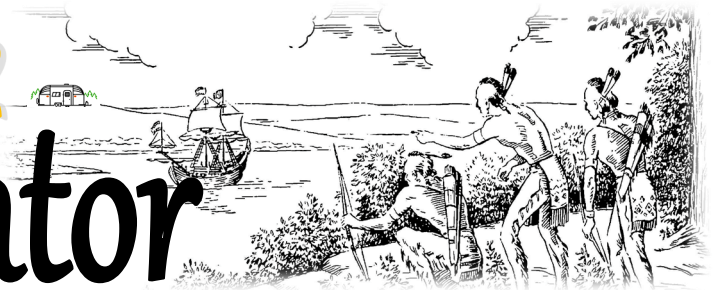


March 2022

# 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

From Bill Levy



**Hello All!**

I'm sure that all of us are anticipating the upcoming rally season, and even more so after a couple of days where the weather teased us with 60 degree temperatures. For my part, the brief break in the cold had me outside inspecting our Airstream and planning some updates and clean up chores. Spring time can't come soon enough!

I want to thank Tess Stoklosa for host-essing our last luncheon at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse (Cindy put the frame up on the wall!) where all who attended shared their eagerness for the future get togethers. Just a reminder...get your future reservations in so the season goes smoothly and we can all enjoy the group comradery.

We still have a good bit of winter to get through but knowing it turns ultimately to milder days should keep us looking forward to the season. Looking forward to seeing everyone at John and Wendy's luncheon March 12<sup>th</sup> at Winners Circle in Fonda New York.

See you down the road,

Bill

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### Newsletter Deadlines

January Issue—December 15

March Issue—February 15

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July Issue—June 15

September Issue—August 15

November Issue—October 15



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## 2022

<p>March 12, 2022 12:00 Noon</p> <p><b>Winner Luncheon</b></p>	<p>Winner's Circle 3293 State Hwy 5 Fonda, NY 12068</p>	<p>John &amp; Wendy Vettovali 518-884-8023 <a href="mailto:wendymv1@yahoo.com">wendymv1@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p>April 9, 2022 12:00 Noon</p> <p><b>Spring Luncheon</b></p>	<p>Ripe Tomato 2721 Route 9 Ballston Spa, NY 12020</p>	<p>Bill &amp; Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com</p>
<p>May 12-15, 2022</p> <p><b>Buddy Rally</b></p>	<p>Wellesley Island State Park 44927 Cross Island Road , Fineview, NY 13640 Reservations can be made <b>NOW</b> through Reserve America We will be in <b>Fox Loop</b>, with full hook ups.</p>	<p>Eric &amp; Diane Bergquist 518-734-6073 riprapmeadows@earthlink.net</p>
<p>May 19-22, 2022</p>	<p><b>Region 2 Rally</b> Here's the Region 2 webpage with more info: <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2022-region-2-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2022-region-2-rally</a></p>	<p>Delaware State Fair Ground Harrington, Delaware</p>
<p>June 9-12, 2022</p> <p><b>Hudson Valley Rally</b></p>	<p>Dutchess County Wilcox Memorial Park Route 199 Milan, NY 12581</p>	<p>Hollie Bart <a href="mailto:flostream66@gmail.com">flostream66@gmail.com</a></p>
<p>July 23-29, 2022</p>	<p><b>65th International Rally</b> Fryeburg, Me</p>	
<p>August 11-14, 2022</p> <p><b>Summer Rally</b></p>	<p>Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY Loop 3 Reservations can be made <b>NOW</b> through Reserve America</p>	<p>John &amp; Wendy Vettovali 518-848-8023 wendymv1@yahoo.com</p>
<p>September 9-11, 2022</p> <p><b>Installation Rally</b></p>	<p>100 Acre Woods Campground - North Pole Resort Wilmington, NY 12997 Call 518-946-7733 to reserve your spot Tell them you are with Hudson-Mohawk</p>	<p>Bill Levy &amp; Cindy Davis 845-235-9473 cindyldavis@aol.com</p>
<p>September 29- October 2, 2022</p> <p><b>Fall Beach Rally</b></p>	<p>Sea-Vu Campground 1733 Post Road (US Rte 1) Wells, Maine 04090 Call 207-646-7732 to reserve your spot Tell them you are with Hudson-Mohawk</p>	<p>Bill &amp; Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com</p>

**Remember to let the Hosts know when you make your reservation** 2

# 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:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528607020682777/>

## REGION 2 NEWS

First, an update on the Region 2 rally: The contract has been signed, and we're getting the pieces in place. We're reaching out to various clubs and members who have offered assistance to help with the planning. I still hope to have registration open by late January or early February, and I'll notify the club presidents and newsletter editors when it is ready.

