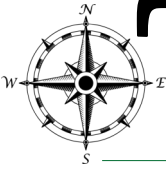


March 2025



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

Bill Schultz



Greetings from Sunny Easton NY, when you read this, we will be into March Already. We will already have attended the Cabin Fever lunch, In Troy NY, and looking forward to the lunch at BJ's Restaurant and Brew house on March 22nd with Tess and Stan hope to see you there. Please let Tess and Stan know if you will be attending.

- **Club business update:** With the help of Dan Steen, I've been working on updating our Constitution and Bylaws. The status of this is, we submitted them to The Constitution and bylaws committee for review. They identified an issue with our club's name. In September of 2020 our membership voted to change our name from Hudson Mohawk NY Unit 071 to Hudson Mohawk NY Airstream Club 071. To coincide with the international Airstream Club, and make it easier for prospective members to find us on the internet. We now have a motion submitted to The IBT to make this official. When that gets approved, they should approve our Constitution and Bylaws. Then we will send all of our members a copy for review, and vote on them at our next business meeting. Then we send our final copy to them for final review and approval. Then we will be up to date!

As I sit here watching the snow blowing across the fields I'm having "AIRSTREAM DREAMS" Dreaming of warm beaches, sunny days, beautiful camp sites, camp fires and looking in the mirror of the truck seeing our Airstream following. Can you picture it? I can and it won't be long now.


If you have the luxury of having your Airstream home, go and visit it, close your eyes and imagine, it may get you in dream land and make winter more bearable.

See you down the road!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2025

March 22 12:00 noon Spring Luncheon	BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse 3 Wolf Road, Suite 101 Colonie, NY 12205	Stan & Tess Stoklosa 518-466-3453 tessnunu@me.com Please RSVP by 3/15/25
April 12 12:30 April Luncheon	The Ripe Tomato 2721 State Route 9 Ballston Spa, NY 12020	Joe & Debra Moloughney 518-859-5336 debra.moloughney@gmail.com Please RSVP by 4/7/25
May 1-5 Region 2 Rally Kentucky Derby	Grange Fairgrounds Center Hall, PA 16828	Gary Russo, Region 2 President To reserve your spot use jot form: https://form.jotform.com/243194535933159
May 8-11 Hudson Valley Tune-Up Rally	Dutchess County Wilcox Memorial Park Route 199, Milan, NY 12581 845-298-4606	Hollie Bart 646-398-0066 flostream66@gmail.com To join the fun email Hollie, she will add you to the list and direct you the park to reserve & pay
June 5-8 The Leatherstocking Rally	Glimmerglass State Park 1527 County Highway 31 Cooperstown, NY 13326 Make your reservation at Reserve America	Dan White & Erin McKay emckay@une.edu Let Erin know when you have reserved
July 17-20 Adirondack Boondocking Rendezvous	Scaroon Manor State Park 8728 State Route 9, Pottersville, NY 12860 Make your reservation at Reserve America	Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com Let Barb know when you have reserved
July 31– Aug 5 A Taste of NY & New England	Sampson State Park 6096 Route 96A Romulus, NY 14541	Gary Russo, Region 2 President https://form.jotform.com/243194600769159
Aug 23-28 68th Airstream Club International Rally	York, Pennsylvania	Reserve your spot now 
Sept 11-14 Installation Rally	King Phillip's Campground 14 Bloody Pond Rd Lake George, NY 12845 Make reservation with the campground, Let them know you are with Hudson-Mohawk Airstream club in the C-section 518-685-3535 www.KingPhillipsCampground.com	Bill & Barbara Schultz 518-409-2565 hudsonmohawknews@gmail.com Let Barb know when you have reserved.
Oct 9-13 October Fest at Berg Stock	RIPRAP MEADOWS FARM 340 Sutton Hollow Road Windham, NY 12496	Eric & Diane Bergquist riprapmeadows@earthlink.net

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hudson-Mohawk Officers and Committee Members

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Larry Ascenzi(1 yr) Erin McKay (2yr)	Dan Steen	Pat Steen	Barbara Schultz

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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.

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



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!



