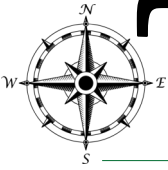


May 2023



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 Diane Bergquist



Hi folks, I do hope all of you are well and excited that our 2023 camping season is beginning with the first of many exciting adventures that lay ahead. As with our club tradition, our first rally is held on Mother's Day Weekend, which we have dubbed our shake-down rally or let's get out all the kinks that may have developed while our homes on wheels were stored.

Some of our Airstreams have be stored over the winter months and some of us have been able to travel to warmer climates ditching the cold and snow for a short period of time. Eric and I enjoyed almost the entire month of February in Florida visiting family, we did have a wonderful time, which became even more meaningful this month.

We are back down here in St. Augustine because Eric's mom, who was 101, less than 4 months shy of her 102nd birthday passed away suddenly. I do not want to make this message sad, but instead speak of life and what we should take advantage of in the unspecified time we have left.

She was an amazing woman who still lived independent-ly in her own home in an over 55 senior community. She sold her car just last July, not because she wasn't a very capable driver, but Carvana offered her \$5000 more for her car than she paid for it four years ago. She taught duplicate bridge and ran the bridge club weekly games at her clubhouse. She was a member of a tour-

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Diane's Message Continued...

Her father's life and hers were eerily similar. He passed away suddenly three months before his 102nd birthday. He had been planning to give up his driver's license on his 102nd birthday, again not because he wasn't a capable driver, but his hearing was getting worse. He told us many years ago to never give up what you liked to do, because we rarely go back to doing them.

My children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren thought she was going to live forever. My oldest daughter made a comment to my youngest daughter after discussing the similarities between their Grandmother and Great-Grandfather's lives and deaths, "I guess we do have an expiration date." Our family loves to laugh and we try to enjoy life, which makes her observation even more relevant.

So, my point of this message is not sadness, but living life to the fullest. Do the things you've always planned on doing, but haven't found the time to do or have put off for various reasons. As my daughter stated we do have an expiration date, don't let yours expire without enjoying every moment we have together. Retire if you can, travel to all the places you've always wanted to see and most importantly see family as much as you can. Love to all and we're so looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming rallies this year and many more to come.

Diane & Eric Bergquist

Message from Dan Steen 1st Vice President

I am writing this message on behalf of our President as unfortunately Diane and Eric are in Florida because of the passing of Eric's mother. While we never met her, many of us felt we knew her just a bit because of the stories shared about her around our campfires. I'm sure you all join in offering the Bergquist family our deepest condolences at this difficult time.

With the unusually warm spell this spring, I am sure everyone is anxious to get their rig out of mothballs and up to snuff for the camping season. If you are new to our unit, you will find our May rally a good opportunity to find a helping hand if needed. Check the schedule for details.

We have a full and varied season planned. June includes the Region 2 rally in Ontario and the start of the International Rally in Wyoming. If anyone is planning on attending either event, please let me know.

Here is to a safe and enjoyable season to all.

Dan Steen
1st Vice President

In Loving Memory of

🐾 **Sally** 🐾



🐾 **The Big Gold Dog** 🐾

Tender thoughts and sweet memories
to Diane and Eric.

On February 8th their loyal
companion Sally crossed the
rainbow bridge.

She will be missed at all of our rallies.
So sorry for the loss of your
faithful Sally.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2023

<p>May 11-14, 2023 <i>Shake Down Camp Out!</i></p>	<p>Arrowhead Marina and RV Park 2 Van Buren Lane, Glenville, NY 12302 518-382-8966</p>	<p>Dan & Pat Steen 518-281-7876 dmsteen@gmail.com See page 6 for more details</p>
<p>June 1-6, 2023 <i>Region 2 Rally</i></p>	<p>Yogi Bear's Jellystone Camp Resort Niagara Falls, Ontario</p>	<p>Contact Greg Amadio at +1 (800) 263-2570 or email him (yogibear@jellystoneniagara.ca) and leave a message. Greg will call back to get registration details. You can cancel up to two weeks before without penalty. Our group rate is \$62/night plus taxes.</p>
<p>June 24-30, 2023 <i>66th International Rally</i></p>	<p>Rock Springs, WY</p>	
<p>August 3-7, 2023 <i>Happening in our Area</i></p>	<p>Circle the Wagons Rally Ontario and NYFLAC Joint Rally Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY</p> <p>A few members of Hudson-Mohawk have signed up for this Western themed Rally. A Chuckwagon dinner, Best Western Dress competition and toasting marshmallows are some of the many planned activities.</p> <p><i>There are 8 sites left if you are thinking of joining</i></p>	<p>Follow this link to the registration and payment form: https://form.iotform.com/230345192257151 Gary Russo fulloflife123@yahoo.com</p>
<p>September 7-10 <i>Installation Rally</i></p>	<p>Green Lakes State Park Fayetteville, NY 13066 Reservations can be made <u>NOW</u> through Reserve America</p>	<p>Diane & Eric Bergquist 518-281-3240 riprapmeadows@earthlink.net</p>
<p>September 28- October 1, 2023 <i>Fall Rally</i></p>	<p>Southwick Beach State Park 8119 Southwicks Pl. Henderson, NY 13650 Reservations can be made <u>NOW</u> through Reserve America</p>	<p>Hollie Bart 646-398-0066 flostream66@gmail.com</p>

