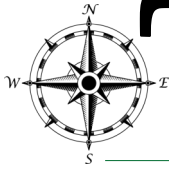


January 2024



The Navigator

Hudson-Mohawk NY, 071



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

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President's Message

Dan Steen



For most of us, unless you are headed to warmer climates, this is a hard time of the year to think about camping. Even if we are not yet buried in snow, our rigs are winterized and tuck in for a long winters nap.

As you begin to plan the year ahead, please consider joining us for one of our rallies. Especially, if you have not attended one in the past. Each one is unique in theme and location. While most are scheduled Thursday-Sunday, if you can only join for part of the event, that is perfectly fine. This year, a couple of events are being held at unusual times. The Region 2 rally will be when we normally have our shakedown rally. Most notably the International Rally will be in October, not during the summer. Last I heard, nearly 1,000 have already made reservations.

Aside for the great people, one of the things Pat and I enjoy most about the rallies is that we go to places that would not be otherwise on our radar. Remember, you are not limited to our unit events, you would be welcome at any club event.

Please be sure to look at our Schedule of Events.

We hope to see you down the road,

Dan Steen

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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

2024

<p>February 10, 2024 12:00 noon <i>Cabin Fever Luncheon</i></p>	<p>BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse 3 Wolf Road, Colonie Center Albany, NY 12205</p>	<p>Tess & Stan Stoklosa RSVP by Sunday, Feb 4 Text or call: 518-466-3453 tessnunu@me.com</p>
<p>March 23, 2024 <i>11:00am</i> <i>March Luncheon</i></p>	<p>Carson's Woodside Tavern 57 NY-9P Malta, NY 12020</p>	<p>Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com Please RSVP by March 15</p>
<p>April 20, 2024 <i>Spring Luncheon</i></p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>Hollie Bart 646-398-0066 flostream66@gmail.com</p>
<p>May 3-5, 2024 <i>Region 2 Rally</i></p>	<p>Pursue Your Happiness in Pennsylvania Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall PA 16828 http://form.jotform.com/233605413531144</p>	<p>See page 10 for more information</p>
<p>June 7-9, 2024 <i>Spring Rally</i></p>	<p>Interlake RV Park and Campground 428 Lake Drive Rhinebeck, NY 12572-3213 Call to make your reservation: 888-584-3729</p>	<p>Cindy Davis & Bill Levy 845-235-9473 cindylvdavis@aol.com</p>
<p>July 11-15, 2024 <i>Fun on the Farm</i></p>	<p>Fun on the Farm at Riprap Meadows 340 Sutton Hollow Rd., Windham, NY 12496 https://form.jotform.com/233603209830046</p>	<p>Diane & Eric Bergquist 518-281-3240 riprapmeadows@earthlink.net</p>
<p>August 1-5, 2024 <i>New York State Rally</i></p>	<p>A Taste of New York-New York State Rally Sampson State Park Rally with Hudson-Mohawk, NYFLAC and NY Metro</p>	<p>Gary Russo fulloflife123@yahoo.com Sites have been reserved at Sampson, there will be more information soon.</p>
<p>September 5-8, 2024 <i>Installation Rally</i></p>	<p>Schodack Island State Park 1 Schodack Way Schodack Landing, NY 12156 Reservations through Reserve America</p>	<p>Dan & Pat Steen 518-281-7876 dmsteen@gmail.com</p>
<p>October 5-10, 2024 <i>67h International Rally</i></p>	<p> Missouri State Fairgrounds Sedalia Missouri</p>	<p>Register now at: https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024</p>

Remember to let the Hosts know when you make your reservation

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hudson-Mohawk Officers

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Unit Flag Available

We currently have one unit flag available for immediate sale. This is new, one-sided version. This is much lighter than the original two-sided flag. The current cost is \$129, Plus \$10 sales tax.

We can purchase more as needed, but the price may change over time. If you want the one, we have in stock, contact Dan Steen @ dmsteen@gmail.com or (518) 281-7876.



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.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation carries out its mission to "do good," by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. Tunnel to Towers is also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget September 11, 2001.

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/>



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CELEBRATING

January

3 Don Perry 5031

*Happy
Birthday*

February

5 Richard Griffin 2813

5 Jennifer Whittle 10566



Happy Anniversary January 3 Hartwell & Polly Herring 1144

WELCOME New Members

Kevin Ressler / 2018 - Flying Cloud Bambi 20' / 31316

Looking forward to meeting you at an event real soon!

