

REGION 1

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The following was kindly prepared by Michael Giunta, 2024-2025 President of Region 1:

Like many of you, I find the change of the seasons is bittersweet, but the reality is my Airstreams will soon be in storage and the rally season will turn indoors for club luncheons at local restaurants and some local clubs even host meetups at their homes.

I am sure each of you are still reminiscing about a weekend or two of amazing camping experiences this past season. When we are all together, let's keep talking about those moments and keep brainstorming new ideas and create new experiences for next season and the year after.

The Northeast Mountaineers wanted to share a recent downtown rally they hosted. This fall, 13 rigs from various ACI clubs met up in downtown Brandon, VT. Each rig was asked to arrive with its fridge empty. The little town of Brandon had it all; a deep history from the Civil War, many quality restaurants, antique and gift shops, and an iconic Vermont look. All members present opened their decorated campers to the townspeople to look inside and to chat with us about our lifestyle. They did the same as they opened their town up to all of us. The club hosted a live yacht rock band, and all the town's restaurants kept us well fed for the whole weekend. The exact numbers are still in process, but we have been told that the positive economic impact from the event resulted in \$20,000 in profits to the local businesses. We met some new friends, got to share the experience with current ones and we even generated some new members.

About 2024 Region 1 elections, Michael Giunta, Region1 President, and Rich Collins, 1st VP, have officiated at new officer inductions for many of the local clubs already. I want to say congratulations to all the new club officers.

Michael Giunta and Rich Collins hosted a luncheon with Gary Russo, Region 2 President, at the International Rally in Sedalia, MO. Over 150 people attended, and it was a wonderful opportunity for each region to "meet new people and make new friends"

Region 1 will have its first Campfire Chat (Virtual Meeting) on November 7th at 6 pm. The Campfire Chat will be via Microsoft Teams; Meeting ID: 229 199 523 776; Passcode: aapFEo

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDBjNWVIYjctYtZiYS00Ytg0LWJiZDYtNGIxYjliZDFjY2Mx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22tid%22%3a%22650dd257-b945-407a-94dd-

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Region 1 is currently planning a Region 1 Rolling Rally this coming season. The current thought is a 4 day/night event starting in Rhode Island and ending in Maine. If this is of interest to you to join, please let Michael know. mgiuntanh@gmail.com

Region 1 and Region 2 will be working together again for a joint rally: “The taste of NY and New England” Date: July 31 - August 4, 2025, Location: Sampson State Park, 6096 State Route 96a, Romulus, NY 14541-9730. Sign-ups will open in early January.

Exciting news: Jeff and Dianne Lapierre will lead a Caravan named “Meandering the Maritimes 2025 - 70th Anniversary Caravan”. Caravan Number: R-2025-LL, Aug 1 - Sept 8, 2025, This caravan will end at the 70th Anniversary rally hosted by Region 1/ QC-Martimes in Nova Scotia on Sept 4-7 2025.

As you all can see we have a lot planned in Region 1 for the 2025 season.

Lastly, I want to share that Region 1 has been celebrating our members that are hitting their 5 year, 10 year, etc., anniversaries of ACI membership. This celebration is taking place at the various Region 1 club business meetings with a “Star or Maple Leaf Ceremony” Michael Giunta recently met Jean-Guy Deschênes and Rita at the QC - Martimes Rally in September. Jean-Guy and Rita have been part of the club for 55 years, which means they now have 11 Maple Leaves!! As a region, we also have many other members with many years in this club. We celebrate you and each of you are an inspiration to the rest of us.