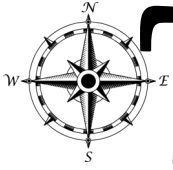
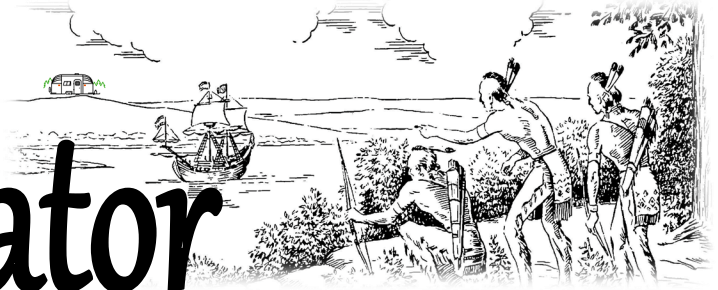


JULY 2021



The Navigator



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

Hudson Mohawk NY, 071

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President's Message From Dan Steen

The summer camping season in the Northeast is now well underway. We have members traveling to all points of the compass. While Covid is still with us, we are well on the way to more normal traveling.

With the surge in RV sales, it is not too early to begin planning for 2022. If you have not experienced an Airstream Club International Rally, 2022 might be the year to give it a try. It will be held 7/23-7/29/2022 in Fryeburg, Maine. Especially for those new to Airstream, the International Rally provides many informative seminars that will help you learn about your rig. Although, not required, we usually meet as a group the night before the rally, so by going in as a group we can be parked together. Registration will open 7/22/2021. We have found the International Rallies a great way to visit destinations we never would have considered.

The June Whittle Rally was an end of an era of sorts. The Whittle family has hosted this rally at the Lake George RV Park for many decades. Geoff & Sue are the second generation of Whittles to organize this event year after year. Thank you does not say enough to recognize such dedication. Sue announced that this year was the end of that era. Cindy Davis & Bill Levy immediately stepped up and will host next years June rally, with an eye toward a location change.

Stay safe. Hope to see you down the road.

Dan Steen, President

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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



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2021

<p>July 17-24 2021</p>	 <p>64th International Rally Lebanon, TN</p>	
<p>August 4-9 2021</p>	 <p>Cowboy Rally Frontier Town Campground North Hudson, NY</p>	<p>Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com</p>
<p>September 9-12 2021</p>	 <p>Installation Rally "The Villages at Turning Stone Casino"</p>	<p>Dan & Pat Steen 518-441-5280 pmsteen04@gmail.com</p>
<p>October 1-3 2021</p>	 <p>"Chili" Weekend Schodack Island State Park 1 Schodack Way, Schodack Landing, NY</p>	<p>Bill Levy & Cindy Davis 845-235-9473 cindylvdavis@aol.com</p>



You still have time to reserve a site at all of these Rallies.

What are you waiting for? There's a spot just for you at the campfire.

Checkout all the information in this newsletter, need more info,

just give the host a call or send an email.

Come on out and join the fun!!

Pat Steen

Members of the Hudson Mohawk Airstream Club are thrilled to see so many new owners sign up as members. So, why aren't we seeing any "newbies" at our monthly rallies? A Rally is a great place for new owners to come and pick the brains of us "oldies" about trailer maintenance, problem solving, great places to camp, and make new friends.

Our club is very laid back. You do not have to worry that you are spending every waking moment surrounded by strangers! A typical rally really is just a meet-up with 8 or so other air streamers. We pull in on a Thurs or Friday night, set up our rigs, plan our own dinner and, now that COVID Is on the way out, we might have a happy hour of BYO whatever you want to drink around the campfire pit and just catch up or shoot the breeze. After dinner, people tend to gather around the fire once more, but no feelings are hurt if you just decide to crash at your own site. Saturday morning after breakfast, we might have a quick Club Meeting to discuss or vote on any business the President deems necessary. But after that, you are on your own to enjoy your day, whether it's hiking, swimming, exploring or shopping...whatever the area offers. That evening, another happy hour and maybe a covered dish supper, or maybe not. The family that organized that months rally will let us know in plenty of time and it will be posted in the newsletter. Sunday morning is usually an early pack up, wishing everyone safe journey and we all head for home!

