

# Connecticut



*Chatter* Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

April 2020

## President's Message

by Kathy Fuller

### Oh, the places you'll go...eventually!

**A**s I write this message I have my fingers crossed that our entire summer won't be canceled due to the COVID 19 virus. I can't begin to tell you how many hours/weeks/months/years that Bard has devoted to the Region One Rally. There are many members of Charter Oak who have been major contributors to managing the various components involved



*Kudos to Kathy as she toils to establish the acceptable "flow rate" of wine through a protective mask??*

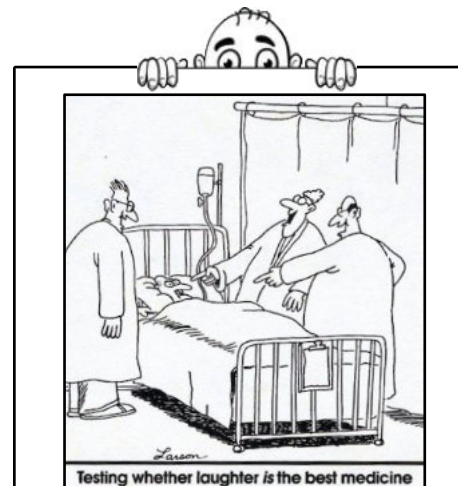
in planning a successful event. Obviously, we neglected to put someone in charge of avoiding pandemics. We'll try to do better next year. Yes, we hope to do the Region One Rally next year. We'll let you all know when a specific date is established.

In the meantime, there's plenty to do: clean out the Airstream, repair problems that can't be fixed with just duct tape, read about caravans promoted in the Blue Beret and sign up since many have waiting lists, get out the Charter Oak directory and call someone that you haven't spoken to for a while, enjoy a virtual happy hour, read the Chatter. These ideas are just off the top of my head! Keep in mind that the phrase "social distancing" is actually a misnomer- it should be "physical distancing".

I'm interested to know how you are spending your "sheltering in place". Please submit what you are doing to Rich Kushman so he can print them in the next Chatter. Include a picture if you can.

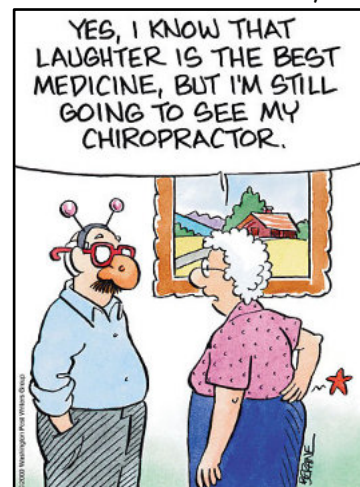
We know this is a temporary situation, albeit of undetermined duration. It'll take more than a few canceled rallies to crush the Charter Oak Airstream Club's spirit and determination to make the best of things.

Until next time, Kathy ~



Testing whether laughter is the best medicine

I sneezed in the bank today, it was the most attention I have received from the staff in the last 10 years.



YES, I KNOW THAT LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE, BUT I'M STILL GOING TO SEE MY CHIROPRACTOR.

To those who are complaining about the quarantine period and curfews, just remember that your grandparents were called to war, you are being called to sit on the couch and watch Netflix.

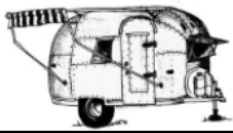
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[Airstream History Spotlight](#)

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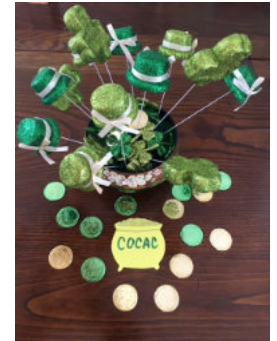
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# St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

by Joyce Rousseau #8988

In spite of the decrease in numbers due to the Covid 19 situation, eleven hardy and happy COCAC members gathered at our home to celebrate the holiday! It was a warm and sunny afternoon for March which matched the smiles on those attending. Participants included: Pat and Betsy Flanagan, Sally Kerr, Julie and Billy Steers, Sandi Gould and Rick Cipot, BJ and Bill Turner and Gilles and me. Billy Steers, a first time attendee, wrote: "Such a fun gathering under uncertain times."

