



# Connecticut Chatter

October 2018

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

## President's Message

~ Joyce Rousseau



The trees are starting to turn colors and the leaves are slowing dropping. As another season opens we look forward to the cooler weather and the beauty of our local areas. We also anticipate a change from outdoor events to the indoor Business/Installation Meeting on October 14 and the Holiday Gathering on Dec. 2. The flyers for these

events can be found in this Chatter. Please plan to join us.

You've already gotten the IMPORTANT email/letter from me with the Constitution/Bylaws Revisions and the instructions to vote. Remember you can vote in person on Oct. 14, by email to me or by postcard before Oct. 10. This is the framework for our club and needs your input. We are part of WBCCI and our documents must parallel theirs in format. The Executive Board has passed the changes and it's now up to you to act. Thanks in advance for your participation.

You also received an email with the new slate of officers for 2018-2019 capably led by Gail Downing. The Agenda for the Business Meeting was included. We have some issues to discuss so your attendance would be appreciated. It won't take long but two business meetings a year are part of our Constitution. I look forward to handing over the gavel to Gail and getting ready for another year of fun with my Airstream family.

My main message this month is to thank all of you who participated in club activities this year. At the top of the list are those who sponsored rallies and events and who helped on the several issues we tackled.

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*Show & Tell in Bard & Kathy Fuller's 1993 21' Sovereign.*

## Back in Time Rally

~ Kathy Fuller

September 7-9, 2018

The Back in Time Rally hosted by Gail and Wiley Downing and co-hosted by Sandy and Michael Sasuta was a great success! Oak Haven Campground is located in Wales, MA, which is a few miles from Brimfield. The weather was a welcome mid-seventies and the cooler temperatures made the evening campfires even more enjoyable.

Toni Nolder, Lydia and Niels Rosenbeck, Russ, Rhona, Bard and Kathy Fuller and the Downings went to the Brimfield Flea Market. The Brimfield event is the "Granddaddy" of all flea markets as it is nationally known and HUGE!! Chris and Carol Dubrowski went bike riding. Bill and Evelyn Watts ran into Gilles and Joyce Rousseau at very large package store with lower prices than we see in CT. Let's just say that some of us kept the economy growing with "retail therapy".

Meals were highlighted by Wiley's grilling equipment and skills. Many supported the meals with their own contributions. Toni brought fresh tomatoes from her garden that were excellent. Russ Fuller's French toast casserole recipe can be found elsewhere in this issue. There were many more contributions but I'm gaining weight just thinking about them.

Although we were the last to arrive we drew a lot of attention with our new addition. Annie the Airstream is our 1993 21-footer. She's only been with us about a

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### Question

When you do not know what I am, then I am something. But when you know what I am then I am nothing. What am I?

*Answer page 6*

### Next Event

Installation Dinner

October 14

### LINK OF THE MONTH

[Vintage Airstream](#)





## President's Message from page one

The Rally list includes: Nov- Rousseaus, Dec. -Toni Nolder, Feb- Sandy Sasuta in Florida, Mar- Russ Fuller, May- Evie and Bill Watts, June- the Rousseaus, July- Bard, Kathy, Russ and Rhona Fuller, Sept. – Gail and Wiley Downing with Sandy and Mike Sasuta's assistance, Oct.- the Burnhams. It was a great year with lots of fun at new and old places. My Executive Board was more active than normal and I appreciate all of you and my committee heads and Newsletter Editor.. Then there are my "go to" friends for all things Airstream- Sandy Sasuta, Bard Fuller and, of course, Rich Kushman. I can't count the number of things I asked of him! Do you remember that we went "social" this year? Many thanks to Glen Lessig for creating our COCAC Facebook page and posting photos and info, and for Kathy Fuller for being the most active poster! If I've forgotten your name to thank, I'm sorry, count it up to my many senior moments.

It has been a pleasure to serve as President this year. Hoping to see you on Oct. 14 and Dec. 2. ~

Remember  
**WE DO MORE TOGETHER!!!!**

## Back in Time Rally from page one

week. Open house was in full force before we even set up! We would expect no less from our friendly group.

It was wonderful to see Neils and Lydia again. They didn't skip a beat as they jumped in to help wherever it might have been needed.