It's a great leisurely weekend and we hope that you might like to take the plunge and give us a try. We would love to meet you!

Pat Steen 1389, Activity Chair

There really are no Rules,
but if there were,
these are the ones

I would follow:

CAMPING RULES
Sit around
The campfire
EAT UNWIND
S'MORES
Go EXPLORE
Star ★ Enjoy
Gaze ★ Friends
RELAX GO
FISHING
Make Memories
What Rules would you add?

Three horizontal dashed lines for writing additional rules.

Hello, everyone! I'm writing this about two weeks before we leave for International. I'm looking forward to a great International, but I'm sorry our Canadian members won't be able to make it. We'll miss you!

I hope that the hot weather we're experiencing now is not a preview for Lebanon. A 30' trailer with one air conditioner is not a great setup in extreme heat, as we learned in Doswell. Therefore, I am predicting a well-timed Polar Vortex that will keep the highs in the 70s each day.

We have about 70 people signed up for the luncheon at International. If you are going to International and haven't signed up, please consider joining us; there's still time! We'll have food from a local restaurant, giveaways from places like Colonial Airstream, and we'll thank Rich and Kathi for their service to the region and the entire WBCCI. Erica and I are looking forward to meeting members from around the region.

After International ends, I want to start planning a Region 2 rally for next year. If you have a recommendation for a location, or if you want to volunteer to help with the planning, please let me know!

My goal is to visit each of the 15 local clubs at least once during my term. At the moment we've planned outings with Keystone, Penn-Lehigh, Central Penn, Delmarva, and Washington DC this fall or next spring.

We'll get more on our schedule as rally plans are finalized.

I'm already looking forward to the 2022 International Rally in Maine. Erica and I briefly visited Maine for a wedding a few years ago, and we knew immediately we wanted to see more of that beautiful state. Signup begins during International this year.

-RJ Marquette (#13270)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Dan Steen Barb Schultz Wendy Vettovalli Bill Levy

Save the date for...

2022 International Rally
July 23-29
Fryeburg, Maine



Hudson Mohawk NY
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PROUD SUPPORTER OF THE

Stephen Siller

Tunnel to Towers Foundation

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From Tunnel to Towers Foundation

"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."



ATTENTION

Are you looking for an exciting way to be involved in the Hudson Mohawk Airstream club! There is an opening for 2nd Vice President. Please consider filling this important roll in the club.

For more information contact:

Dan Steen

dmsteen@gmail.com

Thanks for all the great photos for this Newsletter:

Dan Steen Cindy Davis
Wendy Vettovalli Barbara Schultz
Sue King

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/>

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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POTPOURRI PAGE

Free to any Hudson-Mohawk member:

White/beige pleated lined original curtain panels with all hanging tags attached,
all are 27-1/2" finished length:
2-26" wide
2-36" wide
2-41" wide

I stretched them flat and measured width from the backs. They're from the bedroom of our 2005 Classic 30' queen bedroom.

Took them out when we remodeled to twin beds.

As far as I know they've never been cleaned, but I think they're in really good condition.

Maybe someone can make use of them?

We'll have to figure out how to get them to you.

Wendy Vettovalli 519-848-8023



Wendy's recipe from page 9



John V.'s refreshing Mango drink, a favorite at Happy Hour!!



Garlic Butter Steak Bites

1 Tbsp olive oil

1-1/2 lb. sirloin steak cut into bite-size pieces, or strip loin, tenderloin, strip steak or rib eye (we had tenderloin tips)

1/2 tsp salt, or to taste

1/2 tsp pepper, or to taste

1 Tbsp butter

4 cloves garlic, minced (I buy garlic chopped up in oil in a jar)

1/4 tsp red pepper flakes (we left this out)

1 Tbsp parsley fresh, chopped (I used dried, added to garlic sauce)



1. Add olive oil to skillet over high heat. When oil is hot, add steak pieces. Season generously with salt & pepper.
2. Cook for at least 2 minutes before stirring/turning the steak pieces—make sure to get a good sear. Continue cooking for another 2 minutes until they're golden brown.
3. Transfer steak bites to a plate. In same skillet, add butter. Turn heat down to medium and when butter is melted, add garlic and red pepper flakes. Cook about 30 seconds while stirring, just until garlic becomes aromatic and starts to brown.
4. Pour garlic butter over steak bites and toss well. Garnish with parsley & serve.

