

The Capers



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



HELLO FELLOW AIRSTREAMERS!

Why does it seem that summer always flies by while winter lasts forever?

We had a wonderful camping season this year and as it winds down, I find myself reminiscing about all the great rallies and memories we shared. We still have one more rally, the Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Rally in October as well as our "Farewell to the 2026 Camping Season" Luncheon in November. Please consider signing up for the luncheon so we can enjoy one more special gathering before the year comes to a close. Michael Giunta will be joining us at the luncheon for the formal installation of officers. A flyer is attached at the end of the newsletter.

Our elections are over and we are pleased to welcome three new Board members. Kevin Brawley will serve as Second Vice President and Kathleen Warren and Barbara Leger will join us as Directors. A heartfelt thank you to each of them for stepping up to serve and helping our club continue to flourish.

I would also like to thank our outgoing Board members, Mary Rail and Bruce Frey. Mary served as the club's Second Vice President and contributed her knowledge and wisdom to our meetings. She also volunteered her time on the newsletter committee and chaired the nomination committee.

Bruce was a tremendous help to the Board, offering his computer expertise, technical support, and sound advice as a Director for the past two years. He served on the rally and finance committees. Although Bruce is completing his term as a Director, he will remain involved as the club's Technical Coordinator and Webmaster.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this camping season so enjoyable. I hope to see you at our remaining rally and at the farewell luncheon!

Betsy Frey
President,
Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club

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Do you have **ideas for the newsletter**? Send your favorite camping recipe! Favorite trip you've taken! The BEST campground you've ever stayed at! Email:
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BOONDOCKING AT SCAROON MANOR CAMPGROUND, NY BY MARY RAIL



We attended a joint boondocking rally hosted by the Northeast Mountaineers (12 rigs) and the Mohawk Hudson club (13 rigs) at Scaroon Manor Campground in Schroon Lake, NY. It was a “just camping” type rally but there were two events scheduled to facilitate catching up with old friends and making new friends. Friday night featured a three campfire meet and greet and Saturday night featured a brown bag dinner at the pavilion.

We chose to extend our stay by two days in order to take advantage of several day trip options. For history buffs, Fort Ticonderoga is nearby and the Lake Placid Olympic center and museum will appeal to sports fans, especially hockey fans. In addition, there are great biking and hiking opportunities.

The campground offers very large grass sites and features a swimming beach, a marina and very well maintained rest rooms and showers.

[Where are you?](#)

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2026-2027

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership Chair: Art Davies

Newsletter Editor: Beth Davies

Technical Coordinator: Bruce Frey

2026 CCMAC SOCIAL / RALLY

SCHEDULE

Camping Season is coming to a Close....

**October 8-12 Canadian Thanksgiving/Columbus Day,
Provincetown, MA**

November 14 Pre-Holiday Luncheon, Southbridge, MA

New CCMAC Members

7/31/2026	Elizabeth & Robert Whitcher	BRN 5811
8/6/2026	J. Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould	BRN3411



In late July, Airstreamers gathered at the Region 1&2 Rally at Sampson State Park, located in Romulus, NY. As in past years, this event brought together more than 90 rigs and over 160 participants.

If you haven't been, Sampson State Park sits at the edge of Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes. The sites offered electricity and water with four available dumping stations. The sites are large, with plenty of shade trees to offer relief from the sun. As you walk to the lake, there is a beach and docks available to make getting into a kayak or canoe easy. Mini golf, a dog park, and a restaurant offering pizza, sandwiches and ice cream are all at the lake's shore.

Those who signed up for the winery tour on Friday were picked up by bus and brought to visit a few of the many wineries nearby. Others went off on their own to check out wineries or local towns like Watkins Glen, Geneva, and Corning. At night, a catered BBQ dinner fed the crowd and live music by Sticks & Stones Country Band offered great entertainment.



Campers enjoyed the catered dinners at the rally!





