



Connecticut

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Charter Oak Chatter

December 2017

President's Message ~ Joyce Rousseau



Nice, calm November turned into anything but! Our unit was active for the entire month, so therefore I was, too. Our Nov. 12 gathering at the Mattatuck Museum was a fun time. (See Evie's article elsewhere.) We had a great docent tour with a very nice lunch afterwards. It was the first time we'd done anything like this and I was very happy that so many joined us. Thanks to Evie and Bill for helping set up and Gail and Wiley for helping clean up

Soliciting new names and flag designs for our unit took up the first 2 weeks of the month. I received 3 name choices and 5 new flag designs. My **sincerest thanks** go to those who sent in names and designs: Gail Downing, Bard Fuller, Evie Watts, Rich Kushman,

Sandy Sasuta, Bob Barrett, and yours truly. If I forgot your name, I apologize since I did not write down names initially. I presented the numbers to our Mattatuck group, but since the totals were not overwhelming, we did not have to make any decisions at that point. Next, the voting was open for 2 weeks. No one had any work to do but me (and Rich) and a few friends who lent computer help. A ballot was sent to all members with computer access and a paper copy was mailed to those without. I received a few quick responses and more after a friendly reminder half way through the time period. The final votes were gathered at the Gelston House event, tabulated and the winners announced at the Business Meeting held for that purpose. (We had 30 responses, about 50% of our membership.) We then voted on the acceptance of our new name, a WBCCI Constitutional requirement. I'm sure word spread very quickly, but if you haven't heard, we voted to change our name to "**Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club**" and adopted flag letter "e", designed by me and executed by our affiliate member and good friend Rick Cipot. (See a picture at the end of this article.) I sent the required letter to Tyrone Mott, our Region 1 President, Sunday night, who will send our formal papers to the "powers that be." Now we wait for the remaining steps to fall in line and hopefully the acceptance of our wishes through the IBT, our governing body, at its meeting January 8-12 in Florida.

As always, my thanks go to all those members who helped with the many November tasks. A hearty "job well done" goes to Toni Nolder for arranging the holiday event on Dec. 3. A small door prize was won by Bob and Essie Krish. We had a great time, ate great food, laughed at the cute decorations and expressed a desire to return next year!

I apologize to all members for the delay in this month's Chatter. I wanted to include the results of our voting and thought that a few days delay would be okay with the group. Thanks to Rich Kushman for always being there to answer questions and to claim that he'd do whatever the Pres wanted! Such power of the office!

The last, but not least, item is to wish everyone the Merriest, Happiest, Healthiest and Safest for the Season. No matter what your beliefs, we wish you Peace and Joy at this time of year. ~ Joyce and Gilles

Question

What are the only 2 states that have their state name in their capital name?

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LINK OF THE MONTH

[Dreamstreamr Odyssey](http://dreamstreamr.odyssey)

<https://dreamstreamr.wordpress.com>



New flag- designed by Joyce and translated into a pdf file by Rick Cipot with graphic improvements.



Quick background to the design- The blue to represent the state of Ct flag, the tree as the Charter Oak reminder, the sperm whale as our state mammal (I needed something to represent the shoreline) and the rear of the Airstream since we're all "the same" from the back. I also wanted to have a **bit of fun** in the design- something very integral to our Airstream life.



Holiday Lunch

~ Glen Lessig

This afternoon twenty-plus members of the "new" **"Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club"** met and enjoyed an outstanding holiday lunch. New, you may be wondering? Yes, during our meeting President Joyce Rousseau announced the tally from online and mail voting, our club name is now the "Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream

Club, Joyce made the announcement and completed the necessary motions to finalize the process of our new name and new flag design.

Members had a great time socializing prior to dinner being served, the conversation was flowing so freely that



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Carol Dubrowski with Christine Lessig, and Wiley Downing



John Stoddard, Kathy Fuller and Glen Lessig



Fred & Dale McGoldrick with Ruth & Roger Crockett

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the waitresses had difficulty corralling us to begin dinner. With the help of Bill Watt's sharp whistle everyone settled down. President Rousseau offered a prayer and everyone enjoyed an excellent Gelston House dinner. Toni Nolder pulled the winning raffle prize (a new Lexus* - too bad if you were absent) - OK two new WBCCI emblems for their rig provided by Joyce won by Bob and Essie Krish. A donation bucket was passed to benefit Toni's favorite charity, Old Saybrook community kitchen. After dinner a brief business meeting was held with motions completed and announcements regarding the many events for the coming year made. The annual St. Patrick's Day gathering will be hosted this year by Russ and Rhona Fuller on March 18 at their Southington home.