Unfortunately, a snow storm canceled my trip to the mid-winter IBT meeting in Savannah, but I was able to participate virtually. The risks of traveling in winter!

There were three motions that required debate. The first was about restructuring the Executive Committee (EC), the second was simplifying the process for constitutional changes and disconnecting the delegate voting from the International Rally (thus allowing it to be held when it's needed), and the third was about allowing local clubs, rally hosts, etc. to set guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination status.

The restructuring proposal would change our EC to work like many other organizations, both nonprofit and corporate. WBCCI members would vote for 7 director positions, then the IBT would vote for a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from the directors. The directors would have two year terms, staggered so that we would elect 3 one year and 4 the next. There would be no change to the Regional Officer roles; they would still be elected and serve as we do now.

All of the comments I've heard on this have been positive; in fact, the only concern I've heard is that we are moving quickly on it, which I also expressed when I first heard the proposal in December. However, I'm now convinced the proposal has been fleshed out sufficiently, and there is no benefit in holding off until next year, and that this is a good change for the club. More information will be forthcoming in the Blue Beret and the club website, then it will be voted upon at the delegates meeting in Maine.

The second motion simplifies the process for submitting and ratifying an amendment to the club's constitution, and decouples the delegates meeting from the International Rally. These are good changes that will reduce the number of meetings held at International, while making the club more flexible. If approved by the delegates in Maine, changes to the club constitution will require at least 2/3rds of the members to approve it, as long as at least 20% of the members have voted.

The final motion, by far the most controversial, would have allowed clubs, caravan hosts, rally hosts, and people in similar positions to set a COVID-19 policy for events beyond what the local, state, provincial, and federal governments require. This motion was narrowly defeated - the vote was 9 to 8. So, the current policy remains in effect - WBCCI events must follow local guidelines and cannot impose additional guidelines beyond those. I'm hoping that we're nearing the end of having to worry about COVID-19 at all.

The new Grapes and Grains Intra-club and the Future Streamers Intra-Club both received permanent charters. The Grapes and Grains Intra-club is intended for people to share their interest in wine, brandy, spirits, and beers. The Future Streamers Intra-Club is a club designed to keep our youth involved in Airstream activities.

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# REGION 2 NEWS

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In other news, as of right now, there are 829 campers registered for International in Maine. Also, the club has 7,339 active memberships as of January 20; we haven't seen numbers this high since about 2001. Welcome to everyone who has joined us recently!

Karen Fisher is looking for members for the Lifetime Membership Fund Standing Committee, as well as the WBCCI Foundation. Please contact me or Karen if you are interested in either one. Also, Region 2 webmaster Lawrence Northway has stepped down after years of service (Thank you, Lawrence!), so I am looking for a new volunteer to take on that role. Thanks! -RJ Marquette

**February 23, 2022**

**The registration for the 2022 Region 2/VAC rally has opened!**

<https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2022-region-2-rally>

**We will have a catered meal, a food truck with reduced prices, entertainment, local excursions, breakfasts, and seminars. It's bound to be a great time, and our first Region 2 rally since 2019.**

**May 19-22 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, Delaware. The cost is \$75/person, and there is a camping fee payable to the fairgrounds directly for \$41/night. Extra nights, before or after, are not a problem, just let us know when you register when you plan to arrive, and adjust the dates and number of nights when you pay the fairgrounds.**

**I'm looking for volunteers for multiple roles throughout the rally - you can note that when you register, or you can contact me directly.**

**On the horizon, I hope many of you are planning to make the trek to Maine for the International Rally this summer. We've booked a room and time for our Region 2 luncheon - it'll be Tuesday, July 26, in the Specialty Foods Building (capacity 400). We're checking the catering options and will have more information and registration later.**