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/>

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CELEBRATING

MARCH

- 18 Tess Stoklosa 20769
- 18 Diane Bergquist 12496
- 23 Randy Boelsems 3203
- 29 Erin McKay 6837
- 30 Bob Stevens 4430

APRIL

- 4 John Vettovalli 4391
- 17 Cindy Davis 23673

Happy
Birthday



- April 7 Bill & Barbara Schultz 5666
- April 21 Gary & Susan Jensen 2880
- April 22 Eric & Connie Pearson 4430
- April 24 Gary & Elana Sofko 25151
- April 27 Bob & Joan Stevens 4430



WELCOME New Members

Matthew Pappalardo & Jillian Irizary /1964 Globtrotter 19' 7784
Affiliate members/Home Club Metro NY

Looking forward to meeting you at an event real soon!



Sending sunshine, well wishes and happy thoughts to everyone!



REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President Gary Russo

March

Hello from the Snowy North!

Right now, this is the view from my back patio door. It's not ready for a backyard picnic at the moment! I have approx. 2-3 ft of snow on our back deck. Great for snowshoeing after you dig your driveway out.



On Valentine's Day we decided to check out the George Eastman House and see the Dutch Connection where they had their Spring floral display out for viewing. I've attached photos to get Airstreamers dreaming about this year's camping season.



Registrations for the Region 2 International Rally Luncheon at York, the Region 2 Rally at the Center County Grange Fairgrounds, and the joint Sampson State Park Rally, are now open. The links are below. There is limited space for seating at the International Luncheon in York so do not delay! Right now, we have 235 rigs signed up for the International. If everyone attends, that works out to approx. 425 people for the Luncheon. Mission BBQ is catering the meal, and we have quite the spread planned!

Region 2 International Rally Luncheon at York registration

<https://form.jotform.com/250156206580148>

This year's Region 2 Rally is being sponsored by the Washington DC Unit. The theme is Kentucky Derby. We will be showing the race live at the Rally along with other activities.

Region 2 Rally at Center County Grange Fairgrounds registration

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This is the 5th year for this Rally at Sampson. This year the Pennsylvania, New York Finger Lakes and Region 1 are the sponsors for this event. The theme is a Taste of New York and New England. Come join the Rally. There will be Wine and Craft Beer tasting at the Rally with charcuterie boards and gourmet popcorn, two catered dinners, and a Sunday Continental Breakfast. There is also a separate bus wine tour if you are so inclined.

Sampson State Park registration

<https://form.jotform.com/243194600769159>

This rally has a limited number of sites so don't delay your registration. Last year we had a wait list for this event.

Again, I want to remind people that headquarters will be sending out a notice searching for Executive Council candidates to fill the subsequent slate of nominee positions. If you are interested in becoming a candidate to help direct the Airstream club, I want to encourage you to fill out an application form. Even if you are not interested, your vote does count! Please take the time to read about the candidates, get acquainted with them, and reach out to their local Club President or the Region officers if you have any questions while making your voting decisions.

Why not YOU? The search is on. My term as Region 2 President comes to an end on July 31, 2025. The Region 2 team is looking for a 2nd VP. Region 2 covers the following areas: Ontario Canada, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Washington DC, Delaware, and Maryland. If you are interested in volunteering as a Region officer, please contact me, Patti Galupo or Matt Moore to join this dynamic team!

REGION 2 NEWS

By Region 2 President Gary Russo

Support positions at the International are still open. Tours Chair and Community Service both report to Sherrye McCabe. Sherrye works out of the Jackson Center office. Debbie Wood is also looking for people to support the Meals & Refreshments committee. Please contact Jackson Center if interested.

If you see an area of support that interests you, please step up.

- Provide local information for International Club's Marketing/Communications including:
 - Identify several contributors to write articles for club publications about the rally locale,
 - Best routes to the rally site,
 - Camping suggestions for enroute to the rally through the region,
 - Staging areas near the rally site for members to meet up before entering rally site (for parking together),
 - Suggestions for local vendors to participate in the exhibitor show, and
 - Other local information specific to the region and rally site that is useful to members traveling in the area.
- At the Sedalia Rally, the **Ambassador program** was started and well received. A signup list will be coming from Jackson Center.
- Recruited volunteers from the local clubs in the region will act as **Ambassadors** at the rally which will involve:
 - ✦ Answering questions, providing directions to events in the park and being that enthusiastic presence ready to offer a smile and some assistance.
 - ✦ Attending an orientation session at the start of the rally to be briefed on the rally logistics and other information as needed, and to set up the rally event app and learn to use it.
 - ✦ Wearing special vests provided by the rally that identifies them as Rally Ambassadors.
 - ✦ Posting at strategic locations around the rally site to assist members with questions, directions, or local information.
 - ✦ Manning the doors to the Exhibitor Hall before opening hours to allow only exhibitors to enter.
 - ✦ Identify
- Community Service programs
 - Local tourist attractions

As you can see, we have multiple opportunities to help at the York Rally.

