

Connecticut



Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

February 2020

Presidents Message

by Kathy Fuller



Kathy "The Great"

I'm thinking of you, yes YOU! You who have stepped up to become unit or regional officers. Thank you!

You who have agreed to run a rally or other gathering in 2020 and previously. Thank you!

You who contribute to the greatness of our Chatter newsletter whether by contributing articles and pictures or by creating our monthly work of literary art. Thank you!

You who have left us in 2019, whether by choice or death. We miss you! Sincerely.

You who participate in the rallies hosted by other units or regions. Recognize what we do well as a unit/region as well as how can we improve and communicate both. I encourage all to check out the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club website as well as the websites from other units/regions for rallies and other activities that might fit into your schedule.

You who have already sent in your registration for the Region 1 Rally in May 28-31. Bless you.

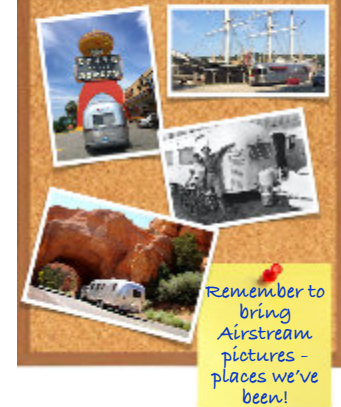
You who have gone on caravans and enjoyed them. The Nor' by Nor' east Caravan needs a leader for the USA segment. Who better than you to lead it? If interested contact me.

If you do not fit into one of these categories I urge you to consider how you can be a more active member of our local club. Your efforts will be rewarded with help, support, and kindness from others.

P.S. Don't forget to let Joyce and Gilles Rousseau know you are coming to their St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 15. It's a wonderful way for new members to meet others in the unit and Joyce's corned beef is fabulous! ~



Region One Rally



Raffle Reminder



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

Raffle Reminder

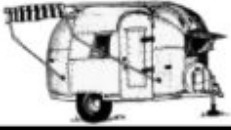
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[Airstream Supply](#)



What 8 letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Keep on doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?

Answer page 6



Region One Rally Update

by Bard & Kathy Fuller - 2020 Region Rally Hosts

We have just contracted with our Thursday night's entertainer, Tom Callinan.

Tom is a storyteller, song writer and folk singer. He will be playing his guitar and welcoming everyone to Connecticut with his repertoire of Connecticut and New England songs and tales. He annually presents over 200 performances. He was appointed by Connecticut's General Assembly as Connecticut's first official State Troubadour. Tom will soon delight our first night's audience.



Saturday night we will welcome Inner Grove. A Connecticut based band which will play easy listening, popular tunes, of varying genre. You will want to sit back, tap your feet and sing along with Denise Jones, the lead vocal and rhythm guitarist. Denise is an accomplished musician with years of theater and barbershop training.

Thank you to all the members throughout Region 1 who are contributing to the success of this rally.

Remember the discounted price of \$299 is only through the month of March. Please sign up early to secure your reservation and receive your discount. ~

Raffle Thank You

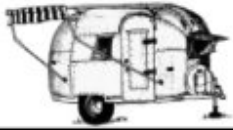
Some of our new additions to the raffle:

Thank you **Betsy Flanagan** for your quilted homemade Airstream pillows.



Airstream Pillows





sandy's scuttlebutt



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome to new members **BRUCE & DEBORAH HAWLEY #26573** from Stratford, CT. Hope to meet you at an upcoming event.

Congratulations to **RAYMOND & CYNTHIA RICHARD** on their new 2019 28' Flying Cloud...how exciting! They have named her "Princess Pauline Too".

December 18, 2019 our dear friend and Charter Member of Charter Oak CT from 1970, **RUTH CROCKETT**, passed away. She was a beautiful, strong woman that was determined to overcome difficult obstacles in her life. I'll never forget her gorgeous Nantucket baskets, purses and lamps... so very talented. She will be greatly missed. We send our sincere condolences to Roger and the family.

January 6, 2020 we lost another special member, **NANCI CARLL**. Nanci always had a smile, a friendly word for everyone, and never complained. Our hearts are saddened, and we share in her loss with Eddie and their family.

GRACE FULLER has moved into an independent living facility. She is likely the only one in the facility to have an Airstream B van at her disposal.

