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Region One News

Bard Fuller, Region 1 President

WOW! That was a wonderful International Rally! And to have it in our backyard...even better!

I was proud to see so many volunteers from each of our Region 1 clubs making this rally the success that it was.

Some of you might ask, "What makes up Region 1?" Well, it is all the Airstream clubs found in the New England states, Quebec and the Canadian Maritimes. Every two years we change our region leadership starting at the conclusion of the International Rally. At this time, I would like to welcome Eddie Carll to our Region 1 team as 2nd Vice President. Also, RJ Dominic became your 1st Vice President and I became your president. Our thanks go out to Doug Hart for the 6 years of service he provided to our region.

For years we have had surveys that indicated that membership wanted to spend more time camping, learning and having fun at the International Rally and have fewer meetings regarding club governance. To that end, after a significant amount of planning, it has become a reality. Thanks to the many local club meetings, ACI website information, the Blue Beret, and our electronic balloting, the membership sent their presidents to the Delegates' Meeting at the International Rally to vote in these important constitutional changes.

The ACI club constitution was significantly changed this summer allowing for future constitutional changes to be done by electronic voting by all the members. In addition, the Executive Council (EC) for the International Board of Trustees (IBT) was established and will be fully implemented in 2023. The Executive Council will be our leadership core along with your Region Officers from that point on. All council positions will become a two-year term and it will be possible to have up to three terms (six years) if the membership votes to renew the council person's service.

These changes, and previous adjustments prompted by the pandemic, now allow us to decouple the International Rally from the IBT meeting in future years. Effectively it will allow the IBT to be more responsive as it will meet virtually more often and at a lower cost. Without the fiscal year dictating the International Rally date, future International Rallies could potentially be scheduled in a different season of the year and possibly now in southern states.

At this time, considerable effort is now being put into strengthening the International Nominating Committee to obtain a broad selection of talented candidates for the 2023 Executive Council. Additionally, ACI Int. President, Eric McHenry and 1stVP, Per Hamnqvist, are establishing a more expansive National Event Rally program. They are setting the tone to implement long range plans into yearly expectations. We will also see our professional staff at HQ in Jackson Center being more involved in the operations of future International Rallies as well as membership onboarding and retention. This is not to say that we are forgetting our volunteers. Volunteering is still the heart of our club. We will all benefit from the additional continuity that HQ can provide along with the expanded officer terms.

On my part, I'm hoping to bring you newsletters throughout the year. Hopefully this will improve communication between our club's leadership and our members so you can realize that your paid and volunteer leaders are working on your behalf to enrich the traditions and yet be progressive with the future of this wonderful Airstream club.

All the Best, *Bard*

Dates of future Region and International Events:

Columbus Day -Thanksgiving National Event Rally

Oct 6-10, 2022. Leicester, VT

Pets & Paws National Event Rally

April 7-9, 2023 Provincetown, MA

Region One Rally – Flocking the Cape

June 15-18, 2023 East Falmouth, MA

International Rally 2023

June 24-30, 2023 Rock Springs, WY

International Rally 2024

Sept/Oct 2024 (TBD) Sedalia, MO