**I'm still looking for volunteers to take over the webmaster role and for the WBCCI Foundation (you may have seen the recent email from HQ to all members about this). Please contact me if you're interested in either role.**

**See you soon!**

**-RJ Marquette**



**Region 2/VAC Rally registration is Active!**

**We finally have the registration for the Region 2/VAC rally activated. It's been an amazingly long road to get to this point, but we're finally here.**

**Here's the direct link to the registration form:**

<https://form.jotform.com/220014616485147>

**Here's the Region 2 webpage with more information.**

<https://airstreamclub.org/region2/2022-region-2-rally>

**We are looking for volunteers to help with things like parking, set up, clean up, serving food at meals, excursions, and probably a few other things I've forgotten. Volunteers can either contact me directly or note it on the registration form.**

**Thanks for your support!**

**--RJ**

# CELEBRATING

*March*

18th Diane Bergquist 12496

23rd Randy Boelsems 3203

30th Bob Stevens 4430

*Happy  
Birthday*

*April*

4th John Vettovalli 4391

17th Cindy Davis 23673

20th Doug Johnson 3233

## Happy Anniversary

April 7th Bill & Barbara Schultz 5666

April 22nd Eric & Connie Pearson 6232

April 27th Bob & Joan Stevens 4430

**welcome**  
New Members

Theo Volpatti & Frances Calandra / 2020 Basecamp 1350

Come on out and join us!



Sending sunshine, well wishes and happy thoughts to everyone!

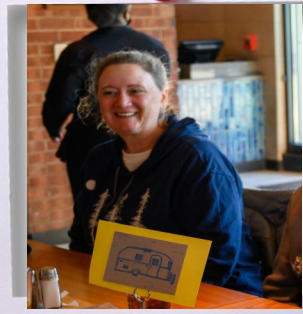
# Hudson-Mohawk February Luncheon

The February luncheon was held on Saturday, February 5, 2022 and took place at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse at Colonie Center in Albany, NY.

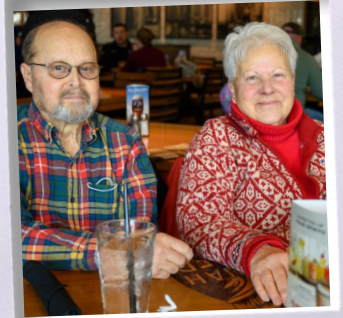
It was hosted by Tess Stoklosa. It was an extremely cold but sunny day and was the day after a very bad ice storm, but we still had great attendance.

Tess was glad that everyone was able to free their vehicles from blocks of ice to be able to be there! Those at the event were Bill Levy, Dan and Pat Steen, Diane and Eric Bergquist, John and Wendy Vettovalli, Polly and Hartwell Herring, Barb and Bill Schultz, and Tess Stoklosa.

Tess had small decorations for the tables and handed out Airstream-themed photo frames ready for personalization. There was lots of fun and lively conversation. We enjoyed good food and drink. We all updated each other with our trip and rally plans for the coming season and reminisced about adventures from last season. We all had a great time! These luncheons are lots of fun!



Tess



Eric & Diane



Polly & Hartwell



Dan & Pat



Wendy & John



Bill & Barb



Bill Levy



# Future Luncheons....

March 12, 2022

12:00 noon

## **Winner's Circle**

3293 State Hwy 5, Fonda, NY 12068

Directions are easy: From the NYS Thruway, take exit 28, Fonda-Fultonville. From the exit, take a left onto Riverside Drive. Go past McDonald's to the traffic light, take a right at the light onto NY Route 30-A North. Drive over the Mohawk River and at the traffic light take a right onto NY Route 5 East. Winner's Circle will be on your right about a half mile from that traffic light. (Total of about 1-1/2 miles from the Thruway exit.)

We'll be ordering off the menu. You can check it out online, just look for Winners Circle Fonda NY. Food is good, reasonably priced.

**Please let me know by Saturday, March 5, if you will be coming.**

Wendy Vettovali

518-848-8023

[wendymv1@yahoo.com](mailto:wendymv1@yahoo.com)

April 9, 2022

12:00 noon

## **The Ripe Tomato an American Grill**

2721 State Rte 9 | Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Barbara & Bill Schultz

Call or text 518-409-2565

Or email: [HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com)

By April 1st, 2022

# Future Rallies....

## Wellesley Island State Park

Buddy Rally

May 12-15, 2022



Wellesley Island State Park  
44927 Cross Island Road  
Fineview, NY 13640

Reservations can be made **NOW**  
through Reserve America  
We will be in ***Fox Loop***,  
with full hookups.

