



# Connecticut

Charter Oak Chatter

May 2018

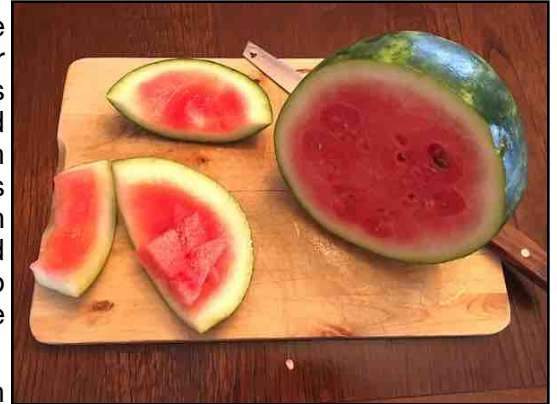


## President's Message ~ Joyce Rousseau



*Joyce & Gilles just wading.*

**H**as spring arrived at your house yet? Last month I asked for warm weather for our April picnic but it was one of the coldest days we've had. The forecast was for rain/sleet/hail and being one to err on the side of caution, I canceled our gathering. (The watermelon was the only food I had purchased early, so it gets recognition in the photo.) Of course, there was no rain/sleet/hail until much later that evening, but the deed was done. Thanks to those who had signed up to share in the good time!



*The sole picnic attendee.*

Did you participate in any Earth Day activity? Gilles and I have helped our Trout Unlimited group at the big celebration in Woodbury for the last few years. This group focuses on conservation and the health of

our rivers and streams. Some members "seined" the Pomperaug River to get a sample of the life it supports. We were pleasantly surprised to get over 10 different invertebrates for people to gaze at in our bin, all shapes and sizes. The kids were enthralled and some of the adults were apprehensive - but all were pleased to learn that this river is very healthy and supports so much life. The picture shows us in our gear at another activity - a release of baby trout (fry) into the river in Black Rock State Park. Trout eggs had been given to volunteer teachers and their classes in Waterbury where they had grown and were now ready to be released. I helped hand each student a plastic cup with a couple fry in it so they could put them into the river. Some of the kids named their fry and watched them as they swam away. I still enjoy helping kids understand more about their world and working with others in this group is a fun time.



*Joyce preps the kids to get their fry.*

Our rally schedule starts in a couple weeks with the Broomstick Fly-In Rally, May 11 - 13. Be sure to send your form to Evie to let her know you're coming and call/email the campground. This is our **SPRING BUSINESS MEETING** so please try to attend. For those members who just want to attend the meeting (Sunday, 9:15 am at the Witch Meadow Lake Family Campground, Salem, Ct.) just check in at the office. Any extra fees have been

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**Question:** What do you call a person from Connecticut who scribbles? *Answer page 5*

COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING;  
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS;  
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS.

Henry Ford

**LINK OF THE MONTH**  
[HISTORY SAFARI EXPRESS](#)



## Presidents Message Continued ~ Joyce Rousseau

waved for our group. I'm planning to email the minutes from the October and December meetings for you to read and the agenda the first week in May. There seems to be only 1 issue from WBCCI for delegates to vote on so I'll also summarize that for you. Again, We Do More Together, and your presence at the meeting to make decisions is how we operate as a club.

The Sand Between Your Toes rally at Hammonasset Beach State Park is next on June 1 – 3. This is a beautiful park and there will be lots of time to explore it and the area. Please send the form to me so I can get an accurate count for planning. Don't forget- I'm encouraging all members to join us Saturday afternoon/evening to socialize with the group. Soon after this rally is over Gilles and I will be leaving for the International Airstream Rally in Salem, Oregon, June 20 – 30. Our trip out will be rushed but we plan on a relaxing return trip to visit more of this gorgeous country of ours. We should return late July. I'll try to set up a blog or other social network vehicle to keep you informed of our trip. Any ideas?

Our mid-July rally is in the capable hands of Bard and Kathy Fuller. Please see the flyer and make plans now to attend. I'm sure they will have another great gathering- their reputation precedes the event!

Our Region 1 Rally is Aug 9 – 12 at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds in North Haverhill, NH. It's always a fun time getting together with region friends or making new ones! If you haven't been to one yet be sure to review the schedule and sign up soon.

A newly announced rally has been organized by RJ Dominic of Cape Cod and Ed Valentin of Finger Lakes in NY for Aug 24-26 at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in New Paltz, NY. (See the flyer.) This is the first New England Vintage Airstream rally and **we are ALL invited and encouraged to attend**. The New Paltz area has great attractions and if you've never visited vintage rigs it's quite an experience to see how many have been rebuilt. Consider joining us in this first ever adventure for our area.

