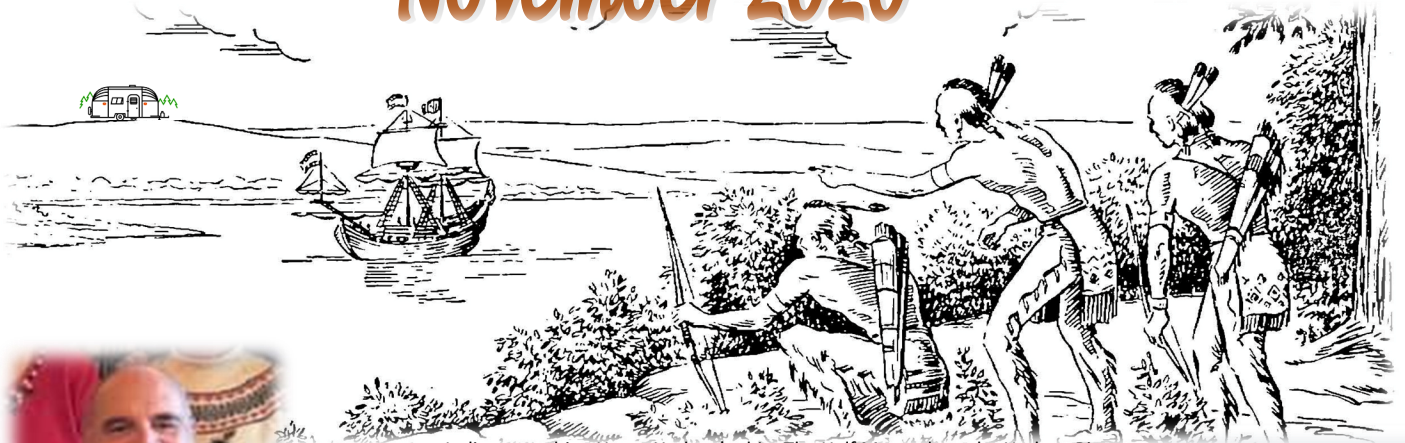


# The Hudson Mohawk Navigator

## November 2020



Indians watching Henry Hudson's ship, The Half Moon along the Hudson River.



### President's Message

As the camping season for many of us comes to a close, I can't help wonder what the 2021-22 season will have in store for the members of our unit.

I want to offer special thanks to John Vettaovalli and the other officers of the club. While we kidded John unmercifully about not having anything to do for the year, in truth, this was not an easy year to be President. We were certainly navigating uncharted waters.

For Pat and I, this past year we ended up cancelling two long distance trips, and instead we only went out three times, the farthest being the Fish Creek Rally. I'm sure the story was similar for many of you.

Planning for the 2021 season is well underway. Unfortunately, we are not scheduling any winter lunches at this point. Given the current conditions, restaurants cannot accommodate larger groups. Many of us would not be comfortable attending such events in close quarters at this time. I know I miss these lunches as a way to connect with new and old friends during the winter, but it can't be helped.

As you can see from the Schedule of Events, arrangements for our monthly summer rallies are coming together. Several members have made reservations for the 64<sup>th</sup> International Rally in Lebanon, TN July 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. I know these events seem like a long way off, but if you are even considering going to any of the events, it is a good idea to make reservations early. You can cancel if plans change, usually with only a modest charge. If you want to go at the last minute, without a reservation, you might be closed out.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

Stay safe. Hope to see you down the road.

Dan Steen, President

### **Officers**

President

Dan Steen

1st Vice President

Bill Levy

2nd Vice President

Vacant

Treasurer

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

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*Renew your Airstream  
Club Membership*



### **WBCCI 2021 Dues**

It's time to renew your membership!

Go to [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) to renew,  
that's the easiest way!!

