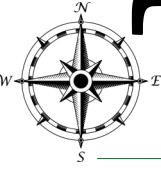




September 2024



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



This year seems to have passed in a flash. I can't believe it is time to pen my last message as President of our unit. By the time you read this, our annual Installation Rally will be days away.

I want to thank all who were able to join us at one of our rallies or lunches this past year. The number of first-time attendees at our events this year has been particularly encouraging. While I know schedules can be tough, if you have never been to one of our unit events, or haven't been to one in a while, I hope you will try and join us next year.

If you have never attended an International Rally, next year may be a good opportunity. It will be in York, PA from 8/23-8/28/25. No cross-country trip required. At the most recent campfire chat, no date was announced for the opening of reservations for the 2025 rally. There will be more than 1,000 sites but if planning on attending it is wise to reserve early. Usually, reservations open near the end of the current year rally, which this year is 10/5-10/10/24. It would be good to check the Airstream Club web site near the end of the rally to see if reservations are open.

Our unit provided the table center pieces for the Sampson State Park Rally that we co-hosted with the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club and the Metro New York Airstream Club. I must confess, until this year, I had no idea on how much work went into this process until I got my hands a bit dirty. This is the second year we have contributed the centerpieces.

A special thanks to the team who pulled this together. Diane & Eric Bergquist and Hollie Bart handled the initial construction at RipRap Meadows. Barb Schultz provided the dozens of signs pointing to various establishments relating to "A Taste of NY". Pat and I helped with the painting of the stands. Diane then transported the bases to the rally where the signs were attached to the bases. Finally, Larry Ascenzi, Bill Shultz and John Vettovali helped carry the 24 completed centerpieces from Diane's campsite to the rally tent without damage.

You can see the final product in YouTube videos produced by rally attendees. If you went to the rally, you might see yourself. If you have never been to a rally, they will give flavor of this rally for the future. See the links below.

Zyphr Travels: <https://youtu.be/VdPILDlIpkY?si=DkCag6inx1Qc5hu9>

Luv Subbin: https://youtu.be/nRZy_a6EEzo?si=1rTGpULwGzYIOMJs

As I conclude my term, I wish to thank those who made my job easy. The other unit officers lightened the load at every step. The members who hosted rallies or lunches are what makes the unit work.

Thank You!!



Newsletter Deadlines

- January Issue—December 15
- March Issue—February 15
- May Issue—April 15
- July Issue—June 15
- September Issue—August 15
- November Issue—October 15

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2024

<i>September 5-8, 2024</i> Installation Rally	Schodack Island State Park 1 Schodack Island Way Schodack Landing, NY 12156 Reservations through Reserve America	Dan & Pat Steen 518-281-7876 dmsteen@gmail.com
<i>October 5-10, 2024</i> 67th International Rally	 Missouri State Fairgrounds Sedalia Missouri https://form.jotform.com/240374986998177	Register now at: https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024
<i>November</i> Fall Lunch	TBD	TBD
<i>December 7th</i> 12:00 noon Holiday Lunch	Wallie's of Greenwich 54 Main Street Greenwich, NY 12834	Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com Please RSVP by Nov 29th

GET OUT AND VOTE.....

At the September Induction Rally!

As required by the Constitution of the Airstream Club International and our unit constitution, a new slate of officers will be presented for approval by the voting members.

We have a slight change to the order this year Long-time member and current 2nd Vice Present, Bill Schultz, will be presented for the position of President, and Hollie Bart will be presented to remain in the position of 1st Vice President. Stan Stoklosa has agreed to run for the position of 2nd Vice President. Barb Schultz, has agreed to continue as Secretary and Tess Stoklosa will continue as Treasurer. Larry Ascenzi has agreed to serve as the 1 Year Director. Erin McKay will serve the balance of her two-year term as Director.

We hope you will join us at the Induction Rally, on Saturday morning September 7th at 10:00am. We will hold a brief business meeting where we hold the vote and induction of officers ceremony.

All members are welcome, even if not camping at the rally.

Message from Activity Chair

Pat Steen

What a fast summer it has been!

Our installation rally is here once again. We hope you all have made your reservations at Schodack Island State Park for Sept 5-8. Since the International rally is scheduled for October, this is our unit's last scheduled rally for the year.

Please think about hosting a luncheon or rally next year. You can make it as easy as you like, simply pick a place and date for either and that's all that is required. No pressure to do anything more. (goodie bags, activities, dinners, contests etc are strictly the prerogative of the host and are no way required). Sign up list will be posted at the Schodack rally or you can text or email Pat with which month you like to host. (Next year's international rally in York, PA is scheduled for Aug 23-28).

