



Connecticut



Charter Oak Chatter

November 2017

President's Message ~ Joyce Rousseau



November has arrived, at least on the calendar. It brings the opportunity to offer an “official” thanks for all the blessings that we have but I’ll take liberties and expand on that one day. As I start my year as your president I am grateful for so many things. If Gilles hadn’t thought about activities for our retirement years we never would have visited one of Charter Oak’s rallies at the Air museum in Windsor Locks, our initial Airstream experience. We will never forget our first meeting with Jerry Ingallinera (yelling from his shower) and later Rich Kushman and his luxurious camper. (Jerry has left us but his presence remains for those fortunate enough to have known him. “Thanks to the farmers!” in his memory.) We’ve really lived the motto “We Do More Together” for being in the club has given us many places to go that we never would have thought about. Having such a nice group of people to share them with makes each adventure a family affair.

Our club is on its own new adventure as we think about using a new name and flag to represent our uniqueness. Please participate by following our progress through Dec. 3 and voting on your favorites. (See other related articles in this Chatter.) I hope to have both accepted at the January IBT (our governing body) meeting. I’ve become familiar with all kinds of rules we have to follow!

I’d be remiss if I didn’t take this opportunity to thank those members who have volunteered to lead our unit into the coming year and those who have served in the one just passed. I won’t try to mention all names, but will take the opportunity to thank Evelyn Watts and her first mate, Bill, for a job well done. There’s always room for others to volunteer when help is needed- including attending our scheduled events. Our Dec. 3 gathering has become a business meeting to settle the name and flag issues and then to vote on a constitutional change for our new club name, as required by WBCCI. *Our business should not take much time but is very important to the future of Charter Oak. This is a big step for us so be sure to attend to vote or vote by email. Ballots will be sent to all members on Nov. 15 and are due back by Dec. 1. Remember- one vote per unit on each item and only vote once by email/mail or in person.* Toni Nolder did a great job in organizing our event last year and I look forward to this year in the lovely venue overlooking the Connecticut River.

The only thing left is for me and Gilles to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Have a wonderful month! ~



OK - who looks happier?

Question

What always ends everything???

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Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

~ Jim Carrey

LINK OF THE MONTH

[Weaselmouth](http://www.weaselmouth.com)

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Installation Luncheon October 15, 2017

~ Bruce Fletcher

Thanks go to Corinne and Jim Burnham for hosting the event at the Manchester Country Club on a beautiful fall day. Twenty five members attended to thank outgoing President Evelyn Watts, her first mate, Bill Watts, and her entire team for an action packed, successful year full of fun, fellowship, and adventure.

The business meeting of the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit was conducted efficiently during and after a delicious meal. During unfinished business two important matters were discussed, the proposed name change, the subsequent and necessary Constitution change as well as the unit flag redesign. New unit names and new flag design suggestions are due by November 10th to President Joyce Rousseau. The voting will take place by email or mail by Dec. 1st or at the Gelston House Holiday Luncheon on December 3rd. It was also voted to continue offering the \$15 incentive coupon for rallies.

Then Past President Bard Fuller installed our new President Joyce Rousseau, the Vice Presidents- Gail Downing and Kathy Fuller, the Recording Secretary- Lynn Blackwell, the Treasurer - Sandy Sasuta, and the new first year Directors- Wiley Downing and Gilles Rousseau. Bard presented 5 year membership stars to many with the Barretts taking the honors for their 35 years in the WBCCI.

The gavel was then passed to President Joyce who presented thank you gifts to Evelyn Watts, reviewed the program for the 2017 - 18 year urging all to sign up for the upcoming Mattatuck and Gelston events. The business meeting was then adjourned. It was a most enjoyable meeting and gathering at a lovely venue. ~



Looking very nice - Bard and new president Joyce!



Bill & Evie Watts, Wiley & Gail Downing, Sally Kerr, Gilles & Joyce Rousseau



*Val & Aili Galasyn, Dick Bartram, Bud Gould, Jim & Corinne Burnham
In Back: Jeff & Lynn Blackwell*



*Joyce Rousseau, Gail Downing, Kathy Fuller, Wiley Downing, Roger Crockett, Sandy Sasuta, Gilles Rousseau, Lyn Blackwell
Charter Oak Board of Directors*



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*Bard Fuller, John & Grace Fuller, Kathy Fuller, Bruce & Kris Fletcher
In Back: Susan King & John Stoddard*



Stars for Bill & Evie Watts.



Ken Hankinson, Pam Forsyth, Toni Nolder, Ruth & Roger Crockett, Sandy & Mike Sasuta



Stars for Jim & Corinne Burnham.