# Important Information

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Dan Steen Barb Schultz Wendy Vettovalli Bill Levy

## 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](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 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

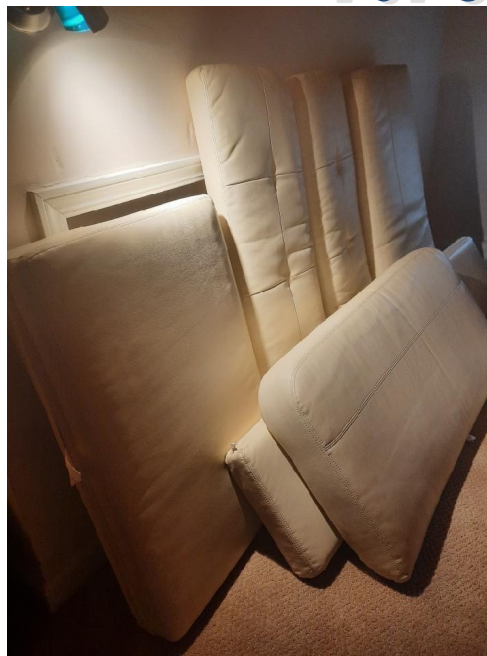
## Change in Plans

Gary LaMohe (3122), our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, has indicated he expects to sell his home base and does not expect to be back in NY except for a couple of weeks each year. Gary lives full time in his Airstream and will be unable to perform the duties of the position. The main duty of the 1<sup>st</sup> VP is to become the President the following year.

Gary is a longtime member of the unit who has done his bit in the past. We wish him well as he continues his travels not burdened by the upkeep of a home base.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bill Levy (23673) has graciously agreed to assume the President slot a year earlier than planned. At our next opportunity to hold a business meeting, formally elevating Bill to 1<sup>st</sup> VP and recruiting a new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP will be on the agenda. Thank you Bill!

## For Sale



Luxury dinette cushions  
\$1,250

Full dinette set of cushions  
23' foot Airstream signature international  
Second set.  
Rarely used  
No Pets  
Kept inside year round  
Text Carol Frey  
484-888-4002  
Live in Saratoga.  
Must pick up, no delivery

## WBCCI 2021 Dues

2021 dues are now payable. Following below are relevant portions of notification I received from International (*I added the italicized portions for clarification*):

2021 Membership Renewal season is here. A few changes have transpired since last renewal season:

○ Membership dues are \$75.00 a year. (*International portion is \$75, up from \$65 last year, plus the unchanged additional \$10 for Hudson-Mohawk Unit dues, for a total annual amount of \$85.00.*)

○ The three-part renewal form has been discontinued.

○ HQ will be notifying members it is time to renew by postcard, email, and social media.

Local Clubs are encouraged to direct their members to [airstreamclub.org/renew](http://airstreamclub.org/renew) to renew their membership starting August 1.

○ HQ will notify Local Clubs of issues contacting members for renewals.

○ The deadline for the Annual Printed Membership Directory is December 31, 2020.

The Annual Printed Membership Directory will be published in February.

Annual Printed Membership Directory Local Clubs must submit any joins or renewals to HQ by DECEMBER 31st. (Blue Book Policy, 12.4.1 B, Blue Beret, Sec. 1) There is NO guarantee members will be in the Annual Printed Membership Directory if the member's information is received after December 31st. Starting in 2021, the Annual Printed Membership Directory will be published in the month of February.

**The easiest way to renew is to do it online as noted with the link above and pay by credit card.**

Following the link above will take you straight to the page titled

### Renew your Airstream Club Membership

Just scroll down to start completing the required information and it should be self-explanatory from there. If any of your information has changed since last year, you can make the changes online by selecting "No" in answer to the question "Is your current information on file correct?". When you get to the "Unit Dues" field, Surprise! They changed the list from last year and it is now alphabetical, just look for "Hudson -Mohawk New York Unit"

If you can renew online, the entire \$85.00 dues payment goes directly to headquarters and they will send the \$10.00 unit dues back to us through direct deposit to the club checking account. I will get copies of the member information you provide to them. This is certainly the simplest and easiest way to pay your dues. When I did ours, I received e-mail verification almost instantly.

However, if you cannot do the online process, you can send a check to me, I will deposit it in the club checking account; then send a check to headquarters for their \$75 portion. If you do send me a check, please include a note letting me know if the information international has is still the same as last year or if any of it needs to be changed. This may become problematic if you wait until late November to send it to me, considering the deadline for getting the information and payment to international before December 31st.

