

# The Capers



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**Dear Airstreamers,**  
I hope you're all staying safe and warm - we've definitely had quite the winter so far!

Although it might seem like these freezing temps will never go away, just remember that by the time March 20th rolls around, winter will officially be over and the sun will eventually melt the snow! Soon it will be time to de-winterize our Airstreams and resume camping. The new Rally Committee (Art Davies, Art Akeley, and Bob Baker) has planned two new events for the 2026 season. We'll have plenty of chances to explore and enjoy new adventures with our fellow Airstream members.

Our first event, the "March Into Spring" luncheon, was a huge success! Please read Art Akeley's article and see Judy's pictures on page 3 to get all the details on that event. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to let you know how much we appreciate all the volunteers who make our club so special. We couldn't do it without you!

If you would like to help out at one of the events this year, please reach out to me anytime. We can always use more help!

We are brainstorming new ideas for 2027. If you know of a new campground or theme that might be fun for a rally, please reach out to a Rally Committee member. You can email me with your ideas or comments at: [president.ccmac167@gmail.com](mailto:president.ccmac167@gmail.com). The more ideas and suggestions we have from all of our members, the better our club can become!

I look forward to seeing everyone soon. Hopefully, Mother Nature eases up a bit, and we have an early and successful camping season!

See you down the road,  
Betsy Frey

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Where are you? Submit photos of your travels for inclusion in our next newsletter! While you're at it. If you have a favorite local campground you think we should be rallying at, contact any member of the rally team; Art A, Art D or Bob B, with your idea. We want to complete the 2027 CCMAC Rally schedule (sounds far away) by the fall so we can all plan our next camping year.

Bob and Karen Baker (left in photo) are caravanning south on the Baja peninsula. Can't wait to hear their stories!



Art and Beth Davies in the Florida Keys.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### Regular Members

Clifford & Michelle Keirstead

### CCMAC LEADERSHIP

Betsy Frey, President

Art Davies, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Mary Rail, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Paula Carll, Treasurer

Bruce Frey, Director

Bob Baker, Director

Jared Lawler, Director

Art Akeley, Director



Stars are awarded on each five-year membership anniversary, and are to be placed next to the **BRN** on your rig. Four CCMAC members recently received their first big red star!

Contact membership chair Art Davies (artdav@yahoo.com) if you have passed a five year interval but have not received your star.

Member	Big Red Number	Join Date
David Hardy	4530	8/15/2021
Crandall 'Skip' McLean	2950	2/25/2021
Christian Slotter	3011	4/29/2021
Joe Norton	1928	6/13/2021



### ART DAVIES, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

I've camped my whole life. My parents had a trailer while I was growing up, and I often camped with friends all over New England and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway in Maine. My wife Beth preferred hotels to camping, so my camping days ended after my son left Boy Scouts.

Beth and I traveled internationally often, but when Covid hit, we decided to buy a rig and see the US. Airstreams appealed to us for the quality, durability and simplicity of towing and setup. We purchased a gently used 2020 27' Globetrotter and fell in love with Airstream and the camping life. Some of our travel highlights include the Albuquerque International Balloon Festival; a buffalo roundup in Custer, SD; the Grand Canyon; the eastern US coast, and various provinces in Canada. We love travelling with our dog, Kip, and meeting other Airstream owners and their pooches. Beth now says, "Buying this Airstream is the best thing we've ever done!"

We joined CCMAC few years ago to meet other Airstreamers, try new campgrounds, and attend new events. I moved from Director to Vice President this year in the club. I enjoy working with the other Board Members and our President Betsy on planning for the year ahead.

### CLUB LUNCHEON AT MEZZA LUNA BY ART AKELEY, PHOTOS BY JUDY AKELEY

The first CCMAC event of 2026 is "in the books"! About 25 brave members and affiliate members met for the "March Into Spring" appreciation luncheon at the Mezza Luna restaurant in Buzzards Bay, MA. Despite the recent storms, the crowd dined on delicious bread, salad, zucchini/summer squash medley, ziti pasta, and chicken parmesan. Many club-issued name tags were stored in snowbound Airstreams, so you'll note the non-standard name tags in some of the club's pictures!



Lively conversation consisted of reviews of 2025 camping escapades and excitement for the upcoming season. New and existing friends connected. CCMAC President Betsy Frey discussed two new camping events for this year: a rally at Pine Lake Campground in Sturbridge, MA from May 7-10 (see flyer p 8) and a rendezvous at Cape Cod Maple Park Campground in Wareham, MA for August 20-23 (see flyer p 9).

