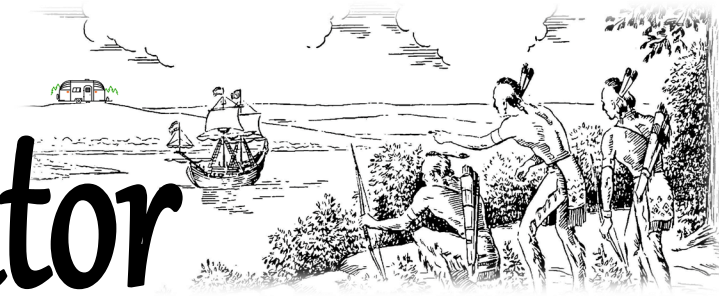


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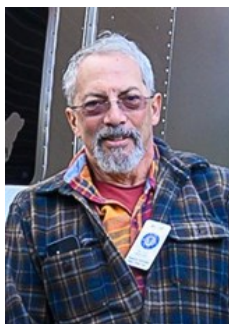
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Indians watching Henry Hudson's ship, the Half Moon along the Hudson River.

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President's Message

From Bill Levy

Dear Hudson-Mohawk Family,

The first thing I want to say is thank you to all the previous club officers and current members for your help in getting me acclimated to the position of president in our organization. I am grateful in advance for your ongoing support.

We have a really great bunch of members and as President, I will be contacting those folks who as of yet, haven't joined us for any of our events. We want, and need, to have more members become regular attendees.

It's quite a blessing that 2021 gave us all a chance to forget the unhappy disappointments of 2020 and renew our love and enjoyment of rallying and pending off-season luncheons.

Our next club event is the annual Christmas get together, December 11, 2021 hosted by Dan & Pat Steen at Moscatiello's Italian Restaurant on North Greenbush Road, Troy, NY. As with past ones; it looks to be a time of warm Airstream friendships.

See you down the road,
Bill Levy, President

Newsletter Deadlines

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

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Barbara Schultz

Activity Chair

Pat Steen



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2021

<p>Saturday December 11, 2021 12:00 Noon</p>	<p><i>Holiday Party</i></p> <p>Moscatiello's Italian Restaurant 99 North Greenbush Rd, Troy, NY 12180</p>	<p>Dan & Pat Steen If you are planning to attend, please call or text no later than Saturday Dec 4 Pat Steen at 518-441-5280</p>
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2022

<p>February</p>	<p>Luncheon</p>	<p>Tess & Stan Stoklosa</p>
<p>March</p>	<p>Luncheon</p>	<p>John & Wendy Vettovalli</p>
<p>April 9th 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>Ripe Tomato 2721 Route 9 Ballston Spa, NY 12020</p>	<p>Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com</p>
<p>May 12-15, 2022</p>	<p>Wellesley Island State Park 44927 Cross Island Road , Fineview, NY 13640 Reservations can be made <u>NOW</u> through Reserve America We will be in Fox Loop, with full hook ups.</p>	<p>Eric & Diane Bergquist 518-734-6073 riprapmeadows@earthlink.net</p>
<p>May 19-22, 2022</p>	<p>Region 2 Rally</p>	<p>Delaware State Fair Ground Harrington, Delaware</p>
<p>June 1st or 2nd weekend, TBD</p>	<p>Wilcox Park, Pine Plains, NY</p>	<p>Hollie Bart</p>
<p>July 23-29, 2022</p>	<p>65th International Rally Fryeburg, Me</p>	
<p>August 11-14, 2022</p>	<p>Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY Loop 3 Make reservations through Reserve America starting <u>November 11, 2021</u> (9 months ahead)</p>	<p>John & Wendy Vettovalli 518-848-8023 wendymv1@yahoo.com</p>
<p>September 9-11, 2022</p>	<p>100 Acre Woods Campground - North Pole Resort Wilmington, NY 12997</p>	<p>Bill Levy & Cindy Davis 845-235-9473 cindyldavis@aol.com</p>
<p>September 29- October 2, 2022</p>	<p>Sea-Vu Campground 1733 Post Road (US Rte 1) Wells, Maine 04090</p>	<p>Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2022 Airstream Dues are due. \$85.00 for the full year.

