



Connecticut Chatter

September 2018

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

President's Message

~ Joyce Rousseau



Gilles and Joyce on the Erie Canal lock ride last year at the Cooperstown Rally. Another of our fun exploring trips during our Rallies.

I used to make many preparations for September when I was a teacher. Now that I am retired I thought that was in the past. However- there are several things which need to be done as President of COCAC to be ready for the fall business meeting. **I need your help/ No - your club needs your help** - so respond now to the items calling out your name:

- **Policies** – Many of you are past Presidents. Take a few minutes to email me those Policies which you used to run our club - everyday things beyond the Constitution and By Laws.
- **Logo**- Our club needs to formalize a logo. Please note our current logo at top of this page. Do we want to use our flag design as other clubs have done?
- **Constitution and By Law Revisions**- I'll be sending a separate mailing with these changes after the Executive Board accepts them. Please take a few minutes to peruse them and send in your vote. (Constitutionally there are a lot of steps that need to be followed for the vote.)
- **New flag**- I plan on ordering 6 flags (after asking the Executive Board for their okay) to get a reduced price. (This is from a new company used by NEAC with great success.) I already have 3 buyers and am looking for more. Flying flags makes a positive impression at our rallies and I'm hoping that it'll spread among more members.

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Friends, Food and Fun at the Region 1 Rally in New Hampshire

~ Chris Dubrowski

The New England Unit hosted an outstanding regional rally at the North Haverhill Fairgrounds in New Hampshire, in early August. There were about 70 units at the fairgrounds, and our Charter Oaks were very well represented. Carol and I were happy to see a slim and healthy Mike Sasuta (and Sandy!), as well as Gail and Wiley Downing, Sally Kerr and her three doggies, Christine and Glen Lessig, Joyce and Gilles Rousseau, Kathy and Bard Fuller, Pam Forsyth and Ken Hankinson, Evelyn and Bill Watts, Essie and Bob Walsh, Juanita and Seb Pestretto, Steve and Mikela Pestretto, and we all welcomed new members Cynthia and Michael Brodeur (and Molly the dog).

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Question

A pair of shoes and and pair of socks cost a total of \$1.10. The shoes cost \$1.00 more than the socks. How much do the socks cost? *Answer page 6*

Next Event

Back in Time Rally
Sept 7-9

LINK OF THE MONTH

[Pros & Cons of Living in an Airstream Trailer after one year](#)



They sure look like friends, and well fed, and clearly having fun - must be a Region Rally!



Bill Watts, Gail Downing, Joyce Rousseau, and Wiley Downing.



Carol Dubrowski, Pam Forsyth, Gilles Rousseau, Chris Dubrowski, Bard Fuller, and Sandie & Roland St. Laurent

Friends, Food and Fun

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We were all given a rubber rally bracelet. Inside, it read "friends, food and fun." Probably should have added "and flies." The dining and events barn was flooded with flies; we were, after all, on a farm fairgrounds. At least they weren't mosquitos! But we had great food, particularly the final night, when there was a pig roast. Be sure to check out the video on Facebook (friend WBCCI if you haven't already). The highlight is at about the 2-minute mark, where Carol is slopping maple syrup to diners in line during the pancake breakfast. Flies loved it. And Joyce got a chance to display our new flag, to much (polite) applause.

There were also interesting seminars, some new Airstreams on display, electric bikes, square dancing, a raffle, and a campfire (the local authorities required local firefighters to supervise us). Like Airstreamers don't know how to burn stuff! For us, the highlight was a trip up Mount Washington on the famous cog railway. It was a pleasant day at the 2,000 feet altitude of the railroad depot, and 40-mph winds and 45 degrees at the 6,500 feet summit, but relatively clear and the views were great.

Our unit will host the Region 1 Rally in the summer of 2020. Plans are in the works but be ready to volunteer! ~



Presidents Message from page one

- **Rally sponsors**- Next year's schedule is being finalized. Offer your help to run or learn the ropes for a gathering.

It's hot and humid outside, and although these issues are not humid, they are hot! We need to pull things together to satisfy WBCCI and Region 1 and be a better club.

I'm looking forward to the final rally of my year. I hope to see you there to explore another new area and enjoy the fellowship of good friends. ~

Remember We Do More together!



Table of friends...



Joyce, Chris, Carol, and Sally Kerr. - WAIT! Is that Bill Watts on the end?

We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.

~ Walt Disney



Dick Bartram with his latest Airstream - back on the road!



Close your eyes - you can smell it cooking!



Fred McGoldrick and sweet Ruby with her own Airstream??



Welcome to new members **LES & JOAN BORDE** from Southbury, CT #6358. Hope to see you soon at an upcoming event.

BOB & HELEN SANDALL and **TED & LOIS PRICE** send their regards to all of the "Old" friends. We sure miss seeing them.

Happy **70th** Anniversary on September 18, 2018 to former members **REGGIE & JACKIE BROWN**. We get together with them

in Florida and always have a great time playing Pinochle.

MARIE LAPIEN had successful back surgery on August 15th. We wish her a smooth recovery, and renewed dancing. **ROSE TAVARES** had a terrible fall, ending up in the hospital for a few days. She was sore, bruised, with two black eyes, but at least nothing was broken.

The Region One Rally in North Haverhill, NH was a success, thanks to the New England Unit...we all had a great time.

FYI: The Club owns an Olympic Rivet Finishing tool. If anyone would like to borrow it, contact Dick Bartram.

REMINDER: It is time to pay your dues for 2019 (Before November 1st) and the easiest way is to pay on line. Go to: <http://wbcci.org> Scroll down and click on RENEW ON LINE TODAY...It is \$65.00 Int'l dues + \$15.00 unit = \$80.00. If unable to pay on line or if an Affiliate (\$15.00 dues), 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, text or call: 203-494-7467. Thank you. ~

Region One Slate of Officers

Nothing helps you feel part of a larger group as being involved in its operation. The following people have volunteered their time and expertise to lead Region 1 for the next 2 years, and some even longer!

