

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



## President's Message

*November 2019*

*Hello everyone!*

*Well, it's been a busy camping season. We've had a good year and our club is growing.*

*Now it's time for most of us to clean up and winterize our campers, then put them away for the winter. Also, time to start planning for next year's camping season and rallies.*

*I hope to see many of you at our upcoming luncheons.*

*Safe travels to all of you,*

*John Vettovali, President*

### **Officers**

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# 2019 Schedule Of Events

November 9, 2019 –12:00 noon “Harvest Luncheon”  
 Ripe Tomato, 2721 Route 9, Malta NY 12020  
 Schultz, 518-409-2565 or [HUDSONMOWHAWKNEWS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HUDSONMOWHAWKNEWS@GMAIL.COM)



December 7, 2019 12:30pm  
 Hudson Mohawk Unit 071 Holiday Party  
 Moscatiello's Italian Family Restaurant  
 99 North Greenbush Road (Rt. 4)  
 Troy, NY 12180  
 Pat Steen (518) 441-5280 or Dan Steen (518) 281-7876 email [DMSTEEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DMSTEEN@GMAIL.COM)

## Looking Forward to 2020

|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| February 1st,<br>11:30am                             | <b>Cabin Fever Luncheon</b><br>Olive Garden<br>178 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205                                 | Geoff & Sue Whittle<br><a href="mailto:whittleg06@gmail.com">whittleg06@gmail.com</a><br>518-783-1606   |
| March 21st<br>12:00noon                              | <b>Luncheon</b><br>Foster's<br>Rhinebeck   | Cindy Davis<br><a href="mailto:cindylvdavis@aol.com">cindylvdavis@aol.com</a><br>845-227-8301   |
| April  | <b>Luncheon</b>  | Ken & Maria Volpe<br>845-679-4008   |
| May 15-17,<br>2020<br>w/option to add on the<br>14th | <b>Fun and Games</b><br>Hudson Mohawk and Finger Lakes Joint Rally<br>Country Hills Campground<br>Marathon, NY | Sally Kerr<br><a href="mailto:stskerr@optonline.net">stskerr@optonline.net</a>  |
| May 21-25,<br>2020                                   | <b>Region 2 Rally</b><br>Rideau Acres Campground<br>Kingston, Ontario  | Ontario Canada Air-<br>stream unit  |
| May 28-31,<br>2020                                   | <b>Buddy Rally</b><br>Lake George RV Park<br>Lake George, NY   | Geoff & Sue Whittle<br><a href="mailto:whittleg06@gmail.com">whittleg06@gmail.com</a>   |
| June 20-27,<br>2020                                  | <b>International Rally, Loveland, CO</b>   | WBAC  |
| July 16-19<br>2020                                   | <b>Nickerson Park Campground</b><br>378 Stryker Road<br>Gilboa, NY   | Bilodeau/Volpe<br>taco-<br><a href="mailto:belle12@yahoo.com">belle12@yahoo.com</a><br><a href="mailto:kjvolop1@gmail.com">kjvolop1@gmail.com</a> |
| August   | Lake Lauderdale<br>Cambridge, NY   | Dana & Sue King<br><a href="mailto:godogs@frontier.net">godogs@frontier.net</a>   |
| September 17-20                                      | <b>Installation Rally</b><br>Fish Creek Pond Public Campground<br>4523 State Route 30, Saranac Lake, NY        | John & Wendy Vetto-<br>valli<br>wen-<br><a href="mailto:dymv1@yahoo.com">dymv1@yahoo.com</a>  |
| October 2-4  | <b>Dry Camping Rally</b><br>101 Canty Road, Greenfield Center, NY  | Gary LaMothe<br><a href="mailto:g0828@aol.com">g0828@aol.com</a>  |
| November 7th,<br>2020<br>12:00noon                   | <b>Fall Luncheon</b><br>Ship's Lantern<br>Milton   | Cindy Davis<br><a href="mailto:cindylvdavis@aol.com">cindylvdavis@aol.com</a><br>845-227-8301   |
| December   | <b>Holiday Party</b>   | Gary LaMothe<br><a href="mailto:g0828@aol.com">g0828@aol.com</a>  |

# Harvest Luncheon

November 9th, 2019 12noon

## *Ripe Tomato* An American Grill

2721 Route 9, Malta NY 12020

**Please RSVP by November 1st. 2019**

Barbara Schultz (518) 409-2565

Or via email to [HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com)