Oak Haven Campground hosted a horseshoe tournament over the weekend adjacent to our trailers. Lots of clanging metal, laughter and family fun.

Truly and excellent rally in all respects. Thank you, Gail and Wiley, for finding this gem of a campground. ~



*Wiley's & Gail's new larger Airstream - that's one roomy sofa. six.*



*Is that Gilles head of the line again!*





*Any comment here would be much too corny...!*



*Proud head chiefs and bottle washers.*



*Fuller's maiden trip with Airstream Annie drew an instant group of open house visitors.*



*We went to the Brimfield Antique Fair and they posed next to the wooden statue. Then Toni saw this man standing there and asked if they could pose with*





**W**elcome back to previous members **FRED & SUSAN NEWMAN** #6625 from New Hartford, CT (the **BARTRAMS** daughter and son-in-law). Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

**MARIE LUPIEN** is home from rehab due to recent back surgery. We send get well wishes.

There were 9 units at the Sept. rally at Oak Haven Campground in Wales, MA, hosted by the **DOWNINGS & SASUTAS**. All had a great time. It turned out to be an excellent campground, and the location was close to many attractions including the huge Brimfield Antique Fair. What a surprise when **BARD & KATHY FULLER** met former Airstreamer **Winnie Mangano** at the fair, among thousands of people....it's a small world after all. **Grace Fuller** had 3 days of skin cancer surgeries and is looking like a mummy with all her bandages. **John Fuller** got approved to use one of those purse size oxygen concentrators instead of the cumbersome oxygen tanks.

Russ Fuller had his first month teaching woodworking at his new school in Terryville.

**DUES REMINDER:** Please pay your 2019 dues before November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be included in the 2019 large membership book. The easiest way is to pay on line. Go to: <http://wbcci.org> Scroll down and click on RENEW ON LINE TODAY...it is \$80.00 (\$65.00 Int'l dues plus \$15.00 unit dues). If unable to pay on line or if an Affiliate (\$15.00), please mail a check to me payable to Charter Oak CT along with any changes to your information. If you are not sure if you paid already, just email me: [sandysas1001@gmail.com](mailto:sandysas1001@gmail.com), text or call: 203-494-7467.



*Winnie Mangano with Kathy & Bard.*

Be sure to support your Club by signing up for the installation of officers at the Manchester Country Club on October 14, 2018 (see flyer). Meet and greet....you will have a fun time. ~



*Sandy signed him up...*

## **French Toast Casserole** ~ Russ Fuller

1/4 cup butter, melted  
2 cans (12.4 oz each) refrigerated cinnamon rolls  
6 eggs  
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream  
2 teaspoons cinnamon sugar  
1 cup maple syrup

### **Garnish**

Icing from cinnamon rolls

### **Steps**

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Pour melted butter into ungreased 13x9-inch glass baking dish. Separate both cans of dough into 16 rolls; set icing aside. Cut each roll into 8 to 12 pieces; place pieces over butter in dish.
2. In medium bowl, beat eggs. Beat in cream and, cinnamon sugar until well blended; pour over roll pieces, drizzle with 1 cup syrup.
3. Bake 20 to 28 minutes or until golden brown.
4. Drizzle icing over top.



Right now I'm having amnesia and deja vu at the same time... I think I've forgotten this before. ~ Steven Wright





## Vintage Rally

Check out some of these vintage trailers seen while camping with the Northeast Mountaineers Airstream Club in Southern Vermont. Both Russ and Bard signed up to participate next September. Big incentive for Russ to get that '58 Airstream Falcon on the road. ~ Bard



## 2018-2019 Slate of Officers - COCAC

The following members have volunteered to serve as officers for the next term:

President- Gail Downing

1<sup>st</sup> VP- Kathy Fuller

2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Glen Lessig

Recording Secretary- Christine Lessig

Corresponding Secretary- Kathy Kushman

Treasurer- Sandy Sasuta

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Directors- Wiley Downing, Gilles Rousseau

