

Hudson-Mohawk NY News



Indians watching Henry Hudson's ship The Half Moon along the Hudson River.

President's Message

I would like to welcome our 3 new couples that we inducted at the Salisbury Beach Rally. I would like to thank our out going president for all her work over the past year and her prior years in office. My thanks also to Bob Stark for doing a great installation ceremony and being our treasurer, Sue King for serving as our newsletter editor, also to all our outgoing officers and members that helped throughout the year. Thanks for your confidence in electing me as president and expect a phone call from me asking for your help. Hudson Mohawk is a great unit and that is because of the wonderful members we have. We have a full year ahead of us and I hope you can attend as many functions as possible. I hope everyone is having a great year and I will see you down the road. If you are thinking about going to the International rally please send in your reservation because the rally seems to be filling up quickly.

Geoff Whittle, President

Past President's Message

WOW, where did the year go. It seemed like only yesterday I was installed at Salisbury Beach Reservation. My favorite spot!

I would like to thank all the officers who helped me this past year. Also many thanks to all who came to our monthly activities. We had five weekend rallies with 27 trailer participating, thank you to those who hosted a rally. We had five luncheons with a total of 53 members enjoying the meals, thank you to those who hosted a luncheon. We have a small turn out, but we have fun.

We started out with 20 members and added three new members, welcome to Art & Camille Crandall, Bob & Joan Stevens, and Fred and Lee Belic.

Check out the schedule for 2015-2016, mark your calendar NOW. Let see if we can increase our numbers for the upcoming luncheons and weekend rallies.

I would like to end wishing all the officers a very productive year.

Thanks, Claudia

Officers

President
Geoff Whittle

1st. Vice President
Wendy Vettovalli

2nd. Vice President
Pat Cabana

Treasurer
Claudia Stark

Record/Corres. Secretary
Barbara Schultz

Director (1 year)
Carol Abraham
Susan Whittle

Honorary Director
Claudia Stark

Caravan Chairman
Rich Griffin

Webmaster
Dana King

Newsletter Editor
Susan King

Storekeeper
Wendy Vettovalli

Sunshine
Leslie Schulitz

Historian
Polly Herring

October Rally

Our fall Columbus Day weekend rally was held at Glen Hudson Campground. This is a great little campground situated on the Hudson River with the Saratoga North Creek railroad running through the middle.

We arrived with a lite rain and while registering, the Vettovali's pulled in. shortly after the Abrahams, Schultz, Stevens and the Crandalls arrived. We all got set up on nice level grass sites with three point hook ups. The rain soon stopped.

Our original plan was to have our dinner outside, but with the weather unpredictable we got permission to have them in the Rec Hall. This worked out very well and made it easy for preparing and enjoying our meals.

Our son Bob (and his wife Marie who have a seasonal site right on the Hudson) who had plenty of local dry fire wood built us a great fire which we sat around and enjoyed homemade pie.

The next morning with a 36 degree temperature we headed back to the Rec hall for a nice warm breakfast. After breakfast we walked around the campground and enjoyed the colors on the river.

A little after 11 we met at the rail tracks at the flag stop. John took out the flag and was ready to flag down the train. (Check out the picture). The train was crowded, but we all found seats and it was about a 45 minute ride to North creek.

Bill chose to stay back at the campsite and enjoy the quiet time. Joan and Bob drove to Hunter Mountain Octoberfest.

We all walked up the hill to the Trappers Tavern for lunch, where we enjoyed too much to eat. After lunch we all went our own way and walked through the town. We had to stop at the fudge store were we started out with samples before we bought our box of fudge. We also checked the antique shops. The street was lined with people sell things for the Octoberfest, so there was plenty to see. When we went back to the station, some checked out the Railroad Museum, very interesting.

We started the line to board the train for our return trip, so we had choice seat on the river side and enjoyed the colors along the river on the way back to the campsite. Check out the pictures on the web site. When we arrived at the campsite looking out the window, there was a great campfire and Bill, Joan and Bob were waiting for us.

That evening we enjoyed homemade soup, the favorite was Mushroom and Potato. Check out the recipe. We ended the beautiful sunny day around the campfire with homemade cookies.

Sun. rolled around very fast to end a great weekend rally. We all headed home to winterize our trailers.

Bob & Claudia





Making Memories

Inducting new members in to the Hudson-Mohawk Unit.



WBCCI Hudson-Mohawk Unit September 1, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by President Stark who led The Pledge of Allegiance, with 14 members present. Members introduced their self and gave a brief history.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Barbara, Bob Stark made a motion to accept the minutes and Geoff seconded the motion.

Claudia read a note she received from a member.

1st Vice President Whittle talked about what the club has done in the past year and welcomed new members.

Keep saving the pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Wounded Warrior Project will be on going.

President Stark will donate her outgoing president gift to Wounded Warrior

Send in reservations for International rally ASAP, Geoff will lead a caravan or you can meet up with group close to site.

Go in as a group and park together.

2nd Vice President Vettovalli / No report.

Sue Whittle gave an update on NY State Rally set for September 16-18, 2016 at Allegheny Fairgrounds, Angelica, NY.

Bob and Claudia Stark will be hosting.

Upcoming:

October 9-11, Bob and Claudia Stark, hosting at Glen Hudson Campground, Warrensburg, NY

November 1st, Bob Lawless and Pat Cabana, hosting at Shadows on the Hudson, Poughkeepsie, NY

December 6th, John and Wendy Vettovalli, hosting at Raindancer, Amsterdam, NY.

