



# Connecticut

Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

CTAC Club No: 25

<https://airstreamclub.org/connecticut>

June 2025

## Rain, Rain go Away!!! or the Summer Kick-Off Rally



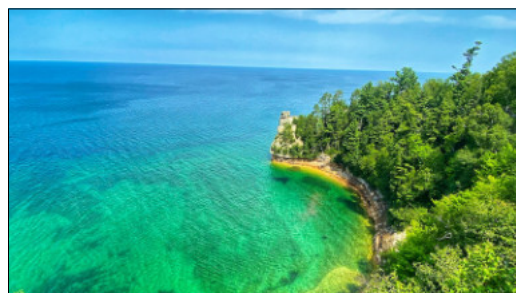
VP Rhona and host Carol looking relieved Sunday morning.

by Joyce Rousseau - 8988

We should be used to rainy conditions for rallies after last year, but one can always hope! The forecast for the weekend did not deter 24 hearty ACI members from attending the CTAC spring business meeting/rally. We welcomed several affiliates and two new members at large, Tom and Patty Hannon from Milford. They were warmly, if not wetly, welcomed by all. Patty grew up in the area and enjoyed some time with family on Saturday. Others who attended were Eddie and Paula Carll, Howard and Mari-Jo Jones, Sandra and Roland St. Laurent, Bard and Kathy Fuller, Glen and Christine Lessig, Bill and Evie Watts, Russ and Rhona Fuller, Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Jerry and Diane Jackson, Brian and Maureen Hunter, Toni Nolder, Dave Jensen and our hosts, Carol and Chris Dubrowski. We missed the Sasuta's (truck trouble in FL) and 2 new members with brake difficulties, Chuck and Regina Pineo from Maine. We look forward to seeing them in the near future.

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## Round Trip: Michigan's Upper Peninsula

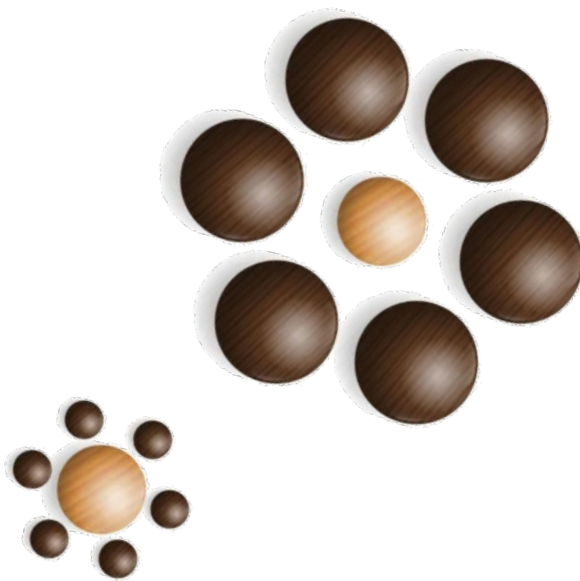


There's nothing quite like the wilderness, majestic views, and local charm you find in the Upper Peninsula. The frozen landscape transforms into an incredible natural wonderland when spring arrives, and late summer is one of the best times to experience this out-of-the-way gem.

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## What Do You Think?

Two hens can lay two eggs in two minutes. If this is the maximum speed possible, what is the total number of hens needed to get 500 eggs in 500 minutes?



Which tan middle ball is the largest?

*Answers Page 9*





### Rain, Rain go Away!!!

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*All set for the rally with the new club banner and Chris kicking back waiting for the fun to begin. The sky tells the story of what our weekend had in store for us.*



After all were settled in the right sites we gathered in the pavilion for a Hearty Happy Hour- and as always, food was very abundant. Conversations about recent activities and getting to know each other made for a lively time in the blustery wind. I'm not complaining, it could have been worse, but the lovely decorations provided by Carol were spinning away at record rates. Thank goodness for the rock bases holding them down and the strong elastics which kept the tablecloths in place. She has become an expert in the decorating category!! Thanks Carol and Chris. They provided an ice cream sundae bar for dessert with many yummy toppings. We shouldn't have needed dessert, but not too many refused, if any! We had a campfire afterwards and enjoyed a "ghost" tale written by one of the campground owners.