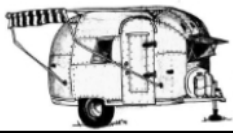


*A good time was had by all as we paused before eating dessert (3 are on the table) and sharing of Pat's ample Irish liqueur bottle contents. Left to right: Pat Flanagan, Sally Kerr, Billy Steers, Julie Steers, Sandi Gould, Joyce Rousseau, Rick Cipot, Gilles Rousseau, Bill Turner, Elizabeth Turner, Betsy Flanagan.*

The eating started with a variety of appetizers along with appropriate beverages and a full corned beef and cabbage dinner that followed. It seems like all enjoyed the meal served with homemade Irish soda bread and lots of friendly conversation. Betsy wrote: "The food was absolutely delicious! The corned beef and veggies were all tender and tasty!" I warned everyone not to fill up too much since there were 3 different desserts to follow- a Guinness chocolate cake, a bread pudding with Irish whiskey sauce and a Pot 'O Gold lemon pound cake. Betsy adds: "The desserts were so yummy and to die for!" I blame the quantity of sweets on Russ Fuller who surpassed all expectations on desserts the past few years. (I wish we could have sent the calories to him to share!) Oh- did I mention that Pat brought a very large bottle of Irish cream liqueur to end the meal. (I insisted he take it back home!) As you can tell- it was a very full afternoon.

One special treat was to hear more about Billy's book, Let's Just Go, featuring the adventures of Snug the Airstream camper. He brought along copies which several people purchased that are now autographed by the author! I'm sure you can join the group of book owners at a future rally.

We all got to know those attending better in the small setting. Gilles and I like entertaining in our home and there is no better group than our Airstream family to have with us. Billy wrote: "We really enjoyed meeting everyone and to becoming more involved." (Little does he know!) Thanks to all the brave souls who attended and, to those unable/able to make it, stay safe and healthy! ~



### Sandy's Scuttlebutt



by Sandy Sasuta

As you all know, the May 15, 2020, rally at Water's Edge Campground, the Region One Rally in Hebron, CT, and the International Rally in Colorado has been cancelled along with everything else in the world. All the refund checks for those that have paid for the Region One Rally have been mailed; please let me know if you did not receive yours. The coronavirus spread and uncertainties has put a stop on all will all get through this and be back together at a future date.

**EDDIE CARLL** would like to thank everyone for their caring support, cards and concern during the recent passing of his wife **NANCI CARLL**. What a difficult time to go through. **BUD GOULD** is doing rehab at home (in NY) and **DICK BARTRAM** is on the mend (in CT) from double by-pass heart surgery. **GRACE FULLER'S** independent living facility has been in lock down situation for several weeks. TV and telephone are her only connections to the outside as family and friends are excluded. She is getting very good at jigsaw puzzles. Consider giving her a call.

Since we are all doing social distancing, now would be a good time to check on one another by calls, texts or emails. Remember those who keep the system going: doctors, nurses, police, postal workers, grocers and truckers, to name a few. They are working hard behind the scenes, while the rest of us are safe at home.

The group here at Travelers Rest enjoyed a ladies luncheon at *Lunch on Limoges* in Dade City, FL, on March 11, 2020, at a time when we still could meet. We ate, laughed and of course, shopped.



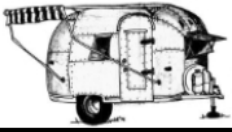
Lunch on Limoges

Standing: Pam Forsyth, Jean Landry, Dale McGoldrick, Gail Downing, Kathy Fuller, Colleen Bradley, Kathy Kushman, Lynne Lapin, Louise Powers, Beth Petrie, Lydia Rosenbeck.