Betsy encouraged everyone to check CCMAC's Facebook page to find information on all 2026 outings. Director Art Akeley went into more detail on the Cape Cod Maple Park rendezvous and shared a potential 2027 "main street" boondocking event he is working on. Betsy read a nice letter sent in by Region One President and IBT Member Michael Giunta, who had hoped to attend the luncheon but had a conflict.

Whether you're looking for adventure, great food, camaraderie, just plain kicking back or all of the above, the Region 1 rally at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford, NH should be on your list for September 9-13, 2026.

Gunstock is a full-service resort in central NH near beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee that offers fly fishing in a stocked pond, miles of hiking trails for all ages and levels, exhilarating mountain biking trails, heated pool and access to the lake for kayaking, paddle boarding and swimming.

The entire campground has been reserved for this rally. All sites offer water and electric and there are a limited number of full service sites. There are two on-site dump stations.

"We're 50% pre-booked already" said Michael Giunta, Region 1 President, "so please pre-book via the QR code below as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment."

Rally fee includes 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner and entertainment. In addition, there will be a detailing service available, new Airstream models and trucks (both Ford and Ram) on display, and DIY clinics. Per Hamnqvist, Rally Coordinator, is looking for assistance from all Region 1 clubs to help with the planning and running of the rally, so please contact him at: [per@hamnqvist.org](mailto:per@hamnqvist.org) to volunteer.

**PRE-BOOK THE GUNSTOCK RALLY  
BY POINTING YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA AT  
THIS QR CODE AND FOLLOW THE LINK**



## 2026 CCMAC SOCIAL / RALLY SCHEDULE

April 10-12 - Pets & Paws Provincetown, MA

May 7-10 **New! Sign up by 4/1** Pine Lake Resort,  
Sturbridge, MA

May 15-17 - Newbie Rally joint rally w/ CT Club

June 11-14 Scusset Beach Cape Cod

July 16-19-The Pastures Cape Cod host w/ CT Club

July 30-August 3 - Region 1 & 2 Rally

Sampson State Park, Romulus, NY

August 20- 23 - **New!** Maple Park Rendezvous,  
Cape Cod, MA

August 22-27 - International Rally, Minot, ND

September 9-13 Region 1 Rally Gunstock

October 9-12 Canadian Thanksgiving/Columbus Day - October 2026

November 7 Pre-Holiday Luncheon, Southbridge, MA

**Got Rally Ideas? Contact  
Art Davies: [artdav@yahoo.com](mailto:artdav@yahoo.com)**

**DREAMING  
OF  
FRANCE?**



### Silver on the River - ACI National Event Rally

- Custom itinerary in France on the Rhone River with a full boat charter for our Airstream Club group
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Luxury Cruises
- Check the ACI website for complete details
- <https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>
- Airstream Club friends and family welcome!
- Space is limited, sign up today!

Sailing  
July 15-22  
2026

Registration  
Now Open!

Exploring areas that offer new cultural experiences, unique geology, and a pristine natural environment led us to join the 2024 Viking Caravan to Newfoundland, Canada. The first day, 25 Airstreams were loaded onto a multi-decked ferry for the seven hour trip to Newfoundland, aka “The Rock.” We spent two days getting to know our caravan mates, exploring the wild countryside and feasting on fresh lobster. To gain honorary Newfoundlander status, we participated in a hilarious “screech in” ceremony where we drank a shot of Newfoundland rum, recited a silly verse, ate bologna (Newfoundland’s official dish) and kissed a thawing codfish!

Moving north, we experienced our first moose burgers, saw the earth’s mantle in Gros Morne National Park and visited a 1,000 year old Viking settlement founded by Leif Erickson.

Heading east, we stopped in Gander, where 38 planes bound for the US were diverted on September 11, 2001 during multiple terror attacks on US soil. We attended a performance of “Come From Away,” a musical about residents turning their homes and public buildings into shelters for the 7,000 stranded passengers. Mary was so moved by this performance because she witnessed the collapse of the Twin Towers in New York City on that fateful day.



We left the caravan for a few days and took a side trip to Fogo Island. We agreed that it reminded us of Maine circa 1975 - authentic, adventurous and deeply connected to the sea. The waters and islands around Fogo teemed with humpback whales and thousands of puffins. Dinner at The Fogo Island Inn was one of the most intimate and exquisite dining experiences we’ve ever had.

Bonavista, on the northeast corner of The Rock provided the BEST whale watching experience ever. A juvenile humpback whale actually came up to the boat, stuck its head up above the waterline and let one of the passengers stroke it! It was an unforgettable moment! Down the east coast, we explored the Provincial Capital of St John’s and its vibrant food scene and prominent role in cross-Atlantic communications and naval history. Signal Hill National Historic Site provides a sweeping view of the wild North Atlantic. We also saw where Guglielmo Marconi received the first transatlantic wireless transmission in 1901. World War II buffs will appreciate The Crow’s Nest Officers’ Club, which houses a collection of military artifacts



that preserve the memory of the sailors who escorted ships across the Atlantic. St Mary's Ecological Reserve is home to thousands of nesting gulls, razorbills, kittiwakes, northern gannets and double-crested and great cormorants.