The night brought the pitter-patter of rain on our roofs- as predicted. It let up a bit so we could get to the pavilion for breakfast without drowning! The hosts, assisted by Russ, Glen and Howie, provided a yummy pancake breakfast with sausage, maple syrup and fruit. Once all had eaten, we began the business meeting led by VP Rhona Fuller. (Pres Julie Steers was doing her mom duty by helping her son move, so she could not attend.) There were many reports and topics covered, minutes and reports emailed separately.



*The rally chefs hard at work.*



*Fireside storytelling from Alicia, the campground writer and storyteller.*





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One of the most important was the unveiling of our new logo and its use on various flags and banners. Thanks to all involved in this work- especially Don Allers and Russ Fuller. An order form will go out soon-keep watch. Prices are very reasonable and displaying our club flag is special! Thanks, Rhona, for our leadership in this meeting!

After the meeting the group split to pursue various activities. Some visited Gillette Castle, the Shag Bark hardware store (quite a treat!!) or stayed at the campground catching a nap, seeing the facilities and hearing the stories of its history. Our planned game time was rained out, but I did hear that Maureen and Brian had to chase Jenga pieces as they flew in the wind!

Our Happy Hour was brief due to dinner being provided by the hosts. We dined on hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings and several salads. Carol provided her yummy cookies for dessert- always a treat! Thanks again to our hosts for providing more than we needed. We lingered talking and enjoying the fellowship of our group while the rains cancelled our planned bonfire. Early to bed is always a good thing to do as we get "younger."

Sunday morning we gathered for a continental breakfast of yogurts, fruit, and baked goods. The weekend included the normal "how to fix this" help sessions, thanks to all who gave their expertise! I know that several problems were addressed and we're buying new mirror attachments recommended by Howie. Members slowly packed up in the partially sunny weather, it was nice to feel warm standing in the sun.

Again, a big "Thank You!" to our hosts, Chris and Carol Dubrowski for all their efforts. You guys run a great rally despite weather conditions! If you couldn't be there you can request the meeting minutes and other reports concerning our club. We look forward to the next rendezvous in Roxbury and many more this summer. See you down the road!



Food and friendship - a long time Airstream tradition.







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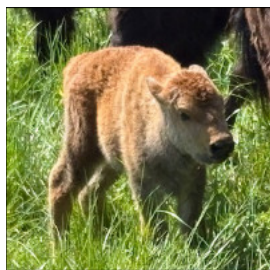
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## Bison - Bison - Bison

by Rhona Fuller



What a unique and wonderful rally this past weekend. Dave, our Second Vice President found a hidden gem in Brooklyn, Ct, the Creamery Brook Bisson Farm owned by Austin and Debbie Tanner. The weather was perfect for the “eggs any way” breakfast provided by Dave and his nephew under a big beautiful oak tree in the center. Saturday afternoon we were given the opportunity to meet the bison up and personal on a wagon ride out to the heard. We learned that the bison basically take care of themselves. They are definitely wild animals that do not like being handled. We were told if we fell off the wagon they would not get out and rescue us .... We saw five babies that were so cute and learned that the mothers are very protective. We also learned that bison grunt not moo and some were quite vocal.



Jerry Ahler from the Metropolitan NY Club at the churn making ice cream.

We were given the opportunity to churn our vanilla ice cream for dessert which was homemade apple pie. Great job by all the churners... Our dinner that night was provided by the Tanners which was yummy Bison Pot Roast. It tasted to me like grass fed steak so delicious. We bought some steaks and hamburgers from their store. A camp fire was a great place for everyone to gather around and talk in the evening. Dave did something amazing, he gave each person an Indian/Bison nickel as a memento of the rally and Dave's sister gave us some history of it. It was brilliant.



Julie churning ice cream as Dave supervises (we all took turns).

