



# Connecticut Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

April 2019

## President's Message

~ Gail Downing



First I would like to extend deep condolences to the Fuller family on the loss of their family patriarch John. A man who always had a smile on his face, and could make you laugh. We will all miss him.

Also a warm thank you to Russ and Rhona Fuller for another amazing St Patrick's Day Luncheon. We all met several new members of Charter Oak and we hope they will join us during the season and enjoy happy hours, camp fires, and new friends!

Wiley and I have joined the ranks of the Travelers Rest Charter Oak residents. Wiley was there in February to close the deal, and meet some new neighbors. I was helping my sister in Maryland recuperate from surgery for several weeks, so we are both going back to visit in April when I can actually see our Cabana and trailer. And no doubt shop for things to add our touch and make it our own.

Wiley and I are going to attend the Pets and Paws Rally in April. Not bringing the cats, but looking forward to meeting all the pooches that other Airstreamers will have with them. With any luck at all a current picture will be taken, I really have no pictures of us 😬.

Therefore this is a picture I have no doubt used before. LOL ~

## Top o' the mornin to ya..

~ Kathy Fuller



On March 17<sup>th</sup> the sun was shining and the laughter flowing as 25 happy campers gathered to enjoy a feast prepared by Russ Fuller. As Russ was coordinating the kitchen his wife Rhona was scurrying about with hostess duties. In addition to ample amounts of the savory traditional Irish dinner, including homemade Irish soda bread, there were FOUR Irish desserts. Russ relates that a bottle of Bailey's Irish Cream and six beers were needed to prepare the feast...the leprechauns are still discussing how much went into Russ and how much into the desserts.

Four couples made their debut: Pat and Betsy Flanagan, Janice Bond and Jim Healey, Sybil and Gary Williams and Joan and Les Borde. Also "wearing the green" were Gail and Jim Downing, Kathy and Bard Fuller, Grace Fuller, Christine and Glen Lessig, Joyce and Gilles Rousseau, Evelyn and Bill Watts and Rhona's daughter's family.

Reminders of this year's rally schedule were provided by President Gail. Russ gave an update of the work being done on his rare 1959 Airstream Falcon.

A big thank you to Rhona who was kind enough to share her birthday with this big group. ~

## Question

First, think of the color of the clouds. Next, think of the color of snow. Now, think of the color of a bright full moon. Now answer quickly what do cows drink? ~ Answer page 5

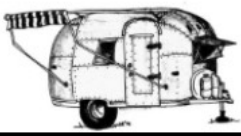
## LINK OF THE MONTH

May 3-5, 2019-Region  
One Gathering

May 17-19, 2019-Spring  
RV Maintenance Rally

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## St Paddy's Day gathering at Russ & Rhona Fuller's

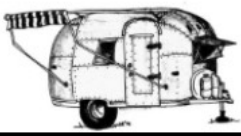


*The Spread...*

### *The Guests ...*

Russ & Rhona Fuller, Bard & Kathy Fuller, Grace Fuller, Joyce & Giles Rousseau, Gail & Wiley Downing, Les & Joan Borde, Janice Bond & James Healey, Evie & Bill Watts, Glen & Christine Lessing, Pat & Betsy Flanagans, Sybl & Gary Williams, Rob, Kim, Jenna & Carley Chierniewski (*daughter of Russ & Rhona and family Airstream dreaming*)





Patrick's Day party at their house. I'm sure it was Irish Gourmet.

The Charter Oak CT Ladies Luncheon at "Matter of Taste" in Dade City, was a delightful afternoon with 16 in attendance.

Sending get well wishes to **RAYMOND RICHARD** on his recent surgery. They have a new little Jack Russell "Maggie" who is a nice addition. You know they have their hands full with all that puppy energy. **ROSE**

**TAVARES** is enjoying her new rescue Shih Tzu "Maisy", who is 6 years old and well-mannered. Rose recently had successful cataract surgery.

Welcome to new members **HOWARD NIXON** #2283 from Southington, CT, and **CLAUDETTE BEAULIEU** #2311 from Glastonbury, CT. Looking forward to meeting you soon at an upcoming rally.

We heard that Chefs **RUSS & RHONA FULLER** had a fabulous St.



Ladies Lunch 2019



Dick Bartram with Franklin & Jane Sanders.

It was nice to have a visit from **FRANKLIN & JANE SANDERS**. They joined us for happy hour on Kushman's Porch. We send our sincere sympathy to **BUD GOULD** on the recent passing of his 96 year old sister, and also to the **BARRETT FAMILY** on the passing of long time member, **BOB BARRETT**, on March 25, 2019.

