



Connecticut



Charter Oak Chatter

March 2018

President's Message ~ Joyce Rousseau



Spring made an appearance last week- the second week in Feb. It was over 50 degrees, bright sun with robins around attacking the still frozen ground in search of food. Gilles checked his hives and found activity- a wonderful surprise after last year's disappointment. There are no guarantees that they'll thrive and produce honey but it's a good start. The skunk cabbage has poked spikes out of the ground and the big, red blossoms will soon follow- one of the earliest sources of pollen.

Did that first paragraph imply that winter might be over? You'd never know it with the overnight blizzard that gave us over 6 inches of the white stuff Saturday night. The old adage holds true for

New England; if you don't like the weather just wait a bit longer. We expect 2 days of over 60 degrees this week and can't wait to see the tree canopy turn red and eventually shades of green.

But enough of the weather, Joyce! After a long, cold winter we grasp at the little hints that camping season will definitely arrive. Our Charter Oak season starts with the St Patrick Day's brunch at Russ and Rhona Fuller's home on March 18. Reservations are due soon so call or email right now! With Russ's culinary skills it's bound to be a delicious gathering. April has the Pot Luck Picnic at our house on April 15. Celebrate taxes being done, bring a dish to share and some tip on getting our rigs ready. May brings our Spring Business Meeting (and the return of our snowbirds). Evie and Bill Watts have planned a unique experience on May 11 - 13 at the Witch Meadow Family Campground in Salem, Ct. Look closely at the flier to catch all the original food we'll get to taste.

May spring arrive soon with warmth close behind. A special "Shout out" next month to the first member (in Connecticut) who reports a spring bloom to me via email or phone. A final request for prayers of strength for Lynn Blackwell as she works hard to return to improved health.

See you soon. Remember- **We Do More Together** (and enjoy it more, too!) ~



Sign Up Now for the Region One Rally

Name Change Update

Tye and I recently connected by phone and he supplied the following information. WBCCI is handling the many name/flag changes by Region. There are a few problems within Region One with various units - **but NOT ours!** Yeah! He said that our new name/flag can be used but are not totally official. The other problems have to be resolved before we get the okay. Again, it should be done by the end of March. I'll be doing some research on flag making companies, but if any member has input, please let me know. ~

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Question: It's red, blue, purple and green. No one can reach it, not even the queen.

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LINK OF THE MONTH

[Airstream Repairs](#)





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Follow Up to our December 13 Gathering

Toni Nolder shared a letter she received after sending the donation collected at our December gathering. I'd like to share some of it with you: "...we are so thankful that you support our mission to provide food and fellowship. Your donation to The Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries of \$115 on 12/4/17 will provide, once matched through the Gowrie Challenge, enough food to 719 meals for local families and individuals in need... We are so grateful for your commitment to helping our neighbors on the shoreline." Our small donations multiplied and helped many families enjoy good meals over the holidays. Thanks to all who gave and especially Toni for her guidance in this effort. ~



Welcome to new affiliate **MARY ROSENBACH** from W. Yarmouth, MA #10208. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

It was good to see **STEVE PESTRETTO** and his friend, as they stopped by at Travelers Rest for a quick visit.

The annual Soup Pot Luck on Super Bowl Sunday was, once again, super! Compliments to all the chefs.

LYDIA ROSENBECK and **KAREN FREED** walked the Red Carpet for the annual Fashion Show...we have STARS amongst us. For those of you who are still working, remember, the first 5 days after the weekend are the hardest. ~



After 3 years of looking I found the elusive twin axle 21 footer here in Miami. She now has new tires and bearings, brakes were inspected, cleaned, and adjusted. A new tongue jack and new break-away switch. Should be ready to roll when I get the time to retrieve it or find a hauler to do the job. Headliner separating and finish is heavily oxidized from FL sun. My goal has been to find a dual axle trailer that can be towed with a mid sized SUV similar to my Explorer. More fun work awaiting. ~ *Bard Fuller*

"The best way to get most husbands to do something is to suggest that perhaps they're too old to do it." ~ *Ann Bancroft*



Every year at Travelers Rest all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary are asked to step through the flowered trellis while a short detailed synopsis of their torrid love affair is shared with the attending guests. This year Rick & Beth Petrie stepped through the arch with huge smiles... 😊



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OK - here are those SMILES 😊
Congratulations Rick & Beth 50 Glorious!

New Rally Coupon - USE IT!

2018 Rally Coupon 2018

Charter Oak Members - Let's go camping!

WBAC # _____ Name _____

Use Coupon for any 2018 Rally

Print and attach to rally/rendezvous flier coupon. Deduct up to \$15.00 from rally "Kitty Fee" and mail to host.

Must have paid your 2018 Charter Oak dues. Can be used only once during 2018 for kitty fee only not for camping fee. Regular and associate members qualify.



RARE PHOTO ALERT
Mike Sasuta using his cell phone which means his phone was actually turned on - give him a call!



Here we see Bud Gould hard at work raking leaves while Dick Bartram, with a second rake cleverly placed at his feet, supervising.



I wish to thank all that sent their condolences. Jeanne so enjoyed the caravans and friendship at the rallies. She waged a difficult battle but in the end lost.

Jeanne had such happy memories of her time in the Club. Thank you all!

~ Charlie Wilson





Celebrating the upcoming Gilles & Joyce Rousseau Bee Season!

Bee's Knees

Meaning:

The height of excellence - of the highest quality.

Example:

Christy helped someone out at work one day and the co-worker told Christy she was the *Bee's Knees*.

