



Connecticut Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

June 2019

President's Message

~ Gail Downing



Hello Everyone,

Our season started off with a great Rally. The Lupiens and the Fullers did a wonderful job of presenting a great deal of information for RV Maintenance!

We had a fantastic turnout, with MANY new members coming to their first Rally! I think it is safe to say a good time was had by all. An open house was well received, and we were all wandering in and out of each other's trailers. Several rousing games of corn hole were played. Thank you Glen Lessig for the pointers!

Some of the board members went to see the location for the Region 1 Rally in 2020. We all agreed it is a great location, with a lot of benefits, like the indoor meeting hall, which is sometimes used for weddings 🍷. Bard gave a sneak preview of the "Theme". I do love Dr Seuss!

Just want to remind everyone to make their reservations for Bald Mountain, it is coming up fast! Hope to see you all there! ~



Spring Maintenance

~ Susan Stahley

There are quite a few happy Airstreams in the Charter Oak Airstream Club. There were sixteen rigs that were treated to a variety of preventative maintenance projects resulting in easier operations and all around useful and necessary maintenance to keep us happy and safe on the road.



The weekend rally at Waters Edge Campground in Lebanon, CT was planned and co-hosted by Bard and Kathy Fuller and Mark and Marie Lupien. After a mostly rainy week the sun came out Friday afternoon as we all arrived at the Safari field. New members and first time rally participants were greeted by seasoned club members with offers of helping with parking and other tasks involved in settling in for the weekend. Before you knew it we were all gathered for Happy Hour followed by a delicious dinner of sloppy joes, cole slaw, and apple pie à la mode, all provided by our hosts. The welcoming and socialization continued during the meal with the introduction of new folks while the seasoned members moved about to be sure that everyone felt included. The new members

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Question

I'm an odd number. If you take away one of the letters in my name, I become even. What number am I?

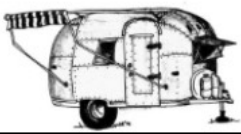
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Next

June 6 - 9 NYC Rally
June 21 - 23
Bald Mountain Rally

LINK OF THE MONTH

[Joshua Tree](#)



Susan Stahley & Carol Wright picking a bucket.



Bert Contractor shining and smiling.

Spring Maintenance *Continued*

and first time rally attendees included Pat and Betsy Flanagan, Carol and Randy Wright, and BJ and Bill Turner. First timers also included Bert Contractor and Susan Stahley, Paulette and David Jensen, and Olga and Rich Height. After dinner and announcements the campfire was lit and members gathered around to discuss who had done what over the winter and plans for the summer. Saturday morning found everyone up and enjoying a breakfast again provided by our hosts. The coffee and spread of various breakfast items



Here we have supervisors - Marie Lupien with Kathy & Grace Fuller.

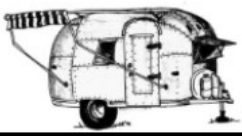


Christine & Glen Lessig - where does this go Glen?

seemed even tastier as the sun came out. "What were those bright red buckets on the table"? Soon, Bard and Mark explained that this new concept of a Spring Maintenance Rally was about to commence. Each of the approximately 15 buckets was equipped with laminated directions and all the necessary items to perform the task listed on the paper. Each Airstream group could chose the buckets that pertained to their specific needs. What followed was a morning and afternoon of everyone doing preventative maintenance tasks on their own Airstream. Some of the projects included cleaning and UV protecting the gaskets around the windows, checking your tongue weight, cleaning and lubricating the awning mechanism, and checking tire condition and pressure. Owners cleaned out the furnace burner tubes as well as heater components. Hitch inspection and greasing the key components of the hitch were also performed. One of the most important tasks was checking for propane leaks. Fortunately, two airstreams were found to have significant leaks which could have potentially resulted in disaster. Soon, after all the tasks were completed, it was time for open house. Everyone had fun visiting the wide variety of Airstreams.