Seated: Sandy Sasuta, Kit Wheatley, Marie Lupien, Cynthia Richard

We also had a gathering for **TED PRICE'S** upcoming special birthday (90). The actual date is July 3<sup>rd</sup>, but since many were at TR, it was celebrated here. It was also his daughter **LISA'S** birthday so each thought it was for the other. Along those lines, we gathered at the **KUSHMAN'S** for good food, many laughs and made many more memories.

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### Scuttlebutt continued . . .

What do you call Irish outdoor furniture: Patty O'Furniture

I asked a little girl, Where does your grandma live?... She said: the airport; When we want her, we go pick her up; when we're done, we bring her back.

Everyone...stay safe & keep smiling. ~



*Kathy Kushman with Bard & "happy club prez." Kathy Fuller*



*Lois & Ted Price, here a deserved toast to Ted's 90 years!*



*Mike Sasuta & Ken Hankinson grillin burgers.*



*Bard, Wiley Downing, Roger Crockett, hon. member John Freed and Mark Lupien.*



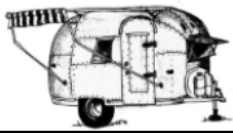
*This is why Sandy Sasuta is not in a lot of pictures.*



### Please Note



All gatherings depicted in this issue occurred before the start of covid-19 social distancing with no reports of infection.



## Region One Rally Cancellation Update

by Bard Fuller

What a whirlwind it has been in the last 3 weeks with the everchanging concerns about this present pandemic.

For more than a week in early March we discussed virus concerns at the Kushman's TR porch time and I kept in contact with Per and Doug at the region level also discussing these growing concerns. It was obvious on March 17<sup>th</sup> that this virus was likely to be a world changing event. With Mona Heath cancelling the International Rally that morning the Region One officers realized it was time to pull the plug on the Region Rally. The fastest way to spread the word was on Facebook so the Region One Facebook page was used and that site was shared to all our local clubs within minutes. Within 6 hours we had over 250 views with dozens of members feeling the disappointment yet providing supportive comments. The power of social media was amazing!

Meanwhile Rich Kushman, our webmaster, got the word out to all of our unit members through email. Sandy Sasuta worked on notifying each of the attendees of the cancellation from her registration lists and had refunds in the mail within the next 48 hours. The Hebron fairgrounds, venders and entertainers were all notified that day. From a financial point of view our local club should be OK with likely all deposits to be returned. The only known deficit is of the promotional literature that was used over the last year. T-shirts were never ordered so again we were OK. Decorations, hats and signs that had been purchased will likely be used in a rescheduled event.

The raffle items that you all have been collecting are an integral part of the financial health of such an event and will be needed in any rescheduled event. So please continue to collect items and hold them for our raffle team. Many thanks go out to Joyce who has been our raffle spokesperson. She has been doing a wonderful job. Also, a thank you to Joyce for storing many of our raffle contributions. Keep them coming as they all will be greatly appreciated!

At this time, I am very hopeful that you all will continue to support a future Region One Rally here in Connecticut.

I have had discussions with the some of the Hebron fairground officials. We have a tentative date of June 10-13, 2021. So, "Save the Date" even if it is only in pencil at this time. ~

## The Columbus Dispatch



Posted Mar 24, 2020 at 6:28 PM

Airstream is closing its factory in Jackson, Ohio, ending the jobs of most of its 950 employees for at least two weeks.

The iconic RV company shut down Monday following the state's order that nonessential businesses close by the end of Monday.

"We made the decision based on concern over workers' health, supply from our suppliers, many of them in Indiana, which is shut down, and many of our dealers are in shutdown," Airstream CEO Bob Wheeler said.

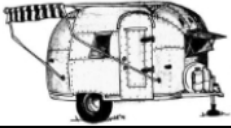
"And we don't consider the core of our business to be essential. All of those things together pointed to this step."

Wheeler said 110 of the company's 950 workers will remain this week and that the workforce will drop to 40 next week. Workers will remain to ship parts to dealers and in Airstream's own service operation, Wheeler said.

