



Finger Lakes Newsletter

Presidents Message

Spring has arrived, many of us are gearing up – getting our units ready for summer rallies and individual camping trips. Margie and I returned from a road trip last week, we camped at Liberty Harbor. We spent time taking in the New York City sites and experienced cultural events. Last year, Margie and I joined the Ontario Unit - New York City rally at Liberty Harbor and we now do a yearly spring and fall camping trip to Liberty Harbor enjoying the city for a few days. I will be sponsoring a buddy rendezvous weekend during June 22-24, 2018 in Windsor, NY and a vintage rally August 24-26, 2018 in New Paltz, NY. Installation rally is scheduled for the weekend of September 21, 2018 we are working on the logistical aspects of the rally. We are not traveling to Oregon as planned for international, hope to make next year's international in Virginia. John and Nancy Hussar are working the luncheon details for May 19, 2018, I appreciate their commitment. If you have not submitted your coupon and wish to attend, please contact Nancy Hussar. Liz Kirk, has embraced maintaining the Finger Lakes Website, she has done an outstanding job getting it up to speed (thank you Liz!!). Looking forward to the summer events and fellowship. We adopted a Golden Retriever (Huckleberry) from a rescue group a few months ago, he will be joining us during the summer camping events, his energy level is high and will keep all of us entertained.

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Four months have gone by since we have shared our full-time journey with you. It is time to reconnect. We spent most of November in Palm Harbor, Florida visiting with friends and relatives. Our daughter and son-in-law joined us. Thanksgiving was spent with Chuck's sister roasting our first turkey in the Airstream (as well as baking our first pie).

Thankful for the time we were able to spend together as family, we departed and headed north - stopping first at TCPC to drop off the Airstream! (Another perk of our membership in an Airstream park is free protected storage). We arrived back in WNY on December, 2017. Shortly after we arrived, the snow and bitter cold set in. While staying at our son's house, we were surrounded by the love and warmth provided by family and friends. While there we tended to business-annual doctor and dentist visits, insurance, license and registration renewals, etc. Once in awhile, no matter where you call home - all this must be dealt with.

We remained in WNY until mid-January. Then it was back to TCPC to pick up our real home - the Airstream. Late January on the Cumberland Plateau meant dealing with temperatures slightly above freezing at night. During the daylight hours, the temperature hovered around the high 50's. We stayed three nights and then moved south, heading for Kure Beach, NC (just south of Wilmington) to visit my 91 year old aunt and my cousin. Stopped on route at Sesquicentennial SP, SC for a few days to explore. The park (believe it or not) is right within a suburb of Columbia, the state capitol. Once inside the park you would never know it! A real gem!

Carolina SP, NC was our next stop. It was just three miles from Kure Beach. Here we discovered another benefit in the full-timing lifestyle. It allows us to reconnect and recreate relationships with so many people who have played a role in our lives. Once again, I was able to ride my bike three miles down the road to visit my aunt! She and two of her friends joined Chuck and I for a pizza party in our Airstream. My cousin is her primary caregiver and he was able to get away for a few days while we were in the "neighborhood". We promised to return.

The end of January found us just outside of Savannah, GA at Skidaway SP. The weather was moderate, and we were able to enjoy all that the area had to offer - history, culture, the arts, nature and FOOD. It was restaurant week. Many great restaurants in Savannah offered unbelievable menu items at bargain prices! We enjoyed a three course lunch in a beautiful historic setting at Vic's on the River for \$13.99 plus tax and tip. Can't beat that!

Oh, well-back to reality. Laundry facilities at the park allowed us to regroup before we traveled on to Florida to stay with Chuck's sister who had just completed 6 weeks of chemo at age 90. Once again, this lifestyle allowed us to spend quality time with people while still living in our own space. Our son and his wife, who live in CT traveled down to meet us. The Airstream once again provided all the comforts of home.

n mid-February, we traveled up the coast to Carolina Beach SP to spend more time with my aunt and cousin. While there we spent a wonderful afternoon with my cousin. He asked us to join him at an outdoor music festival hosted at a beautiful vineyard in Little River, SC. He is an eleven-year survivor of pancreatic cancer and to be able to enjoy his company on a day filled with nature and music - wow. It left me speechless!