Right now we have 10 trailers registered for Schodack. If you haven't let Dan or Pat Steen know you're coming please send them a text at: 518-441-5280 or 518-281-7876.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hudson-Mohawk Officers and Committee Members

<u>President</u>	Dan Steen (1389)	dmsteen@gmail.com	518-281-7876	
<u>Vice President</u>	Hollie Bart (4597)	flostream66@gmail.com	646-398-0066	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Tess Stoklosa (20769)	tessnunu@me.com	518-466-3453	
<u>Secretary</u>	Barbara Schultz (5666)	HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@GMAIL.COM	518-409-2565	
<u>Directors</u>	<u>Historian</u>	<u>Webmaster</u>	<u>Activity Chair</u>	<u>Newsletter</u>
Stan Stoklosa (1 yr)	Dan Steen	Barbara Schultz	Pat Steen	Barbara Schultz
Erin McKay (2yr)				

Web Page : HUDSONMOHAWKNY.AIRSTREAMCLUB.NET



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.

Dates to keep in mind for 2025

May 1 to 5 Region 2 Rally, Grange Fairgrounds PA
 July 31 to August 4 Sampson State Park NY
 August 23 to 28 International Rally, York PA

Just a reminder:

To help the host of any rally with all the little things that go along with a rally there is a \$10.00 rally fee per person.

Your Host Thanks You!

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



PROUD SUPPORTER OF THE
Stephen Siller
Tunnel to Towers Foundation
TUNNEL2TOWERS.ORG

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.

Send pictures, rally reports and club information to:

HUDSONMOHAWKNEWS@GMAIL.COM
 for the newsletter and web page

Would love to see your pictures on Facebook:

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

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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



CELEBRATING

September

October

13 Kathryn Griffin 2813

17 Polly Herring 1144

26 Dan White 6837

29 Bill Levy 23673

Happy
Birthday

3 Mark Vandenburg 10466

3 Sue Whittle 10565

15 Joe Moloughney 17600

16 Gary Sofko 25151

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



WELCOME

New Members

Beverly & Donald Benfer/1959 Globe Trotter/18' 12866

Looking forward to meeting you at an event real soon!

Sunshine

Sending sunshine, well wishes and happy thoughts to everyone!



"Fun on the Farm Rally"
July 2024



REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President Gary Russo



August Report

Can you believe that it is August has come and gone?

We are just catching up with rallies and other Airstream activities, now that we are back from our European River cruise up the Blue Danube River. I have included some photos from our trip. While in Budapest, Hungary, we found--you guessed it--an Airstream that was converted into a food truck!

While out of the country, so many good things have been happening in the Airstream arena. Here is a thumbnail sketch.

- The International Rally in Sedalia MO and is sold out!!
- Current results from the Explorer Program: Region 2 along with 3 other Regions accounted for 57% of the membership in this program. Region 2 had the second highest number of members in the program. Way to go Colleen Ahlers and local Membership Chairs!

* One of the recommendations to come out of the results is to have a Newbie Region Rally. I'll examine rally opportunities that could occur before the end of the Region 2 camping season or have a meet and greet during the off months.

- The renovation of 707 East Pike St. in Jackson Center is moving forward. The office staff expects to move from 803 into their new digs between October 21-31, 2024.
- This will allow the staff an orderly move after the International in early October.
- ACI is returning to a standard accounting year, January 1 to December 31.

* 'A calendar year makes more sense.' is a quote from the accountants.

- Save the date for the IBT meeting on August 22, so fire up your computer and go online to see your Club Officers in action!
- Last but not least the Region 2 Rally NEXT Year (I can't believe I already looking at 2025) is May 1-5.



See you down the road,
Gary Russo
Region 2 President

August was a full month, with attending the Taste of New York Rally hosted by the New York Finger Lakes, Metro New York and the Hudson Mohawk clubs on Seneca Lake. What a fun time! The rally had people attending from California, Texas, Florida, Region 1, and Region 2 was well represented. Attendance was 130 people with 67 rigs. The three clubs put on quite the event! I've included some pictures from that rally.



On August 22, 2024 a 4-hour IBT meeting was held where we covered many topics. I'm going to hit only the highlights from the meeting.

