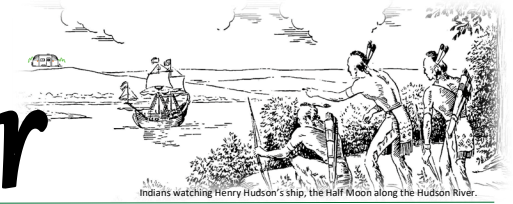


March 2021

The Navigator

Hudson Mohawk NY, 071



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President's Message

By Dan Steen

As I sit down to write this message its snowing again! Lets hope that the March newsletter is a sure sign of spring...

We hope this finds you all well. Pat and I are doing fine and are anxious to shake the dust from our feet and hit the road again. Hopefully as more people are vaccinated we will move toward the new normal. I know we all struggle to find what we are comfortable doing in these times. A good example is the cancellation of the Region 2 Rally, while other regions that are opting to move ahead.

With the pace of new RV sales, advance reservations will likely be harder to come by this summer. If you are planning to join us at any of our unit events, make your reservations early. You can always cancel if your plans change.

I would especially encourage our new members to try a local event. You will find friendly and knowledgeable people willing to share their experience. You might also go somewhere you might not otherwise visit. We have "found" a number of campgrounds we will be happy to call on again as a result of unit events.

Hope to see you down the road.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2021

 <p>May 6-9 2021</p>	<p>Season Opener Letchworth State Park Castile, NY</p>	<p>John & Wendy Vettovalli 518-848-8023 wendymv1@yahoo.com</p>
 <p>June 4-6 2021</p>	<p>Whittle Memorial Buddy Rally Lake George RV Park Lake George, NY</p>	<p>Geoff & Sue Whittle 518-378-2396 whittleg06@gmail.com</p>
<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 cindyldavis@aol.com</p>

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Dan Steen Barb Schultz Wendy Vettovali Bill Levy



I WANTED TO GO

Yes, we know...but the 2021 R 2 Rally scheduled for June 10-13 at the York Expo Center has been **canceled**. Disappointing, but it's just not time yet. Still too much concern about you-know-what. Stay safe and be patient. Better days are coming!

NOTICE: REGION 2 LUNCHEON

Will be held at the 64th WBCCI INT'L RALLY in Lebanon, TN
12 NOON on Wednesday, July 21st 2021
Rally attendees: Mark your calendars now.
Registration and menu options will follow soon.



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

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

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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REGION 2 NEWS

By RJ Marquette #13270

February 2021

Hello! My name is RJ Marquette (#13270), and I'm the incoming region 2 president.

I joined WBCCI in 2005 as a member of the Washington, DC Unit, after buying an Airstream B190, a small Class B motorhome made by Airstream between 1989 and 2000. However, this wasn't my first experience with Airstreams or WBCCI, as my parents are also Airstream owners and members of the club (#3270). As a teenager, I attended several Central Pennsylvania Unit rallies in the early 90s with my parents.

I admit I had some hesitation about joining the club after buying my B190, because my impression was that it was entirely old people (hey, I was 30 at the time). But I was convinced to give it a try. It's cliché, but we've gained great friends and have countless great memories with the club. Getting together at a rally is like seeing our second family.

My wife, Erica, and I are both past presidents of the WDCU. To date, we've attended two International rallies, Lewisburg and Doswell, and we're planning to go to Lebanon, Tennessee this summer. We also worked on the survey that was done on the membership in 2017. We have three cats and a dog that travel with us in our 1995 Classic 30' trailer, and I'm working on getting the B190 back into operational condition in my spare time. I'm hoping it'll make an appearance at some club events this year! (I've been saying that for a few years, though.)

I volunteered for the region president office because I wanted to give back to a club that has given me so much. Also, I want to help bring the younger perspective to the larger club. There are many members of WBCCI who are still in the workforce like Erica and I, and I wanted to help make sure we had a voice at the international level.

Speaking of region officers, we're going to need a new region 2 Second Vice President. This is your chance to help shape the club. While it looks like a 6 year commitment, the work doesn't really get going until just before you actually become the region president - until then it's mostly learning what happens and being available for some discussions with the other officers. Our new 2nd VP would serve as region 2 president from 2025 to 2027.

The region has several officers that help keep things running smoothly. I want to thank all of the outgoing officers for their service, and thanks to the people who have agreed to serve another term or who have already volunteered to fill open positions. The list of officers is at the end of this message. As you can see I still need a volunteer to write the region 2 newsletters. Please contact me at rjm1@yahoo.com if you are interested!

I also want to thank Richard Short for his help and support in getting me up to speed so quickly, and for his hard work as the region president. In addition to the work he did for our region, Richard was also in charge of implementing the new discounts available for WBCCI members (such as for Goodyear tires), so his contributions will improve the quality of the club for years to come. Thank you from all of us!