Treasurer's Report, Bob Stark reported the club received: \$745.00 in club dues \$695.00 went to WBCCI, \$56.00 to Wounded Warrior, \$50.00 for President's outgoing gift. Balance: \$3,139.34

Petty Cash spent: \$10.77 for flash drive, \$10.73 for Postage & Stamps, Balance: \$84.77.

Sun Shine: Happy Birthday to Art Crandall, September 30th.

Old Business:

Information received about investing the clubs 3,000.00 dollars, to be save would not be worth the investment/Risky would make less than \$100.00. Club was advised (by Ceil's son) to leave money where it is. A motion was made by Geoff and seconded by Bob Stark to leave money where it is.

Sue Whittle and Gerry Schultz's audit of the treasurer's report found no discrepancies.

A motion by Bob Stark was made and seconded by John Vettovalli to scan the Blue Book to a flash drive. All members present passed the motion by a show of hands.

New Business:

President Stark shared information from International: A list of all airstreams bought in New York will be sent to Unit Presidents, Wendy will reach out to people in our area.

The Blue Book has all WBCCI laws/rules/regulations

Geoff led the induction of new members:

Bob/Joan Stevens, Art/Camille Crandall, Fred/Lee Belec

All members stood and agreed to the oath of WBCCI

Welcome to Hudson-Mohawk

Wendy has small Hudson-Mohawk flags for sale \$15.00, she has supplies to make a few more.

Large membership flags are \$204.00/there was a discussion about purchasing flags.

Installation of Officers by Bob Stark

President Geoff Whittle, 1st VP Wendy Vettovalli, 2nd VP Pat Cabana,

Corr/Rec Sec Barbara Schultz, Treasurer Claudia Stark

1 year directors, Sue Whittle and Carol Abraham

Meeting closed at 10:00 a.m.

A big THANK YOU to Geoff and Sue for the wonderful Installation Rally

Mushroom and Potato Soup

Ingredients:

5 Tbl. Butter, divided 2 cloves garlic, chopped Medium onion, chopped 2 stalks celery, chopped 2 large carrots, sliced 2 # potatoes, peeled and sliced 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced 1 cup $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 cups chicken broth 2 tsp. dried dill weed 2 tsp salt $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. pepper 1 tbl. Flour 1 bay leaf 1 tsp. thyme 1 tsp. tarragon

Melt 3 tbl. Butter in a large saucepan over med. Heat. Add onion, garlic, celery and carrots and cook for 5-10 minutes. Pour in the broth. Season with dill, salt, pepper, and bay leaf. Cook potatoes until tender but firm. Mash $\frac{1}{3}$ of cooked potatoes before adding to vegetables and broth. (To thicken) Add to vegetables and broth. Remove the bay leaf. Add thyme and tarragon.

Melt remaining butter over medium heat and sauté mushrooms until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Stir into soup.

In a small bowl, mix $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ and flour until smooth. Stir into soup to thicken.

INSTALLATION RALLY

The Hudson-Mohawk Unit Installation Rally was held on September 17-20 at Salisbury Beach State Camp Site in Salisbury, Ma. The rally was hosted by the Whittles. Those attending were the Starks, Vettovallis, Schultz, new members the Stevens, Crandalls and Belecs. The weather was picture perfect with blue skies and warm temperatures. The days were spent sightseeing, walking or sitting on the beach enjoying the last hazy, crazy days of summer. On Thursday evening at a campfire coffee and cake was served giving everyone a chance to meet and mingle. Friday night the group went to a local restaurant Markeys for a delicious dinner. Saturday morning a Pot Luck breakfast was held, thanks to the efforts of our own great chefs a variety of hot and cold foods were served. Saturday evening a dinner was held at the Hungry Traveler, filled with good food we gathered for our final campfire and more conversation.

Recipe for a successful rally: A group of members, add conversation and laughter, take care of business, install new officers and say thank you to the past officers, induct six new members, mix well, add sunshine and fresh ocean air. Enjoy and savor the memories of the 2015 Installation Rally.

See you down the road!

The Whittles

2016 Calendar

January - TBA

February-Date TBA
Cabin Fever Luncheon
Olive Garden
Wolf Rd., Albany, NY
Geoff Whittle

March 17
Snowbird/Early Bird Dinner
Golden Corral
6855 Gall Blvd.
Zepher Hills, Florida
Claudia Stark

April - TBA

May 6 - May 8
Shakedown Rally
Arrowhead RV Marina
Glenville, NY
Wendy Vettovalli

June 2-5

Whittle Buddy Rally
Lake George RV Park
Lake George, NY
Geoff Whittle

June 28-July 4
Caravan to and return from
International Rally
Lewisburg, West Virginia
Geoff Whittle

Aug. 11-14

Ladies Choice Rally
Thornbush Acres,
Indian Lake, NY
Geoff Whittle

Sept. 16-18

New York State Rally
Allegheny Fairgrounds
Angelica, NY
Bob & Claudia Stark

Oct. - TBA

Men's Choice Rally
Turning Stone Campground
Geoff Whittle

Nov. Luncheon - TBA
Bod & Carol Abraham

Dec. Holiday Luncheon
TBA
Pat Cabana & Bob Lawless

Newsletter Deadlines

January Issue - December 15

May Issue - April 15

September Issue - August 15

March Issue - February 15

July Issue - June 15

November Issue - October 15