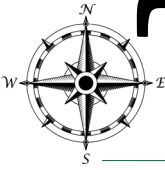


May 2024



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 summer camping season in the Northeast is now well underway. We have members traveling to all points of the compass. As we each go our own way, I hope you will consider attending at least one Hudson-Mohawk unit event, especially if you have not done so in the past. It is not too late to make reservations.

If you have not experienced an Airstream Club International Rally, this might be the year to give it a try. It will be held 10/5-10/10/2024 in Sedalia Missouri. Recently the club has been moving the dates around a bit, with a fall event being unusual. Especially for those new to Airstream, an International Rally provides many informative seminars that will help you learn about your rig and there are even opportunities to have work done on site. Pat & I have found the International Rallies a great way to visit destinations we never would have considered. The 2025 International Rally will be 8/23-8/28/2025 in York Pennsylvania, practically in our backyard.

If you are planning on attending the International Rally, please let me know. Although not required, those going usually meet as a group the night before the rally. To be to be parked together you need to arrive as a group.

On another planning note, Region 2 President Gary Russo announced the intention to standardize scheduling of the Region 2 Rally to the first weekend in May in the hope of minimizing conflicts with unit events.

In other news of note, one or about 6/20/2024 there will be a vote on a constitutional amendment to change the office of Treasurer to a Finance Director and to change the process of how Finance Director is seated. Watch you email for that process. Information can be found in the Blue Bert blog at <https://blog.airstreamclub.org/your-vote-matters-proposed-wbcc-constitutional-amendment/>.

Stay safe. Hope to see you down the road.

Dan Steen, President

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>May 3-5, 2024</i> Region 2 Rally</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pursue Your Happiness in Pennsylvania Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair 169 Homan Lane, Centre Hall PA 16828 http://form.jotform.com/233605413531144</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gary Russo fullofflife123@yahoo.com see page 10 for more information</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>June 7-9, 2024</i> Spring Rally</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Interlake RV Park and Campground 428 Lake Drive Rhinebeck, NY 12572-3213 Call to make your reservation: 888-584-3729</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cindy Davis & Bill Levy 845-235-9473 cindylvdavis@aol.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>July 11-15, 2024</i> Fun on the Farm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fun on the Farm at Riprap Meadows 340 Sutton Hollow Rd., Windham, NY 12496 https://form.jotform.com/233603209830046</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Diane & Eric Bergquist 518-281-3240 riprapmeadows@earthlink.net</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>August 1-5, 2024</i> New York State Rally</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Gary Russo fullofflife123@yahoo.com Sites have been reserved at Sampson, See page13 for more information</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>September 5-8, 2024</i> Installation Rally</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Schodack Island State Park 1 Schodack Island Way Schodack Landing, NY 12156 Reservations through Reserve America</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dan & Pat Steen 518-281-7876 dmsteen@gmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>October 5-10, 2024</i> 67h International Rally</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p style="text-align: center;">Missouri State Fairgrounds Sedalia Missouri</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Register now at: https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024</p>

Remember to let the Hosts know when you make your reservation

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hudson-Mohawk Officers

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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.

Attention All Airstreamers!

We are excited to announce that

Future Streamers Intra-Club are collecting pop tabs to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Kansas City, MO. Please start collecting as many pop tabs as you can from rallies, home, work and even your neighbors. You can bring them to the International Rally in Sedalia, MO. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and support a good cause. Remember, our children (Future Streamers) are giving back to other children, and pop tabs are easy to collect when you are on the road. Let's show our love for aluminum and make a difference together!

Don't drink soda or have cans with tabs? No Worries here is a link dedicated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities-Kansas City where you can make monetary donations.
See You In Sedalia.

If you have any questions please contact Misti Roach @ futurestreamersairsteam@gmail.com

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



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.



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

<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 Cindy Davis at:

cindylvdavis@aol.com for our web page.

Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:

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

CELEBRATING

May

1st Pat Steen 1389

8th Dan Steen 1389

8th K.C. Boelsems 3203

22nd Larry Ascenzi 2128

June

12th Carol Abraham 2091

13th Geoff Whittle 10565

Happy Birthday

June 3rd John & Wendy Vettovalli 4391

June 17th Joseph & Debra Moloughney 17600

June 24th Geoff & Sue Whittle 10565



WELCOME New Members



Gary & Susan Jensen / 2024-Flying Cloud 28' / 02880

Edward & Nancy Mellina / 2023 International 25' / 14457

Affiliate members from Watchung NJ Airstream Club

Looking forward to meeting you at an event real soon!



