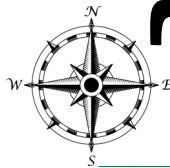


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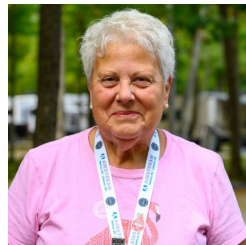
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Indians watching Henry Hudson's ship, the Half Moon along the Hudson River.

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President's Message

From Diane Bergquist

So another successful camping season has come to an end. It was wonderful to meet new Hudson Mohawk Club members at several of our rallies with great fun had by all. Mother Nature was extremely kind to us at all our rallies, hopefully we will have the same luck next season.

We are now entering the holiday season with Thanksgiving around the corner and Christmas, Hanukkah, etc. coming right behind. It will be great to enjoy the holiday luncheon, hosted by the Steen's in December as a final get together for the 2022 season.

Now as we put our shining second homes on wheels into winter mode it's never too early to start planning for next rally season. We all have experienced how quickly campgrounds fill up and group reservations become tight. So watch the Navigator for the sign-up dates and campground reservation information for our 2023 rallies. Hopefully, we will get to meet even more of or club members at one or more of the club rallies next year.

I want to wish all a happy, healthy holiday season and hope to see you at the Steen's holiday luncheon.

Diane Bergquist

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2022



Hudson-Mohawk Airstream Club Holiday Party



December 10th, 2022 @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 December 3rd, 2022

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

Or via email to dmsteen@gmail.com

Wear your ugliest/favorite Holiday Sweater or Shirt.

You just might win a prize!!



IMPORTANT



Information from Cindy Davis, Webmaster

Are you hosting a Lunch or Rally in 2023?

As soon as you get your dates, times and places set,

Please text Cindy at 845-235-9473

The Information will then be added to the web page.

Thank You



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2023

<i>February 2023 Cabin Fever Luncheon</i>	TBA	Tess & Stan Stoklosa 518-466-3453 tessnunu@me.com
<i>March 2023 March Luncheon</i>	TBA	Erin McKay & Dan White 518-265-0598 emckay@unu.edu
<i>April 1st, 2023 Spring Luncheon</i>	TBA	Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com
<i>May 2023 Shake Down Rally</i>	Arrowhead Marina and RV Park 2 Van Buren Lane, Glenville, NY 12302 518-382-8966	Wendy & John Vettovali 518-848-8023 wendymv1@yahoo.com
<i>June 2-6, 2023 Region 2 Rally</i>	Niagara Falls, Ontario	More information coming soon
<i>June 24-30, 2023 66th International Rally</i>	Rock Springs, WY	
<i>August 2023 Summer Rally</i>	TBA	Looking for a Host
<i>September 2023 Installation Rally</i>	TBA	Diane & Eric Bergquist 518-281-3240 riprapmeadows@earthlink.net
<i>October 2023 Fall Rally</i>	TBA	Hollie Bart 646-398-0066 flostream66@gmail.com

CELEBRATING

November

2 Dee Perry 5031

10 Lee Belec 3035

10 Wendy Vettovalli 4391

Happy
Birthday

December

4 Joan Stevens 4430

9 Craig Arons 9389

11 Cheryl Arons 9389

19 Roger Smith 10566

23 Karen Johnson 3233

30 Bill Schultz 5666

Happy Anniversary

November 30th Jeffrey & Julie Quay 5551

December 24th Bill Levy & Cindy Davis 23673

December 27th Randy & K.C. Boelsems 3203

Welcome New Members

Elli Frank / 2005-Safari-35' / 13023

Come on out and join us!

REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President RJ

September

I'm happy to announce that Region 2 Membership Chair Cody Klingler (#3937) has become the Membership Committee chair at the International level. Bad news for us, but good news for the club as a whole. He has a lot of great ideas and energy that will help the club in the long run. Congratulations, Cody!

On a related note, we're now in the market for a new region membership chair - if you're interested, please let me know (rjm1@yahoo.com). I'll be happy to chat with you about what the role entails, and Cody has offered to help with the transition as well. (On a related note, I still need a webmaster, too!)

Region 2 Caravan Coordinator Kerry Matilla (#5417) has completed the Meandering the Maritimes Caravan. They have a Facebook page for the caravan (search for the name of the caravan to find it), and it looks like they had a great time, even though they had to shorten it a bit due to an incoming hurricane. I've attached a picture of the attendees that Kerry sent me. Kerry is now turning his attention to planning a Capitol to Capitol caravan in May.

We're starting work on the 2023 region 2 rally details, and more information will be coming out in the next few weeks. June 2-6, 2023, in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Most of the local clubs are holding their installations during this time of the year.

Congratulations to the new officers, and a hearty thank you to the outgoing officers! However, I know of a few clubs who have had the same President for several years running. While I appreciate their service, I also worry about burning out our volunteers. Please consider volunteering in your club if you haven't before. They will train you, and you'll be helping your club stay active.

