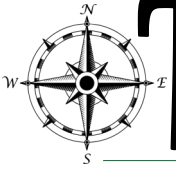


September 2023



The Navigator

Hudson-Mohawk NY, 071



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

Summer of 2023

Notes from the Road Part 2



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Diane Bergquist

President's Message



What a summer it was! I do hope everyone's summer has great memories attached to the months that have pasted so far and it's not over yet. We still have two more rallies to add to our list.

The 66th International Rally in Rocks Springs, WY was a great success. Beautiful scenery, wonderful sites to visit and terrific activities at the rally to participate in. We have a new Region 2 President, Gary Russo, pictured on the far left. I've talked with Gary and I really think he will be a positive and effective Region 2 President.



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Diane's Message Continued...

There were several topics discussed at the International Rally on how to move forward and to continue to develop an even more inclusive ACI. We have a newly elected Executive Council of nine voted in by ACI members through online voting via email during June. The council was increased from six to nine, they will serve a two year term as will the International Officers in the ACI. Pictured here are eight of the members, Eric McHenry is also a member he is at the podium out of picture range.

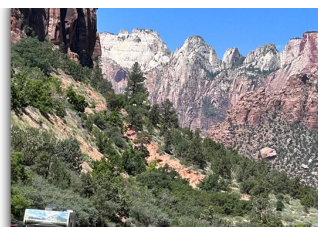


The weather was hot and very windy, awnings were out on rare occasions when we were sure the wind had died down enough. Also attending the Rally from Hudson Mohawk, were Pat and Dan Steen, Gary Lamothe and Tina Occhipinti. Much fun was had by all.

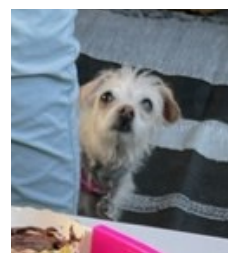
The Vintage Airstream parade was as always a great site to see. So many lovingly restored Airstreams on display making the long trip to Wyoming.



Our summer adventures continued after the conclusion of the International rally. We left Rock Springs and headed to Utah. We visited the Mighty Five National Parks, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon and Zion. From Utah we traveled to Arizona to spend three days at the Grand Canyon. It still takes my breath away remembering the amazing sites at each of the National Parks we visited, sixty days of great memories.



Last but not least, we had a wonderful time at the Circle your Wagons Rally in August, organized by the Finger Lakes and Ontario clubs at Sampson State Park. There were 60 Airstreams participating in the rally. The weather was great with great fun had by everyone. All who participated had a fantastic time. Five of the Airstreams included in the count were from Hudson Mohawk Club, Eric and I, Barbara and Bill Schultz, Tess and Stan Stoklosa, Bob and Joan Stevens, and Cindy Davis and Bill Levy. Included in the festivities was celebrating Eric's birthday on the 4th.



As I mentioned above, there are two more rallies planned for this season our Installation Rally at Green Lakes State Park in September, Movies under Stars and Southwick Beach State Park, Camp to Coast in October. Looking forward to ending the season with you all at the remaining rallies.



Diane Bergquist, President

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2023

<i>September 7-10 Installation Rally</i>	Green Lakes State Park Fayetteville, NY 13066 Reservations can be made <u>NOW</u> through Reserve America	Diane & Eric Bergquist 518-281-3240 riprapmeadows@earthlink.net
<i>September 28 - October 1, 2023 Fall Rally</i>	Southwick Beach State Park 8119 Southwicks Pl. Henderson, NY 13650 Reservations can be made <u>NOW</u> through Reserve America	Hollie Bart 646-398-0066 flostream66@gmail.com

Remember to let the Hosts know when you make your reservation

2023/2024 Club Activities

It's that time of year when we need to begin thinking about next year's luncheons and camp rallies!

The schedule is wide open with nothing on the schedule except International and that won't be until October next year. If you want to host a specific month or have something special in mind, if you could e-mail me(pmsteen04@gmail.com) we can reserve your event now. We really are struggling with recruiting people to host events, and it's becoming critical to our Units solvency. Please consider stepping up. Hudson-Mohawk only exists if we all participate.

September is the month for the installation rally, so, we, The Steen's will be hosting the rally that month....come on folks, lets not count on the few who step up every year to make up the rest of the schedule...you can do it.. it's fun and we as a group will help you with what needs to be done and how to plan.

Thanks,

Pat Steen

Activity Chair

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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/>

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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

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.