With new system, anyone who joined **before** July 1, 2021 stays on a calendar year and can renew for 2022 now through December 31. Anyone who joined **on or after** July 1, 2021, their year runs from the actual joined date (Joined 7/1/2021, membership year runs July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, etc.). My understanding is that International will be notifying the non-calendar year members about their due dates for annual dues. I hope that works out, fingers crossed for the new system.

Annual calendar year dues must be paid by December 31, 2021 to be included in the 2022 printed Airstream Directory and our club directory will follow the same procedure.

Payment online is easy, **you must sign in as the primary member** to be able to pay your dues (I learned that the hard way, after trying to do it under my name for about an hour I gave up and called International. After a little bit of discussion, they figured out why I couldn't get access! They said they are working on that, so maybe by next year either member will be able to do it.)

airstreamclub.org/renew

Thanks to all of you who already logged in and paid your dues. It really makes it easier for me. The money you pay goes to International and they direct deposit the club's \$10.00 for each member into the club's checking account and send me emails with the information.

Thanks everyone!
Wendy Vettovalli, Treasurer



The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a non-profit organization that honors the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country."

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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:
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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

CELEBRATING

November

2nd Dee Perry

10th Lee Belec

10th Wendy Vettovalli

17th Dana King

Happy
Birthday

December

4th Joan Stevens

9th Graig Arons

11th Cheryl Arons

19th Roger Smith

23rd Karen Johnson

30th Bill Schultz

Happy Anniversary

December 24th Bill Levy & Cindy Davis

December 27th Randy & K.C. Boelsems

welcome
New Members

Sandra Boogertman 2911

Christina & Timothy Egan 5645

Come on out and join us!


sunshine

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

REGION 2 NEWS

September

The big news this month is that I want to tentatively announce the Region 2 Rally for next year: May 19-22, at the Delaware State Fair in Harrington, Delaware.

As of this writing, we do not have a contract signed, so I'm mentioning it with some hesitation, but the other problem is that many clubs are trying to plan for their 2022 camping seasons, so I want to get word out and hope for the best. I'm confident we'll be able to get this contract in place soon, though.

We have a special treat for this one: The Vintage Airstream Club wants to hold a rally in our region, and they've agreed to join forces with our Region 2 rally planning. This means we'll be able to offer more for everyone, and we may attract more WBCCI members from other regions as well. I'm excited for this rally - I think we're going to have a great time, and I hope you can join us. We'll have more details coming in the future.

I'm writing this on the last day of a Washington, DC Unit rally at the Outer Banks. I visited the Outer Banks with my parents several times in the 90s, and when I joined the WBCCI in 2005, the Outer Banks rally in 2006 was the first rally I attended, so this rally is always a must for me. We've had a great week of sunsets, sunrises, bicycling, exploring, beaches, food, and time with our Airstream family. Bill Graham (#3278) took the attached picture of Erica, Sulley, and I watching a sunrise. Thanks, Bill!

Coincidentally, Metropolitan New York Airstream Club President Colleen Ahlers and her family were camping here as well (not part of the rally). Erica and I met Colleen and her husband Jerry at International, so it was a fun surprise to run into them here.

Until next month...
--RJ Marquette

October

The IBT had a discussion on October 21, with a few updates on things being proposed for the club. In general, I think these are great changes for the club to consider, even if we don't adopt them.

There was a discussion about removing the International Rally date range from the Constitution. The problem is that there are limited venues that can support the International Rally and provide the services members request, like 30 amp electric, so the proposal is to allow the International Rally to be scheduled at a different parts of the year, so we could, for example, have International in the South in the fall when it's not as hot.

