



# The Hudson Mohawk Navigator

## September 2020



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



### President's Message

Hello everyone!

Hope this finds everyone well and looking forward to fall. This year sure has seemed to wiz right by. Due to all the Covid closings & cancellations, we haven't had much chance to get together. However, it has allowed Wendy & I to get quite a lot of maintenance done around home that we haven't had time for in recent years.

I am looking forward to conducting my final meeting of the year at our Installation Rally that's coming up quick! We still need a volunteer for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Please think about hosting a rally or luncheon in 2021 so we can get our schedule filled in. You really don't need to make any elaborate plans, just pick a date and find a campground; we'll make plans to join you there.

See you soon,

John Vettovali, President

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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



## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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Send pictures, rally reports and club information to:  
[HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com) for the newsletter.

Pictures can also be sent to Dana King at:  
[godogs@frontiernet.net](mailto: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



## SCAM ALERT!!

John was recently notified by Cindy Davis that she had received an email that appeared to be sent to her from him. This was a scam. This is the same one I sent out an email notice about. Apparently the source had something to do with WBCCI. I called International and was told they were aware of this type of scam email. They said it was due to robots and there is nothing they can do about it. They said we should just be aware of the possibility and to warn everyone to be very careful to watch the source of any emails. It seems these things are so common, no big warnings are sent out. Please be careful, if an email looks odd or weird in any way, be especially careful.

Wendy Vettovali, Treasurer



*Sending Our deepest condolences to Sue Whittle &  
Family on her Father's passing.  
May his memories bring you all comfort.*

## 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.

Thanks for making life easy and paying online!

Wendy Vettovali

Treasurer



## Region 2 News

Submitted by Rich Short, Region 2 President

Region 2 News for Mid-August 2020

It is always fun for me to read through the newsletters from our local clubs in Region 2. It is especially interesting these recent months, amid an event that has had such a tremendous impact on our Airstream way of life. While most organized rallies have been cancelled, newsletters show there are still clubs with small, modified events on the calendar. Only the passing of time, and the next newsletter edition, will tell if the event was actually held. But what I have noticed is that quite a few of our restless (and dauntless) Airstreamers are out camping and exploring either “solo” or with perhaps one other couple. Caution and social distancing are the norm in the stories I have read but it is obvious that COVID has not taken all the fun from Airstream travel for these folks. The stories recount simple trips to state parks close to home and some of trips across country and back! Each story and every picture put a smile on my face. It means a lot to me knowing that the spirit of our Airstream members may be stressed by events, but we are not all down and out! Events may have caused changes in our modus operandi, but we are still motivated to get out, explore, and like Wally said... “find out what’s over the next hill and the one after that”. Keep on rolling, Airstreamers!

Time at home has also proven to be a time for many of our club members to take on improvement projects and renovations of their beloved Airstreams. From remodeled bathrooms, new cabinetry, and countertops, to flooring, new upholstery and more! Airstreamers are some of the original and best DIYers! The stories and pictures in the newsletters prove it. What Airstream project have you been working on? Share it with us.

I also enjoy the articles that members write about their earliest camping experiences. Stories about camping with parents or grandparents, how that first pop-up trailer or hard sided trailer came to be theirs. And of course, the first Airstream. Backpackers and tents graduating to vans outfitted for sleeping or those huge station wagons of the 60s and 70s! Great stories, pictures and memories shared with and within our Airstream family. All great stuff!

HQ reports that registration for the IBT Mid-Winter meeting in Sarasota, FL is open. The dates are set as arriving on site January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and departing on January 22, 2021. You can find more info and register [here](#) Registration for the 64<sup>th</sup> International Rally in Lebanon, TN is also open and according to HQ is “going great”! That registration can be found [here](#) Headquarters reminds us that they are certainly aware that we are still in COVID mode and that the above events are subject to change. Keep your fingers crossed, say your prayers, turn your pj’s inside out or do whatever your “make it come true” ritual is for our 2021 Rallies!

In more news from HQ, the [Airstream Club Store](#) has been launched with a link to the Club’s Lands End storefront. There you will be able to purchase all manner of Airstream Club apparel. There will be additional items added to the Club Store in the coming months.

I hope this finds all in our Region safe and well. Kathi joins me in sending our best regards.