Thank you Dave. In attendance Bill and Evie Watts, Billy and Julia Steers with pups, Jerry and Colleen Ahlers, Dave Jensen and his nephew, Paul and Pam Brunet and Russ and Rhona Fuller with pup. It was a wonderful weekend and thank you Dave for a great job. ~



All aboard for the hay ride.



Enjoying coffee and chat.





by Sandy Sasuta

## Welcome

Guy & Julia Ong **5266**  
Sherman, CT

**H**ead you all have had a rainy, cold spring, but don't fret, there will be better weather to come. We missed all the bad weather as we were stranded at Travelers Rest in FL, awaiting a part for our tow vehicle. For a month we were ready to go but nothing changed and each day felt like the movie "Groundhog Day". Finally, we traded in our broken truck and purchased a new diesel. The next rally is in Roxbury, CT, June 13-15, and sounds like a lot of fun. If you didn't sign up, you can always stop by for a visit, it's a great location. Happy 40th wedding anniversary to **RUSS & RHONA FULLER** on June 8th. Glad to hear that Rhona is doing well after having a medical scare and procedure. Sad news: One of our Lifetime members from 1997, **LEILA CLARK**, passed away in January. Also, we send our sincere sympathy to **CANDLE & TOM FRENCH**, on the passing of Candle's mother in May. The other day I told my grandson, your shoes are on the wrong feet. My 3 year old grandson said, I don't have any other feet.

Quick update: Mike and Sandy traded their Airstream for a 2023 27 ft. International. New truck - new trailer, hope we see them soon at a rally!



Loaded up in Denver ready to hit the road.

## Julie's and Billy's Moving Adventure

Greetings!

I am unable to offer a typical presidents report for the Chatter this month. As I write this, I am in Winooski Vermont having just moved my son and his girlfriend from Denver to here. Billy and I drove our truck and cargo trailer west from Connecticut and after packing and loading it up we turned around and headed back east. 10 states, 4 people, 2 vehicles and 1 cat.

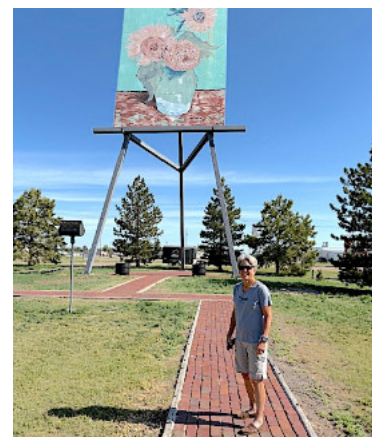
All went well with no major issues and we had great fun enjoying the road trip. Here are some sights from the road. ~ Julie



Winooski Vermont-aka The "Onion City"-We made it!!



World's largest Belt buckle-Albiline KS



World's largest easel-Goodland KS



## What do I need to know about choosing our new club leadership?

by Bard Fuller

Many will remember three years ago our International Club leadership model was significantly changed. Here is the present drill.

- 1) Every two years we get to pick our region officers. This happens on even years. So, no worries this year, as that election will be in 2026.
- 2) Every two years (odd years) all Airstream Club members get to elect nine members to sit on the Executive Council (EC). This is kind of like a town council. This year there are twelve members volunteering to be candidates for these nine positions. This election will take place June 1-15. Every Airstream Club member gets a vote. Each spouse/partner gets a vote even if there is only one Big Red Number. An email invitation to vote online will come from ACI if each person has an email on record with the club. The 2025-2027 Executive Council will be those nine candidates that have the highest vote count.

### How do I know who to vote for?

You should do your homework. Information about all the candidates can be found on the ACI website. This information can be found using the upper tool bar on the ACI website home page and choose "ABOUT" then clicking on "2025 Executive Council Candidates". Here you will see written statements and video presentations from each candidate as well as an interview done with each candidate.

You may ask: "**How is a President chosen in our International Club?**" Well, this vote is done for all the international officers by the 22 members of the International Board of Trustees (IBT). The IBT is comprised of 12 region presidents and 10 members of the EC.

Two years ago, this governing system was new and confusing. This year it should sound more familiar and less confusing. Two years from now it will be easy peasy - actually, it will then be tradition.