Please contact

Primary: Debbie Wood, 704-430-9196, dwood@airstreamclub.org \

Secondary: Sherrye McCabe, 937-722-1436, smccabe@airstreamclub.org



Let's Make History at the 68th Airstream Club International Rally located in York, Pennsylvania: August 23-28, 2025. Registration is now open. Go to the Airstream Club website today and don't miss out seeing old friends and making new ones at the event.

This event is in our Region -- let's show them how to have fun!!!



Hudson-Mohawk Cabin Fever Lunch Saturday, February 22



**What a beautiful day for Hudson-Mohawk to gather for lunch at Brown's Brewing Co. in Troy.
The sun was shining and the sidewalks were clear and ice free.**

So great to see so many smiling Airstream friends.

Amy Burns (1st time getting together with the group!)

Cindy Davis & Bill Levy

Hartwell & Poly Herring

Joe & Debra Moloughney

Glenn Oldrich

Bill & Barbara Schultz

Dan & Pat Steen

Stan & Tess Stoklosa

John & Wendy Vettovali

A huge thank you to Eric & Marybeth Schadow for making all the arrangements.

We were seated in a large room with plenty of room to mingle and catch up with what was going on with each other. There were several conversation about future Airstream adventures, camping, the International Rally, and all sorts of other summer plans.

We are all looking forward to camping season and getting together around the campfire.

Sad news.....

Harry, Friend to All

Harry came into our lives before Airstreams. We had two big dogs before Harry. Remy was our monster St Bernard- she was larger than most of the male St Bernard's, and had the reputation to go with it. A pure alpha dog- she was kicked out of obedience school for trying to eat the instructor's Golden Retriever. Remy was not passive and, in her life, she went after a bear, a bull, an Akita...she wasn't shy and if you weren't a human, she wasn't nice. Remy was succeeded by Kahlua- as opposite in personality from Remy as you could get. Kahlua was almost as large, just not as bulky as Remy. She was the queen of Bill's heart. Kahlua slept in bed with us every night and frequently beat Bill to the pillow, which meant he didn't get a lot of space in the bed because you don't argue with a large, grumbling New Foundland who doesn't want to move. Other than claiming half the bed, she was a gentle soul. We would occasionally mention that it would be nice to have a friend for Kahlua, besides Bill, and the opportunity presented itself when Kahlua was about 4 years old. Nora was in college in Stony Brook and one of her friends worked in the local pet shop (yes, I know- puppy mill). He called her to say a Landseer New Foundland had arrived to the shop. Nora and Bill took a ride from Wappingers to Port Jefferson and of course came home with the large ball of black and white fluff. Name searching was not to be found in the liquor cabinet as was previously done with Remy and Kahlua. This particular ball of fluff immediately became "Harry". Harry did all the stuff that puppies do. He ran around the house and quickly learned that he couldn't run under tables for very long. He grew quickly, developing his massive chest and enormously loving heart. Kahlua, Bill's queen- kept Harry in check. Kahlua passed when Harry was about four. He reverently followed her body out to the waiting-canine ambulance and watched as it went down the street. A week later, Kahlua's ashes were returned to us. Harry walked out to the ambulance and looked in the back for Kahlua and of course she wasn't there. I don't know what went on in his little brain, but he quickly realized he was now the prince. No longer under the paw of the queen. The neighbor will tell you that after Kahlua died, Harry's walk changed. His head and tail were both held higher when he would take his walks with Bill. He was developing his regal bearing (as regal as Harry could get!)



Harry for President!!



Soon Airstreams came into our life and of course Harry was game for any travels. Our first trip with our club was at the Whittle's friends and family at Lake George. Harry had to learn how to navigate campfires, people, snacks, and Bentley. Harry was a quick learner about most things. Of course, Harry wasn't the neatest of dogs and his slobber could be spread in a twelve-foot radius when he shook his head. This was graphically seen and heard at Schodack when Harry first met Hollie in her cashmere sweater. Her sweater will probably never be the same. We also have our own version of when Harry met Sally.