 **Sunshine**

Happy thoughts and well wishes to all!



Meet Rex, T-Rex, Tiny Tornado.....



Bill and Barbara Schultz adopted 3 month old Rex from Homeward Bound Dog Rescue on November 14th. Rex lovingly called Tiny Tornado is a Brussels Griffon/mix. He is a busy boy that loves to play ball, chew everything and cuddle. He has become a part of our family and hearts!





REGION 2 NEWS



By Region 2 President Gary Russo

‘Twas a weekend after our trailer was asleep, when all through the house
No flamingoes were stirring, not even my spouse;

The fresh water hoses were drained and dry,
Ready in anticipation for next year I cannot lie.

Black and gray water tanks are drained and clean
To make sure they were smelling fresh and had a sparkly sheen.

The trailer fresh water lines of which there are many,
Were blown out and clean as a new penny.

Now there was that pink stuff to be pumped to prevent any pipe freeze
So heading back on the road would be a breeze.

Propane tanks to be turned off, batteries to be disconnected and trickle charger on
So in the Spring it would not be necessary to call our trusted mechanic, John.

Tow Vehicle, OnStar, Sirius XM along with Starlink put into suspension.
My wife and I sat on the couch thinking of last summer’s adventures, too many to mention.

Suddenly we both sprang to our feet
Realizing that deadlines for next year’s travels we need to meet.

We wish you a happy winter season with many celebrations. See you next year on the road – who knows in which locations!

This time of year can be slow for camping, unless you are heading South like a winter bird.

During this time, I have been catching up with my reading of the newsletters from Region 2 clubs. There are several well written articles about the adventures that Airstreamers have taken. I was recently talking to Eric McHenry about the Blue Beret. The editorial staff of the Blue Beret is looking for articles for the magazine. The articles provided would be used for hard and electronic issues of the Blue Beret.

It would be great to have several articles from Region 2 represented in the Blue Beret. Some of you have great photos and a terrific back story to go with them. Region 2 has vistas and camping sites that rival the South/West.

Margaret Saylor is the incoming chair of the Publications Standing Committee, and she is from Region 2. I am sure she would be excited to see articles from our Region in the publication. Don’t be surprised if she contacts you for permission to print your article.

At the Sampson State Park rally last August we had multiple trailers from ‘warmer’ parts of the US. They must have been looking for relief from the heat. We also had a strong turnout from the Canadians! Seeing the popularity of that rally event, I’ve been informed that the three NYS clubs are sponsoring a rally again at Sampson State Park during the same time in August. Last year, due to the popularity, they had to turn people away. This year they have been able to increase the number of sites available for the event. It is my understanding that their theme this year is a Taste of New York. Time will tell what they have planned for the event.

Not to be outdone, the Region 2 Rally at Centre Hall, PA, is also being planned. Registration and information will be rolled out in January of 2024. Pursue Your Happiness in Pennsylvania is the theme for the Region 2 Rally.

REGION 2 NEWS

Continued



So starts a new camping season!

Hope all had a Great Holiday Season! Right now, I am looking at my backyard covered with 2-3 inches of snow with a cloudy/sunny sky, temperature outside 27°F or 2.8°C for my Canadian friends.



The Winter solstice of 2023 is now behind us, and the daylight time is now getting longer.

This event occurred on Thursday December 21st, 2023 at 10:27 PM, for those keeping track of 'When can I open up my trailer'. I started my 2024 camping plans!

The May 2024 Region 2 Rally registration is now live and I've included a link to the JotForm.

<http://form.jotform.com/233605413531144>

The 1st 100 registrant's will get a special Region 2 Goody Bag.

Region 2 has 63 rigs signed up right now for the 2024 International in Sedalia MO. We are planning a Region 2 lunch get together at the International. More information on the lunch once the plans are firmed up. Stay tuned!

The New York Units (Finger Lakes/Hudson Mohawk and Metro New York) are planning an open-to-all Air-streamers Rally on the shores of Seneca Lake at Sampson State Park. Last year's theme was 'Circle the Wagons'. They had 60 rigs last year and had to turn away a number of trailers. This year they were able to lock in **96 sites** for the event! Their theme this year is a '**A Taste of New York**'.

I've been following all of the Unit Newsletters in Region 2, and there are so many rallies/get togethers that I sent out the process to put their rallies/get togethers on the ACI website to all the clubs last month. This will provide anyone who is searching the ACI website to find rallies/get togethers in Region 2 with contact information and to allow that person to register for the event.

