



Connecticut Chatter

February 2019

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

President's Message

~ Gail Downing



Hello Everyone!

Welcome to 2019! We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. Maybe you got to spend time with family, maybe eat too much, LOL, I KNOW I DID!

We are looking forward to thawing the Airstream out, letting the ice melt away, and getting ready for another great season.

I want to thank the Kushman's and the Sasuta's for all their hard work on our new 2019 Directory & Cook Book. It looks terrific! I apologize for having to make a change on our date for Bald Mountain after you had it all printed up. The new date is just moved up a week to June 21-June 23. We have granddaughters graduating from high school on the original date. The folks at Bald Mountain in their ALWAYS gracious ways, were able to move the date and still keep us the same location at the end of the Safari Field that was so popular the last time we were there a couple of years ago.

Don't forget to sign up for the St Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 17th at Russ & Rhona Fuller's home. Make sure to wear your green because EVERYONE is Irish on St Patrick's Day 🍀

All of our thoughts and prayers are with Seb Pestretto and his family. Wishing a speedy recovery so gets back to his wonderful cheery self.

Thank you Bard for getting the Surf and Turf Caravan organized! Having the International Rally here in the East will hopefully mean a great showing from Charter Oak. Bard has made it an option for those not taking the full caravan to join up with them at the Prince William Forest Campground or meet at the Virginia Welcome Center on RT95 so we can all make the final trek to Doswell together the morning of July 18th. (See "Arriving Doswell")

Stay warm everyone, spring is on its way, I promise!

Gail Downing ~ President



Front page event!
Grace Fuller and long long time Charter Oak member John Fuller
celebrate his 98th birthday - WOW!

Question

What grows up while growing down?

~ Answer page 6

Next Event

March 17, 2019
St Patrick's Day
Gathering

LINK OF THE MONTH

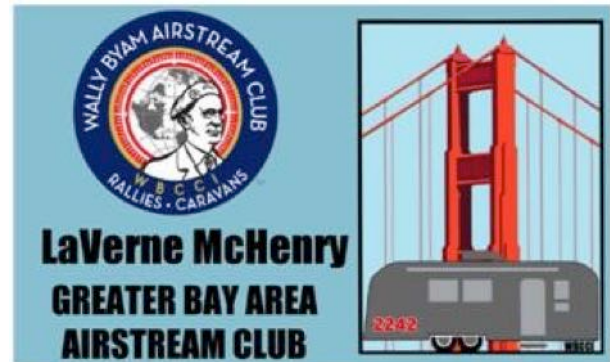
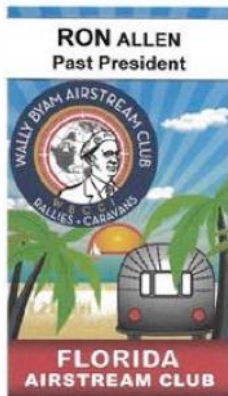
Rolling With Rhonda



Airstream Club News

Every year our central Airstream club holds a winter meeting somewhere in the southern US. This year's winter meeting was just held outside of Mobile, Alabama. The following items might be of interest:

- More and more clubs are renaming themselves to include Airstream in their name, while letting go of "unit". We're nearing 50%. This is also leading to new and cool looking flags.
- Three clubs got new badge designs approved. I expect many clubs will follow. Its a great conversation starter:
A change was adopted to allow expedited decisions around new badges, flags, and name changes to be made by the executive committee between IBT meetings. See me for rules and how you can get yours up for a vote!



