



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

Maybe Christmas,
He Thought, Doesn't
Come From A Store.
Maybe Christmas,
Perhaps, Means A
Little Bit More!



Connecticut Chatter



Presidents Message

December 2019



by Kathy Fuller

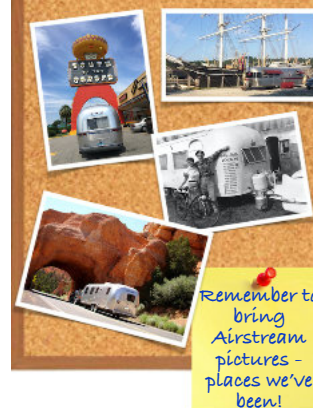
The secret seems to be out. The members of Charter Oak already knew it but now others are becoming aware that we may be a relatively small unit but we are fun-loving and welcoming and creative! Yep, the secret's out as evident by 5 new couples joining our unit since the October 20 luncheon/business meeting! Please help me welcome Noreen and John Brawley from Narragansett, RI, Lynn and Carl Davis from Putnam, CT, Maureen and Thomas Moore from Hebron, CT, Julie and Billy Steers from Roxbury, CT and

Christine and Jeremy Vigneault from Marlborough, CT. How wonderful that our COCAC family continues to grow. If this keeps up we're gonna need a bigger state.

December 8, was our Holiday Brunch at Dakota's Restaurant in Rocky Hill. Thank you, Gail and Wiley Downing for a wonderful opportunity for fun, food and camaraderie. Enjoy the article and pictures printed elsewhere in this issue. Unfortunately, there is no video to capture the group waddling out

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Region One Rally



Remember to bring Airstream pictures - places we've been!

Raffle Reminder



Help Joyce Rousseau and the Raffle team. Collect your raffle gifts and have them ready for the Region One Rally.

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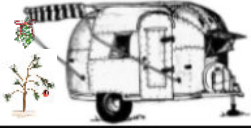
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QUESTION?

What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month?

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while groaning that we had eaten too much.

While at Dakota's I took a straw poll to determine interest in a digital directory vs our current paper variety. If you didn't make it to Dakota's please contact me with your thoughts regarding the directory. Would you prefer a digital copy of the directory or a paper copy or both or you don't care? My contact information is in the directory. I'll let you know the outcome in a future Chatter.

The opportunity to host our St. Patrick's Day lunch has been snatched up by Joyce and Gilles Rousseau. It's a wonderful way for members to have the fun, food, and camaraderie that I spoke of earlier AND there's no need to hitch up or worry about the weather! BONUS!!

Before signing off for 2019, let me wish all of you a peaceful Christmas full of good cheer and warm memories. ~

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

by Bard & Kathy Fuller - 2020 Region Rally Hosts

As you hang your 2020 calendars remember to save the dates May 28-30 for Hebron, Connecticut, and make sure your application is mailed in now to reserve your spot at our unit's biggest event of 2020.

I want to thank one of our newer members, David Jensen, for moving forward with having a unified look at our upcoming region rally. Dave has been working with a local business to have T-shirts made up for our members. Order forms will be out shortly for these distinctive shirts.

Several entertainers, musicians, and educators have been interviewed for our evening programs. We are looking for a variety of individuals to best perform for our varied audience.

Russ Fuller has been experimenting with his culinary skills to provide us with a "Green Eggs and Ham" breakfast using all-natural healthy ingredients.

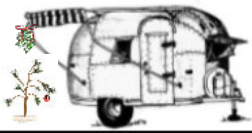
Always looking for seminar leaders with an interesting topic of discussion that would last 30 to 50 minutes. Send ideas to Bard.

We have a great start on raffle items! We are looking for more contributions that will help defer the cost of this undertaking. Sandy Sasuta will be promoting and collecting items from our Florida contingent while Joyce Rousseau will be canvassing our greater Connecticut folks. Please come forward with a craft item, trailer supply, piece of art work, restaurant gift cards, a themed "Dr. Seuss item" or whatever. ~



Region One Rally Please Sign Up Early





Dakota Steakhouse Holiday Brunch

December 8, 2019

by Michael & Cynthia Brodeur

Last Sunday afternoon in Rocky Hill, at the Dakota Restaurant, a group of 20 attended a wonderful Holiday Brunch event put on by the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream chapter. It was amazing to us when we were soon met by Gail Downing, past president, who made us feel very welcome. Gail began talking to us like we were old friends, and having never met before, this was appreciated by us as relative new members.

Her greeting was soon complimented by Kathy Fuller, current president, who with a very warm smile welcomed one and all, to this holiday event. It was great camaraderie and shared experiences from that point on. The Dakota restaurant put on a varied and delicious brunch menu with something for everyone's dining pleasure. It was like having 3 meals at one sitting, and no one went away hungry.