The beginning of March found us on the road again. This time to meet up with the SC Coastal Unit #150 for their Roaring 20's Murder Mystery Rally in Hardeeville, SC. Costumes in hand, we arrived and joined in the fun. A great time was had by all -about 18 rigs. One

Airstream was pulled by a semi into the campground. As I write this we are still in SC at Edisto Beach SP. We are surrounded by the ocean, salt marshes and forest. Will be here for two weeks enjoying spring weather. Tomorrow we will spend the day in Charleston. It is about an hour south of Edisto island. Lake Greenwood SP and Lake Wateree SP are our next stops here in SC.

Then it is on to TCPC for about three weeks before we head north - first stopping at Jackson Center, Ohio. We will be back in WNY around mid-May in time for the FLU welcome back luncheon. Once again reconnecting and recreating memories with those who have touched our lives. See you soon. Safe travels, Judy Tobin

Rendezvous Weekend (buddy) June 22-24, 2018

The rendezvous weekend is informal, each participant is responsible for calling the campground and making arrangements. They have reserved 10 sites for us and can make more available if required. If you plan to attend, please send me an email (edwardva@outlook.com)

Campground: Lakeside Campground
336 Hargrave Road
Windsor, NY 13865
(607) 655-2694

Ask for Airstream Rate (Full Hook Up-\$46.95 / night Plus 10% discount)

Preliminary Program

June 22, 2018

Arrival after 12PM

5PM - Happy Hour

6:30PM Dinner - Tavolo Italian Restaurant - Windsor, NY 607 238-5983

9PM Campfire at the pavilion

June 23, 2018

8:30AM - Pot luck Breakfast

Attractions: On your Own (10AM – 4:30PM)

Adventure Park

Windsor Fresh Air Market

Transfiguration Monastery

4:30 – 5:30PM Happy Hour

6:30 – 8:00 Dinner - Mac & Cheese Competition – see note on page 12

9PM – Campfire at the pavilion

June 24, 2018

8:30AM Continental Breakfast

10AM – Clean up and departure



North- Eastern Vintage Trailer Rally August 24-26, 2018

Your trailer does not have to be vintage nor do you need to be a member of the Airstream Vintage club to attend the rally. If you wish to partake in the vintage competition and open house it is required you be a member of the Airstream Vintage club (<http://vintageairstreamclub.com>). If you own an airstream built in the 1950's, 60's, 70's or 80's you are vintage. In general, if the trailer is older than 30 years it considered vintage.

Finger Lakes Unit Website

Liz Kirk, has volunteered to maintain our unit website. She has updated the site. I am appreciative of the support and commitment. The site will continue to be changed as we align it with WBCCI. Please access the site at <http://nyfingerlakes.wbcci.net/about-us/>. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Liz at email - wkokirk@rochester.rr.com

New York Finger Lakes Unit

Part of the Wally Byam Airstream Club



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North-Eastern Vintage Trailer Rally Coupon

A joint rally of Region 1, Cape Cod Massachusetts and,

Region 2, Finger Lakes Unit

The Rally fee - \$150.00 (per trailer, up to 2-person occupancy)

Preliminary Program:

Wednesday August 22nd – early arrivals, happy hour

Thursday August 23rd – early arrivals, happy hour, pot-luck dinner

Friday August 24th - arrival day

5pm – Heavy Happy Hour

Saturday August 25th 8am – 9am – Pot Luck Breakfast 12pm – 3pm – Open House, Flea Market and Best of Rally Competition 4pm – Happy Hour 6pm – catered Dinner – and entertainment

Sunday August 26th 8am – lite continental breakfast, departure

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

WBCCI #: _____ Email Address: _____
 _____ Phone Number: _____

2nd Attendee First Name: _____

2nd Attendee Last Name: _____ Additional Attendees First and
 Last Name (if a child(ren), please add age): _____

Trailer Motorhome Length: _____ 30 amp 50 amp: (if available) Arrival Date: _____
 _____ Departure Date: _____ Handicapped
 parking: Yes. Special Dietary Needs _____ Contact: Ed
 Valentin (607) 687-4117 or email edwardva@outlook.com Mail to: Ed Valentin, 580 5th Ave Owego, NY
 13827