- There is a big push to revamp our on-line infrastructure, starting with the central club's website (wbcci.org). A motion to allocate \$100-\$150K for the first phase was approved! This is a big deal and it's long overdue. The aspiration is to show a demo of it this summer. The precise technology platform has not been nailed, but Drupal (not WordPress) is the top contender at this point. The expectation is that this will flow into Region and Club sites after that. This is a multi-year effort that includes a more focused club branding and likely more funding. The first deliverable (a revamped wbcci.org) is self contained.
- Our long held definition of a membership goes back some 60 years. The idea of giving each person a vote was floated (instead of one per membership) and it feels like the direction we will be going. Since the old definition is so entrenched, it will likely take a few iterations and years to untangle from our club's core documents. The impact on local club constitution and bylaws has not been discussed yet. I am sure this topic will evolve in Doswell, but I doubt any changes will be ready for a vote by then. Stay tuned!
- So far, well over 50 rigs have signed up from Region 1 to this year's International Rally in Doswell, Virginia! ~
- Per Hamnqvist, WBCCI Region 1 President.



Les & Joan Borde

A shot of Bo-Bear checking out the new neighbors from our 2019 AS International Signature 25RBT in Rockland, Maine, September, 2018. ~



Susan Freimuth

Here is a photo of happy hour with our sweet little Basecamp, Wanda Free, at Schodack Island State Park in upstate New York. This was the first stop on a two-week exploration of the Catskills and the Finger Lakes region last summer. We had a great time and sampled lots of surprisingly good wine. We also met many interesting fellow travelers from all over, including some Airstreamers from Texas and California.~

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I stumbled on a blog by Jack Paulishen, a former Charter Oak member, called "[Jack Paulishen's Airtime](#)". Click on the link to check it out.

Maybe 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: 025info@wbcci.net



Annual Region One Florida West Coast Gathering.

A conference is a gathering of people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done. ~ Fred Allen



SAD NEWS: After a lengthy illness, our dear friend **EILEEN BARTRAM** passed away on January 9, 2019, with her family by her side. She was a loving, caring, and talented person who touched many lives. We send our sincere sympathy to **DICK** and the family.

Please keep our members in mind by sending a card, call or text as they are going through health problems and difficulties, **NANCY**

CARLL, SEB PESTRETTO, RAY LANDMAN, and JOHN & GRACE FULLER. ROSE TAVARES is seeing clearly after recent cataract surgery. **TED PRICE** is recovering from a recent fall.

GUY & LAURA WEIK are now the proud owners of a 2019, 28' Globetrotter after trading in their previous 28'. **GAIL & WILEY DOWNING** are excited about their recent purchase of a site in the cabana area at Travelers Rest. We are all happy to have them join the group.

The Region One West Coast Luncheon was held at the Golden Corral on Jan 24, 2019, with 23 in attendance. We all had a good time catching up with one another and over-eating. (See photo)

NOTICE: There is a change of date in the list of events in the new CT 2019 directory: June 28-30, 2019, should be June 21-23, 2019 at the Bald Mountain Campground in Townshend, VT. Also, there was no **DUES NOTICE** and **ENVELOPE** included with your directory, as they are no longer available. We will notify you starting with the August Chatter, to pay your dues on line or by mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

The young child watched, fascinated, as his grandmother smoothed cream on her face. Why do you do that he asked? To make myself beautiful, she said, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. What's the matter he asked...giving up? ~



Charter Oak members Mike Sasuta, Ken Hankinson, and Guy Weik hard at work at the Travelers Rest Snack Shack ... hold the onion!



Bard and Kathy on the road at the Pensacola Naval Air Museum.



Your Region One contingent: Bard, Kathy & Per.



Stormin' West

Season 1 - Episode 3 ~ Richard Kushman

Max and Dane, the Stormanns (with 2 "ns" thank you), burrowed in the back seat, fingers dancing over Apple screens, are concealing their excitement as we seek out new attractions. The sort of roadside allurements that make all the "not to be missed" lists. Distance required one overnight stop at Lazy Acres RV Park in Center Point, Iowa. Nice park with plenty to keep youngsters without unlimited data busy ... so the next morning we moved on.

Attraction #1:

We are experienced Spam Museum tourists having been there years ago with our grand daughter Katie VanHorn (with 1 "n" thank you). This is a newer Spam Museum which does not include the World War II short film that features Spam. When we inquired they admitted receiving quite a few grumbles from returning customers, surprisingly proving once a Spammer always a Spammer. Still interesting and wouldn't you know, they have a bigger store.