Over the next two years we intend to join a rally or other event for every unit in the region, and we're looking forward to meeting you!

Thank you!

--RJ Marquette

Region 2 Officers after installation:

R2 President - RJ Marquette

R2 1st VP - Gary Russo

R2 2nd VP - <open>

R2 Membership - Cody Klinger

R2 Newsletter - <open>

R2 Webmaster - Lawrence Northway

R2 Caravan Coordinator - Kerry Mattila

R2 Treasurer - Will Kushto

REGION 2 NEWS

By Rich Short #1512

February 2021

The Mid-Winter IBT meeting held in Sarasota, FL January 18-22 has concluded, and it was a successful blend of in-person and Zoom attendees. This hybrid model of meeting has proven to be excellent and continues to be improved upon by our staff at Headquarters and the team of on-site club member volunteers. It was reported that 58 rigs were camped at the Sarasota Fairgrounds where the meetings, Club Officers and members were hosted by Region 3. Our travel plans changed, and I attended and participated in the meetings via Zoom. I want to thank our R2 1st VP RJ Marquette and R2 2nd VP Gary Russo for participating by Zoom as well.

There will be several Constitutional Amendments up for approval at the International Rally Delegates Meeting in July, to include continued efforts to simplify the Constitution and move some sections to Bylaws and Policy where they belong. There will be one to simplify the Amendment process and one to allow for electronic or mail ballots for electing International Officers. That motion will eliminate the need for Delegate Meetings at the International Rally unless there are Constitutional Amendments proposed. One of the results of our push to increase Member Benefits was the approval of a motion to add an additional paid staff person at Headquarters, in the position of Marketing and Communications Director. A permanent charter was granted to the new Indie Streamers Intra-club. More info can be found at <https://airstreamclub.org/indie-streamers>. There was one local club name change and several logos and flags approved. Due to the recent membership dues increase and persistent low interest rates, the Lifetime Membership fund was re-analyzed and an increase in the one-time fee will take effect August 1st. If you have thought about becoming a Lifetime Member of the Airstream Club, now would be an opportune time to do so and save some money.

One of the highlights of the IBT meeting for me is getting to listen to Justin Humphreys, the VP of Sales at Airstream, Inc. give an update on Airstream and the RV industry. His assessment of the sales environment, in one understated word, was BUSY! With no slow down in sight, dealers are literally sold out of product and have hardly any inventory in stock. Airstream is faced with fulfilling thousands of retail sold orders. Although the expansion of the manufacturing plants in 2019 and early 2020 was worrisome when the pandemic hit, it turned out to be perfect timing. The expansion, the largest in the company's history, now includes a 700,000 sq. ft. trailer manufacturing facility, a 230,000 sq. ft. motorhome facility, and a Base Camp shop whose size was increased by 50%. There are now almost 1100 employees in Jackson Center and the company is looking to hire another 200 to 250 people by July! Our Airstream Club is reaping the benefit, with new memberships being added at record pace. Please, take advantage of the efforts of our Membership Chair, Lea Plant. Reach out to those new Airstream owners in your area. Invite them out to a rally, to have some fun and learn about their Airstream and what the Airstream Club can offer them.

It was announced that the 2022 Mid-Winter meeting is now scheduled for 01/17-21/2022 in Savannah, GA at the Creek Fire RV Resort.

More info will follow later in the year. The 2021 International Rally to be held this July 17-24 in Lebanon, TN is still a "go", with over 550 rigs registered to date. There is still time to register and reserve your spot. The 2022 International Rally is scheduled for Fryeburg, ME and it was announced the 2023 Rally is now planned for Yakima, WA. I love how our Int'l Rally moves around the country, providing more opportunities to travel and see this great land. Get out the maps and start planning a trip!

Speaking of planning, your Region Officers are still working on a plan to hold our Region 2 Rally at the York Expo Center in York, PA June 10-13. Concerns regarding the pandemic persist and we are hopeful the release of the vaccines will allow more of our members to feel comfortable to come out and attend. To that end, your local club Presidents joined a Region 2 Zoom meeting I conducted on Jan. 14th, to discuss the R2Rally and get some feedback. To successfully plan and hold a safe, enjoyable Rally will take a commitment for participation and cooperation by our local clubs. The expense cannot be borne by only 40 or 50 rigs. We will need about 75 rigs in attendance for it to be feasible, with a reasonable Rally fee to cover expenses. Your local club President will be polling you shortly and looking for an indication of your interest in attending. This Rally will be designed with an eye on current local health protocols and best practices to provide a safe environment, with an emphasis on outdoor activities, meetings, and gatherings. Instead of a rock & roll dance band in the building on Saturday night, think about a 4-piece Bluegrass band under a large, open tent in the late afternoon, a delicious, individually boxed Food Truck meal, and an Ice Cream truck! How about a Corn Hole Tournament, with each local club fielding a team? How about a walk around Flea Market, where you post your items outside your own trailer? Group bicycle rides and small group walks or hikes at outdoor attractions in the area are great ways to have fun and stay healthy, regardless of current health concerns. The health and safety of our members is paramount. As I said at the meeting...this is not something we have to do but it is something we want to do. But we need to know if we plan it, you will come! Please give your honest assessment to your local club President when given the opportunity. **Our next R2 Zoom meeting will be held Feb 11th at 7pm.** Invites to local club Presidents will go out soon.