**Hope this helps so that all can respond to the ACI election email with an informed vote.**





## CELEBRATE!

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Store** It's finally open! There's drinkware, accessories, and apparel for everyone, including a special 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirt with Wally's Creed on the back! Purchases are printed/embroidered on demand, so all sales are final.

<https://airstreamclub.checkoutstores.com/> The 70<sup>th</sup> Logo has also been uploaded to Land's End, for use on their apparel and we have 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary decals being printed now. Those will be released in the ACI store and will sell for \$7.00, in the next couple of weeks. **August Blue Beret** The next Blue Beret is going to be a commemorative edition focused on the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The issue will highlight the club's rich history, multi-generational member stories and more! We've set up a couple ways for members to participate.

**Share Your Story:** Tell us about your family's history with the club, your favorite Club traditions, craziest Club adventures, and more! <https://form.jotform.com/251196029698166>

## Celebrate 70 Years of Airstream Adventures in the Commemorative Edition of Blue Beret!

Airstream Club International is turning 70, and we're marking this milestone with a special commemorative edition of the Blue Beret this August! The issue will be packed with stories from our rich history, inspiring member spotlights, and a tribute to the incredible community that has made this journey unforgettable.

Want to be part of this historic edition?  
Here's how to participate:

★ **Share Your Story** – Submit your Airstream adventures, memories, and photos in our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Album. We'll feature select stories in the magazine!

📷 **Show Off Your Airstream Life** – Upload your best photos of club adventures to be considered for this special issue.

💬 **Leave Your Mark** – Purchase a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary message to celebrate the club and your Airstream journey. All proceeds will go to the WBCCI Historical Center.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime edition you won't want to miss! Submit your stories now and be part of Airstream history. Submissions must be received by June 15, 2025.

Visit [AirstreamClub.org/70Years](https://AirstreamClub.org/70Years) for more details.



Alex, Rocky and Amy Harrison in Newfoundland BRN6942



Hank and Blue Belle Enjoying the Scenery - Tim Jackson BRN70608



Dale & Virginia Leipper BRN7138



GLAAC Touring the Factory! Paula & Steven Hammer BRN3701



Elizabeth Thompson's Grandmama BRN5399



Elk in Banff! Lori Grassi BRN7716

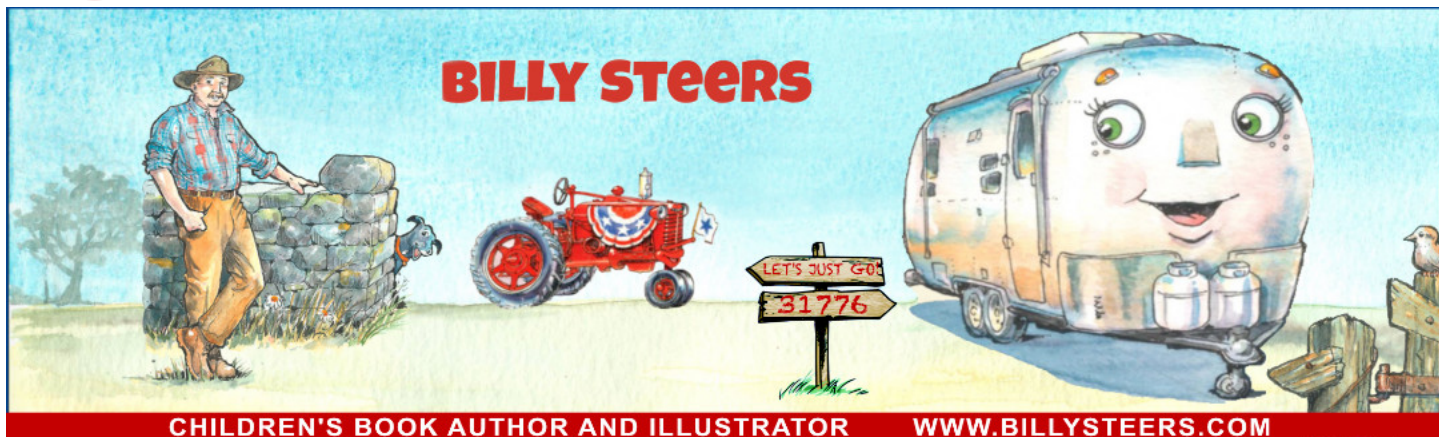


**Share Your Photos:** Show off your best club adventure photos – select photos will be used throughout the issue and maybe even grace the cover! <https://app.kululu.com/9dqw1g>

