



## REGION 1 NEWS, MAY 2026

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As the camping season begins to take shape across New England and Eastern Canada, Region 1 is shifting from planning into action. Rallies are underway, calendars are filling, and there are more opportunities than ever for members to get out, connect, and experience everything our region has to offer.

One of the biggest challenges and opportunities before us this season is participation. With more than 10,000 members across ACI, only a small percentage (roughly 10–15%) regularly attend rallies. Increasing participation is a key focus for Region 1 this year. Whether it's attending a local club rally, joining another club's event, or trying something new, there are countless ways to get involved. The more members who participate, the stronger our community becomes. **If you are not sure where to start, reach out to your local club membership chair.**

The **2026 Region 1 Rally at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford, New Hampshire (September 9–13, 2026)** remains a central focus for the year ahead. Planning continues to build, and early support from sponsors is already helping shape what promises to be a memorable event. We are grateful for the organizations and partners whose generous contributions are supporting this rally, and more details will be shared in the coming months as plans continue to develop.

This year also marks the **final Region 1 / Region 2 Rally at Sampson State Park in New York**, a longstanding and well-loved event that has brought members together across regions. As this chapter comes to a close, it presents a meaningful opportunity to participate in a tradition that has defined regional collaboration for many years.

Behind the scenes, the Region 1 leadership team is also advancing several initiatives to strengthen how we connect and communicate with members. A **refreshed Region 1 website is in development**, and the **2026 Region 1 Membership Survey has recently launched**, giving members a direct voice in shaping future rallies, events, and experiences. Member input will play an important role in helping regional and club leadership better understand our evolving community, and members are encouraged to share their input as part of this effort.

In addition, a small team of volunteers has been working to establish a **Region 1 Compassion Fund, which will be formally introduced to the membership at the Gunstock rally**. This initiative reflects the spirit of support and care that defines our community and will provide a meaningful way for members to help one another when it matters most.

As the season gets underway, members are encouraged to explore the [Region 1 Master Rally List](#), attend events across clubs, and take advantage of the many opportunities to connect. Whether it's your first rally or your fiftieth, there is always something new to experience, and always someone new to meet.

Here's to a season of connection, participation, and shared experiences. We look forward to seeing you out on the road.

