



# Connecticut Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

March 2019

## President's Message

~ Gail Downing



Hello Everyone!

We are approaching the promise of spring, March 20th, and I am starting to count down until the season begins.

First I would like to extend our condolences to the Bartram family, the Pestretto family, and the Fuller family. We have seen the passing of three long time cherished club members.

Anyone still interested, make sure you RSVP to Russ and Rhona Fuller ASAP by March 9th! From our first experience attending last year..... bring your appetite!

Wiley and I attended the New England Winter Gathering in Manchester NH. It was a good time, met some new folks and saw some familiar faces, all made us feel welcome! Then a side trip to the Manchester Premium Outlets because I can't let Wiley drive past without stopping.

Wiley spent a few days at Travelers Rest a couple of weeks ago! We will be spending next winter at sunny TR. He visited with all our Charter Oak folks already at TR, also met some new neighbors.

Hope everyone is ready for a great year, we have a great calendar set to go. Thanks to everyone that has volunteered to host or co-host a rally. We are all looking forward to a wonderful camping year.. ~



*Pictured here with a beautiful sunset, is John Fuller's 31' Airstream, which Bard recently placed on the market in Melbourne, FL.*

## Travelers Rest Resort Charter Oak Connecticut

Dick Bartram  
Susan Stahley & Bert Contractor  
Roger & Ruth Crockett  
Wiley & Gail Downing  
Bard & Kathy Fuller  
Clarence (Bud) Gould  
Ken Hankinson & Pam Forsyth  
Richard & Kathleen Kushman  
Bob & Jean Landry

Cecile Lemaire  
Glen & Christine Lessig  
Mark & Marie Lupien  
Fred & Dale McGoldrick  
Rick & Beth Petrie  
Ted & Lois Price  
Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck  
Michael & Sandy Sasuta  
Guy & Laura Weik

Listed above are the winter residents and part time visitors of Travelers Rest Resort who are also members of the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club. Considering how many COCAC members are in Florida perhaps a winter acronym is called for - TRCOCACR. Try pronouncing that...

Appropriately this issue of the Chatter includes pictures from where the action is - Florida. While the COCAC members are braving the cold and high taxes the tongue tied TRCOCACR members are sunning themselves, dancing, golfing, wining, dining, and visiting Mickey Mouse. ~ RK

### Question

What do pandas have that no other animal has? ~ Answer page 5

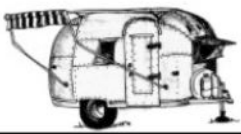
### Next Event

March 17, 2019  
St Patrick's Day  
Gathering

### LINK OF THE MONTH

[How to Airstream](#)





Welcome to new members **JAMES HEALEY & JANICE BOND** from Bellmore, NY, #18706, and **PAT & BETSY FLANAGAN** from Oakdale, CT, #2152. Hope to see you all at an upcoming event.

Congratulations to former member **LAURA EDMONDSON**

on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Laura and her late husband Jim, wintered at Travelers Rest for many years, and always encouraged all of us to do the same. Also in the picture is her son John, and daughters Kathy & Susan. Susan Rutty (Wayne), son Michael Rutty (Lianne), and sons James & Samuel are 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation Charter Oak CT Airstreamers. What a wonderful legacy!

After a sudden illness, our dear friend **SEBASTIAN PESTRETTO** passed away on February 5, 2019 surrounded by his family. He

was a pleasant, calming person who was a joy to be around. We send our sincere sympathy to **JUANITA, STEVE**, and the family, as well as the **FULLER FAMILY** on the recent passing of **JOHN FULLER** on March 1, 2019 (more details to follow).

**EDDIE & Nanci CARLL** would like to thank all of the Charter Oak CT friends for their cards, well wishes and prayers. They appreciate continued prayers as **Nanci** is undergoing chemotherapy. Also sending get well wishes to **RUTH CROCKETT**.

A beautiful memorial service for **EILEEN BARTRAM** was held at Travelers Rest accompanied by the soothing flute from their daughter **SUSAN NEWMAN**. It brought back many memories of a person that was well-loved.

