



Connecticut Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

August 2019

President's Message

~ Gail Downing



The International Rally.....Surf and Turf Caravan!

Bard Fuller and Pam Bleakley did a great job organizing a successful caravan!

This is the third International Rally that Wiley and I have attended and it seems to me the most organized and well run so far. The parking crew was amazing, the heat was brutal and they just kept on moving us all into our parking spots!

The opening ceremony was impressive with all the different flags from all over the regions parading through. Our Charter Oak Unit was very well represented and we all enjoyed the company of each other and many more fellow Airstreamers.

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Hello from Doswell!

Surf 'n' Turf to Doswell

~ Eileen and Don Allers

The 2019 Surf 'n' Turf Caravan to Doswell kicked off with what would become a recurring theme... the quest for shade! Nearly 20 rigs lined up nose to nose at the Christmas Tree Shops parking lot in Danbury at 10 a.m. Airstream time on Saturday, July 13. It was a head-turning spectacle for the few locals coming and going on a sleepy summer morning. We gathered under the shade of some trees to reconnect, discuss our plans, and look forward to traveling together down the 62nd WBCCI International Rally in Doswell, Virginia.

Planning for this excursion began a year earlier when our fearless caravan leaders, Pam Bleakley and Bard Fuller joined forces to form a joint New England and Charter Oak club caravan to Doswell, VA. Their coordination was exemplary; right down to the 10 a.m. New Year's Day email application for the limited 18 caravan spots. Getting a spot on this roster felt

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Question

A kind of tree can you carry in your hand?

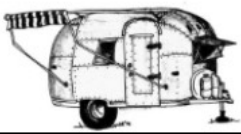
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Surf 'n' Turf to Doswell *Continued*



Men waiting in the heat to head for Doswell - Ken Hankinson, Michael Sasuta, Wiley Downing, Rich Kushman, Bill Watts, Dick Bartram and Tito Ahmed.



Ladies waiting to depart - Rachel Akin, Laura Weik and granddaughter Karma, Pam Forsyth, Kathy Kushman, and Evelyn Watts - hey is that Mike Sasuta?



Route was 30 the temp was 100!!

like competing for good seats to see U2 at the Rose Bowl!

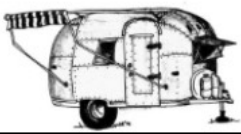
The drive to the Jersey Shore Haven Airstream Park hit the expected summer shore traffic, but it wasn't as bad as many of us had feared. Folks were unhitched in record time, since our first happy hour was scheduled shortly after we arrived. We shared snacks and introduced ourselves to one another with tales of our very first Airstream outings. Rhona and Russ Fuller also shared some great advice on excursion ideas for the area given their prior experience camping at Jersey Shore Haven.

This is where we got our first taste of the heat wave that would follow us the rest of the journey. We were parked out on the rally field and the sun was relentless. Thankfully, the park had an outstanding swimming pool which many of us escaped to in the afternoons and we enjoyed walks around the shaded loops of this Airstream-only campground gawking at the myriad display of rigs, old and new, mundane and peculiar.

There was also a spacious clubhouse with shade and fans that was a welcome retreat from the heat of the field. Here we enjoyed breakfasts, more happy hours, and the featured event of this "Surf" leg of our journey, a yummy catered clambake! Those of us from Charter Oak also used the hall to rehearse our host unit's enthusiastic pitch for the 2020 Region One Rally in Hebron, CT - "Oh, the places you'll go!" (Book your spot now!)

We broke camp on Tuesday morning, July 16, and headed toward Virginia. The pack made a stop in Annapolis, Maryland, for daytime excursions in this historic and scenic city. Others of us traveling with pets opted to

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Surf 'n' Turf to Doswell *Continued*



Gail & Wiley Downing arranged a great welcome dinner.



Bard Fuller carried the Region Flag with President Per Hamnqvist close behind.



Connecticut welcome to Doswell feast.

