

Hudson-Mohawk NY News



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

President's Message

Hello everyone!

It's the middle of December as I sit writing this message, but the newsletter goes out in January, so here's hoping you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to Leslie and Gerry Schultiz for hosting our Christmas Luncheon. It was great to have such a good turnout in a very "Christ-massy" room.

Before I go any further, I need to correct the date and apologize for my mistake. Our 2017 Shakedown Rally at Arrowhead Marina & RV Park is reserved for Mother's Day weekend, Friday-Sunday, May 12-14, 2017. I had written it down on different weekends on two different calendars.... Please correct your calendars and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

If you're planning to come to the Empire Farm Days Rally in August, the sites at the NYS Park are open for registration. Sites are already filling up. See the Rally info in this newsletter. I made our reservations.

We're still fighting the mouse wars in our Airstream. Don't know if we'll ever figure out how the heck they keep getting in there!

Hope you're all able to stay warm, wherever you spend the winter and dream of summer fun and travels.

Happy New Year!
Wendy Vettovalli

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2016 NYS Rally at Angelica

September 16, 2016, we met Geoff and Sue Whittle, John and Wendy Vettovali in I88 rest area near Webster. We started our caravan with Geoff leading us, John and Wendy in the rocking chair and us trailing behind. We stopped for lunch and then drove straight through to Allegheny Fair Grounds in Angelica. After setting up we registered for the rally and received our bag of goodies. We then went to Happy Hour, where there was a great selection of more goodies. Not wanting to have to prepare dinner we all went with Ted and Donna Smith (from the Finger Lakes Unit) out to have a delicious fried fish dinner. After returning to the Fair Grounds we went to the Opening ceremonies where Wendy carried in our unit flag. The Allegheny County Historian gave a very interesting talk on how the county boundary lines were done and the differences between cities, town, villages and hamlets. The rally was a Buddy rally, so it was interesting to see a "SOB" motorhome there.

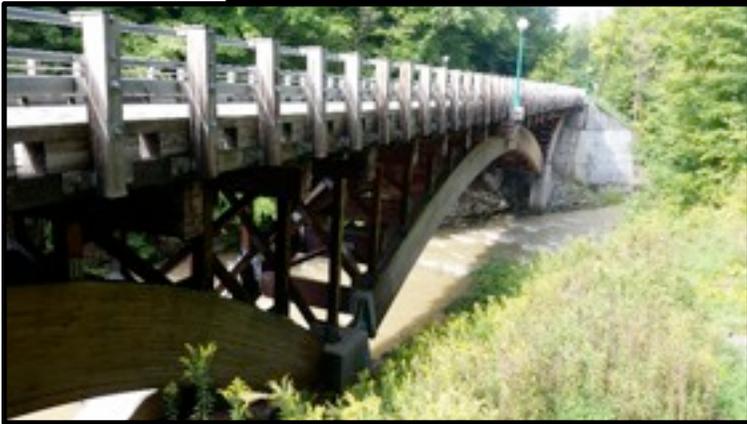
Saturday morning started off with an oatmeal breakfast with all the trimming, except the ice cream. There was dry cereal, fruit, toast and jelly and bagels and cream cheese. At 10 o'clock we all lined up for our tour at Houghton College (A Christian College of Liberal Arts). We started off in their Athletic Center. This was an indoor large open area with a track running along the sides of the building. Check out our team ready to run. The large room could be divided in several tennis courts, there were singles practicing and two ladies tennis teams doing laps getting ready to practice. There were screens that could drop down from the ceiling to separate the areas. Some of the floors could be removed and underneath was sand for volleyball courts. There was also a large weight room. Upstairs held the offices of the coaches and a large exercise room where the Airstreamers tried out several of the machines. But they were unable to keep up with the students. We then went outside to check out the fields where they played baseball, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. After walking around the campus we stopped at the Chapel where there was a large mural which traces biblical history from creation until the end of time.

Our tour guide then led us to the Dining Hall where we had a private room and a delicious lunch followed by apple pie and black velvet cake. After lunch we passed on the Organ recital and chose to tour the village of Angelica. We walk around the village park which was circled by six churches, very interesting. We then perused through the antique shops. We spent some time in the Sweet Shop, so many good looking things, not sure what to buy. I decided on fudge and Bob purchase some pastry. We spotted a fish chowder sign and decided it sounded good for dinner, so we stopped and got some to go. It was then time to head back for Happy Hour. After dinner there was installation of officers for Hudson-Mohawk and NY Finger Lakes Units. Wendy was installed as President, Geoff was installed as 1st VP, Claudia was installed as treasure and John was installed as Director. Check out the picture. We were then entertained by the "Chorduroy" Barbershop Quartet.

Sunday morning started with a continental breakfast. It was then time for Geoff and Sue to head home to do their Grandparents duties. We went to the Church service at the fairgrounds and then went out geocaching. One of our geocaches "The Wonder of Wood" brought us to the Alton a Saylor Bridge, the longest clear span timber bridge in America. It weighs 750 tons and took 500 tons of lumber to build. Check out the picture. We stopped at the Canteen for lunch, hoping to get another bowl of fish chowder. We met other Airstreamers there, who told us they got the last bowl of chowder. Oh so disappointed. We placed our order and told them how great their chowder was. When they brought our order there was a cup of chowder, they scrapped the pot. So happy now! Back to the Fairgrounds for Happy Hour then a catered dinner. After dinner we were treated to Paul Stillman an Impressionist as Theodore Roosevelt. He was excellent, looked like and sounded like Theodore Roosevelt. He told us about his childhood, his different homes and different things that happen in his life. He took questions from the audience. He kept us well entertained for over an hour.

Monday was pack up, say good-byes and leave. It was a very enjoyable weekend.