Remember to let the Hosts know when you make your reservation

CELEBRATING

Happy
Birthday

May 1 Pat Steen 1389

May 8 Dan Steen 1389

May 8 K.C. Boelsems 3203

May 22 Larry Ascenzi 2128

June 12 Carol Abraham 2091

June 13 Geoff Whittle 10565

June 1 Craig & Cheryl Arons 9389

June 3 John & Wendy Vettovalli 4391

June 17 Joseph & Debra Moloughney 17600

June 24 Geoff & Sue Whittle 10565



Welcome New Members

Elana & Gary Sofko / 2023 Pottery Barn -28' / 25151

Lada Chu & Christine Steltz / 2023 -Flying Cloud-28' / 2099

Affiliate members from Metropolitan New York Airstream Club

Come on out and join us!



Looking forward to seeing Wendy Vettovalli as soon as she gets the okay to camp again!



Happy thoughts and well wishes to all!

REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President RJ

May

Hello, everyone! We're busy getting ready for this summer's adventures! It seems much longer than the two months since we took our trailer to Raleigh in February. I've been busy doing a bunch of work to the truck and trailer in preparation for the trip, such as replacing the shower door in the trailer and the rear brakes in our pickup.

First on the agenda is the strategy session for the IBT, being held at Airstream's headquarters in May. I had a discussion with the facilitator last week, and I think we're going to have a good session, and I'm sure we'll have a lot of good ideas for the club coming out of it.

The Region 2 rally is about two weeks after that. As of this writing, there are still a few spots available. June 2-6, 2023, Niagara Falls, Ontario. See <https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally> for more information. If you're crossing the border, please check that page to make sure you're meeting both Canadian entry and US re-entry requirements. Pets, weapons, medicines, and fresh fruit are all a potential source of trouble. None of it seems onerous or surprising, but I don't want anyone to have issues at the border.

After that rally, we'll be home for a few days, then we're off again for the International Rally in Wyoming (some issues with our jobs prevent us from traveling to Wyoming directly from the R2 rally). We'll mostly be traveling on weekends and working from the trailer during the week. We'll see those of you who are also going. We have a Region 2 happy hour planned, so check your programs or the app for the date and location of that. No charge or signups, just show up.

The list of candidates for the new Executive Council has been released - there are 30 people running for 9 seats! I'm thrilled to see so much enthusiasm for this; it's exactly the participation we were looking for. On the list, I see a number of people who are currently on the IBT, and several other people I recognize, including a few from Region 2. Please read their bios and vote starting June 1. (If you're wondering, I've decided not to run; I'd like to just be a regular club member for a while.) <https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate/2023-executive-council-candidates> (You must be logged in to see the candidates.)

Region 2 Caravan Coordinator Kerry Matilla (#5417) is busy planning the Capital to Capital Caravan, September 15-19, 2023. Start in DC, end in Ottawa! More information is available in the flyer I've attached to these notes, and Kerry's contact email is 124caravan@airstreamclub.net. (Kerry is also planning next year's Maritimes Caravan and is one of the candidates for the Executive Council.)

I'm happy to announce that Ron Silco (#6958) of the Finger Lakes Airstream Club has taken over the Region 2 Webmaster duties. Thank you, Ron! I've asked Ron to work on updating or removing several pages that have gone stale during my tenure and help promote Region 2 events, like Kerry's caravans.

I mentioned this last month, and I'm probably going to keep mentioning it until Gary takes over: The 2025 International Rally will be in Region 2, at the York Expo Center in York, Pennsylvania, August 23-28, 2025. I hope you all marked your calendars for it!

See you next month!