Coffee was served, and campers had a free day to explore the area. We took in the Garlic Festival located a short distance away in Geneva, NY. Vendors sold a huge variety of locally grown garlic and onions. Other vendors offered crafts by local artists, and food (lots of pickles!) and wine/beer. We enjoyed the festival and walked out with our arms full of garlic, onions, potatoes, local pickles and hot sauces, and a craft or two. Returning to the campground by mid-afternoon, we attended the wine and beer tasting under the big tent. Those who participated brought a bottle of wine or their favorite beer to share. A sharable grazing box was offered to participants, and it was filled with crackers, cheese, salami, and fruit or olives. After that, another catered dinner was served to the hungry crowd.

On Sunday, campers gathered for a coffee and breakfast sponsored by SkyMed. SkyMed representatives offered a presentation of the insurance services their company offered. Sunday was another free day for campers to explore the area. Light rain didn't dampen the spirits of the group, and we had a great day playing games with another couple and dining at a fantastic local restaurant in Geneva.

Monday, we set off for home, loaded up with our Garlic Festival purchases, deeper friendships, and wonderful memories!





Campers enjoyed a great breakfast! photos by Judy Akeley

The Cape Cod Airstream Club added the Maple Park Campground and RV Park Rendezvous to its lineup of camping events during Summer 2026 season. Those those who attended had a great time!

Although a Rendezvous typically offers little or no scheduled events, campers were invited to a welcome breakfast on Friday, August 21. Art and Judy Akeley, their granddaughter Haddie along with helpers Art Davies and Bob Baker, once again pulled off a delicious breakfast of coffee, juice, egg and Canadian bacon sandwiches, yogurt and fruit. Then the campers were set free to explore the park or Cape Cod.

Friday night, Kathleen and Stan Warren offered to make reservations for anyone interested at a nearby restaurant. A large crowd of us took her up on her offer and off we went to Stonebridge Grill in Onset where we were able to spend more time getting to know our fellow campers.

Maple Park offered two ponds for swimming, a live band by the waterfront, playgrounds for the kids, a snack shack for a quick lunch, an arcade, and entertainment galore. It was Bingo weekend, so variations of Bingo were offered throughout the day. You could win candy bars or cash, and our own Bob Baker walked away a winner!

Though the forecasts threatened rain all weekend, we just had overcast skies most days. Saturday evening, Kathleen and Stan Warren, who I must say had the most amazing campsite overlooking the Lake, offered to host a campfire on their large lawn. Everyone brought their own chairs, food and drinks to share. The kids in attendance enjoyed making s'mores. It was a glorious night with great friends.

Special thanks to hosts Art & Judy Akeley who worked to secure the sites, kept in excellent communication on the happenings at the park. Special thanks also to helpers at breakfast, and the Warrens for pulling together a large group for the restaurant meal and the fun campfire. We will look for this event on future CCMAC schedules!! Check out photos on the next page!



Art Davies, Charlie Hoyt, and Bob Baker cooling off



Saying goodbye after a fun weekend!



It's official: Kathleen and Stan Warren had the best site (waterfront), and put on the most festive campfire!!



Bob Baker took the win in Bingo!



Future Airstreamers talking about which model they'll buy when they're older....



Nora learning the "Art" of toasting marshmallows



Overlooking the magnificent Lakes Region of New Hampshire, Gunstock Mountain offered a dramatic and vibrant backdrop to the Region 1 Rally held September 8-13. This rally offered something for everyone.

Those that arrived on Tuesday started the early weekend with a festive potluck dinner under the tent. Campers continued streaming in on Wednesday until the lineup of silver Airstreams took over parts of the campground. Those that attended the cocktail hour were feted by a coven of Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region, an entertaining flash mob that danced and howled to the music. Perhaps they were calling the rains that fell through the night!



Potluck Tuesday evening



Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region

Thursday, campers awoke to a stunning fall morning. Yoga was offered each morning as a way to get the blood moving. After breakfast, the opening ceremony and Information Sessions kicked off the rally. Topics from the history of the mountain to boondocking to storage were covered. Food trucks showed up daily to serve hungry campers at lunch time. Many campers offered used and new items for sale at the Flea Market, followed by Square Dancing and a group campfire.

Friday offered more information sessions and a hike to the top of Mount Major. Pridestreamers put on a Happy Hour for All, complete with complimentary wine, and a variety of appetizer stations to enjoy. Another group campfire offered a way to close out the evening.