# Schedule of Events 2020

September 17-20	<b>Installation Rally</b> Fish Creek Pond Public Campground 4523 State Route 30, Saranac Lake, NY	John & Wendy Vettovalli wendymv1@yahoo.com
October 2-4	<b>Dry Camping Rally</b> 101 Canty Road, Greenfield Center, NY 12833	Gary LaMothe g0828@aol.com
November 7th, 2020 12:00noon	<b>Fall Luncheon</b> Mahoney's Irish Pub & Steakhouse 35 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	Cindy Davis cindylvdavis@aol.com 845-227-8301
December	<b>Holiday Party</b>	Gary LaMothe g0828@aol.com

Who's ready for 2021?

Me, Me, Me, I am!

Where do you want to go?

Lets fill up our 2021 calendar of  
Events and get going.

# CELEBRATING

## SEPTEMBER

12 Lisa Coffman 22537  
13 Kathryn Griffin 2813  
17 Polly Herring 1144  
30 Art Crandall 5880

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

## OCTOBER

3 Sue Whittle 10565  
7 Lisa Beebe 6055  
18 Joyce Bartlett 4376  
21 Hartwell Herring 1144  
27 Connie Pearson 6232

## Happy Anniversary

September 4th Don & Dee Perry 5031  
September 6th Richard & Kathryn Griffin 2813

## Welcome New Members

Pat & Stuart Chandler 7851  
Kevin West & Hayley Shoener 5920  
Jennifer McGrew & Ward Spangenberg 20207

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

# August Camping



Bill & Barbara Schultz **5666** camped at Schodack Island, Schodack Landing, NY



Bob & Joan Stevens **4430** enjoyed a few relaxing days at Frontier Town, North Hudson, NY



Bill & Barbara Schultz **5666** spent a long weekend at Thornbush Acres RV Park, Indian Lake, NY



Larry Ascenzi **2128** is spending the summer camping in the marina driveway.

# Hudson Mohawk "Drop-In" Rally



August 20-23, 2020

Arrowhead Marina & RV Park, Glenville, NY

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovali

This was a small, but relaxing rally by the river. Attending were: John & Wendy Vettovali, Dan & Pat Steen and Bill & Barb Schultz. With only three units, we were not able to conduct an actual club meeting, but we had beautiful weather and just hung out, visiting and enjoying each other's company. The trains were in the background and an occasional boat went by, headed up or down the river. As advertised, each couple took care of their own meals. We had a Happy Hour each afternoon and gathered around a campfire each evening. We ended our days early and were glad to be able to get together.

Wendy Vettovali



*Wendy, Pat, Dan, John, Bill, Barbara*



# **Hudson-Mohawk Installation Rally 2020**

September 17-20, 2020

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovalli

## **Fish Creek Pond Campground**

4523 State Route 30

Saranac Lake, NY

This is going to be a very informal rally, other than our club meetings. We will have two meetings to allow time to nominate (nominations for officers are still looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President) and elect new officers, then install them for the coming year. There are no planned group meals or activities. You should plan and bring all of your own meals, drinks, snacks, desserts and other goodies. We're hoping for a chance to hang out and visit from as near or far as you feel comfortable.

The main reason this location was chosen was to be able to visit The Wild Center. Their outdoor activities are open, but you must make reservations before arriving at the Center. When I looked this morning, they have openings for all times today (it's Saturday), so it doesn't appear to be a problem. Fee for adults is \$20 for the day, \$18 for seniors 65 and above or military. Currently, the indoor activities and gift shop are temporarily closed, so you'll need to pack a picnic lunch if you'll be there during lunch. Restrooms are available.

It looks like there's plenty to do.

Just go to the website & poke around:

<https://www.wildcenter.org/>

They also have a section on their webpage about things to do in the area, check this out:

<https://www.wildcenter.org/visit/plan-a-visit/nearby/>

We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Wendy & John Vettovalli

# Gary's "No HookUp" Rally

Arrive: oct 2  
Depart Oct 4

Bring leveling blocks.  
Water spigot is available to top off fresh water tank.  
Dump station available either on way in or out.  
No activities planned. Saratoga is 5 minutes away,  
Lake George is 30.  
Anyone wanting to attend  
please call or text me 518-584-2708.

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Gary LaMothe