The shutdown comes just two months after Airstream moved into a new 723,000-square-foot factory.

Wheeler said the industry's trade group is taking steps to get the industry deemed essential because it can provide shelter for medical staff, patients and others during the crisis.

Wheeler said the company is also looking to provide employment for its sewing crews to work from home making medical masks. ~



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Big "HI" from FL here as Bard & Kathy Fuller and Pam Forsyth visit Wiley and Gail Downing.



"You don't stop laughing because you grow older. You grow older because you stop laughing."

~ Maurice Chevalier



## Charter Oak Connecticut 2020 Events

- January 15 **West Coast Region One Luncheon**  
Asian Buffet, Wesley Chapel, FL at 12:30 PM.  
Hosted by: Sandy Sasuta [sandysas1001@gmail.com](mailto:sandysas1001@gmail.com)
- March 15 **St. Patrick's Day Gathering**  
Hosted by: Joyce & Gilles Rousseau  
[joycezr68@gmail.com](mailto:joycezr68@gmail.com)
- May 15-17 **"Who Gives a Hoot Rally"** [Sign Up Here](#) **Cancelled**  
Water's Edge Campground, Lebanon, CT Hosted by: Sandy and Michael Sasuta & Carol and Chris Dubrowski - Spring Business Meeting. [sandysas1001@gmail.com](mailto:sandysas1001@gmail.com)
- May 28-31 **"Oh! The Places You'll Go" Region 1 Rally**  
Hebron Lions Fairground in Hebron, CT  
Hosted by: Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club  
Chairman: Bard Fuller [barfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:barfuller@hotmail.com) **Cancelled**
- June 20-27 **"Follow Your Wanderlust"** **Cancelled**  
International Rally in Loveland, CO
- June 26-28 **"The Lake, the Grape, and the Crepe Rally"**  
Lake Waramaug State Park in Warren, CT  
Hosted by: Joyce and Gilles Rousseau (on site 35) & Serafina and John Bachar [joycezr68@gmail.com](mailto:joycezr68@gmail.com)  
Reserve site through Reserve America.
- July 10-12 **The Pastures Rally at Pastures Campground**  
Orford, NH - Hosted by: Eddie Carll, Sandy and Roland St. Laurent, & Toni Nolder [ecarl62@gmail.com](mailto:ecarl62@gmail.com)  
Joint rally with Cape Cod Mass Airstream Club
- August 14-16 **"Wine Tasting Rally"**  
Travelers Woods of New England Bernardston, MA  
Hosted by: Gail and Wiley Downing [ctnanabuq@comcast.net](mailto:ctnanabuq@comcast.net)
- September 10-13 **"Autumn Magic - Buddy Rally"**  
Ulster Fairgrounds in New Paltz, New York  
Hosted by: Kathy and Rich Kushman & Beth and Rick Petrie  
[rich.kath@icloud.com](mailto:rich.kath@icloud.com) or [trrobe47@att.net](mailto:trrobe47@att.net)
- October 2-4 **"Fuller Foliage Folly"**  
Ross Hill Family Campground, Jewett City, CT  
Hosted by: Russ and Rhona Fuller & Bard and Kathy Fuller  
Installation and Fall Business Meeting  
[rfuller1745@att.net](mailto:rfuller1745@att.net) or [barfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:barfuller@hotmail.com)
- December 6 **Holiday Party - Dakota Steak House**  
Rocky Hill, CT 12:30-3:30  
Hosted by: Glen & Christine Lessig  
[glessig@gmail.com](mailto:glessig@gmail.com)

## Merry Cheese Cakes by Sandy Sasuta

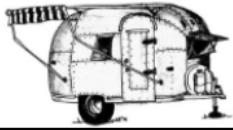
### CRUMB MIXTURE:

1 cup flour  
 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
 1/3 cup softened butter  
 1/2 cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)  
 Preheat Oven: 350. Combine flour, brown sugar, and butter in bowl. Beat at low speed until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in nuts. Reserve 1 cup crumb mixture for topping. Press remaining crumbs onto bottom of ungreased 8" square pan. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned.

