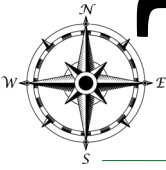


March 2023



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



Hello fellow Hudson-Mohawk Airstream Club members as February is departing and March is approaching with Spring right behind, hopefully. I contemplated what I would write about in my message this month and while making our trip to Florida to visit Eric's mother, who by the way is 101 going on 102. She is doing fantastic, energetic, amazingly well both mentally and physically, but that's not what I decided to write about.

I decided it might be of great help to newer Airstreamer's in our club to know what should be considered necessary purchases and equipment to have with you on your travels, especially on longer trips. This idea came to mind as our travels this trip seemed to closely mimic a popular children's book, "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events."

We started off as scheduled on Feb. 9th. All the snow had melted around our parked Airstream, named Wanderer, a great beginning. As we approached the town of Windham, only 4 miles from home we did as we always do on a planned long trip saying to each other, WHAT DID WE FORGET THIS TIME. First thing came to my mind my newly purchased hearing aids, 😊 I did not turn around to go back to get them. So we continued on our way chuckling that wasn't too important to worry about. So far only insignificant items were left behind, spare roll of paper towels, an extra 4-pack of RV toilet paper, etc.

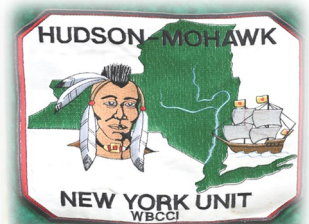
Weather was really cooperating through New York into New Jersey continuing on into Delaware, where our check engine light came on in our 2018 GMC 2500 Denali Duramax tow vehicle. We figured we'd get it checked once we arrived at our final destination, Florida.

All else was going good until we were pulling off in North Carolina to fuel up when we heard what sounded like a vehicle back-firing. Well that certainly wasn't the case. As we pulled into the station to fuel up the low air pressure alarm went off in the truck. Oh darn, yes a rear passenger side tire blow out. Thank goodness for AAA.

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Pat Steen



Here is my first safety suggestion:

AAA does not cover your trailer unless you add the trailer to your membership, that we learned from a previous trip. We have Good Sam tire insurance for the trailer. Our truck was covered so it was changed in about 45 minutes, but it was a sidewall blowout so that tire was history.

Once again on the road with a full tank of fuel and spare tire on the truck arriving at our second stop in South Carolina. As soon as we set up I called a GMC dealership at our first multiple day layover in Florida and ordered 4 new tires and a check engine light service. I won't go into too much more detail other than to say half way through Georgia the next day we heard a familiar backfire sound, you guessed it the driver side rear truck tire bit the dust the same as the other side. Oh darn, we now have no spare tire, that was already in use.

AAA to the rescue again. I will save the hilarious details until we are gathered around the first campfire, but we were helped by several wonderful people in Brunswick, GA getting two used tires installed. Thank goodness we tow our home behind us, we stayed in a rest area just down I95 a few miles after getting back on the road. We finally made it to our first stop in Florida, actually just a half day past our original planned arrival.

On our way from South Florida back up to St. Augustine on I95, can you guess what happened next, yup the tire monitoring system on the trailer starts to go off signaling pressure drop on one of our trailer tires. Now we just looked at each other and started to laugh. We got to the next exit and found a safe place to change the tire.



Now my here are some of my suggestions to help ease the stress for the possibilities that you are involved in a series of unfortunate events:

- ✓ **Roadside tire service for both your tow vehicle and your Airstream**
- ✓ **Tire pressure monitoring system for your Airstream tires, including for the trailer spare. We have the TST system, which has saved us a few times. It keeps you informed on tire pressure and tire temperature, which is important to know as tire pressure increases as the tire temperature increases.**
- ✓ **10 pack of the stacking yellow leveling blocks, we call them our Lego set. These are not only good for leveling your trailer, but work fantastic for changing a trailer tire. You stack them together to make a ramp, put the ramp in front of the good tire on the same side as the flat, pull the trailer forward to get the good tire up on the ramp. Now you can change the bad tire without having to use a jack.**
- ✓ **If you call roadside service to change a tire on your trailer or you have a single axle unit, make sure you know and make them aware of where it is safe to jack up an Airstream trailer, it's in your owners manual.**

I hope these suggestions will help you in your Airstream travels and not discourage you. Being prepared for most common problems is the best insurance you can have.

Let me make it perfectly clear, we are having a wonderful trip. The weather has been beautiful with temperatures ranging from the high 70's to the low 80's. So planning for these types of possible events will make or break a trip. Also, you have to maintain positive thinking and a very good sense of humor. Collect your adventures and share them over a rally campfire. I have some really good ones to share.

Best always,
Diane Bergquist, President

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2023

<p><i>March 11th</i> 12:00 noon <i>March Luncheon</i></p>	<p>Otesaga Resort Hotel Hawkeye Bar & Grill 60 Lake Street Cooperstown, NY 13326</p>	<p>Erin McKay & Dan White 518-265-0598 emckay@une.edu RSVP by March 4th</p>
<p><i>April 1st</i> 11:00am <i>Spring Luncheon</i></p>	<p>Carson's Woodside Tavern 57 NY-9P Malta, NY 12020</p>	<p>Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com RSVP by March 25th</p>
<p><i>May 11-14, 2023</i> Shake Down Camp Out!</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><i>June 1-6, 2023</i> Region 2 Rally</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><i>June 24-30, 2023</i> 66th International Rally</p>	<p>Rock Springs, WY</p>	
<p><i>August 3-7, 2023</i> Happening in our Area</p>	<p>Circle the Wagons Rally Ontario and NYFLAC Joint Rally Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY <i>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 planned.</i></p>	<p>Follow this link to the registration and payment form: https://form.jotform.com/230345192257151 Gary Russo fullofife123@yahoo.com</p>
<p><i>September 7-10</i> Installation Rally</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><i>September 28- October 1, 2023</i> Fall Rally</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

