

May 2021

# 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 Dan Steen

## Hudson Mohawk Officers

President

Dan Steen

1st Vice President

Bill Levy

2nd Vice President

Vacant

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Wendy Vettovalli

Secretary

Barbara Schultz

Director (1year)

Eric Bergquist

Director (2year)

Bill Schultz

Membership

Geoff Whittle

Storekeeper

Wendy Vettovalli

Historian

Dan Steen

Webmaster

Cindy Davis

Newsletter

Barbara Schultz

Activity Chair

Pat Steen

Signs of spring are all around us! It is time to get the Airstream out of mothballs and get it ready for summer. After last year, I am sure everyone is anxious to hit the road.

Our first Rally will be May 6-9 at Letchworth State Park and is hosted by Wendy and John Vettovalli. So far eleven rigs are registered, so it looks like our year will be off to a great start.

We will have a short business meeting on Saturday morning to go over the constitution amendments that will be voted on at the International Rally. Most are housekeeping in nature, with the main change being allowing voting on officers to be conducted remotely, and mandating a business meeting only when there are constitutional amendments that must be acted upon. The goal is to reduce the time spent at large meetings during the International Rally. If you are planning on attending the rally in Lebanon, TN be sure to let me know.

If you have not attended one of our unit events, please try to make at least one this year if your schedule allows. This is a fun and welcoming group.

As always... 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Cindy Davis 845-235-9473 cindyldavis@aol.com</p>

You still have time to reserve a site at all of these Rallies.  
What are you waiting for? There's a spot just for you at the campfire.  
Checkout all the information in this newsletter, need more info,  
just give the host a call or send an email.

**Come on out and join the fun!!**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<u>President</u>	Dan Steen	(1389)	<a href="mailto:dmsteen@gmail.com">dmsteen@gmail.com</a>
<u>Vice President</u>	Bill Levy	(23673)	<a href="mailto:leevebyl@gmail.com">leevebyl@gmail.com</a>
<u>Treasurer</u>	Wendy Vettovalli	(4391)	<a href="mailto:wendymv1@yahoo.com">wendymv1@yahoo.com</a>
<u>Secretary</u>	Barbara Schultz	(5666)	<a href="mailto:HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com">HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com</a>
<u>Web Page</u>	<a href="http://HUDSONMOHAWKNY.airstreamclub.net">HUDSONMOHAWKNY.airstreamclub.net</a>		



Dan Steen Barb Schultz Wendy Vettovalli Bill Levy

## 64<sup>th</sup> WBCCI International Rally, Lebanon, TN

# REGION 2 LUNCH

### WHEN

**July 21, 2021**  
**12pm – 1:30pm**

### WHERE

**East/West Building**

64<sup>th</sup> WBCCI International Rally, Lebanon, TN

FEATURING a Hot or Cold **Box Lunch** Menu...Your Choice Of:

Veggie Lasagna, Veggie Hoagie, Marinated Chicken Breast or Salad with Grilled Chicken. See Registration Form for full description of each menu choice, including sides. Napkins, utensils, and bottled water are included.

**SAVE THE DATE NOW**

### TICKETS

\$10-13 per person

**SIGN UP HERE NOW!!**

### YOUR HOSTS

Region 2 Officers:  
Rich & Kathi Short  
RJ & Erica  
Marquette  
Gary & Suzanne  
Russo

### COME ON OUT

Meet and Greet your fellow Region 2 members. Safely Dine-In or Take-Out

### DOOR PRIZES...

Fun...  
Friendship...  
Adventure...

### 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

Save the date for...

**2022 International Rally**  
**July 23-29**  
**Fryeburg, Maine**

### 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](mailto:dmsteen@gmail.com)

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/>

### 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

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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



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# REGION 2 NEWS

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April 2021

By Rich Short #1512

I never thought I'd be so happy to see Spring roll around as I am this year. The daffodils in the yard never looked so bright...or so it seems. I guess all that talk about "pent up demand", having "cabin fever", going "covid crazy" or whatever you want to call it, is hitting...big time. I can't wait to get out and get rolling in the shiny 1512. By the time you read this, our Airstream will be de-winterized, washed, waxed, the water heater, furnace and a/c systems checked, water tank sanitized, etc., etc., etc. I know many of our local clubs will be holding their first-of-the-year rallies in April and many combine the rally with maintenance and safety checks. What a great way to start the camping season. Taking the time and making the effort to go over your rig pays dividends in safe travel. And what better way than to have an extra set of eyes and helping hands go over things on your Airstream at a Maintenance Rally! Start the travel year off right and spend some time on your rig. And don't forget the great discount programs now available in the Member Only section of our [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) website. Save money on car/tailler-care liquids at Griot's Garage, on campground fees with a Passport America and Harvest Host memberships and enjoy big dollar savings on tires with the Airstream Club-Michelin Advantage Program.