*Hudson-Mohawk WBCCI Unit 071*

## *Holiday Party*



**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 12:30 PM**

***Moscatiello's Italian Family Restaurant***

99 North Greenbush Road (Rt.4)

Troy NY 12180

Menu and directions available at [www.moscatiellos.com](http://www.moscatiellos.com)

***Please RSVP by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019***

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

Or via email to [dmsteen@gmail.com](mailto:dmsteen@gmail.com)

# Important Information

## Contact Information

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Barbara Schultz Wendy Vettovalli John Vettovalli Dan Steen

### WBCCI 2020 Dues

2020 dues are now payable. I sent an e-mail out on 8/27/2019 with this information. (If any of you did not receive it, please let me know.)

All member information must be received at Headquarters by **November 30th** to be published in the printed version of the Annual Membership Directory.

The easiest way to renew is to do it online at [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org) and pay by credit card. Just go to the website, click on "Current Members" in the bar across the top of the page, and select "Renew Your Membership" from the drop-down menu. That takes you to the page you start filling out and it should be self-explanatory from there. If any of your information has changed since last year, you can make the changes online by selecting "No" in answer to the question "Is your current information on file correct?". When you get to the "Unit Dues" field, you will need to scroll down and find our unit (I can't figure what order the listing is in, just keep scrolling down till you find it!):

Unit Dues \*

Region 2, Unit 071 - HUDSON MOHAWK NEW YORK - 10.00 USD

If you can renew online, the entire \$75.00 dues payment goes directly to headquarters and they will send the \$10.00 unit dues back to us through direct deposit to the club checking account. I will get copies of the member information you provide to them. This is certainly the simplest and easiest way to pay your dues.

However, if you would prefer to send a check to me, I can deposit it in the club checking account, then, send a check from there to headquarters for their \$65 portion. This may become problematic if you wait until November to send it to me, considering the deadline for getting the information and payment to international before November 30th.

Thanks for making life easy and paying online!

Wendy Vettovalli

Treasurer



### Wally Byam Caravan Club International Renewal Dues Request 2020 Membership

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Type:  Renewal  Transfer  Life Membership

Currently On File Corrections / Changes

Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State or Province, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Correct contact information if needed:

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Member:      | Member:      |
| Cell Phone:  | Cell Phone:  |
| Other Phone: | Other Phone: |
| E-mail:      | Email:       |

|  |              |  |                                     |
|--|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Vehicle Information</b>   |              | <b>Dues Received</b>   |                                     |
| Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Trailer <input type="checkbox"/> Class A <input type="checkbox"/> Class B Year: _____   | Model: _____ | Size: _____  | Serial #: _____                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I do <b>NOT</b> want to receive a print copy of the Blue Beret<br><input type="checkbox"/> I do <b>NOT</b> want to receive a print copy of the Annual Directory<br><input type="checkbox"/> I do <b>NOT</b> want my contact information included in the PRINT directory.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I do <b>NOT</b> want my contact information included in the DIGITAL directory. |              | International Dues: _____  | Unit or Member at Large Dues: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>DO OFFER</b> Courtesy Parking YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>   |              | Total Dues: _____  | US Dollars ONLY                     |
|  |              | Date Received: _____   | Received By: _____                  |
|  |              | For Home Office Use:   |                                     |
|  |              | Date Received: _____   | Processed by: _____                 |
|  |              | Paid by: Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
|  |              | Check# _____   |                                     |

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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



### 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](mailto:HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com) for the newsletter.

Pictures can also be sent to Dana King at:

[godogs@frontiernet.net](mailto:godogs@frontiernet.net) for our web page.

Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:

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

### Newsletter Deadlines

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| January Issue—December 15 | July Issue—June 15        |
| March Issue—February 15   | September Issue—August 15 |
| May Issue—April 15        | November Issue—October 15 |

# CELEBRATING

## November

1st Paul Coffman

2nd Dee Perry

2nd Henry Bilodeau

10th Lee Belec

10th Wendy Vettovalli

17th Dana King

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!

## December

4th Joan Stevens

9th Graig Arons

11th Cheryl Arons

14th Harold Hill

19th Roger Smith

30th Bill Schultz

## Happy Anniversary

November 28th Art & Camille Crandall

December 27th Randy & K.C. Boelsems

## Welcome New Members

Alan & Joyce Bartlett #4376

Daniel & Laurel Callahan #4605

Hollie Bart #4597



sunshine

Wishing Sue Whittle a very speedy recovery after her knee surgery.