Patti Galupo, Matt Moore or I plan to attend one of each unit's rallies/get togethers during the 2024 season. I started looking at rallies and found some were already full. My recommendation is don't wait -- look for rallies now and register! I know there are limited sites at a number of rallies.

I've included the links to 2 YouTube videos. One is on BRN's and Rallies and the other is on RV electricity and Lithium batteries.

The one regarding BRN's was forwarded to me by Eric McHenry. The video talks about Big Red Numbers (BRN's) -- what they are and why you want to Rally. It's a 26-minute video and worth the time. I've attached the link below.

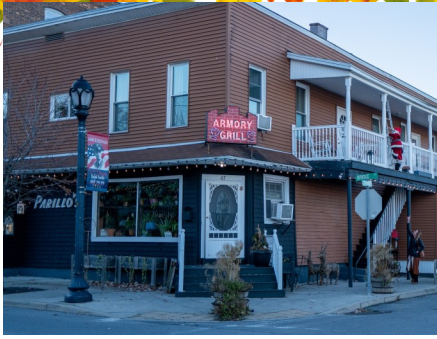
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[https://www.youtube.com/live/6UAsum0qzml?
si=MfAHRTr8BftXyw8T](https://www.youtube.com/live/6UAsum0qzml?si=MfAHRTr8BftXyw8T)



As an ACI member, check out the discount programs available to you at [Member-Only Section | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://www.airstreamclub.org). The Club has worked hard with vendors to provide these discount programs. Now that winter has started and things are now quiet in the North Lands, you can sit back and check them out while watching the snow fall outside of your window or if you are lucky to be relaxing on the beach where it is warmer.





November Lunch with Hudson-Mohawk Parillo's Armory Grill

The Hudson Mohawk November luncheon took place on November 18 at Parillo's Armory Grill. Selected for its location in my hometown and situated along the Mohawk River/Erie Canal on the southside of Amsterdam, New York, this restaurant offered eighteen of us a spot to assemble and enjoy an authentic Italian meal. Pre-lunch, we rallied at the unique, penny-covered bar where I enlightened the group with some wacky facts about my hometown:



- Originally inhabited by the Mohawk tribe of the Iroquois Confederacy.
- Settled by the Dutch in 1710.
- Carpet and rug manufacturing center of the US at the turn of the century.
- Home of Coleco and birthplace of Cabbage Patch Kids.
- Birthplace of "The Ragman's Son" (Kirk Douglas).



Owner/operator Jackie Parillo gave us a warm welcome into her charming space. She proved the longevity of her 50-year establishment, and she left little room in our bellies for dessert (though most of us partook regardless!).

Despite its once acclaimed success, the post-industrial era has left Amsterdam "empty" and attempts at urban renewal have largely failed. In fact, the city is self-described as "somewhere to be bypassed on the way to somewhere else". However, on this day in November, eighteen of my Hudson Mohawk friends chose *not* to bypass Amsterdam but rather to share a meal, a story, and a smile at this gem of a restaurant that still endures.



Bill & Cindy



Beth & Glenn

Thanks to all in attendance:

Diane and Eric Bergquist, Barb Schultz, Bob and Joan Stevens, Dan Steen, Polly and Hartwell Herring, Tess and Stan Stoklosa, Bill Levy and Cindy Davis, Beth and Glenn Oldrich, Geoff and Sue Whittle, Dan White and Erin McKay.



Stan, Eric & Diane



Sue & Geoff

Looking forward to more opportunities to gather!

Erin



Bob, Joan, Barb



Hartwell, Dan, Erin



Stan, Eric, Diane, Sue, Geoff, Polly



Hudson-Mohawk Airstream Club
Holiday Party 2023

The Hudson-Mohawk's Holiday Party was held Saturday December 9, 2023 at Moscatiello's Italian Family Restaurant, Troy, NY. The event was hosted by the Steens.

It was a bright and sunny, but chilly day that made for a great travel day. Attending were Larry Ascenzi, Hollie Bart, Diane & Eric Bergquist, Sandy Boogertman, Cindy Davis & Bill Levy, Hartwell & Polly Herring, Beth & Glen Oldrich, Barbara & Bill Schultz, Pat & Dan Steen, Bob & Joan Stevens, Tess & Stan Stoklosa, and Sue & Geoff Whittle.