Attraction #2:

Max and Dane, give them credit, concealed their delight when Grammy revealed the next bit of excitement. The Jolly Green Giant Statue in Blue Earth, Minnesota, which was propitiously along our route. Finding all the words to describe this impressive attraction has proved difficult but the very most important fact is that it is located right next to a Dairy Queen. Please, how could you not stop?

Attraction #3:

After an overnight stop at Flying Goose Campground and Resort, Fairmont, MN, we sailed off exit 374 on RT90 after Grammy suddenly screamed, "Take this exit" - mine is not to question why, mine is but to almost die, while stopping to see the [Porter Sculpture Park](#), Montrose, SD. The park is just off the interstate and there is a tension reducing sign claiming "RV Turnaround" before you enter. Wayne Porter's unique work is certainly worth the stop. Make certain you take the time to explore the large field, read the amusing signs, and view the "World's Largest Ball of Invisible Twine".

Attraction #4:

On to Mitchell, SD, home of the ["World's Only Corn Palace"](#) and a night at R&R Campground. Tourists traveling RT90 in South Dakota have a certain obligation to stop in Mitchell and view the Palace. You will find it a-maize-ing, the local team is called "The Kernels", the folks at the Palace really listen, they are all ears, if you don't have a lot of money, well shucks, you can buy corn for a buccaneer - so pop in and see if you find it corny. ~





February

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

03/01 Corinne Burnham
03/01 Douglas Hart
03/06 Juanita Pestretto
03/08 Lydia Rosenbeck
03/09 Lilli Hamnqvist
03/17 Rhona Fuller
03/21 Roger Crockett
03/22 Ruth Crockett
03/24 Desiree Jerrick
03/25 Stephen Kelly
03/26 Laura Weik



Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for. ~ Will Rogers

Arriving Doswell ~ Bard Fuller

You are welcome to join us for the last night of the surf to turf caravan. We will be at Prince William Forest Campground [July 17](#). We leave [on July 18](#). Will be stopping at the Virginia welcome center/rest area on I-95 [at 9:15am](#). I will need to know total number that will be driving in with us, Wally #'s and names by [March 1](#).

Option #1: Meet at Virginia Welcome Center on RT 95 South 7/18/2019 - 9:15 am

<https://www.virginia.org/Listings/VisitorInformationCenters/VirginiaWelcomeCenteratFredericksburg/>

Option #2: Call for reservation

PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST RV CAMPGROUND

[16058 Dumfries Rd](#)

[Dumfries, VA 22025](#)

[703-221-2474](#). or [888-737-5730](#)



Sign up now!

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THANK YOU - Sandy & Mike Sasuta, all the recipe contributors, and my wonderful wife and partner Kathleen for all the help producing the Charter Oak directory.

THANK YOU - also to all those that contribute to the Chatter - Bard, Gilles, Joyce, Sandy, Kathleen, and everyone that provides me with the juice to publish! ~ RK



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Thanks to Glen Lessig!

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

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>

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

Answer:
A Goose!

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

Note: New Date



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WBCCI COCU St. Patrick's Brunch

Sunday March 17, 2019
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 Dessert Selection

Wine, Beer and Soda

Cost \$15.00/person when you arrive

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

prior to March 9th



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NYC Base Camp National Rally

Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ

Thu 6/6/19 – Sun 6/9/19

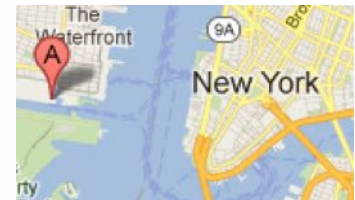
Come and join us for another long weekend of fun New York City exploration! No need to list everything you can do - there is something for everyone in NYC. Our base camp is very close to the city, providing convenient access to the subway (NJ PATH) as well as ferries to Manhattan.

Going National: The 5th 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 1st 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

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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 Cell: 603-866-6440. Additional nights see next page.



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NYC Base Camp National Rally

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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 7th 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 (7th 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.