Just so you know....

In January the IBT approved changing the membership period from calendar year to an anniversary year basis, based on 12 months from the original join date. This will be implemented beginning July 1, 2021. All current members will have an anniversary date of January 1st. New members on/after July 1 will be on a true anniversary schedule (i.e. if a member joins July 17, 2021, their membership is active from July 17, 2021 through July 16, 2022). HQ will send out renewal notifications about 120 days before the expiration date. The pro-rated dues system for new members will end June 30, 2021. Members will be able to renew their WBCCI and club membership at the same time. Lifetime members will be included in the notification process and will need to renew through HQ at which time they will select and pay unit/club dues.



Those crazy campfire stories!!

MEMBER NEWS



I just bought this handy little table at Target for \$25. It folds flat and height is adjustable, not too heavy. With our conversion from sofa to recliners, putting up John's Airstream table works well, but mine is difficult. I think it'll get a hanging spot right next to my chair and be a good addition to our trailer.

Wendy Vettovalli



The Schultz' at Scaroon Manor Vettovalli's getting setup at

Letchworth State Park



Fish Pond at Lake George RV Park



After Lake George RV Park...



This is John taking socket off our hitch connection when we got to the campsite. It came off the drill at home and neither of us noticed it still on there until we got to the campsite and it wasn't on the drill!! Wendy

Dana King Bill Schultz



Vettovalli's decorated camp site



"I'll wager I pressure washed 20,000 caterpillar poops off the top of our rig." 😬
Hartwell Herring



Always fun to take a ride on the Trolley at Lake George RV Park

CELEBRATING

July



Happy 4th of July

August

5th Barbara Schultz 5666

7th Bob Howard 2697

11th Eric Pearson 6232



4th Eric Bergquist 12496

20th Bob Abraham 2091

28th Gary LaMothe 3122

Happy Anniversary

July 4th Bridget & Lisa Beebe 6055

July 16th Bob & Carol Abraham 2091

August 5th Dan & Pat Steen 1389

August 12th Jennifer Whittle & Roger Smith 10566

August 17 Eric & Diane Bergquist 12496

August 23rd Dana & Sue King 10016

Welcome New Members

Doug & Karen Johnson with their 2021 Bambi 19' 3233

Betsy Swanson & Ed Benavente with their 2021 Globetrotter 23' 18451

Teresa & Stanley Stoklosa with their 2021 Bambi 19' 20769

Lucy & Christine Graziano with their 2021 Caravel 19' 4260

Come on out and join us!

SUNSHINE



Sending Wendy V. positive and uplifting thoughts and prayers as she has tests and procedures before surgery this summer.



Season Opener at Letchworth State Park

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovalli

Hudson-Mohawk NY Unit Rally, May 6-9, 2021

Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY

Attending (dogs):

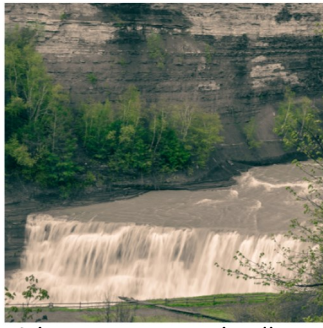
John & Wendy Vettovalli, Dan & Pat Steen
 Bill & Barb Schultz (*Pebbles*)
 Larry Ascenzi (*Drake*)
 Cindy Davis, Bill Levy (*Harry*)
 Eric & Diane Berkowicz (*Sally & Taffy*)
 Hartwell & Polly Herring (*Abby*),
 Geoff & Sue Whittle (*Bentley*)
 Bob & Joan Stevens,
 Holly Bart (*Flynn*)