"Petit Ralleye"

(Wherever 2 or 3 Airstreams gather)

Stan and Tess did an impromptu day trip to Schodack Island State Park to meet up with Cindy, Bill, and Hollie. They enjoyed a wonderful lunch, followed by a session of "Awnings 101."
July 2023



CELEBRATING

September

13 Kathryn Griffin 2813

17 Polly Herring 1144

26 Dan White 6837

29 Bill Levy 23673

Happy
Birthday

October

3 Sue Whittle 10565

15 Joe Moloughney 17600

21 Hartwell Herring 1144

26 Amy Novatt 28444

27 Connie Pearson 6232



September 4 Don & Dee Perry 5031

September 6 Richard & Kathryn Griffin 2813

October 2 Stan & Tess Stoklosa 20769

Sunshine



Happy thoughts and well wishes to all!

Sandy Boogertman 2911 Out 'n' about
with her 2010-Interstate-20'
July, 2023





Joan & Bob

Circle The Wagons

NY Finger Lakes & Ontario

Airstream clubs

Sampson State Park

August 3-7, 2023

Yee-Haw!



Tess & Stan



Diane & Eric



Barb & Bill



Cindy & Bill & Harry

5 Hudson-Mohawk Airstreams along with 54 more were at Sampson State Park for a joint rally of NYFLAC and Ontario. There were also folks from Metro, Virginia, Maryland and Cape Cod Clubs! It was so wonderful to see so many shiny Airstreams in one loop. Lots of other campers were wandering through to see such a sight.

Sampson State Park, a former huge Military Base, is beautiful and absolutely fascinating! The Park is built upon a former Navy (WWII), and later Navy and Air Force (Korean War) training base. There is an excellent museum in the park, in the former Brig.

There was food, a band, happy hours and campfires along with a lot of fun re-uniting with quite a few of our Canadian Friends that we met in early June at the Region 2 rally that was held in Canada!

Friday night was a Chuck Wagon Dinner with Red Hots, White Hots and Hot Carrots. I have to say those Hot Carrots looked pretty darn good!

At the Saturday morning breakfast, we Americans got a taste of Ontario peameal bacon. (Fun fact; peameal bacon is not common outside of Southern Ontario.) It was very good and great along with New York maple syrup on our pancakes.

Saturday night was dress in Western wear and Chili Cook-off with three categories. Our Diane won 1st place in the vegetarian category. After dinner the band, Sticks & Stones played for 2 hours. We enjoyed the Country music from our site.



Cindy & Tess



Cowboy Stan



New Friends

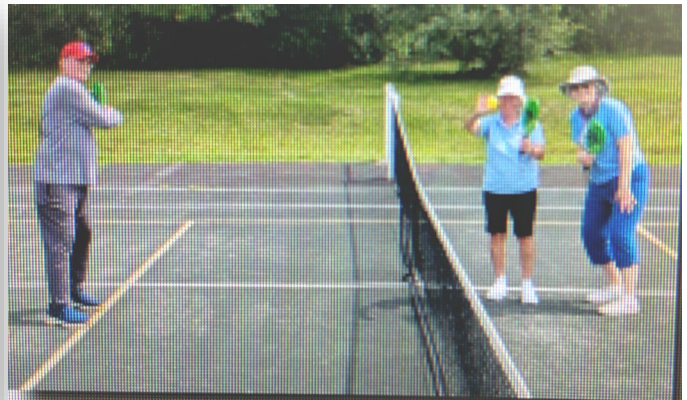


Pebbles on a walk

Circle The Wagons



Tess and Stan took a day trip to Taughannock Falls near Ithaca
Here are some of Tess's breathtaking views



Who wants to learn how to play Pickleball? Rick Goad (4081) enthusiastically rounded up a group of newbies (Diane, Tess and Stan) and gave a beginner's lesson at the courts a short walk from the camping loop. Claire Northway (17410) joined in as a deputy instructor. Between Claire's patient practice sessions and Rick's encyclopedic knowledge of the sport, soon everyone was "dinking" like pros. Well, maybe not, but we were able to keep the ball in the court. Most of the time.

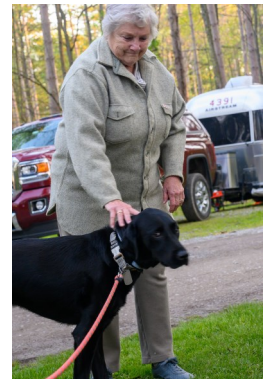


Thanks to all the organizers, volunteers and helping hands that made this rally so AWSOME!

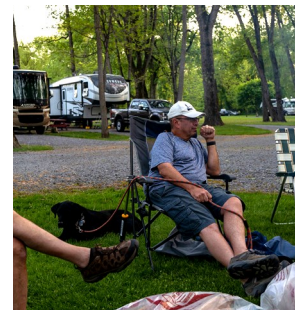
Sad news....