I know everyone has Harry memories, share them with us when we are around the campfires again. There are a few I will mention as they are such visuals. At our campsite affectionately known as the "crime scene" all the dogs would come meet in the road. How sweet it was to see all the doggos gathering just like we did. Abby, Pebbles, Flynn, Sally- all the girls were there. We had some weather, and I think Harry was a little anxious because

we couldn't really hang at our site as it was blocked everywhere with orange tape. So off to Hollie's we went- and Harry found some comfort by hiding under her small table with the champagne bucket upon it. Yup, only his head would fit, but he thought he was hiding.

Dogs have to drink and Harry decided at Wilcox Park that Drake's large bucket had the most delicious water he ever had.

Snacks...snacks...everywhere! Especially from Pat. During later camping trips, Harry would happily walk to the group fire with us but quickly went to lay down at Pat's feet. Harry knew who the softie was and where the snacks were.

Living and camping with Harry- I don't really have words. He was our gentle giant who looked into our souls. He made us better humans.

Bill's favorite saying- I want to be the person my dog thinks I am.

The truth- Harry was our sweetest hello, and our toughest goodbye.



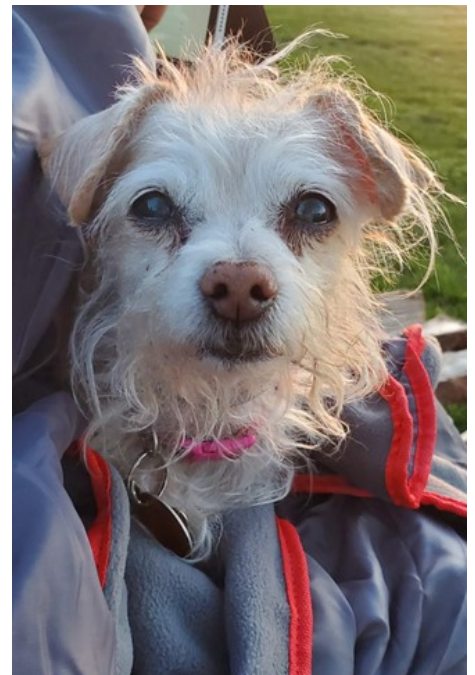
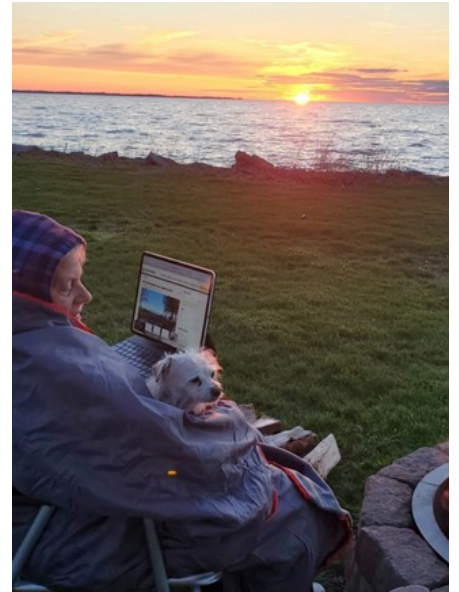
A CHARMED LIFE

Last month Diane and Eric Bergquist lost their beloved little dog, Taffy, who passed away suddenly. For some animals, crossing over the rainbow bridge is a vast improvement. Not so in the case of Taffy who lived a charmed life until the day she died. Rescued from the harsh environment of a puppy mill and a life-threatening illness, Taffy found love and good health in St. Augustine, Florida, where she lived with Eric's mom, Jacqui, in a beautiful cottage at the World Golf Village. They were inseparable until one day, Jacqui, then age 99, grew ill from COVID-19. However, she refused to go to the hospital for treatment until she knew that Taffy would be cared for by someone she trusted.

Enter Diane, who promised her mother-in-law that she would leave for St. Augustine the next morning, Airstream trailer in tow, to fetch Taffy. Diane assured Jacqui that she and Eric would care for Taffy for as long as needed and would bring her back down to Florida whenever Jacqui felt she was well enough to care for Taffy. The following year, when they returned to Florida to celebrate Jacqui's 100 th birthday, Taffy's new living arrangement was made permanent. What a selfless and loving gesture to let Miss Taffy continue living her best life.