We enjoyed seeing everyone at the fall business meeting and installation of officers at the Manchester Country Club on Oct. 15th. Thank you to the **BURNHAMS** for hosting the event. The food was great. The meeting ran very smoothly...thank you to **EVELYN WATTS** for leading us

as president and thank you to **JOYCE ROUSSEAU** for becoming our new president.

BARD FULLER presented 5 year membership stars to those in attendance. Amazing how the years have caravanned by. Glad to see **KATHY FULLER** doing so well after her recent heart stent procedure.

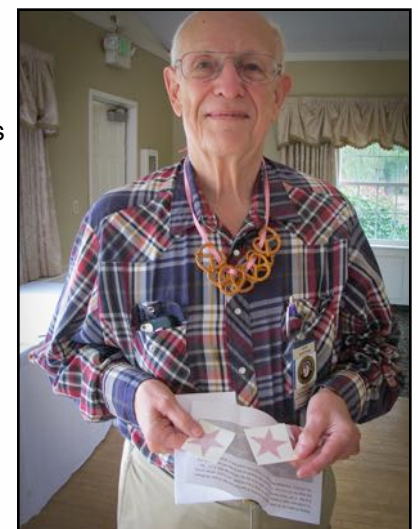
Exciting News: The **LUPIENS** have purchased a home at Travelers Rest in Dade City, Florida. It was previously **REGGIE & JACKIE BROWN'S** house, as they have moved closer to their family in Florida.

Sadly fellow Airstreamer **CHARLIE EGLISE** RECENTLY passed away.

MICHAEL SASUTA thanks everyone for their prayers and get well wishes, as he is undergoing radiation treatment.



Looking forward to our next gathering: Midday at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, CT, on November 12th hosted by the **ROUSSEAUS**. See you there!



Stars for Dick Bartram.



NEWPORT ~ Gail Downing



There was a wonderful turnout for the Newport Rally, about 32 trailers were in attendance.

Melville Ponds Campground did a wonderful job upgrading their sites! I think we all had full hookups!

Eddie Carl and Bard did a great job organizing the rally. New England served up a great breakfast Saturday morning, not easy making omelets for that many people! Great job everyone.

Saturday was a very rainy day, but there were things to do in the area, a new car museum, touring the Blithewold Mansion and gardens in Bristol. We luckily did the gardens

first, then the house. Saturday was also soup potluck, and there were a LOT of different soups to taste on a very good night for hot soup!

Next morning Bard and Kathy served up breakfast with yummy home fries, sausage, fresh fruit, and fruit for the ride home was a great idea. Thanks for a job well done! ~



Ruth & Roger Crockett and Fred & Gale McGoldrick



Christine Lessig - soup and a smile.



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Russ & Rhona Fuller



Evie Watts with Joseph Migliore



Airstreamers enjoying the mountain of food.



Less trips for tasting!

airstream

[air-streem]

noun

1. a wind, esp at a high altitude
2. a current of moving air
3. a darn good RV

airstreaming

[air-streem-ing]

noun

1. a group of friends with darn good RVs sharing fun and smiles and plenty of food - a bunch of food - a huge pile of food - a mountain of food...



Howard & Mari-Jo Jones



We Do More Together

Scheduled Unit Activities for Charter Oak Connecticut- Region 1

2017-2018



November 12, 2017- "Midday at the Matt"- Mattatuck Museum-144 West Main St. Waterbury, Ct.- 12:30 - Docent Tour- 1:45 Luncheon in the Café- sponsor- Joyce and Gilles Rousseau- joycezr68@gmail.com

December 3, 2017- Holiday Luncheon- Gelston House- 8 Main St. East Haddam, Ct. Noon- Sponsor- Toni Nolder- toninolder@aol.com

January 25, 2018- Region 1 Florida West Coast Luncheon- Golden Corral Restaurant- Zephyrhills, Fl. Sponsor- Sandy Sasuta- sandysas1001@gmail.com

March 18, 2018- St. Patrick's Day Brunch- Fuller home- 26 Luciano Dr. Southington, Ct. Sponsors- Russ and Rhona Fuller- rfuller1745@att.net

April 15, 2018- Spring "Time to Break 'Em Out" Potluck Picnic- Rousseau home- 67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. Southbury, Ct. Sponsors- Joyce and Gilles Rousseau- joycezr68@gmail.com

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

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

June 17-30, 2018- 61st 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

August 9-12, 2018- Region 1 Rally- Airstream Country Jamboree- North Haverhill Fairgrounds- North Haverhill, NH Sponsor- Doug Hart- 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

October 14, 2018- Installation/Fall business meeting- Manchester Country Club, Manchester, Ct Sponsors- Corinne and Jim Burnham



Attention all Members...