Twenty eight smiling faces attended the Region 1 Luncheon at the Asian Buffet, Wesley Chapel, FL. See if you can match up the names with the faces: Roger Crockett, Fred McGoldrick, Dale McGoldrick, Ted Price, Lydia Rosenbeck, Lois Price, Niels Rosenbeck, John Freed, Cecile Lemaire, Gus Sbrogna, Mary Giangregorio, Mark Lupien, Marie Lupien, Louise Powers, Gilles Daigle, Colette Levesque, Jean-Pierre Meilleur, Clemence Lemay, Bert Contractor, Susan Stahley, Michael Sasuta, Sandy Sasuta, Rich Kushman, Kathy Kushman, Gail Downing, Wiley Downing; two faces missing... Dick Bartram and Betty Castonguay. *(see photos page 4)*

As of February 1, 2020, there are only 48 days until spring!
You will never know the value of a good moment, until it becomes a memory.

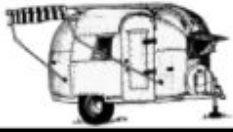
Missed...



Ruth Crockett
1934 ~ 2019



Nanci Lu Ann Carll
1957-2020



Connecticut Airstream members enjoy the recent Region One Lunch in Florida

**Mystic Seaport “By Special Invitation”
August 21–23, 2020**

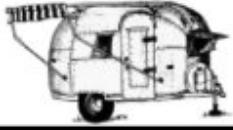
Lottery form deadline is February 29, 2020



very positive impression on Mystic Seaport’s management. Our Airstream family members are being invited back! Although not a Charter Oak Connecticut event, this Mystic Seaport/WBCCI event is right in the heart of our membership. What a wonderful opportunity for our members to live within the seaport and be ambassadors for Airstream Inc. and the Airstream Club.

This event is limited to only 15 trailers and plans to showcase a variety of Airstreams: big-small-new-vintage. Due to its popularity, a lottery has been established to select the participants. You must submit your lottery form before February 29, 2020 . Remember this is an open house so expect hundreds of visitors at/in your Airstream with questions about your life style and the Airstream-SUCH FUN!

See attached flyer for further information. ~



The Premier Pre-Spring 2020 Event for COCAC Up North

by- Joyce Rousseau

Please join us for the traditional March gathering to celebrate all things St. Patrick and most of all- the arrival of spring and thoughts of camping! You're invited to bring stories of your winter activities along with your appetite and smiles. I don't promise all the choices that Russ and Rhona offered the past few years but no one will go home hungry! Give me a call or drop me an email. We look forward to seeing you then! ~



Region/International News

by Bard Fuller, 2nd VP of Region 1

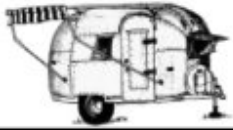
The Airstream Club mid-winter meeting, known as the IBT, was held in January. Per and Doug represented our region. I have a brief outline of their report.

- Members-at-Large will have a right to vote.
- Our "units" will now be called "local clubs".
- Clarification was made for "non-profit compliance". This will be a help to our treasurer.
- Our "Wally numbers" will now be known as "Big Red Numbers" (BRN). We will be issued different individual membership ID's so that husbands/wives/partners will have separate voting rights.
- Additional BRN regulations have also been addressed.
- The new Airstream Club logo, previewed in July, is official to use as well as the previous two logos with Wally Byam's head on them.
- Local club delegates in Colorado this summer will have three constitutional changes to approve that look to be housekeeping, non-controversial changes.
- The Informational Technology Group discussed their latest roll out of phase 2 of the database. Basically, for most of us it is the further development of the new website. For the corporate office, they are thrilled with the help they are getting from the interactive and intuitive nature of this new technology.
- Religious activities, along with diversity within the club, are being reviewed in a more comprehensive report that can be expected in June.
- For more information on these issues please reach out to one of the Region officers. ~

Raffle Items Update

By- Joyce Rousseau

Although May seems far off as we struggle with cold weather up here in Connecticut, my thoughts again focus on getting items to raffle at the Region 1 Rally. At last count we have almost 40 items - a great accomplishment! Our thanks go to all the donors (including Wiley and Gail Downing who were the last to donate and who I haven't thanked yet and to Betsy Flanagan for her handmade pillow) and those out there who have gathered more yet to come. I guess the pressure is off, but that doesn't mean that the "perfect" item isn't still welcome. Your help is needed and appreciated to add to our stock pile. This is a major fund raiser for the rally and will definitely help with covering costs. If you've run a rally before and can offer help or ideas please share them with me by email! I look forward to hearing from you. ~



Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

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

March

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

FOR SALE



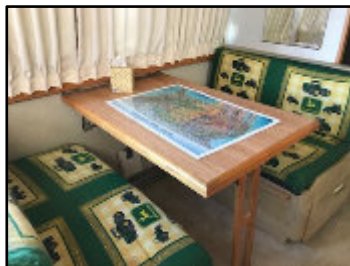
Airstream For Sale

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

Airstream For Sale

2006 34" Classic Airstream with Interior of Natural Oak and the décor called "Chiffon"
 Phone 802-236-1399 Cynthia Melocik
cynthia.melocik43@icloud.com



2006 34 ft Airstream

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Answer:

The word is starting! starting, starting, string, sting, sing, sin, in, i.