March

April

8 Ron Whitmont 28444

18 Dianne Bergquist 12496

18 Tess Stoklosa 20769

23 Randy Boelsems 3203

29 Erin Mckay 6837

30 Bob Stevens 4430

Happy
Birthday

4 John Vettovalli 4391

17 Cindy Davis 23673

20 Doug Johnson 3233

Happy Anniversary

April 7th Bill & Barbara Schultz 5666

April 22nd Eric & Connie Pearson 6232

April 27th Bob & Joan Stevens 4430

Welcome New Members

Carol Ann Cook & Amy Smith / 2023-International -28' / 22823

Brian Loeber & Athena Nastasi / 1972-Land Yacht Globetrotter-21' / 03310

Affiliate members from Metropolitan New York Airstream Club

Come on out and join us!

Sunshine



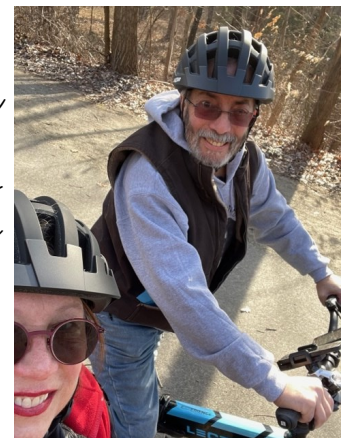
Happy thoughts and well
wishes to all!



We are getting
ready for rallies on
our Llectric bikes,
Can hardly wait to
visit campgrounds
and trails.

Bill and Cindy

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January

REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President RJ

Preparations for the 2023 Region 2 rally are well underway, and it's shaping up to be a good time. We'll get registration open soon, and I'll alert the club presidents and newsletter editors when it opens. I'm happy to report that Can-Am RV Centre in London, Ontario is giving us a generous donation that will cover many of the expenses for the rally, lowering the registration fee drastically. If you haven't booked with the campground, please contact Greg at +1 (800) 263-2570 to book your site. The rally is being held June 2-6 at Jellystone Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

If you are crossing from the United States to go to the rally, you will need your passport. Also, note there are restrictions on what we can bring across the border. In particular, firearms and ammunition are not allowed. There are also restrictions on food, and if you are bringing pets, you will want to check the rules for them. We have more info on the 2023 Region 2 Rally page here: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-2/2023-region-2-rally>

We're starting to think about the 2024 Region 2 rally, too. We have lists of fairgrounds, but I know there are private campgrounds out there that could hold 75-100 of us. If you know of a campground that might be interested in hosting a region 2 rally, please drop me a line at rjm1@yahoo.com. If your club is interested in hosting next year's region 2 rally, please let me know!

Until next month!

-RJ Marquette, #13270



Region 2 Website Manager Wanted

Our incoming Region 2 President, Gary Russo is in the process of setting up his committees for next year. Currently he is recruiting for a **Region Website Chairperson**

1. The Region Web Site Chairman shall develop and maintain the Web page highlighting the Officers and events within the Region. This person should possess knowledge of the workings of the World Wide Web and the process of transferring files to and from the local web server.
2. The Region Web Site Chairman would work closely with the Region President to publish information on the Region 2 Web Site, of interest to WBCCI members. This includes information about the region rally and caravans.

3. The Region Web Site Chairman would also set up registration forms for region events, such as the Region 2 rally or luncheons at International.

If interested, please contact Gary Russo at:

fulloflife123@yahoo.com



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<u>President</u>	Diane Bergquist	(12496)	riprapmeadows@earthlink.net	518-281-3240
<u>Vice President</u>	Dan Steen	(1389)	dmsteen@gmail.com	518-281-7876
<u>Treasurer</u>	Wendy Vettovalli	(4391)	wendymv1@yahoo.com	518-848-8023
<u>Secretary</u>	Barbara Schultz	(5666)	HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@GMAIL.COM	518-409-2565
<u>Web Page</u>	HUDSONMOHAWKNY.AIRSTREAMCLUB.NET			

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



Shakedown Camp Out May 11-14

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/>

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 FAYETTEVILLE, 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





We all had a great time at our first luncheon of 2023. The gathering was held on a nice sunny day that hinted at spring on February 18, 2023.

We enjoyed the cheerful service and good food at Pancho's Mexican Restaurant in Clifton Park, NY.

Our group took up most of the back end of the main part of the restaurant. It was so nice to see everyone and to know that Spring is on it's way, and that the camping season is not far behind.

The luncheon was hosted by Stan and Tess Stoklosa, and was attended by Pat and Dan Steen, Sandy Boogertman, Barb and Bill Schultz, Larry Ascenzi, Bill Levy and Cindy Davis, as well as Polly and Hartwell Herring. What a great group!



Future Luncheons....

March 11th, 2023 12:00 Noon

Otesaga Resort Hotel
Hawkeye Bar & Grill

60 Lake Street

Cooperstown, NY 13326

Erin McKay & Dan White

Call or text 518-265-0598

or

emckay@une.edu

RSVP by March 4th, 2023

April 1st, 2023 11:00am

Carson's Woodside Tavern

57 NY-9P

Malta, NY 12020

Barbara & Bill Schultz

Call or text 518-409-2565

or

HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@gmail.com

RSVP by March 25th, 2023