

# July 2023



# 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

Diane Bergquist



## Notes from the Road from the Pres and 1st Mate Part 1

Well so far, it's been a great trip. We started off with the wonderful Region 2 Rally, hosted by the Ontario Airstream Club. It was in an ideal location for sightseeing. We visited the Horseshoe Falls, Niagara Falls, ON which were spectacular. Another spot we visited was Niagara-on-the-Lake where we ate lunch at The Prince of Wales Inn, WOW it was delicious. My choice was a Vegan Polenta Fries with Romesco sauce.



Our next stop was Silver on Silver Lake with the joint rally of the Southeast Michigan Airstream Club, which was celebrating it's 50th anniversary. The co-host were the Michigan Airstream Club. It was a wonderful rally with great food and fun to be had by all. The sightseeing opportunities were amazing. The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is spectacular. A must see site is the Great Bear Dunes National Lakeshore again WOW! Just a quick note we did not go down the face of Empire Bluffs, it is 450'.



The campground was really nice and situated very close to Traverse City, MI, which has great bike trails along the Grand Traverse Bay.

## Hudson-Mohawk Officers

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Diane Bergquist

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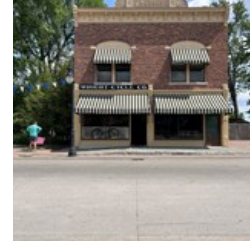
**Diane's Message Continued...**

Our next stop was Camp Dearborn, Milford, Michigan. We spent the day at the fantastic Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. Here are a few of the wonderful pieces of history on display.

The following day was at the Greenfield Village, which is part of the Henry Ford Museum.

We are now parked in site C6 at the Terraport visiting the Mother Ship for some repairs on Wander before heading out to the 2023 International Rally at Rock Springs, WY.

Stay turned for Part 2, Notes from the Road from the Pres and 1st Mate.



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 2023

<p><i>August 3-7, 2023</i> <b>Happening in our Area</b></p>	<p>Circle the Wagons Rally Ontario and NYFLAC Joint Rally Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY</p> <p><i>A few members of Hudson-Mohawk have signed up for this western themed Rally. A Chuckwagon dinner, Best Western Dress competition and toasting marshmallows are some of the many planned activities.</i></p>	<p>Follow this link to the registration and payment form: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/230345192257151">https://form.jotform.com/230345192257151</a> Gary Russo fulloflife123@yahoo.com</p>
<p><i>September 7-10</i> <b>Installation Rally</b></p>	<p>Green Lakes State Park Fayetteville, NY 13066 Reservations can be made <u>NOW</u> through Reserve America</p>	<p>Diane &amp; Eric Bergquist 518-281-3240 rirapmeadows@earthlink.net</p>
<p><i>September 28-October 1, 2023</i> <b>Fall Rally</b></p>	<p>Southwick Beach State Park 8119 Southwicks Pl. Henderson, NY 13650 Reservations can be made <u>NOW</u> through Reserve America</p>	<p>Hollie Bart 646-398-0066 flostream66@gmail.com</p>

**Remember to let the Hosts know when you make your reservation**

# CELEBRATING

## July

5 Barbara Schultz 5666

6 Julie Quay 5551

7 Bob Howard 2697

11 Eric Pearson 6232

18 Debra Moloughney 17600

26 Jeffrey Quay 5551

## August

4 Eric Bergquist 12496

20 Bob Abraham 2091

28 Gary LaMothe 3122

30 Gary Sofko 25151

Happy  
Birthday



July 16 Bob & Carol Abraham 2091

July 25 Ron Whitmont & Amy Novatt 28444

August 5 Dan & Pat Steen 1389

August 12 Jennifer Whittle & Roger Smith 10566

August 17 Eric & Diane Bergquist 12496

## WELCOME New Members

08608 /Eric & Mary Beth Schadow / 2023 Flying Cloud / 25'

27790 /Gerald & Lauren Ludwig / 2016 Bambi sport/ 21'

Come on out and join us!

## Sunshine



Happy thoughts and well wishes to all!



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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

Send pictures, rally reports and club information to:

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

Pictures can also be sent to Cindy Davis at:

[cindylvdavis@aol.com](mailto:cindylvdavis@aol.com) for our web page.

Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:

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*Stephen Siller*

**Tunnel to Towers Foundation**

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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.

## June

## REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President RJ Marquette

Hello, everyone! Erica and I are preparing for the Region 2 Rally - as of this writing, we have 100 Airstreams registered, an amazing turnout. Thanks to Ontario Canada Club President Ray Barrick (#6497) and the Ontario Canada Club for putting on what is sure to be a great event.

After that, we'll be home for a few days, then we head for the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming! The Region 2 Happy Hour will be Wednesday, June 28, 4-5:30, in the Watasha Park Pavilion. No registration, no fee, just show up and have a great time with your fellow Region 2 members!

A few weeks ago, the International Board of Trustees had a strategy session at Airstream, Inc. headquarters. The new manufacturing facility is beautiful; I missed the tour, but their boardroom overlooked the factory. It looked to be worth the time to see, even if you've toured the old one. I didn't have time to visit the Heritage Center, either, but I do know you can sit on a bicycle to recreate the famous picture of the cyclist pulling the Airstream.

We talked about various issues that the club is facing, such as attracting new members, retaining current members, and balancing the budget. One recurring theme was how officers were not always aware of what was expected of them - at every level, from local club leadership to International. A new strategy will be coming in the next few months, along with plans for rectifying the missing gaps in our club documentation.

Elections for the International Executive Council open in early June;

please be sure to vote. There are about 30 candidates for 9 positions, so we have difficult choices to make. I'm thrilled to see the participation. Given we've had issues recruiting International officers in the past (sometimes "stealing" from the regions to fill vacancies at the International level), the change to the structure was apparently exactly what the club needed. This design will bring in new voices and new ideas, and the club will be stronger for it.

Region 2 Blue Beret Editor Bob Curran (#2025) has been on the beat for about two years now, and he is stepping down. Thanks for your hard work, Bob! I'm looking for a volunteer to succeed Bob; please contact me if you're interested. The role is to write the article that goes in the "Region 2" section of the Blue Beret each month (10 issues per year). Although Bob sometimes wrote articles from scratch, he also used tidbits from club newsletters and my notes to create that month's submission.

My term as Region 2 President is winding down; July 31 is my last official day. Gary Russo will be taking over, and I've tried to include him on everything so that he will hit the ground running. The region will be in good hands!

Did you think I was going to end this without mentioning the 2025 International Rally in York, Pennsylvania? August 23-28, 2025, at the York Expo Center!

See you down the road!

-RJ Marquette #13270

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**July** THIS IS IT. My last Region 2 Presidents notes!

Although I started writing these weeks ago, I'm finishing them at the 2023 International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Erica and I left home in early June, after the Region 2 rally, and spent weekends traveling, and we worked from the Airstream during the week in St. Louis and the Denver areas.

First, the Region 2 rally was a great success; thanks to Ray Bar- rick (#6497) and the Ontario Canada Airstream Club for making it memorable for all of us. Incoming Region 2 President Gary Rus- so (#1061), and soon-to-be First Vice President Patti Galupo (#22010), and incoming Second Vice President Matt Moore (#3937) are working on the plans for next year's rally.

We had a Region 2 Happy Hour at the Rock Springs rally. I'd estimate about a third of the Region 2 attendees were at the hap- py hour; a thunderstorm and another major event scheduled at the same time likely kept some people away. But we had a good time anyway!

My goal was to attend an event for every club in the Region dur- ing my tenure. Unfortunately, I only managed to visit 8 of the 14. In theory, the Region President, or his or her designee, is sup- posed to attend an event for every club in the region - but it's difficult for our region, given the number of clubs, and that events tend to get scheduled on the same weekends. However, as our Region 2 presidents get practice planning for this goal, we'll get better at it over time.

I've avoided talking about specific club rallies I've attended, be- cause I didn't want to come across as reviewing the rally or the club. We've met quite a few members of the region, and a few people outside the region, and had instant connections with many of them. Everyone has been extremely welcoming, and we've always had a great time. Prior to taking on this region president

role, I had not visited the rally of any other club, or a region rally. That was a mistake; we were missing a lot. Don't hide in your club.

I'd like to encourage each club to do more joint rallies. I know some clubs have standing joint rallies with others, but consider spreading beyond that. I'd like to challenge each club to do a joint rally with one other club every year - whether it be another Region 2 club, or a club in another region. You'll meet new friends, see new places, and have new ideas. Break up any mo- notony that has set in!