We also had some other Airstream members from outside our club and one non-member owner join us during the rally:

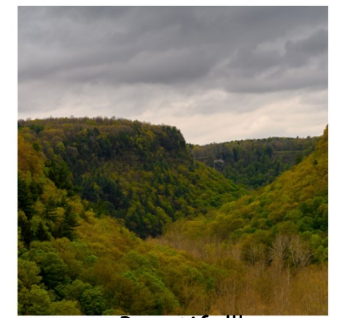
Dick & Cora Saxton (*Lucy*) At-Large members from Wayland, NY (near Letchworth State Park)
 Bob & Judy Keenan members of Finger Lakes Unit from Honeoye Falls, NY
 Keith & Paula White not yet members of WBCCI, from San Carlos, CA

Thirteen trailers at our Rally! Whoohoo!! Well, it was a cold and damp weekend, but it was so good to get out to a Rally and be able to visit and catch up with each other and make some new friends (lots of doggie pals too). Most of us were able to get sites in Loop 100. No group activities were planned other than our club meeting Saturday morning and I think everyone from our Unit had had their Covid shots (or as our daughter Cara Jo says, our Fauci Ouchie!). We did manage to get in two campfires at Dan & Pat's campsite on Thursday and Saturday nights. Friday night was a wash out. Larry brought Sambuca for us to toast his recent retirement (that was GOOD and welcome on the chilly nights.)

Everyone did their own thing during the rally: hiking, walking, checking out the Visitor Center & Gift Shop, taking pictures, visiting each other, making fixes to our Airstreams, etc. The park was beautiful although cold & wet most of the weekend, including a quick ice/snow shower one day. The park campsites filled in with SOB's and a few tents and surprisingly were almost completely filled by Friday night.



The Amazing sights!!



Beautiful!!



Diane Bergquist



We love our dogs



Harry for President!!



Serious talk



That's Cindy wrapped in her cozy blanket



Sunshine on the Whittles



Cheers!



Early morning dog meeting



Bob Stevens



Colorful campfire



Bill Schultz



Bill & Cindy's Crime scene site!

Hudson Mohawk Ny



Barb & Bill Schultz



Joan & Bob Stevens



Dogs and their People get together



Dick Saxton had contacted me ahead of time and joined and chatted with many of us several times over the weekend. All the Airstream visitors joined us for Saturday night's campfire. The White's were unlucky to have their TV transmission die completely in the middle of the road at the entrance to the park, with their Airstream attached. It made for quite an entry. Dick was able to help them by towing their trailer to their campsite and they shopped for a new TV over the weekend. They were able to make a purchase and will be able to continue on their trip. The Keenan's were happy to be able to get out and join us for our rally since their unit hasn't been having any since the Covid problem arose.

There's a beautiful looking restaurant and lots of hiking trails to go along with quite spectacular views of the Genesee River gorge, the Grand Canyon of the East. There's a lot more to see in the future during warmer and dryer weather.

It really was a nice get-together. Not having to do a lot of extra work planning and carrying out group meals made hosting a rally so much easier, relaxing and worry-free for the hosts! No rally fee, just everyone come get together and find things you like to do. Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for the weekend.

Pick a spot and sign up to host a rally next year. Whether 5 or 15 trailers show up, it was fun and easy, do as much or as little as you like.

See you soon, Wendy & John Vettovali 4391

PS: I tried out a couple of recipes for supper and one of them was delicious, easy and quick in a fry pan on the stove. I made instant mashed potatoes and a small salad to go with it. We made just over a half pound of steak for the two of us. John loved it, it was so quick and easy, I'll definitely keep the recipe to make again, either when camping or at home. It was great for a cold and rainy camping night: See Recipe on page 5



Wendy & John Vettovali



Bill, Harry & Cindy



Campfire fun with friends!



