



Connecticut

Charter Oak Chatter

February 2018

President's Message ~ Joyce Rousseau



It's been a month of anticipation since my last note in December. I eagerly awaited the results of our motions to the IBT regarding our new name and flag. I crossed my fingers and hoped for the best, not bothering Tye Mott, our Region 1 President, until the last days of the IBT in Florida. I was disappointed when he answered my email with less than positive results. It seems that the sheer numbers of requests similar to ours made it impossible for the IBT to address all the units' motions. I tried to be patient and did not call him immediately about what would happen next. When I did talk with him he was supportive and said that we would hear about our request by the end of February. I don't know how the issue will be resolved since the IBT is ended but hope for the best. Dick Bartram, a COCU member, attended the IBT in Florida and said that it was just a matter of time till we got approval. Soooo... Again I'll let you know when all is resolved.

On a more positive note, Gilles and I just finished a very nice trip to visit friends in Florida. The weather was cold and cloudy to sunny (2 days) and cool and very windy!!! We stopped at the Kennedy Space Center and saw the most famous AirStream used after moon walks. Another visit took us to Naples (see the "warm" beach picture) and Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary which was quite an interesting place. (See us amidst the cypress trees.) We were lucky enough and able to attend the West Coast Region One Luncheon in Zephyrhills. We had a good time visiting with our "Snow Bird" friends and seeing how life goes at TR. Thank you Mike & Sandy Sasuta for a good nights rest then Friday morning we headed home.



Standing on Naples, FL pier.



Looking cold at St. Augustine Beach.



Corkscrew Swamp - open the wine!

Now that the winter is half over (or more, I hope) it's time to think of our spring activities. Sign up for the St. Patrick's luncheon at Russ and Rhona Fuller's house in Southington on March 18. The next event is the Pot Luck picnic at our home on April 8. (See fliers in this Chatter giving more details.)

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Question: Mary's mother had four children; April, May, and June were the first three. What's the name of the 4th child? *Answer page 6*

"We are called the nation of inventors. And we are. We could still claim that title and wear its loftiest honors if we had stopped with the first thing we ever invented, which was human liberty."
~ Mark Twain

LINK OF THE MONTH

[Casa Rocinante](http://CasaRocinante.com)

www.casarocinante.com/



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We hope to have many sign ups for both events to say "Good-bye" to winter and "Hi" to spring. Don't forget the rally at Hammonasset Beach State Park on May 31 – June 3 (4) needs sign-ups through Reserve America. Gilles and I are on site N 05 so try to get near us for group fun. The group hasn't visited the park in many years and improvements have been made to the nature center and other facilities.

You will soon receive your 2018 Membership Directory if you haven't already. Many and hearty thanks to the crew who designs, proof reads, prints, assembles, and mails it. They are Rich Kushman- Editor and lead man, Kathy Kushman and Sandy Sasuta- proof readers and Mike Sasuta – production. Their jobs are not limited to the titles listed here and in the Directory for many hands make the work easier. They all work very hard on our behalf. Be sure to thank them when you see them or send them a short email saying the same.

Last thing for now- please give some serious thought to signing up for the Region 1 Rally in North Haverhill, NH on Aug. 9 – 12. The committee is working very hard to set up activities and publicize the event. It might seem a long way off but it's never too early to get some idea of the number of rigs attending. Our club will organize and run the next region rally in 2 years so let's show our support for this one.

Wishing all an early spring! Remember- **We Do More Together! ~**



Region One Lunch in Florida at the Golden Corral - from left to right - a bunch of people.

REGION RALLY 2018 INFORMATION

Happy Valentine's Day! There are sweetheart opportunities for exploring during the Airstream Country Jamboree, this August, with two terrific group day trips. Please sign up for these at the time you check in at the rally, during registration. *(Additional fees apply).*

Group Day Trips:

Hatchland Dairy, group farm tour. Farm, dairy and retail store. Part of the NH Ice Cream Trail. Allow \$2 pp

Facebook: Hatchland

Mt. Washington Cog Railroad Trip. Climb the 6,288' high mountain in a rail cog system designed 140 years ago! A National Historic Landmark and a "must do" for any NH visitor. For more information visit <http://thecog.com/>

Allow \$39 pp, first 60 to sign up. The Cog is an hour drive from the rally site. Registrants will receive a sign up sheet

via mail prior to the rally. Overflow to be advised.

Other Activities:

Kayak Tour, rentals nearby, Day Hike, Morning Bike Ride leader needed for all.

Daily Dog Walk with Lili.





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Louise visiting and helping her sister Marie Lupien



Cynthia Richard & Bud Gould on their luncheon date!



MIDDAY AT THE MATT ~ Evie Watts

The welcoming aroma of Joyce's hearty beef-barley-vegetable soup greeted us when we returned to the cozy lunch area. The cheerful room was decorated with vintage café chairs hanging on one of the walls and it echoed with friendly conversations as everyone shared stories and enjoyed the delicious soup and crusty bread.

President Joyce conducted a very short meeting relating to the upcoming vote on our Unit name change and flag redesign. Members were also reminded to make their reservations for our Annual Holiday Celebration at the Gelston House on December 3 with Toni Nolder.