-RJ Marquette, #13270

ANNOUNCING

C2C THE CAPITAL TO CAPITAL CARAVAN

September 15 to September 29, 2023

The C2C Caravan is an initiative of ACI Region 2. It will launch on Friday evening, September 15 and wind up 2 weeks later on Friday morning, September 29. Region 2 is unique in that its area includes the capital cities of both the USA and Canada. Our days will be equally split between the USA and Canada.

This caravan will start with 3 days and 4 nights at the closest campground to the DC area, with ready access to rapid transit downtown. We will stroll the Mall at our leisure, visit as many of the wonderful Smithsonian Museums as possible and take in the sights of this beautiful capital city. One evening will be devoted to a guided tour of the most famous monuments, departing right from our campground.

We will then head north with several stops along the way to see some local highlights. Examples will include a museum devoted to country music, an afternoon cruise in the beautiful Thousand Islands and other activities still under development. Most driving days will be moderate in length with lots of scenery to plant in your memory banks!

The caravan will end at a campground inside the city limits of Ottawa, adjacent to hiking and cycling trails and close to rapid transit. We will tour the city on an open top bus, take a boat ride on the historic Rideau Canal (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and visit a few of the museums and galleries in the city. Typically, by this time of year the Ottawa Valley will be resplendent in Fall Colors and we will direct everyone to some of the most spectacular drives. Evening campfires will give us time to relax and share our experiences. Our wind up dinner will be at a very popular buffet restaurant close by the campground.

As Caravan Leader, I like to run caravans that are rather laid back in style where everyone gets to know everyone else and people have opportunities to pursue some of their own interests. Biking, hiking, ziplining, enjoying a cold brew on a patio, whatever floats your boat! We will do our best to accommodate every interest. The estimated Kitty Fee is \$1700 US or \$2400 Cdn for an Airstream with 2 people. Deposit will be \$500 US or Cdn (lets keep it simple).

If this sounds like a fun way to spend some time with fellow Airstreamers, contact me right away. Participation will be capped at 20 rigs. Email me at 124caravan@airstreamclub.net and I will send you a registration form with details on how to make your payment.

Kerry & Betty Mattila, BRN 5417

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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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CINDYLVDAVIS@AOL.COM for our web page.
Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:
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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. We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country."



Don't forget to read the bios of the 30 candidates wanting to fill the 9 positions on the Executive Counsel and VOTE JUNE 1. This is your club and you have the power to choose who will lead it. You will get an invite to vote directly from HQ sometime this month.

Here is the link where the bios can be found on the ACI website.

<https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate/2023-executive-council-candidates>

Otesaga Resort Hotel

Hawkeye Bar & Grill



Despite several inches of snow and the serpentine roads through rural upstate New York, 13 of us successfully convened at The Otesaga in Cooperstown on March 11 for our monthly off-season luncheon.

The hotel, a 1909 Federalist-style resort on the southern shore of Lake Otsego, is considered the “crown jewel” of our little village, and it was predictably picturesque that day in its fresh blanket of white! We were seated in the private Templeton Room within the hotel’s Hawkeye Bar and Grill where we indulged in their New American cuisine.

Dan and I shared some local history and culture, highlighting our small population (1800), our three museums (The Fenimore Art Museum, The Farmers’ Museum, and the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum), our Glimmerglass Opera House, our Glimmerglass State Park, and our local benefactor, Jane Forbes Clark (heir to the Singer sewing machine fortune!). Of course, no sketch of Cooperstown would be complete without mention of its rich baseball culture and its backdrop for James Fennimore Coopers’ *The Leatherstocking Tales* series.

In attendance were Barb and Bill Schultz, Pat and Dan Steen, Polly and Hartwell Herring, Diane Bergquist, Tess and Stan Stoklosa, and newcomers Jim and Beth Stacy, who hope to quickly rehabilitate their 1964 Globetrotter and soon partake in our rallies and adventures!

Dan and I thank you all for making the trip to our village. It was our pleasure to be your hosts!



Diane, Tess



Tess & Stan

Hudson-Mohawk Spring Lunch Get Together April 1st CARSON'S WOODSIDE TAVERN



Bob & Joan



Bill Levy



Diane & Eric

April 1st started as a chilly, cloudy day with rain showers. As Hudson-Mohawk friends gathered at Carson's Woodside Tavern the rain stopped and the sun came out.

Bill & Barbara Schultz were joined by Hollie Bart, Eric & Diane Bergquist, Sandy Boogertman, Bill Levy, Dan & Pat Steen, Bob & Joan Stevens and Stan & Tess Stoklosa for an awesome lunch with a beautiful view of Saratoga lake.

There were lots of laughs, conversations and high hopes for a fun filled camping season.

We really missed Cindy Davis, she stayed home to rest and recover after dental surgery.