Happy
Mother's
Day

Sunshine



Sending sunshine, well wishes and happy thoughts to everyone!

REGION 2 NEWS

April

By Region 2 President Gary Russo



For me April means one thing.
Some of you may think of moving the clocks forward,
as in spring ahead.
For me the truck and trailer come out of winter storage.

There is still time and space to sign up for the Region 2 Rally in Centre PA.

In March we had our Mid-Winter IBT Strategy meeting in Jackson Center.

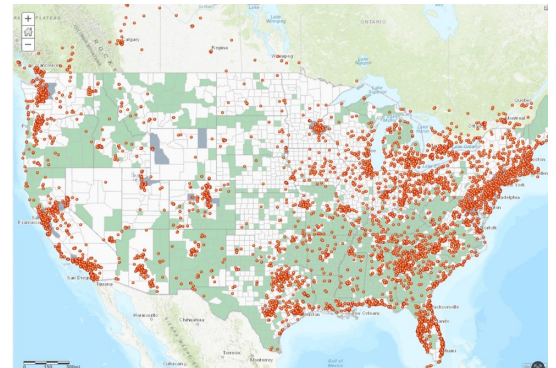
During the meeting we discussed several Club concerns:

- Internal Communications
- External Communications
- Welcome and Retention of members
- Infrastructure (building and software)
- Training of officers (at all levels)
- Financial Literacy and Sustainability -- For further information, refer to the April 2024 Blue Beret Blog.



We were lucky at the Mid-Winter IBT as Suzanne and I left Jackson Center approximately 1.5 hrs. before an EF 2 Tornado hit Logan County. For reference, an EF 2 Tornado has winds ranging between 113-157 mph. Logan County received some serious damage to the area. If you are interested in helping people in Logan County, contact the local United Way of Logan County. Their phone number is (937)-592-2886 or <https://uwlogan.org>. If you do donate to that cause, make sure they know that you are with the Airstream Club in your donation.

In March I sent out a News Flash about the June election. Here is a map of the members in North America. As you can see, there is a very high density of members in Region 2. As I pointed out in the News Flash, only 311 people out of 965 from Region 2 voted in the last election. Region 2 has 13 clubs so that means on average 24 members from each club voted. Jackson Center will have a Campfire meeting where the topic for the vote will be centerstage as well as sending out multiple emails on the topic. To make sure people without email access are notified, I will be contacting the local Club Presidents, and a snail mail notification will be sent to members without an email address. Jackson Center will send out a paper ballot if one is requested.



We have been working hard with 3rd party vendors to get benefits for our ACI members.



See you down the road,
Gary Russo
Region 2 President

REGION 2 NEWS

Continued

May Update



May is when my Cleveland Pear trees bloom and what a spectacular site it is. We have 4 20+-foot-tall pyramidal trees in my backyard, and my truck and trailer are now in the driveway. I have DE-winterized MaryAnn II. Hard to believe that the we are less than a week away from the Region 2 Rally.

In this message I would like to talk about the Region 2 Facebook page. This Facebook page is for the advancement of Region 2, Club activities, Airstream trailer related issues, and How To videos. We are now working on the rules of the road for it. One aspect is the security and safety of people who are members of this Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we move forward.

As with the use of any social media:

- Use appropriate language and behavior when interacting with others (i.e. no cyberbullying)
- Respect the opinions and ideas of others
- Obey all intellectual property laws
- Do not use or share others' work without permission
- Follow rules and/or codes of conduct for the Facebook page
- Responsibility to report cyberbullying, threats, and inappropriate use of digital resources

See you down the road,
Gary Russo
Region 2 President





AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG/BENEFITS

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & DISCOUNTS:

[Airstream Supply Company](#) – The Official Outfitter of the World's Most Iconic Recreational Vehicles.

ACI members save 10% off the "Airstream Love Collection".

[CampersCard](#) – A campground discount program that gives you discounts and perks at campgrounds across the nation. **ACI members receive 15% off a new CampersCard membership.**

[CampScanner](#) – A database of 9,600+ campgrounds at National Parks, State Parks and more that helps you snag reservations by providing your desired camp dates and location to be notified if a spot opens. **ACI members receive 15% off a new CampScanner membership.**

[CarGenerator](#) – A cool device no bigger than a backpack that turns your tow vehicle into a generator. It can then be used to power your Airstream while camping or for home backup of your oil or gas furnace and appliances in the event of a power outage. **ACI members save \$150-\$400 on each unit purchased.**