As my term as Region 2 President winds down, Kathi and I are making a push to get out and camp with some local clubs we haven't been able to visit this past year. We hope to see many of you in April, May, and June. Meanwhile, I'm working with our incoming Region 2 President RJ Marquette and 1st VP Gary Russo to put together a great luncheon for those attending the International Rally in Lebanon, TN this July. With over 60 rigs from Region 2 expected at the Rally, we should have a great turnout. It will be wonderful to see so many of our Airstream friends in one place again! There is more info posted [here](#), or go to our Region 2 website at [airstreamclub.org/Region2](http://airstreamclub.org/Region2) and click on the Region 2 Luncheon tab. You will be able to register, make your meal choices, and pay online with PayPal. You will be able to choose from hot or cold box lunches. Enjoy a meal on-site with us in the socially distanced space of the East/West building or get it to-go...for dining at your trailer or outside with friends. There will be a drawing for door prizes, and you'll get to meet and greet your Region Officer hosts. Come on out! If you would prefer to bring your own lunch...please feel free to do so. Come, join us, and share the Region 2 camaraderie. The luncheon runs from Noon to about 1:30pm on Wednesday, July 21. We hope to see you there.

There are some changes coming in the voting process for our Airstream Club International Officers. Electronic voting will be enabled as will a mail-in paper ballot. There are three (3) Constitutional amendments to be voted on and that will require the traditional Delegate voting at International. Local Clubs will be receiving their Delegates Packages by email as you read this. It will contain information and full

instructions. I will be reaching out to all our local club Presidents in the coming weeks, regarding voting and local club Delegate responsibilities.

Speaking of club business and voting, I will be inviting all R2 local club Presidents to attend a Region 2 Business meeting. It is time to vote and install a new slate of Region Officers for 2021-2022. Unfortunately, it won't be in-person at a R2Rally but via Zoom, as we did last year.

While we are still hoping for a volunteer to step forward to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position, the 2021-2022 slate of Region 2 Officers is:

R2 President - RJ Marquette #13270

R2 1st VP - Gary Russo #1061

R2 2nd VP - <open>

R2 Recording Secretary – Judith Cahall #4058

R2 Corresponding Secretary – Erica Marquette #13270

R2 Membership Chair - Cody Klingler #3937

R2 Blue Beret News Editor - <open>

R2 Webmaster - Lawrence Northway #17410

R2 Caravan Coordinator - Kerry Mattila #5417

R2 Treasurer - Will Kushto #2518

Please publish the above slate of Officers in your newsletters, present the slate for a vote at a meeting and be prepared for your local club to be represented at the R2 Business meeting later this Spring. Club Presidents will be given ample notice of the scheduled date and agenda for the R2 meeting.

I will bring additional news and info as provided by Headquarters regarding the upcoming Constitutional Amendments and will provide guidance as needed. My responsibilities as our Region 2 President officially ends after the first of the two IBT meetings held at the International Rally and I will report on the proceedings of that meeting. Region 2 will be ably represented at the second IBT meeting of the Rally (first for the new term) by RJ and Gary. I am greatly confident our Region is in excellent hands. We have accomplished much these past few years, and I believe the future of the Airstream Club Int'l and our Region 2 is bright and vibrant. Let's keep our Region and the Airstream Club rolling!

Kathi joins me in sending best regards to all members of the 15 local clubs that make up our great Region 2 of the Wally Byam Airstream Club.

Stay well and travel safe.

4 Rich #1512

**CELEBRATING  
HAPPY**

**May**  
1st Pat Steen  
8th Dan Steen  
8th K.C. Boelsem  
22nd Larry Ascenzi

**BIRTHDAY!**

**June**  
12th Carol Abraham  
13th Geoff Whittle

Belated Birthday wishes to:  
**Cindy Davis**  
April 17th

**Happy Anniversary**

April 22nd Eric & Connie Pearson

June 1st Craig & Cheryl Arons

June 3rd John & Wendy Vettovalli

June 24th Geoff & Sue Whittle

Parking humor, we've all been there!!

Just for fun...