### FILLING:

8 ounce pkg. cream cheese, softened  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 1 egg  
 2 tbl. each milk, and lemon juice  
 1/2 tsp. vanilla  
 Combine filling ingredients in bowl and beat at low speed until well mixed. Spread over hot, partially baked crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture; press lightly into filling. Continue baking 23-30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely; cut into bars. Store in refrigerator.

I have a fear of speed bumps. But i'm slowly getting over it.



### Raffle Contributions

by Joyce Rousseau

I was still collecting raffle items last weekend at the luncheon, so I have some more people to thank. Evie Watts brought in a collection of 18 Dr. Seuss books, a “Cat in the Hat” CD, a Bubba water bottle and a set of 2 pint glasses. Sally Kerr donated a beautiful Longaberger basket with plastic liner. **Our rally may be postponed, but I’ll keep all of the items safe until it’s rescheduled.** Again, our club “THANKS” goes to all of those who contributed to make our collection a success.

**We do more together!! ~**



### The Lake, The Grape and The Crepe! A Rally at Lake Waramaug, New Preston, Ct. June 26-28, 2020

by Joyce Rousseau

As we sit in the midst of the worst pandemic our nation has ever seen, let’s pause and plan on something fun to do. The dates are far enough in the future to hold out hope that it will happen, so I’m going forward with plans. There will be a slight French flair to the event with a meal of beouf bourguignon (French stew) made by me with crepes for dessert made by our own “Frenchman” Gilles. The lake is beautiful and offers great kayaking and canoeing for those with boats. There are several wineries nearby, the Sloane Stanley museum and the covered bridge at Cornwall. It will be nice to relax and visit with friends after the time spent in isolation. Please see the flyer at the end of this Chatter for more details and our schedule. There are still many sites available near your hosts- I just checked. Reserve one of them to join us!

*We Do More Together!!!*

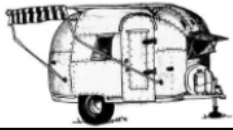
### Summer Fun on the Connecticut River at the Pastures Campground in Orford, NH.

by Eddie Carll

Come join the Cape Cod Mass and Charter Oak CT Airstream Club with your hosts Eddie Carll, Sandie and Roland St. Laurent and Toni Nolder for a mid-summer weekend in the greater Orford area to kick back and enjoy friends, food and the local area.....This quintessential New England destination, nestled conveniently on the Connecticut River bordering Fairlee, VT, and not far from the Dartmouth College area.

Save the dates July 10-12, 2020 to join the fun!

**Check out the flyer below and reserve your site soon!**



## Upcoming ....

Birthdays - Anniversaries

### April

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

### May

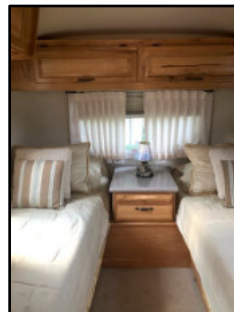
- 05/01 Bard Fuller
- 05/03 Joyce Rousseau
- 05/05 John J. & Serafina M. Bachar
- 05/05 Elizabeth Turner
- 05/06 Gilles Rousseau
- 05/11 Jean Landry
- 05/14 David & Paulette Jensen
- 05/15 Jerry Jackson
- 05/15 Michael Brodeur
- 05/16 Grace Fuller
- 05/16 David Jensen
- 05/17 Raymond Richard
- 05/20 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

# FOR SALE



## Airstream For Sale

**2007 Classic 25 ft. Airstream 75th Anniversary Edition.** One owner, excellent condition, Hensley Arrow hitch, awnings all around, twin beds. \$45,000 or best offer. Contact info: Sharon - 508-789-4066 or E-mail: [Ss\\_harbourgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:Ss_harbourgirl@yahoo.com) or Susan - 310-339-6113 E-mail: [kcsuki@yahoo.com](mailto:kcsuki@yahoo.com) Sharon and Susan are Rose Tavares's daughters.