Tom Smithson, head of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, described the possibility of allowing constitutional amendments to be voted upon by members directly, instead of via delegates.

The other topics were realigning the officer terms to match the fiscal year of the club (Aug 1-July 31), the committee investigating longer terms for the International officers has begun their work, and a proposed schedule for a quarterly IBT meeting (replacing the current mid-winter and summer meetings).

Region 2 rally update (May 19-22, 2022): As of this writing, we do not have a contract signed. However, we're in agreement with the fairgrounds on the details of the contract, so now we just need to get ink on paper. Once we get that done, we'll start planning the details. Several clubs and members have already reached out to offer help, and I very much appreciate that! We'll be putting out a call for volunteers soon.

Mid-Winter IBT in Savannah: If you are planning to go, make sure you book the campground and register for the rally itself. Lori Plummer indicated they have many campground sites booked, but few registrations. Link: <https://airstreamclub.org/2022-mid-winter-international-board-trustees-meeting>

See you down the road!

--RJ



Hudson-Mohawk Holiday Party



Saturday December 11th, 2021/12:00 NOON

Moscatiello's Italian Restaurant

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Please RSVP by December 4th, 2021

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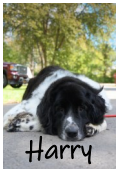


Pebbles

Installation Rally

September 9-12, 2021
The Villages at Turning Stone Casino

Hosted by Dan and Pat Steen



Harry



Hollie

Dan, Pat, Eric, Diane, Bill, Barbara, Bill, Cindy, Hartwell, Mary, Polly, Sue, Geoff, Wendy, John, Stan, Tess

Our Installation Rally was held 9/9-9/12/2021 at the Villages at Turning Stone. Attending were Hollie Bart, Eric and Diane Bergquist, Mary Clark, Hartwell & Polly Herring, Bill Levy & Cindy Davis, Bill & Barbara Schultz, Teresa & Stanley Stoklosa, Dan & Pat Steen, John & Wendy Vettovalli, and Geoff & Sue Whittle.

The Villages offered easy back in sites with full hook-ups. 24-hour shuttle service was available to the casino. With COVID still a concern, most activities were on your own. Sightseeing in the locale seemed to be at the top of everyone's agenda. Each evening we enjoyed a gathering at the fireplace. Evening rain showers put an early end to the fire on Thursday and Friday. Mosquitos were also out in force. During the daytime, the weather was sunny and clear; fall is clearly on our doorstep.

On Friday evening Crystal & Greg Faria, who are considering joining the Airstream community, joined us at the fire to tap into our collective wisdom. They toured several of the member's rigs. We were happy to answer as many of their questions as possible.

Saturday morning we held our second business meeting of the year. Consideration of changes to our unit constitution was tabled pending clarification from International on two recommended changes that seemed at odds. Our new officers for 2021-2022 were installed, most notably Bill Levy as our new President. Planning for the 2021-2022 is well under way. Be sure to check out the events schedule in the upcoming newsletter.

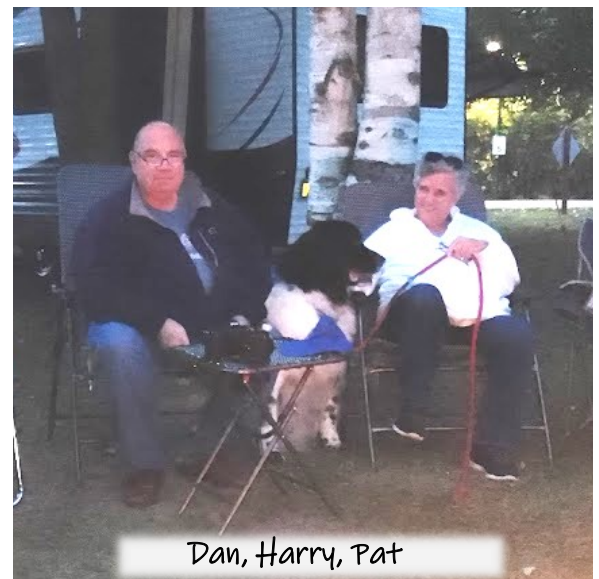
Saturday evening we had an impromptu pizza party from a local restaurant that delivered. Still can't get my mind around round pizzas cut into square slices. But we did not have to cook!. At the evening fire, Hollie Bart presented our new President with a Spam powered gavel to help him keep order during this reign.

