



# Connecticut

Charter Oak Chatter

April 2018

## President's Message ~ Joyce Rousseau



*Joyce and Gilles on the ferry to Quebec City 2016*

**A**pril showers bring May flowers???? Maybe, if we can get rid of the cold and snow. I'm not complaining but this year has been a challenge so far. I know, we live in Connecticut and the beautiful spring will soon arrive. The odds are with us!

My message this month will highlight what we do best - get together and have fun! Our brunch at Russ and Rhona Fuller's home, the first gathering of our 2018 season, was a much anticipated event. (*Rhona was visiting her family in England, but we got to speak with her on the phone to tell her how hard Russ had worked, how good the food was, and to wish her a Happy Birthday.*) Russ had tried many different recipes, especially for desserts. We all had more calories than we needed! (See article telling the whole story.) It's enough to say "Russ- you did a great job and are amazing!" Thank You!

The April Pot Luck Picnic is in 2 weeks- April 15, at our house. Be sure to let me know that you're coming to share in our 2<sup>nd</sup> event. The awning should be up on the deck and I've ordered

warm weather. It's a great way to share an afternoon with good friends. (See flyer for details.)

May brings our Spring Business Meeting- May 11-13, at the Witch Meadow Family Campground in Salem, Ct. (Don't get on the road for the other Salem!) Evie and Bill Watts will be our hosts. Their menu itself piques my interest and there are always new places to see in the quiet corners of CT. The meeting will be on Sunday morning. I just got official mail from WBCCI with business items for the Delegates Meeting in Salem, Oregon. Nothing that needs much discussion after my first reading. I'll talk about it next month. If you have anything to discuss for our local club, please write it out and send it to me so I can research answers from others with more experience.

Other events to note are the Hammonasset Beach Rally- Sand Between Your Toes. The park has been improved, especially Meig's Point Nature Center, so if you haven't been there in a while, try to join us. Remember all CT state residents get into [state parks free of charge](#) - so I'm encouraging members to visit us on Saturday for our Hearty Happy Hour and evening social time.

The Fuller's rally in Lisbon, CT, July 13 - 15, and the Region 1 Rally in North Haverhill, NH, Aug. 9 - 12. are around the corner. The Region 1 planners have been doing a lot of work to get activities and meals all set. Please consider joining our Region One friends, it's nice being with other members of our club from around the area.

Belated Easter and Passover greetings. Wishing you a warm and happy spring. It will arrive soon - along with our snow bird friends from the south. Remember!



*St. Patrick's Day guest of honor!*

**Question:** What happens when someone brings a plate of orange slices to an Airstream happy hour?

*Answer page 5*

### LINK OF THE MONTH

[Howard's Tech Articles](#)

**We Do More Together!!!**





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*Russ does his magic.*



## St. Patrick's Brunch

*~ Gail Downing*



*Bill admires the spread.*



*Good food - good conversation,*

On Sunday March 18th Russ Fuller went above and beyond! He welcomed us into his and Rhona's home, and a good time was had by all!

Needless to say I think most of us had gained a few pounds by the end of the afternoon!

Appetizers, multiple Irish soda breads, and then we enjoyed corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. The food was very good but oh my goodness.....those desserts. We each found our favorite. Choc pudding with Baileys, Baileys and oh did I say BAILEYS was amazing! Russ outdid himself!

We all talked about upcoming camping events and looking forward for the season to start. And it was nice to get to speak to Rhona on the phone while she is visiting her family. I hope the weather is better for her flying home than on her way there. 😊.

All that attended, Bard & Kathy Fuller, Joyce & Gilles Rousseau, Bill & Evie Watts, Seb and Juanita Pestretto, Gail Rich and her friend Gary, John and Lan Bonsignore, and Wiley and I, had a wonderful time. Russ thank you again and you did a wonderful job. ~





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## CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT



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## The Flag is Ready for Production!

I've been busy figuring out how to get our flag into material form- literally. I went to my expert friends and have gotten input from someone (Sarah Nelson from NEU) who did all the footwork a few years ago for her unit. It will be 200 denier with sprayed on UV resistant dye. Rick Cipot has been very important in using his knowledge to help me and put it in the right format and color profile.

We are ready to order **BUT**... how many flags do we order???

The price gets lower as the number ordered grows. It's about \$75 each for 5 flags.

Do **you** want to have your own flag to fly at rallies and other events? Do we need a supply of extra flags? What will the President and Past President flags look like? An extra banner/ribbon hanging from the top grommet? If you have answers to any of these questions, PLEASE let me know! We will discuss this at the Spring Business Meeting and I'm hoping for experienced people to lead the discussion. I've included a copy of our flag here for your perusal. ~ Joyce



SPRING has sprung, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year of planned events as listed in our CT Directory, Page 3, and on our website [connecticut.wbcci.net](http://connecticut.wbcci.net). The flyers for these events are included in the Chatters, or contact the person in charge of the event, if you need more information. Mark your calendar with the dates, and make your reservations NOW.... don't delay or it will be too late.