Be sure to sign up for the May 17-19, 2019 Spring RV Maintenance Rally in Lebanon, CT, hosted by the **FULLERS & LUPIENS**. (see flyer) ~

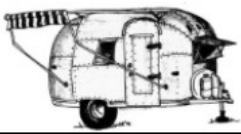
## Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls and thoughts and prayers which helped me and my family get through these difficult times. Seb and I both loved the Airstream group and camping in our Airstream Motor Home. I will always remember what wonderful times we had at the rallies and on caravans. Thank you so much. Juanita & Family.



With Lydia Rosenbeck's help Rick Petrie shows off the quilt he is creating - lots and lots of work, sew it seams...





### Another Visit to the **Red Mule Pub in FL**



*The usual crowd...*



*Toni Nolder greeting the Price family - Ted & Lois with daughters Leslie and Alison and Lisa in FL for a visit.*



*Toni Nolder & Kathleen Kushman having a little too much fun...*



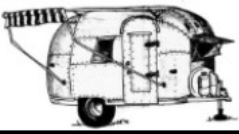
## Secret Recipe

### Mango Bean Dip ~ Sandy Sasuta

- 1 pkg 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 tbsp taco seasoning mix
- 1 can 15 oz. black beans, drain & rinse
- ½ cup chopped red bell pepper
- ½ cup or more chopped mango
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 to 2 tsp. finely chopped Jalapeno chiles  
(optional)

Plain or lime flavored tortilla chips

1. In small bowl, mix cream cheese, sour cream and taco seasoning mix with spoon or electric mixer until well mixed. Spread on 10" round serving plate.
2. Top cream cheese mixture with remaining ingredients except tortilla chips. Serve immediately or refrigerate until serving. Serve with tortilla chips.



## Region One News

### Region Rally 2020 Update

Kathy and I are within a month of finalizing a contract for the 2020 Region 1 Rally. Thank you to the members who have been helpful with ideas and contacts. The perfect site is elusive as we have visited over 20 sites from Vermont to Rhode Island and between.

As we work on the location we need the entire unit to be thinking about the rally. We will need help from **ALL** our members, including affiliate members, to pull off this big undertaking. I would like everyone to look broadly into how they can help. Many of us will need to do multiple tasks. One of our foremost needs will be taking leadership responsibilities for seminars. Typically, we put on several seminars from cooking to hobbies, travel experiences to RV maintenance to technology upgrades, beading to acrylics. The possibilities are endless. How could YOU contribute? Don't wait to be asked, **VOLUNTEER!**

Food is always a big part of any rally. We are looking for four people to each oversee one of the four meals our club will be responsible for providing- three breakfasts and one light supper. Helping hands will also be needed to follow up on execution and clean-up of every meal. Oh, yes, we will also need help with parking, decorating, raffle sales, tourism and hospitality to name a few other areas that will be available for you to participate in. If you have done one of these areas in the past please use that experience for our 2020 rally and mentor a novice to help you.

Do we have any hidden musical talent that could contribute to an evening's entertainment? Last year's Region 1 Rally featured an open mic night that showcased some very talented people.

Do you have access to a sound system or King Cookers? Do you sew?

Our unit only host this rally once every six years so please find a way to be a significant contributor. ~

~ Bard Fuller



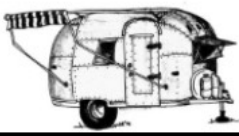
The entire Fuller family would like to thank the dozens of Airstreamers who expressed their condolences upon the death of John Fuller in early March.

He was sent off to eternal life in true Airstream fashion. His "silver" casket had his red membership numbers affixed on each end and flanked by his 11 (and a half) stars. A model of an Airstream was imbedded within a floral arrangement atop his casket. One of the family Airstreams was at the funeral service with its hitch lowered, as if praying, and draped in black. We think John would have been very pleased with the response from the club he loved. ~



Do you have a neat Airstream picture with a short story to highlight your adventure and you would like it placed in the Chatter to share? Send away to: [Chatter Editor](#)





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April 2019



Toni Nolder has made the switch to SC, so when following that cute International you won't know it's Toni, unless you drive on past and see her smile!