Until next month...

-RJ Marquette #13270



October

Our camping season is winding down, unfortunately. Erica and I spent our last weekend of the season with the Metro New York Airstream Club at Croton Point Campground, just north of New York City. I've avoided talking about the club rallies we've attended, because I don't want to risk coming across as "reviewing" the rally or the club. The truth is that we've had a great time at every rally we've attended. Everyone I've met in the club has been extremely welcoming. If you haven't gone to a rally for a different club, please consider it - you'll meet great people and maybe get some new ideas for your own club.

We're working on the region 2 rally with the Ontario Canada Airstream Club. The dates are June 2-6, 2023. The campground has agreed to start taking reservations after the beginning of the year, but we're working to see if we can open that sooner. They have set aside 100 sites for us at a reduced rate, and they'll extend the reduced rate for anyone coming early or staying late. The Ontario Airstream Club members are also researching food and entertainment options. We're going to have a great rally!

Thank you to Metro New York Airstream Club President Colleen Ahlers (#5505) for volunteering to become our new Region 2 Membership Chair. Colleen and her husband Jerry have been members of WBCCI for decades, and Colleen's enthusiasm for this role will complement International Membership Chair Cody Klingler's.

The 2024 International Rally date and location have been announced: October 5-11, 2024, in Sedalia, Missouri. Mark your calendars for the very first International rally held outside summer!

International President Eric McHenry and Office Manager Lori Plummer hosted a campfire chat recently answering questions about the club. I wasn't able to attend, but I've heard it was well attended and very informative. There are three more scheduled: December 14, March 8, and May 24, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Eastern.

Until next month!

-RJ Marquette, Region 2 President, #13270

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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<u>Web Page</u>	HUDSONMOHAWKNY.AIRSTREAMCLUB.NET			

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:

cindylvdavis@aol.com for our web page.

Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/528607020682777/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/528607020682777/)

2022-2023 Schedule Update

By Pat Steen, Activities Chair

Except for a November Lunch, our 2022-year schedule is complete. Next year's schedule is starting to take shape. Please see the listing elsewhere in the newsletter.

We have our 2023 opening rally set in May. The Region 2 Rally is in early June, and the International Rally is in Wyoming at the end of June. The outgoing President will plan the installation rally in September. October is also set.



While I know some are still finalizing summer travels, especially with the International Rally out west, there are still rally slots for July and August, as well as couple of lunch openings in November and December (the Holiday Party). Please check the list and let me know if you can host a rally or lunch.

It is important to set events early so that necessary reservations can be made.

Update on our Facebook page

By Dan Steen, 1st Vice President

Recently we found it necessary to change our unit Facebook page from public to private. This step was necessitated by the increasing frequency of spam postings, the most recent were repeated attempts to list suspicious job posting.

Page administrators Barb Schultz and myself will screen membership applications with a simple series of questions starting with "Do you own an Airstream?". While anyone who even expresses an interest in Airstreams will be approved, hopefully this step will block automated posts. If you already joined our page, you will not be impacted.

Please check out our Facebook page at :

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/528607020682777,](https://www.facebook.com/groups/528607020682777)
and if you have not already done so,

please sign up.



\$10 Per Person Rally Fee Established at September Meeting

By Dan Steen, 1st Vice President

During the business meeting conducted at the September Rally, following a discussion on Rally Fees, a proposal to adopt a \$10 per person Rally Fee at future events passed without opposition. The purpose is to help offset costs that rally hosts incur.

In the past, rally fees were commonplace and were set by the hosts. The fees were published with the details of the event. However, these practices stopped because during COVID restrictions, when rallies were held, there were no planned activities. Therefore, no need for a rally fee. When rallies with more planned activities resumed, the fees were not included. Setting a standard fee removes that burden from the hosts.

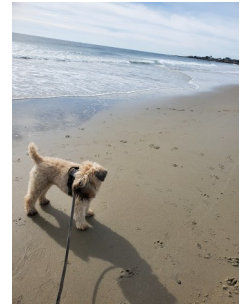
Anyone for whom the rally fee would be a financial burden, just needs to let the President know. We don't want anyone not to participate due to the fee.

This is a good opportunity to remind potential hosts that a rally can be as structured or as informal as you like. The main requirement is that you pick a campground and dates. Members can make their own reservations. After that, it can be up to you. Some have provided breakfasts; some do potluck dinners. There is no obligation to provide gift bags or games. It is up to you. Hosting a lunch is even easier. Find a restaurant that can hold the group and will tolerate separate checks. Then give the restaurant a final count just before the event so they can set up. That's it!

If you have questions, please speak with any of the officers or the Activities Chair.



