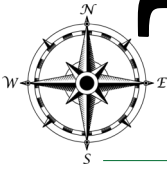


March 2024



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



The weather is certainly teasing us this winter. One day it is warm enough to tackle the projects needed to get back on the road. A few days later it is back to the deep freeze.

One task that it is not too soon to start is making reservations for Airstream rallies and events. There are still some spots left for the International Rally in Sedalia Missouri October 5-10, 2024, but they are going fast. Reservations are also open for the Region 2 Rally in Centre Hall, PA from 5/3-5/5, 2004.

You can also now make your reservations for our unit's rallies. The Taste of NY/NYS Rally at Samson State Park 8/1-8/5, 2024 looks to be one for the books. It is joint rally with Hudson-Mohawk, Finger Lakes, and the NY Metro units. This will be a great opportunity to get to know some other NY Airstreamers while enjoying a picturesque part of our state. Check the Schedule of Events page for details on our other scheduled rallies.

Please remember that you can join in the events held by any local unit as you travel around the US & Canada. There is a map on the International's website that shows where events are planned. You can click on each event for information about dates and reservation information. We make it a practice to invite other Airstreamers who are camping where we are holding a rally to join us. It is a great way to introduce non-members to the benefits of the club. So don't be surprised if you are asked to join in even if you just happen upon a rally while traveling.

If you have an interest in joining one of the many caravans offered by the club, it may not be too late. Check the International's web site for caravans with openings or contact the leaders to see if they have a waitlist for last minute openings.

We hope to see you down the road,
Dan Steen

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- January Issue—December 15
- March Issue—February 15
- May Issue—April 15
- July Issue—June 15
- September Issue—August 15
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2024

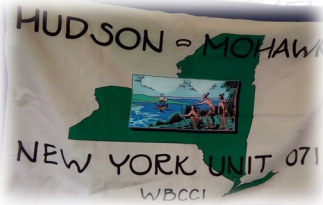
<p><i>March 23, 2024</i> <i>11:00am</i> March Luncheon</p>	<p>Carson's Woodside Tavern 57 NY-9P Malta, NY 12020</p>	<p>Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@GMAIL.COM Please RSVP by March 15</p>
<p><i>April 20, 2024</i> <i>12:00 noon</i> Spring Luncheon</p>	<p>Savonas 7249 S. Broadway Red Hook, NY 12571</p>	<p>Hollie Bart 646-398-0066 flostream66@gmail.com Please RSVP by April 6</p>
<p><i>May 3-5, 2024</i> Region 2 Rally</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 pGary Russo fulloflife123@yahoo.com see page 10 for more information</p>
<p><i>June 7-9, 2024</i> Spring Rally</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><i>July 11-15, 2024</i> Fun on the Farm</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><i>August 1-5, 2024</i> New York State Rally</p>	<p>A Taste of New York-New York State Rally Sampson State Park Rally with Hudson-Mohawk, NYFLAC and NY Metro https://form.jotform.com/240374986998177</p>	<p>Gary Russo fulloflife123@yahoo.com Sites have been reserved at Sampson, See page 13 for more information</p>
<p><i>September 5-8, 2024</i> Installation Rally</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><i>October 5-10, 2024</i> 67h International Rally</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

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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.

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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THE 12 SEASONS OF UPSTATE NEW YORK

- Winter
- Fool's Spring
- Second Winter
- Spring of Deception ← You Are Here
- Third Winter
- The Mudding / Pothole
- Actual Spring
- Summer
- Hell's Front Porch
- Fool's Fall
- Second Summer
- Actual Fall

CELEBRATING

March

- 8 Ron Whitmont 28444
- 18 Tess Stoklosa 20769
- 18 Diane Bergquist 12496
- 23 Randy Boelsems 3203
- 29 Erin Mckay 6837
- 30 Bob Stevens 4430

April

- 4 John Vettovalli 4391
- 17 Cindy Davis 23673

Happy
Birthday



- April 7 Bill & Barbara Schultz 5666
- April 22 Eric & Connie Pearson 6232
- April 24 Gary & Elana Sofko 25151
- April 27 Bob & Joan Stevens 4430

Welcome New Members

Adriana Restrepo & Felipe Pulido / 2023-Flying Cloud 23' / 01608
Looking forward to meeting you at an event real soon!



Happy thoughts and well wishes to all!



Flo has Won the Lottery!



Hollie took this photo of Flo on the causeway to the Association Island campground, Henderson Harbor, NY
May 2023

Flostream66, a 1966 Caravel commandeered by Hollie, won the luck of the draw to be one of 35 vintage trailers making the "Around the World" caravan tour, starting at the RV Hall of Fame and culminating in a parade through Jackson Center, OH. In keeping with the international caravanning traditions of Wally Byam, and to mark the 60th Anniversary of the 1963-1964 Around the World Caravan, the VAC Around the World caravan will travel through towns such as Paris, Warsaw, Palestine, Athen, Mexico and Peru, IN and then onto Miami, London, Frankfurt, Alexandria, Dunkirk, Montpelier, Geneva, Ceylon, Berne, Vera Cruz and Fort Recovery, OH. Immediately following the VAC caravan will be Helen's Homecoming Rally, honoring Helen Schwamborn Byam, Wally's cousin, who helped keep the Airstream dream alive. Bon voyage, ladies!

REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President Gary Russo

Winter In New York February



We finally have snow in New York!

Time to pull out the snow shoes and the skis. The Buffalo area is leading the snow race now, but Rochester has the snow making machine of Lake Ontario turned on and the cold winds of the North are dropping lake snow here in copious amounts. So, Buffalo you better watch out -- Rochester is coming on strong!

Right now, the registration for the Region 2 rally in May is live

So, do not wait.

Here is just a tease as to what we have scheduled:

- Building # 14 on the fairgrounds will be open to us every morning where coffee and tea will be available Friday-Sunday mornings.
- On Saturday night we have Nittany Catering providing a scrumptious buffet dinner, plant-based options will be available.
- Do not forget to bring your dancing shoes to burn off those dinner calories because we have the Malpractice Band returning to play on Saturday night.
- Sunday, we have a continental breakfast with coffee and tea.

Sign up now and reserve your site!

Region 2 will have a booth at the Sedalia WBCCI International Rally. To showcase Region 2, I am looking for photos from events your club/units had during the 2023 year for a poster. Please send one or two photos to me by email. Then do not forget to stop by the booth and say Hi while in Sedalia. If you would like to volunteer to assist at the booth, please contact me and I can schedule time.

We are planning to have a get together at the rally for Region 2. I have reserved the Missouri Electric Cooperatives facility (MEC1) at the Fairgrounds. We have access to that room from 11:30am to 1pm. Stay tuned for what we have planned.

Just a friendly reminder. The Region 2, ACI website has multiple rallies already posted for 2024. Please check the ACI site as some of the rallies are already filling up because they are now available to any WBCCI member. We have seen members from the south who are traveling north to get relief from the southern heat.

See you down the road,
Gary Russo
Region 2 President



REGION 2 NEWS

Continued

Spring is just around the Corner

March Update



I have been getting multiple emails as to when the registration for the Sampson Rally will start. The rally team has been working to get all the moving pieces together, and I am enclosing the link to the JotForm:

<https://form.jotform.com/240374986998177>

The theme this year is 'A Taste of New York'. We have secured 97 trailer sites at the Sampson State Park. Which means the 1st 97 trailers will not need to use the Reserve America website to register. We have done that work for you! The rally this year is being hosted by the following Region 2 clubs: New York Finger Lakes, Hudson Mohawk New York, and the Metropolitan New York Airstream Clubs.

Last year the rally had trailers from multiple regions. That is why we have expanded the number of sites available. We again plan multiple activities at the park, and we have an even larger tent to accommodate the number of people we are expecting.

This next story started back in Rock Springs, Wyoming at the Airstream International. There was a presentation by Leslie and Steve Lovett from the Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club. The title of their presentation was Equipment and Tools for Dutch Oven Lifestyle. Leslie and Steve made Dutch Oven biscuits. If you ask Suzanne, I love biscuits! The year before while camping in the Adirondacks I attempted to make Dutch Oven Jambalaya ala the Boy Scouts of America cookbook. The Jambalaya cooking was well...interesting. Bottom line the rice was underdone. The biggest issue I had was maintaining the heat during the cooking time. I did not have my briquette technique down. The Dutch Oven was open to the air which I now know is a large part of the cooking technique, with the oven.

That is where Leslie and Steve's presentation of making biscuits, comes into play. I decided to give Dutch Oven cooking another try. Steve had what I would call a portable cooker. This cooker kept the heat from the briquettes focused below and around the Dutch Oven.

During the presentation I took multiple photos of what I would call this Rube Goldberg device. After searching/ Googling the web, I found a YouTube video titled **How to Make a Dennis Cooker for my Dutch Oven**.

Well, yesterday I got my parts for a homemade Cooker stove and started to assemble the Cooker. I followed the instructions from the YouTube video.

I did make 2 changes to the design.

- * My roof flashing was 18 inches tall vs 24 inches.
- * I used #6 machine SS screws vs a steel pop rivet.

Any volunteer(s) who wants to be my testing guinea pig?

See you down the road,
Gary Russo
Region 2 President



Cabin Fever Lunch



Sixteen of us enjoyed a great lunch and service at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse in Albany on February 10, 2024. It was a rare February day that felt just like spring. It was perfect for getting everyone geared up and enthusiastic for the coming camping/Rally season! There were lively conversations about what everyone has been doing during the off season, and discussions about plans and trips for the upcoming season. There was no shortage of funny stories from trips and rallies past! Come on, Summer! I can't wait for the warm weather, camping, rallies, and rally campfires!

Stan and I are grateful for everyone who attended our luncheon. Thank you Bill Levy and Cindy Davis, Pat and Dan Steen, Diane and Eric Bergquist, Bob and Joan Stevens, Barb and Bill Schultz, Beth and Glenn Oldrich, for attending! It was especially wonderful to see Wendy and John Vettovali after a bit of an absence. Welcome back!!!