## April

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 04/02 Ken Hankinson
- 04/03 Cynthia Richard
- 04/05 Jack Blandford
- 04/08 Barbara Landman
- 04/10 Karen Olah
- 04/13 Dan Olah
- 04/17 Eddie & Nanci Carll
- 04/19 Charlie Wilson
- 04/21 Roland St. Laurent
- 04/24 Franklin Sanders
- 04/26 Mari-Jo Jones
- 04/29 Charles "Rick" Petrie

## May

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 05/01 Bard Fuller
- 05/03 Joyce Rousseau
- 05/05 John J. & Serafina M. Bachar
- 05/05 Elizabeth Turner
- 05/06 Gilles Rousseau
- 05/06 Brenda Nicholas
- 05/11 Jean Landry
- 05/14 David & Paulette Jensen
- 05/15 Michael Brodeur
- 05/16 David Jensen
- 05/16 Grace Fuller
- 05/17 Raymond Richard
- 05/20 Donald & Eileen Allers
- 05/21 William Watts
- 05/26 Richard & Kathleen Kushman
- 05/26 Ted & Lois Price
- 05/28 Wiley & Gail Downing
- 05/31 Michael & Sandy Sasuta

'The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings. The inherent virtue of Socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.'

-Winston Churchill, House of Commons, 22 October 1945



Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

~ Abraham Lincoln

## FOR SALE

### Airstream For Sale

2005 25' Safari with front bedroom.  
Contact Brenda Nicholas  
#1254 [207-450-0593](tel:207-450-0593)

**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)

 [Visit Us On Facebook](#)  
Thanks to Glen Lessig!

## LINKS

- Connecticut Unit Website <https://charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net>
- Cape Cod Unit: ..... <https://capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.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>

I used to think I was indecisive, but I'm not too sure any more.  
~ Anonymous

**Answer:**  
Water

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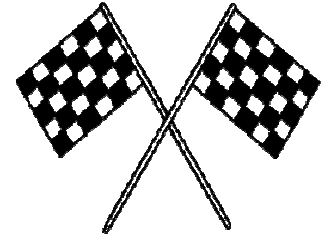
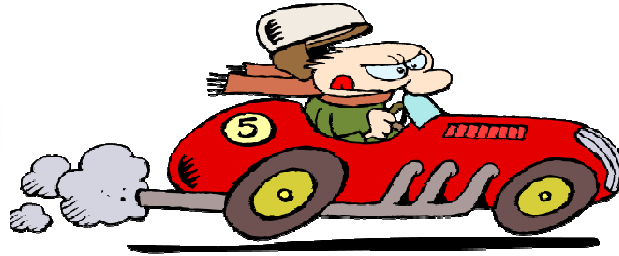
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">We Do More Together</p>	
	<p>March 17, 2019-St Patrick's Day Gathering-Russ &amp; Rhona Fuller home-Southington,CT, 860-747-1193, <a href="mailto:rfuller1745@att.net">rfuller1745@att.net</a></p>
	<p>May 3-5, 2019-Region One Gathering-NH Motor Speedway, Loudon, NH</p> <p>May 17-19, 2019-Spring RV Maintenance Rally-Waters Edge Campground, Lebanon, CT, Bard &amp; Kathy Fuller with Mark &amp; Marie Lupien, 860-621-9246, <a href="mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com">bardfuller@hotmail.com</a></p>
	<p>June 6-9, 2019-NYC Base Camp Nat'l Rally- Jersey City, NJ, Per Hamnqvist, 603-866-6440, <a href="mailto:psh@wbcci.org">psh@wbcci.org</a></p> <p>June 21-23, 2019-Bald Mountain Campground Rally, Townshend, VT Wiley &amp; Gail Downing, 203-790-8592, <a href="mailto:ctnanabug@comcast.net">ctnanabug@comcast.net</a></p>
	<p>July 13-18, 2019 - Surf to Turf Caravan to Doswell, VA and the International Rally - Bard Fuller <a href="mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com">bardfuller@hotmail.com</a></p> <p>July 20-27, 2019-62<sup>nd</sup> Wally Byam Airstream Club Int'l Rally - Doswell, VA, <a href="http://www.wbcci.org">www.wbcci.org</a></p>
	<p>August 9-11, 2019 - Fun and Games Rally Brook N Wood Family Campground, Elizaville, NY, Wiley &amp; Gail Downing with Russ &amp; Rhona Fuller, 203-790-8592 <a href="mailto:ctnanabug@comcast.net">ctnanabug@comcast.net</a></p> <p>August 23-25, 2019-Augtoberfest Rally-Crowne Point Camping Area, Perkinsville, VT, Evelyn &amp; Bill Watts/ Joyce &amp; Gilles Rousseau, 203-426-5532, <a href="mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net">evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net</a></p>
	<p>Sept 6-8, 2019- Mystic KOA Rally, North Stonington, CT, Glen &amp; Christine Lessig/Chris &amp; Carol Dubrowski, 860-617-4346, <a href="mailto:glessig@gmail.com">glessig@gmail.com</a></p>
	<p>October 13, 2019 -Installation/Fall Business Meeting-Manchester Country Club, Manchester, CT- Corinne &amp; Jim Burnham, 860-623-9752, <a href="mailto:jimblc@msn.com">jimblc@msn.com</a></p>
	<p>December 8, 2019-Holiday Luncheon Dakota Steakhouse, Rocky Hill, CT, Wiley &amp; Gail Downing, 203-790-8592 <a href="mailto:ctnanabug@comcast.net">ctnanabug@comcast.net</a></p>