Although my time as region president is at an end, I do want to continue helping the club. We've already been involved in prelim- inary plans for the 2025 International Rally in York, Pennsylvania, and International President Eric McHenry (#153) just told me that more questions are on the way. Erica and I are thrilled to be a part of the planning.

I have to thank Past President Rich Short (#1512) for his guid- ance. You may recall I came into the Region 2 leadership only a few months before becoming president, and Rich taught me eve- rything he could in the time available and provided advice well beyond that. Gary and Patti have been partners in crime over the last two years, too - always ready to listen and give advice.

I also have to thank everyone I've talked to during the last two years. You were supportive, and many of you reassured me that I was doing a good job. Thank you.

Of course, I also have to thank Erica. Her support and advice have been invaluable.

This is it for me. I'll see you down the road!

-RJ Marquette, #13270, Washington DC Unit, Past Region 2 President

## ANNOUNCING



The C2C Caravan is an initiative of ACI Region 2. It will launch on Friday evening, September 15 and wind up 2 weeks later on Friday morning, September 29. Region 2 is unique in that its area includes the capital cities of both the USA and Canada. Our days will be equally split between the USA and Canada.

This caravan will start with 3 days and 4 nights at the closest campground to the DC area, with ready ac- cess to rapid transit downtown. We will stroll the Mall at our leisure, visit as many of the wonderful Smith- sonian Museums as possible and take in the sights of this beautiful capital city. One evening will be devoted to a guided tour of the most famous monu- ments, departing right from our campground.

We will then head north with several stops along the way to see some local highlights. Examples will in-

clude a museum devoted to country music, an after- noon cruise in the beautiful Thousand Islands and other activities still under development. Most driving days will be moderate in length with lots of scenery to plant in your memory banks!

The caravan will end at a campground inside the city limits of Ottawa, adjacent to hiking and cycling trails and close to rapid transit. We will tour the city on an open top bus, take a boat ride on the historic Rideau Canal (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and visit a few of the museums and galleries in the city. Typically, by this time of year the Ottawa Valley will be resplendent in Fall Colors and we will direct every- one to some of the most spectacular drives. Evening campfires will give us time to relax and share our experiences. Our wind up dinner will be at a very popular buffet restaurant close by the campground.

As Caravan Leader, I like to run caravans that are rather laid back in style where everyone gets to know everyone else and people have opportunities to pur- sue some of their own interests. Biking, hiking, ziplining, enjoying a cold brew on a patio, whatever floats your boat! We will do our best to accommodate every interest. The estimated Kitty Fee is \$1700 US or \$2400 Cdn for an Airstream with 2 people. Deposit will be \$500 US or Cdn (lets keep it simple).

If this sounds like a fun way to spend some time with fellow Airstreamers, contact me right away. Participa- tion will be capped at 20 rigs. Email me at [124caravan@airstreamclub.net](mailto:124caravan@airstreamclub.net) and I will send you a registration form with details on how to make your payment.

Kerry & Betty Mattila, BRN 5417

# Stan & Tess get a new Rig



June 7th

Stan and I did a big thing last week! We picked up our new Airstream Rangeline, which we have been eagerly awaiting for since October!

We picked it up from [Colonial Airstream](#), which is pretty far south in New Jersey.

There, we received absolutely stellar service from Patrick, Connor, and numerous other team members there! We drove down on Wednesday, had the closing, stayed at a hotel, and had the orientation and training on Thursday. From there, we drove back home, loaded the Rangeline, and on Friday, we took off to Niagara Falls, Ontario to participate in the Region 2 Airstream Rally. Pics of the rally to follow.

Now to plan a road trip to Utah! Woo hoo!

Tess





# Shake Down Camp Out

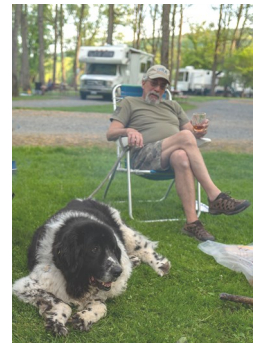
Our Shake Down Camp Out at Arrowhead Marina & RV Park was held May 11-14.