Surprise! Art and Camille Crandall ran into Henry and Nuri Bilodeau while at Jackson Center, Ohio.

## Region 2 News for October 2019

Fall is in full swing in our Region 2. Kathi and I enjoyed our time up in Canada with the Ontario Unit in September and attended the Pennsylvania State Rally in Centre Hall, Pa on our way home. We had a great Rally with 18 rigs from our home club, Watchung NJ Airstream Club, this past weekend. Overall, the weather has been beautiful with sun filled days and chilly nights, fall colors evident everywhere, and campfires that were warm and inviting. We hope you all have had similar experiences out traveling, camping and living the Airstream lifestyle.

Our new Airstreamclub.org website continues to improve, with new content and abilities for our units/clubs and members to benefit from. All club webmasters were sent information on how to gain access to and edit their landing page on the site. **Additionally, Units won't send in a 2020 events schedule to Headquarters this year...it will be your Unit's responsibility to add your activities to the website calendar.** HQ will then pull that event info from the website for publication in the Blue Beret. Send me an email if you need help or more information.

Most of our units will be holding their officer elections and installations over the next few months. We send our congratulations and thank you to all who have volunteered to lead their units in 2020. Except for the handful of paid staff at HQ, our Airstream Club runs completely on the strength, enthusiasm and commitment of its members. Those that step up to contribute their time and efforts for the benefit of our members deserve our encouragement and support. **Please remember to send me a copy of your Officers Reporting Form for 2020.**

Speaking of volunteering...the Region is still in need of a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Please consider taking a leadership position in the Region. It is an honor to sit on the Board of Trustees of the largest, oldest and BEST single brand RV club in the world. It is a fun and rewarding experience to be part of the growth and progress our Airstream Club is experiencing. Please reach out to me with questions about the many benefits of serving as a Region officer. We need you!

The plans for the 2020 Region 2 Rally in historic Kingston Ontario Canada are being finalized. This will be the biggest and best Region 2 Rally in years and you won't want to miss it. **Go to our Region 2 website [region2.airstreamclub.net](http://region2.airstreamclub.net) now for more info and to register for the 2020 Region Rally.** There are links for registration in US Dollars and Canadian Dollars. Please choose appropriately. You must make reservations with the campground directly. Please do that right before you register as there are only 108 sites available. We have negotiated discounted rates and you can pay the CG deposit with your US credit card, which will convert CAD to USD for you. Easy! US Airstreamers will need a passport to travel across the border, so start the process now if you don't already have a current one.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards to all our Region 2 Airstream Club members. Travel safe and we look forward to seeing you down the road!

Rich Short, Pres. Region 2

#1512



## MAY 21-25, 2020 REGION 2 RALLY KINGSTON, ONTARIO



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

at

[region2.airstreamclub.net](http://region2.airstreamclub.net)

Make your camping  
reservations DIRECTLY  
with the campground

Explore Historic Kingston,

Ontario Canada

-Catered Dinner-

-Food Truck-

-Pancake Breakfast-

Seminars, two nights of GREAT Entertainment and MORE!

Rideau Acres Campground  
1014 Cunningham Rd  
Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V3  
613-546-2711

[rideauacres.com](http://rideauacres.com)

Reference: AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY

Caravan to Kingston, Ontario Canada in 2020! It's about time! The last Airstream Club Region 2 Rally held in Canada was 2010. Now is the time to mark your calendars, make your reservations, get your Passports in order if your traveling North and get ready to head to historic Kingston, Ontario in 2020. The beautiful Rideau Acres Campground features large spacious campsites with gravel pads. We have 108 sites reserved for our Airstreams! Those sites are about 50/50 w/e and w/e/s (all 30amp) with 10 or so full hook-up 50amp sites available. All on a first come-first serve basis.

So, don't wait.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Let's make this the Biggest and Best Region 2 Rally in years!

For more Rally and Camping Fee info go to:  
[Region2.airstreamclub.net](http://Region2.airstreamclub.net)



September 12-15



Take me out to the Ball Game rally was a homerun. On September 12-15 the Whittles hosted the Installation rally at Cooperstown KOA. The weather was typical fall weather with hit and miss rain. Those attending were the Herrings, Vettovallis, Abrahams, Billodeaus, Kings, Schultzs, Cindy Davis and Bill Levy.