**Leave Your Mark:** Buy a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Message that will be included in the magazine. You can choose a text only message for \$25 or text with photo/logo for \$100. All proceeds will be donated to the WBCCI Historical Center. <https://form.jotform.com/251103983344050> All these links and more can also be found at [AirstreamClub.org/70Years](https://AirstreamClub.org/70Years)

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## STREAM LINES by Billy Steers

"EVEN IN A PARKING LOT HE LIKES TO GO  
FOR THAT OUTDOOR 'WOODSY' FEEL"



Whenever available be sure to attend Billy's seminar on creating a travel journal - also visit Billy's website and make sure you add a copy of **Let's Just Go**, the adventures of an Airstream travel trailer **Snug** to your library or gift list. Oh, and check out **Tractor Mac**. ~Ed





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## Executive Board



President  
Julie Steers



Past President  
Don Allers

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- Sherry Anderson



First Vice President  
Rhona Fuller



Second Vice President  
Dave Jensen



Treasurer  
Sandy Sasuta



Recording Secretary  
Christine Lessig



Second Year Director  
Gilles Rousseau



Second Year Director  
Russ Fuller



First Year Director  
Carol Dubrowski



First Year Director  
Deni Van der Voort



Social Secretary  
Kathleen Kushman

## Standing Committee Chairs



Membership  
Glen Lessig



Newsletter/Webmaster  
Richard Kushman



Ethics and Grievances  
Mike Sasuta

## Helpful LINKS

[Airstream Club International](#)

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[Russ's Spring Checklist](#)

[Russ's Winterizing](#)

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[Supplies](#)

[Airstream Supply](#)

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[Blue Beret Magazine](#)

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["Let's Just Go"](#)

**All Chatters and Directory  
are available  
on the club website.**

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut and still think they are sexy.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

**What did you think?**

Two hens.

Balls

Those two balls in the middle are actually the same size! Called the Ebbinghaus Illusion, this optical trick happens because our brain uses context in order to judge size. Since the circle on the left is surrounded by smaller circles, the brain thinks it's larger than a circle surrounded by much larger circles.

Date	Event	Style	Location	Host
Mar 16	"St Patrick's Day" Party	Good Food	Southbury, CT	Rousseau
April 25-27	"CAMA Rendezvous"	Boondocking	Kent, CT	R Fuller/ Billy Watts Jr
May 16-18	Bison Rally	Boondocking	The Creamery Brook Bison Farm	Dave Jensen
May 30-June 1	Spring Meeting Grandview CG		Moodus, CT	Dubrowski
June 13-15	"Streamin the Rox"	Boondocking	Roxbury, CT	Steers / Lessig
June 19-22	Scusset Rendezvous	Boondocking	Scusset, MA	Carl
July 10-13	"Pastures CG Rally"	w/CCMAC	Orford, NH	Carl / R Fuller
Aug 22 -29	ACI International		York, PA	
Sept 4 -7	Region 1 Rally		Nova Scotia, Canada	
Oct 3-5	Sweater Weather Rally Travelers Woods CG - Fall Meeting	Electric/water	Bernardston, MA	Sasuta