Saturday, the spectacular weather continued and since the day was less scheduled, many rode the chairlift to the top of Gunstock to enjoy the view and a brew, while other brave souls hiked to the top. Others rode the mountain coaster or explored the area. The Social started late afternoon as the streamers enjoyed a libation while watching the local Irish Dancers put on a show. After dinner, comedian Juston McKinney entertained the crowd with an amazing show. The evening ended after the Auction and closing ceremonies.



Juston McKinney provided comic relief



Rain fell again as many departed the campground on Sunday. As pictures continued to get posted to the WhatsApp Group, it was clear that the attendees had an amazing time. Many thanks to the Region 1 Rally Volunteer Committee for putting together such a memorable event!

Editor's Note: When Betsy, Mary and I discussed topics for this newsletter, of course the International Rally was on the list. Betsy tapped Sam Watt and Joe Elliott for an article, and I asked Noreen Brawley to write one on her takeaways. Little did I know what vastly different experiences they'd have...-BD

Perspective 1: Our Experience At Our First Airstream Rally, Minot, North Dakota – August 2026 by Noreen Brawley



Kevin & Noreen Brawley

Our first rally was not what we expected!

We left our home in Rhode Island in late July for a four-month trip that included going to the Region 1&2 Rally at Sampson State Park in the Finger Lakes (everything we hoped for), 20 National Parks, and the International Rally at MINOT! We visited two Parks on our way to Minot, and our excitement level increased as we got closer.

We stayed at Roughriders Campground which was about 20 minutes from the fairgrounds. It was packed with rally-bound Airstreamers. We caravanned with our new friends on Friday morning for the final leg to Minot. In an instant, everything changed.

Yes, we're the folks you may have heard about.

With the fairgrounds in front of us, we were on a railroad crossing with Airstreams in front of and behind us and no one moving. Suddenly, the warning lights flashed and the arm came down on our truck. We had nowhere to go. We heard and saw the train coming at us very, very fast. Kevin yelled, "We're going to get hit! Get out of the truck!" We jumped out, heard a giant BOOM! and saw our beloved Tommy Bahama explode into little pieces on either side of the tracks.

At that moment, our rally experience really began.

We were in shock and devastated for sure. And grateful that no one was hurt. What happened over the next six days was nothing short of amazing. The entire Airstream community supported us in unexpected ways. We could not have gotten through those early days without the help of the many people we met. Every single person asked how we were doing, expressed compassion, and most importantly, hugged us. Always.

ACI Club president Millie O'Donnell showed up mere moments after the accident, asking how she could help. More volunteers arrived, helping us sort through the rubble, salvaging whatever was possible. We were all groveling in the dirty, soggy mess (thankfully, only the freshwater tank was full,) picking up anything that might be of use to us. The police and firefighters worked side by side with us.

The city of Minot put us up in the nearby hotel and dropped off a bag with jammies and other necessities. The next day a local restaurant, Off the Vine, dropped off a gift certificate with a note that read, 'Just to help a bit.'

We registered at the rally the next morning. Our Roughriders friends (Chris, Sammy, Delores and Chad) found us and took us in hand for the remainder of our rally. Millie reached out often to see how we were doing.

I had only the clothes I was wearing. We quickly did some serious shopping. It was not as much fun as one might think. My favorite morning ritual became a stop at the Club Hub to say good morning to Sherri Cofer. She knew about my clothing situation and always greeted me with, "That's a lovely dress, Noreen. Is it new?" And of course, she hugged me. She made things feel normal and light. Another new friend from Texas called me the most positive person; those words meant so much to me.

Our family and friends back home (and other places) supported us from afar with regular check-ins. They were relieved to realize we had a whole community helping us. Our 20-year-old grandson sent us a text after he heard about what happened. It read 'Love you guys so so so much ❤️ never stop doing what you love.'

We knew that this would not be the end of our Airstream adventure. So, a visit to the Airstream of Minnesota display at the rally was our next stop. Brian made the process of looking at trailers less painful. Once we knew the Stetson was the one for us (same floorplan as the Tommy Bahama) we could breathe again and look forward instead of back.