Against the assault of laughter, nothing can stand.

~ Mark Twain

You only get spoiled milk from a pampered cow.

## Laughter is good for your health

- Laughter relaxes the whole body. ...
- Laughter boosts the immune system. ...
- Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. ...
- Laughter protects the heart. ...
- Laughter burns calories. ...
- Laughter lightens anger's heavy load. ...
- Laughter may even help you to live longer.

A wonderful thing about true laughter is that it just destroys any kind of system of dividing people. ~ John Cleese

### Connecticut Chatter

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### Answer:

There are two "the" in question.

Why do French people eat snails? They don't like fast food!

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Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. — Sherry Anderson

# A Rally to look forward to! June 26–28, 2020 Lake Waramaug State Park

The Lake,



The Grape,



and  
The Crepe!



Join us in this beautiful setting to share in our love of camping—dry in this case, but alcohol is permitted. Reserve your site with ReserveAmerica. Your hosts are on site 35.

Friday—Arrive: after 1 pm

Hearty Happy Hour at 5 pm

Saturday—8:30 am Breakfast provided—Scrambled eggs, sausage, Rolls/English muffins, fruit. BYO beverage

Day to wander and view the sights in Litchfield County.

5 pm—Light Happy Hour—bring a bottle of red to sample

6 pm—Dinner provided – Boeuf bourguignon, baguettes, and crepes for dessert, made by Gilles, with assorted toppings

Sunday—Pot luck breakfast 8:30 am Depart by 11 am

Hosted by: Joyce and Gilles Rousseau and Serafina and John Bachar

Kitty fee—\$15 per person payable at the site. Call or email Joyce by June 20 to let me know how many are coming.

[joycezr68@gmail.com](mailto:joycezr68@gmail.com) or 203–264–5372)

We'll keep our eye out for any changes caused by Covid-19. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!!

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# Summer Fun on the Connecticut River at The Pastures Campground Rally

Co-Hosted by Cape Cod Mass and Charter Oak CT Airstream Clubs

Friday July 10-12, 2020

The Pastures Campground, 499 NH Rte. 10, Orford, NH 03777

Rally Hosts: Eddie Carll, Roland & Sandie St. Laurent, and Toni Nolder

Come join us for a mid-summer weekend in the greater Orford area to kick back and enjoy friends, food and the local area..... This quintessential New England destination, nestled conveniently on the Connecticut River boarding Fairlee, VT and not far from the Dartmouth College area.

Enjoy.....

- ✕ Kayaking, Hiking or Biking
- ✕ Golf Country Club across the river at Lake Morrey in Fairlee VT
- ✕ Two first class fine dining places in Orford ; Ariana's and Peyton Place
- ✕ Flea market in Fairlee, VT
- ✕ Live music on The Common on Saturday evening in Orford.
- ✕ Kayak and Pontoon Boat rental are available for those who want to enjoy close to 40 miles of our beautiful section of the Connecticut River.
  
- ✕ 6 pm Friday evening Happy Hour - Heavy hors d' oeuvres. 8pm Campfire.
- ✕ 8 am Saturday Potluck Breakfast
- ✕ 5 pm Saturday Happy Hour followed by Summer Barbeque (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Corn) you might bring your favorite summer desert. 8 pm Campfire
- ✕ 8 am Sunday Continental Breakfast
- ✕ Coffee wil be provided each morning

Rally fee \$12.50 per person, which includes firewood and a kitty fee.

Camping rate is \$30 for RVs under 35 ft. and \$32 for larger units, for water/electric sites.  
Please arrange your stay directly with Doug and Kim Robinson at 603-353-4579 or by email:  
camp@thepastures.com      *Stay longer if you like!*

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please fill out this form and mail your payment payable to:

Eddie Carll, 66 Perseverance Path, Plymouth, MA 02360

For additional information contact Eddie Carll at 508-454-6895 or ecarll62@gmail.com

The Pastures Campground Rally    Friday July 10-12, 2020

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Join us    Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club    We Rally Together