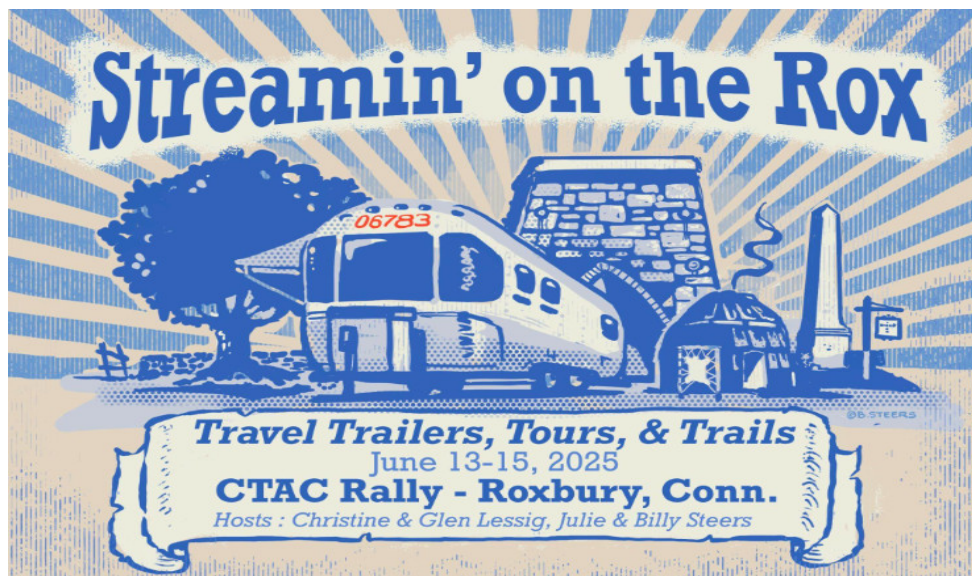
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Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.



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**Location:** Roxbury Village in Munson Meadow next to the Roxbury Market

**Boondocking Rally** - Please arrive with full batteries, propane, and freshwater tanks. Generators are allowed, and quiet hours are from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am. No picnic tables; bring your small tables.

**No cost** for camping - Please support Roxbury businesses

**The Kitty Fee** will be collected at the rally for catered meals, local civic donations, and supplies. Exact costs will be provided at a later date

## Rally Schedule

### Friday, 06/13:

- 12:00 ~ Arrive (Please no early arrivals)
- 3:00 ~ Walk Joey's Trail
- 5:30-7:00 ~ Welcome ~ Yack & SnackBYOB, if you wish bring a snack to share.
- 5:30-8:00 - Pop-up-Pub Hodge Library
- 7:00-8:00 ~ Corn Hole and Pétanque
- 8:00 ~ Campfire at the pit

### Saturday, 06/14

- 8:30 ~ Hot Breakfast
- 9:00-11:00 ~ OPEN HOUSE Community invited to visit our Airstreams (optional)
- Lunch on own ~ Roxbury Market has a wonderful deli - Help Support Local businesses.
- 1:00 ~4:00 Farm Crawl, self guided tour of local farms. Fund raiser for Roxbury and Bridgewater land trusts. (Fee to be determined)
- 5:00 ~ Yack & Snack, BYOB, if you wish bring a snack to share.
- 6:00 - Catered Dinner by Roxbury Market
- 8 pm - Camp Fire & Stargazing at the pit



### Sunday, 06/15

- 8:30 am - Breakfast (pancakes & meat) local syrup / strawberries
- 10:30 - Institute for American Indian Studies (IAIS) group tour (Washington) • \$15 adult. \$12 Sr./youth free-military ID. -some steps to reach the village
- 12:00 - Tunnel walk at Steeprock Preserve (Washington)
- Enjoy your day by exploring this wonderful area (see the welcome packet).
- 5 pm - Please all trailers off the grounds.

**Dogs** are welcome but must be on a leash, there is a dog park close by.

**A welcome packet** will be sent out to registered campers that will include area activities, walking, biking, and hiking routes, restaurants, flea markets, art, farm stands, breweries, distilleries, and historic sites.