Eric & Diane Bergquist

518-734-6073

[riprapmeadows@earthlink.net](mailto:riprapmeadows@earthlink.net)

What is a Buddy Rally?

You can invite a Buddy to make a reservation at the rally even if your  
Buddy has a camping rig that is not an Airstream,  
All are Welcome!



# HUDSON VALLEY RALLY - June 9, 10 & 11

Hosted by Hollie Bart



For a change of pace, the Hudson-Mohawk Unit will be heading south to gather for the Hudson Valley Rally on **June 9, 10 and 11, 2022** at Wilcox Memorial Park, a beautiful 614-acre park that sits at the base of the Stissing Mountain range



located in northern Dutchess County in the Town of Milan, New York. It has 11 miles of hiking trails, one with a glorious Catskill view, fishing, boating and one of the region's finest disc golf courses.



The park has 10 shaded RV campsites

in its Forest Acres Campground, each with 30 amp and water hookups, picnic table and fire ring (**\$30/night**), plus boondocking sites, if more spots are needed. The Dutchess County Parks and Recreation Department has blocked all 10 RV sites until May 1st, when any unreserved spots will be released to the public...hopefully that won't happen, so that we can have the whole park to ourselves! *Furry friends on leashes are welcome!*



In addition to nightly campfires at the Flo Café, activities will include a BYOL with a nosh to share picnic and private wine (or seltzer) tasting at the celebrated Millbrook winery, overlooking the Catskill and Shawgunk mountains (Friday).

It is worth the trip for the view alone!

And for those with a more distilled palette, a jaunt to the nearby Taconic Distillery, where all can enjoy a BYOL and lovely countryside view (Saturday).

You won't want to miss the chance to snag a bottle of the bourbon maple syrup!



The weekend will culminate with a BBQ, hosted by the Flo Café, with potluck sides and desserts.

For those of you who are new to Airstreaming, or who want to learn more about the Hudson-Mohawk Unit, please feel free to join us for the BBQ or any of the outings, so that you can experience first-hand the wonderful Airstream enthusiasts who belong to this Unit.

In keeping with the tenets of the Airstream Club International community, on Saturday morning, members will be helping the park improve the hiking trails, by repainting faded trail blaze signs, which the park rangers will then re-post on designated trails

(we thought it best to leave blaze placement to the professionals!)

Please email Hollie Bart at [flostream66@gmail.com](mailto:flostream66@gmail.com) if you would like to join this fun rally, celebrating the beauty and bounty of the Hudson Valley, or if you would just like to join us for one of the tours or the BBQ dinner.



Everyone will have the chance to compete (fiercely) in the Hudson Valley Rally Goofy Frisbee Golf competition. All playing levels welcome!



[More details to follow for attendees, as we get closer to Hudson Valley Rally-time!] 9

August 11-14, 2022

## Summer Rally

Sampson State Park

Romulus, NY

Hosted by

John & Wendy Vettovalli

Make reservations through

Reserve America, Loop 3

Sites have electric, water is available, but not at each site.

Rally will be very basic.

Campfire each night

518-848-8023

wendymv1@yahoo.com



September 9-11, 2022

## Installation Rally

Hundred-acre Woods / North Pole Resort  
Wilmington, NY

We have booked site 95 in a premium site at \$87 a night but there are other full hook ups for \$69. Most are pull throughs

Good Sam campground

518-946-7733

You can make reservations via phone now or online, it's 6 months out.

Let us know when you are booked.

Thanks all, Rally on  
Cindy and Bill

845-235-9473

cindylldavis@aol.com

September 29-October 2, 2022

## Fall Beach Rally

Hosted by

Bill and Barbara Schultz

Sea-Vu Campground

1733 Post Road (US Rte 1)

Wells, Maine 04090

Call 207-646-7732 to reserve your spot, tell them your with Hudson-Mohawk Airstream club.

Lets go to the beach, eat seafood and sit around evening campfires.

518-409-2565

hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com

