



# Connecticut Chatter

November 2018

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

## President's Message

~ Gail Downing

As your new incoming president, I would like to thank Joyce Rousseau for all her hard work this past year. She worked tirelessly getting all the required changes to our Constitution and Bylaws completed. Joyce is continuing to work with WBCCI to get the final revisions approved. Her mission is to let me start with a clean slate as President. Joyce spent many hours, some with frustration, getting our new flag to its beautiful end result. Traveling to Salem Oregon for the 2018 International Rally was a huge undertaking where Joyce and Gilles with Bard and Kathy Fuller represented our Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club. Well done Madam President!



Wiley & Gail are ready for winter - they found the Mittens

Although we have had the pleasure of meeting many of our Charter Oak Unit members, there are also some who do not know who we are. My husband Wiley and I became WBCCI members in 2015, so here is a brief introduction. Wiley and I are both retired now, myself after working for the Town of Greenwich, CT, for 37 years I retired in 2009 as the Assistant Tax Collector, and my husband Wiley was employed by Arnold Bakers as a tractor trailer driver for 40 years and retired in 2013 from Teamsters Local 191.

We are hoping for a busy and well attended calendar of events this coming season. Our calendar is looking good so far. We are hoping for a good turnout from our unit to attend the 2019 International Rally in Doswell, VA, July 20-27, 2019. A great location as it is not too far away.

We are looking forward to many Happy Hours, Rally fires, and good times with everyone! ~

REMEMBER ..... WE DO MORE TOGETHER

## Oct 14, 2018 – Installation Meeting

~ Joyce Rousseau

Our drive to the Manchester Country Club showed signs of fall arriving. The Club itself is situated so that you view a lake and golf course with hills around- quite a lovely sight! It never fails to impress the viewer. We had a small group but a happy one as we gathered for the fall Business Meeting and Installation. The tables had a Halloween center piece with candy to be enjoyed- especially by the chocolate lover Jim Burnham. We

had a friendly beginning with cheese and crackers and a new addition- chicken cordon bleu balls. Then we settled down to get the meeting started, which proceeded nicely through the salad. We then finished the meeting after enjoying delicious prime



Kathy Fuller gets deserved applause.



Bard installs Gilles & Carol Dubrowski

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## Question

Mr Brown was killed on Sunday afternoon. The wife said she was reading a book. The butler said He was taking a shower. The chef said he was making breakfast. The maid said she was folding clothes, and the gardener said he was planting tomatoes. Who did it?

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## Next Event

Holiday Lunch

December 2<sup>nd</sup>

## LINK OF THE MONTH

[Airstream Guy](#)





## Installation Continued

rib, fish or chicken. Bard Fuller, our Installing Officer, did a wonderful job with only a few new officers present. (All with good reasons.) We can complete the installation at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> gathering. Congratulations to Kathy Fuller-1<sup>st</sup> VP, Gilles Rousseau-2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director, and Carol Dubrowski-1<sup>st</sup> Year Director. Kathy, acting in Gail's place, gave me a lovely garden stone (Let it Bee...) and a gift card for the Palace Theater. My thanks to all our members for their support this year. (The minutes from the meeting will be out soon.)

Those who attended included Bard and Kathy Fuller, John and Grace Fuller, Chris and Carol Dubrowski, Lois and Ted Price, Aili and Val Galasyn, Marie and Mark Lupien with daughter Lyn, Ruth and Roger Crockett, Seb and Juanita Pestretto, Jim and Corinne Burnham and Gilles and me. It was especially great to see members who have had some health problems recently. Thanks go to Corinne and Jim for sponsoring this event and providing such a nice venue.

Oops- I almost forgot! Our new club flags had arrived so I brought a couple to the meeting to show them off. Chris and Carol and Bard and Kathy bought one to fly proudly at rallies. All 6 that were ordered have been sold but we can always order more! They are colorful and look great. ~