- 707 East Pike remodel is on budget, and the staff plans to move in late October after the International Rally.
 - * To accomplish this, there was a high level of volunteer labor.
 - * PPG and Sherwin Williams donated paint supplies and material.
- Harvest Host Courtesy parking benefit is now available to all members. Currently there are 350 host members. JotForm for the parking is being updated with the following:
 - * NO fee to use the 350 sites.
 - * Pictures of the sites.
 - * Services that are available at the site.
 - * Jackson Center sites will be on the Harvest Host Courtesy parking.
 - * There will be a Harvest Host representative at Sedalia MO.
 - * Boondocking sites TBA
- During the IBT meeting Alan Rabb, the International Financial Director, gave a deep dive into the financial health of WBCCI.
 - * After his presentation, he and the financial committee made the motion to raise the annual membership rates to \$99.00.
 - * The committee recommended that the membership fee be reviewed to stay in line with the inflation rate, which was one of the reasons the fee fell behind.

I know this was a hot button for many of the Region 2 membership, and I heard from both sides of the discussion. I was in favor of an increase of \$10.00 to \$85.00 with the caveat that the financial committee continue with a line-item review of the budget. If, after the review, an increase was still needed, then we would go forward with the rate increase to \$99.00.

Another assumption I heard was that the rate increase is due to the purchase of 707 East Pike. A breakdown of the membership fee showed the building purchase accounted for only \$4.00 of the increase. The inflation rate was the biggest cause for the increase. One example of inflation was that a senior coffee in December of 2023 was \$1.07 at a McDonald's in Rochester, New York. That same cup of coffee is now \$1.72. That is a 61% increase in less than 1 year.

- * After the discussion, the voting majority felt that it was better to raise the membership fee once, instead of going back to the membership the following year. I voted **against** the rate increase.
- * The \$99.00 increase will take effect in September 2024.

The Region 2 luncheon at the International Rally is still open for registration. Mike Giunta, the new Region 1 President, has reached out to us to see if we could have a joint luncheon because we share the same time and are in the adjacent room. I agreed with this proposal. Doing this will allow us both to have great food options at the event.

Monday October 7, 2024
11:30 am-1:00 pm
Missouri Electric Coop
Bldg. MEC 2

The link for the luncheon is below:

<https://form.jotform.com/240456396910157>

*Don't forget to
stop by the Region 2 table
during the Sedalia rally.*

Can you believe that we are already adding rally dates to the 2025 calendar?!!!

May 1 to 5 Region 2 Rally, Grange Fairgrounds PA
July 31 to August 4 Sampson State Park NY
August 23 to 28 International Rally, York PA

AIRSTREAMERS GIVING BACK IN SEDALIA

Let's make our mark in Missouri at the Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia and have "Fun in the Fall"!



Whether you are attending this year's International Rally or not, you can participate in our community service project for 2024. We are partnering with the [Bothwell Foundation](#) to support their Pinktober campaign. Airstream Club International members have two ways to make a difference:

1. [Buy a Pinktober T-shirt](#) in support of all people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Missouri, in October, has a lot of autumn colors, but **PINK** is the color that will make a difference in a lot of people's lives. Non-rally attendees can purchase T-shirts and have them mailed for a small fee (\$5).

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/bothwellregionalhealthcenterfoundation/event/rally2024/>

The broader Sedalia community will be out wearing "Blue Jeans for Bothwell" on Wednesday, October 9. Rally attendees can join in the fun on Wednesday, by wearing Pinktober T-shirts, along with blue jeans. During that evening's rally entertainment, a group picture will be taken at the Airstream Club International band and choral concert. (Please feel free to wear your Pinktober T-shirt and blue jeans all day!)

2. This Community Service project with the Bothwell Foundation is also targeting the renovation of the Bothwell Regional Health Center patient rooms. The Bothwell Regional Health Center was built in 1985 and needs updates and modernization. With every \$10,000 donated to this effort, a patient room will be dedicated with naming rights in the donor's honor.

We plan to have a patient room at the Bothwell Regional Health Center dedicated to the 67th Airstream Club International Rally! Even if you are not attending this year's rally, you can contribute to this project by [clicking this link](#).

If you haven't read the article in the Blue Beret, Spring issue, page 44-46, about the 2024 community service project, [please check it out now](#).

If you have questions, or if you want to volunteer to help distribute the Pinktober T-shirts at the rally, please contact Rose Garland (BRN #6566) at 314-484-1272.

And, P. S., please continue to collect aluminum tabs for the Future Streamers Intra-Club's effort to support the Kansas City Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to everyone who has made even the smallest contribution to the success of the 67th Airstream Club International Rally in 2024 in Sedalia, Missouri!

Fun on the Farm at Riprap Meadows

July 11-15, 2024

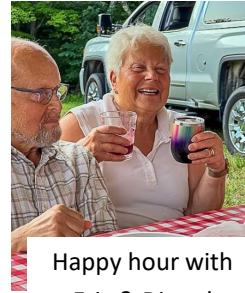
Beryl the hurricane threatened to dampen our rally, but the rally gods sent her around the Catskills keeping us dry. The weather was hot, but the evening made sleeping comfortable in our mountain home.