After St Johns, we headed to the west coast. A boondocking stay at Vernon's Antique Car Museum in Swift Current was a highlight. The proprietor, Vernon Smith, has a world class American car collection of rare, low production cars that he made available to us for the entire stop.

We skipped a few caravan stops to take a side trip to Burgeo, an island on the wild south coast. Isolated until the 1970s, the government built a 100+ mile road to provide overland access. We took a day trip to Ramea Island, which was like another step back in time and visited Sandbanks Provincial Park which has a beautiful beach and a rustic, but well managed campground.

The sight of 25 Airstreams in Corner Brook attracted lots of attention and the Canadian Broadcasting Company came to the campground to interview us. It was an excellent opportunity to express to the people of Newfoundland how much we enjoyed our visit to the special place they call home.



On the return ferry to Nova Scotia, we bid farewell to our old and new friends, and headed home from our two month adventure that introduced us to so many amazing people and places. We hope to return some day in Springtime to see the 10,000 year old icebergs float into "Iceberg Alley" and visit the French territories of St Pierre and Miquelon islands off the southeast coast. If you are looking for a trip that features abundant wildlife, rich geologic history, the freshest seafood imaginable and people who would give you the shirt off their back, go to Newfoundland!

**BEEN ON AN AIRSTREAM CARAVAN?  
TELL US HOW IT WAS! EMAIL BETSY  
FREY AT  
[PRESIDENT.CCMAC167@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PRESIDENT.CCMAC167@GMAIL.COM)**





# PETS & PAWS RALLY

Coastal Acres  
Provincetown, MA



PETS & PAWS RALLY  
**2026**

PET  
WET

Season opener  
Extremely Pet Friendly

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club

# T-SHIRT CONTEST

Arrive Friday - Settle in - 5:30 Happy Dinner - Bring over-sized appetizers in lieu of Dinner.

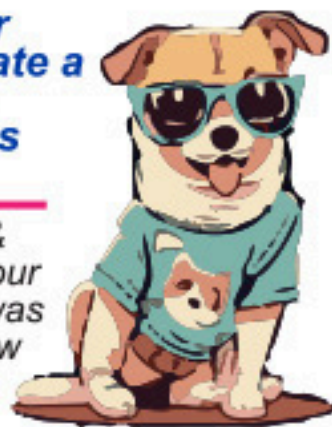
**Saturday Pot Luck Breakfast - Coffee & OJ Provided**



Join us at 8:00 with your contribution for a wonderful  
Community Pot Luck Breakfast. Please bring your own setup.

**Sunday 8:00 Continental Breakfast.**

Bring a new, (or two) washed T-Shirt appropriately sized for your pet along with a pair of scissors. Together we will create a special pet accessory you and your buddy will be proud to wear into town for the Pet Parade. All other needed supplies will be provided.



The first rally in Provincetown was the Nor'Easter hosted by Tye, Sandi & Rick in 2011. It was during that rally that the conversation turned to why our pets were left out of the Happy Hours and other activities. Pets & Paws was born! First rally was in 2012. It's been a great run and we made many new friends along the way but it is now time to say thank you everyone as we retire Pets & Paws. Thank you everyone for all the great memories.

Optional Saturday Dinner at the Masonic Lodge in downtown.  
Appetizers, Salad, Spaghetti w/meatballs & sausage and  
chicken parmigiana, bread and dessert. Bring your own beverages and glasses. \$40.00 P/P, Includes Tip and Tour of Lodge



Join the fun with a Pet Parade downtown

**Pets dressed in their new T-Shirt Costumes!**

**No Pet - No Problem - We Love People Too!**

We have 35 sites with full hook-ups of varying sizes - first come first assigned.

**JotForm:** <https://form.jotform.com/260387006325150>

Mail your check made out to CCMAC to Rick

The rate of \$85.00 nightly will be honored from April 10th to 12th (no early birds)

If you wish to extend your stay at Coastal Acres Campground contact the office Saturday or Sunday

**For additional information or questions:**

J. Rick Cipot - 44 Walnut Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801 \* email: mrjrick@aim.com \* Cell: 203.241.4801





**AIRSTREAM**  
OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Sponsored by CCMAC and  
Airstream of Southern New  
England



# May 7-10, 2026



## Pine Lake Campground Resort & Cottages

30 River Rd, Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-347-9570

*Celebrate Spring and Moms \* Hosted by Art & Beth Davies*

### Reserve by April 1, 2026!



Limited spots are available  
We're on an 18 site loop with full hookups.  
Sites include back in sites, pull through sites  
and several buddy sites.