The annual Super Bowl Soup Day on February 3, 2019 at Travelers Rest in Florida was a success with 13 different soups and assorted desserts. It was great to have **BARD & KATHY FULLER** and **GLEN & CHRISTINE LESSIG** join us. **MICHAEL & CYNTHIA BRODEUR** also came to TR for a visit, and we welcome anyone else....come on down!

Thank you to everyone who joined us (**MICHAEL & SANDY SASUTA**) in celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary here at Travelers Rest...it was a fun time!



Centenarian Laura Edmondson with her children, Kathy, John, and Susan.



Sebastian (Seb) Pestretto



John Fuller



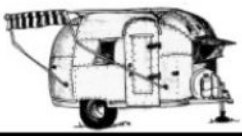
Eileen Bartram



Michael & Sandy Sasuta - 50 years together!

*Note: Travelers Rest, close to Valentines Day, holds a special evening celebration and dance for residents celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during the year. Mike and Sandy will again celebrate on May 31, 2019.*





### Scenes From Travelers Rest - Florida



*Connecticut lunch at the TR Snack Shack every Friday.*



*Past Charter Oak & TR friends Reggie & Jackie Brown join the Petries, Rosenbecks, Sasutas, and Kushmans for pizza at Al's.*



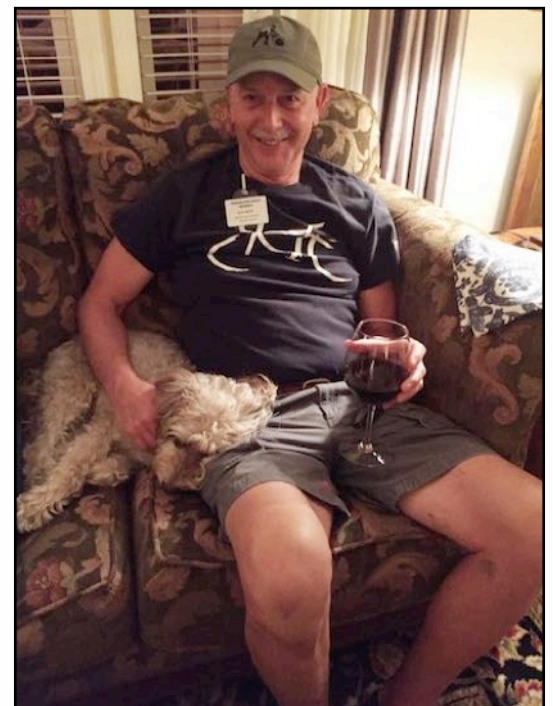
*Nightly gathering on the Kushman deck where all world problems are solved-dodged.*



*Cynthia & Kathleen Kushman during a visit to TR for Soup Day.*

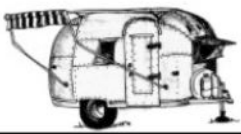


*Another visit to the **Red Mule Pub** while Bard & Kathy Fuller, Glen & Christine Lessig, and Marabeth Stormann (with 2<sup>nd</sup> thank you) are on scene. Coldest beer in FL.*



*Guy Weik with a dog, a comfy seat, and a glass of wine clearly equals a cheerful Guy!*





### Scenes From Travelers Rest - Florida



Special hot dog deck night finds Dick Bartram, Rich Kushman, Ted Price, Laura Weik, Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck problem dodging.



Mike & Sandy Sasuta with friends celebrating at the anniversary dance.



Susan Stahley with a TR and Charter Oak smile.



Start with Kathleen Kushman, add a little Vodka, a little Prosecco - and whalla - a Dancing Queen!



Laura Weik, Karen Freed, Lydia Rosenbeck, and Pam Forsyth during the Super Soup Day.



Beth Petrie, Karen Freed, Lois Price, Lydia Rosenbeck, Sandy Sasuta, and Marie Lupien during the annual fashion show.

Is TRCOCACR an acronym or initialism? While in a group setting quickly repeat three times, if there is no saliva dripping from your lips and medical assistance has not been summoned call it an acronym.