Wow- I think I've covered everything going on through the summer! I'll leave the fall plans till next month. We've been installing a new fan vent screen (it's over 30 years old) in our bathroom in the camper. As usual- it's never quite as easy as it starts out to be. We have discovered that digging deep into the internet brings all kinds of parts available and very nice people to answer questions. I haven't even begun preparing for the season but procrastination leads to less time and less time leads to things getting done. I look forward to seeing many of you at one or all of our rallies. We are the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club- a group set to enjoy the fun and social opportunities of our love of our Airstreams and camping. ~

## We Do More Together

### May 11-13, 2018- "Broom Stick Fly-In" Rally/Spring

**Business Meeting-** Witch Meadow Lake Family Campground- 139 Witch Meadow Rd Salem, CT - Sponsors Evelyn and Bill Watts- [evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net)

### June 1-3, 2018- "Sand Between Your Toes" Rally-

Hammonasset Beach State Park- 1288 Boston Post Rd Madison, CT (Reserve America) - Sponsors Joyce and Gilles Rousseau- [joycezr68@gmail.com](mailto:joycezr68@gmail.com)

**June 17-30, 2018- 61<sup>st</sup> International Airstream Rally-** Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, Oregon - Sponsors WBAC

### July 13-15, 2018 - "Celebration Rally" - Ross Hill

Campground- 170 Ross Hill Rd Lisbon, CT - Sponsors Bard and Kathy Fuller - [bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com)

### August 9-12, 2018- Region 1 Rally- Airstream Country

**Jamboree-** North Haverhill Fairgrounds - North Haverhill, NH Sponsor- Doug Hart - [airstreamjamboree@gmail.com](mailto:airstreamjamboree@gmail.com)

### September 7-9, 2018- "Back In Time Rally" – Oak Haven

Campground- 22 Main St Wales, MA – Sponsors - Gail and Wiley Downing- [ctnanabug@comcast.com](mailto:ctnanabug@comcast.com)

### October 14, 2018- Installation/Fall business meeting-

Manchester Country Club, Manchester, CT - Sponsors Corinne and Jim Burnham - [jimblc@msn.com](mailto:jimblc@msn.com)

### December 2, 2018 - Holiday luncheon at Gelston House, East

Haddam, CT - Toni Nolder - [toninolder@aol.com](mailto:toninolder@aol.com)

"They've finally come up with the perfect office computer. If it makes a mistake, it blames another computer." ~Milton Berle





**W**e had a special Happy Hour at the Lupien's home to meet with **FRAN INGALLINERA**, as she was visiting at Travelers

Rest. Fran is doing well and keeping busy. Also, we enjoyed **TONI NOLDER**'s visit here, and we met at the local Red Mule Pub for supper. The next day we had more visitors from CT, **GAIL & WILEY DOWNING**, and we gave them the grand tour of Travelers Rest. If you are ever traveling in this area, please be sure to let us know.

It was great to see **ROSE TAVARES** and **DOTTIE WALBRIDGE** enjoying a camping weekend at the Pets & Paws Rally in Provincetown, MA. A BIG thank you to **TYE MOTT** and **RJ DOMINIC** for arranging this. Tye offered his trailer so the ladies had a place to stay, just like old times.



*Fran Ingallinera joined us for a great happy hour hosted by Mark & Marie Lupien.*



*Wiley & Gail Downing visited Travelers Rest and were treated to a special "Dime Tour" by the Sasutas & Kushmans.*



*Toni Nolder here with Charter Oak friends at the "Red Mule" All together now - say it loud ... COLD BEER!*

Welcome to new affiliates **PER & LILLEMOR HAMNQVIST** from Merrimack, NH #5287. Per is currently the Region One 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Hope to see you soon at an upcoming event.

Update on **JOHN & GRACE FULLER**: John has now been placed on 24/7 oxygen that is tethering him down a bit. Grace underwent a few robotic spinal surgeries for her debilitating back pain this past week at Hartford's Bone & Joint Institute, with very promising results.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the May 11-13, 2018 Rally/Spring Business Meeting in Salem, CT, hosted by **EVELYN & BILL WATTS**....be sure to sign up!

Safe travels to everyone on their summer journeys. ~



*Rose Tavares & Dottie Walbridge enjoying a rally.*



## \*\*\*\*\*Celebration Rally\*\*\*\*\*



The Celebration Rally is coming July 13-15. The flier can be found as an attachment to this Chatter. You may be asking "What are we celebrating?" It will be a celebration of the Airstream way of life.

First of all, we'll celebrate the southeastern corner of CT with all of its attractions at our doorsteps. These include the historic sections of Mystic, New London, and Norwich. It is also just minutes away from the casinos and outlet malls.

