

Connecticut



Charter Oak Chatter

August 2018

President's Message

~ Joyce Rousseau



Gilles & Joyce in the Airstream photo booth in Salem

How do I begin to tell the story of our travels on your behalf? WBCCI was the reason for our trip across country but it was hardly the only thing we did. It was my responsibility

and pleasure to

represent Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club (YES!!! We are official!) at the International Rally in Salem, Oregon. (See pictures here and then please go to our Facebook page to see others.)

We arrived in Salem on July 20, and were so lucky to be parked near some of our friends from Region 1 – Augie, Lorraine, Bonnie, Greg, Rachel, Carl, Rock and Josie from Quebec. (Bard and Kathy joined the group after they arrived Saturday.) It was truly great to share the experience with old friends and make new ones including one of our newest members- Chip Flinn. He appeared at our first Happy Hour along with Per and Lily who were parked next to him. Quite a pleasant surprise to see him at our biggest function. Welcome! Our club sponsored a Happy Hour for all of Region 1 attendees one afternoon which was enjoyed by about 15 people. Of course I picked the windiest day – not even moving the trucks helped block the wind.



Our new member, Chip Flinn talks with Tye Mott with Per Hamnqvist in the background. Talk about meeting the Bigwigs in Region 1

I found out that the motion to accept our flag and name would not be done till after the opening- not

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CELEBRATE EVERYTHING WEEKEND

A great event of Celebration!

~ Pam Forsyth and Ken Hankinson



July 13th was a picture perfect summer afternoon as our Charter Oak members arrived in the Ross Family Campground, Lisbon, CT, for another memorable rally. The campground is slightly off the beaten path in a quiet and beautiful section of Eastern Connecticut. Idyllically located on the Quinnebaug River, the rally site was level and grassy, with some shade trees and open space for the big blue and white striped tent.

Those in attendance besides our gracious hosts were John and Serafina Bachar, Roger and Ruth Crockett, Wiley and Gail Downing, John and Grace Fuller, Pam Forsyth and Ken Hankinson, Sally Kerr, Seb and Juanita Pestretto, Rick and Beth Petrie, Mike and Sandy Sasuta, and Bill and Evelyn Watts.

Soon after happy hour and hearing interesting stories of what we are each personally celebrating, the group was treated to a dinner of hot dogs and beans with all the fixin's expertly prepared by the Fullers in celebration of National Beans and Franks Day. It was an especially nice surprise to see Mike and Sandy Sasuta. Mike appears to be doing well after his recent bypass surgery. It was also nice to see John Fuller at a young 97 still on the road enjoying his Airstream van with his awesome wife Grace.



Russ cookin' them dogs.

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Question: What rock group has four men that don't sing? *Answer page 12*

I never make the same mistake twice.
I make it five or six times, just to be sure.

LINK OF THE MONTH
[Every \(Flying\) Cloud Has A Silver Lining](#)

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CELEBRATE EVERYTHING WEEKEND. Continued



Bard prepping for our celebration of Bastille Day - berets for all.



Avec le b ret.

Saturday morning dawned bright and cool with a nice breeze off the river. We all enjoyed a cooked to order breakfast by the campground owner, Chef Greg, in the spacious event hall. After breakfast the group went their separate ways in search of adventure... kayaking on the river, the New London Sail Fest, and some local wineries. We were joined for the afternoon by Cecile Lemaire, and brand new members from Manchester, CT, Cynthia and Michael Brodeur.

It wasn't long before it was happy hour again when we broke out the berets. Bard gave us some history of Bastille Day after which we celebrated with a group picture and a Viva La France cheer with berets launched into the air! Then the campground owner prepared a tasty barbecued chicken dinner complete with salad, baked potato, and ample enough portions for leftovers. Once back at the rally site it was a trip down memory lane as we shared memories and photographs of our weddings. Marriages ranged from 7 years (John and Grace Fuller), to 67 years (Seb and Juanita

Pestretto). It was amazing to see those beautiful pictures from years gone by. The traditional Saturday night campfire concluded the evening as couples slowly drifted off after enjoying another great Airstream day. (There were some interesting stories around that campfire!)

On Sunday morning the group was treated to a continental breakfast hosted by Peggy and Dick of Sky Med after which they presented an overview of the Sky Med program. It was an informative presentation and several members signed up. In our meeting Bard led the group in a discussion on the upcoming 2020 Region 1 Rally, addressing many of the details which need to be considered. Gale Downing presented an organized chart for signing up to host future rallies through 2019. If interested in hosting please contact her at ctnanabug@comcast.net. Just grab a hosting buddy and go-for-it!

