



Connecticut Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

May 2019

President's Message

~ Gail Downing

*Ladies & Gentlemen
Start your engines!*



Hello Everyone! Are we all ready to get our season started? I know I am looking forward to a great beginning!

First I want to thank everyone who is hosting or co-hosting a rally or rendezvous, your efforts will insure a great season for all. If you haven't signed up for The Spring Maintenance Rally the Fullers and Lupiens are co-hosting, you might be able to squeak in, the deadline is 5/3. Clearly this will be a very interesting rally.

We all would like to encourage our new members to come and enjoy a rally, meet new friends, and share experiences. Airstreamers always enjoy offering friendship and good times.

We finally have a new picture to post! It was taken by our new neighbor at Travelers Rest, which explains shorts instead of a winter jacket. We visited TR for a few days, bought some things for our Cabana and trailer. We are looking forward to the next chapter of retirement as snowbirds.

Also, if you have anything that will make an interesting article, or a yummy recipe, please send them to Rich Kushman. He does a wonderful job on our newsletter but is always looking for things to put into the Chatter.

Hope to see you all soon! ~ Gail

Stormin' West

Season 1 - Episode 4 ~ Richard Kushman

When last we saw Max and Dane, the Stormanns (with 2 "ns" thank you), we had popped into the Corn Palace located in Mitchell, South Dakota. Now Westward Ho - on to the Badlands National Park where we camped, with full hook-up, at the Badlands Interior Motel & Campground. Until the nuclear powered iPad is released having a steady flow of electrical power is essential for this crew.

The austere beauty of the Badlands has always intrigued us and the craggy hills inspired Max and Dane to climb high and explore the terrain. A visit to see Prairie Dogs and a scenic drive to Wall Drugs provided a clear indication - we were out west.

Custer State Park was next, where we hoped to see our first roaming buffalo. We drove the loop, hoping, but no bison, however, the resident burros were lingering by the road looking for a free snack. The boys got to touch real live semi wild mules - that would be brown and white mules only!

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Question

Versace underwear - how can "L" be greater in size than "XL"?

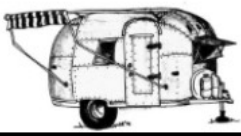
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RV Maintenance Rally

LINK OF THE MONTH

[Cozy-Rosie](#)



What's the difference?
A **Donkey** - a **Mule** -
a **Jackass** - and a **Red Mule**.

It was good to see **GAIL & WILEY DOWNING** as they managed to stop by for a few days at Travelers Rest to check out their new cabana. The next week **EVIE & BILL WATTS** were vacationing with their family at Disney, and had a chance to visit and see TR for the first time. Our group took both couples to the famous Red Mule Pub for dinner. (See photos)

We miss seeing **RICH KUSHMAN** at TR for "Porch Time", but we understand he is working on a new porch for their NY lake house.

For those of you who would like to send a card to the **BARRETT FAMILY** in the recent passing of their dad **BOB BARRETT** on March 25, 2019, please send to: Jeff Barrett, P.O. Box 653, Northbridge, MA 01534

CHARLIE WILSON has moved to South Carolina with family; we know winters and taxes will be better there than CT. We wish him the best in this new, exciting chapter in his life.

See you at the May 17-19 Rally at Waters Edge Campground in Lebanon, CT....Don't miss it!

A quote : Yesterday is history, the future is a mystery, but today is a gift, that's why it's called "The Present". ~

The difference Between a **Donkey** and a **Mule**. ... **Donkeys** are a different species than a horse, but in the same family. They were originally bred in Egypt or Mesopotamia around 5,000 years ago. **Mules**, on the other hand, are a cross between a female horse and a male **donkey** or "jack" (hence the word "**jackass**").

~ google

A **Red Mule**, on the other hand, is a cross between **Meat** and **Beer**. Delicious corned beef or pastrami and icy cold beer. The **RM** has become a second home to several Charter Oak members in Florida and by far the leading point of interest for visiting guests.

The **RM** this winter has also received a considerable amount of ink in our club newsletter raising an interesting question. Do Charter Oakers visit TR chiefly to see friends, or to escape the cold, or actually, to indulge themselves in the "**Red Mule Experience**".

Much more testing seems crucial and please note - there is no presentation of any jackass in this issue of the Charter Oak Chatter.

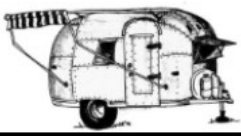
~ ED.



Bill & Evie Watts with the usual suspects enjoying the Red Mule Experience.



Gail & Wiley, downing a few at the Red Mule Experience.



Petrie, Sasuta & Prices at the DelCarmen Mexican Restaurant in Dade City.