Origin:

In the 18th century the singular form of this phrase was used as a synonym for smallness (Mrs. Townley Ward - Letters, June 1797 in N. & Q. "It cannot be as big as a bee's knee."), but has since disappeared from use. The Oxford English Dictionary records the singular expression 'bee's knee' as meaning the type of something small or insignificant from 1797.

Alternative: "b's and e's" was shorthand for "be-alls and end-alls" and a variation/revision of the term "business."

Alternative: In the 1920s it was fashionable in the U.S. to devise nonsense terms (slang) for excellence - the snake's hips, the kipper's knickers, the cat's whiskers/pajamas, the sardine's whiskers, the flea's eyebrows, the canary's tusks. Some of these have lasted (the bee's knees and the cat's pajamas) and some have not. The first printed reference to it is in the April 1922 Ohio newspaper 'The Newark Advocate', titled 'What Does It Mean?': "That's what you wonder when you hear a flapper chatter in typical flapper language. 'Apple Knocker,' for instance. And 'Bees Knees.' That's flapper talk." [from the Flapper Dictionary]

Alternative: Because bees carry pollen back to their hive in sacs on their legs, this phrase refers to the concentrated goodness to be found around the bee's knee.

Alternative: Ms. Bee Jackson was a New York dancer in 1920s and is credited with introducing the dance to Broadway in February, 1924, when she appeared at the Silver Slipper nightclub. She went on to become the World Champion Charleston dancer and was quite celebrated at the time. This phrase could have referred to her very active knees.

Alternative: [Cartoon from the Fort Wayne Sentinel](#), May 5, 1914 - "Finding Food for Mr. Skygack" for an edible use of bee's knees!

Alternative: Socialites throughout the ages would frequently hold dinner parties in which they tried to 'one-up' their peers by serving a dish more unusual, exotic, and rare than anyone else; also the suspected origins of 'delicacies' such as escargot and caviar. While no record of such a dish being served can be found, one consisting of the knees of bees (however prepared) would be the most painstakingly-prepared dish conceivable.

Thanks to [Shelia Clark](#).

Ed: From website "Phrases, Expressions & Sayings" - <http://www.joe-ks.com/phrases/phrases.htm>

Mind Your Own Beeswax

Meaning:

Keep your opinions and comments to yourself.

Example:

If I want your opinion I'll beat it out of you - **mind your own beeswax.**

Origin:

This came from the days when smallpox was a common disease that caused disfigurement. Those who survived the disease were left with pock marks on their body and face. Ladies would fill in the pock marks with beeswax. However when the weather was very warm the wax might melt. But it was not the thing to do for one lady to tell another that her makeup was melting.

Alternative: This may just be a childish rhyme to the phrase "mind you own business". "Biz" is sometimes used as an abbreviation for "business" and rhymes with "bees". "Biz" also sounds and is spelled similar to "buzz", the sound usually attributed to bees.

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- Events
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 trailing equipment.
Contact Bob Henschel
515-783-8578



"THAT'S GOTTA BE A SPELLING MISTAKE, RIGHT?"

Answer

A rainbow.

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.

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LINKS

Connecticut Unit Website: <http://connecticut.wbcci.net/>
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Nice assortment of links: ...www.airstreamtrailers.com
Region One Website:.....<http://region1.wbcci.net/>
Airstream Life:<http://airstreamlife.com/>
WBCCI:.....<http://www.wbcci.org/>



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

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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 (joycezr68@gmail.com)

or 203-264-5372) by April 10.

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

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*There was an old lady in a pointed hat
She came to my Airstream with a rap-tap-tap
I opened up the door to see who was there
She jumped on her broom and flew through the air!!!*



BROOMSTICK FLY-IN RALLY **and SPRING BUSINESS MEETING**

Friday, May 11 to Sunday May 13, 2018

Witch Meadow Lake Family Campground, Salem, Connecticut

Hosted by Evie and Bill Watts evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net 203-426-5532

Friday.....check in is 3 p.m.

5 p.m. Hearty Happy Hour..... Supper on your own

Saturday ..8 a.m. Pot Luck BreakfastBeverages provided

5 p.m. Spooky Happy Hour with Witches Brew. Use your imagination.....dry bones, sliced fingers, fish eggs, etc. Label with a catchy name.

6 p.m. dinner....Frog Eye Stew, Fresh Bones, Swamp Greens
snake skin and bat skat for desert (provided)

Sunday.....8 a.m. Continental Breakfast (provided)

9:15 a.m. Spring Business Meeting. The campground guest fee is being waived for members attending the meeting only.

Checkout is 2 p.m.

Area Attractions: Riverquest boat ride on CT River (our Alex Yuknat is Captain of one of the Riverquest boats), Essex Steam Train, CT River Museum, Mystic Groton and New London attractions, Foxwoods, Monhegan Sun, Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center are just a few things to do.

Reserve directly with the campground 860-859-1542 or campwitch@aol.com by May 9th \$45.00/night, full hookups. Pets are welcome with rabies certificate.

Kitty Fee \$12 per person (coupon accepted)

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Email _____

Number attending _____ x \$12.00 PP = Total Kitty Fee _____

Coupon accepted up to \$15.00 discount _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Send to:
Evelyn Watts
55 Hattertown Road
Newtown, Connecticut 06470





Airstream Country Jamboree



Region 1 Rally · North Haverhill, New Hampshire
August 9–August 12, 2018

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 !

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;

\$295.00 US

Names: _____

Wabcci # _____ 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

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