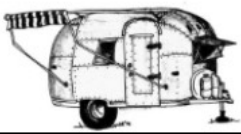
by-pass Annapolis. We met back up at the Prince William Forest RV Campground in Dumfries, Virginia, and were joined here by eleven more rigs from New England and Charter Oak! It was too late and too hot for an organized happy hour that evening, but Airstreamers were seen congregating and sharing fellowship in groups throughout the campground that evening.

Most of the group visited the nearby National Museum of the Marine Corps on Wednesday morning. A highlight for our group was an exclusive showing of the film "We, the Marines" in the museum's Medal of Honor Theater. People found it informative and moving. We wound up our final night of this "Turf" leg of our caravan with a pizza party at Brother's Encore Restaurant just down the road from the campground. What a treat!

The following morning's logistics went off without a hitch (no pun intended) and we had over 30 rigs lined up ahead of schedule. The drive was not without incident, however. Mike and Sandy Sasuta's had to pull out early for a blown out tire and an unusable spare. It took mounting a spare from Rich and Kathy Kushman's rig onto Sasuta's to get them back in action. Larry and Roberta Day were also sidelined mid-way down the road with electrical issues. Although they had to abandon their Airstream at the side of I-95 for awhile, they fell in with good service people that jumped on their truck and had them back on the road within a couple of hours.

For the rest of us, the one hour drive down I-95 was a relatively easy haul and we arrived at the rally site right at 10 a.m. as a group. The approach to the Meadow Event Park was beautiful with long white rail fences around the pastures and fairgrounds already gleaming with parked Airstreams. After a short wait in the bullpen they led us on parade through the tunnel and up the hill past the fair buildings, Meadow Hall Mansion, and Secretariat's historic yearling stable up the hill to our new home for the duration of the International Rally!

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Even dogs have meetings. Lilli Hamnqvist with Magnus & little Ginny, Eddie & Nancy Carll with Oliver & Sassy, and Don Allers with Jackson.

Surf 'n' Turf to Doswell *Continued*

By all accounts, the caravan was a smashing success. This was in no small part due to the meticulous planning of our leaders. Arrangements at campgrounds and restaurants were right on. They provided a detailed, seventeen page caravan manual and arranged for a group text that was both informative and amusing! We all knew where to be and when to be there, and everyone felt safe and included. Thanks to Pam and Bard for leading us so well, and to your spouses Chuck and Kathy too. Well done! ~

~ Eileen and Don Allers, Charter Oak Airstream Club #2447



Russ Fuller brought his folding portable golf cart to an impromptu happy hour under a shade tree.



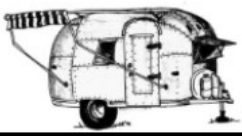
Lilli Hamnqvist taking a break and holding her cute lap dog Magnus while pup Ginny stands by.



Quite the show - Bard led CT members promoting the 2020 Region Rally.



Oh the places you'll go - 2020 Region Rally.



Connecticut

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

August 2019



Plenty of smiles - Sandie St. Laurent, Nancy Carll, Sandy Sasuta, Kathy Kushman, Sally Kerr, and Eileen Allers.



Frida Allers - doesn't the towel say it all - one happy camper.



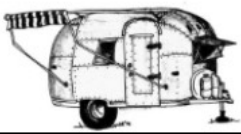
Chatting with friends - Eileen Allers, Sandie St. Laurent, Laura Weiks, Kathy Kushman, Don Allers, Jackson, Nicole Allers, and Karma.



The girls and Jackson in travel mode - Nicole & Frida Allers.



One of the 5 o'clock get togethers at #1442 - Bard, Kathy, Toni, New Members Billy & Julie Steers, Sandy, Mike, and Rich K.



All proud Connecticut yellow tag **First Timers** at a national rally. - Don Allers holding Jackson, Karma with grand parents Guy & Laura Weiks behind, Nicole Allers, Ken Hankinson, Pam Forsyth, Eileen Allers, Tony Nolder, and our famous happy camper Frida.