Hartwell and Polly Herring were also missed, the weather out their way was calling for hail and heavy rain all day. They played it safe and stayed off the roads.

Carson's Woodside Tavern was a great place to get together. We were seated in their all season room full of windows over looking the lake. There was a fire burning to keep us all toasty. The service was outstanding and so was the food!

Bill and Barbara



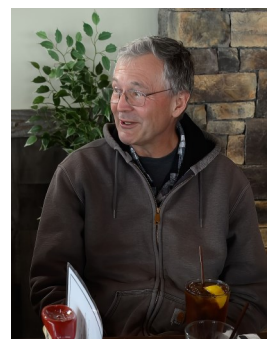
Sandy



Pat & Dan



Tess, Hollie, Barbara

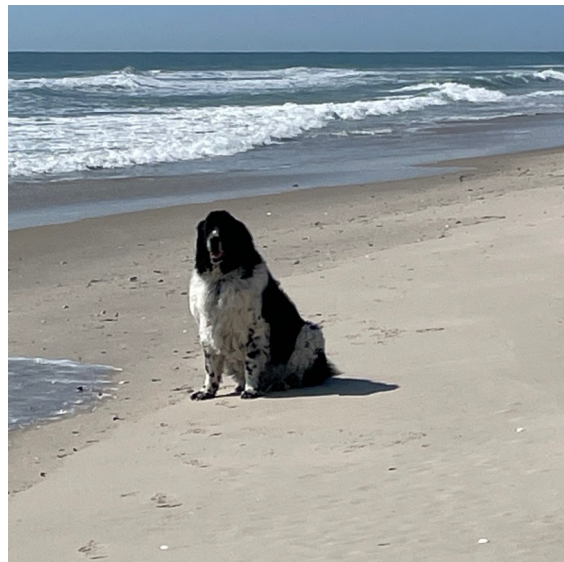


Bill Schultz

Camping at Assateague National Seashore

Still on the chilly side- frost on the windows.

The ponies come through daily- Harry met a "dog" larger than him, not to worry we pulled him back as we didn't want him to get a kick in the head.



Bill Levy, Cindy Davis and Harry
April 2023

Future Rallies....



Shakedown Camp Out May 11-14

Since John and Wendy are not going to be able to attend the May 12-14 At Arrowhead Marina & RV Park at 2 Van Buren Lane, Schenectady, Dan and I will take over the hosting duties.

Arrowhead will start taking reservations on March 1st (518) 382-8966

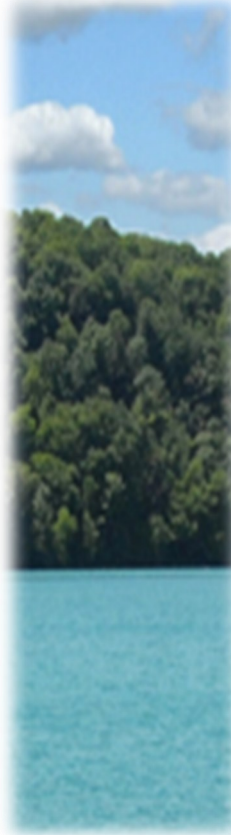
Let them know you are part of Hudson-Mohawk Airstream Club

We will have a Pot Luck dinner Saturday night with mini hot dogs and Beef sliders. Please bring a dish to share.

Desserts around the campfire will be provided on Friday and Saturday nights, please provide your own drinks.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or text us at 518-441-5280 or 518-2817876 or e-mail us at dmsteen@gmail.com or pmsteen04@gmail.com.

Hope to see everybody there for our shakedown camp out!



GREEN LAKES STATE PARK INSTALLATION RALLY

SEPTEMBER 7-10

GREEN LAKES STATE PARK
IS LOCATED IN FAYETTE-
VILLE, NY, 13066

Pinewood Loop Site 1-30 are full hookups. I've booked Site P16 from September 7-11, 2023.

If you are planning on participating in the Installation Rally you should call immediately and book a site. NYS Parks open reservations 9 months prior.

Diane & Eric Bergquist

September 28 - October 1, 2023

Fall Rally

**Southwick Beach State Park
8119 Southwicks Pl.
Henderson, NY 13650**

**Reservations can be made
NOW through Reserve America**

Southwick has a beautiful campground situated on Lake Ontario and boasts stunning beaches and walking trails through the adjacent nature preserve.

Henderson also is home to an esteemed chef who has agreed to cook for our Unit at his charming bed and breakfast overlooking the Ontario shores. He's already working on the menu.

More details about this fun weekend to follow