Ball Park Franks & Sloppy Joes were served at a potluck supper followed by make your own Sundaes at the campfire. A Grand Slam breakfast of pancakes & sausage was served followed by the installation of officers, the Steens joined us for the meeting and swearing in.

A campfire each night brought us out for conversation and laughter. Thank you to all who brought a snack to share on Saturday night. Let it not be said that we went home hungry

Thank you all for your help goodies and being good friends. See you down the road. Geoff & Sue Whittle



Polly leads the way



Hot dogs, get your hot dogs here!



Nuri is ready for the meeting to start



Pat Steen swears in Hudson Mohawk Officers



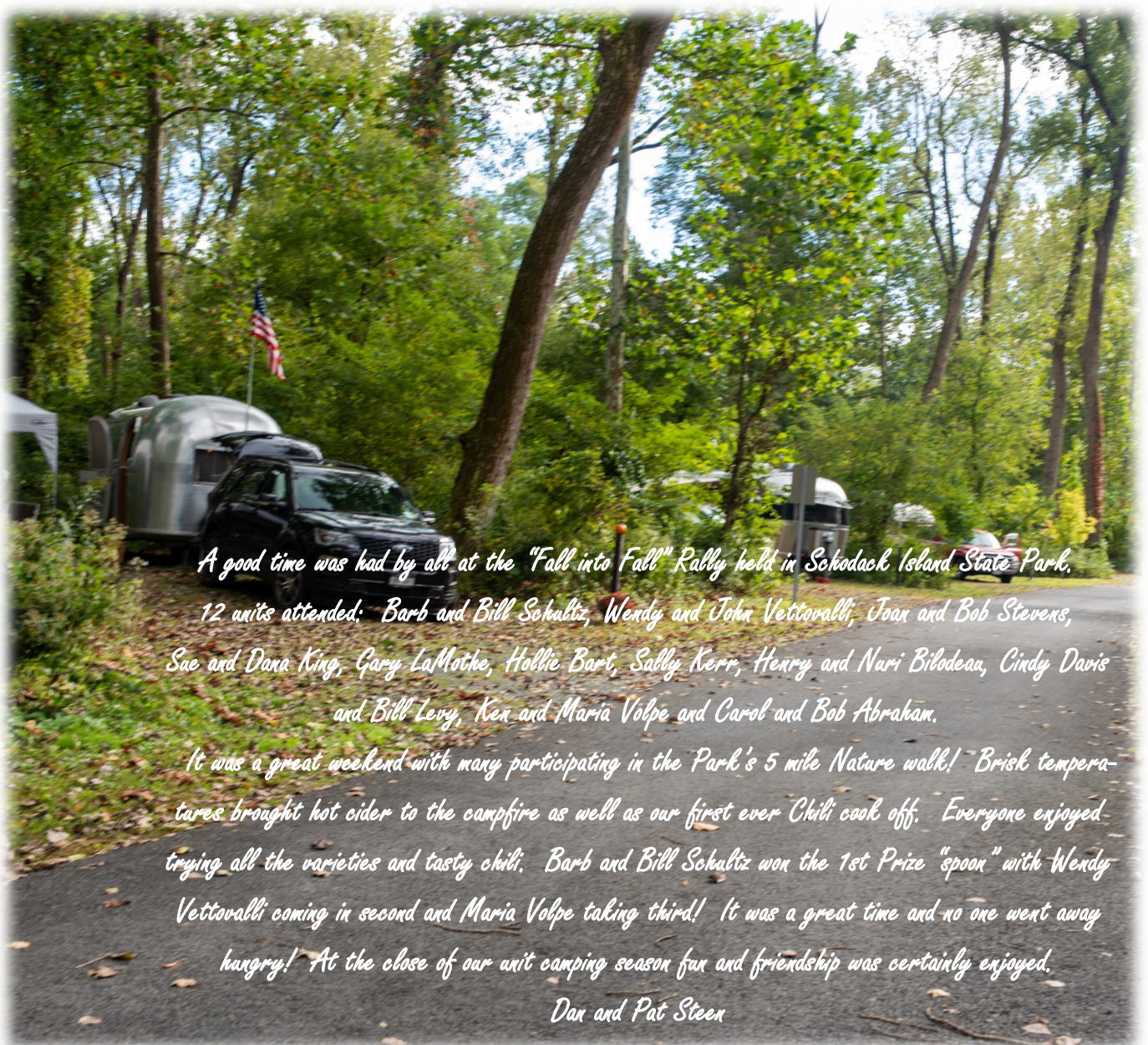
Cindy & Bill with fancy cocktail table



# Hudson-Mohawk Fall Into Fall Rally

October 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Schodack Island State Park