Next the happy hour spread of yummy and innovative appetizers left no one looking for dinner. Some folks played several rounds of corn hole. Another evening of sitting around the campfire and pavilion getting to know each other and trading stories. Sunday morning found everyone under the pavilion enjoying another

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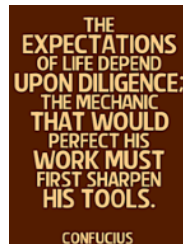


Spring Maintenance *Continued*

wonderful breakfast followed by the annual spring business meeting. There are lots of good trips and events being planned so look for that information and join in the fun! To the hosts and other members of the unit a big THANK YOU for a well planned rally and enjoyable weekend. This first time rally attendee will certainly be back. After the meeting the Airstreams started to roll on home. Some folks stayed a bit longer to enjoy the day. I must say, that all the rigs seemed a bit shinier and happier than when they first arrived! ~



Betsy & Pat Flanagan get a little help adjusting.



Betsy Flanagan & Kathy Fuller getting the spread ready.



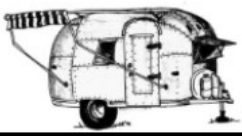
Melanie picking a bucket for Gramma Betsy.



Mark Lupien checking out that Hensley.



Chris Dubrowski blowing out the spider webs.



Bert Contractor playing with grease.



Grace Fuller making her first solo Airstream foray.



Gilles clearly handing the bucket to Joyce.



Mark Lupien & Russ Fuller pondering something.



Randy Wright with maintenance bucket.



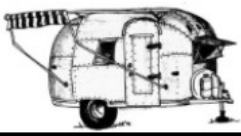
Bill Turner reading instructions.



Joyce, with bucket, reading directions.



My mom said the only reason men are alive is for lawn care and vehicle maintenance. ~ Tim Allen

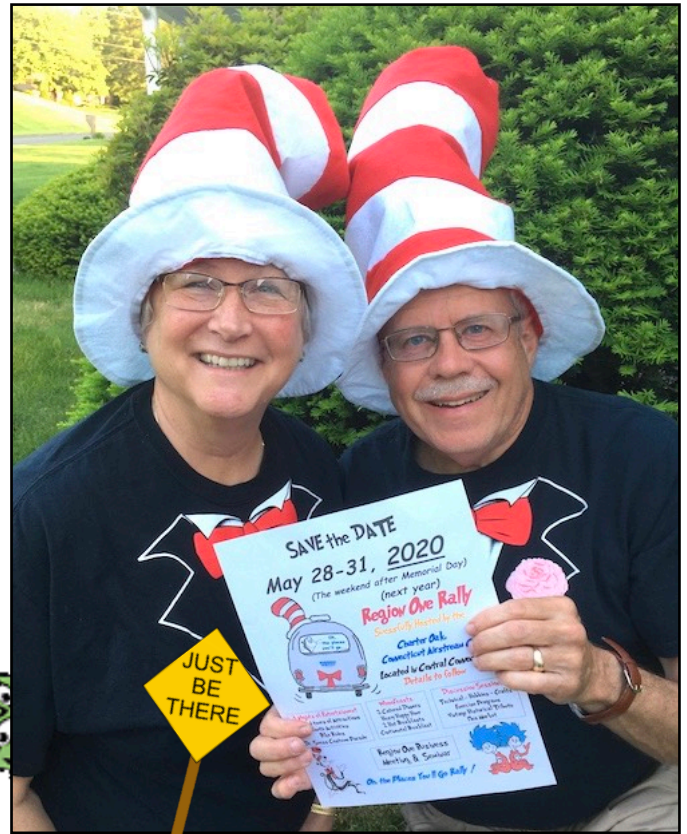


2020 Region One Rally Program Update

~ Bard Fuller

While we wait for final approval on the facility we move forward with our extensive plans for the Region 1 Rally in 2020. The theme is "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" -an obvious take off from Dr. Seuss. As Airstreamers we go to a lot of places, from Florida to Alaska and back to southern New England so the theme is apropos.

Being the hosting club, we will be contributing to discussions in a wide range of camping and personal enrichment topics. Over the last two weeks I've had nearly a dozen individuals come forward to lead discussions or present a craft project. I can't thank them enough for coming forward. I'm hoping others will follow their lead. Some of the interesting topics that are being considered are Airstream Blunders and All the Bad Things We Can Do to a Perfectly Good Trailer. We are likely to offer yoga and an introduction to Zumba. Other subjects to be addressed are recent solar power updates and iPhone use on the road. What knowledge can **YOU** contribute? In particular, I'm looking for crafters with a one hour or less craft project.