After meets and greets, many members soon started discussing their trailering experiences. Many talked about Travelers Rest, and how they liked TR, and liked having fellow Charter Oak members at their home away from home in Florida. Other discussions revolved around attending caravans, both past and future, put on by other



local Airstream club chapters, and the experiences that each had brought to owning and trailering with an Airstream. These discussions were particularly interesting to us as we had planned to attend our first couple of rallies and a wait listed caravan this March in Georgia.

As relative new comers ourselves, we were glad to have an opportunity to meet practically everyone who attended. We found that we already had many shared experiences and things in common with our chapter members, Bruce and Kristine

Fletcher, Russ and Rhona Fuller, Glen and Christine Lessig, to name a few, as well as new members Lynn and Carl Davis who were quite enthusiastic about Airstreaming. Other attendees were: Grace Fuller, Pat and Betsy Flanagan, Eddie and Nanci Carll, Roger Crockett, and Dick Bartram.

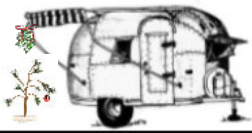
Time kind of just passes when enjoying good food, good company, and great conversations. We soon were surprised to find that the 2 ½ hours had passed in the blink of an eye, and a realized that great time was had by all! Merry Christmas! ~



Betty & Pat Flanagan chatting.



They are all clapping - sign of a good time!



Ever?

by Glen Lessig

Ever wonder how your Club President and Region Vice President spend their free time in the winter when they're not planning our upcoming Region Rally and all of our clubs activities? You just know these two



Bard and Kathy Fuller spreading Christmas spirit.

are busy helping others. In early November Kathy and Bard were devoting themselves to fundraising for the Plantsville Congregational Church's, "Ye Old Country Fair". Kathy was busy chairing the Tag Sale, while Bard was busy running the Gingerbread Village Room.

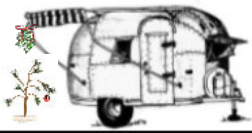
The centerpiece of the Gingerbread room was the elaborate and beautiful "Santa's North Pole", a gingerbread masterpiece created by Bard. This stunning 42 lb. creation is on the way to the Woods 9th Annual Gingerbread House Festival at the Wood Memorial Library in South Windsor from Nov. 29 to Dec. 21. Good luck Bard! ~



Bard proudly exhibits his beautiful Christmas Village creation.



Yes, Kathy knew it was just a matter of time before they went to the Dr Seuss Museum gift shop.



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~ Sandy Sasuta

We have hit the jackpot....it is the first time we have 4 new couples that joined in one month. Welcome to new members **John & Noreen Brawley** #9020 from Narragansett, RI, **Lynn & Carl Davis** #17566 from Putnam, CT, **Billy & Julie Steers** #31776 from Roxbury, CT and **Jeremy & Christine Vigneault** #27014 from Marlborough, CT. Hope to meet you all soon.

Please keep **Ruth Crockett** and **Bud Gould** in your thoughts and prayers, as they are going through rough times.

Russ Fuller is recovering from knee surgery.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2020 dues. If you have not paid, It is still not too late to renew by paying on line at: airstreamclub.org or send me a check for \$80.00 for regular members or \$15.00 for affiliate members. However, since it is after November 30th, your name will not be listed in the main Membership Directory, but will be in the CT directory, providing you renew by December 31, 2019.

We are in CT for a short visit and now we remember why we like to spend our winters in Florida. Come on Down! I recently heard a grandchild say to her Grandma, "Was the world in color when you were little, or was it still just black & white".

See you all next year! ~



Mark and Marie Lupien with their daughter Cindy spent a few days with Disney and apparently had a wonderful time.



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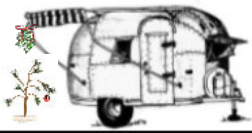
From 2008 - Kathleen Kushman the Christmas Tree



Rick Petrie with help from Lydia Rosenbach display Rick's newest quilt creation.



Beth & Rick Petrie with Ted & Lois Price in sunny Florida.



A day at the Mouse House



Amazing Christmas displays by the campers - here the entrance to loop 800 at Fort Wilderness Campground.

by Richard & Kathleen
Kushman

Kathleen and I are TR Seniors, even 55 is considered senior at TR, but we have reached the bumble along stage of seniordom, not quite a danger to ourselves yet but just maybe at the laugh out loud stage. Disney World, the happiest place on earth, welcomes laughter so a visit to The Mouse House during the Christmas season would sure be fun. Here now, while faint giggles remain, we share a few magical moments.

