a renewal date of Dec. 31st. (We received our reminder in the mail this week!)

The renewal system is now open and it's easy. You can renew online at ACI, by phone, or by mail.

You can also become a member of intra-clubs and/or affiliates any time of the year.





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I wanted to share this photo I took during the Rochester Airshow in August. We live about 2 miles from the airport and The Thunderbirds practice and perform right over our house. It was pretty nice of them to do a flyover for me.

Liz