Stan and I love participating in the events, luncheons, and rallies of this group and the WBCCI in general! We have made so many wonderful friendships and memories! Our participation has done so much to enrich our Airstream ownership experience. If you have not been to an event, a luncheon, or especially a rally, I can tell you that these are all amazing events, and we encourage you to try one out

Tess and Stan Stoklosa



Hudson-Mohawk Airstream friends



Tess & Stan



Beth & Glenn



Eric & Diane



Cindy & Bill



John & Wendy



Pat & Cindy



Bob & Joan

Future Luncheons....

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

April 20, 2024

12:00 noon

Savonas

7249 South Broadway

Red Hook, NY 12571

Hollie Bart

Call or text 646-398-0066 or
flostream66@gmail.com

RSVP by April 6th or sooner if you can!

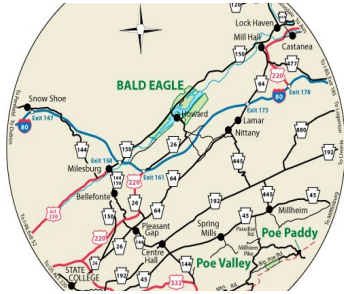
Since we don't have a "tune-up" rally this year, I thought it might be fun (and instructive) for attendees to share their top tune-up tip with the group. It can be about any aspect of getting your trailer road and rally ready.

**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.



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:

Field we will be camping 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.

View from the field we will be camping on



Hope to see you in July

To reserve your spot use this Jot form:
<https://form.jotform.com/233603209830046>



A Taste of New York

Sampson State Park

Romulus, NY

August 1-5, 2024



To Register use JotForm: <https://form.jotform.com/240374986998177>

Cost: \$150 per trailer, plus \$33 per person rally fee (\$15 for children age 5-14, under 5 free)

Check-in: Any time after 3:00 pm on August 1st

Departure: By 11:00 am on August 5th

Rally reservation limit: 97 trailers. If the rally fills up we will maintain a waiting list OR you may make a reservation directly through ReserveAmerica. Please let the hosts know you will be attending.

Additional Information:

- This rally is co-hosted by the Hudson Mohawk, Metro NY, and NY Finger Lakes Airstream Clubs
- All sites have electric.
- There are two dump stations across from the campground entrance. You are advised to dump before parking.

Link to park website <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/154/>

Planned activities include:

- Friday Night Welcome Happy Hour
- Saturday Night Catered Dinner and a great band in the evening
- Sunday Morning Continental Breakfast
- Daily morning coffee

Optional activities include:

- Sunday Dinner Optional - Chili Potluck (bring your own chili and sides to share.) or bring your own dinner and join with friends under the tent. All are welcome.

Our opening event will be a "Taste of NY Wine and Beer Tasting." Details as follows:

- 4:30-6:00 PM, Friday August 2nd
- Each registered BRN is being asked to bring one unopened commercially produced bottle of wine or 4/6-pack of craft beer.
- We encourage products produced in New York State.
- Of course, you are welcome to bring more than one if you wish!
- Designated pourers will provide metered pours for all tastings.
- If you do not wish to drink wine or beer please feel free to bring along your beverage of choice.
- Each trailer will receive a "SHARING" charcuterie box for two and a bag of tasty FLX Popcorn.
- Unopened beer/wine will be raffled off at the end of the event (dependent on supply).
- No alcohol will be available for sale.
- You will be advised where to drop off your contribution when you arrive.
- WBCCI name tags WILL BE REQUIRED to participate. No tag - No tasting!! (NYS Alcohol Permit)

DISCLAIMER: ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION HAS INHERENT RISKS. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IS VOLUNTARY AT ALL PARTS OF THIS RALLY. THE HOSTS, AND ACI ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR CHOICES AND ACTIONS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOURSELF. ATTENDANCE AT GROUP EVENTS, AT THE CAMPSITE OR OTHERWISE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT: GARY RUSSO AT FULLOFLIFE123@YAHOO.COM OR 1-585-967-6636

Hudson-Mohawk Installation Rally

September 5-8, 2024

Schodack Island State Park

1 Schodack Island Way, Schodack Landing, NY 12156

Thursday 9/5: Evening Campfire, Dessert will be provided

Friday 9/6 - 6:30: Team Trivia around the campfire, Dessert will be provided

Saturday 9/7- 5:00 pm:

Let's Forget the Main Course !

*Our **Fourth Annual Food Competition** will be:*

Appetizers/Hors D'oeuvres/

Canapes or whatever you want to call them!!!

Just remember the rules:

Must be able to be eaten by hand, in just a bite or two!

Fit into one of three categories: Vegan, Hot, Cold!

No fully prepared, store bought allowed-you're more talented than that!

You may enter one, two or all three categories but no more that two entries in each category!

Winners will be decided by ballot...(no complaining Bill L.)

*The Hosts will provide Make your own Ice Cream
(or Vegan pretend Ice Cream) Sundaes with all the toppings !!*

Sunday 9/8- time to pack up! Hope everybody had a good time!

Questions? Call Dan or Pat (518) 441-5280 or pmsteen04@gmail.com

Make Reservations via Reserve America

And then let the Steens know you have reserved a site