1<sup>st</sup> year Directors- Carol Dubrowski, Bill Watts

Legislative- Mike Sasuta

Membership- Kathy Fuller

Newsletter/Directory/Webmaster- Richard Kushman



- Events
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays

## October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Per Hamqvist	1	2 Howard Jones	3 Bard & Kathy Fuller Dan & Karen Olah	4 Wiley Downing Eileen Allers	5	6
7 Bill Flood	8 Gendrickey...r...laRocca Mark Lupien	9 Serafina M. Bachar	10 Eddie Carll Raymond&CynthiaRichard	11	12 Niels Rosenbeck Dick Bartram	13
14 Installation Meeting	15	16 Roger & Ruth Crockett	17	18	19	20
21 Susan Rutty	22 William & Evelyn Watts	23	24 Gail Downing	25	26	27 Bob Landry Michael Rutty
28	29	30	31 Sandy Sasuta	1 Gilles & Joyce Rousseau	2	3



## Wanted to Borrow

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

I think it's wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly. ~ Steven Wright

## 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)



Visit Us On  
**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)

## LINKS

Connecticut Unit Website	<a href="http://connecticut.wbcci.net">http://connecticut.wbcci.net</a>
Cape Cod Unit: .....	<a href="http://capecod.wbcci.net">http://capecod.wbcci.net</a>
Nice assortment of links: ...	<a href="http://www.airstreamtrailers.com">www.airstreamtrailers.com</a>
Region One Website:.....	<a href="http://region1.wbcci.net">http://region1.wbcci.net</a>
Airstream Life: .....	<a href="http://airstreamlife.com">http://airstreamlife.com</a>
WBCCI:.....	<a href="http://www.wbcci.org">http://www.wbcci.org</a>

If you think nobody cares about you, try missing a couple of payments. ~ Steven Wright

**Answer: A riddle.**

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



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## Installation Dinner



**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

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

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_

Sole \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI No: -----





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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

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.





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## ALERT - Sells Out Fast!

# Columbus Day and Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally

Come and join us at our 1st National Event  
(Our 9th year of the Rally)  
at the Green Mountain Family Campground  
4817 South 116 Rd., Bristol, VT 05443



## October 5th thru the 8th, 2018

Hosted by: RJ Dominic and Tye Mott

Sponsored by: The Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit of the WBCCI  
limited to 20 sites, with a waiting list, more sites may open up.


For any questions please contact:

RJ Dominic at [rjdominic@wbcci.net](mailto:rjdominic@wbcci.net), or cell: (914) 204-6190

Tye Mott at [tmott@wbcci.net](mailto:tmott@wbcci.net), or cell: (716) 866-2503



Thursday, October 4	Early arrival (Please see additional fee's below)
Friday, October 5	Arrival at the campground 4:00pm - Happy hour, meet and greet
Saturday, October 6	8:00am - Pot luck breakfast 4:00pm - Wine and Cheese happy hour, we will supply the cheeses, you bring your favorite bottle of wine, or other beverages to share, and if you have a special appetizer, bring that also. 5:30 pm - Dinner on your own, there are many great restaurants in the area, or an impromptu Pot luck.
Sunday, October 7	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 - Dessert happy hour and contest, bring your favorite desert and fall beverage and enjoy the campfire. Follow us for the details, new and exciting contest this year.
Monday, October 8	8:00am - Coffee Departure: See You Down the Road



If there are dietary concerns, please call us ahead of time.  
Early arrival - Late departure fees are: 30-amp service \$37 per night, 50-amp service \$42 per night.  
If you need to have a full hook up please let us know in advance, we will do our best to accommodate you.

## Columbus Day and Canadian Thanks Giving Rally, October 5th - 8th, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) - Cell: ( ) - Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI No.: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Please note: this is a WBCCI National Rally, only units made by Airstream may participate.

Rig Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Plate Number & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Tow Vehicle, Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Plate Number & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fees: ☐ \$140.00 - One person three night stay 30 AMP ☐ \$155.00 - One person three night stay 50 AMP

☐ \$160.00 - Two person three night stay 30 AMP ☐ \$175.00 - Two person three night stay 50 AMP

Additional Nights \_\_\_\_\_ X \$37.00 for 30 AMP \_\_\_\_\_ X \$42.00 for 50 AMP Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to Tye Mott, 7719 Omphalius Road, Colden, NY 14033, please note: Columbus Day Rally in memo line.