Here's your chance to influence our club's future. You have from today till November 10 to submit your "entry" with your response to these two topics:

1. Other ideas for our unit name change to reflect who and what we are. So far we have:
 - a) Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club
 - b) Connecticut Airstream Club.

2. Design a new flag to make us unique. It must measure 36 "x 60", include our club name, include either the Wally Byam Airstream Club circular logo or the letters WBCCI and any graphic you think represents who we are. It can be hand drawn (put together) or composed in a file. Color it as you choose but give as much detail as you can.

Send your ideas ***BY NOV. 10*** to President Joyce Rousseau, joycezr68@gmail.com or 67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. Southbury, Ct 06488 to be entered in this contest. All entries will be reviewed on Nov. 12. An official ballot will be emailed to all members to vote between Nov. 15 and Dec. 1. Remember 1 vote per unit per our Constitution. *If you are attending our Dec. 3 gathering and meeting at the Gelston House you can vote then.* Please vote only once! Results will be tallied and reported on Dec. 3 and a final acceptance vote of the name change will be conducted.

It's an exciting time for our unit and we encourage all to participate.

Summary of Time Line:	Now till Nov. 10- send in ideas
	Nov. 15 – Dec. 1- Voting by email
	Dec. 3- voting in person at the Gelston House gathering/business meeting
	Dec. 3-Official vote on name change

Remember- We Do More Together!

Joyce Rousseau – Pres.



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NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

11/01 Sandy Sasuta
 11/02 Gilles & Joyce Rousseau
 11/09 Clarence (Bud) Gould
 11/10 Beth Petrie
 11/10 Paul Good
 11/11 Ronald & Brenda Nicholas
 11/18 Jeff Blackwell
 11/28 Cynthia Melocik
 11/28 Helen Sandall
 11/28 Gail Billings

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

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

If aliens saw us walking our dogs and picking up their poop, who would they think is in charge?

Working in a team means spending half your time convincing the others that your idea is better than theirs.

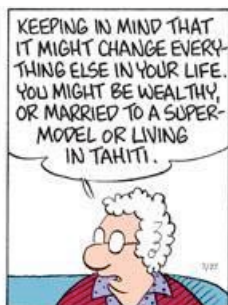


"I THINK I KNOW WHY THEY CALL IT 'HAPPYDALE'!"



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.
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Answer

The letter "G"

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/>

AIRSTREAM

1970 Airstream 25' Caravanner,
 Exterior refinished by P&S in Ohio. Rock guards, awning,
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Brand

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SEE MORE - DO MORE - LIVE MORE



Midday at the Matt

Join us on Sunday, **Nov. 12**

Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury

144 West Main St. - Parking behind the Museum

12:30-1:30 Guided Docent tour

1:45-2:45 Luncheon in the café

(Prepared by Joyce)

The museum offers a variety of exhibits telling the history of Waterbury and featuring other special items. It's an enjoyable and enriching way to spend the afternoon. Participants may remain after lunch to continue visiting the museum.

Cost - \$9 (admission) plus \$6 for lunch and beverage totaling \$15.

Sponsored by Joyce and Gilles Rousseau

Reserve by Nov. 1 by emailing joycezr68@gmail.com or calling 203-264-5372.



Columbus Day *and* Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally

in Bristol, Vermont

at the Green Mountain Family Campground, 4817 South 116 Rd Bristol, VT 05443

A three night stay for **\$160.00** hosted by
The Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit of the WBCCI

limited to 20 sites, with a waiting list, more sites may open up..

This rally in the past has sold out very quick

October 6th thru the 9th, 2017

Hosted by: RJ Dominic

co-hosted by Tye Mott

Thursday, October 5 Early arrival (Please see additional fee's below)

Friday, October 6 Arrival at the campground
4:00pm - Happy hour, meet and greet

Saturday, October 7 8:00am - Breakfast desert pot luck, Bring your favorite breakfast desert! Coffee, Tea
9:30am - CCMU business meeting
4:00pm - Happy hour.. Wine and Cheese happy hour, We will supply the cheeses, you bring your favorite bottle of wine to share, and if you have a special appetizer, bring that also..

Sunday, October 9 8:00am - Bagels/cream cheese, muffins, yogurt, and fruit breakfast, coffee, tea, juice
3:00pm - 'Smoked' Turkey Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings. If you would like to contribute a dish please let us know. There will be a sign up sheet.
Please speak to Tye or RJ
5:00pm - Happy hour, bring your favorite fall beverage and enjoy the campfire.

Monday, October 10 8:00am - Coffee
Departure: See You Down The Road



GELSTON HOUSE



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____Chicken Marsala ____Sliced Bistro Steak ____ Seared Salmon*
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(860) 304-4149