We want to thank all who attended and helped make this rally so enjoyable.

Pat & Dan Steen



Bill Levy



Dan, Harry, Pat



Vetovalli



Great gathering of Airstream friends



Schultz



Herring



Wendy has great Mosquito protection



Campfire at the Steen's



Flynn knows Pat has yummy treats in her pocket

October "CHILI" Weekend

Hosted by
Bill Levy & Cindy Davis

Larry Ascenzi, Hollie Bart, Eric & Diane Bergquist,
Mary Clark, Dana & Sue King, Bill & Barbara Schultz,
Dan & Pat Steen, Stan & Tess Stoklosa,
John & Wendy Vettovalli



Schodack Island State Park-Airstream Rally October 2021

Talk about a fun good time!! Competitive sewer hose toss (yes, it was new and unused-Nice toss Stan!), silly necklaces, mustaches and other photo op paraphernalia.

Also, there were full on decoration, lights and a map of everyone's airstream travels (the only state not visited was Hawaii). We had multiple chili entries and lethal margaritas (yeehaw Diane).

Congratulations to all the chefs who participated and congratulations to all the prize winners. A shout out to Hollie for her creative auctioning of the Airstream platter. The platter had raised \$95 for our Tunnels to Towers fundraiser. Hollie won the platter....then auctioned it off and raised another \$120 for a total of \$215 for Tunnels to Towers. Because this is the 20th year since that horrible event all money raised is tripled through an anonymous donor. So, we raised \$645 for Tunnels to Towers!!

Needless to say, added to all this was time around the group campfire each evening where all of us swapped stories, shared laughs and discussed future events.



Bill & Cindy dish up the chili!



The Hudson-Mohawk Men

Cindy does the HAPPY dance & says "Yeehaw" after a few sips of Margarita!



Hollie declares "Vegetarian chili for the win!!"



Dana & Sue



Bill & Barb



Pat, "I love it!"



Diane, "wait, what did I just agree to?"



Hollie the Auctioneer



The great sewer hose toss of October 2021!! Winder up and letter go....So many styles, the look of determination on their faces.



After the rally.....



We've all been in this line

Hartwell, Polly, and Abby at Herkimer KOA on the West Canada Creek. One more outing before Upstate hunkers down for five months!



Bill and I hit the road heading out for the Grand Canyon. We stayed at a state park in Winslow Arizona. Of course the song from Eagles "Taking it Easy" with the phrase "standing on a corner in Winslow Arizona..." had to be memorialized. It was our obligation to fulfill such a duty.
Cindy Davis

Future Events....

Hudson-Mohawk

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Fineview, NY 13640

Reservations can be made **NOW** through

Reserve America

We will be in ***Fox Loop***,

with full hookups.

Eric & Diane Bergquist

518-734-6073

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September 9-11, 2022

Installation Rally

Hundred-acre Woods / North Pole Resort

Wilmington, NY

We have booked site 95 in a premium site at \$87 a night but there are other full hook ups for \$69. Most are pull throughs

Good Sam campground

518-946-7733

You can make reservations via phone now or online, it's 6 months out.

Let us know when you are booked.

Thanks all, Rally on

Cindy and Bill

845-235-9473

cindyldavis@aol.com

August 11-14, 2022

Sampson State Park

Romulus, NY

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovalli

Make reservations through

Reserve America

Loop 3

Sites have electric, water is available, but not at each site.

Rally will be very basic.

Campfire each night

518-848-8023

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