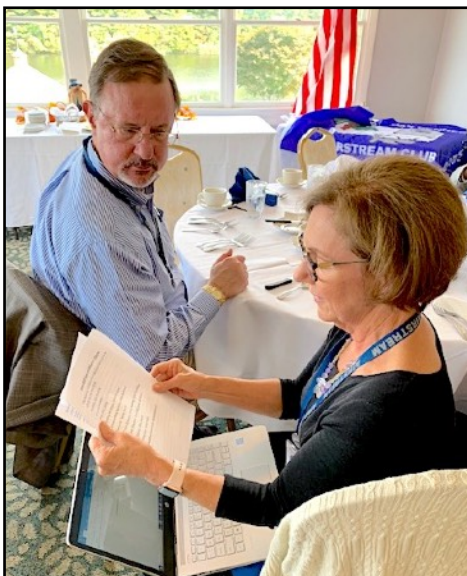
*Written in stone.*



*Joyce showing off the flag.*



*Ruth Crockett, Seb & Juanita Pestretto & Corine Burnham*



*Chris & Carol Dubrowski taking care of business.*



*John & Grace Fuller enjoy another installation.*



*Mark & Marie Lupien with daughter Lyn.*



*Good to see Ailli & Val Galasyn.*



*Lois & Ted Price - here's to...*





**EXCITING NEWS** from the Southlands (Florida): **KEN HANKINSON & PAM FORSYTH** have purchased a home at Travelers Rest, and also the **BARTRAM'S** daughter Laura and son in law Tom Maragnano. We are all thrilled to have new neighbors, especially ones from CT.

**GOOD NEWS:** We had first time visitors to Travelers Rest... **CHRIS & CAROL DUBROWSKI**, and it was great to see them. We showed them around the park, and then a group of us carpoled

to PaPa Joe's, a local Italian Restaurant. I was raving about how good the Chianti wine tasted when, lo and behold, Ted Price placed a gallon jug of it in front of me as a gift. Time to share it.

**SURPRISING NEWS:** One evening **TED & LOIS PRICE** were getting into their golf cart, when all of a sudden Lois yells, "Something is wrong here!" Apparently she had left her picnic basket in the golf cart with Goldfish Crackers in it. See photo.

**HAPPY NEWS:** **FRED & SUSAN NEWMAN** have twin granddaughters born on October 23, 2018, and that means more great grandchildren for Dick & Eileen Bartram. Congratulations!

We are sending get well wishes to those members that have been ill or had recent surgeries: **VAL GALASYN, SUSAN STAHLEY, and RHONA FULLER**...feel better soon. We are thinking about **MARIE & MARK LUPIEN** and anxiously awaiting their return to Travelers Rest. Also sending sincere sympathy to **GAIL & WILEY DOWNING** on the passing of her brother in law; **LAURA & GUY WEIK** on the passing of her father, and **JEAN & BOB LANDRY** on the passing of her sister.

Don't forget to pay your 2019 dues! - Quote for November: To write with a broken pencil is pointless. ~



*Possum enjoying goldfish - Priceless!*

## Travel to Doswell

~ More Information to Come ~

"Surf and Turf Caravan" to International Rally will be a joint New England and Charter Oak, Connecticut Caravan. The Caravan leaders are Bard Fuller and Pam Bleakney."

"See you at the Lake Rendezvous" July 13-15 at Bear Creek Campground at Lake Compounce in Bristol, CT, (Note: Sat & Sunday nights). This is an optional portion to caravan. Official caravan departs Bristol, CT, Monday morning July 15, with a stop at the Danbury rest area for drivers meeting and additional trailers who were not at Bristol. Arrive at Doswell, Virginia Thursday July 18. ~



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**Holiday Gathering- Dec. 2, 2018**

**Gelston House - East Haddam**

**Sponsored by - Joyce and Gilles Rousseau**

The last COCAC gathering of this year (2018!) is fast approaching. We have enjoyed meeting at this venue for 3 years now. It's one of the most recognized restaurants in the state. The reasons: it has gorgeous scenery, great food, and is decorated to bring us all into the holiday spirit. Won't you please try to join in the celebration? We've been through a lot of official "stuff" this year and I, for one, am looking forward to the season of celebration and gathering with friends. Look for the flyer at the end of this Chatter, please fill it in and send it to me NOW!!!

(Make your check payable to me for a full and luscious dinner.) ~



## Stormin' West

~ Richard Kushman

The above title is not so much a description of our western adventure with Max & Dane, our two youngest grand children, but call it a brainstorm parodying their last name (Stormann) - with two "ns" thank you.

Max and Dane settled into the back seat of the F250 with their two necessities - iPhones and iPads complete with unlimited data. Memories wafted back of traveling in my father's 1957 Olds watching new scenery, counting red cars, and wondering "are we there yet?". Max and Dane are children of the twenty first century with little idea what an "Olds" was but intimately familiar with Apple gear. So they booted up, logged on, and off we went. Driving kept my attention glued to the front so how long and how often if ever the boys gazed in awe as new and delightful scenery glided by escapes me. Grammy thinks they did look up at times and even smiled, but the dancing pixels won most of their attention. The boys, being under the wing of AppleCare, required very little supervision making the "not moving until you settle down" threat irrelevant.