President- Per Hamnqvist (psh@wbcci.org)

1st VP- Doug Hart (doughart@pimboston.com)

2nd VP- Bard Fuller (bardfuller@hotmail.com)

Treasurer- Chris Dubrowski (chrisdubrowski@gmail.com)

Recording Secretary- Joyce Rousseau (joycezr68@gmail.com)

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Caravan- Gail Ahmed (geahmed58@gmail.com)

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Contributing Editor- J. Rick Cipot (mejrick@aim.com)

If you have questions about what the job is- send them an email to find out. If you're really interested- **ABSOLUTELY** contact them! Our thanks go to all who have stepped up to lead our region. ~ ~ Joyce

"I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury." ~ Groucho Marx

The Ten Commandments of Human Relations

- 1. Speak to people**
(There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word or greeting.)
- 2. Smile at people**
(It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.)
- 3. Call people by name**
(The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of his/her own name.)
- 4. Be friendly and helpful**
(If you would have friends, be one.)
- 5. Be cordial**
(Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.)
- 6. Be genuinely interested in people**
(We are all in the same boat.)
- 7. Be generous with praise - cautious with criticism**
(No more needs to be said.)
- 8. Be considerate with the feelings of others**
(It will be appreciated.)
- 9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others**
(There are 3 sides to every controversy---yours---the other person's---the right one.)
- 10. Be alert to give service**
(What counts most in life is what we do for others.)

Submitted by Joyce from B. Averett's Mississippi Newsletter- WBCCI- June 1986



Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Members

From- Joyce Rousseau - President

Your Help Is Needed!

To do what? Develop a “**Policy Document** to include policies and practices which have been adopted during Executive Board and Unit Business Meetings- or simply from past practice.”

Why? “They are a valuable help to the Unit in being available to assist new officers and new members in understanding the operation of the Unit.” (Appendix #6- By Laws and Policy, p. 1, WBCCI Blue Book)

Example: A couple of years ago we decided that no member should have to pay campground fees to attend a Business Meeting. This is a policy statement. It can be amended by the Board or membership by a majority vote.

**If you’ve been a member for more than a few years
it is *your expertise* that we need.**

Send any and all ideas for these policies to me ASAP. (email)

They will be reviewed by a committee (would you like to volunteer?) and then distributed to the membership for comment. Acceptable policies will be included in our Directory and shared with WBCCI.

We Do More Together!

And right now your club needs your help!



September 2018

■ Events
■ Anniversaries
■ Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Trevor Lake Wayne Rutty		Gary A. Levinson Richard Kushman		Glen Lessig	Sandie St. Laurent
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Bob & Ruth Scott			Sharon Henschel	Back In Time Rally	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Carolyn L. Knight Wayne & Susan Rutty	R J Dominic			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Mary Rosenbach		Bill & Sandra Flood
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Mark & Marie Lupien Pam Forsyth	Nanci Carll John Stoddard	Bob Scott			Michael & Lianne Rutty	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Per Hamnqvist	Howard Jones	Dan & Karen Olah Bard & Kathy Fuller	Eileen Allers Wiley Downing			

"Love is telling someone their hair extensions are showing." ~ Natasha Leggero



Visit us on
Facebook

Thanks to Glen Lessig!

"My friends tell me I have an intimacy problem. But they don't really know me."
~ Garry Shandling

Worth Another Mention

By Dick Bartram

Mentioned in the Scuttlebutt
Reggie & Jackie Brown celebrate 70 years of wedded bliss on September 18th. Reggie is 92 and Jackie is a younger woman. Cards welcome!!

13104 SE 93 Terrace Rd.
Summerfield, FL 34491
Phone: 352-347-7981

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

* Ed: We would be married 70 years if I was 4 years old when hitched - and she was a very young lady.

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

I intend to live forever,
or die trying.

~ Groucho Marx

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BACK IN TIME RALLY

Sept 7 - 9 2018 Oak Haven Family Campground in Wales, MA

Hosted by: Wiley and Gail Downing

Mike and Sandy Sasuto

30 amp electric, water, dump station

Reservations made directly with the campground 413-245-7148. Tell them you are part of the Airstream Group in Pratt Safari Field

Rate is \$40 per night a 10% discount taken if more than 10 trailers attend. No deposit required but reservations must be made no later than Aug 31st, payment in full is due upon check-in. Check in time is 2:00 pm. A \$15 card fee will be taken at check in but returned at check out with key return.

Friday : 5:30 Happy Hour. Dinner on your own.

Saturday: 8:30 am Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Sausage, and English Muffins, OJ, coffee and tea.

5:00 very light happy hour

6:30 Dinner - Chicken or pork cutlet, corn on the cob, potato salad, garden salad, dessert

Sunday: 8:30 am Pot Luck Breakfast

Check out by 2:00

The well known Brimfield Flea Market is just 5 miles up the road. If you collect something they will have something for everyone.

Old Sturbridge Village is close by and is a living museum of life in New England village in the 1830's , St. Anne's Shrine, Basketball Hall of Fame, and the US Armory Museum are also close by.

Back In Time Rally Sept 7-9, 2018

Mail response to Gail Downing, 8 Old Shelter Rock Road, Danbury, CT 06810

Please check dinner choice of Chicken _____ or Pork _____

Kitty Fee \$ 15 per person _____ x \$15 = _____

Name _____ WBCCI# _____



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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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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 5th 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 1st 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 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 7th 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 (7th 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, or cell: (914) 204-6190

Tye Mott at 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.