**Note: New Date**



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## GETTING ON TRACK for 2019



Join **Region 1** for an action filled weekend, camping on the infield of the "The Magic Mile" of a NASCAR track

**Thursday May 2 - Sunday May 5 2019**

New Hampshire Motor Speedway (<https://nhms.com>),

122 Route 106 North, Loudon, NH (about 1 hour north of Boston, MA)

What: In-field camping with Water/Electric. Dump available. Dog walk area

- ✓ 3 Breakfasts and a Dinner
- ✓ Opportunity to get behind the wheels and drive like a NASCAR pro! **Rusty Wallace Racing Experience** For tickets: <https://racewithrusty.com/project/new-hampshire-motor-speedway>
- ✓ Region 1 meeting and **Seminars**

### Other local attractions:

Canterbury AleWorks, <https://www.canterburyaleworks.com/>

Canterbury Shaker Village, <http://www.shakers.org/> (opening day May 4)

Tanger Outlet, Tilton <https://www.tangeroutlet.com/tilton>

### Schedule:

**Thursday:** Arrive, setup, relax 6:00 Happy Dinner – Bring your heavy hors d'oeuvres to share

**Friday:** 8:30 Hot Breakfast and Coffee, 9:30 Region 1 Meeting, 11:00-12:00, 1:00-2:00 Seminars, 4:00 Happy Hour A-L, 6:00 Pot Luck Dinner

**Saturday:** 8:30 Hot Breakfast and Coffee, watch/drive NASCARs, explore area 5:00 Happy Hour M-Z, Dinner provided, you bring dessert to share.

**Sunday:** 8:00 Continental breakfast and Coffee, Watch more NASCARs, checkout 5 pm

For more information about the rally email Per Hamnqvist: [psh@wbcci.org](mailto:psh@wbcci.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Lic. Plate/State: Truck : \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer Plate: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer Size: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Nights + kitty: \$199.00. Make check out to '**WBCCI Region 1**' send check and completed form to:  
Per Hamnqvist, 2 Queens Way, Merrimack, NH 03054





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# SPRING MAINTENANCE RALLY

May 17-19, 2019

**Water's Edge Campground, Lebanon, CT**  
Hosts: Mark & Marie Lupien / Bard & Kathy Fuller  
[mlupien60@comcast.net](mailto:mlupien60@comcast.net) [bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com)

*We all wanted the finest RV on the road, the Airstream, now we need to nourish it for it to live up to its potential. We will have a multi-station checkup system set up, with instructions, to do the routine maintenance. Learn how to do the maintenance instead of paying someone!*

*Friday 5pm light happy hour followed by sloppy joes and coleslaw provided by hosts.*

*Saturday continental breakfast will be provided followed by maintenance information/ discussion.*

*Saturday 5pm bring a heavy appetizer for happy hour and later enjoy apple pie a la mode that your hosts will provide. We are also planning an optional open house "show & tell" of our Airstreams to present what is new or what is special. Campfire weather permitting.*

*Sunday continental breakfast followed by Spring Business meeting.*

*Come for your Airstream but stay to share fellowship and stories with fellow club members.*

*Water's Edge Campground, 271 Leonard Bridge Road, Lebanon, CT, provides 30 amp electric, water & cable. There is a dump station as you leave. Arrival is after 3pm on Friday and checkout out Sunday is also 3pm. If you are intending to use electric heat or run AC a surcharge is collected at check-in. Pet friendly if on a leash. Dog park is also available on site. Cancellation policy: No refund on campsite cancellation within 2 weeks of rally. Refund minus \$5 fee charged on campsite cancellations more than than 2 weeks out. Hosts have reserved 15 sites in Safari field for our rally.*

*Please last day of reserving with our group is May 3.*

Spring Maintenance Rally

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Discounted Campsite fee is \$48/night

Kitty fee is \$15.00 /Adult (under 18 free).