Another way of helping is to provide items for our raffle. Joyce R. will be spearheading raffle contributions. Gift baskets and camping/Airstream items are always welcomed. Please contact her if you have any ideas and support her future requests as all these items will benefit the club and support the Region Rally financially. ~

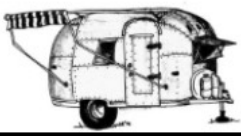
2020 Region One Rally Facility Update

~ Bard Fuller

The Wally Byam Airstream Club, or WBCCI, is divided into 12 regions. Our unit, the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club, is part of Region 1 which comprises all the units from the New England states, Quebec and all the Canadian maritime provinces. Once every 6 years or so, our club is asked to step forward and be the host for the Region 1 Rally.

Primarily, it is for a Region 1 business meeting but over the years it has grown to showcase the home unit and the location of the event. It also boasts the opportunity to learn more about our Airstreams, enjoy lots of food and enjoy entertainment with fellow Airstreamers. This major event will be hosted by us in May 2020.

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Facility Update Continued

Finding a location to park 50-100 Airstreams is a challenging task to say the least. First of all, we have all grown to expect electric and water connections. We all want a location that will enable us to unload our grey and black water at the end of the event. Campgrounds were our go-to location 40 years ago but with the increased reliance on seasonal campers to pay their bills, few campgrounds have more than a dozen or two transient sites available. Also, many do not have meeting rooms or a kitchen sufficient to house our groups needs. College campuses, Scout Camps and Day camps all have been tried in the past but few have the infrastructure that we have grown to expect. Fairgrounds in the recent decades have been the location of preference.

Some of the fairground challenges are finding level ground and finding sufficient electric in the same vicinity as the water connections. Frequently an overabundance of buildings, fences and other obstacles present challenges in parking our trailers. Often, getting rid of black and grey water is the fairgrounds' major challenge due to aging infrastructure, environmental laws or the significant cost if it needs to be transported and disposed of off the property.



The agricultural societies that run these fairgrounds are run by volunteers whose main focus is not us but the fair they run. Other factors that come into play are the mission statement for the facility, as well as alcohol and/or pet policies that may conflict with our needs. Overriding these factors is their ever-present fear of litigation.

After nearly two years of contacting, interviewing, and touring facilities in 6 states, Kathy and I are pleased to say that we have a facility in central Connecticut that meets the majority of our desires and, in many areas, exceeds our expectations. At the time of this writing we have preliminary approval and have made a deposit on a particular fairground.

Stay tuned for next month's article about the impressive facility that we hope to use for our Region 1 Rally in 2020.

Bard Fuller - 2020 Region One Rally Chair

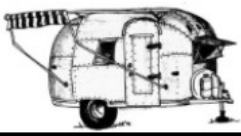


~ Sandy Sasuta

Happy to report that our Region One Rally May 28-31, 2020 is well in the works. Save the date and look for upcoming details. We need your help to have a successful rally-be sure to participate by volunteering. It makes the whole event more enjoyable.

We send our sincere sympathy to **DICK BARTRAM** and family on the recent passing of his daughter, Wendy.

Michael and I had returned from Florida, and then soon after drove back to Georgia to attend a funeral. Feels like we were out of the loop for a month, and were sorry to have missed the May Maintenance Rally; heard it was well attended. We look forward to seeing everyone for the June 21-23 rally at Bald Mountain Campground in Townshend, VT. (See flyer) ~



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June 2019

blurb

Do 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: [Chatter Editor](#)

FOR SALE

Airstream For Sale

2005 25' Safari with front bedroom.

Contact Brenda Nicholas
#1254 [207-450-0593](tel: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

2002 Airstream Land Yacht Motor Home 30 feet long with 69,000 miles. Meticulously maintained. Interior in excellent condition. Generator with 68 hours run time, awning, trailer hitch. Dual air conditioners, 8.1 Chevrolet Vortec engine on work horse chassis, all manuals included, tires in great shape. Runs excellent. \$19,995.00. Call Steve Pestretto 860-653-9980.