*A good time was had by all at the "Fall into Fall" Rally held in Schodack Island State Park. 12 units attended: Barb and Bill Schultz, Wendy and John Vettovalli, Joan and Bob Stevens, Sae and Dana King, Gary LaMotte, Hollie Bart, Sally Kerr, Henry and Nuri Bilodeau, Cindy Davis and Bill Levy, Ken and Maria Volpe and Carol and Bob Abraham.*

*It was a great weekend with many participating in the Park's 5 mile Nature walk! Brisk temperatures brought hot cider to the campfire as well as our first ever Chili cook off. Everyone enjoyed trying all the varieties and tasty chili. Barb and Bill Schultz won the 1st Prize "spoon" with Wendy Vettovalli coming in second and Maria Volpe taking third! It was a great time and no one went away hungry! At the close of our unit camping season fun and friendship was certainly enjoyed.*

*Dan and Pat Steen*



*Rainy start to the weekend...*



*Cindy & Bill*

*Sue*

*Bob*

*Carol*

*Bill, Cindy & Harry*

*John & Wendy*

*Ken, Barb, Nuri, Maria, Henry*

*Friday Night Pot Luck.....*



*Joan and Hollie*



*Maria Henry Sally Nuri*



*Cindy, Harry, Bill, Gary*



*Maria, Hollie, Ken*

*Saturday & Sunshine, Exploring & Hiking.....*



*Ready for a 5 mile nature walk...*



*Wendy & John Gary Cindy & Bill Joan Barb Carol & Bob*

*Chili Cook Off.....*



*Bill keeps the fire going*



*12 pots of chili*

*And we tasted all the chili.....*



*Barb says gum...*



*Nuri, Maria, Ken, Henry*



*Dana, Gary*



*Sue, Carol, Wendy, Joan*

*And the winner is.....*



*Sally*



*Barb and Cindy*

*Henry*



*Barb & Bill Schultz*



*Wendy Vettovalli*



*Maria Volpe*

*And just like that, it was time to say farewell and see you next time.....*



*Cindy, Dana, Harry, Bill*



*Schojack Island State Park*

Happening In  
**February**

# Cabin Fever Luncheon



178 Wolf Road, Colonie NY, 12205

**Saturday, February 1st 11:30am**

Weather permitting

Please RSVP to Geoff and Sue Whittle at

518-783-1606

or

[whittleg06@gmail.com](mailto:whittleg06@gmail.com)



Camille Crandall reports:

“Surprised to see a vintage Airstream in Disney World  
Animal Kingdom! “

September 30, 2019

# July 16- 20, 2020

Nuri, Henry Bildeau / Ken, Maria  
Volpe July 2020 Rally  
[info@nickersonparkcampground.com](mailto:info@nickersonparkcampground.com)  
Nickerson Park Campground  
July 16, 2020 Thursday - July 19 Sunday



(607) 588-7327

<https://www.nickersonparkcampground.com/>

Contact Gina  
website <https://www.nickersonparkcampground.com/>  
Looking at site map to the right is more morning sun conversely to the left is afternoon sun  
sites 500 are closer to swimming pool and playground so they are more active sites.  
sites 100 - 200 are quieter

\$52.00 nightly includes electric, water, sewer and cable.

Activities that weekend is a car show.

If we all want to be in one row we can have sites 157 - 168 ( spot 161 is not available to us )

Please call Gina to reserve your spot at (607) 588-7327, if you prefer to be somewhere else at the Campground let Gina know. You can book online, in the remarks section on line let them know that you are part of the Hudson-Mohawk Rally or if you speak with Gina. I have made my reservation for site #159, Nuri will be on #158. Please review their cancellation policy that I thought was very liberal, I would encourage everyone to make a reservation early if we want to be in the same area. It was easy to reserve on line section 175 - 168.

We are yet to come up with a theme but will in the coming weeks.

Looking Forward to a Good Weekend I am sure we will have a good time.