And indeed, she did! For the next four years Taffy lived a contented life at Eric and Diane's farm in the Catskills, known as Riprap Meadows. Plush dog beds could be found everywhere Taffy liked to sleep...four in total and that was just in the house! There was another one in the tow vehicle, and two in Diane and Eric's 30-foot Airstream trailer, known as "Wander" – and oh did Taffy wander! In total, Taffy camped in 30 states - New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, Utah, Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, South Dakota, Missouri, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, DC, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. She attended four international rallies, and a regional rally in Ontario, Canada.

It is no wonder that with all this love, travel, cushy beds, and treats that Taffy died peacefully, having lived a truly charmed life.



Future Luncheons....



**RESTAURANT
BREWHOUSE**

3 Wolf Rd, Suite 101
Colonie NY 12205

Saturday, March 22
12:00noon

Please RSVP to:

Tess Stoklosa

tessnunu@me.com

518-466-3453

By 3/15/25

April Showers Bring May Flowers

The Ripe Tomato an American Grill
2721 State Rte 9 | Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Saturday, April 12th
12:30

Please RSVP to:

Debra Moloughney

debra.moloughney@gmail.com

518-859-5336

By 4/5/25



Hudson Valley "Tune-Up" Rally

May 8-11

Wilcox Memorial Park

1737 Rte. 199 Stanfordville NY 12581

Let's gather for the Hudson Valley 'Tune-Up' Rally on **May 8 -11, 2025** at Wilcox Memorial Park, a beautiful 614-acre park that sits at the base of the Stissing Mountain range located in northern Dutchess County in the Town of Milan, New York. It has 11 miles of hiking trails, one with a glorious Catskill view, fishing, boating and one of the region's finest disc golf courses.

The park has 10 shaded RV campsites sites in its Forest Acres Campground, each with 30 amp and water hookups, picnic table and fire ring, plus boondocking sites, if more spots are needed. The Dutchess County Parks and Recreation Department has blocked all 10 RV sites, so that we can have the whole park to ourselves!

Furry friends on leashes are welcome!



HOST

Hollie Bart

BRN **4597**

I'm on site #1

RESERVE YOUR SITE

With Hollie

flostream66@gmail.com

After reserving with Hollie call Marie at the park 845-298-4606 to pay and get your permit



[More details to follow for attendees, as we get closer to Hudson Valley "Tune-Up" Rally-time!]

The Leatherstocking Rally

June 5-8

Glimmerglass State Park

1527 County Highway 31, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Glimmerglass State Park, located eight miles outside the village of Cooperstown, overlooks Otsego Lake, the "Glimmerglass" of James Fenimore Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales. The rolling, partially-wooded terrain is host to a wide variety of wildlife. An uphill trail through the forest affords a spectacular view of Otsego Lake; the Beaver Pond and Woodland trails are picturesque and of interest for the variety of wildflowers, shrubs, ferns and mosses.

The Hyde Hall Mansion, Covered Bridge, and a self-guided Beaver Pond Nature Trail are within park boundaries and open to visitors.

This is a stunning park!

Please check often for an available site and ask about overflow parking.

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HOST
Erin McKay & Dan White
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WE'RE ON SITE #10

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Come on out and camp with us!

Adirondack Boondocking Rendezvous

July 17-20, 2025

Scaroon Manor Campground

On the shores of Schroon Lake

8728 State Route 9, Pottersville, NY 12860

This is a boondocking campout, there are modern bathhouses, water and dump station on site. There are generator hours

What is a Rendezvous? It's a get together with no planned meals or activities...just a

fun way to camp and explore with

Airstream friends. There are sure to be campfires, chats, snacks and fun times!!

There are plenty of things to do around the campground. Beautiful lake and beach.

Amazing hiking and water sport opportunities.

Great small towns for picking up groceries or a bite to eat.

Awesome place to visit just steps away, Natural Stone Bridges and Caves.

**RESERVE YOUR SITE
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RESERVE AMERICA**

HOSTS

Bill & Barb Schultz

BRN#5666

WE'RE ON SITE #15

MORNING STAR LOOP

**EMAIL US IF YOU
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