Welcome to new member **CHARLES FLINN** from Beacon Falls, CT #2522. Hope to see you at the next event on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Twelve of us enjoyed the Ladies Lunch at the Green Door Restaurant in Dade City, FL. If you go, be sure to try the homemade bread pudding! (see group photo)

**BOB & SHARON HENSCHER** have sold their Airstream and will no longer be in the Club due to health problems. They have been members since 1983, and we wish them the very best.

We saw **LYDIA ROSENBECK** pushing a baby stroller all over the park....what fun to have family visiting from Texas... granddaughter Lauren and husband Ryan, with two great grandchildren, Amelia & Finn.

Last Chatter we learned about the Bee's Knees...to continue...Why doesn't honey spoil? By far, the most important reason is because of its high acid content. Ordinary yeasts and bacteria simply can't survive in the acidic environment. ~



Rick Petrie, with the help of Mark Lupien, displays his hand made quilt creation after many hours-days-weeks of hard work. Just ask Beth!





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Florida "Ladies Luncheon" group, mostly Charter Oak members, here with full bellies and warm smiles.

## Things to do in Florida...



This is the "Expedition Everest" ride at Disney World where Kathleen & Richard Kushman careened through the Himalayan mountains on a speeding train while avoiding the clutches of the mythic Abominable Snowman.

"Love is like a roller coaster. When it's good, you don't want to stop and when it's not... you want to throw up."

— Maxine



This is Kathleen Kushman recovering at the first aid station after careening through the Himalayan mountains on a speeding train while avoiding the clutches of the mythic Abominable Snowman.



GOING?  
[Sign up here.](#)

**Airstream  
Country  
Jamboree**

Region 1 Rally • North Haverhill, New Hampshire  
August 9–August 12, 2018

GOING?  
See attached flyer...





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**Answer** - This is what happens - *no surprise is it?* Oranges were compliments of Ruth Crockett.

## FOR SALE

**NEW**, in box, Dometic Penguin air conditioner Shroud - grey. Item #3308046.022. Cost from Dometic \$118.79. Asking \$60.00.

Fred McGoldrick  
[freddalem@aol.com](mailto:freddalem@aol.com)

## Looking To Buy

Looking to buy a 25' Airstream circa 2000 to 2008. Price range low to mid \$30,000. We prefer a Queen rear BR. Carol and Warren Sterns #14965 (NEU)

## 2018 Rally Coupon 2018

Charter Oak Members - Let's go camping!

WBAC # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Use Coupon for any 2018 Rally

Print and attach to rally/rendezvous flier coupon.  
Deduct up to \$15.00 from rally "Kitty Fee" and mail to host.

Must have paid your 2018 Charter Oak dues. Can be used only once during 2018 for kitty fee only not for camping fee. Regular and associate members qualify.

## AIRSTREAM

1970 Airstream 25' Caravaner, Exterior refinished by P&S in Ohio. Rock guards, awning, Fantastic Fan, Catalytic Heater, A/C, and Microwave....includes all trailering equipment. Contact Bob Henschel 515-783-8578

MISC - Contact Bob

Bob Henschel 515-783-8578  
Dometic new Penguin heater, Still in the box, never used".  
Brand Name: "The CAT". It is vented, flameless, comes with Honeywell thermostat & all other parts for

I did not attend his funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it. ~ Mark Twain

## LINKS

Connecticut Unit Website: <http://connecticut.wbcci.net/>  
Cape Cod Unit: <http://capecod.wbcci.net/>  
Nice assortment of links: [www.airstreamtrailers.com](http://www.airstreamtrailers.com)  
Region One Website: <http://region1.wbcci.net/>  
Airstream Life: <http://airstreamlife.com/>  
WBCCI: <http://www.wbcci.org/>

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

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## April 2018

- Events
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mike Billings	2 Ken Hankinson	3 Cynthia Richard	4	5	6	7
8 Barbara Landman	9 Eileen Bartram	10 Karen Olah	11	12	13 Dan Olah	14
15 Break Em Out Potluck	16 Bob Barrett	17	18	19 Charlie Wilson	20	21 Roland St. Laurent
22	23	24 Franklin Sanders	25	26 Mari-Jo Jones	27	28
29 Charles "Rick" Petrie	30	1 Bard Fuller	2	3 Joyce Rousseau	4	5



## Time To Break 'Em Out!!!

### Pot Luck Picnic

(Dust them off, De-winterize and Get Ready for Spring!)

Join us on- **April 15 – 12:30 – 2:30 pm**

Where- **Rousseau Residence**

67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. Southbury

RSVP to Joyce Rousseau ([joyce68@gmail.com](mailto:joyce68@gmail.com))

or 203-264-5372) by April 10.

Kitty fee- about \$7 (Bring it that day.)



# SEE MORE - DO MORE - LIVE MORE



*There was an old lady in a pointed hat  
She came to my Airstream with a rap-tap-tap  
I opened up the door to see who was there  
She jumped on her broom and flew through the air!!!*



## **BROOMSTICK FLY-IN RALLY** **and SPRING BUSINESS MEETING**

Friday, May 11 to Sunday May 13, 2018

Witch Meadow Lake Family Campground, Salem, Connecticut

Hosted by Evie and Bill Watts [evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net) 203-426-5532

**Friday** .....check in is 3 p.m.

5 p.m. Hearty Happy Hour..... Supper on your own

**Saturday** ..8 a.m. Pot Luck Breakfast .....Beverages provided

5 p.m. Spooky Happy Hour with Witches Brew. Use your imagination.....dry bones, sliced fingers, fish eggs, etc. Label with a catchy name.