This has been a tough year for our camp dogs. Recently we learned that Barb & Bill Schultz's dog Pebbles passed away. You could always find her around the campfire, never far from Barb's feet. Always gentle and quiet, but willing to accept any pet that happened her way. Her sweet presence will be missed. Our condolences to Barb and Bill on the loss of their ever-present companion.



Our heartfelt condolences to Larry Ascenzi over the loss of his beloved dog, Drake (or Drakey, as he was affectionately known). Drake was a wonderful camper - wiggling and wagging his way through campgrounds as he made the rounds with Larry. And watching Drake run free on the beach at the Maine rally was pure joy. RIP Drakey - you will be missed.



REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President Gary Russo

August 2023

Greetings from your new Region 2 President just back from Rock Springs!

My wife (Suzanne) and I were on the road for 3.5 months in MaryAnn II (our 25' Globetrotter BRN 1061). Staying in 15 states and 8 National Parks, what a summer adventure.

I want to give those who do not know me a thumbnail outline of my background. We live in Webster, NY. I am from the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club (NYFLAC). I was the President of the NYFLAC and the Region 2 1st VP last year. We have been members of WBCCI since 2016. We were tent campers for 16 years before making the jump to a 2016 22' Airstream Bambi FBQ. We found if we were to be on the road longer than 2 weeks, we needed just a little more room. We are both "Retired". Suzanne has been working 1 day a week for a year, and I've been career retired for 8 years. I have 2 adult children and 1 grandchild.

This newsletter update is multi-purposed from my prospective....

- Increase the enthusiasm within each club in the Region.
- To keep the Region 2 members up to date with rallies within the Region.
- To keep the Region 2 members up to date with decisions at the international level.
- Continue with the team building that RJ started at the Region leadership level and to expand it down to the club president level. Club presidents are a vital part in the information chain. I plan to invite the club presidents to monthly Zoom meetings.
- Also, to have an open door and ear to the members of the Region.

Please feel free to reach out and contact me at fulloflife123@yahoo.com.

All of our clubs run on the shoulders of volunteers, so many hands make light work for all --even if only setting up chairs at a rally.

With that said, safe travels and see you down the road!

Gary Russo, Region 2 President



REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President Gary Russo

September 2023

During the month of August, Patti Galupo and I were busy connecting with clubs in Region 2. Patti was at a Watchung rally in Pennsylvania. Suzanne and I had the chance to take part in the Metro club's potluck dinner Saturday night and to meet with people at the Finger Lakes RV Resort. What a great assortment of food! The next week we were at Laurel Hill State Park in Pennsylvania where we connected with the Al-Mon-O club. We are off to a running start!

While at each gathering, Patti and I continued to emphasize that the clubs run on volunteers and that when a vote on a topic comes along, it is an opportunity to voice their opinions. I cannot stress how important it is for you to Vote! A very low percentage of the membership votes.

You are ambassadors for your club and WBCCI. I want to challenge all club members that if you see an Airstream Trailer without a Big Red Number (BRN). Go over and ask if they are a member of WBCCI. If they are not then tell them the advantages of being a member of the club.

Just a quick teaser, the Region2 team has been working on the Region2's 2024 rally!

Save the date May 3rd to May 5th

Right now, we have the date and are working with the event site on the particulars before we make the announce of the location. Most people who know me knows that I like to have a theme for the event. The 2024 Rallies theme will be:

'Pursue Your Adventure'

Airstreamers are the adventurers type

Safe travels and see you down the road!

Gary Russo, Region 2 President



Movies Under the Stars

INSTALLATION RALLY

Hosted by

September 8-10, 2023

Diane & Eric Bergquist

GreenLakes State Park

Fayetteville, NY 13066

8th, Friday: Arrive, Setup and Campfire

9th, Saturday: Italian Hero Dinner & Dessert,
Installation of Officers followed by
Movies under the Stars.....5:00 to 10:00P.M.

10th, Sunday: Breakdown and Goodbyes

*All who are attending the Rally please email me so I will have an accurate count
for food and goody bags riprapmeadows@earthlink.net

*Rally fee will be \$10.00 per person to be collected at the rally. Any remaining
money after expenses will be donated to our Tower to Tunnels fund.

*Eric and Diane will be at the campground on Thursday, September 7,
leaving on Monday, September 11, if anyone else is arriving early or leaving
late we look forward to seeing you around the campfire.

Future Rally....

camp the Coast

September 28-October 1, 2023

**Southwick Beach State Park
8119 Southwicks Pl.
Henderson, NY 13650
Reservations can be made
NOW through Reserve America**

**We will have sites on the
F-loop with full hook-ups.**



*Southwick has a beautiful
campground situated on Lake
Ontario and boasts stunning beaches
and walking trails through the
adjacent nature preserve.
More details about this
fun weekend to follow
Hollie Bart*