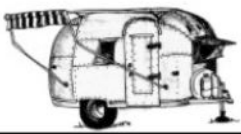
Ted Price, recovering from a nasty fall and needing exercise, appears overjoyed with his daily walk.

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Marie Lupien recovering from back surgery but still dancing with Mark.





## 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

## April

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

04/02 Ken Hankinson  
 04/03 Cynthia Richard  
 04/05 Jack Blandford  
 04/08 Barbara Landman  
 04/10 Karen Olah  
 04/13 Dan Olah  
 04/16 Bob Barrett  
 04/17 Eddie & Nanci Carll  
 04/19 Charlie Wilson  
 04/21 Roland St. Laurent  
 04/24 Franklin Sanders  
 04/26 Mari-Jo Jones  
 04/29 Charles "Rick" Petrie

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](#)

blurb

### Ingredients:

6 Large Eggs  
 2 Cups Sugar  
 4 Pkg (8 oz ea) Cream Cheese  
 2 lb Sour Cream  
 1 Tsp Vanilla extract  
 2 Tbs Flour

### Crust:

1 Pkg Graham Cracker Crumbs (13.5 oz)  
 ¼ Lb Butter (one stick)  
 2 Tbs Sugar

Crust: Soften butter and mix with Graham Cracker Crumbs and sugar. Pat into a 8 X 12 baking dish. Bring crumbs up the sides of the dish. Note: grease pan to make serving easier.

### Filling:

Soften Cream Cheese and cream it together with the sugar. Add eggs and mix well. Add sour cream and vanilla extract and mix well. Pour into prepared baking dish.

Bake at 350°F for 50 minutes. Turn oven off but leave cheesecake in over for an additional 45 minutes. Don't Peek, wait the full 45 minutes before opening oven. Add the topping of your choice.



## Secret Recipe

### Rick's Cheesecake

Originally from Avis Hinds True

~ Rick Petrie

## 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](mailto:freddalem@aol.com)



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Thanks to Glen Lessig!

## LINKS

Connecticut Unit Website <https://charteroakconnecticut.airstreamclub.net>  
 Cape Cod Unit: ..... <https://capecodmassachusetts.airstreamclub.net>  
 Nice assortment of links: ... [www.airstreamtrailers.com](http://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:

Baby Pandas

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

prior to March 9th





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Our Pets & Paws National Event Rally which is hosted by the Cape Cod and New England Airstream Clubs coincides with National Pet Month. This Rally has been happening for 8 years this being the 9th year of this very popular Rally.

You do not need to own a pet to attend, as this is in celebration of everyone's past and present pets. We have homemade and store-bought treats for the pets.

You can spend a couple of hours at the local dog park as well as being able to walk on the local beaches.

This Rally is held at the Coastal Acres Campground in Provincetown, Massachusetts, and is a short 10 min walk into the heart of downtown. Provincetown is a beautiful coastal town at the end of Cape Cod with many great restaurants and many wonderful stores to shop in.

On Saturday evening we all go to a local seafood restaurant and enjoy local fresh seafood. Please see the flyer below for more information and instructions on how to register for the Rally.

Along with our donation to the dog park, on Saturday at 10:00am we will volunteer, along with some of the townspeople, to do some maintenance and cleanup in the dog park.

This is a great rally and we hope you will sign up as soon as you can as there are only 30 sites available. See you in Provincetown!

We would like to thank Rick Cipot for the awesome logo for this rally.

For more information on this rally contact RJ Domiinic - E-mail: [rjdominic@wbcci.net](mailto:rjdominic@wbcci.net)

This is an Airstream only Rally. Only units manufactured by Airstream will be allowed to attend.