The weather was as close to perfect that one gets this early in the spring. Warm days, cool nights and not a drop of rain.

Attending were Larry Ascenzi, Hollie Bart, Bill Levy, Barb & Bill Schultz, and Tess & Stan Stoklosa. Pat and Dan Steen hosted doing their best to fill in for Wendy & John Vettovalli who usually host the first rally.



Tess & Stan get the award for the for being the hardest campers. As their new rig has not yet been delivered, they camped out in their car for the weekend! They were rewarded by getting notice on Saturday that their new Airstream was shipped. Larry Ascenzi got to spend the first night in his new 25' SFB Flying Cloud with a rear hatch.



The weather was perfect for our nightly fires. A potluck dinner was held on Saturday night, with host provided mini hot dogs and sliders. Desserts were provided at each night's fire.

Fun was had by all!



Hollie Bart



Dan & Pat Steen



Bill Levy



Bill & Barbara Schultz



Larry Ascenzi



Stan & Tess Stoklosa



## Hudson-Mohawk at Region 2 Rally - June 2-6 Niagara Falls, ON Canada



Pat, Eric, Diane, Bill, Barbara, Pebbles Tess, Stan

Thanks for taking the picture Dan!

The Region 2 Rally was held at Jellystone Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada. Forty Airstreams from the United States (4 from Hudson-Mohawk) crossed the boarder to gather with 62 more Airstreams. 102 in total, WOW!! There were Airstreams of every vintage and size. Tess and Stan had the newest with just picking up theirs the day before the rally.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park was clean and well-run. The friendly people at the front desk had us checked in with our gate pass and welcome package within seconds of walking in the office. Dan & Pat Steen got lucky and were parked next to Eric & Diane Bergquist. Bill and I were on the other side of the park, near the pavilion were all the activities took place.

Stan & Tess had a nice spot near the tenting section.

The rally was well organized with just enough to do and plenty of time to explore the area. Walking around the park was an adventure, everyone was friendly and talkative. Meeting new friends and furry friends, taking tours of Airstreams and enjoying good conversations.

There was a buffet dinner on Saturday night followed by DJ music and dancing under the tent.

There was also a bonfire and popcorn. Saturday and Sunday mornings coffee and Tim Hortons donuts were offered.

Andy Thompson of Can-Am RV provide a Towing Seminar on Sunday morning.

The presentation dispelled a number of popular towing myths.

Sunday night concluded with the movie "Niagara" and bonfire.

Snacks of popcorn and candy were a nice treat.

The sunsets and sunrises were amazing and were extra special over the shiny Airstreams.

Barbara Schultz





# ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING JUNE 24-30, 2023

## 66th International Rally

*Hello from Hudson-Mohawk!*



*Dan & Pat Steen*



*Eric & Diane Bergquist*



*Gary LaMothe & Tina Occhipinti*



*View behind Steen's and Bergquist's rigs*



*Beautiful weather & Scenery*



# Future Rallies....



## GREEN LAKES STATE PARK INSTALLATION RALLY

SEPTEMBER 7-10

GREEN LAKES STATE PARK  
IS LOCATED IN FAYETTE-  
VILLE, NY, 13066

Pinewood Loop Site 1-30 are full  
hookups. I've booked Site P16  
from September 7-11, 2023.

If you are planning on participat-  
ing in the Installation Rally you  
should call immediately and book  
a site. NYS Parks open  
reservations 9 months prior.

Diane & Eric Bergquist

*September 28 - October 1, 2023*

## *Fall Rally*

**Southwick Beach State Park  
8119 Southwicks Pl.  
Henderson, NY 13650  
Reservations can be made  
NOW through Reserve America**

**We will have sites on the  
F-loop with full hook-ups.**

*Southwick has a beautiful  
campground situated on Lake  
Ontario and boasts stunning beaches  
and walking trails through the  
adjacent nature preserve.*

*More details about this  
fun weekend to follow*

*Hollie Bart*



# Hudson-Mohawk Members

*Happy to be new members!  
We are putting our  
Airstream numbers on  
today!*

*Our adventures at the  
Airstream Heritage Center  
Diane & Eric Bergquist*

*Jerry and Lauren Ludwig*




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 MY STORY



*Bill & Barb Schultz at Frontier Town May 26-30, 2023*