Next, Region 1 president, Michael Giunta truly stepped up and worked some magic. He cajoled Airstream -- and I can't even imagine who else -- to find us the exact Stetson we had fallen in love with and get it ready to deliver. He hoped we could debut our trailer at the Region 1 rally that was scheduled for two short weeks away! Though we couldn't make that rally because of needed truck repairs, that goal gave us something positive to look forward to. To our surprise, he started a Go Fund Me for us to help with things not covered by insurance. The Airstream community has been so generous, and we are beyond grateful for everyone's help.

Experiencing the accident was extremely hard, and often still is. But it is getting better every day. We have learned so much from this experience. And we've grown. We are so fortunate no one was hurt. Kevin and I make a good team. We love and support each other. We have great insurance. More people are kind than not. Our Airstream Adventure did not end on those tracks.

We continue to replace what we lost. Back in RI we spent hours at the Apple Store replacing our computers and iPads. It was exhausting. As we walked out Kevin looked at me and said, "she didn't even hug us!" We miss getting hugged.

We'll debut our new Stetson at CCMAC's Canadian Thanksgiving Rally at Provincetown in October. It's just what we need! We're looking forward to seeing you there or down the road. We'll gladly take whatever hugs you have to give. You can't always tell when someone needs a hug. If you suspect they might, go for it.

**Coming full circle – Kevin and Noreen
in front of their new Stetson Airstream**



Perspective 2: Cool Cloud 2 - Summer 26' - Loneliest Road - US50 & US2

by Sam Watt/Joe Elliott (BRN 5996)

My goodness what a "fast" summer of 26' it has been! After many months in the planning stage, this has to be our greatest Airstream adventure! With only a handful of states left to visit to complete our "sticker map," we set out on this great road trip in mid-June. Our goal for this trip was to travel as little as possible on the interstates and explore smaller, quieter routes, towns, and small villages. We often used old fashioned paper maps to keep us on the chosen routes and "skirt" around larger cities. While there were a few challenges involving someplace to turn CC2 (a 30' Airstream Classic) around, we've done pretty well!

Our route took us from our home base in Dennis, MA, down through western Maryland, across northern West Virginia to the border of Ohio. From there we drove south along the West Virginia/Ohio border until we picked up US route 50 west at Parkersburg. We followed the old route all the way to Carson City, Nevada/Lake Tahoe California! So much to see along the way, so many stops, so much fun. The route took us through southern Ohio, Indiana, Illinois. Through central Missouri, and Kansas, where we visited the Eisenhower presidential library in Abilene, and old Dodge City! From there, a "slight" 300-mile detour up into Nebraska (We needed the sticker. Rule - Must camp in the state at least 1 night to get the sticker, no pass throughs). We rejoined US50 in western Kansas crossing into Colorado with visits to the famed "Garden of the Gods" near Colorado Springs, and the Colorado National Monument just outside of Grand Junction.

Hauling "CC2" over the Rocky Mountain's 11k foot elevation Monarch Pass was spectacular. Continuing further west on US50 we visited the fabulous Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah. So many wonders to see! Still further west along US50 across the deserts of Nevada and the famed "Loneliest Road in America" portion of the old route. At the Nevada/California state line we enjoyed some time in the Carson City/Lake Tahoe area before heading north into California. Following this old route from east to west was awesome. There was little traffic; the roadway itself was in better shape than most major interstates. There were no monster trucks screaming by us on both sides. No dull and dreary fast food giant gas stations. Only small towns, villages, coffee shops, diners, and all the charm you'd ever want. It's not a route for everyone, you've got to have the time to take it all in. But if you enjoy finding real America by road trip, this one is for you!



**Joe proudly represents the Cape Cod Club
during the Parade of Flags**



After leaving US50 at Lake Tahoe, we took I5. We enjoyed our stays in Mt. Shasta, California, Oregon, stayed at the Airstream-only Washington Land Yacht Harbor in Olympia which is a perfect stop to enjoy the Puget Sound and Seattle area. The park is very well maintained, their "Terra-port" was great, and the facilities are top notch. We hit the Olympia farmers market, Bremerton, and Boeing's History of Flight Museum in Seattle!