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## Pets & Paws National Event Rally



A joint Rally of the Cape Cod MA Airstream Club & the New England Airstream Club of WBAC  
Location: Coastal Acres Campground, 76R Bayberry Avenue, Provincetown MA

**April 12 - 14, 2019**

NEAC Hosts: Heather & Jared Lawler - E-mail: [airstream4998@gmail.com](mailto:airstream4998@gmail.com)

### Limited to 30 Units

\*\*\* Please note! There is NO early parking as the campground will be opening for our Rally only \*\*\*

Cost for the weekend \$175.00 per trailer

- Friday: April 12th:** 4:00 pm: Heavy Happy Hour, please bring an h'or d'oeuvres to share, followed by white bean Texas chili and cornbread.
- Saturday, April 13th:** 8:00am: Pot luck breakfast followed by a leisurely day shopping and exploring around Provincetown.  
4:30pm: Dinner at a local restaurant to be announced.  
(each person pays for their own meal.)
- Sunday, April 14th:** 8:00am: Continental Breakfast and "See you down the road".

Wait till you see this year's memorabilia gift!!!

### Pets & Paws National Rally Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell Phone:: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Motor Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Airstream Trailer: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Pet: ☐ Dog(s) Number of Dog(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cat(s) Number of Cat(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other(s) Number of Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

This is a fillable form: Fill out this form on your computer and e-mail it to Tye Mott at [tmott@wbcci.net](mailto:tmott@wbcci.net)

If you e-mail this form to Tye, your reservation will not be official until your check is received.  
or you can fill in the form on your computer, print it out and mail it in with your check.

Make checks payable to: Tye Mott, CCMAC and mail to: Tye Mott, 7719 Omphalius Rd., Colden, NY 14033





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# SPRING MAINTENANCE RALLY

May 17-19, 2019

**Water's Edge Campground, Lebanon, CT**

**Hosts: Mark & Marie Lupien / Bard & Kathy Fuller**

[mlupien60@comcast.net](mailto:mlupien60@comcast.net) [bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com)

*We all wanted the finest RV on the road, the Airstream, now we need to nourish it for it to live up to its potential. We will have a multi-station checkup system set up, with instructions, to do the routine maintenance. Learn how to do the maintenance instead of paying someone!*

*Friday 5pm light happy hour followed by sloppy joes and coleslaw provided by hosts.*

*Saturday continental breakfast will be provided followed by maintenance information/ discussion.*

*Saturday 5pm bring a heavy appetizer for happy hour and later enjoy apple pie a la mode that your hosts will provide. We are also planning an optional open house "show & tell" of our Airstreams to present what is new or what is special. Campfire weather permitting.*

*Sunday continental breakfast followed by Spring Business meeting.*

*Come for your Airstream but stay to share fellowship and stories with fellow club members.*

*Water's Edge Campground, 271 Leonard Bridge Road, Lebanon, CT, provides 30 amp electric, water & cable. There is a dump station as you leave. Arrival is after 3pm on Friday and checkout out Sunday is also 3pm. If you are intending to use electric heat or run AC a surcharge is collected at check-in. Pet friendly if on a leash. Dog park is also available on site. Cancellation policy: No refund on campsite cancellation within 2 weeks of rally. Refund minus \$5 fee charged on campsite cancellations more than 2 weeks out. Hosts have reserved 15 sites in Safari field for our rally.*

*Please last day of reserving with our group is May 3.*

Spring Maintenance Rally

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Discounted Campsite fee is \$48/night

Kitty fee is \$15.00 /Adult (under 18 free).

(for a couple this will be \$126.00)

2 nights 2x\$48 = \$96.00

Please remit fee and form to:

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Lupien  
198 Horse Pond Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776

Total fee = \_\_\_\_\_





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# NYC Base Camp National Rally

## Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ

### Thu 6/6/19 – Sun 6/9/19

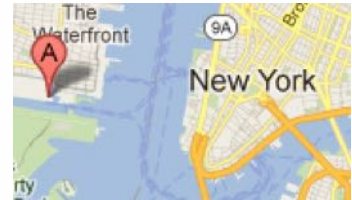
**Come and join us for another long weekend of fun New York City exploration!** No need to list everything you can do - there is something for everyone in NYC. Our base camp is very close to the city, providing convenient access to the subway (NJ PATH) as well as ferries to Manhattan.

**Going National:** The 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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.