LET'S DRINK  
BY THE  
**FIRE**  
& WATCH  
PEOPLE  
PARK THEIR  
CAMPER

**SORRY**  
FOR  
WHAT I SAID  
WHILE I WAS  
  
PARKING THE  
**CAMPER**

**LOVE IS**  
  
STAYING TOGETHER  
AFTER TRYING TO  
PARK THE CAMPER

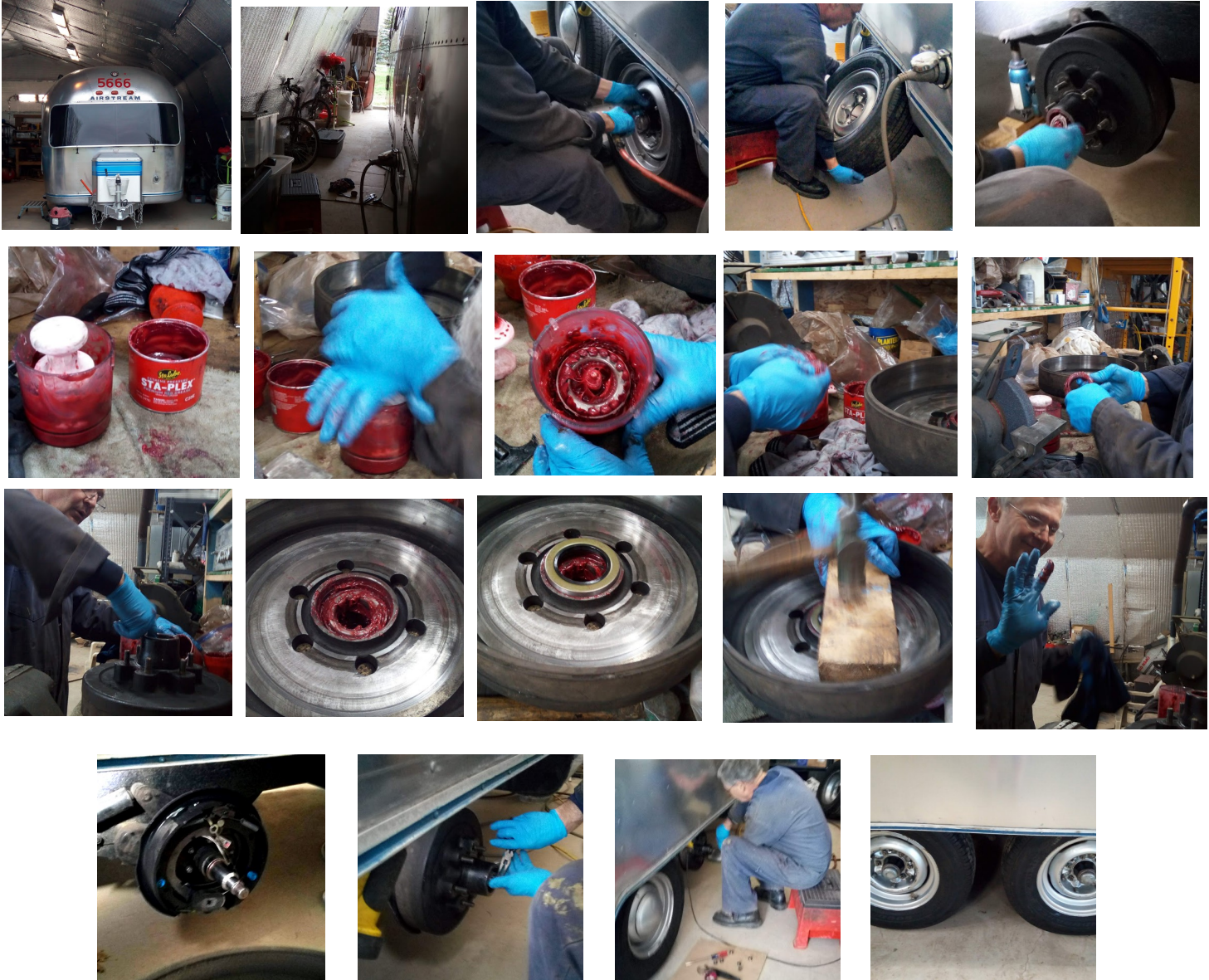


# Spring Maintenance

with Bill Schultz

## Checking Brakes & Greasing Bearings

Wheel bearings are essential in helping the wheels spin easily and freely. They need to be lubricated regularly so that they operate at their best capacity. Greasing, or repacking, trailer bearings is an important part of trailer maintenance, and thankfully it doesn't take long to do! Remove the wheel and take apart the hub until you can access the bearings. From there, you'll clean them and repack them with new grease. Reassemble the hub and replace the wheel before moving on to the next one.