Bob & Claudia Stark





The Christmas luncheon was hosted by Leslie and Gerry Schultiz. It was held on Saturday, December 3rd at the "Top Notch Restaurant & Grill" in West Galway, NY. The table favors were Poinsettia plants for each couple.

Eighteen members attended (9 couples). They included : John and Wendy Vettovalli, Geoff and Sue Whittle, Bob and Claudia Stark, Gene and Ceil Prout, Bob and Carol Abraham, Bill and Barbara Schultz, Art and Camille Crandall, Bob and Joan Stevens, Leslie and Gerry Schultiz

The room was nicely decorated for the Holidays. Our waiter was "Kyle" who tried to keep up with us. Things were slow going as the restaurant was packed due the number of people buying Christmas trees up the road at Bob's Trees, then stopping for lunch. But, this gave everyone a chance to enjoy each other's company. The food was excellent.

The Schultiz's chose "Ronald McDonald House" (RMH) as the holiday charity and the Hudson Mohawk Unit donated \$75.00. In addition, the members graciously contributed individually another \$55.00 to RMH. Also, Leslie received \$50 from the unit, as reimbursement for costs associated with being the Sunshine person which she also donated to RMH, making total charitable contribution from the Unit of \$180. to RMH. **OUTSTANDING !**

The next luncheon will be at the "Olive Garden" on Wolfe Road in Colonie, NY, tentatively on February 11, 2017, weather permitting.

On Nov. 6, 2016 Robert and Carol Abraham hosted a luncheon at Ruby Tuesday in Amsterdam, NY for the Hudson-Mohawk Chapter Airstream Club. A total of 6 couples attended. Enjoyed by all.

Cabin Fever Luncheon

Saturday, February 11, 2017 – 11:30 am

Olive Garden

Wolf Road, Albany, NY

Contact Geoff Whittle

518-783-1606

or

whittleg06@gmail.com

April's Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 1, 2017 – 12:00 noon

Ripe Tomato

2721 Route 9, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Please call Barbara Schultz at 518-692-8740 if you plan to be there.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. Barbara Schultz

Hudson-Mohawk Arrowhead River Rally

May 12-14, 2017 - Arrowhead Marina & RV Park

Hosted by John & Wendy Vettovalli

Friday: Happy Hour 4-5

Dinner at 5:30

Meat provided

Bring a dish to share. Bring your drink & table settings

Dessert at the Campfire

Saturday: Breakfast 8-9

French toast, scrambled eggs & sausages

OJ, coffee, tea, hot chocolate

Bring your table settings & cup

Monthly Club Meeting

Enjoy your day exploring the area.

Car pool to dinner at 5:

The Waters Edge Lighthouse

2 Freemans Bridge Road, Glenville, NY

www.thewatersedgelighthouse.com

Campfire

Sunday: Breakfast 8-9 (or whenever)

Coffeecake, coffee & juice

Please make your campground reservations directly with the campground.

Tell them you are with the Mohawk-Hudson Airstream group.

Last year's price was \$34 per night, I don't know if it's gone up at all.

They take Good Sam Club for a 10% discount:

Arrowhead Marina & RV Park - www.arrowheadmrvp.com

2 Van Buren Lane, Glenville, NY 12302-9473

518-382-8966

RESERVATION FORM

Reservations by April 30, 2017

Wendy Vettovalli

293 Reed Hill Road, Fultonville, NY 12072

518-922-7053

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Rally fee \$15 per Trailer

Empire Farm Days Rally – August 9-13, 2017

If you're planning to come to the Empire Farm Days Rally in August, **the sites at the NYS Park are open for registration. You need to make your own reservations on-line.** The park website will take you to Reserve America to make your reservation.

To be held at: Samson State Park - Romulus, NY
<http://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/sampson-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NY&parkId=232>

Sites are available with gravel trailer back-in sites up to 40 foot, with 30A electric. No water or sewer hook-ups, so make sure your trailer has a full water tank and empty gray and black water tanks when you arrive!

I've reserved site 161, which is in Loop 4, from Tuesday, August 8-Sunday, August 13, for John & myself.

Empire Farm Days – Seneca Falls, NY
<http://empirefarmdays.com/>

The event runs from Tuesday, August 8-Thursday, August 10, 2017. (That's why I reserved 8/8-13, instead of just 8/9-13)

I wanted to get something out to you in this newsletter because sites are already filling up. I'm thinking this will be a "Lazy Rally", pretty much just a chance to get together and bring your own eats, decide what you'd like to do, etc. No scheduled group activities, other than happy hours, campfires, etc. as much as you want to do. No Rally fee.

Wendy

Newsletter Deadlines

January Issue - December 15
March Issue - February 15
May Issue - April 15

July Issue - June 15
September Issue - August 15
November Issue - October 15

2017 Calendar

Feb. 11
Cabin Fever Luncheon
Olive Garden
Wolf Rd., Albany, NY
Whittles

March 15
Snowbird Luncheon
Black Stone Grille & Rest
Zephyrhills, FL
Prout's

April 1
Ripe Tomato Restaurant
Malta, NY
Schultz's

May 12-14
Shakedown Rally
Arrowhead RV Marina
Glenville, NY
Vetovalli's

June 1-4
Whittle Buddy Rally
Lake George RV Park
Whittle's

July 7-9
Renaissance Rally
Sterling, NY – Abraham's

July 22-29
International Rally
Esconoba, MI

Aug. 9-13
Empire Farm Days
Samson State Park
Romulus, NY
Vetovalli's

Sept. 15-17
Installation Rally
Turning Stone Campground
Verona, NY
Whittle's

Oct. 5-8
Pirate Getaway
Salisbury, MA
Schultz's

Nov. TBS
Herring's

Dec. TBS
Steen's