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

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Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

We Do More Together

JUNE

June 6-9, 2019-NYC Base Camp Nat'l Rally- Jersey City, NJ, Per Hamnqvist, 603-866-6440, psh@wbcci.org

June 21-23, 2019-Bald Mountain Campground Rally, Townshend, VT
Wiley & Gail Downing, 203-790-8592, ctnanabug@comcast.net

July

July 13-18, 2019 - Surf to Turf Caravan to Doswell, VA and the International Rally - Bard Fuller
barfuller@hotmail.com

July 20-27, 2019-62nd Wally Byam Airstream Club Int'l Rally - Doswell, VA, www.wbcci.org

August

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

August 23-25, 2019-Augtoberfest Rally-Crowne Point
Camping Area, Perkinsville, VT, Evelyn & Bill Watts/
Joyce & Gilles Rousseau, 203-426-5532,
evelynwatts@xbglobal.net

September

Sept 6-8, 2019- Mystic KOA Rally, North Stonington,
CT, Glen & Christine Lessig/Chris & Carol Dubrowski,
860-617-4346, glessig@gmail.com

OCTOBER

October 13, 2019 -Installation/Fall Business
Meeting-Manchester Country Club, Manchester, CT-
Corinne & Jim Burnham, 860-623-9752,
jimblc@msn.com

DECEMBER

December 8, 2019-Holiday Luncheon
Dakota Steakhouse, Rocky Hill, CT,
Wiley & Gail Downing, 203-790-8592
ctnanabug@comcast.net



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Thanks to Glen Lessig!

June

Birthdays & Anniversaries

06/01	Fred & Dale McGoldrick
06/02	J. Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould
06/07	Per & Lilli Hamnqvist
06/08	Russ & Rhona Fuller
06/12	Jack & Jeanne Blandford
06/15	Russ Melocik
06/17	Jim & Corinne Burnham
06/18	Chris & Carol Dubrowski
06/18	Franklin & Jane Sanders
06/18	Howard & Mari-Jo Jones
06/19	William Turner
06/20	Russ Fuller
06/25	Trevor & Gale Lake
06/25	Bob & Jean Landry
06/25	Guy & Laura Weik
06/27	Toni Nolder
06/27	Evelyn Watts
06/28	Roland & Sandie St. Laurent
06/30	Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck

July

Birthdays & Anniversaries

07/01	Jim Burnham
07/02	Sally Kerr
07/02	Val & Aili Galasyn
07/03	Bruce Fletcher
07/03	Ted Price
07/05	Kathleen Kushman
07/05	Susan King
07/06	Dale McGoldrick
07/06	Cecile Lemaire
07/13	Stephen & Carol Kelly
07/21	Carol Kelly
07/26	Lois Price
07/29	Kathy Fuller



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BALD MOUNTAIN RALLY

JUNE 21-23, 2019

Bald Mountain Campground, Townshend VT

30 amp service, water, dump station

Hosts: Wiley and Gail Downing

Friday: Arrive anytime after 1:00 PM - Happy Hour 5:00PM

Saturday: 8:00 am *Breakfast* - Egg sandwiches with cheese and sausage with hash brown potatoes, juice, coffee, tea. and fresh fruit.

5:00 *Happy Hour* - held at Host site

6:00 *Dinner*- supplied by hosts. **Italian night** – Salad, pasta, meatballs, sausage, bread and butter, topped off with ice cream around the campfire.

Sunday: 8:00 am - Pot luck breakfast.
Hosts will supply, coffee, tea and juice.

Reservations: Please make reservations directly with campground **(802-365-7510)**. Make sure to tell them you are with the Airstream group in the safari field. Rate is \$30 a night, a 10% discount with 10 or more trailers. There is no deposit at time of reservation, payment will be due upon check in. Please reserve no later than June 14, 2019.

Many places in the area to visit. Historic Townshend covered bridge, Vermont Country Store, Basketville, and breweries close by to visit.

Directions: From I-91, Exit 3, Rte 5 south to Rte 30 North, Rte 30 North for 15 miles. Turn left onto State Forest Road for 2 miles. Bald Mountain Campground is on the right.

Bald Mountain Rally

Please Return by June 14th

Name _____ WBCCI# _____ Site# _____

KITTY FEE \$10 **per person** \$10 x _____ = \$ _____

Return to Gail Downing 8 Old Shelter Rock Road, Danbury, CT 06810 (203-241-2537)



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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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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

Oh, the Places You'll Go Rally !