Everyone agreed that this was a great luncheon, hosted at the historic Gelston House, with beautiful early winter views of our Connecticut River, well organized as usual by Toni Nolder, **Thank You, Toni!** ~



Chris and Carol Dubrowski with Gilles Rousseau and Bill Watts



Bill Watts Chatting with Eddie Carl

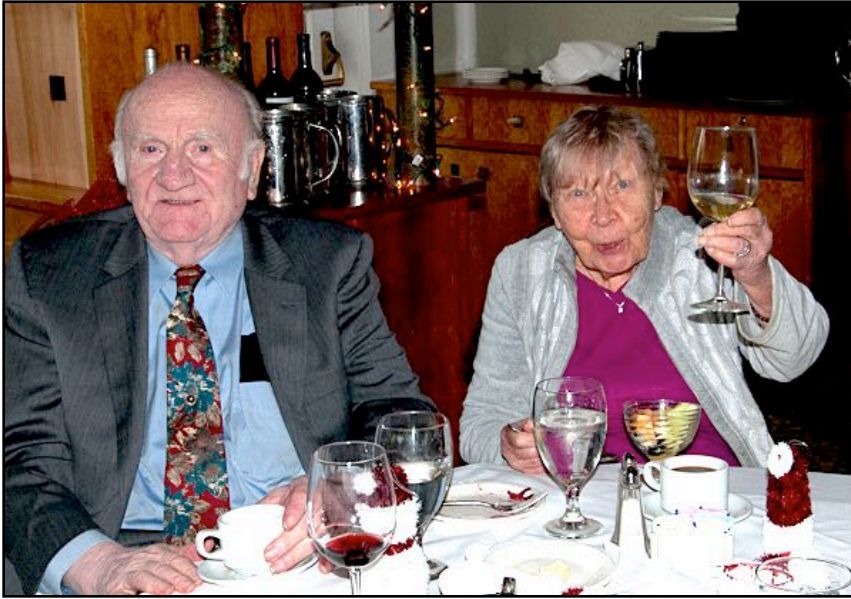


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Val & Aili Galasyn - Salute!



Gail explaining things to Wiley as he pays close attention.



Eighteen of us enjoyed the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, CT; thanks to the **ROUSSEAUS** and **WATTS** for arranging this special outing along with lunch!

Welcome to new members **DAVID & PAULETTE JENSEN** #19069 from Brooklyn, CT. Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Exciting News: **BOB & SHARON HENSCHEL** have sold their house in CT, now live in Panama City Beach, Florida, and will get to see more of their daughter **KIM**. We wish them the best in their new location.

Tye Mott & RJ Dominic visited the long recovering **John Tavares** and **Rose** - please get well **John**!

Michael and I want to thank all of you for the calls and cards in the recent loss of my mother. We appreciated and were comforted by your kind words and expressions of sympathy at a very difficult time in our lives. ~



Essie and Bob Kish with Joyce.



John and Rose Tavares being visited by RJ Dominic and Tye Mott..



Four Views of a Day at Mattatuck



Thanksgiving in Florida



Thanksgiving gathering in Florida mostly COCU members with Bert Contractor, Susan Stahley, and daughter Nisha in foreground.



Bert and daughter Nisha serve up a delightful and delicious starter dish, Mulligatawny soup - a favorite from Bert's native India.



THE FALCON WILL FLY AGAIN-PART 4

~ by Bard Fuller

I had a chance to follow up with my brother, Russ, this Thanksgiving to review the progress of the total shell-off rebuild of his 1959 22 foot Airstream Falcon.

After the internal fiberglass end caps were replaced in the last episode, the internal aluminum sheeting was replaced over the new solid insulation. One would hope that the rivet holes would line up once again. Remember Murphy's Law?

Some lined up but many did not. He attributes this to the extreme flimsiness of the shell when off the frame and the unlikelihood that the arc and all the ribs would retake the same exact configuration once secured to the frame that it once held in its previous 50 plus years.



Yes, more holes and more rivets in the rebuild.

The newly rebuilt Falcon will sport an all new floor plan. No Home Depot or Ikea cabinets here. All wood frames and partitions will have to fit into the curved arc while cabinets straddle wheel wells, plumbing and heating ducts. Russ is challenging his carpentry skills as he is building the cabinets without a proven Airstream pattern.

Oak is his wood of choice. It is being used throughout the interior including on the tambour cabinet doors. Although in its basic stick form, you get a feel how special this new interior will be in its final form. Great job, Russ on this one of a kind rebuild!!

Note: For previous episodes check the following Chatters: September 2016, October 2016, August 2017. ~





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DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

12/12 Charlotte LaRocca
12/13 Sandra Flood
12/15 Gale Lake
12/20 Christine Lessig
12/21 Kris Fletcher
12/23 Ray & Barbara Landman

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

02/01 Ray Landman
02/04 John J. Bachar
02/13 Gene Hickey
02/13 David Levinson
02/16 Leila Clark
02/20 Lynn Blackwell
02/21 Michael Sasuta
02/25 Val Galasyn
02/27 Sandi Gould

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

01/03 John Fuller
01/13 Charles "Rick" & Beth Petrie
01/14 Donald Allers
01/18 Jane Sanders
01/21 Guy Weik
01/24 Ronald Nicholas
01/24 Lianne Rutty
01/25 Ruth Scott

FOR SALE

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



Cabinet - FREE

28" tall. Overall with 54"/ table 24" wide
Cabinet with 16"
It came out 1987 Sovereign/ 25'.
Free to pickup in Southbury Ct.
Gilles 203.685.0485



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.

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 trailering equipment. Contact Bob Henschel 515-783-8578

LINKS

Connecticut Unit Website: <http://connecticut.wbcci.net/>
Cape Cod Unit: <http://capecod.wbcci.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/>

Answer

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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| 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 ! |

Airstream Country Jamboree



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

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;

Names: _____

WBCCI # _____ 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 _____

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\$295.00 US

Fee includes; 3 nights camping, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners for 2 people per RV registration.

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All Others 11-99 = \$ 75 each

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