First big stop, **Niagara Falls** and *Branches of Niagara* campground. We ventured to the Canadian side twice, once to see the "Journey Behind the Falls" and again to see the late night light show and fireworks. First trip over the boarder went smooth as silk. The second trip, I again presented our documentation, but this agent asked for the letter. Quick look to Grammy - "the letter?" - Grammy looked at boys - "the letter?" - all look at agent - "the letter?". The agent now explained possible kidnapping, so of course I thought a little light hearted humor would smooth over this little bump - "if we kidnap them they will have to live with us yuk yuk..." - agent, suddenly quite serious, delivered a lengthy lecture covering all aspects of travel with children to the Great White North. I can not remember if he said "welcome to Canada" or "go on - get the hell out of here..."

Regarding the actual Niagara Falls experience:

**The best** - Cave of the Winds - American side -you can spend as much time as you like and get as wet as you like close to the falls.

**Second best** - Lights and fireworks at night - Canadian side - pretty lights great fireworks.

**Third best** - Maid of the Mist Boat ride - OK but really not worth it, you get close to the falls, get wet while not seeing much, and return.

**Worst** - Journey Behind the Falls - Canadian side - not worth the cost or time.

Bring a letter...



*Dane & Max enjoying the great outdoors.*



*View from the boardwalk at Cave of the Winds.*



*Dressed for Cave of the Winds.*

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## Stormin' West Continued

Next stop **Original American Kazoo Company**. What's to say, everyone can play a Kazoo but at the Kazoo Factory you can also make your own kazoo. Grammy made hers while the boys and I picked off the shelf tooters. The Kazooer Quartet now kazooed down Rt 90 toward the Blue Heron Rest Area in Ohio where you can spend the night and for fifteen bucks you get electricity.



Max & Dane really excited about kazoos.



Gramma Kathy made her own.

Now headed to Indiana and the **Fair Oaks Farm Experience**, which I can only say was utterly ...

*To be continued - perhaps! ~*

## Constitution Revisions Grade - a 95%

- Joyce Rousseau

As a former teacher, I needed to put the right "spin" on the report we got back from the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws committee chairperson, Tom Smithson. I think a 95% is a great grade, but we must strive to get 100. In other words, I can take credit for some making mistakes and misunderstanding some of the directions. I was not totally pleased by the need to revisit the revisions but have recovered and redid job today. I have sent our response to the deficient areas to Tom and await his decisions about whether the job was completed correctly. I will keep you posted and will inform all of you as to the changes after we get the okay. I think another vote will be needed (it can be done before and at the Dec. gathering) but I'm checking on that now. I thank each of you who voted and accepted the revisions and ask you to accept my apology for not being perfect! ~

## Urgent Request

Well, kind of urgent, and very important. Please share your favorite recipe. The dish you make or someone makes for you that is irresistible.

Send to: [rich.kath@icloud.com](mailto:rich.kath@icloud.com)



### Broccoli Noodle Salad

1 pkg. Broccoli Slaw  
½ Cup Sliced Almonds (or as much as you want)  
2q Pkg. Beef Ramen Noodles (broken up)

#### Dressing:

¼ Cup Brown Sugar  
⅓ - ½ Cup Rice Vinegar  
¼ Cup Sesame Oil  
Seasoning packet from noodles

Dress 1-2 hours before serving.



- Events
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays

## November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Sandy Sasuta	2 Gilles & Joyce Rousseau	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Bud Gould	10 Beth Petrie
11 Ronald & Brenda Nicholas	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Jeff Blackwell	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Ker Hankinson & Pam Forsyth	28 Gail Billings Cynthia Melocik	29	30	1



## Wanted to Borrow

Planning a spring maintenance rally next May. Looking to borrow a high quality gas sniffer such as the TIF8800X. **Contact Bard**



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**Facebook**

Thanks to Glen Lessig!

## Airstream For Sale

2005 25' Safari with front bedroom.  
Contact Brenda Nicholas  
#1254 [207-450-0593](tel:207-450-0593)

## 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](mailto:freddalem@aol.com)

## 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>

**Answer:** The chef. Mr Brown was killed in the afternoon and yet the chef claimed he was making breakfast?

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# HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

*Join us at a premiere restaurant on the Connecticut river.*

## GELSTON HOUSE



Sunday December 2, 2018 - 12:00 noon

8 Main Street, East Haddam , CT 06423

Directions: Route 9, Exit 7 - Left at end of ramp - Right at the 1<sup>st</sup> light.

Follow Route 82 over the Swing Bridge. Gelston House is on the right.