Charter Oak Connecticut
 Airstream Club



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If we're not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge.

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

St. Patrick's Day Gathering

Sunday, March 15, 2020 - 12:30 – 2:30 pm



Appetizers

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Dinner - Dessert - Beverages

all for \$15 a person

Joyce and Gilles Rousseau's home

67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. Southbury, Ct.

RSVP

joyce68@gmail.com

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Lottery form deadline is February 29, 2020

By Special Invitation

**MYSTIC
SEAPORT
MUSEUM**



August 21st to 23rd, 2020  **Mystic Seaport Museum**  **Mystic, CT**

Looking for Fifteen Airstreams to be Ambassadors for the Wally Byam Airstream Club

Imagine you and fourteen other Airstream owners spending a weekend inside the Mystic Seaport Museum. By special invitation an event hosted by the museum, Airstream and the Wally Byam Airstream Club we will be camping on the grounds in two groups. Yes, we need thirty individuals who love to talk about their Airstream and adventures during Saturday and Sunday open house to visitors at Mystic Seaport Museum. Here are the details:

The Details: After last year's event being such a success, we have been invited back for 2020. This was never expected and we are very excited to be returning. We have only fifteen spots in the museum so we will be holding a Special Raffle for 14 of those spots. Just as last year we are looking for a wide variety of Airstreams to not only represent Airstream but also our club. If you are interested in this very special event, please fill out the coupon below to get into the drawing. You **must** be able to arrive at the museum Friday August 21 to enter the museum at 5:00 PM.

All participants will have access to 15amp power, restrooms and on-site shower facilities. Friday after setup Happy Hour. BYOB and heavy hors d'oeuvres to share. Saturday, museum opens at 9:00, Airstream Open House 11:00 to 3:00. Optional River Cruise at 3:30 on the Steamship Sabino. A buffet dinner to follow at 6:00 PM upstairs at the Latitude 41 Restaurant with a cash bar. Sunday Airstream Open House again 11:00 to 3:00. Departure after 5:00 when the museum closes. We will be guests of Mystic Seaport and have access to the grounds and exhibits outside of our Open House period. The Bake Shop opens at 8:00 for coffee and baked goods. Of course you may make your own breakfast or the group may opt for a pot luck event. This is a very rare opportunity to experience the museum "after hours" and meet and greet folks and talk about our Airstreams and adventures. The only cost for the weekend is \$90.00 for the catered dinner per Airstream and optional \$13.00 per person for the river cruise if you wish.

Please be sure that you can attend this event before entering the lottery. Once a space is assigned we need to be sure it is filled. Please send in your entry before February 29th, 2020.

Name _____

Phone _____

email _____

Trailer Year, Model & Size: _____

Please email back your entry to Rick Cipot at " mrjrick@aim.com. You may also email any questions you may have about the event prior to sending in your entry. It is very important that once you commit to this special event that you can attend. Do not send money at this time. Once we have conducted the lottery all who entered will hear back one way or the other.

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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 will 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

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

Join us Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club We Rally Together

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Region One Rally Welcome to Wally's Whoooville!!



May 28-31, 2020

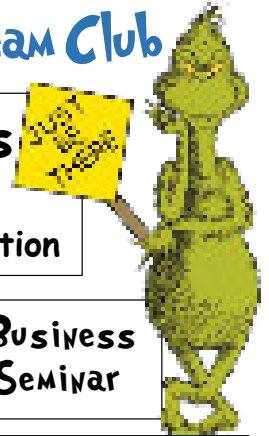
Oh, the Places You'll Go Rally!

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Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Hebron Lions Fairgrounds

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



Attractions:

Hartford:

Mark Twain House
Coltville 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

Region One Business Meeting & Seminar

Whoofeasts:

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

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

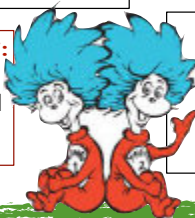
Planned Area Tours
Bike Rides - Flea Market

Discussion Sessions:

Technical - Hobbies
Crafts - VAC Historical

2020 Cancellation Policy:

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



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 Significant 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**

Mail to: Sandy Sasuta
476 Milford Point Road
Milford, CT 06460