**Don't forget to give these things attention while doing your Spring Maintenance**

**Tires**  **Tire Pressure**  **Wheel Nut Torque**  **Brake Condition**

**Sanitize your fresh water tank and get ready for another fun filled year of towing!**

# Season Opener at Letchworth State Park

1 Letchworth State Park, Castile, NY 14427

**May 6-9, 2021**

*Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovalli*

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

John and I are reserved in site 111 of the 100 loop

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.

There will be no rally fee, Rally will be very informal.

There are no planned communal meals.

With the unknown situation of the times, I thought that would be the best plan.

There will be an outdoor club meeting Saturday morning at 9am.

(We'll figure out some way to spread out or mask up or whatever.)

We will certainly have casual get togethers and campfires during our stay.

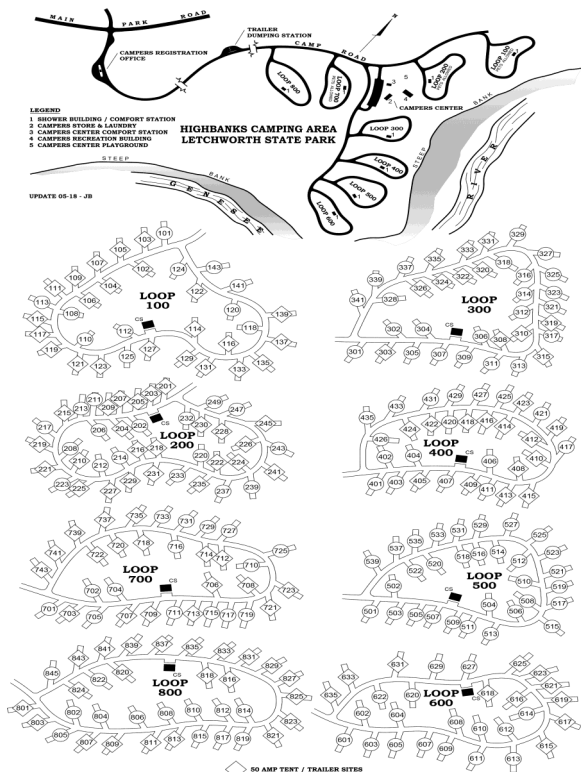
We plan to arrive Thursday, May 6, leave Sunday, May 9, 2021.

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"*

# Whittle Buddy Rally

## Lake George RV Park

74 State Route 149, Lake George NY 12845

Friday June 4, - Sunday June 6, 2021

Hosted by: Geoff and Sue Whittle



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

*Campfire with  
social Distancing*



**\$94.00**  
**Per night**

*Please Make your*  
**Reservation with Geoff Whittle**

87 Southgate Road, Albany NY 12211

(518) 783-1606 or email [whittleg06@gmail.com](mailto:whittleg06@gmail.com)



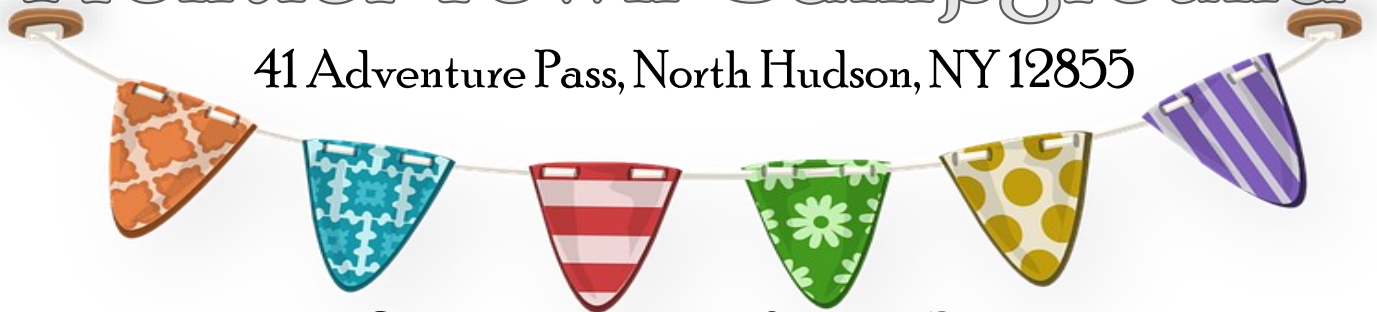


# COWBOY RALLY

## 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](mailto: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

turningstone.com Global Positioning: Latitude: 43°6'20.88"N • Longitude: 75°36'16.22"W

## 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](mailto:cindylvdavis@aol.com)** or **845-227-8301**