## By Michael Giunta 12/24/24

As 2024 comes to a close I want to take a moment to first express my gratitude to all of you in Region 1 for making my first few months as your President a truly rewarding and exciting experience. I feel we have made great strides in bringing the region together and I am excited to see what 2025 brings! So many great plans in place and more to come.

Region 1 currently has our membership scattered all over North America, some members are in Mexico on a caravan together, some in Florida at Travelers Rest and many of us have been enjoying the winter wonderland this winter.

Here are examples of how winter does not stop us from Rallying Together. The QC-Maritimes Airstream Club recently met up in downtown Quebec City for an overnight stay in one of the beautiful downtown hotels. Many of our members were exploring the German Christmas Market prior to an evening Dinner together followed by a breakfast the following morning.

The Connecticut Airstream club will be having a "Souper Bowl" party in February, not sure exactly what kinds of soups will be made but this sounds like a lot of fun.

The Northeast Mountaineers and the Cape Cod clubs have had their 'end of year' luncheons, both met with great success. New faces, new friendships.

As I look down the road to 2025, I am excited to report that the Region 1 Rally in Nova Scotia this coming September was sold out in a short amount of time. For those of you who wanted to go, please get onto the waiting list, any cancellations will be filled from that list.

Soon Region 1 will be offering a sign up for the Taste of NY and New England, this will be a Region1/ Region 2 shared Rally. **Date:** July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 to August 4<sup>th</sup> 2025, Location: Sampson State Park, Romulus NY. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet some new people and make new friends. This event will have chocolate, wine, a clambake, and NY style sausages among many other options. Sampson State Park is situated on Seneca Lake and is a wonderful location.

I firmly believe that the best way to create a strong region is through exploration. Exploration into other clubs, other rallies and other events outside our own home club. To that end, Region 1 reaching out to our clubs to get a listing of upcoming 2025 events. A "Master List" of these events will be created and our Membership Chair, Jim Reck, will

get this Master List out to each and every one of you. Take the opportunity to review this list and see if there may be a rally with a different club that you would like to attend. I encourage everyone to Rally with us this coming season, and this "List" should help you plan ahead. We can create memorable experiences together.

Recently, many of your Local club Presidents and team had a virtual meeting with Rich Collins and me to meet each other and share a little bit more about their clubs, and also some key things they plan to work on this coming year. Some great ideas were shared, and we all got to know each other a little bit better. We plan to keep this dialogue going on a regular basis. It's wonderful to see our region sharing ideas and working together.

Upcoming Events I want to tackle soon is a mid-winter gathering in Springfield, MA, at the same time as the RV/Camping Outdoor Show. Secondly, the region would like to put on a Vintage Rally for anyone with a vintage Airstream or who just loves being around them, and lastly, a mini Caravan, a 4-day type event through several New England States. If anyone is interested in helping pull these events together, please contact me. <a href="mailto:mgiuntanh@qmail.com">mgiuntanh@qmail.com</a>

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