

The Hudson Mohawk Navigator

May 2020



Hello all!

I'm hoping this finds everyone well and looking forward to release from "sheltering at home". Wendy and I are doing ok, getting a little stir crazy. We have been working on our camper (without so much pressure to get it done NOW).

How things have changed from our last newsletter! We're wondering how any group camping event is going to work this year. So far, our September Installation Rally is still scheduled. We're thinking that no meals would be provided for the group, that everyone would provide their own. Whether we eat as a spread-out group, or isolated in individual campsites, who knows? September seems worlds away from today at this point.

We will be looking for someone to step up into the 2nd Vice President slot and someone to take over Sue Whittle's Activity Chair slot. Please be thinking about these positions, neither one takes very much time, if any, outside of our rallies.

John Vettovali, President

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Schedule of Events

May 15-17, 2020 w/option to add on the 14th	Fun and Games Hudson Mohawk and Finger Lakes Joint Region Country Hills Campground, Malathra, NY	Sally Kerr stskerr@optonline.net 1-845-489-5010
May 21-25, 2020	Region 2 Rally Rideau Lakes Campground, Kingston, Ontario	Ontario Canada Airstream unit
May 28-31, 2020	Buddy Rally Lake George RV Park Lake George, NY	Geoff & Sue Whittle whittleg06@gmail.com
June 20-27, 2020	International Rally, Loveland, CO	WBAC
July 16-19 2020	Nickerson Park Campground 378 Stryker Road Gilboa, NY 12076	Bilodeau/Volpe tacobelle12@yahoo.com kivolop1@gmail.com
August	Lake Lauderdale Cambridge, NY	Dana & Sue King godogs@frontier.net
September 17-20	Installation Rally Fish Creek Pond Public Campground 4523 State Route 30, Saranac Lake, NY	John & Wendy Vettovalli wendymv1@yahoo.com
October 2-4	Dry Camping Rally 101 Canty Road, Greenfield Center, NY 12833	Gary LaMothe g0828@aol.com
November 7th, 2020 12:00noon	Fall Luncheon Mahoney's Irish Pub & Steakhouse 35 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	Cindy Davis cindyvdavis@aol.com 845-227-8301
December	Holiday Party	Gary LaMothe g0828@aol.com



Cindy Davis decorated for Easter with a stylish Flamingo. He looks good standing there in the sunshine.



CELEBRATING

MAY

1st Pat Steen 1389

8th Dan Steen 1389

8th KC Boelsems 3203

22nd Larry Ascenzi 2128

29th Nuri Bilodeau 5318

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

JUNE

9th Ken Volpe 5477

12th Carol Abraham 2091

13th Geoff Whittle 10565



Happy Anniversary

June 1st Craig & Cheryl Arons 9389

June 3rd John & Wendy Vettovalli 4391

June 20th Paul & Lisa Coffman 22537

June 24th Geoff & Sue Whittle 10565

June 27th Ken & Maria Volpe 3477

Welcome New Members

John Young & Theresa Puckett 3232

Don't be shy, join us at an event soon!

Although our rally and travel plans have been put on hold the last few months, our Region 2 has been busy. R2 Membership Chair Lea Plant #2256 has been working with our local club membership chairs in welcoming 46 new members to the Region. As part of her outreach, Lea has also been sending congratulatory notes to new Airstream purchasers, introducing them to our Club and directing them to the Region 2 and local club websites. Lea reported that in the six months ending March 31st, she had sent over 150 notes to new Airstream owners, enclosing the new colorful Airstream Club brochure. Her letter invites new owners to learn more about the Airstream Club and the local clubs in our Region. Way to go, Lea, and thank you!

Webmaster Lawrence Northway #17410 has gotten our Region 2 website updated and transitioned over to the new AirstreamClub.org site. <https://airstreamclub.org/region2> is the link. In addition to the new layout, Lawrence and I worked together to edit and add to the content. A new Region 2 Google photo album has been linked to the site as well. In the spirit of Airstreamers helping Airstreamers, Lawrence also created a PowerPoint tutorial as a learning tool to help other Regions and local clubs update their websites to the new platform. A big thank you to Lawrence for his efforts and to our Club's Information Technology Committee for their support. Our R2 website and the AirstreamClub.org site keep getting better and better!

In another example of Airstreamers working with Airstreamers, AIMonO Airstream Club member Cody Klingler #3937 has helped several local clubs in our Region set up on-line stores in their websites, to create and purchase apparel emblazoned with their club logo. Cody's family owns an embroidery and imprint business and has offered to assist our local clubs bring some pizzazz and style to their club attire! To see some examples, you can check out the Watchung NJ Airstream Club store <https://stores.inksoft.com/watchung/shop/home> as well as the AIMonO Airstream Club store <https://stores.inksoft.com/almono/shop/home> here. Thanks, Cody! I wear my Watchung NJ club sweatshirt all the time! You can Contact Cody directly for more info.

In more good news, it looks like Ontario Canada #124 will be the latest to vote a name change to include Airstream Club. Congratulations to President Kate Dowsett and the members of the Ontario Club. In a few days I will be submitting their name change Motion to HQ for approval!

All refunds for the cancelled May 2020 Region 2 Rally have been completed. Thank you to R2 Treasurer Will Kushto #2518 and Ontario club member/Registrar John Gough #2154 for their efforts. Although it was disappointing to cancel our Rally scheduled for Kingston Ontario, with the pledge of help from the Ontario club #124, I am excited to say we will be planning to hold the 2021 Rally in Kingston. Planning for that Rally will pick up where we had to leave off and the 2021 R2Rally will be even bigger and better! Stay tuned for information as it develops.