(for a couple this will be \$126.00)

2 nights 2x\$48 = \$96.00

Please remit fee and form to:

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Lupien  
198 Horse Pond Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776

Total fee = \_\_\_\_\_



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# NYC Base Camp National Rally

## Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ

### Thu 6/6/19 – Sun 6/9/19

**Come and join us for another long weekend of fun New York City exploration!** No need to list everything you can do - there is something for everyone in NYC. Our base camp is very close to the city, providing convenient access to the subway (NJ PATH) as well as ferries to Manhattan.

**Going National:** The 5<sup>th</sup> installment of this informal rally has now been elevated to National Rally status. Perhaps we'll see attendees from even further away → widen your circle of friends.

**Stay longer:** You can extend your stay on either end if you do it early. Why rush to see NYC, especially if you can stay in your favorite hotel? Pay for six nights and the seventh is free.

**Cost:** Have you ever stayed at a cheap hotel in NYC? After you get a jolt about the nightly rate you'll discover that parking is extra. Think \$45/night for Manhattan! At this rally, parking your truck is included in the rate, like it should be. And you are still pretty close to major attractions.

**Do it yourself program:** This rally does not have a formal program, other than when we serve coffee in the morning and when we gather for happy hour in the late afternoon. We'll help you coordinate your interests and excursions with others that are attending by fanning out emails. **This worked really well the last times we held this event.** Everyone ended up doing something they wanted to do, at their pace, often sharing those experiences with old and new Airstream friends.



**A few things to keep in mind:**

- **First come (with check) first served – reserve before 1<sup>st</sup> week of November 2018**
- As before, we cannot guarantee that we can give you a refund, but we'll do our best
- See next page for details about extra nights

=====  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Length (ft): \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Nights: \_\_\_\_\_ Total USD: \_\_\_\_\_

Send check for **\$355.00** in USD to: Per Hamnqvist, 2 Queens Way, Merrimack, NH 03054. Make check payable to NEU of WBCCI. Email: [psh@wbcci.org](mailto:psh@wbcci.org) Cell: 603-866-6440. Additional nights see next page.





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## Co-Hosts

- New England Per Hamnqvist
- Ontario Kerry Mattila
- Charter Oak Connecticut Rich Kushman
- Metro New York Debbie Hammer

## Reservation Policy and Additional nights at Liberty Harbor Marina

Capacity is limited to approximately 60 rigs. You can request additional through me. The base cost covers 6/6, 6/7 and 6/8 with checkout Sunday 6/9. I will attempt to accommodate your needs in my conversation(s) with the campground and I will keep you posted. The cost is \$115.00 per additional night including tax. **Up-front payment is required for full stay.** If you pay for six nights at the campground, the 7<sup>th</sup> is free.

Sample Total costs in USD:

- 3 nights: 355.00 USD (base cost for base camp)
- 4 nights: 470.00 USD
- 5 nights: 585.00 USD
- 6 nights: 700.00 USD
- 7 nights: 700.00 USD (7<sup>th</sup> night is free)

If you cannot come to this rally, please find an alternate to take your nights. So far we've done well on full refunds by shuffling around. But that is not a guarantee! Plan accordingly. 30 days or less prior assume no refund.

## About the campground

The prime value of this campground is its excellent proximity to the city. Its basically gravel parking on somewhat narrow sites. In the backwoods, these would be \$20/night. This is smack in the middle of metro NYC with walking distance to public transit. A grocery store is a short drive away. It's a totally different experience to see the city AND sleep in your own bed at the end of the day!!

During the 2011, 2013 and 2015 events, their WiFi was marginal. During the 2013 event we experienced an unexpected heat wave (mid 90s, 32C+) and the campground's power was inadequate to run all the A/Cs during the day. Otherwise, the campground is clean. Choices of over the air TV stations are plentiful. It has a shared dump station. It has a shower house too.

If you look up Liberty Harbor Marina with Google Maps you'll get a better feel for its fantastic location. A commuter ferry to Wall St leaves the dock by the campground (week days). A second ferry that also operates on weekends leaves by Warren St (short walk) for the World Financial Center. A 15 minute walk from the campground is the Grove Street subway station that can take you to the World Trade Center and beyond. The ferry to Ellis Island and The Statue of Liberty is right next door.