By noon on Sunday the Big Top Tent had been put back in its box and people began the process of preparing to depart as we enjoyed a pot luck lunch of leftover "mustgos". Some of us enjoyed a brief but very heavy downpour as the sky opened up while at the dump station! It was actually refreshing!

Many thanks to our hosts Bard, Kathy, Russ and Rhona Fuller. Until next time, happy travels! ~

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CELEBRATE EVERYTHING WEEKEND. Continued



Mike looking heart healthy!!



Good dog Evie!



Rhona Fuller & Gail Downing - You go girls!



Gail & Wiley liking that chicken!



Barbecue chicken dinner ...mmmmmm Good!!



President's Message Continued

welcome news. Things changed though and they were both accepted before the ceremony. I proudly represented our Club and waved our new flag a bit more than others did theirs. Again, it was fun to be among friends as Region 1 led off the parade. The Delegates meeting went with no surprises and our Region 1 President, Ty Mott, was nominated and voted to be the International 3rd VP. We were also so proud to see Bard Fuller take his place on the dais as Region 1 2nd VP for the final meeting before departure.

I entered issues of our Chatter and the Directory in the WBCCI competition. This competition will end after next year when the focus will change to citing exemplary sections. (Whatever that means.) As always, thanks to Rich Kushman and his crew for the excellent work they do to keep us all informed.

The Region 1 Rally is in a week or so, August 9-12. Per



Region 1 Leadership: Flag Bearer- Lily Hamnqvist, RJ Dominic- Cape Cod, Me - Charter Oak Connecticut, Bonnie Hogan- New England, Rock Dupere - Quebec, with our Region 1 Pres. Ty Mott.



Our favorite rig with Diamond Peak in the background. We ate lunch here at 5000 feet!

Hamnqvist (our new President) sent an email and is looking for volunteers to fill several of the positions during his term. If you need more info ask him, me, Bard or any of the many people who have been involved. It's not usually a lot of work and carries with it getting to know whole bunches of nice people.

I'm so glad to hear that the Celebration Rally was a huge success. Thanks to the Fuller clan- Bard, Kathy, Russ and Rhona for working hard at preparing all the activities and for all the members who attended. It was great to see Mike Sasuta and John and Grace Fuller in the picture on Facebook. (Have you signed up yet as part of our Group?)



Our surprise visitors at Jackson Center- Carol and Chris Dubrowski who were having their Interstate worked on.

Are you registered for the September Rally in Wales, Ma., Sept. 7-9? Please do so ASAP to help Gail and Wiley plan. That reminds me, have you volunteered to be part of next year's Executive Board or to host/co-host a rally? Planning must be done soon for next year so don't wait!

I've included a few pictures from Salem and our trip. I always love seeing our rig with some great sight in the background. We'll try to show more pictures at a convenient time for all. (Maybe the next Rally?)

Our trip concluded with a visit to Jackson Center on the way home. We had unexpected visitors knock on our door and spent some time sharing stories. (See photo.) The next day we toured a bicycle museum (a must for anyone in the area) then went on the tour of the Airstream factory. It was a good visit to both!

Enough for now! See you down the road! ~

Remember- We Do More Together and have a whole lot more fun!

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INTERNATIONAL RALLY SALEM, OREGON JUNE 2018 ~ Kathy Fuller

What a beautiful location. Fabulous seminars. Captivating homage to Wally's dream of an around the world caravan. Broad selection of new Airstream products. Dozens of vintage trailers. Outstanding weather. Meeting new people.

All these thoughts swirl in my head as I consider writing about the rally. The allure of mountains, coastline and weather was enticing to us and over 650 other members. Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club was represented by Joyce and Gilles Rousseau, new member Chip Flynn, Bard and me.

This year the seminars included not only the usual ones regarding maintenance, technology, caravanning and the like but also featured the 1963-64 Around the World Caravan experience. That experience was brought to life with several audio-visual presentations, discussions and three of the (then) children who went on the caravan. The stories they told!! Some of the trailers that went on that caravan were on display at the Vintage Open House.

Round table discussions were an addition this year and covered a variety of topics like flooring, keeping warm in sub-freezing temperatures, how to live in a small space, WIFI, and others. Good concept.

The Airstream products on site for our perusal included the Base Camp, Nest, Atlas, a shorter Interstate as well as some customized trailers. The photo booth Bambi was not for sale but many trailers were sold during the rally.

We met old friends, helpful volunteers, hardworking people that refurbished their vintage trailers, fellow Region 1 members, and other Charter Oak members. We also met our daughter out in Portland...that was the best part. **Will we see you in Doswell, VA next year?**



Bard & Kathy with daughter Meg.



Proof - Joyce & Gilles attended the international...