Wells Beach, October



Hollie's beach finds and Finn



October sunrise at Sea-Vu



*Polly and Abby at the Airstream Service
Center in Jackson Center, OH.*

October 26

Hudson-Mohawk Installation Rally

September 9-12, 2022

Wilmington/North Pole KOA, 5644 NYS RT 86, Wilmington, NY 12997

Bill Levy & Cindy Davis

September 9-12th was our installation rally. Bill Levy finished his year and Diane Bergquist stepped up to lead the charge. North Pole KOA, which is a newly acquired KOA in Wilmington NY, was the site of the rally. Positioned at the base of Whiteface Mountain, it was just a short ride away to many other places and sites to enjoy in the Adirondacks. Folks took to hiking trails, side trips to the covered bridge in Jay, time up to Placid, or just time to sit around the campfire.

We had great weather, which made for some comfy nights around the fire. Our rallies are never short on food and this was no exception...cheese, s'mores, burgers and some awesome salads over the course of the weekend made for a tasty time.

On the business side of things, we did move forward and pass the motion to institute a rally fee of \$10 per person that is to be given to the host at the event. Rally fees, for those that don't know, had been in effect until Covid minimized our rallies for a while. The fee helps defray the cost of what folks outlay financially for organizing the rally. Whether they be simple come as you are and spend time around the fire in the evening, or rallies with food cookoffs, games, or community work; our rallies have always been enjoyable. If you haven't organized a rally and would like to...talk to anyone of us that have and we can help you out.

The highlight (other than our installation event) was a rousing game of Pin the Door on the Trailer. With a cardboard trailer hung up on the back of our truck's tailgate people, were gently (ahem) spun around by Bill while blindfolded. Each person was then let "loose" to place the "door" on the trailer. Erin, Barbara and Polly maintained steady feet and came out winners!



By Tess S.

Our rally time is certainly something we look forward to each month, whether in a campsite or at a luncheon out times together are full of laughter.



Bob & Joan Stevens

Barbara & Bill Schultz

Eric & Diane Bergquist

Polly & Hartwell Herring

Erin McKay & Dan White

Bill Levy & Cindy Davis

Dan & Pat Steen

Stan & Tess Stoklosa

Hollie Bart



Fall Beach Rally Wells, Maine

September 29-October 2
Bill and Barbara Schultz



Photo taken by Larry A.

The Fall Beach Rally was held at beautiful Sea-Vu Campground located in Wells, Maine. True to its name there are outstanding views of the Sea from several locations throughout the campground. The sunrises are amazing and worth getting up early to see.

There were 11 Airstreams, 20 people and 6 furry friends.

Larry Ascenzi/Drake, Hollie Bart/Finn, Eric & Diane Bergquist/Sally & Taffy, Christina & Tim Egan/Boddy, Christy & Tim Garman from Maryland, Bill Levy & Cindy Davis, Erin McKay & Dan White, Bill & Barb Schultz/Pebbles, Dan & Pat Steen, Bob & Joan Stevens, Stan & Tess Stoklosa

The days were sunny and warm, perfect for spending time at the beach. Our evenings were a bit chilly, so Bill kept the campfire going to keep us all cozy. Larry took some awesome overhead pictures with his drone. So cool to see the campground and our campfire from above. We celebrated Bill Levy's birthday and Stan & Tess's Anniversary.

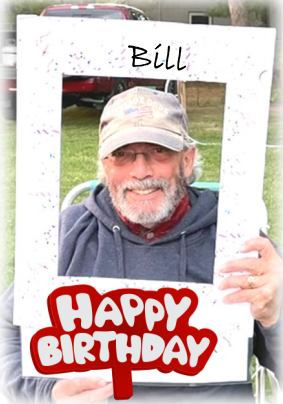
New friends were made with Tim and Christina Egan and Christy and John Garman (from MAAC). This was their 1st rally.

Friday afternoon everyone was busy designing or cooking for the Charcuterie Board and Chowder Challenge! There were 6 artfully designed boards and 9 pots of steaming chowders. Wow!! All were beautiful and impressive. Diane took 1st place with a whopper of sweet Charcuterie board...table...tower. Dan came in 2nd and Tess 3rd. Everyone gathered around the table to start sampling chowder. So many different chowders, all delicious. Joan took 1st place with a hearty seafood chowder, Pat took 2nd and Hollie 3rd. Congratulations to all!! Saturday night as we sat around the campfire telling stories and talking about future rallies we enjoyed hot cider and world famous Congdon's doughnuts. There was a beautiful red sky as the sun set on our evening. Sunday Morning many packed up and headed home. We said "goodbye" and "See you down the Road". Some stayed for one or two more days of beach fun. It was a wonderful Fall Beach Rally.

Thanks Everyone for making this a Rally to Remember!



Larry



Erin & Joan



Christy & John



Bill & Pat





Cindy and Barb chatting with Sea-vu office manager Carol and Elaine campground owner. They heard about the Challenges and wanted to check it out!



Diane's table, tower Charcuterie Board



Charcuterie Board Challenge
 Tess Stoklosa
 Dan Steen
 Diane Bergquist



Chowder Challenge
 Hollie Bart
 Joan Stevens
 Pat Steen



Photo taken by Larry A.



Diane, Eric, Erin



Tim, Hollie, Christy, Tess