# Hudson-Mohawk Installation Rally 2020

September 17-20, 2020

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovalli

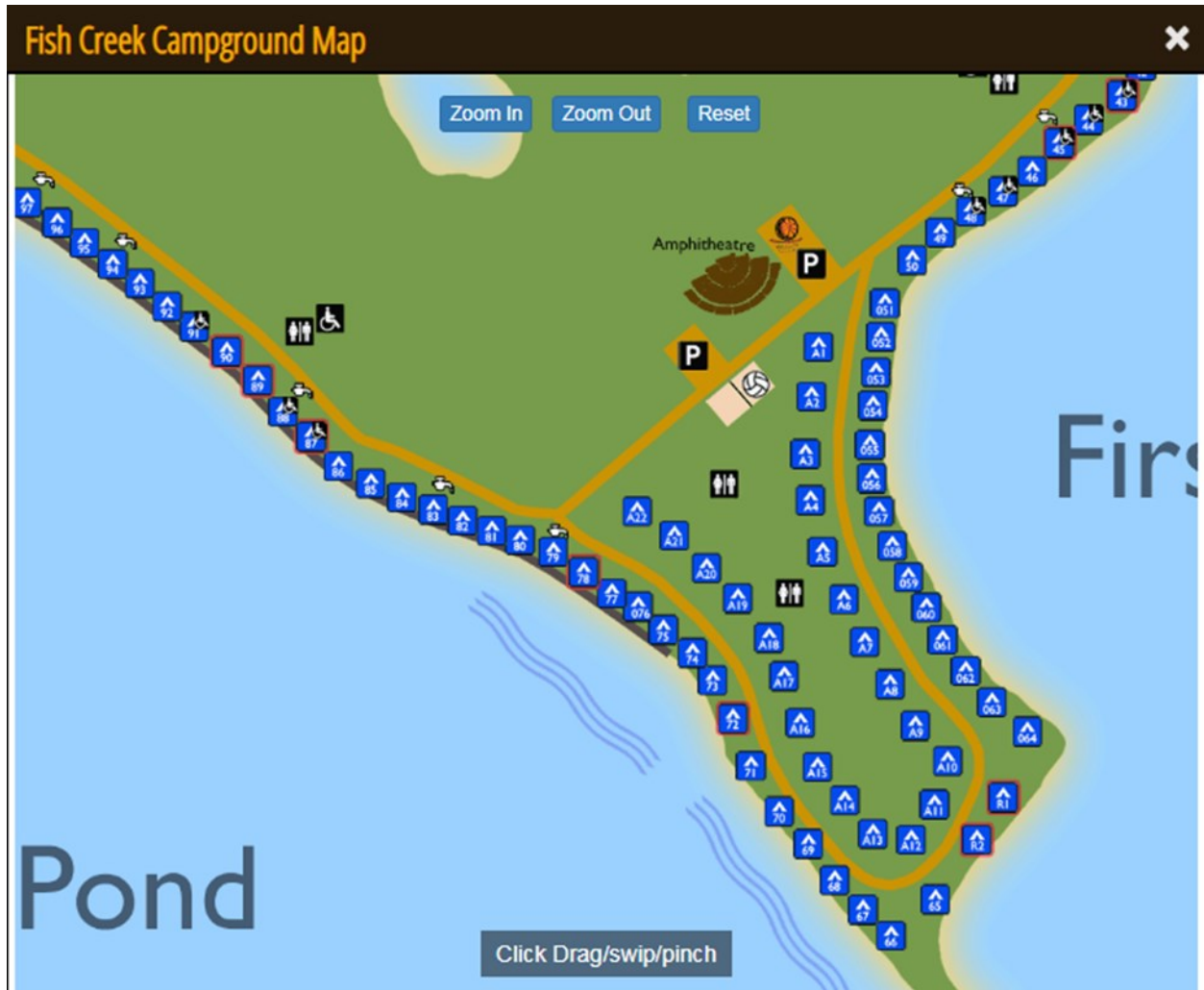
Reservations must be made through Reserve America.

**Reservations can be made starting on 12/17/2019.**

To see site information, including photos of each site, go to:

[Fishcreekpond.com](http://Fishcreekpond.com)

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



## Area Attractions

The Wild Center (the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks) is 11 miles to the southwest in Tupper Lake. The Adirondack Park Visitors Interpretive Center at Paul Smiths is 18 miles north on NYS Route 30. Lake Placid and the Olympic venues are located 25 miles to the southeast. The Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake is 50 miles south.