As I reminded everyone at the Zoom meeting, Region 2 will need a 2nd VP to step up and join the leadership team, as my term as your President ends this Spring. Please consider volunteering to continue the efforts of these past few years to Renew Region 2. We have made great strides, have able leaders in RJ, Gary, and others on the Executive Committee but we need a full slate by Spring. With so many talented and enthusiastic members, I am confident someone will step forward. Please feel free to call me anytime to discuss what you can do for the Region. Thank you.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards to all the members of our 15 local clubs in Region 2.

Rich Short #1512



CELEBRATING

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!

March

3rd Bridget Beebe
11th Diane Bergquist
23rd Randy Boelsems
30th Bob Stevens

April

4th John Vettovalli

Happy Anniversary

April 27

Bob & Joan
Stevens



Sampson State Park, July 2018

April 7

Bill & Barbara
Schultz

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mary Clark 3047

RJ Dominic 22356

Looking forward to seeing you at an event soon!!

Season Opener at Letchworth State Park

1 Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY 14427

May 6-9, 2021

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovalli

John and I are hosting an early rally next May at **Letchworth State Park** in Castile, NY, from May 6 through May 9, 2021.

Reservations are to be made through **Reserve America**;

open now for reservations and many sites are already reserved

All of us at the Installation Rally made reservations in **Loop 100**.

John and I are reserved in site 111.

Loops 100, 200, 700 and 800 allow pets, the other loops do NOT allow pets.

Google "Letchworth State Park" to go to the park website. Looks like there will be plenty to do. We haven't made any other plans yet.

There will be additional information in upcoming Newsletters.

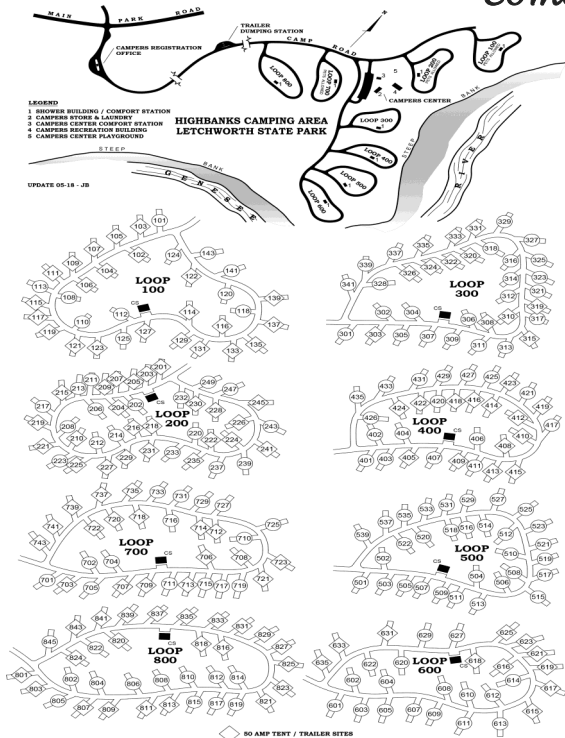
We plan to arrive Thursday, May 6, leave Sunday, May 9, 2021.

Or make your reservations for any combination of those days.

Please let me know if you make a reservation and send me your site number.

Wendy Vettovalli wendymv1@yahoo.com

Come join us if you can!



**Letchworth State Park,
renowned as the
"Grand Canyon of the East"**

is one of the most scenically magnificent areas in the eastern U.S. The Genesee River roars through the gorge over three major waterfalls between cliffs--as high as 600 feet in some places--surrounded by lush forests. Hikers can choose among 66 miles of hiking trails. Trails are also available for horseback riding, biking, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. Letchworth offers nature, history and performing arts programs, guided walks, tours, a summer lecture series, whitewater rafting, kayaking, a pool for swimming and hot air ballooning.

Whittle Buddy Rally

Friday June 4, - Sunday June 6, 2021

Hosted by: Geoff and Sue Whittle

Lake George RV Park



*If you want, bring a Buddy.
They do not need to have an Airstream!*

*Campfire with
social Distancing*



Please Make your

Reservation with Geoff Whittle

87 Southgate Rd. Albany NY 12211

(518) 783-1606

email whittleg06@gmail.com



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 turning-stone.com
Global Positioning: Latitude: 43°6'20.88"N · Longitude: 75°

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**