FYI: This was also included in the notification from International:

The members-only self-service portal on [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) will be launching soon. Once members can log in, they will be able to see the data we have on file for them. Keep an eye out for that notification.



# Region 2 News

Submitted by Rich Short, Region 2 President

October 2020

This time last year, I was writing about our having just returned from the Ontario Canada Airstream Club Installation Rally as well as the Pennsylvania State Rally out in Centre Hall, PA. Unfortunately, those did not happen this year, but I am pleased to say I had the honor of installing the new Ontario Club #124 Officers again, via Zoom. Kathi and I do intend to be at a Watchung NJ Airstream Club Rally up in the Delaware Water Gap area of PA over the Columbus Day Weekend, then down to the DelMarVa Airstream Club Rally in Centreville, MD before wrapping things up at the Keystone Airstream Club Rally down in Harpers Ferry, WV the first week of November. Did I just say November? Truth be told...I will be glad when this year is in the rearview mirror and the sun is rising on the horizon of a new year with a lot of bright optimism shining through the clouds.

This is always a busy time with the last few rallies on the calendar, new officers being installed and the first reminders for renewing our Airstream Club membership arrive. It is never too early to renew, and the best way is to visit our [airstreamclub.org](https://airstreamclub.org) website and renew online. <https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal> It is less of a burden on HQ and on your own local Club Treasurers when you renew online. And this year, you can renew any time before the end of the year and still be included in the 2021 Membership Directory. If you recall, the change was made at the Summer IBT to produce the Membership Directory for February distribution, giving everybody who renews in 2020 an opportunity to be included. Good stuff...now go renew!

As mentioned, most of our local clubs will be holding their officer elections and installations over the next months. Thank you to all who served under difficult circumstances this year. Additionally, we send our congratulations and thank you to all who have volunteered to lead their clubs in 2021. Except for the handful of paid staff at HQ, our Airstream Club runs completely on the strength, enthusiasm, and commitment of its members. Those that step up to contribute their time and efforts for the benefit of our members deserve our encouragement and support. Speaking of volunteering...the Region needs a 2nd VP for next year. As I complete my term, our two VPs will move up, creating an empty chair. Please consider taking a leadership position in the Region. It is an honor to sit on the Board of Trustees of the largest, oldest, and BEST single brand RV club in the world. It is a fun and rewarding experience to be part of the growth and progress our Airstream Club is experiencing. Please reach out to me with questions about the many benefits of serving as a Region officer.

We are looking into a location for the 2021 R2 Rally in the US as the prospects of traveling across the border to Rally in Canada are now nil. We will keep our options open for a 2022 in Ontario and concentrate on a "new normal" type Rally in the States for next year. It may wind up looking a little different, but the goals of the R2Rally will be the same...a safe and fun gathering of friends to celebrate our Airstream Club and Airstream lifestyle, conduct a Business Meeting, install our new 2021 Region 2 Officers and get ready for the International Rally in Lebanon, TN. Stay tuned for details...

Lastly, our Region 2 Caravan Leader Kerry Mattila is putting the finishing touches on a Region 2 [Autumn in the Maritimes Caravan](#) scheduled for 08/31-10/02/2021. This Caravan will be the precursor to a National Caravan for 2022. Kerry is an excellent and experienced Caravan Leader and has put a lot of time and effort in this. Watch our Region 2 website for more info or contact Kerry at [124caravan@airstreamclub.net](mailto:124caravan@airstreamclub.net)

Kathi joins me in sending best regards to our Region 2 Airstreamers. Stay well. See you down the road. Rich Short #1512

November 2020

It is practically November as I write this and the year has been quite different, to say the least. No need to recap or review all the events and non-events of the year that made it so. I think we have all heard and read enough to understand. Suffice to say I will be both sad and glad to see 2020 end. I'm sad for the fact of missed opportunities in the camaraderie and travel adventure our Club is known for. But I am glad in the hope that much of the fear of the unknown and the disappointment of cancelled events will be behind us. We have learned to adapt. The future may look different, but I know the Airstream Club will remain strong and vibrant. Fact: our Airstream Club has added over 475 new memberships in the last three months alone. That is almost 1000 new members and is amazing. I know you join me in welcoming all new members to our Club family. Let's enter the coming year with confidence together.

