

The Hudson Mohawk Navigator

July 2020



President's Message



Hello all!

Summer's here! Finally, after wishing and waiting for the warm up, now it's going to get really hot. Things are starting to open up and people are camping.

We just scheduled a very informal rally for August, at Arrowhead Marina & RV Park, August 20-23. Wendy sent out an e-mail to everyone and there's a notice with the information in this newsletter. They only had 6 spaces available when we made the arrangements. We had a total of three trailers signed up right away, hopefully, we get at least one more before the spaces are gone. We're hoping for a quorum so we can have an official club meeting. We need to create a slate of officers and nominate them for 2021 in preparation for the September Installation Rally. **Is anyone interested in the 2nd Vice President slot?** Without any events of any kind, it's difficult to have that conversation as we get closer to establishing the list. **We also need an Activities Chair;** someone to keep track of hosts for our rallies and luncheons.

Speaking of which, without any events, next year's schedule is looking very sparse. I'm hoping anyone who volunteered to host a rally or luncheon for this year that got Covid-cancelled, will be willing to host their event next year. How about it? That would help a lot with scheduling.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at an upcoming event. Safe travels to you all!

John Vettovali, President

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Wendy Vettovali

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Newsletter

Barbara Schultz

Activity Chair

Sue Whittle

Schedule of Events

<p>August 20-23, 2020</p> 	<p>Hudson-Mohawk “Drop-In” Rally Arrowhead Marina & RV Park 2 Van Buren Lane, Glenville, NY, 12302 518-382-8966</p>	<p>John & Wendy Vettovali wendymv1@yahoo.com</p>
<p>September 17-20</p>	<p>Installation Rally Fish Creek Pond Public Campground 4523 State Route 30, Saranac Lake, NY</p>	<p>John & Wendy Vettovali wendymv1@yahoo.com</p>
<p>October 2-4</p>	<p>Dry Camping Rally 101 Canty Road, Greenfield Center, NY 12833</p>	<p>Gary LaMothe g0828@aol.com</p>
<p>November 7th, 2020 12:00noon</p>	<p>Fall Luncheon Mahoney’s Irish Pub & Steakhouse 35 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601</p>	<p>Cindy Davis cindylvdavis@aol.com 845-227-8301</p>
<p>December</p>	<p>Holiday Party</p>	<p>Gary LaMothe g0828@aol.com</p>



Region 2 News

Hello Airstreamers

Who knew words from a car commercial of several years ago, with the young voice saying "zoom zoom" when the new sporty car models flew past, would become part of our present vocabulary and so heavily occupy our conversations and time! Well, after the almost 15 hours of Zoom video meetings and webinars I attended, spread out over four days, I'm here to bear witness to the fact that the "zoom zoom" is here to stay. Those Zoom meetings were conducted in lieu of the two (2) Region Officers Forums and the two (2) IBT meetings that were supposed to happen in Loveland, CO at this time. Hats off to the staff at HQ, our IT Committee and the Executive Committee for all of their efforts to make these meetings and the installation of the new IBT officers a success. It was a great accomplishment and all the meetings were well attended!

As I know many of your newsletter editors are preparing new editions, here is a quick update of the most important items from those meetings: Please share with your editors or incorporate into your President's Message as you see fit. Here we go....

All three (3) of the Constitutional Amendments passed. There were a total of 5,597 votes cast from 94 of the 106 local clubs

#1-Qualification of Members

For 5428
Against 169
Abstain 0

#2-Delegates Meeting

For 5399
Against 198
Abstain 0

#3-Changing wording from Unit(s) to Local Club(s)

For 5408
Against 124
Abstain 65

The 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and Members of the Nominating Committee were approved as submitted. At the IBT meeting, Incoming President Andy Selking named Immed. Past President Mona Heath as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Budget Committee presented a balanced budget that included a Dues Increase of \$10 per year. Both the Budget and the Dues Increase Motion were approved. The increase in dues was openly discussed at the Region Officers Forum prior to the IBT meeting and at the IBT meeting itself. There was a powerpoint presentation and several versions of a budget were presented for review at our Forum. This is the first dues increase to the membership in 10 years and will ensure that the Club is able to meet budgetary demands going forward. There will be information in the upcoming Blue Beret to support the decision. I was concerned at first. After review of the documentation provided, listening to the proposals and asking questions, I voted YES to the increase in dues. I believe it is in the best interests of the Club and its membership. I spoke again, several times, during the meetings of the importance of increasing member benefits. Other Officers, including members of the Executive Committee, are now echoing that and I believe we're on track to see tangible improvements coming in the months and years ahead. I will keep pushing.