We will celebrate the great traditions of our US Navy and Coast Guard with a visit to their respective points of interest. More about these in next month's Chatter.

We will celebrate traveling with our spouses, significant others or pets. Please dust off your wedding albums and/or other pictures

and bring them to share along with your "How We Met" story.

We are celebrating a "No Need to Cook Weekend!" Your hosts will provide a light supper Friday evening. We have the catering company at the campground providing a BBQ chicken dinner Saturday evening specifically for our group. The campground also has an extensive breakfast menu which will be available both Saturday and Sunday only steps away from our Airstreams.

Join the celebration with the Fuller brothers, and their lovely spouses, at Ross Hill Campground in nearby Lisbon, CT ~

## May 2018

■ Events  
■ Anniversaries  
■ Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Charles "Rick" Petrie	30	1 Bard Fuller	2	3 Joyce Rousseau	4	5
6 Brenda Nicholas Gilles Rousseau	7	8	9	10	11 Broom Stick Fly-In Jean Landry	12
13	14	15	16 Grace Fuller	17 Raymond Richard	18	19
20	21 William Watts	22	23	24	25	26 Ted & Lois Price Richard & Kathleen Kushman
27	28	29	30	31 Michael & Sandy Sasuta	1 Sand Between Your Toes	2





## Secret Recipe



## Airstream Country Jamboree



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

**GOING?**

See attached flyer...

### Pop's Famous White Bean Chicken Chili

~ Richard Kushman

- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 medium onion, chopped
- 4 cloves fresh garlic - possibly more to taste 2-3 heaping tsp minced
- 3 jalapeño chopped (2 if less heat desired - be bold)

**Sauté above - get it started then add chicken.**

3-4 pound chicken thighs or breasts, cut into 1/2" pieces

**Sauté until chicken is no longer pink. Stir as needed.**

**After chicken is no longer pink add all below except creams and stir. Bring to boil and let simmer on low at least 1/2 hour. Stir occasionally.**

- 6 cans great northern beans - drained
- 3 cans white corn - drained
- 4 - 4 oz can of chopped green chili
- 1 quart chicken broth
- 2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoon cumin
- 2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

**Add creams stir and serve.**

- 1 pint sour cream
- 1 cup heavy cream - or whipping cream

*Very good the next day and freezes well.*



## FOR SALE

**NEW**

**FLAG POLES** - Three official Airstream flag poles. Buy one for \$30.00 and get 2 FREE or \$10.00 each.

Contact Ted Price  
[tedprice73@gmail.com](mailto:tedprice73@gmail.com)  
(860) 841-2604

**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)

## Looking To Buy

Looking to buy a 25' Airstream circa 2000 to 2008. Price range low to mid \$30,000. We prefer a Queen rear BR. Carol and Warren Sterns #14965 (NEU)

## LINKS

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

The difference between involvement and commitment is like ham and eggs. The chicken is involved; the pig is committed. ~ Martina Navratilova

## Answer - A Yankee Doodle!

Editor: ..... Richard Kushman  
Story Teller: ..... Lois Price  
Info & Pictures: ..... Sandy Sasuta  
Pictures: ..... Gilles Rousseau  
Printing: ..... Joyce Rousseau  
Proof Reader: ..... Kathleen Kushman

*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](mailto: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 Breakfast .....Beverages 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](mailto:campwitch@aol.com) by May 9<sup>th</sup> \$45.00/night, water & electric hookups. Pets are welcome with rabies certificate.

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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





## Sand Between Your Toes Rally

Hammonasset Beach State Park 1288 Boston Post Rd. Madison, Ct.

**June 1 - 3, 2018 Hosts- Joyce and Gilles Rousseau**

Enjoy a relaxing few days among friends at this beautiful park.  
(Use Reserve America for a site near N 05 where your hosts will be located.)

**Friday- Check in after 1 pm.**

**5 pm** - Happy Hour. Dinner will be provided- Sloppy Joes with cole slaw, potato salad, 3 bean salad, chips and dessert.

**Saturday- 8 - 9:30 am** Breakfast - Assorted muffins, roll with egg and cheese, orange juice.

Please bring your own coffee or tea.

**5 pm** - Hearty Happy Hour with **visitors** invited. Even if you're not camping with us, please try to join us for the afternoon/evening. Arrive during the day and stay till closing with no Admission charge for Ct residents. Please email Joyce if you plan to attend.