Fort Wilderness in December is a melting pot of infatuable characters - mice, snowmen, Santas, deer, chipmunks, even rotating merry-go-rounds. Campers supply all this pizzazz and clearly spare no expense as they light up their campsites for the Christmas season. Being unfamiliar with this tradition,

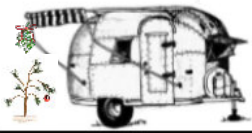
our site was a dark black hole in the 800 loop, but the soft hum of air pumps and thousands of blinking lights swelled our hearts with the seasonal spirit.

After great fun at Toy Story Mania in Hollywood Studios, we joined a line waiting for The Walt Disney Theater which offered a historical look at Walt Disney and a Monster Experience. We simply followed the rushing crowd to the monster attraction and took our place in line. After 30 minutes of waiting and wondering why such a long delay the young couple directly in front of us suggested we go ahead of them since they needed to wait for their children. They actually told us how cute we were, two old-timers wanting to pose with the Monster, Inc. characters Mike and Sully. Wait, wait, OMG - No movie? Wanting to pose with characters? Cute old-timers? During

our exit and slide back through the line there were quite a few giggles, and not just our own.

Next we sought directions to the Lion King show. For some reason the cast member we asked insisted no Lion King Show was available in the Hollywood Park. We pointed to the map where it is located insisting we had a fast pass. "OH, do you mean Beauty and the Beast". Well, by golly, silly us - yes we do. Arriving a few minutes earlier than our fast pass time we waited patiently at the entrance. Slowly, a dim awareness of a problem bloomed when they measured a young girl's height for the attraction. Since when does height matter for a stage show? Oh gosh - no- please no! We were at the Tower of Terror attraction not Beauty and the Beast. Casually and briskly we again slid away looking for a beast.

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2020 EVENTS

Watch for updates - Add to the list plan another event!

JANUARY



January 15 **West Coast Region One Luncheon**
Asian Buffet, Wesley Chapel, FL at 12:30 PM.
Sandy Sasuta sandysas1001@gmail.com

MARCH

St Patrick's Day Gathering
Hosted by: Joyce & Gilles Rousseau

MAY

May 15-17 **"Who Gives a Hoot Rally" at Water's Edge Campground**
Lebanon, CT - Hosted by: Sandy and Michael Sasuta & Carol and Chris Dubrowski - Spring Business Meeting
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 bardfuller@hotmail.com



JUNE

June 20-27 **"Follow Your Wanderlust" 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
joyceazr68@gmail.com
Reserve site through Reserve America.

Make your reservation.
Joyce & Gilles are on site 35

JULY

July 10-12 **The Pastures Rally at Pastures Campground in Orford, NH**
Hosted by: Nanci and Eddie Carli, Sandy and Roland St. Laurent & Toni Nolder
ecarli62@gmail.com Joint rally with Cape Cod Mass Airstream Club

AUGUST

August 14-16 **"Wine Tasting Rally" at Travelers Woods of New England**
Bernardston, MA
Hosted by: Gail and Wiley Downing ctnanabug@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER

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 or tprobe47@att.net

OCTOBER

October 2-4 **"Fuller Foliage Folly" at Ross Hill Family Campground**
in Jewett City, CT
Hosted by: Russ and Rhona Fuller & Bard and Kathy Fuller
Installation and Fall Business Meeting
rfuller1745@att.net or bardfuller@hotmail.com

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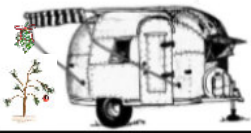
A Day at the Mouse House

Long day and several miles of walking we now exit to the parking lot tram. Jake, the tram captain, tells us not to throw little children off the tram and other safety tips then shortly makes his first stop on the outbound leg. We are parked on the inbound side of the loop so we remained seated waiting for our stop. Rounding the loop and returning to the park the tram does not stop, no by golly, it does not stop. Now we are back at the park entrance. I'm thinking, Disney knows we still have a little cash and won't let us leave just as smiling Jake confesses he normally advises guests to exit both sides but sadly forgot this time. So we sadly walked to our vehicle but joyfully journeyed back to our dark black hole surrounded by humming pumps and bright twinkling lights after a fun day at the Mouse House....Ho, Ho, Ho, ... Merry Christmas!



Campers seem to compete - who can have the greatest number of air pumps.

