

# Connecticut Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

September 2019

### President's Message

~ Gail Downing



Kathy Fuller & Carol Dubrowski with the Prez.

Hello everyone! It is hard to believe that our Rally season is almost at the end, the year seemed to fly by. We still have the Mystic Rally co-hosted by the Dubrowskis and the Lessigs, which is going to be great. I want to thank everyone that hosted, co-hosted, and all those who supported and participated in the rallies this season. You have all made it the success it has been!

We are beginning discussions about a new logo. Since our name is officially changed we need to have it corrected on the logo. WBCCI is now "Airstream Club International". We are working on several ideas and should have samples available for the October meeting. ~



Here is the new name and logo for the *Airstream*Club International.

Check out the new website.



Campfire at Brook n Woods.
Fun and Games Rally

~ Kathy Fuller

Nestled near the Catskill Mountains in Elizaville, NY, lies Brook-n-Wood Campground. Grassy shaded sites welcomed 13 rigs from our unit. Gail and Wiley Downing and Russ and Rhona Fuller hosted.

In addition to some of our more frequent attendees such as the Watts, Kushmans, Sasutas and Forsyth/Hankinson, we enjoyed the company of Steve Pestretto and his daughter, Michaela, as well as Howie and Mary-Jo Jones. Steve arrived in the motorhome previously owned by his parents. Way to Go Steve!!

The Rousseaus and Bard Fullers met up at Olana, the mansion of renown painter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Fredric Church. The views from his home of the Hudson River Valley were inspiring. Some members went to local wineries while others went to Hyde Park to

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#### Question

What words are pronounced differently by merely capitalizing the first letter? ~ Answer page 9

Next Discover Mystic

LINK OF THE MONTH

**Mavis The Airstream** 



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Russ Fuller (above) and Gail Downing (below) - they cooked and they cooked and they cooked!





#### Fun and Games Rally Continued

see FDR's home and Eleanor Roosevelt's cottage.

In addition to places to go and conversations with friends we were joined by several furry friends. Sally Kerr had her three pooches, Steve's dog, Bambi, enjoyed the campfires, Russ and Rhona brought the two dalmatians, Howie and Mary-Jo brought the beautiful Ruthie who kept tabs on us from their trailer's table...yep, Ruthie got into trouble. All our furry members got along well... now if we could have controlled the squawking of the guinea hens nearby.

A rally hosted by Russ, Rhona, Gail and Wiley wouldn't be complete without food. LOTS AND LOTS OF FOOD! The St. Laurents contributed to the meals with fresh fruit and a wonderful salad. I'm not sure if the Bachars missed breakfasts because they preferred sleeping in or didn't want to be tempted to eat too much of the fabulous food.

The game enjoyed by most of us was brought by Sally Kerr. We were challenged to determine the object in each of 10 bags without looking inside. No one got all 10 but a few got 7 or more.

The people, food, location and weather combined to make the Fun and Games Rally a success. Thank you again to our hosts for all their hard WOrk. ~ Kathy Fuller



Evie Watts and Wiley Downing feasting along with Russ & Rhona Fuller.



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Roland St. Laurent, Mike Sasuta, Bill Watts, Rich Kushman, and Wiley Downing solving problems.



Sandy St. Laurent, Evie Watts, Kathy Fuller, Gail Downing, and Kathy Kushman avoiding problems.



Steve Pestretto and daughter Michaela with gang trying hard to guess what's in the small black bags - nobody got them all.



Group watching slide show of recent Mystic Seaport event at Russ's & Rhona's trailer.

# Augtoberfest



Just a little bit of beer tasting going on...

#### REFLECTIONS

The location and the weather for the Augtoberfest Rally could not have been better. The Evie, Bill, Joyce and Gilles did a great job! Dinner was absolutely delicious!