Online Registration for the 2021 International Rally to be held in Lebanon, TN will open on August 5, 2020. Watch for more information in the upcoming Blue Beret. I will have the date on my calendar and will send out reminders to you all as we get closer to that date.

Both of the IBT meetings and the Region Officers Forums were streamed LIVE on the Club's YouTube Channel and can be found here. Proposed budgets and the powerpoint are also available there in the meeting of Thursday, June 25th.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0W7edcbNd07Hehq2qyQmw>

The Installation of Officers was also streamed LIVE, recorded and available through the same link.

One of the most interesting parts of the meetings was listening to Justin Humphries, VP of Sales for Airstream, Inc., provided a lengthy update. You can listen to it in the Executive Meeting of Wednesday, June 24th. After the initial downturn, sales are exploding! Industry wide, the towables are rebounding much faster than the big Class A coaches. This bodes well for Airstream and our Airstream Club! Our HQ reported a surge in new members as well after falling during the early period of COVID. It has been a difficult year but the future looks bright!

Just as in our Region, other Regions of the Club are reporting mixed results in schedules of upcoming rallies. While many events have cancelled, there are still many events on the calendars but caution was still the common theme. Check the schedule of events often for updates and keep an eye on the State guidelines as well. What may be on the schedule for upcoming months may be subject to constant update.

The name changes for our Pennsylvania Airstream Club and the Ontario Canada Airstream Club were memorialized (they had been approved by the Executive Committee prior) and the new logo and flag for the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club was approved. My thanks and congratulations, again, to those clubs and their leaders!

There will be a new MODEL Constitution and ByLaws available online that contain updates as approved at these meetings. Our local clubs may incorporate those changes into their CBL documents now but are NOT required to send them in for approval now. You may wait until it is time for your 5 year review of your club documents to do that. Any questions, let me know.

It was with great pleasure that I introduced the names of both RJ Marquette and Gary Russo as our Region's new VPs. I expressed my gratitude to them for volunteering. I also expressed my thanks to all our Region Officers and Chairs who have supported me and our great Region 2 this past year.

I think that covers it for now. If I come across something in my notes that I missed including here, I will let you know. As always, reach out if you have questions.

Zoom Zoom, Airstreamers...see you down the road. One way or another!

Rich
#1512



CELEBRATING

HAPPY

JULY

BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST

2nd Sally Kerr 7491

5th Barbara Schultz 5666

7th Bob Howard 2697

11th Eric Pearson 6232

28th Camille Crandall 5880

4th Eric Bergquist 12496

15th Maria Volpe 5477

20th Bob Abraham 2091

26th Alan Bartlett 4376

28th Gary LaMothe 3122



Happy Anniversary

July 4th Bridget & Lisa Beebe 2091

July 16th Bob & Carol Abraham 2091

August 5th Dan & Pat Steen 1389

August 12th Jennifer Whittle & Roger Smith 10566

August 17th Eric & Diane Bergquist 12496

August 23rd Dana & Sue King 10016

Welcome New Members

James & Linda Anne Giumarra 8245

Don't be shy, join us at an event soon!

Important Information

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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



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

Send pictures, rally reports and club information to:

HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com for the newsletter.

Pictures can also be sent to Dana King at:

GODOGS@FRONTIERNET.NET for our web page.

Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:

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

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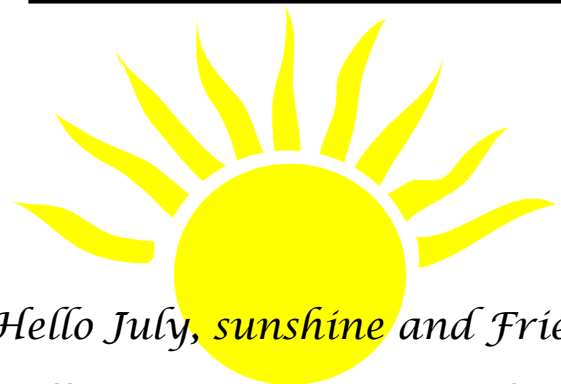
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Blast from the Past Statue of Liberty