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

**Mixed Green Salad / Choice of Entree / Dessert / Coffee or Tea**

\_\_\_\_Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_Sliced Bistro Steak (with Bourbon Sauce\*) \_\_\_\_Seared Salmon\*

\*Gluten free is available - please specify

**\$32 per person** (includes Sales tax & Gratuity)

Mail Coupon and check to: Joyce Rousseau - 67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. - Southbury, Ct 06488  
[203-264-5372](tel:203-264-5372)

Reservation Deadline Nov. 21, 2018





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## NYC Base Camp National Rally

### Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ

### Thu 6/6/19 – Sun 6/9/19

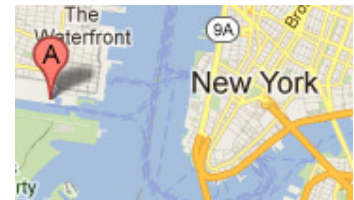
**Come and join us for another long weekend of fun New York City exploration!** No need to list everything you can do - there is something for everyone in NYC. Our base camp is very close to the city, providing convenient access to the subway (NJ PATH) as well as ferries to Manhattan.

**Going National:** The 5<sup>th</sup> installment of this informal rally has now been elevated to National Rally status. Perhaps we'll see attendees from even further away → widen your circle of friends.

**Stay longer:** You can extend your stay on either end if you do it early. Why rush to see NYC, especially if you can stay in your favorite hotel? Pay for six nights and the seventh is free.

**Cost:** Have you ever stayed at a cheap hotel in NYC? After you get a jolt about the nightly rate you'll discover that parking is extra. Think \$45/night for Manhattan! At this rally, parking your truck is included in the rate, like it should be. And you are still pretty close to major attractions.

**Do it yourself program:** This rally does not have a formal program, other than when we serve coffee in the morning and when we gather for happy hour in the late afternoon. We'll help you coordinate your interests and excursions with others that are attending by fanning out emails. **This worked really well the last times we held this event.** Everyone ended up doing something they wanted to do, at their pace, often sharing those experiences with old and new Airstream friends.



#### A few things to keep in mind:

- **First come (with check) first served – reserve before 1<sup>st</sup> week of November 2018**
- As before, we cannot guarantee that we can give you a refund, but we'll do our best
- See next page for details about extra nights

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Length (ft): \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Nights: \_\_\_\_\_ Total USD: \_\_\_\_\_

Send check for **\$355.00** in USD to: Per Hamnqvist, 2 Queens Way, Merrimack, NH 03054. Make check payable to NEU of WBCCI. Email: [psh@wbcci.org](mailto:psh@wbcci.org) Cell: 603-866-6440. Additional nights see next page.





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# NYC Base Camp National Rally

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## Co-Hosts

- |                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| • New England             | Per Hamnqvist |
| • Ontario                 | Kerry Mattila |
| • Charter Oak Connecticut | Rich Kushman  |
| • Metro New York          | Debbie Hammer |

## Reservation Policy and Additional nights at Liberty Harbor Marina

Capacity is limited to approximately 60 rigs. You can request additional through me. The base cost covers 6/6, 6/7 and 6/8 with checkout Sunday 6/9. I will attempt to accommodate your needs in my conversation(s) with the campground and I will keep you posted. The cost is \$115.00 per additional night including tax. **Up-front payment is required for full stay.** If you pay for six nights at the campground, the 7<sup>th</sup> is free.

Sample Total costs in USD:

- 3 nights: 355.00 USD (base cost for base camp)
- 4 nights: 470.00 USD
- 5 nights: 585.00 USD
- 6 nights: 700.00 USD
- 7 nights: 700.00 USD (7<sup>th</sup> night is free)

If you cannot come to this rally, please find an alternate to take your nights. So far we've done well on full refunds by shuffling around. But that is not a guarantee! Plan accordingly. 30 days or less prior assume no refund.

## About the campground

The prime value of this campground is its excellent proximity to the city. Its basically gravel parking on somewhat narrow sites. In the backwoods, these would be \$20/night. This is smack in the middle of metro NYC with walking distance to public transit. A grocery store is a short drive away. It's a totally different experience to see the city AND sleep in your own bed at the end of the day!!

During the 2011, 2013 and 2015 events, their WiFi was marginal. During the 2013 event we experienced an unexpected heat wave (mid 90s, 32C+) and the campground's power was inadequate to run all the A/Cs during the day. Otherwise, the campground is clean. Choices of over the air TV stations are plentiful. It has a shared dump station. It has a shower house too.

If you look up Liberty Harbor Marina with Google Maps you'll get a better feel for its fantastic location. A commuter ferry to Wall St leaves the dock by the campground (week days). A second ferry that also operates on weekends leaves by Warren St (short walk) for the World Financial Center. A 15 minute walk from the campground is the Grove Street subway station that can take you to the World Trade Center and beyond. The ferry to Ellis Island and The Statue of Liberty is right next door.