Kathi and I were able to get out and camp with our home club, the Watchung NJ Airstream Club, in mid-October. We spent 3 beautiful days up in the Pocono Mtn. region of the Delaware Water Gap. Fall colors were on full display against a background of clear and bright blue skies. Although there were no shared meals or close quarter happy hours, the "socially distanced" campfire each evening was wonderful. Thank you to hosts Harry and Lori Sacks! This past weekend took us, along with Region 2 Membership Chair Lea Plant, down to Centreville, MD and the DelMarVa Airstream Club's Rally. I was honored to preside over the installation of their 2021 club officers. Congrats to President Katharine Dowell and the DelMarVa Club. A special thank you to Chuck Helwig and Malcolm Comstock for their efforts in providing a great installation dinner... a DelMarVa tradition. The first weekend in November we will head down to Harpers Ferry, WV to camp with Jody Dietz and the Keystone PA Unit. Should be a great way to end the camping season with their "Time-to-Wrap-it-Up Rally". I guess the title says it all!

We have no definite plans for a 2021 Region 2 Rally to report on currently. I will say we are looking at several different venues for a possible mid-May or early June rally. If it happens, it will be reduced in size and scope as we continue to deal with and adapt to the demands of the pandemic. I would like to have our Region 2 Business Meeting and Officer Installation in person rather than on Zoom, but we will have to wait a bit and see. The Mid-Winter IBT meeting is still scheduled for Jan 21-25, 2021 in Sarasota, FL and the International Rally for July 17-24, 2021 in Lebanon, TN. There is still time to register for both.

Please don't procrastinate or forget to [renew your Airstream Club membership](#). Online is still the best way to accomplish that and you have until the end of the year to do so and still be included in the annual Membership Directory. The Directory will be published in February, giving everybody time to hit the RENEW button on the website. Don't wait...please do it now if you haven't already.

As you have read, I am leading a team of Club members in a quest to improve and expand the tangible benefits of belonging to the WBCCI. Recently announced was a new partnership with Passport America, a discount camping membership club. Other benefits to include discounts on quality goods such as tires and safety products and for services like travel and pet insurance are in the works. All of that and more is being incorporated into the new "member only" portal on the [airstreamclub.org](https://airstreamclub.org) website. There you will soon be able to maintain your member profile, access "member only" info and product discount codes, see your history of club offices held, participation in Caravans and more. You're going to love it.

Kathi joins me in sending our best regards to all for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

As our new Watchung NJ Airstream Club President, Meg Riley, signs her emails... "Stay well and Purell".

Rich Short #1512

# Schedule of Events 2021

May 6-9 2021	Season Opener Letchworth State Park Castile, NY	John & Wendy Vettovali 518-848-8023 wendymv1@yahoo.com
June 4-6 2021	Whittle Memorial Buddy Rally Lake George RV Park Lake George, NY	Geoff & Sue Whittle 518-378-2396 whittleg06@gmail.com
July 17-24 2021	64th International Rally Lebanon, TN	
August 4-9 2021	Cowboy Rally Frontier Town Campground North Hudson, NY	Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com
September 9-11 2021	Installation Rally "The Villages at Turning Stone Casino"	Dan & Pat Steen 518-441-5280 pmsteen04@gmail.com
October 1-3 2021	"Chili" Weekend Schodack Island State Park 1 Schodack Way, Schodack Landing, NY	Bill Levy & Cindy Davis 845-235-9473 cindyldavis@aol.com

*Sorry to report that Our November Luncheon and  
December Holiday Party have been Canceled .  
Please stay safe and healthy !*

*Enjoy your Holidays*



# Hudson-Mohawk NY Unit Installation Rally

## September 17-20, 2020

Fish Creek Pond Campground, Saranac Lake, NY

Attending (dogs):

John & Wendy Vettovalli

Dan & Pat Steen

Bill & Barb Schultz; (*Pebbles*)

Larry Ascenzi; (*Drake*)

Cindy Davis, Bill Levy; (*Harry*)

Eric & Diane Berkowicz; (*Sally & Taffy*)

Dan & Pat's daughter Elizabeth, son-in-law Ed, granddaughter Evie; (*Higgins, aka Quiver*)

The weather was beautiful all weekend, although quite cold at night. I believe every one of us made good use of our Airstream furnaces this weekend. This was a state campground, so dry camping with no electric for our little heaters. We visited back and forth and met one of our new club members, Richard & Brenda Parker, who happened to be camping in another area of the campground and stopped to say hello when they were walking by all of us. We hope to see them at some of our future events.