The tables were festively decorated with Poinsettia. The first game was a memory test where you had to recall as many as possible of the twenty-five holiday related items displayed on a tray. Sue Whittle won with an impressive score of nineteen of the twenty-five items. Next was a contest that involved unwrapping a plastic wrap snowball while wearing oven mitts that was won by Barb Schultz. The final contest challenged participants ability to balance an ornament on a spoon, while circumnavigating the room. Team Diane edged out Team Hollie, but in the end, there were no losers! All had a great time sharing the Holiday Season with Airstream friends!

Happy Holidays



Future Luncheons....

February 10, 2024

12:00 noon

BJ's RESTAURANT & BREWHOUSE

3 Wolf Rd, Suite 101

Albany, NY 12205

Tess & Stan Stoklosa

Call or text 518-466-3453

RSVP by Sunday February 4th

March 23, 2024

11:00am

Carson's Woodside Tavern

57 NY-9P

Malta, NY 12020

Barbara & Bill Schultz

Call or text 518-409-2565 or
hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com

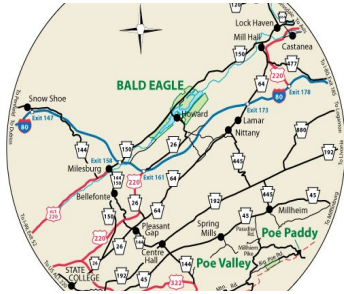
RSVP by March 15th

**REGION 2
RALLY**

Pursue Your Happiness in Pennsylvania

May 2-5, 2024
Centre Hall, PA

The Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair better known as ‘The Grange Fair’ is the location for our 2024 Region 2 Rally. This area is best known as the home of Penn State University. From beautiful waterfalls to historic buildings, caverns to museums -- they can all be yours to explore in Centre County!



Nearby Bald Eagle State Park is one of the most-visited state parks in the area. The 1,730-acre lake laps the flanks of Bald Eagle Mountain, surrounded by forests, fields, and wetlands. Here you can find boating, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing. [https:// www.dcnr.pa.gov/ StateParks/FindAPark/BaldEagleStatePark/ Pages/default.aspx](https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/BaldEagleStatePark/Pages/default.aspx)

If you are into trains or biking, there is the abandoned Coburn Railroad Tunnel. The abandoned Coburn railroad tunnel was constructed as part of the Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek Railroad in the 1870s, and was in service nearly 100 years until it was officially abandoned by the Penn Central Railroad in 1970. <https://pabucketlist.com/exploringthe-abandoned-coburn-railroad-tunnel-in-centrecounty-pa/>



Penn’s Cave in Centre County offers the only cavern tour in the United States that is conducted completely by boat. Woodward Cave contains 5 large rooms, hundreds of yards of tunnels and passageways and the largest stalagmite in Pennsylvania! <https://www.pennscave.com/>

Cost: \$210, plus \$65.50 per person rally fee (children under age 12 are free)

The May 2024 Region 2 Rally registration is now live
Use this jot form to register:

<http://form.jotform.com/233605413531144>

How about starting your camping season with your fellow Airstreamers at this rally!

Let the Summer Begin

June 7-9, 2024

INTERLAKE RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

428 Lake Drive

Rhinebeck, NY 12572-3213

It's the start of the summer, come join our Hudson-Mohawk group as Bill and Cindy host the rally at Interlake RV Park and Campground.

Nestled in Dutchess County, close to some of the historic mansions and quaint villages.

Reservations at 888-584-3729- Let them know you are with the Airstream group along their Saratoga Lake Lane.



Interlake campground is conveniently located in the beautiful Hudson Valley region of New York, only 90 miles north of New York City. Interlake is easily accessible from both the NY Thruway and the Taconic Parkway, and just minutes away from the natural splendor of the Hudson River and historic town of Rhinebeck.

There is no shortage of nearby attractions to keep you busy! There are ample amenities to make your stay comfortable such as Cable HD TV, free basic WI-FI, clean restrooms, a laundromat, a camp store, a snack bar/grill, and we are big rig friendly!

There is also a playground, rec hall, a large swimming pool and fishing (lake and pond) to help make your stay enjoyable and relaxing.

July 11-15, 2024 Fun on the Farm at Riprap Meadows

RIPRAP MEADOWS FARM

340 Sutton Hollow Road

Windham, NY 12496



The driveway from Sutton Hollow Rd.
The bridge is rated for 80,000 lbs.