Early Arrivals (before Friday) please contact Ed directly

Safety Tips

Airstream



As we prepare our RV's for another summer of adventures in 2018, consider some of the following suggestions:

Fire Extinguishers - check the gauge to verify the pressure gauge is in the correct range. Also, if you haven't yet checked to see if your Kiddee fire extinguisher has a plastic handle, do so. If it does, it may be subject to a safety re-call. Many are ! Another suggestion is to annually take a rubber hammer and with the extinguisher held upside down, tap the bottom and then shake the extinguisher to loosen the powder

Fire – Did you know the number one cause of a fire in an RV is leaving your stove unattended? Don't ever do it as we can get distracted when we step out "just a minute".

An unattended candle is also a potential disaster.....

Tires – Spring is also a good time to check your RV tires for wear and condition. Tires six years or older should be replaced as they are subject to very expensive blow-outs. Tires of that age look good, but may be damaged by sun rot. All tires have a date of manufacture code. The code follows "DOT" with some letters – then 4 numeric digits. The first two digits are the week of manufacture and the last two digits are the year of manufacture. Also note the "load rating" listed on the tire, indicating the weight permitted on each tire. Consider buying tires with a higher load range (e.g. D vs. C) for added safety. Check your owner's manual for the minimum recommended load rating.

Water – Do you know what causes the most expensive RV repair? Water damage! Checking for wet spots on ceilings, carpets, and under the beds after a rain storm can prevent major damage if dealt with in a timely manner.

Wheel Brakes – Other recommended maintenance items include repacking wheel bearings with grease and verifying your brakes get energized at each wheel. A good test is to drive up on some wooden blocks so one wheel on each side of your trailer is off the ground. Then momentarily remove the plastic pin from the break-away switch on the front of the trailer and verify the raised tires are locked in position. Then reposition the blocks to other tires and test each of the other tires. The first time I checked our brakes, I found two of the four brakes were not working and I had to repair the connections of the wires going to the brake solenoids.

Happy & Safe Travels.

John Hussar

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Mark your Calendars

AS OF APRIL 2018

Welcome back luncheon – May 19, 2018 Skaneateles, NY

Region 2 Rally – May 30 – June 4, 2018 New Paltz, NY

Rendezvous Weekend – June 22 – 24 2018 Windsor NY - Date Change

61st WBCCI International Rally Salem ,Oregon

Airstream Vintage Rally - August 24 – 26, 2018 New Paltz, NY

Unit Installation Luncheon – September 22, 2018 - TBD

Notes :

1. During rendezvous weekend we will host a Mac & Cheese competition during Saturday night dinner. Prepare your favorite Mac & Cheese recipe share and have it judge, and you may win a prize. I've attend rallies where they have meal competitions -we enjoy the food and have some fun. Questions contact me ...
2. Rendezvous weekend does not require a rally fee as you will make you own camping arrangements directly with Lakeside campground, meals are on your own. The weekend was originally scheduled for the weekend of June 15- 17 2018, due to campground sites availability it was changed to June 22- 24, 2018.

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Rallies

Rendezvous Weekend logistics

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Installation Rally

Action item for members

Welcome back luncheon if you plan to attend contact Nancy Hussar at (607) 797-4083.

Where you can help!

Newsletter

- We have a need for an editor please consider!
- Unit member's experiences / stories to share in the newsletter
- Pictures of events you wish to share

Rallies

- Installation Rally
 - Join one of the committees (parking, meals, entertainment)
 - We are in need of a member / members that can conduct the installation procedure

Special Thanks!

- Nancy & John Hussar Welcome Luncheon
- John Hussar Safety Tips
- Tobin's full time RVing series (more to come)
- Liz Kirk Finger Lakes Unit Website
- To all unit members for your support!

Miscellaneous

For Sale :

1985 Airstream Excella 31'

New Tires

2-Year-old Refrigerator

2-Year-Old Hot Water Heater

Unit in good condition

Asking \$16,000

Contact: Will Heikkila 607 368-5669