Our Waterbury born and bred docent, Sandy, referred to the Mattatuck Museum as a "hidden gem", and it truly is. It is, in fact, four museums in one – Waterbury history, Naugatuck Valley industries of bye-gone times, period art and The Button Room. Illustrations and paintings of American life artist Winslow Homer were featured in the Special Exhibit Gallery, and the Yankees and Red Sox had their own special spot as well. Each section had its own story to tell, and we spent just enough time in each area "not to get bored" and "wanting to come back".

This was our first OUT OF THE BOX gathering, and the eighteen members that participated had a wonderful afternoon. Thank you President Joyce and First Mate Gilles. ~



Editor Note: Evie's account of the delightful Mattatuck outing was delivered on time for the December Chatter. Regardless of whether you think it was mistakenly omitted (for which she has a huge apology) or perhaps saved for this issue as a remembrance to better highlight the outing and make her reporting effort even more significant, I will leave for the reader to decide. Thank you Evie!



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Happy Birthday John Fuller - Mr. Airstream - you can read the numbers.



Former Region One First Couple Russ & Cynthia Melocik joined region lunch.



*Working at the Traveler's Rest **Snack Shack**. Mark Lupien, Bob Landry, and Mike Sasuta*



Ken Hankinson & Pam Forsyth wintering at TR.



Guy & Laura Weik with Mia at TR - bought a share - they will be back.



Kathleen Kushman in FL on her Christmas gift ride.



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What a winter in CT...can't believe those freezing temperatures.

Welcome to **JOHN BONSIGNORE** from Redding, CT, who has rejoined Charter Oak CT. Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

The Region One West Coast Luncheon at the Golden Corral on Jan. 25 turned out to be fun, with all you can eat. It was great seeing everyone again...34 of us. Special guests were Past Region One President **RUSS**

MELOCIK and **CYNTHIA**, and also Past First Lady **CYNTHIA RICHARD**. The ones who travelled the farthest were Charter Oak CT President **JOYCE ROUSSEAU** and **GILLES**, who were on a whirlwind two week trip to Florida and home again.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to **RICK & BETH PETRIE** on January 13, 2018. Time flies when you are having fun.

KATHY KUSHMAN has something new to drive, and it's red. (see photo)

We were saddened to hear the news about the passing of **JEANNE WILSON**. We send our sincere condolences to **CHARLIE** and the family.

JOHN FULLER has been doing some hospital time in CT to correct a respiratory problem before they release him to Florida for the winter. **GRACE** is on the mend from previous back procedures. **TED PRICE** is in Dade City Hospital scheduled to receive a pacemaker - expected home February 1st. Hope they all feel better soon.

IDEA: Start with an empty jar. Each week or month, add a note about a good thing that happened. At the end of the year, empty the jar and read about the amazing year you had. ~

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■ Events
■ Anniversaries
■ Birthdays

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---|--------|----------|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Ray Landman | 2 | 3 |
| 4 John J. Bachar | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Gene Hickey David Levinson | 13 | 14 | 15 Leila Clark | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Lynn Blackwell | 20 Michael Sasuta | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Val Galasyn | 26 Sandi Gould | 27 | 28 | 1 Carolyn Barrett Douglas Hart Corinne Burnham | 2 | 3 |



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March 2018

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Birthdays

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| 25 Val Galasyn | 26 | 27 Sandi Gould | 28 | 1 Carolyn Barrett Douglas Hart Corinne Burnham | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Juanita Pestretto | 7 | 8 Lydia Rosenbeck Mike & Gail Billings | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Rhona Fuller |
| 18 St. Patrick's Day Brunch | 19 | 20 | 21 Roger Crockett | 22 Ruth Crockett | 23 Laura Weik | 24 Desiree Jerrick |
| 25 Stephen Kelly | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |



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

AIRSTREAM

1970 Airstream 25' Caravaner, Exterior refinished by P&S in Ohio. Rock guards, awning, Fantastic Fan, Catalytic Heater, A/C, and Microwave....includes all trailering equipment. Contact Bob Henschel 515-783-8578

MISC – Contact Bob Henschel 515-783-8578
One brand new Catalytic Heater, “Still in the box, never used”.
Brand Name: “The CAT”. It is vented, & flameless, comes with Honeywell Thermostat & all other parts for complete installation, was \$350.00, selling for \$200.00.

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/>

The laziest man I ever met put popcorn in his pancakes so they would turn over by themselves.
~ W. C. Fields

Answer

Mary

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WBCCI COCU St. Patrick's Brunch

Sunday March 18, 2018
12:30 – 2:30pm

At the home of Russ Fuller
26 Luciano Dr.
Southington, CT 06489

Menu:

Assorted Irish themed

Appetizers

Corned Beef

Cabbage

Boiled Potatoes

Carrots

Irish Soda Bread

Traditional & not so traditional Desert Selection

Wine, Beer and Soda

Cost \$10/person when you arrive

RSVP to rfuller1745@att.net or 860-747-1193

prior to March 12th

SEE MORE - DO MORE - LIVE MORE



Time To Break 'Em Out!!!

Pot Luck Picnic

(Dust them off, De-winterize and Get Ready for Spring!)

Join us on- April 15 – 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Where- Rousseau Residence

67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. Southbury

**Bring a favorite dish to share for about 12 people –
hors d'oeuvre, veggie, dessert**

Main dish will be provided along with beverage

**Plan on educating all of us by sharing something
special you do to get your rig ready.**

RSVP to Joyce Rousseau (joyce68@gmail.com)

or 203-264-5372) by April 10.

Kitty fee- about \$7 (Bring it that day.)



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