President's Message *Continued*

Congratulations to Editor Rich Kushman, Proofreaders Kathy Kushman and Sandy Sasuta, and production assistant Mike Sasuta. Our 2019 Directory won 2nd Place in the Publication Contest! The judges thoroughly enjoyed our directory, even took a few recipes I believe, LOL



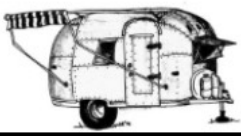
Several folks went to Fredericksburg and took the historical trolley tour; they didn't let the heat hold them back!

The beautiful horse pictured here is Groundshaker - granddaughter of the famous record holding Secretariat. So many people took the Secretariat Tour they scheduled extra times, and it was a great tour!

Bard did an excellent job promoting the 2020 Region One Rally, which is going to be great with lots of new ideas still being worked on. Hope you are all thinking about signing up

for the remaining events. Flyers are here in the Chatter, lets finish making this a super Rally season! ~ Gail Downing, President





~ Sandy

and **PAM & CHUCK BLEAKNEY**. Doswell proved to be a wonderful location with beautiful facilities, including excellent air conditioning since we had temperatures over 100. We personally had some mishaps with tires, but with much help from **RICH KUSHMAN**, all turned out well.

We all are excited about the Charter Oak CT Region One Rally May 28-31, 2020, in Hebron, CT. And, we are happy to report that **EDDIE & Nanci CARLL** were the first ones to sign up. Thank you! Please be sure to support the Club, and join us for this fun-filled event.

Congratulations to **BUD & DORIS GOULD** on their recent marriage on July 20, 2019. We wish them all the happiness in the world. Also congratulations to **RICH KUSHMAN** for receiving second place in the Unit Directory contest, which will be the last time for this category. We ALL know Rich is first place in our hearts. Good job! Another congratulations to the **ALLERS** for their dog "Jackson" winning Peoples' Choice, at the dog show in Doswell. Great to hear that **CHRIS DOBROWSKI** had successful back surgery July 10th and is on the mend. We send our sincere sympathy to **JOAN BORDE** on the recent passing of her husband **LES**. Our thoughts & prayers are with the family.

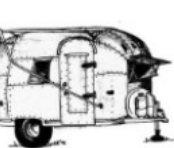
We have TWO rallies in August: Brook N Wood Campground, Elizaville, NY and Crowne Point, Perkinsville, VT. (See flyers) Get to know your fellow Airstreamers and don't miss out. ~



Billy Watts driving an empty Doswell shuttle - were people afraid?

Long time Charter Oak member Bud Gould and Doris Gould were married July 20 at the Holmesville Baptist Church in New Berlin, New York. There were a large assembly of Gould family members and community friends of Bud and Doris. They plan to reside in New Berlin which is Bud's original home town. ~ Dick Bartram





Oh, the Places You'll Go! - Airstream Picture Board

We hope to have a picture board at the 2020 Region Rally of all of our members' trailers/motor homes in front of some recognizable landmark anywhere in America.

It could be next to a sign a vista, or the landmark itself. It could be in Connecticut or Utah or Florida or wherever. Let us show off to our fellow Airstreamers the many locations we have taken our beloved Airstreams!! The photo should be a 4x6 snapshot print that will be displayed in Hebron next May.

So search your digital photos for that iconic snapshot and have it printed. If you don't have a photo of your Airstream in front of a landmark then this is your assignment over the next several months. ~

August

Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/03	Susan Freimuth
08/04	Aili Galasyn
08/05	Steve Pestretto
08/06	J. Rick Cipot
08/08	Fred McGoldrick
08/10	Diane & Jerry Jackson
08/20	Glen & Christine Lessig
08/20	Carol Dubrowski
08/21	Russ & Cynthia Melocik
08/21	Rose Tavares
08/25	Marie Lupien
08/26	Bruce & Kris Fletcher
08/27	Wayne Rutty
08/27	Trevor Lake
08/29	Gary A. Levinson
08/29	Richard Kushman
08/31	Glen Lessig