Field we will be camping on



View from the field we will be camping on



Diane and Eric Bergquist invite you to join them at their farm for the Hudson-Mohawk Airstream Club July Rally.

It will be a boondocking experience. Generators are permitted.

We will have Port-a-lavs on premises.

There will be a large dining tent, tables and chairs.

There will be a limit of 12 trailers and vans.

Pets are welcome, the field is completely fenced.

We are planning a fun filled weekend. Campfires every evening (weather permitting), dinner on Saturday evening followed by a PJ party around the campfire. Prizes will be awarded based on:

- *Most original PJs, *Funniest PJs, *Best Couple PJs
- *Rally Favorite (voted on by participants)

I have arranged for a trailer clean-out if wanted for an additional fee on either Saturday or Sunday morning, the specific day will be determined based on overall group choice.

Rally fee: 50.00 per person

Trailer Clean-out fee: 40.00 (optional)

The rally fee covers the rentals and helps offset the cost of food provided. No refunds for cancellation after June 20th, except to the extent the reservation can be filled with the same number of participants from the cancellation list.

To reserve your spot use this Jot form:

<https://form.jotform.com/233603209830046>

Hope to see you in July

A Taste of New York

Sampson State Park

Romulus, NY



August 1-5, 2024

Experience the beautiful eastern shore of Seneca Lake. This lake is located in the Finger Lakes of New York State. This region is noted for award-winning wines and views. The rally this year is being hosted by the three New York State clubs. This park site has been host to numerous rallies over the past years and has grown in size and scope over time. The theme this year is 'A Taste of New York.' At the event you will have the opportunity to experience some of the sights and tastes of the area.

On Saturday evening we will have your feet a dancing to music.

Come and share this time with your fellow Airstreamers. If you are coming from the West, North or South do not pass up this gem and add this rally to your route as you travel this area.

Costs and registration information will be forthcoming.

Hudson-Mohawk Installation Rally Schodack Island State Park

1 Schodack Island Way
Schodack Landing, NY, 12156

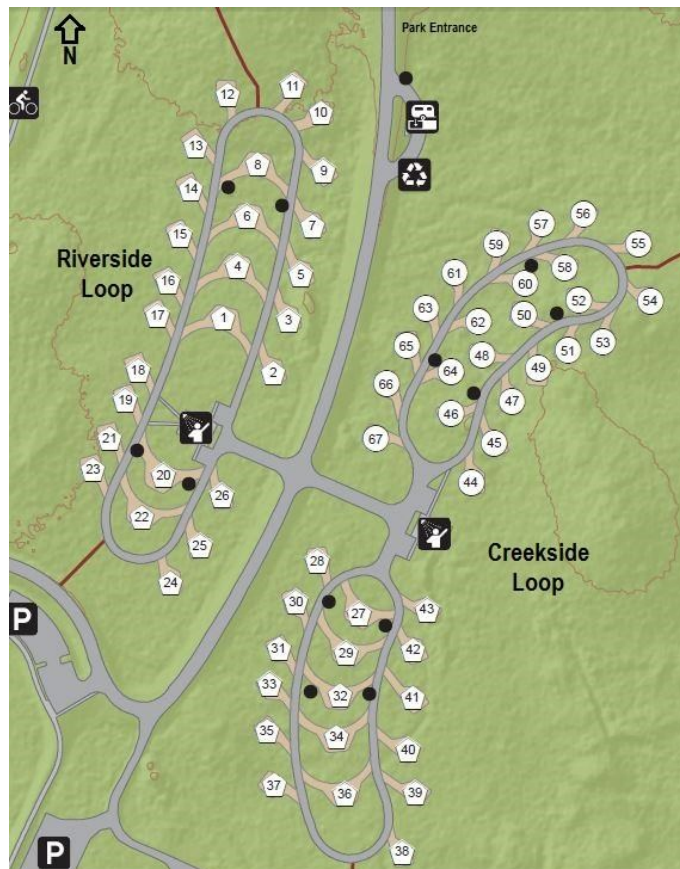
September 5-8, 2024

Come join in the festivities as we swear in our next group of leaders. Dan has been terrific in leading our group for the past year (and numerous times previous to this one) so it's time to give him a celebratory send off and time for our next in line to get our huge welcome!!!!

Join us at Schodack Island State park, Hosts Dan and Pat will be in Riverside #8
Reservations are through Reserve America

Let the Steens know when you have made your reservation:

518-281-7876 or dmsteen@gmail.com



More details coming soon!