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Harold & Beryl Grant Shoemakers Ken & Charlotte Vosburgh Gary & Carol LaMothe



*Hello July, sunshine and Friends
 All is quiet, just waiting for the
 time when we can sit around an
 evening campfire again. I miss
 those times.*

Be Well, see you down the road,

Barbara



Hudson-Mohawk “Drop-In” Rally

August 20-23, 2020 - Arrowhead Marina & RV Park

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovalli

This is going to be a very informal rally. We haven't scheduled any get-togethers other than a club meeting due to the ongoing Covid-19 mess. When I stopped in at the park office, they did ask that you wear a mask in their office. We'll try to abide by any other rules. They did not tell me there were any when I called back to schedule the dates. We'll work with what everyone feels comfortable with. We should be able to get together and keep our distance since it will be a small group.

There is NO RALLY fee, but please let me know if you are coming.

The Vettovalli trailer will be open for viewing and/or enjoy your time visiting each other and exploring the area.

Saturday: Club Meeting

Sunday: Head home

Please make your campground reservations directly with the campground.

Tell them you're with the Hudson-Mohawk Airstream group. This year's price is \$40 per night for water & electric (which we usually get and use their dump station before we leave).

They give Good Sam Club discount.

Arrowhead Marina & RV Park - www.arrowheadmrpv.com

2 Van Buren Lane, Glenville, NY 12302-9473

518-382-8966

Please let me know if you're coming via phone, mail or e-mail to:

Wendy Vettovalli

293 Reed Hill Road, Fultonville, NY 12072

Wendymv1@yahoo.com

518-848-8023

Some things to do at the Arrowhead Rally

This is the list I had from last year, I'm not sure which, if any of these will be open:

Mabee Farm Historic Site: www.schenectadyhistorical.org

10-4 Friday & Saturday

Empire State Aerosciences Museum: www.esam.org

Aquarium at ViaPort: www.viaaquarium.com

M-F 10-7, Sat 10-8, Sun 11-6

Rivers Casino in Schenectady: www.riverscasinoandresort.com

Shrine of Our lady of Martyrs: www.auriesvilleshrine.com

There's also a new micro-brewery on Route 5, just west of the entrance to the RV Park.

Hudson-Mohawk Installation Rally 2020

September 17-20, 2020

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovali

Fish Creek Pond Campground

4523 State Route 30

Saranac Lake, NY

Reservations must be made through *Reserve America*.

Reservations can be made starting on 12/17/2019

To see site information, including photos of each site, go to www.Fishcreekpond.com

Go to "Campsite Photo Guide" tab, then, click on "Choose Site" on left side of page.

We're going to try for the sites on the peninsula, sites A1-A22. They are the inner sites. Shoreline sites along the peninsula are walk-in sites only during our rally days. I believe that means that although you cannot reserve those shoreline sites, if you've reserved an inner site, you might be able to trade that reserved inner site for a shoreline site when you get there, if there's one available.

Watch the trailer length of the site you pick. Most A sites are up to 40 foot trailers, but a few are 30 foot and Site A20 says only up to 20 foot. I'm going to try for site A18, to try to get in the middle of things.

This is a NY State campground with ***dry camping only***. **NO electric, water or sewer hook-ups**. They have a dump station and there are quite a few water outlets available on the peninsula. Generators are allowed up to 5 hours per day from 9am to 11am and 4 to 7pm.

Please let Wendy know that you're coming at – wendymv1@yahoo.com or text to 518-848-8023



Bill & Cindy's Excellent Adventure

Staring
Harry



We couldn't stand staying at home in the driveway, the only way to sleep in the trailer. So after Memorial Day we went to Wilmington, we love the mountains, but of course most stuff closed.

Letchworth, Awesome gorge I can understand why it's the Grand Canyon of the east.

Seneca Lake, wineries were still closed- sigh...

Then on to 1000 Islands (breathtaking)

Heading to Lake George next. Harry is having a blast. We met Holly for brunch on the way around and Harry decided to wear the water bowl she gave him.

Hope everyone is healthy and that we will be able to meet as a group soon.