There was also a DJ right near us so a little bit of dancing was done by some of the board members. Woo Hoo. ~ Gail Downing

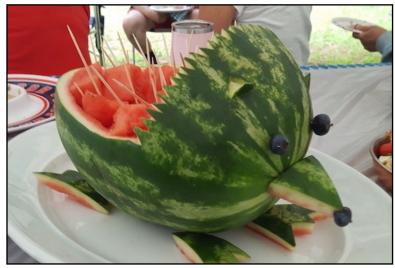
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Watermelon Hedgehog by Mari-Jo Jones



Gail Downing beer tasting with appropriately named beers.

## Augtoberfest Continued

It was a great rally, beautiful campground, wonderful people attending. The weather was perfect. It was so much fun, beer tasting, having our group picture taken by a drone, good food, and most special just sitting around talking with friends. ~ Jaunita Pestretto

Beautiful new sites! Lovely area if you enjoy dirt roads that the GPS found. Great visit to the industrial museum and Harpoon Brewery. Quite delicious and appetizing brats, salads and German chocolate cake! All in all- a great rally Evie and Bill. Thanks! ~ Joyce Rousseau

The Safari Field was an oasis in a forest of towering evergreens..... Rhonda and Russ's blue and white stripped tent was the perfect home base.....Traditional German tunes provided by Gilles added to the festivities.....Saturday's bonfire was something to see! ~ Evie Watts

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Glen Lessig, Gail Downing, Carol Dubrowski and Evelyn Watts with sightseeing brochures.



Hosts - Gilles & Joyce Rousseau with Evelyn & Bill Watts. Sehen sie nicht süß aus?



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Kathy Fuller & Diane Jackson sippin' and grinnin'...

## Augtoberfest Continued

How the Watts and Rousseaus arranged to have such phenomenal weather is a mystery of life. Bard and I had a wonderful time going to President Calvin Coolidge's home town and other places of interest. There was so much to do in the area that we stayed an extra day. It was fun to listen to the German music while enjoying the beer tasting and German meal Saturday Crown Point Campground is a evening. place that I hope we will return to some day. Thank you again to our hosts. Another great weekend!! ~ Kathy Fuller



Notice the smiles, the raised glasses - DEFINITIVE PROOF - Beer is Good!

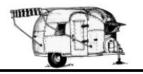
#### REGION ONE RALLY 2020 RAFFLE TABLE

Joyce Rousseau, Carol Dubrowski, and Sandy Sasuta are all collecting Raffle items!! Here are a few promised or donated this past month.









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~ Russ Fuller

WBCCI, Airstream, and Mystic Seaport together put on a Special Events Pop-Up rally August 2 -4. Fourteen Airstreams Ambassadors staged on Friday afternoon to be parked on the Seaport property for the weekend. COCU had two members take part, the Flanagan's and Russ & Rhona Fuller. The Airstreams in attendance complemented the "Streamlined: Hull to Home" Exhibit at the Thompson Exhibition Hall at the Seaport. Owners provided an open house both Saturday and Sunday to Mystics guests. The group had a wide range of models and designs including an Interstate motorhome, a Nest, a brand new Classic 30', a couple of Bambi II from the 60's, my 1983 34' Limited along with many others. On Saturday morning Mystic Seaport provided us a special opportunity, with guides, to view history. Hundreds of boats, motors and marine relics in their archive building which is not open to the public. We had a Sabinio steamboat cruise on the Mystic River in the afternoon followed by dinner at Tavern Latitude 42. Sunday morning, we were met by the curator of the "Streamlined: Home to Hull" exhibit where he explained a lot about the various artifacts in the exhibit and the significance to US manufacturing and nautical importance. excellent time was had by all - "you never know what you will wake up next to". ~











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#### More scenes from Mystic Seaport Museum Rally









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## Oh, the Places You Il Go!

### Airstream Picture Board

We hope to have a picture board at the 2020 Region Rally of all of our members' trailers/motor homes in front of some recognizable landmark anywhere in America.

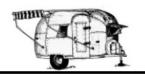
It could be next to a sign, a vista, or the landmark itself. It could be in Connecticut or Utah or Florida or



Russ & Rhona Fuller parked at Mystic Seaport.

wherever. Let us show off to our fellow Airstreamers the many locations we have taken our beloved Airstreams!! The photo should be a 4x6 snapshot print that will be displayed in Hebron next May.