*Ted & Lois Price at DelCarmen toasting TRCOACR (see March Issue).
Where the action is!*

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](#)

Secret Recipe

KAREN'S HAM AND SWISS MINI'S

~ Karen Freed

- 1 1/2 to 2 lbs Thin sliced ham
- 3/4 to 1lb sliced Swiss cheese
- 36 small Potato Rolls found at Walmart bakery
- 2 Tbsp Worcester Sauce
- 2 Tbsp Dijon Mustard
- 2 Tbsp poppy seeds
- 2 sticks of butter
- 4 Tbsp Brown sugar

Cut rolls and layer the ham and swiss cheese inside rolls, close sandwich and place in pan side by side in un-greased pan. Put in as many as you can.

Put the rest of the ingredients in a sauce pan and heat on low

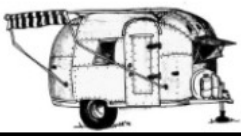
When butter has melted pour sauce over all the rolls. It doesn't take a lot for each roll. Estimate would be 1Tbsp per roll.

Cover with tin foil and bake 15min 350° Uncover rolls and bake 9 min longer

Seems to me you can't get all the rolls in one pan, but maybe you can squeeze them in:) I actually used two pans. Serve warm.....enjoy, and let me know how they turned out and if everyone liked them :)



Karen's Buns!



Stormin' West *Continued*

Custer State Park was also our base to visit Mt. Rushmore and a drive through the Needles Eye Tunnel.

When approaching the crowded Rushmore one notices the cathedral like silence and reverence paid to this marvelous Borglum creation. As pictured, the boys serious posture is obvious while basking in the glow of this treasured memorial.



Next a drive through the Needle Eye Tunnel where Max's rock climbing put a scare into grammy and a possible vehicle long scrape on the Ford sent me shivers!

What's next - Deadwood and Wild Bill! ~



Dane practicing donkey petting.



Needles Eye Tunnel.



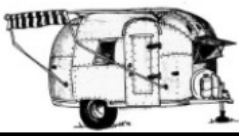
F250 mirrors folded - ready to go through.



Enough of livestock and monument reality, back to virtual.



Back at our campsite in Custer State Park.



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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

June

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 05/01 Bard Fuller
- 05/03 Joyce Rousseau
- 05/05 John J. & Serafina M. Bachar
- 05/05 Elizabeth Turner
- 05/06 Gilles Rousseau
- 05/06 Brenda Nicholas
- 05/11 Jean Landry
- 05/14 David & Paulette Jensen
- 05/15 Michael Brodeur
- 05/16 David Jensen
- 05/16 Grace Fuller
- 05/17 Raymond Richard
- 05/20 Donald & Eileen Allers
- 05/21 William Watts
- 05/26 Richard & Kathleen Kushman
- 05/26 Ted & Lois Price
- 05/28 Wiley & Gail Downing
- 05/31 Michael & Sandy Sasuta

- 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

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.

When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That's relativity. ~ Albert Einstein

If you're going to do something tonight that you'll be sorry for tomorrow morning, sleep late. ~ Henry Youngman



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Thanks to Glen Lessia!

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>

The way my luck is running, if I was a politician I would be honest. ~ Rodney Dangerfield

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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 CANCELED</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>



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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 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 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

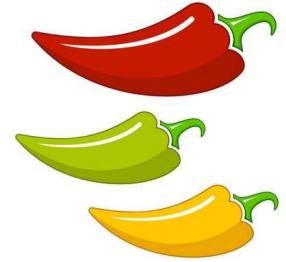
Total fee = _____



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ChillyMan XIII: Fiesta to Siesta & NEAC Spring Business Meeting



May 17 – May 19, 2019

Salisbury Beach State Reservation

1 Beach Rd, Salisbury MA 01952

Hosts: Louies

Spring has sprung and it wouldn't be spring without our annual butt numbing good time. We are mixing things up and stretching out the Cinco De Mayo celebration to the Rally. So while we expect to have a Chili or two, feel free to bring a dish of your own.

The Unit tent will be in D47. For now only half the park is scheduled to be open. Please make your reservation on your own @

<https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/salisbury-beach-state-res/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=MA&parkId=32619>

Schedule:

Friday evening Happy hour and Fiesta

Sat morning breakfast (provided)

Sat: Business Meeting TBD (approx 10AM); Agenda in current Quipper

Saturday Dinner will be pot luck sides and desert with your own entree.

Sunday breakfast (provided)

The kitty fee of \$20.00 which will include firewood and the food mentioned above.

ChillyMan XIII -May 17-19, 2019

Names: _____ WBCCI#: _____ RV Size: _____ Ft

Address: _____

City State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Please complete this form and mail with your payment (check) or email form (+ Paypal payment) to:

Garvin Louie
14 Folsom St
Exeter NH 03833
iclimb_2@yahoo.com



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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)