[Goodyear Tires](#) – Confident traction and responsive handling for your Airstream Adventures. **ACI members save 15% off select tires.**

[Griot's Garage](#) – Superior car care products recognized for their commitment to excellence by automotive enthusiasts and luxury brand owners' groups. **ACI members save 15% off the "car care liquids" product line.**

[Harvest Hosts](#) – A membership program that provides access to a network of more than 4,000 wineries, farms, breweries, museums and other unique attractions that invite self-contained RVers to visit and stay overnight. **ACI members receive 50% off a new Harvest Hosts membership.**

[KOA Rewards](#) – A program that provides 10% off daily registration fees at 500+ KOA campgrounds throughout the U.S. and Canada, plus the ability to earn rewards points that accumulate for cash off future stays at any KOA. Plus, exclusive savings and offers from great partners like Coleman, Anker, RV and RoadHelp. **ACI members receive a free first-year enrollment in KOA's Rewards program.**

[Michelin Advantage Program](#) – Heavy-duty, commercial light truck tires ideal for carrying heavy loads, towing, high duty cycles, and constant or near-constant driving. Michelin offers competitive savings on both new and re-tread tires. **ACI members save up to 20% off select tires.**

[Passport America](#) – A membership program that offers 50% off camping at nearly 1,600 participating parks, campgrounds and resorts across the US, Canada and Mexico. **ACI members receive anywhere from \$66-\$242 on the purchase of membership.**

[RV LIFE Pro](#) – A premier RV trip planning and navigation suite that includes a comprehensive trip planner, a mobile navigation app and more. By using the ultimate trip planning tool, RV LIFE Trip Wizard, everything you need is in one place: campgrounds, fuel stops, rest areas, satellite view, street view, elevation, grade, weather and more. **ACI Members: Receive a 50% discount off a first-year subscription.**

[Solo Stove](#) – Personalized tabletop stoves, portable fire pits and propane pizza ovens etched with the ACI logo. **ACI members receive specially priced customized products made to order.**

[Zarges](#) – These riveted aluminum cases are a match made in heaven to pair with the design aesthetic of legendary Airstreams, with a diversity of sizes for every possible use! **ACI members receive 15% off a wide range of stackable case sizes.**

Hudson-Mohawk Spring Lunch Get Together

April 20th



CARSON'S WOODSIDE TAVERN

Sandy Boogertman



Following a pop-up winter storm in March which required the March lunch to be cancelled, Barb, Bill and Hollie opted for resilience by melding the March and April luncheons. Twice the fun! The 24 members of the Hudson-Mohawk Unit who attended were treated to beautiful, sweeping view of Saratoga Lake and great pub food that Carson's Woodside Tavern offers. But nothing compared to the funny, yet clever, tune-up tips offered by club members. The best of the bunch were:

Glen Ostrich



Sandy Boogertman's hilarious tale of how to eliminate mice that had made their home in an upper cabinet...poor mice still don't know what hit 'em!



Glenn Ostrich, whose beloved wife, Beth, is quite vocal about her zero sticker tolerance, has perfected the fine art of compromise – he uses plexiglass to display the camping stickers he collects, and then, at the end of the season, buys a new plexiglass and starts all over! Happy wife, happy life!

Stan Stoklosa



Leave it to Stan Stoklosa to offer up the best "why didn't I think of that" tune-up trick – to keep your hose from getting stuck under tires, wedge a tennis ball under the tire and the hose will move easily to its needed destination! Brilliant!



The festive vibe of the lunch was augmented by the pretty little origami baskets hand-made by Barb in bright springy colors and filled with candy treats, and by the beautiful paper flower "bouquet" which Wendy Vetrovalli gave to each trailer to thank members for their kind support while she muscled her way through the "marvels" of modern medicine for the past year plus – having Wendy at the luncheon was a treat in itself!

Finally, we were pleased to welcome new members Connie and Eric Pearson, who have been restoring a 1955 Airstream – that just needs a TV! And we would like to thank Region 1 President, Gary Russo, and his wife, Suzanne, for making the trek to join the lunch and to share news from the mothership.

And now, let's camp!



Tess & Stan Stoklosa, Gary & Suzanne Russo, Bill Levy & Cindy Davis, Connie & Eric Pearson, Glenn & Beth Oldrich, Sandy Boogertman & Daughter, Larry Ascenzi, John & Wendy Vetrovalli, Hollie Bart, Barbara & Bill Schultz, Bob & Joan Stevens, Polly & Hartwell Herring, Eric & Diane Bergquist



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.



Field we will be camping on



View from the field we will be camping on



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:

*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.

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