So search your digital photos for that iconic snapshot and have it printed. If you don't have a photo of your Airstream in front of a landmark then this is your assignment over the next several months. ~



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~ Sandy Sasuta

Welcome to new members MARGARET GLOVER & ALBERT ALLARD #31970 from South Windsor, CT. Hope to meet you soon.

What a great rally we had at Brook N Wood Campground in Elizaville, NY, August 9-11, 2019, thanks to WILEY & GAIL DOWNING and RUSS & RHONA

**FULLER.** From the baked potatoes and toppings Friday night, to the old fashioned picnic with fixins Saturday night, they served us every topping you could think of including mushrooms and sauerkraut. No one went hungry. We also had a nice assortment of real dogs: Sheltie, Poodles, Shitzu, Dalmatians, and Black lab, to entertain us. **GILLES ROUSSEAU** was a very happy Frenchman as he purchased an Italian Vespa scooter. I could just picture him going down the street, beeping his horn and waving to people wearing his beret. It was an enjoyable weekend, and we even got home safely without any tire problems.

Two weeks later we had another wonderful rally at Crowne Point Campground in Perkinsville, VT, thanks to hosts EVELYN & BILL WATTS and JOYCE & GILLES ROUSSEAU. The scenery in the area was just gorgeous with a unique cemetery to explore right next to the campground. And the apple orchard close by had the best homemade donuts and pies, oh, and apples too. Saturday evening we all enjoyed sampling many different beers with pretzels, of course. The traditional "Augtoberfest" meal was delicious with bratwurst, sauerkraut and Evie's German potato salad; Joyce's dessert was the best German chocolate cake! Everyone that didn't attend, sure missed out. Big thank you also to RUSS & RHONA FULLER for bringing their tent for both rallies.

Sending sincere sympathy on the recent passing of **JOYCE ROUSSEAU's** mother. Certainly a difficult time to go through.

Once again it is **DUES TIME** (paying for 2020), and it can easily be done on line. You will be receiving a separate email with more details.

As you all know, we are preparing for our Region One event May 28-31, 2020 in Hebron, CT, and could use everyone's help. So, please keep in mind that we are looking for item(s) you could donate for the raffle. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen...Mark Twain.

Next gathering: Sept. 6-8, 2019 Mystic KOA Rally. See Flyer



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#### October

Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/02	Howard Jones
10/03	Bard & Kathy Fuller
10/03	Dan & Karen Olah
10/04	Wiley Downing
10/04	Eileen Allers
10/07	Bill Flood
10/08	Mark Lupien
10/08	Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca
10/09	Serafina M. Bachar
10/10	Raymond & Cynthia Richard
10/10	Eddie Carll
10/11	Joan Borde
10/12	Dick Bartram
10/12	Niels Rosenbeck
10/16	Roger & Ruth Crockett
10/19	Alex Yuknat
10/21	Susan Rutty
10/22	William & Evelyn Watts
10/24	Gail Downing
10/27	Michael Rutty
10/27	Bob Landry
10/29	Fred Newman
10/29	Paulette Jensen

#### September

Birthdays & Anniversaries

09/01	Sandie St. Laurent
09/03	Bob & Ruth Scott
09/11	Wayne & Susan Rutty
09/11	Carolyn L. Knight
09/12	R J Dominic
09/15	Cynthia & Michael Brodeur
09/17	Jeanne Blandford
09/20	Mary Rosenbach
09/22	Bill & Sandra Flood
09/23	Mark & Marie Lupien
09/23	Pam Forsyth
09/25	Nanci Carll
09/25	John Stoddard
09/26	Bob Scott
09/28	Michael & Lianne Rutty
09/30	Per Hamnqvist



2007 25 ft Classic





#### **FOR SALE**

#### **Airstream For Sale**

2005 25' Safari with front bedroom.

Contact Brenda Nicholas #1254 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

#### **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 officer. Contact info: Sharon - 508-789-4066 or E-mail:

Ss harbourgirl@yahoo.c om or Susan -310-339-6113 or E-mail: kcsuki@vahoo.com. Sharon and Susan are

Rose's daughters.