We gathered for a campfire each evening: Thursday at Larry's; Friday at John & Wendy's; and Saturday at Dan & Pat's. Dan & Pat's daughter, son-in-law & granddaughter, along with their dog, joined Dan & Pat Friday morning & stayed over through Sunday. Some of us took the opportunity to go visit The Wild Center in nearby Tupper Lake. Although the indoor portion was closed due to Covid-19, there was plenty to do outside and the weather was great for walking around and checking it all out.

We had our first official club meeting since September 2019, (and John's only meeting) nominating, electing and installing new officers for 2021. At Saturday's campfire, John & I decided to hold our May 2021 rally at Letchworth State Park and everyone at the rally made reservations there in Loop 100 for that rally next spring.

Fish Creek Pond Campground was a great campground and I'd recommend it highly (at least after Labor Day, when it's probably a lot less busy than it would be during the summer).

*Wendy & John Vettovalli*



Club Meeting



2020 President John Vettovalli



Dan Steen, Barbara S., Wendy V., Bill Levy, Eric Bergquist, Bill Schultz  
2021 Officers



# Fish Creek Pond Campground



Steen



Vetovalli



Bergquist



Ascenzi



Schultz



Harry



Drake



Pebbles



Harry's People, Bill & Cindy



Richard & Brenda Parker

# Where have you been and what have you been up to?

Herrings **1144** at Herkimer KOA  
RESORT on West Canada Creek.  
October 23rd



Harry was a winner in the  
Airstream September  
photo challenge...  
**copilot was the topic**  
Bill Levy, Cindy Davis,  
Harry **23673**



Windy, chilly weekend  
at Cumberland Bay  
State Park .  
October 11th,  
Schultz **5666**

Went for a long weekend to Wells, Maine with our son and family. The weather was perfect, the campground outstanding. We had a site with an ocean view. Ate a lot of seafood and enjoyed the beach. Sounds great right? Well we had a few bumps along the way. Twenty minutes from home our GPS brought us to the Buskirk Covered Bridge!! 9'8" Will we fit? We did with not much wiggle room, Ahh...! As we were heading over the mountain trail, coming down the steep grade, one of the trailer brakes was getting hot. Bill had been very worried about this happening. In a parking lot in NH Bill is under the Airstream adjusting the brake and then back on the road. We were very happy to get to the campground, get setup and enjoy the ocean view when yet another bump happened. Our door knob broke and would not open from the inside. Luckily we were not inside when it happened. Bill had to remove the doorknob, put duck tape over the hole in the door and carve a chunk of wood (He decorated it very nicely) to hold the door closed. We were trying to get parts sent to us, but parts for a 1969 Airstream are hard to get. He had a plan to make the part needed as soon as we got home. The trip home was smooth sailing, skipped the mountains and took the highway. Bill has fixed all of the things that needed to be fixed and our Airstream is tucked away for the winter. Can't wait until Spring! Bill & Barbara Schultz **5666**



Sun rise at Sea-Vu Campground, Wells, Maine, October 2nd



October 1st





# CELEBRATING

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### November

- 1 Paul Coffman 22537
- 2 Henry Bilodeau 5318
- 2 Dee Perry 5031
- 10 Lee Belec 3035
- 10 Wendy Vettovalli 4391
- 17 Dana King 10016

### December

- 4 Joan Stevens 4430
- 9 Craig Arons 9389
- 11 Cheryl Arons 9389
- 19 Roger Smith 10566
- 30 Bill Schultz 5666

## Happy Anniversary

28 November Art & Camille Crandall 5880

27 December Randy & K.C. Boelsems 3203