6 p.m. dinner....Frog Eye Stew, Fresh Bones, Swamp Greens  
snake skin and bat skat for desert (provided)

**Sunday** ....8 a.m. Continental Breakfast (provided)

9:15 a.m. Spring Business Meeting. The campground guest fee is being waived for members attending the meeting only.

Checkout is 2 p.m.

*Area Attractions: Riverquest boat ride on CT River (our Alex Yuknat is Captain of one of the Riverquest boats), Essex Steam Train, CT River Museum, Mystic Groton and New London attractions, Foxwoods, Monhegan Sun, Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center are just a few things to do.*

Reserve directly with the campground 860-859-1542 or [campwitch@aol.com](mailto:campwitch@aol.com) by May 9<sup>th</sup> \$45.00/night, water & electric hookups. Pets are welcome with rabies certificate.

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Kitty Fee \$12 per person (coupon accepted)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 PP = Total Kitty Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Coupon accepted up to \$15.00 discount \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
Evelyn Watts  
55 Hattertown Road  
Newtown, Connecticut 06470







## Sand Between Your Toes Rally

Hammonasset Beach State Park 1288 Boston Post Rd. Madison, Ct.

**June 1 - 3, 2018 Hosts- Joyce and Gilles Rousseau**

Enjoy a relaxing few days among friends at this beautiful park.  
(Use Reserve America for a site near N 05 where your hosts will be located.)

**Friday- Check in after 1 pm.**

**5 pm** - Happy Hour. Dinner will be provided- Sloppy Joes with cole slaw, potato salad, 3 bean salad, chips and dessert.

**Saturday- 8 - 9:30 am** Breakfast - Assorted muffins, roll with egg and cheese, orange juice.

Please bring your own coffee or tea.

**5 pm** - Hearty Happy Hour with **visitors** invited. Even if you're not camping with us, please try to join us for the afternoon/evening. Arrive during the day and stay till closing with no Admission charge for Ct residents. Please email Joyce if you plan to attend.

**Sunday - 8:30 - 10 am-** Pot Luck Breakfast. Share a breakfast specialty with the group. Bring your own beverage.

**Departure- by 11am**

**Things to See and Do-** In the park- Meig's Point Nature Center, bike trail, beautiful beaches. Near-by attractions: Thimble Island Cruise, Scenic Drives- rte 146 and rte 1 to Old Saybrook, breweries, Lenny and Joe's Fish Tale and The Clam Castle seafood restaurants, Clinton Outlets, boutiques in Madison and surrounding towns and so much more!

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Please complete the following and send it to Joyce Rousseau (67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. Southbry, Ct 06488) or email your response ([joycezr68@gmail.com](mailto:joycezr68@gmail.com)) for Visitors.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Campsite # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x Kitty Fee (\$15 pp) = \_\_\_\_\_ total





## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Thursday	Arrivals Rodeo Round Up Dinner
Friday	Chuck Wagon Breakfast Opening Ceremonies Region One Business Meeting Tours & Exploring Farm to Table Dinner
Saturday	Cowboy Breakfast Tours & Exploring Roadhouse Dinner Square Dance
Sunday	Trail Ride Breakfast Closing Ceremonies Departures: Happy Trails !

# Airstream Country Jamboree



Region 1 Rally • North Haverhill, New Hampshire  
August 9–August 12, 2018

## North Haverhill Fairgrounds

1299 Dartmouth College Hwy.  
(North) Haverhill, NH  
Water, electric (30 & 50amp)  
Vintage Parking, (20amp)  
Dumpstation

## THINGS TO DO:

- Group Farm Tour~ Hatchland Dairy
- Group Mt. Washington Cog Railroad Trip
- Hiking & Biking Trails Nearby
- Kayak, Canoe~ CT River
- Covered Bridges, Rivers, Shops, Colleges
- Golf
- Hot Air Ballooning

Rally Host & Wagonmaster: Douglas Hart

Shoot any questions his way at; [airstreamjamboree@gmail.com](mailto:airstreamjamboree@gmail.com), call 617-337-2933



I will attend the Region One, Airstream Country Jamboree, August 9-12, 2018;

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

RV Make and Length: \_\_\_\_\_ State/License: \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle Make: \_\_\_\_\_ State/License: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (0-10) \_\_\_\_\_ (11-17) \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap Site \_\_\_\_\_ Vintage Site \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **NEU** AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail: Eddie Carll, 66 Perserverance Path, Plymouth, MA, USA 02360

**\$295.00 US**

Fee includes; 3 nights camping, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners for 2 people per RV registration.

## ADDITIONAL FEES:

Kids 0-10 = Free  
All Others 11-99 = \$ 75 each

## Cancellation policy:

Up to 3 Weeks Prior, Full Refund.  
Less than 3 Weeks, \$150 Refund