It was so nice to be able to host the July rally at our farm and to have the company of Pat & Dan Steen, Bill Levy & Cindy Davis, Stan & Tess Stoklosa, Glenn & Beth Oldrich, Holly Bart and Larry Ascenzi. We must not forget our favorite four legged members, Harry, Flynn, Taffy, Henry and Glenn and Beth's puppy who I forgot her name, but don't want to leave her out.

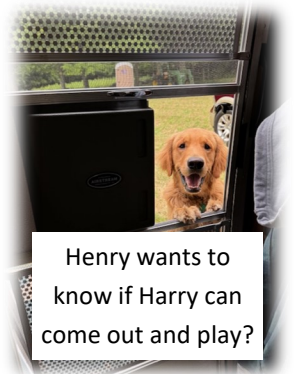
The sites of the Windham area were explored, much food was consumed and fun times around the campfire. Our pajama party around the campfire Saturday evening was a blast. The group participated with enthusiasm. Trophies were awarded for the Funniest, Most original, Two were awarded to Couples outfits and Rally favorite. In order mentioned Larry Ascenzi, Holly Bart and Flynn, Pat and Dan, Tess and Stan and Bill, Cindy and Harry.

Eric and I were so happy that so many came and had a good time.

Looking forward to next year and a new round of rallies.



Happy hour with Eric & Diane!
Always a good time



Henry wants to know if Harry can come out and play?





A Taste of New York

Sampson State Park
Romulus, NY

August 1-5, 2024



Cowboy John



Campfire get together



Bob & Joan



Joe & Debra

A Taste of New York joint rally at Sampson State Park was a real fun time. Hudson-Mohawk members that participated included: Larry Ascenzi, Diane Bergquist, Joe & Debra Moloughney, Bill & Barbara Schultz, Dan & Pat Steen, Bob & Joan Stevens, John & Wendy Vettovalli. We were all on the same loop with Airstreams on every site. The big tent was in the center of the loop with room for all. The center pieces made by our club looked great on the tables and had everyone talking about all the places to visit.

We enjoyed coffee under the tent in the morning and food, wine/beer tasting, socializing and entertainment in the evening. There was a catered BBQ one night, charcuterie boxes to go along with the tasting another night. Sticks & Stone band treated us to two hours of a great mix of songs. Looked like everyone was having an awesome time!

Did someone say "Donuts"? Several of us took a road trip to Tobey's donut Shop in Watkins Glen Saturday morning. It was a small very busy tasty donut shop. When they run out of donuts they close, so we got there early and left with boxes of sugary goodness.

Sampson added 4 new really nice dump stations and potable water stations on the way out of the park. When we left on Monday morning there were no lines and made getting on the road easy-peasy.



Road trip to get Tobey's Donuts, Yummy!!

A Taste of New York



Hudson-Mohawk under the big tent for wine and beer tasting



Center pieces getting finishing touches before heading to the big



The Center pieces were a big hit, Everyone was talking about them.



Fireside chat



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

Rally Fee \$10.00 per person

December Holiday Luncheon

December 7th, 12:00 noon

Wallie's of Greenwich

54 Main Street

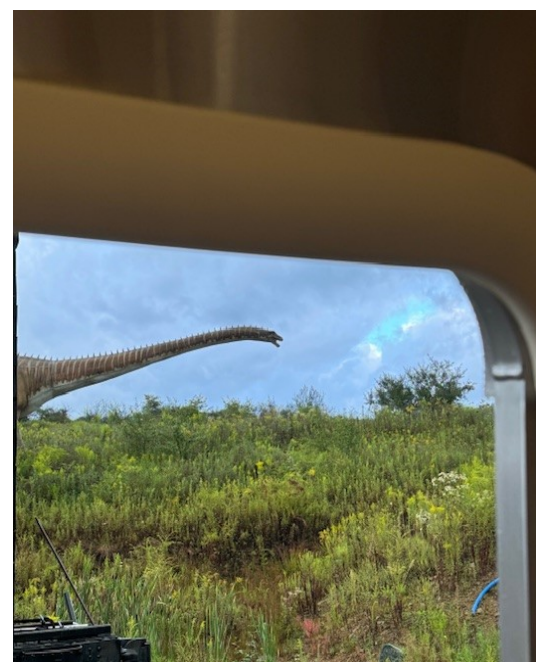
Greenwich, NY 12834

Please RSVP to:

Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565

By November 29th

You just never know what you are going to see from an airstream!



Bill & Cindy travel west.....