**Step 1:** Call [Pine Lake Campground](#) at **508-347-9570**, say you are with the Cape Cod Airstream Rally Club. If interested in a buddy site, let them know who your buddy will be.

**Step 2:** Click this link to the [Jotform](#) to let us know you're coming, site #, and dates. We will bill you a kitty fee of **\$22.50 per person**.

**Group Discount for 3 nights: \$269 for a pull through and \$255 for back-in**

[Airstream of Southern New England](#) is 5 miles from the campground. Call them (860-851-9133) to arrange service or visit the dealership to see their inventory and to get to know the team. GM Mike Scott and his team will be visiting the campground to give us brief presentation and answer questions at our Saturday evening appetizers.

### TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Thu May 7	Checkin after 1 Happy Hour/Potluck	
Fri May 8	Continental Breakfast Explore on your own Chili Cook Off*	*Who makes the best chili? Limited entry, Details to follow
Sat May 9	Special Mother's Day Breakfast Explore on your own Cocktail Hour: Airstream of S. NE Mother's Day Prime Rib Dinner*	* Optional event. Hosted by Pine Lake for entire campground Cost is \$20pp Pine Lakes will notify you via email how to
Sun May 10	Happy Mother's Day! Continental Breakfast Checkout by 11 am	Thanks for Coming! Safe Travels!



# RALLY BY THE BAY

## Boondocking at Scusset Beach

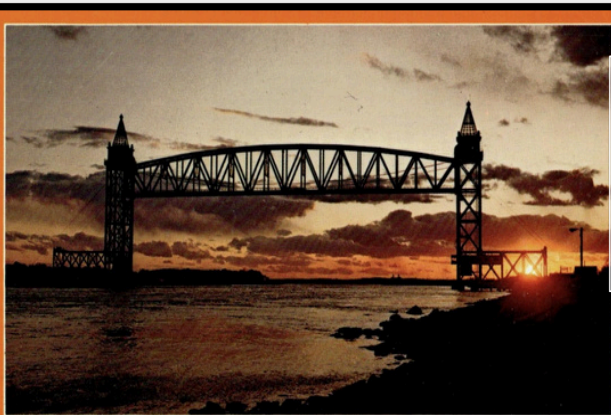


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**SAGAMORE, MA • JUNE 11 - 14, 2026**

**Join us for the Ultimate Airstream Rally Adventure!**

**Gear up for an extraordinary weekend at the Scusset Beach State Reservation, camping with the comfort of having restrooms, a shower house and dump station available.**



*RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER CAPE COD CANAL  
CAPE COD*

**Come explore the Cape Cod Canal area with so much to do and see. Take a bike ride, a hike or hang out at the beach, all so close to the campground.**

**Take a harbour cruise, go deep sea fishing or check out one of the many museums in the area.**

**Join in us for a happy hour(s), breakfast(s), campfire(s), and an optional catered smoked BBQ dinner.  
So much to do in one weekend!**



Register @: <https://airstreamclub.org/scusset-beach-boondocking-2026>

# Cape Cod Airstream Club Rendezvous

Aug 20 – 23, 2026

Maple Park Campground & RV Park

Wareham, Massachusetts

“Gateway to Cape Cod”



**Step 1:** Make your reservations by visiting [capecodmaplepark.com](http://capecodmaplepark.com) and click on the “Book Now” link which will go their reservation platform. Select from available sites.

**Step 2:** Complete this link for Jotform, letting us know you’re coming, site #, and dates you’ll be with us.

**Group Discount:** 20 or more sites results in 20% off total site fee (credited when paying final amount 30 days prior to arrival). 10-19 rented sites results in 10% off. Golf cart rentals at same discount (10 or 20%) based upon total rented sites.

## *Things to do in the area:*

Historic Plymouth & Sandwich

Canal Cruises

Whale Watching

Water Wizz Water Park

Deep Sea Fishing Charters

New Bedford Whaling Museum (NHP)

Buzzards Bay Beaches

Heritage Museum & Gardens

Sandwich Glass Museum

Woods Hole Village & Aquarium

JFK Museum

Cape Cod Railway (tours/dinner)

Battleship Cove

Public Golf Courses Nearby

## **Important Info**

- Based upon availability we could not reserve specific blocks of sites.
- Schedule “To Do” items on your own and/or with fellow Airstreamers
- Possible Campground Activities ●Questions/Inquiries: Art Akeley,

[aaakeley@comcast.net](mailto:aaakeley@comcast.net), or 774-564-9555.