



MOUNTAIN ECHOES

Newsletter of the

Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club

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Greetings Mountaineers!

Thanks for the 20 Mountaineers who participated in our annual business meeting on September 9th at 6 pm, and to the 40 members who voted in the election of officers. We'll publish the meeting minutes next week, but in the meantime, we can report the election results:

President:	Paul Hynek xcskivt@comcast.net
1 st Vice President:	Roger Nagy rpnagy@roadrunner.com
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Winter Storage Opportunity

Region 1 President Michael Giunta reports: I have negotiated a group rate with Vault Motor Storage Group in Belmont, NH for Region 1 Airstream members. There are 30 indoor, secure, heated spaces available at the VMS South location (1213 Laconia Road – new building as of 9.2023) for any Airstream that is 32 feet or less.

The rate is \$11.75 per foot, per month for a six month contract. A non-refundable \$100 deposit needed to hold the reservation. This offer is available only for 2024-2025 season, with CODE 2425Airstream. If you're interested, contact belmontsouth@vaultmotorstorage.com

Good Times at the Quechee Rally

Paul Hynek reports: Another great NEMAC rally was held at Quechee State Park in Hartford, Vermonton August 24th - 25th. There were 12 trailers participating which included "buddies" of Mark and Barbara Brash (this was our annual buddy rally) and another Airstream couple who were at the park by chance – they have since applied for membership in ACI/NEMAC. Looking forward to seeing Shu and Shirley in Brandon!

This was a dry camping event (no water or electrical service) and the electrical lessons learned at the Crown Point rally seemed to have been taken to heart judging by the appearance of solar panels and the occasional purr of generators heard around the campground. There were no reports of dead batteries or dark Airstreams at this rally.

The weather cooperated all weekend and folks were able to enjoy the sights and events in the area including the Quechee Gorge, the Highland Games and hiking Woodstock's Faulkner Trail. Saturday nights potluck and campfire featured some great dishes and capped with a birthday cake. Who could ask for more?

Ramblewoods Rally

Jim Reck reports: We had a great rally the weekend of September 6-8 at Ramblewood Cabins and Campground in Pittsburg, NH. Beautiful location, great weather and good friends. The "Dessert First" campfire social did not put a single inch on anyone's waistline! Thanks to those that attended and took part in the experience.



We're Not Done Yet

NEMAC still has a few more events on our calendar.

Sept. 27-29 Brandon VT Urban Rally
Oct. 19 October Luncheon
Oct. 25-27 Mt Greylock Rally

October Lunch

The installation ceremonies for the elected officers will take place at an end of the season luncheon at noon on **Saturday, October 19** at *T-Bones Great American Eatery* in Concord NH. Look for a separate email on this event with ordering information.

Brandon Downtown Rally

Chris Corbin reports: Airstream Club International has been hosting Downtown Rallies all over the world since the 1960s, but there has never been one in New England. The Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club members have been from sea to summit this rally season and we are closing out our travels with a rally in historic downtown Brandon, Vermont.

On Friday September 27th at 11:00, a coordinated group of 20 Airstreams will caravan through town to their home for the weekend, the lawn along the river behind the Brandon Inn. In keeping with Airstream Owner's Giving Back mantra and aligned with the vision of Making a Meaningful Impact, rally goers will arrive with their fridges empty and there will be no potluck at this event.

"Stimulating the local economy and immersing ourselves in the community culture are at the essence of a Downtown Rally;" said Event Co-Host Melissa Corbin. "Our Founder, Wally Byam, led caravans all over the world creating lifelong connections between traveling families and the communities they joined along their journey. We will also be doing a fundraiser throughout the weekend to benefit the non-profit Friends of Town Hall, who have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to restore town hall and make it a comfortable venue for community events."

NEMAC members will have a table at the Farmers Market on Friday to share stories, answer questions and show past rally photos. Rally goers will immerse themselves in the history of the town, at Town Hall for a Civil War

presentation Friday night. Saturday, the community is invited to tour the Airstreams and vote on the most creative campsite. Saturday evening a local yacht rock band will be performing on the stage and all are welcome!

Friday September 27

11:00 Downtown Caravan
5:00 Lawn Game Tournament, rally site
6:30 Historic Presentation, Civil War Brandon, Town Hall

Saturday September 28

2 – 4 Creative Campsite Contest
6:45 Airstream Adornment Award Ceremony, rally site stage
7 – 9 Local Yacht Rock Band, Pontoon, rally site stage

What To Do In & Around Brandon

A full description of things to do and history of the town are on the Chamber's website. We might catch a Farmers Market right outside our doors depending on when they end their season. A few area attractions are:

- Art Galleries and Museums
- Bike, Hike, Run, Walk
- Shopping
- Covered Bridges
- Water Activities
- Historic Sites Nearby
- Craft Beverages
- Dining

This is a boondocking rally with no hookups. We have one port-o-potty that will be on Park Street and the Public Library will also be open for restrooms. Everything you could possibly need is within walking distance.

Cost: \$100 for the Weekend –
PayPal @christopher.l.corbin@gmail.com or
Venmo @Melissa-Corbin-7

Email to Reserve:

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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!