Turning east towards home, no I90 for CC2, so we took US2! Another fantastic old route close to the Canadian border, and so worth the time to explore! Crossing west to east through the Cascades, we were treated to stunning views and vistas around every turn in the road. We enjoyed Harvest Host stops including a dairy farm and an apple orchard. Wildfires in the eastern Washington region kept us on alert and dodging around some smokey areas near Spokane. We passed through the Idaho pan handle and on into Montana at Bonners Ferry Idaho. Several days in Kalispell Montana and a day trip to Glacier National Park was definitely the highlight of this stop! After Kalispell US2 became mountainous through the Rockies, but very manageable with CC2 in tow. The topography on the eastern side of the Rockies dramatically changes to miles of flat prairie lands as far as the eye can see. We passed a mile marker in the 600s and finally reached the North Dakota border! Hooray!

The 69th Annual International Airstream Rally at Minot North Dakota - We're there! What a great week we had at the rally! We chose to park with The Pride Streamers Intraclub. It was nice to see folks we've met before and also meet new members of the intraclub. Joe did a great job at the opening ceremony as a flag bearer for our Cape Cod Club. The opening ceremony was a highlight for us as usual. From the speakers to the flag procession, to the ACI band, it was a great event! Joe and I volunteered to drive the shuttles one afternoon around the fairgrounds. We picked up folks walking from their campsites to the event facilities. There were some great distances to walk from some camp lots, so the shuttles were a big hit. It was so much fun driving around the grounds, and it gave us a chance to meet other Airstreamers we may not have met otherwise. The weather was mostly hot and dry, but we did have one night of wild thunderstorms with monsoons of rain. Some of the parking areas were temporarily flooded but after the next day of sun all was back to normal.

We had the great pleasure of meeting our fellow Cape Cod club members Kevin and Noreen Brawley at lunch one day. After all they went through with the train accident, we were heartened by their focus not on the event itself but on the wonderful response from our Airstream community. We hope to see them again down the road in their new Airstream "Stetson" edition!

We were able to get a few upgrades & repairs done during the rally on our beloved "CC2" - always a great opportunity at International. Finally, Minot was a wonderful host city for us. The Scandinavian Heritage Center was beautiful, and the historic downtown was full of charm and welcoming businesses. The Minot team folks were so welcoming and worked hard to share their town with us! Thank you!



COLUMBUS DAY & CANADIAN THANKSGIVING *Rally*

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OCTOBER 8-12, 2026

(OPTIONAL ARRIVAL OCTOBER 7)

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PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

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PER NIGHT

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1 vehicle, up to 2 pets)

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CAPE COD
SUNSETS

Come Rally With Us!

Thank you to Tye Mott, Trevor Lake and all who made this Rally an annual tradition.

Hosted by Art & Beth Davies



COLUMBUS DAY & CANADIAN THANKSGIVING RALLY

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COASTAL ACRES CAMPGROUND, PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Registration Information

1 RESERVATION INFORMATION



Reservations Open
July 8, 2026



Reserve by
August 24, 2026



Call Coastal Acres
(508) 487-1700
to reserve your preferred site



Optional Wednesday
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2 CAMPSITE INFORMATION

The 20 Sites on hold:

AREA	SITES	SITE SIZE
Field Sites	F4, F9–F12, F14, F15, F17–F19, F22	30 ft+
Upper Deck Sites	T25, T26, T27, T37, T38, T39	30 ft+
Upper Deck Sites	T28, T30	25 ft & under
Cluster Sites	33 (East side of main building)	30 ft

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SPECIAL DINNER INFORMATION

To guarantee good weather,
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on Saturday will be held at
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Hosted by
Art & Beth Davies



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2026 SEASON

LUNCHEON



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

SCHEDULE



Social Hour: Noon to 1:00 pm

Dinner: 1:00 to 3:00 pm

*Social hour will include time
to mingle with friends.*



LOCATION

Fins & Tales

858 Main St.

Southbridge, MA 01550

LUNCH SELECTIONS



Baked Haddock



Chicken Parmesan



Tenderloin Tips



*Included is a
salad and dessert.*

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All meals cost

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BY NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026



INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
BY MICHAEL GIUNTA