**Rally registration:** JotForm Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/250088302600142>



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# Pastures Campground Rally

499 NH Rte. 10, Orford, NH 03777

**July 10- 13, 2025**

**Co-Hosted by Cape Cod and Connecticut Airstream Clubs**  
**Celebrate “Christmas in July”, with Campground friends bring those Christmas decoration to dress up your trailer!**

**Enjoy.....**

- ✧ Bring those Christmas decorations!!
- ✧ Joining in with the campground Christmas decorating of your trailer
  - ✧ Joint Club and Campground Residents Barbeque.
  - ✧ Kayak and Pontoon Boat rental are available.
- ✧ 6 pm Friday evening: Baked Potatoes with all the fixings.
  - ✧ 8 am Saturday Potluck Breakfast
- ✧ 5 pm Joint Summer Barbeque with Pastures Summer Folks (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Corn) co-hosted by Kim and Doug Robinson you might bring your favorite summer desert. 8 pm Campfire
  - ✧ 8 am Sunday Continental Breakfast. Cleanout your fridge dinner if you stay Sunday Night
    - ✧ Coffee will be provided each morning



Here is the Jotform link for sign up

<https://form.jotform.com/250714567597065>



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## **The Taste of NY and New England**



**Sponsored by Finger Lakes Airstream Club, Region 1 and PA (Penn Wood) Airstream Club**

**Date:** July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 to August 4<sup>th</sup> 2025

Region 1 Host: Michael and Sarah Giunta

Michael's Cell: 845-518-7567

Email: [mgiuntanh@gmail.com](mailto:mgiuntanh@gmail.com)

Site; TBD

**Address/ Information:**

Sampson State Park

6096 State Route 96a, Romulus, NY 14541-9730

Office: [\(315\) 585-6392](tel:3155856392)

Campground Contact: N/A

**Hookups:** Yes 30amp Electricity Only

**Dump Station:** Yes, 6 spots

**Water:** around the campground

**Pet Friendly:** A maximum of two pets are allowed in campsites and day use areas unless prohibited by sign or directive. Pets are to be supervised at all times and either be crated or on a leash not more than 6-feet in length. Proof of rabies inoculation shall be produced if requested by staff. Pets are not permitted in playgrounds, buildings, golf courses, boardwalks, pools and spray-grounds or guarded beaches (this does not apply to service animals).

**Website:**

<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/154/details.aspx>

**Start Date for Reservation:** Coming soon

**Last Date for Reservation:** TBD

Encompassing just over 2000 acres on the eastern shore of Seneca Lake, Sampson State Park features camping and boating as the primary recreational activities. The park has 243 electric campsites. The newly remodeled marina has 96 boat slips, a large multiple launch site and gas pumps. A key feature of the park is the beautiful view of the lake at its center, and the most picturesque sunsets in the Finger Lakes Region. Activities include tennis, horseshoes, basketball and volleyball, a sandy beach with guarded swimming, playgrounds, and a scenic lake trail. Other popular activities include fishing, hunting, biking, hiking, local golf, geocaching, and wildlife viewing and photography.

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## The Taste of NY and New England

### Agenda:



Thursday July 31st:

-Arrive, Relax and Meet some new friends at the evening GAM

Friday August 1st

-Evening BBQ Dinner and Gathering

-Optional Wine tour bus Excursion.

Saturday August 2nd

-The Taste of NY, (wine and charcuterie) and the Taste of New England Clam Bake

- Enjoy an Evening with Live Music

Sunday August 3rd

-Continental Breakfast, Sponsored by Skymed

-Group Dinner, Bring your Signature Summer Dish

Monday August 4th

-Depart... Safe Travels

Below is a list of various sites and recommendations:

Local Food:

**Ports Café**, 4432 W Lake Rd, Geneva, NY 14456

<https://portscafe.com/>

**Red Brick Pub Kitchen & Cocktails**, 57 Fall St, Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Local Beer and Wine:

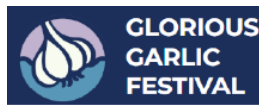


WINE & FOOD   THINGS TO DO   PLACES TO STAY   PLAN

<https://www.fingerlakeswinecountry.com/>

\*\*\*\*Tons of information on this website about food and wine\*\*\*\*

Activities/ Events:



<https://gloriousgarlicfestival.com/>

Geneva, NY. Dates posted on website

\*\*\*\*\*The campground has a boat launch so you can bring your kayak, SUP, or Canoe.\*\*\*\*\*