Kathy forgot her keys. Gilles bought a sawzall earlier on our trip and solved Kathy's problem. It pays to have friends.

Constitutional Revision Committee

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee of WBCCI sent me an email last week saying that we must review/rewrite our document. I've been working on the changes, some required, some suggested, and have made progress. I've asked the VPs to join me on a committee to go over these alterations in preparation for the October business meeting. There are many revisions but they do not represent any big change in who or what we are. I'll present our conclusions in the September Chatter for a vote in October. ~

Vintage Airstream Heaven in Salem Oregon ~ photos by Bard Fuller



WBCCI #1 Wally's 1955 European Caravan White Trailer



Bard & Kathy Fuller - a very fine Vintage!



Very cute woody towing Bambi!



WBCCI #4 Vince Martinico's 1936 Airstream Clipper



Impeccable restorations of late 1940 Curtis Wright trailer.



Much interest in restored Curtis Wright trailer.

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The oldest known factory built Airstream: 1936 Silver Cloud made of Masonite.



13 Panel back 1956 Flying Cloud



Michael is doing so well that we were able to be at the July Rally in Lisbon, CT. Thank you "ALL" very much for the concern you have shown with all the cards, calls & texts, which made us smile. The rally was great....thanks to the hosts **THE FULLERS**. We had 13 units attending....happy to see the **PETRIES** as this was their first full rally. Also, we were all surprised to see **WILEY & GAIL DOWNING** arriving with a beautiful, new 25' Airstream. As part of the rally theme, everyone was given a celebration helium balloon, which we all

tied to our trailers. Wiley had recently put his new numbers on his trailer "2400". However, as the balloon floated around in the hot sun, bouncing off the trailer, we noticed Wiley's number now changed to "24"; the balloon had peeled off the "00". What a way to get a lower number in the Club.

Welcome to new members **BILL & ELIZABETH TURNER** from Durham, CT #5885 AND **CYNTHIA & MICHAEL BRODEUR** from Manchester, CT #7278. It was nice that Cynthia & Michael stopped by at the rally to meet everyone. We all are looking forward to the Region One Rally August 9-12 in Haverhill, NH....you still have time to sign up..do it now.

Happy 67th wedding anniversary to **SEB & JUANITA PESTRETTO** on June 30th. Hope you enjoyed your special day.

Congratulations to **CHRISTINE LESSIG** on her recent retirement...we wish you and **GLEN** the best in your new chapter of life.

MARIE LUPIEN is having major back surgery August 15th....we all wish her a successful recovery. **FRED McGOLDRICK** was hospitalized for a rare tick borne bacterial disease called Anaplasmosis...After antibiotic treatments, he has fully recovered. **GILLES ROUSSEAU** was treated for lyme disease, and is now feeling better. **TONI NOLDER** had left knee replacement on June 28th for the 3rd time...they say three times a charm. **RAYMOND RICHARD** and **ROGER CROCKETT** both had painful kidney stones.....hope they have passed.

The **KUSHMANS** met **DAN & KAREN OLAH** at Hammonasset State Park back in June. They are doing well and enjoying a lot of biking.

DICK BARTRAM is now the proud owner of a 25' 2000 Airstream, and looking forward to camping again. It was purchased from one of our members, **ROBERT FULLER**. Also, Dick had an unexpected visitor. Apparently his garage door was left open and a bear came in, opened his freezer, and enjoyed all the frozen food. Not a very nice visitor, as he never closed the freezer door when he left.

Our Club has been hit with much sadness. We have lost these dear members, who will be greatly missed: **CAROLYN BARRETT**, **LYNN BLACKWELL**, **RONALD NICHOLAS** and **JOHN TAVARES**. We send our sincere condolences to **BOB BARRETT**, **JEFF BLACKWELL**, **BRENDA NICHOLAS**, and **ROSE TAVARES**. Also we send caring thoughts of sympathy to **BRUCE & KRIS FLETCHER** on the recent loss of his mother. ~

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Events
Anniversaries
Birthdays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Kathy Fuller			Robert Fuller		Susan Freimuth	Aili Galasyn
Steve Pestretto	J. Rick Cipot		Fred McGoldrick	Region One Rally		
	Carol Dubrowski	Rose Tavares				Marie Lupien
	Wayne Rutty Trevor Lake		Richard Kushman Gary A. Levinson		Glen Lessig	Sandie St. Laurent



Visit us on
Facebook

Did you know we have an active Facebook Page? No need to wait a month for the Chatter to see pictures and hear about the rally you missed. Be in the moment and be interactive with comments and "likes". See what you have missed from Connecticut to Oregon in the last 3 months. Go to: Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club on Facebook. ~ Bard Fuller

Thanks to Glen Lessig for setting up this site!