September

Birthdays & Anniversaries

09/01	Sandie St. Laurent
09/03	Bob & Ruth Scott
09/11	Wayne & Susan Rutty
09/11	Carolyn L. Knight
09/12	R J Dominic
09/15	Cynthia & Michael Brodeur
09/17	Jeanne Blandford
09/20	Mary Rosenbach
09/22	Bill & Sandra Flood
09/23	Mark & Marie Lupien
09/23	Pam Forsyth
09/25	Nanci Carl
09/25	John Stoddard
09/26	Bob Scott
09/28	Michael & Lianne Rutty
09/30	Per Hamnqvist



Bard & Kathy Fuller, strategically parked at South of the Border - a fine example for the 2020 Region Rally "Airstream Picture Board".
"Hey HEY Pancho!"



FOR SALE

Airstream For Sale

2005 25' Safari with front bedroom.
Contact Brenda Nicholas
#1254 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



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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
Region One Website:.....	http://region1.wbcci.net
Airstream Life:	http://airstreamlife.com
WBCCI:.....	http://www.wbcci.org

Answer

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Fun & Games Rally

Come play with us in the Hudson Valley!!!

* Friday—

Please plan to arrive after 3pm to check in

4pm Happy Hour under the tent

6ishpm Baked potato bar (cheese, bacon, broccoli, sour cream, butter, chili, scallions, parsley, mushrooms)

Dusk Campfire - Popcorn - Ice cream

* Saturday -

7am Early Coffee & Conversation

8am Potluck breakfast

9am Business meeting

Games available all day long (corn hole, horseshoes, mini golf\$, shuffleboard, lawn jenga, croquette, board games, basketball, and bring your favorite board games, dominos, mexican train)

4pm Happy Hour under the tent

6ishpm Old fashion community picnic (hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, pasta salad, salad, lemon aid, iced tea, fixins—fixins—fixins)

Dusk Campfire - Ice cream

* Sunday-

7am Early Coffee & Conversation

8am Continental breakfast

BRING YOUR
FAVORITE
GAMES!!!

August 9—11, 2019

Brook-n-Wood Campground Elizaville, NY Contact the campground for camping registration at 888-544-3201 mention that you are with the Airstream Club for special price and sites. Consider coming a day or two early or staying later and see the Hudson Valley area. Many wineries, farm stand, museums, great restaurants, and antiques.

Camping fee \$106.00 (W,E,S,C) for the two nights of camping (\$53 / night)

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Number of Adults ____ Number of Children ____ Number of Children under 8 ____ Number of pets ____

Rally fee \$20 pp - \$15 children 8-14 - Free children under 8

Rally Fee \$ _____

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

Total Enclosed \$ _____



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“AUGTOBERFEST”

August 23 - 25, 2019

Crown Point Camping Area

131 Bishop Camp Road

Perkinsville, VT

Hosts:

Evie and Bill Watts

Joyce & Gilles Rousseau

Friday: Check in 2 p.m./noon if site is ready 5 p.m. Hearty Happy Hour

Saturday: 8 a.m. Breakfast supplied by Sky Med, an insurance for active people on the move. This is an opportunity to review what you may own, or purchase if interested.
4:30 Beer Tasting! We ask everyone to bring a couple bottles of any specialty beer and a simple snack to share.
6 p.m. Traditional “Augtoberfest” meal

Sunday: 8:12 a.m. Pot Luck Breakfast Breakfast, beverages supplied
Checkout.....12 noon

Area Attractions: Montshire Museum, King Arthur Flour, Woodstock, Vermont Country Store, Simon Pearce Glassblowing, Billings Farm & Museum, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Windsor Machinery Museum, Old Constitution House

Reserve directly with Crown Point Camping Area 802-263-5555. Tell them you are with the CT Airstream Club. Rate is \$41/night, water, electric, cable. Cancellation fees apply. Leashed pets are welcome.