**Sunday - 8:30 - 10 am-** Pot Luck Breakfast. Share a breakfast specialty with the group. Bring your own beverage.

**Departure- by 11am**

**Things to See and Do-** In the park- Meig's Point Nature Center, bike trail, beautiful beaches. Near-by attractions: Thimble Island Cruise, Scenic Drives- rte 146 and rte 1 to Old Saybrook, breweries, Lenny and Joe's Fish Tale and The Clam Castle seafood restaurants, Clinton Outlets, boutiques in Madison and surrounding towns and so much more!

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Please complete the following and send it to Joyce Rousseau (67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. Southbry, Ct 06488) or email your response ([joycezr68@gmail.com](mailto:joycezr68@gmail.com)) for Visitors.

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

Campsite # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x Kitty Fee (\$15 pp) = \_\_\_\_\_ total



# Celebration Weekend

**July 13-15 2018** Ross Hill Campground in Lisbon, CT.

**Hosts:** Bard & Kathy Fuller along with Russ & Rhona Fuller

Campground has waterfront (great for your kayaks). Our Sites have 30 amp elec., water, cable, Wi-Fi, and dump station (as you leave). Pets: max 2 (rabies cert.)

**Friday:** Check in after 3pm. **Celebrate** our Airstream Friends 5pm Happy Hour.

**Celebrate** National Beans & Franks Day (served by your Hosts) followed by a campfire (lethal combination)

**Saturday:** **Celebrate** Breakfast in hall - a la carte from Campground menu (\$)

**Celebrate** our Military - tour the **USS Nautilus** or **Coast Guard Acad. Museum**

**Celebrate** Happy Hour 5pm followed by Chef Greg's catered Chicken BBQ dinner (1/2 chicken, baked potato and salad). Let's all wear a beret to dinner, our way to **Celebrate** Bastille Day. Next, we will **Celebrate** our Spouses & Significant Others with a Champaign Toast and sharing memories. **Bring your wedding albums** or other pictures to share with your stories.

**Sunday:** Breakfast at the hall - a la carte from Campground menu (\$)

**Celebrate** WBCCI \*\*9:30am: 2020 Region 1 planning meeting.\*\* Check out 3pm.

Location: 170 Ross Hill Rd., Lisbon, CT.

Host: [bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com) & [rfuller1745@att.net](mailto:rfuller1745@att.net)

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fee includes:

Camping Friday & Saturday nights with 3 point hookups

Also includes: Two dinners, Champaign Toast, & firewood

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 for a couple. \_\_\_\_\_ \$103 for a single. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 each child / trailer

Please reserve by July 6 \*\*\*\*\*Last day for campground cancelations is June 27, 2018  
Mail to: Russ Fuller, 26 Luciano Dr., Southington 06489







## 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 !

# 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **NEU** AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail: Eddie Carll, 66 Perserverance Path, Plymouth, MA, USA 02360

**\$295.00 US**

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



# North-Eastern Vintage Trailer Rally

A joint rally of Region 1, Cape Cod *Massachusetts* and,  
Region 2, Finger Lakes Unit

In conjunction with the north eastern Vintage Airstream Club

Hosted by RJ Dominic and Ed Valentin

August 24<sup>th</sup> thru August 26<sup>th</sup>

Ulster County Fairgrounds 249 Libertyville Rd New Paltz, NY 12561

Ed and I invite you to the first Vintage Airstream Rally in the north eastern United States. It will be held at the Ulster County Fairgrounds just outside New Paltz NY. The fairgrounds are located in the historic Hudson Valley, Sort distances from West Point Military Academy, The Roosevelt Estate, Many Mansions along the Hudson, all open for tours. The well know 'Walkway over the Hudson' is a short drive away with its many miles of 'rail trails' to walk/run and ride bike on. The Hudson Valley is well known for its vineyards and microbrewery's. Many are also within short distance.

*The Rally fee - \$150.00 (per trailer, up to 2 person occupancy)*

## Preliminary Program:

**Wednesday August 22nd** – early arrivals, happy hour

**Thursday August 23rd** – early arrivals, happy hour, pot-luck dinner

**Friday August 24th - arrival day**

**5pm** – Heavy Happy Hour

**Saturday August 25th**

**8am – 9am** – Pot Luck Breakfast

**12pm – 3pm** – Open House, Flea Market and Best of Rally Competition

**4pm** – Happy Hour

**6pm** – catered Dinner – and entertainment

**Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8am** – lite continental breakfast, departure

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Attendee First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Attendee Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Attendees First and Last Name (if a child(ren), please add age): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Trailer ☐ Motorhome Length: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 30 amp ☐ 50 amp: (if available)

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicapped parking: ☐ Yes. Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Ed Valentin (607) 687-4117 or email [edwardva@outlook.com](mailto:edwardva@outlook.com)

Mail to: Ed Valentin, 580 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Owego, NY 13827

Early Arrivals (before Friday) please contact Ed directly

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