Connecticut Unit Website Cape Cod Unit:.... Nice assortment of links: ... Region One Website:..... Airstream Life: ..... WBCCI:....

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#### **Answer**

There are several, and there could be more: 1. job, Job 2. herb, Herb 3. polish, Polish

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#### Discover Historic Mystic and Stonington Borough Rally Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club





### Sept. 6-8, 2019 Mystic KOA

118 Pendleton Road, North Stonington, CT 30 amp., water, Wi-Fi, dump station, pet friendly Hosts; Carol and Chris Dubroski and Christine and Glen Lessig



**Reservations:** Please book through the campground (860) 599-5101. Ask for the "Airstream Group in the Safari Field". Rate is \$52.20/night (off season group rate) (if we do not get minimum number for group rate, a potential increase in rate). Once you have KOA reservation send in coupon with site and Kitty Fee.

**Friday**: Arrive after 1 pm,

5:00 PM - Happy Hour - Bring your favorite appetizer – Ice Breaker Activities

Dinner on own – (possible rendezvous at Abbotts Lobster, Noank)

Campfire weather permitting

Saturday: 7:15 AM - Yoga & Gentle Yoga - Bring a mat!

8:00 AM - Breakfast: quiche, pancakes, fruit

12:00 PM - Discover Historic Mystic: Interest in Harbor Cruise? \$20 (min 10)

5:00 PM - Happy Hour – Bring a light appetizer Share your day's discovery - Corn Hole & Bocce 6:00 PM - Dinner – Clam Chowder, Chili, Salad, Dessert

7:00 PM - Campfire

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM - Breakfast – French toast, yogurt, blueberries

#### Mystic:

Mystic Eats Riverside Food Festival Sept. 6-8 Mystic River Bascule Bridge-Historic Village Mystic Seaport-Charles Morgan Whaling Ship Mystic Aquarium

Denison Peqyuotsepos Nature Center

#### **Stonington Borough:**

Light House & Old Light House Museum
The Point – view of Ocean
Walking tour of quaint historic Village – 1649
The Old Velvet Mill–Art Studios-Beard Brewery
Farmers Market – Town Dock

Chris Dubrowski <u>chrisdubrowski@gmail.com</u> (203) 761-1375

Directions: from central CT I-95 N to Exit 92, Left on Rte. 2, first right on frontage Rd., go to the end then Left on Rte. 49, go one block, KOA on Right: 118 Pendleton Hill Rd., North Stonington, CT

#### **Discover Historic Mystic and Stonington Borough**

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

 email
 Site #

(Kitty fee=\$10/person) Number attending \_\_\_\_x \$10 = \_\_\_ Payable to: Chris Dubrowski, 79 Borglum Rd, Wilton, CT 06897



## **Installation Dinner**



### Sunday, October 20, 2019

Manchester Country Club 305 South Main Street Manchester, Ct., 06040 (In the small room.)

Social Hour 12 P.M. to 1 P.M. (Cash Bar)

English Cut Prime Rib \$27.50 Stuffed Sole \$26.00 Chicken Marsala \$26.00

All entrees include a garden salad with house dressing, potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee and desert.

Send check and coupon to:

Jim Burnham 184 Scantic Road East Windsor, CT 06088

Prime Rib	
Sole	
Chicken	
Name :	WBCCI No:







## Region Ove Rally Welcome to Wally's Whooooville!!

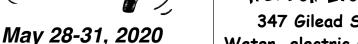
# Oh, the Places You'll Go Rally!

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Charter Oak Convecticut Airstream Club

# Hebron Lions Fairgrounds

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



### Attractions:

you'll go.

Hartford:

Mark Twain House Coltsville 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

2020 Carcellation Policy: Before 4/1 Full Refund

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

## Evening Entertainment

Dr. Seuss Costume Parade

#### WhooFeasts:

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

Playred Area Tours Bike Rides - Flea Market

Discussion Sessions:

Technical - Hobbies Crafts - VAC Historical Region One Business Meeting & Seminar

#### 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

Green Eggs & Ham

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