



MOUNTAIN ECHOES

Newsletter of the

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club

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Greetings Mountaineers!

With the nighttime temps dropping into the mid-twenties a few days ago, I'm glad I completed the winterization of our rig, and I hope you got that taken care of as well. Of course, central Vermont also had its warmest Halloween day on record, beating the previous records by 5 degrees or so, it wasn't all bad news!

Region 1 Newsletter

With this letter, you'll find a communication from Region President, NEMAC's own Michael Giunta. His letter has news of

- the Region 1 Campfire Chat on November 7th,
- a potential Region 1 mini caravan,
- the Region 1 rally in Nova Scotia in September 2025, and
- a 38 day Caravan, *Meandering the Maritimes*, for next summer, ending at our Nova Scotia rally.

In case you were wondering, Airstream Club International Clubs and Units are organized in 12 geographic Regions. Each Region provides overall leadership and guidance to the Local Club through elected Region Officers. Region Officers also represent their Local Clubs and Units on the International Board, serving on the International Board of Trustees.

Region 1 includes the five New England States and the Canadian Atlantic provinces.

NEMAC 2024 Retrospect

As the Executive Board is working on plans for the coming camping season, let's look back on the 2024 season. There were 7 NEMAC events, with 2 in New Hampshire, 2 in Vermont, and one each in Maine, Massachusetts, and New York. Five events were "dry" camping – no electric or water hookups – taking advantage of our Airstreams' self-sufficiency, to enjoy interesting or unique locations: we camped at an oceanfront site near Freeport ME in early June and a week later at the foot of spectacular Mt Washington in the cog railway parking area.



23 Mountaineers enjoyed a pleasant lunch at T-Bones Great American Eatery in Concord NH on October 19th. The event included the installation ceremonies for our elected officers, and a 'thank-you for your service' for our retiring president, Tim Vadney. You can see more photos of the event on the NEMAC Facebook page.

We also had two "dry" rallies in beautiful state parks in July and August: Crown Point State Campground in NY, and Quechee State Campground in VT. The fifth dry event was the Brandon VT Downtown Takeover at the end of September – a unique and very successful rally.

We also had two late-season rallies at campgrounds with water and electric hookups, one in the Connecticut Lakes region of northern New Hampshire and the other at Mt Greylock Park in northwestern Massachusetts.

We also provided members an opportunity to share their own plans with other interested Mountaineers. This was a closed email group – the information was shared only between the 21 members who asked to participate. You'll see below the sites shared in 2024.

We will offer the TripShare option for 2025 – watch for the sign-up email in December.

And what about 2025?

Will NEMAC be sponsoring the events and rallies that you want to join? We're trying to get a head start on planning them, so it's not too early to speak up. How do you feel about dry/boondock

camping – are you more or less likely to participate if there are no hook-ups? Ideas are percolating – help make sure we know what you want!

TripShare 2024

Here's a listing of the plans that were shared in 2024. The list included email contact information so members could discuss plans.

May 5 - May 7 **Blackwoods Campground**, Site A053, Acadia National Park recreation.gov Jim Buttitta & Kitty Tambling

May 9 -May 12 **Fisherman's Memorial State Park** Narragansett, RI. site 165 Roger & Anna Nagy

May 10-12 **NEAC Chilly Man Rally**, Wolfe's Neck Oceanfront Camping, Freeport ME. <https://airstreamclub.org/neac-chilly-man-rally> Christopher & Elizabeth Saunders

May 22-24 **Seawall Campground, Acadia National Park**. Book on recreation.gov. Note: There are a lot of sites available, all are dry camping. Jim Buttitta & Kitty Tambling

May 27-30 **Schoodic Woods Campground, Acadia National Park** site B024. Recreation.gov Jim Buttitta & Kitty Tambling

May 31 - June 7 **Wild Duck Adult Campground**, site 37, 39 Dunstan Landing Rd., Scarborough ME <https://www.wildduckcampground.com> Marty Womer & Mary Keefe

June 6 - 9 **Woodland Acres** Brownfield, ME site 102 Roger & Anna Nagy

July 5-7 **Camp Skyland**, South Hero VT campskylandvt.com Chris & Melissa Corbin

July 23 - July 29, (after Crown Point, NY rally): **Remington Park RV Campground**, Site13, Ft Drum, NY, (AD & retired military) <https://drum.armymwr.com/programs/remington-park-rv-campground>, Dave and Jan Andrews

September 13 — 16 **Shore Hills Campground**-Boothbay, ME site 76 Roger & Anna Nagy

September 23 - September 30th **Ocean Front Camping at Reach Knolls, Brooklin, ME**, site 9, www.reachknolls.com Campground contact: Lori Gallo 207-359-5555 Jim & Stacy Reck

Oct 10 -- Oct 13th **Sandy Pines Campground, Kennebunk Port, ME** sandypinescamping.com Jim & Stacy Reck will be at site Beach Rose 33

NEMAC on the Net

The Mountaineers have two locations on the Internet. The official site, where you will find information about club rallies and club newsletters, is at <https://airstreamclub.org/northeast-mountaineers> That page is managed by Pat Hynek.

Northeast Mountaineers also have a Facebook page, where members can post photos and information relating to club events. The page is moderated by Mary Lehner; it's a closed group, so send her an email (melehner@aol.com) if you want to join.

Time to renew!

Thank you to our members who have already renewed for next year. If you haven't done it yet, please go online at AirstreamClub.org to complete your renewal this month. Your information will be included in the 2025 membership edition of the Blue Beret – if you get it done by December 31.

Regrettably for the first time in many years, Airstream Club International has had to raise the annual dues -- now \$99 up from \$75. Membership in NEMAC and other local clubs remains at \$15 however.

Executive Committee 2025

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