Stay safe all,
Cindy and Bill

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Bill & Barbara Schultz 5666 at Lake George RV Park

June 15, 2020

It was great to get away for a few days at Lake George RV Park. Grandchildren came to visit and enjoyed the refreshing pool, Everyone was very respectful of each others space. The weather was perfect for sitting in our easy chairs and relaxing as the breeze kept our flags flying. We rode by the sites where the Whittles usually have "The Whittle Buddy Rally" end of May. How sad to not see all the shiny air-streams lined up there. Looking forward to more camping trips in the future and seeing you all, Barbara



Hartwell & Poly Herring 1144 at West Canada Creek CS, Poland, NY.

June 25, 2020



John & Wendy's Bedroom Remodel 2020-Part 2: 2005 Classic 30foot

We did it! It's done!

Never found the source of water getting to the floor, but since it took 15 years to make the little spot less than 6 inches, and John repaired the spot, we've decided not to make a really big deal of it. If we need to, we can take out the mattresses & platform to get at the spot. We'll keep an eye on it. The remodeled window cornices are installed over the new roll-up shades. We put down flooring, it's similar to Pergo, not sure of the brand. It's the same as we used in the front of the trailer, on the other side of the mid-bath.



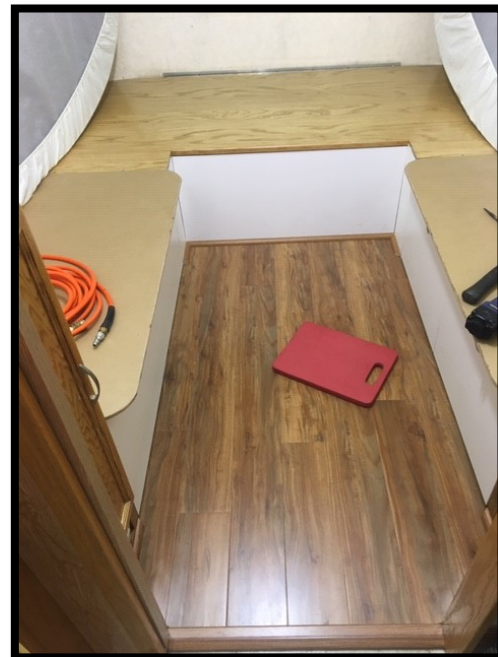
DONE! For now anyway.

We bought white compressed wood shelving to use for the under-bed cabinet doors and applied the strips around the outside edges. We debated a lot about what to do about handles to open the doors, since the doors fold down against the floor when they're open. Ended up just boring a hole in the top middle of each door and gluing in the round plastic trim part of wire management grommets for what we think is a nice trim for that access hole. This makes them pretty easy to open and no handle to hit the floor when they're open. We have plastic bins to go in each of the 4 cubby cabinets. (Once we got the mattresses in and bedding on, you can hardly see them anyway!)

We put the covers back on the cabinets, added the mattresses & made up the beds. voila!



New window treatments up & down on side window.



Finished floor, doors & bed platforms on.

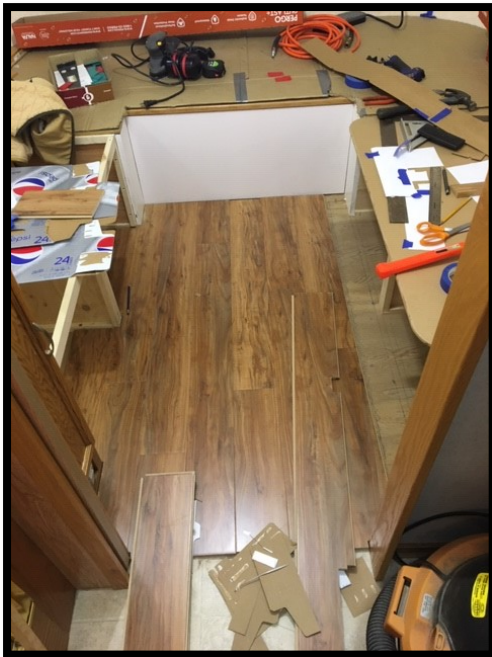
John & Wendy Vettovalli



John working on under-bed cabinet doors.



Completed doors under one side-with plastic rings that are part of wire management grommets for trim on finger holes in each door.



New flooring (Pergo-type) partly done & John putting down threshold trim between bedroom and mid-bath.



Almost forgot-had to get this back together before we could move the trailer out of the shop.

All refurbished, painted and new stickers applied.



Hensley Hitch done