Whittle Buddy Rally

Geoff & Sue Whittle & Bentley were
 joined by:
 Hartwell & Polly Herring & Abby
 Dan & Pat Steen
 John & Wendy Vettovali
 Jennifer Whittle & daughter Haley &
 Nester
 Dana & Sue King
 Bill & Barbara Schultz & Pebbles
 Bill Levy & Cindy Davis & Harry

June 4-6, 2021

**Hosted by
 Geoff & Sue Whittle**

This year we were also
 joined by caterpillars
 falling from the trees!
 As always we had a
 great time.
 Thanks to Sue & Geoff
 Whittle whose family
 has put this rally on for
 many decades.
 Dan Steen



Pat Steen, Wendy & John Vettovali



One of 10 million Caterpillars,
 YIKES!!



Bill and Barb Schultz



Cindy, Harry & Bill



Dana & Sue King



Geoff & Sue Whittle Polly & Hartwell Herring



Jen Whittle & Daughter Haley



Lake George RV Park

What a wonderful weekend with friends at Lake George RV Park! We all enjoyed evening campfires, walks on the many trails and the pool. All our furry friends also had a good time. Everyone planned their own meals and activities. At Happy Hour John Vettovali made Mango drinks, Yum! The ice cold drink sure hit the spot on a hot afternoon. As we sat around the campfire we were playing a strange game of caterpillar twister. Someone would say "Left shoulder Wendy!" "Right knee Sue!" "You have one on your head!" Those Gypsy Moth Caterpillars by the thousands were in all the trees, eating the leaves, falling all over us and pooping. It was truly great to be at the campground with friends for the Whittle Buddy Rally!

Can't wait to see you at the next get together

Barbara



Bill and Cindy's Airstream at night



I could look at this view all day



Shiny Hineys all in a row



COWBOY RALLY

August 4-9, 2021

Frontier Town Campground

41 Adventure Pass, North Hudson, NY 12855



~ On the shores of the Schroon River ~

~ Hosted by: Bill & Barbara Schultz ~

Make Your Camping Reservation at: [ReserveAmerica](https://www.reserveamerica.com)

~ Stagecoach Loop has electrical hookups
and water spigots are conveniently located ~

We will be on site R043 Wednesday-Sunday

Make your reservation for all or any combination of days!

~ There are no planned activities or meals ~

Please let me know when you make your reservation:

HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com or 518-409-2565

Come on out and Rally with us!!



Installation Rally

September 9-12, 2021

The Villages at Turning Stone Casino

5065 State Route 365 • PO Box 126 • Verona, NY 13478

turningstone.com Global Positioning: Latitude: 43°6'20.88"N • Longitude: 75°36'16.22"W

Hosted by Dan and Pat Steen

I have a hold on 10 sites together. #621 to #630.

Dan and I reserved 630

If 10 trailers are coming, we get a 15% discount. If not, then the regular rate of \$45. Per night applies but they do honor Good Sam or triple A (10% off) but won't honor both.

Please call and make your own reservation but tell them you are with the Hudson Mohawk Airstream Group. (800-771-7711).

After Aug 9th they will be releasing any unreserved sites.

No food or activities planned.

If COVID is history by then

(What a wonderful thought)

We may have a pizza party!

Let's have a good turnout to welcome Bill Levy as President.

Please let me know when you make your reservation

pmsteen04@gmail.com



October "CHILI" Weekend

October 1-3, 2021

Schodack Island State Park

1 Schodack Island Way, Schodack Landing, NY 12156

Hosted by Bill Levy & Cindy Davis

It's going to be another "CHILI" weekend!

And Bill has been practicing

Get out the crockpots,
cast iron pots, or crack pots.

Anything goes.

He's bound and determined, so let's
give him some competition!

Recipe For: FUN, Friendship, Food

Ingredients:

We are in site Creekside 38!

Make reservations through [Reserve America](#) & Join the FUN!

Please let me know when you make your reservation

and what site you will be on.

Cindy Davis cindylvdavis@aol.com or 845-227-8301

MORE PHOTOS OF LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

May 6-9, 2021



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