Questions??? Ask Evie 203-426-5532 evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net or Joyce 203-264-5372 joyce68@gmail.com



Name _____ WBCCI# _____

Email _____

Rally Fee \$15 per person

Number attending _____ x \$15 per person = \$ _____

Make check payable to Evelyn Watts and send to 55 Hattertown Road, Newtown, CT 06470



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Discover Historic Mystic and Stonington Borough Rally Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club



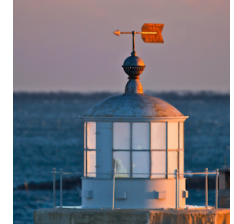
Sept. 6-8, 2019

Mystic KOA

118 Pendleton Road, North Stonington, CT

30 amp., water, Wi-Fi, dump station, pet friendly

Hosts; Carol and Chris Dubroski and Christine and Glen Lessig



Reservations: Please book through the campground (860) 599-5101. Ask for the "Airstream Group in the Safari Field". Rate is \$52.20/night (off season group rate) (if we do not get minimum number for group rate, a potential increase in rate). Once you have KOA reservation send in coupon with site and Kitty Fee.

Friday: Arrive after 1 pm,
5:00 PM - Happy Hour - Bring your favorite appetizer – Ice Breaker Activities
Dinner on own – *(possible rendezvous at Abbotts Lobster, Noank)*
Campfire weather permitting

Saturday: 7:15 AM - Yoga & Gentle Yoga – Bring a mat!
8:00 AM - Breakfast: quiche, pancakes, fruit
12:00 PM - Discover Historic Mystic: Interest in Harbor Cruise? \$20 (min 10)
5:00 PM - Happy Hour – Bring a light appetizer
Share your day's discovery - Corn Hole & Bocce
6:00 PM - Dinner – Clam Chowder, Chili, Salad, Dessert
7:00 PM - Campfire

Sunday: 8:00 AM - Breakfast – French toast, yogurt, blueberries

Mystic:

Mystic Eats Riverside Food Festival Sept. 6-8
Mystic River Bascule Bridge-Historic Village
Mystic Seaport-Charles Morgan Whaling Ship
Mystic Aquarium
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center

Stonington Borough:

Light House & Old Light House Museum
The Point – view of Ocean
Walking tour of quaint historic Village – 1649
The Old Velvet Mill–Art Studios–Beard Brewery
Farmers Market – Town Dock

Chris Dubrowski chrisdubrowski@gmail.com (203) 761-1375

Directions: from central CT I-95 N to Exit 92, Left on Rte. 2, first right on frontage Rd., go to the end then
Left on Rte. 49, go one block, KOA on Right: 118 Pendleton Hill Rd., North Stonington, CT

Discover Historic Mystic and Stonington Borough

Name _____ WBCCI # _____
email _____ Site # _____

(Kitty fee=\$10/person) Number attending _____ x \$10 = _____
Payable to: Chris Dubrowski, 79 Borglum Rd, Wilton, CT 06897



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Installation Dinner



Sunday, October 20, 2019

Manchester Country Club
305 South Main Street
Manchester, Ct., 06040
(In the small room.)

Social Hour 12 P.M. to 1 P.M. (Cash Bar)

English Cut Prime Rib	\$27.50
Stuffed Sole	\$26.00
Chicken Marsala	\$26.00

All entrees include a garden salad with house dressing, potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee and desert.

Send check and coupon to:

Jim Burnham
184 Scantic Road
East Windsor, CT 06088

Prime Rib _____

Sole _____

Chicken _____

Name : _____

WBCCI No: -----



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SAVE the DATE

May 28-31, 2020

(The weekend after Memorial Day)
(next year)



Region One Rally

Suessfully Hosted by the

Charter Oak Connecticut

Airstream Club

Located in Central Connecticut

Details
to follow...

3 Nights of Entertainment

Planned tours of
Attractions
Youth Activities
Bike Rides
Dr. Suess Costume
Parade



WhooFeasts

2 Catered Dinners
Heavy Happy Hour
2 Hot Breakfasts
Continental Breakfast

Discussion Sessions

Technical - Hobbies Crafts
Exercise Programs
Vintage Historical Tribute
Flea Market



Region One Business Meeting & Seminar

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