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph." - Shirley Temple



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Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

January

01/13 Estrella Krish
01/13 Charles "Rick" & Beth Petrie
01/14 Donald Allers
01/18 Jane Sanders
01/21 Guy Weik
01/24 Lianne Rutty
01/25 Ruth Scott
01/31 William & Elizabeth Turner

February

02/01 Ray Landman
02/01 Susan Newman
02/04 John J. Bachar
02/13 David Levinson
02/13 Gene Hickey
02/16 Leila Clark
02/16 Les & Joan Borde
02/21 Michael Sasuta
02/25 Val Galasyn
02/27 Sandi Gould

FOR SALE



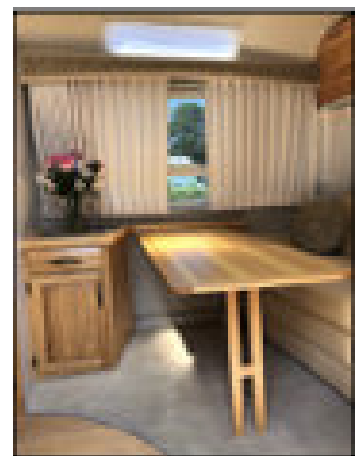
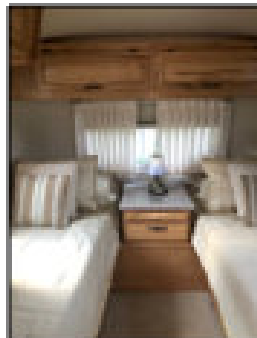
NEW, in box, Dometic Penguin air conditioner shroud - grey. Item #3308046.022. Cost from Dometic \$118.79. Asking \$60.00. Fred McGoldrick

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 or Susan - 310-339-6113 or E-mail: kcsuki@yahoo.com. Sharon and Susan are Rose Tavares's daughters.



Newest Airstreamer! Welcome Nora Corrine Brown - Susan Stahley's granddaughter.

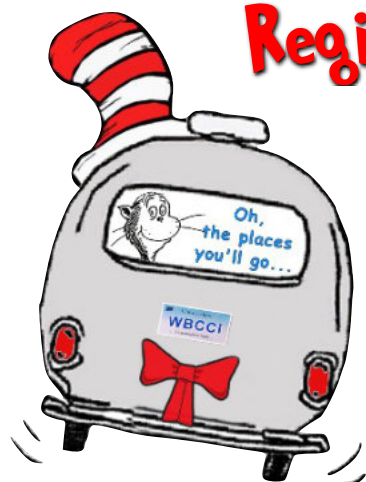


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Answer:
The Letter "D".



Region One Rally Welcome to Wally's Whoooooville!!

Oh, the Places You'll Go Rally!

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May 28-31, 2020

Hebron Lions Fairgrounds

347 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT
Water, electric (20 amp), dump station



Attractions:

Hartford:

Mark Twain House
Coltsville National Park
Conn. Science Museum
Breweries

CT River Valley:

Gillette Castle
Dinosaur Museum

Thames River Valley:

Mohegan Sun Casino
Wineries

Local:

Nathan Hale Homestead
University of Connecticut
Biking & Hiking
More Wineries

Evening Entertainment

Dr. Seuss Costume Parade

Whoofeasts:

2 Catered Dinners
1 Heavy Happy Hour
2 Hot Breakfasts
1 Continental Breakfast

Planned Area Tours
Bike Rides - Flea Market

Region One Business
Meeting & Seminar

Rally Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller

bardfuller@hotmail.com

call 860-302-1365

Discounted Fee \$299 (couple)
After 4/1/2020 Full Fee \$319.00

Pet friendly (on leash)

Arrive after 11am May 28

Depart by 12noon May 31

Fairground parking;
Come with min. 50ft of hose & 2 Y's
additional 25ft of electrical cord
20 amp adapter

2020 Cancellation Policy:

Before 4/1 Full Refund
4/1 - 5/20 - \$150 Refund
After 5/20 - \$75 Refund



Discussion Sessions:

Technical - Hobbies
Crafts - VAC Historical

Green Eggs & Ham

I will attend the Airstream Region One Rally May 28-31, 2020 WBCCI # _____

Names _____ Unit _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Airstream Model: _____ Length _____ State/License _____

Tow Vehicle Make: _____ State/License _____

#Children 0-12{FREE} _____ #Children 13-17{\$50} _____ #Guests {\$50} _____

Any Signif cant Dietary Concerns? _____

Will you require Handicap Parking? _____ Will you have a pet? _____

Is Airstream Vintage(25 years or older)? _____ Year _____

Discounted Base Fee US \$299.00

(3 nights camping / 2 Adults)

After 4/1/2020 Add \$20.00 + _____

Guest and Children over 12

Add \$50.00 ea. + _____

Single in RV Deduct \$50.00 - _____

2 night stay Deduct \$50.00 - _____

Total Amount _____

Checks Payable to: **COCAC**

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