It is hard to imagine a more stupid or more dangerous way of making decisions than by putting those decisions in the hands of people who pay no price for being wrong. ~ Thomas Sowell

LINKS

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

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) 508-280-5070

Answer - Mt. Rushmore

Scientists now believe that the primary biological function of breasts is to make males stupid.

~ Dave Barry

FOR SALE

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

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BACK IN TIME RALLY

Sept 7 - 9 2018 Oak Haven Family Campground in Wales, MA

Hosted by: Wiley and Gail Downing

Mike and Sandy Sasuto

30 amp electric, water, dump station

Reservations made directly with the campground 413-245-7148. Tell them you are part of the Airstream Group in Pratt Safari Field

Rate is \$40 per night a 10% discount taken if more than 10 trailers attend. No deposit required but reservations must be made no later than Aug 31st, payment in full is due upon check-in. Check in time is 2:00 pm. A \$15 card fee will be taken at check in but returned at check out with key return.

Friday : 5:30 Happy Hour. Dinner on your own.

Saturday: 8:30 am Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Sausage, and English Muffins, OJ, coffee and tea.

5:00 very light happy hour

6:30 Dinner - Chicken or pork cutlet, corn on the cob, potato salad, garden salad, dessert

Sunday: 8:30 am Pot Luck Breakfast

Check out by 2:00

The well known Brimfield Flea Market is just 5 miles up the road. If you collect something they will have something for everyone.

Old Sturbridge Village is close by and is a living museum of life in New England village in the 1830's , St. Anne's Shrine, Basketball Hall of Fame, and the US Armory Museum are also close by.

Back In Time Rally Sept 7-9, 2018

Mail response to Gail Downing, 8 Old Shelter Rock Road, Danbury, CT 06810

Please check dinner choice of Chicken _____ or Pork _____

Kitty Fee \$ 15 per person _____ x \$15 = _____

Name _____ WBCCI# _____

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ALERT - Sells Out Fast!

Columbus Day and Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally

Come and join us at our 1st National Event
(Our 9th year of the Rally)
at the Green Mountain Family Campground
4817 South 116 Rd., Bristol, VT 05443



October 5th thru the 8th, 2018

Hosted by: RJ Dominic and Tye Mott

Sponsored by: The Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit of the WBCCI
limited to 20 sites, with a waiting list, more sites may open up.

For any questions please contact:

RJ Dominic at rjdominic@wbcci.net, or cell: (914) 204-6190

Tye Mott at tmott@wbcci.net, or cell: (716) 866-2503



Thursday, October 4	Early arrival (Please see additional fee's below)
Friday, October 5	Arrival at the campground 4:00pm - Happy hour, meet and greet
Saturday, October 6	8:00am - Pot luck breakfast 4:00pm - Wine and Cheese happy hour, we will supply the cheeses, you bring your favorite bottle of wine, or other beverages to share, and if you have a special appetizer, bring that also. 5:30 pm - Dinner on your own, there are many great restaurants in the area, or an impromptu Pot luck.
Sunday, October 7	8:00am - Bagels/cream cheese, muffins, yogurt, and fruit breakfast coffee, tea, juice 3:00pm - 'Smoked' Turkey Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings. If you would like to contribute a dish please let us know. There will be a sign-up sheet. Please speak to Tye or RJ. 5:00pm - Dessert happy hour and contest, bring your favorite desert and fall beverage and enjoy the campfire. Follow us for the details, new and exciting contest this year.
Monday, October 8	8:00am - Coffee Departure: See You Down the Road



If there are dietary concerns, please call us ahead of time.

Early arrival - Late departure fees are: 30-amp service \$37 per night, 50-amp service \$42 per night.

If you need to have a full hook up please let us know in advance, we will do our best to accommodate you.

Columbus Day and Canadian Thanks Giving Rally, October 5th - 8th, 2018

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () - Cell: () - Email: _____

WBCCI No.: _____ *Please note: this is a WBCCI National Rally, only units made by Airstream may participate.

Rig Size: _____ Plate Number & State: _____

Tow Vehicle, Make: _____ Model: _____ Plate Number & State: _____

Rally Fees: ☐ \$140.00 - One person three night stay 30 AMP ☐ \$155.00 - One person three night stay 50 AMP

☐ \$160.00 - Two person three night stay 30 AMP ☐ \$175.00 - Two person three night stay 50 AMP

Additional Nights _____ X \$37.00 for 30 AMP _____ X \$42.00 for 50 AMP Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks out to Tye Mott, 7719 Omphalius Road, Colden, NY 14033, please note: Columbus Day Rally in memo line.