I encourage all our local clubs to continue to use good sense in planning and holding future rallies. Keep an eye on directives and guidelines from the states and locales in which you will be traveling. We are all anxious to get out, travel and camp...let's stay safe and healthy. Let's continue to be mindful of others while enjoying our Airstreams and the great outdoors.

Kathi and I hope to see you down the road soon.

Rich Short #1512

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



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

Send pictures, rally reports and club information to:

HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com for the newsletter.

Pictures can also be sent to Dana King at:

godogs@frontiernet.net for our web page.

Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:

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

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



Harry is prepared to help!

Hudson-Mohawk Installation Rally 2020

September 17-20, 2020

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovali

Fish Creek Pond Campground

4523 State Route 30

Saranac Lake, NY

Reservations must be made through *Reserve America*.

Reservations can be made starting on 12/17/2019

To see site information, including photos of each site, go to www.Fishcreekpond.com

Go to "Campsite Photo Guide" tab, then, click on "Choose Site" on left side of page.

We're going to try for the sites on the peninsula, sites A1-A22. They are the inner sites. Shoreline sites along the peninsula are walk-in sites only during our rally days. I believe that means that although you cannot reserve those shoreline sites, if you've reserved an inner site, you might be able to trade that reserved inner site for a shoreline site when you get there, if there's one available.

Watch the trailer length of the site you pick. Most A sites are up to 40 foot trailers, but a few are 30 foot and Site A20 says only up to 20 foot. I'm going to try for site A18, to try to get in the middle of things.

This is a NY State campground with ***dry camping only***. **NO electric, water or sewer hook-ups**. They have a dump station and there are quite a few water outlets available on the peninsula. Generators are allowed up to 5 hours per day from 9am to 11am and 4 to 7pm.

Please let Wendy know that you're coming at – wendymv1@yahoo.com or text to 518-848-8023



John & Wendy's bedroom remodel 2020:

2005 Classic 30 foot

We've removed the original queen bed and we're working on building in twin beds instead. Wendy dreams up what would be nice; John works real hard to make it happen. So far; so good. Once the queen bed was out and the carpeting removed, we found some rotten floor. We have tried to find where the leak is, so far, nothing definitive. More looking yet to come. Hopefully, we won't have to tear out any of the rebuild to fix it....

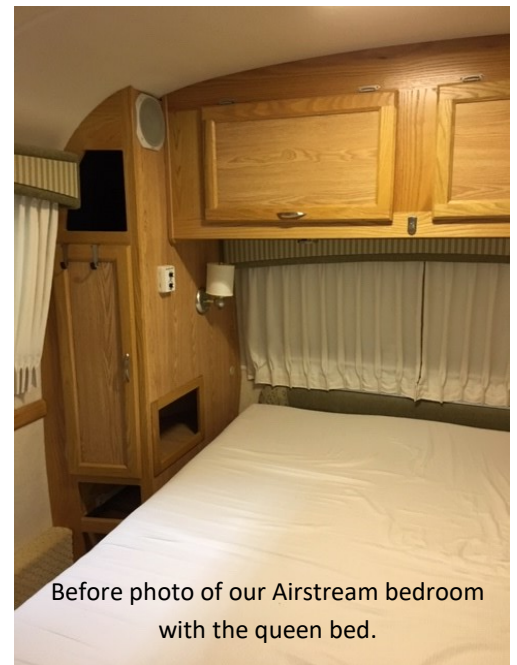
John rebuilt some storage at the rear of the trailer that will extend from side to side under the head of both twins and across the middle aisle. Dan & Pat Steen replaced their twin mattresses and we were able to take those off their hands to use so we could figure out the size of everything. They didn't have to find a way to get rid of them and we have great way to figure this all out. After the rear storage was completed, John built in cabinets at the foot of the beds, since the bedroom space was longer than the twin mattresses. Then he built the framing for the beds.

Next was figuring out cabinetry at the head of the beds, up above. We were able to leave the original cabinets in, John cut off all the excess and he's in the process of figuring out how to finish it off with trim. We bought some new reading lights and installed them on the bottom of those cabinets.

We removed all the old shades & drapes. Wendy sewed roll up shades, John mounted them. We're still working on how to secure the bottom edge for travel. We shortened up the side wall cornices and have replacement ends made of oak. Wendy recovered them with different fabric.

Hopefully, we'll be able to send pictures of the finished room in the next newsletter!

John & Wendy Vettovali



Before photo of our Airstream bedroom with the queen bed.



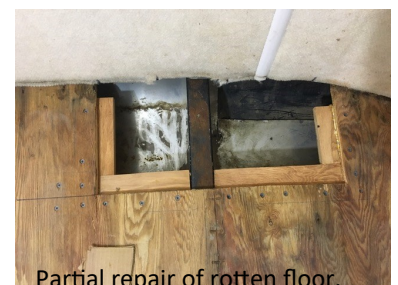
John removing the queen bed frame.



Rebuilding rear storage area.



Rotten floor found under the carpet.



Partial repair of rotten floor.





Top cabinet mostly done, new window shade up.



New window shade down.



Recovered window cornices waiting to be installed in remodeled bedroom.