



# Connecticut



"To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end..." ~WB

## Presidents Message

~ Bard Fuller



When I became President I was bestowed with boxes and totes filled with rally fliers, meeting minutes, pictures and an archive of newsletters of years past. I started to thumb through this treasure chest and thought I would share a few of those memories in this Chatter which I have proclaimed as "The Heritage Issue."

Celebrating the unit's 45th anniversary this year, I thought it appropriate to interview some of our senior members about the early years of WBCCI and some of their early rally experiences. Thanks go out to John Fuller, a charter affiliate member, and Charlie Eglise, one of the early presidents of the unit for reflecting on their memories.

Also in this issue, in the Good, Bad and Bizarre pictorial, you will see my dad's first Airstream, often dubbed "The Bastard Airstream" due to its bizarre rear end cap. The unusual "whale tale" configuration has become part of Airstream history.

The Marina Rally is in June. Russ's Lobster Clam Bake dinner will again be the main feature. This will be our first buddy rally of the year. One of the activities will be the "Heritage Hour" on Saturday morning when we will have the opportunity to browse through the club's archives to remember some of the great rallies of the past. Always one of the best attended rallies of past years due to its central location and beautiful riverfront views. The flier is attached.

What a delicious corned beef dinner the Rousseau's provided at their beautiful home this past month!! Bill and Evie Watts, not to be [Continued Page 4](#)

## Down The Road

### May 3, 12 noon

Spring Business Meeting & Luncheon  
Bill & Evie Watts' home in Newtown

### May 15-17

Portuguese Maritime Rally  
(Fall River/New Bedford, MA)  
Westport Camping Grounds, Westport, MA

### May 29-31

Region One Meeting Rally  
Franklin County FG, Greenfield, MA

### June 4-7

New York City Rally (Joint Rally)  
Liberty Harbor Marina  
Jersey City, NY

### June 19-21

Lobster Fest / Marina Buddy Rally  
Portland Riverside Marina: Portland, CT

### June 28-July 4

International WBCCI Rally  
Farmington, New Mexico

### July 23-26

Boston Harbor Island Rally  
(buddy rally)  
Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, MA

### August 21-23

Rhinebeck Aerodrome Rally  
Brook N Woods CG Elizaville, NY

### September 11-13

Coastal Connecticut Rally  
Location: TBA

### October 4

Installation Dinner Meeting  
Manchester CC, Manchester, CT

### December 6

Gingerbread Village &  
Christmas Party Luncheon  
Junipers Restaurant, Middlebury, CT

### The Crockett Family Long Ago and Far Away



If there is one couple that embodies the life and soul of our unit's heritage it would have to be Roger & Ruth Crockett. They are the only remaining charter members that established the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit as their home unit. Originally Berkshire New York Unit members, they were active participants in the meeting held at Leone's Steak House in Bristol, Connecticut on Oct 11, 1970 that laid the ground work for the new Unit.

Roger & Ruth hosted the 3rd campout of the club's first camping season at Ross Hill

Park in Jewett City. Roger became our 4th unit president and Ruth served as our 14th president. Here is a photo from a scrapbook dated in the early 1970's.

The Crocketts maybe the elder cornerstones of the unit but the word is they are the owners of the newest Airstream acquisition within our club- a 2011 Airstream Interstate. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!**

## Question

*What is the center of gravity?*



The first day of spring resulted in 7 more inches of snow in some parts of CT. Hopefully it can only get better weather-wise from now on, and all that snow will be a thing of the past. Looking forward to green grass and warm weather up north.

The Florida State Rally at St. Augustine was held March 3-8. There were over 175 Airstreams in attendance....those from Charter Oak CT were: **JOHN & GRACE FULLER, RICH & KATHY KUSHMAN, RAYMOND & CYNTHIA RICHARD, NIELS & LYDIA ROSENBECK, AND US (MICHAEL & SANDY SASUTA).** We didn't drink from the Fountain of Youth, but we did walk in Ponce

De Leon's footsteps, and heard much of the rich history. Great place to revisit. **JOHN & GRACE FULLER** also had an excursion to Atlanta, Georgia. They have arrived home to CT in time to watch the last of the snow melt.

**BRUCE & KRIS FLETCHER** traveled to Key West, stopping at Travelers Rest as well as Land Yacht Harbor along the way.

**CAROLYN KNIGHT** had hip replacement surgery on March 5<sup>th</sup>....we wish her a smooth recovery.

Sending "Get Well Wishes" to **MARIE LUPIEN'S** niece who is going through a very difficult time.

The annual Hobby & Art Show was held here at Travelers Rest with **KATHY KUSHMAN** and myself, entering some of our art work and her beading. **NIELS ROSENBECK** shared his excellent woodcarvings and **RUTH CROCKETT'S** skill at crazy quilting and Nantucket basket making was on display.

At the **KUSHMAN'S** happy hour, we saw **DICK BARTRAM** and also **BUD GOULD** at an earlier time. Hope they enjoyed their brief visit as much as we enjoyed seeing them. Everyone needs some rest and relaxation.

The annual "Ladies Luncheon" was at a different location this year.....Mallie Kyla's Café in Brooksville. The food was very good, especially the homemade desserts. ~

## top o' the mornin' to ya

~ Rick Cipot

Every year there is one special day that you don't need roots in Ireland to be Irish. St. Patty's Day over the years has become a celebration of friends gathering, drinking green beer and feasting on corned beef and cabbage. "The day of the festival of Patrick" goes back to the 1600's created by the Catholic Church to celebrate Saint Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland. Now for those who study religions of the world you may not know that this special day occurs during the season of Lent. No worries there, the Pope has always given a "get out of jail free" card.



In true Slavic and French Canadian style, Joyce and Gilles put together a wonderful St. Patty's feast for their Charter Oak family. While Gilles was busy organizing the parking and greetings of guests, Joyce was happily making visitors comfortable with some wonderful Irish cheeses and a variety of beverages. As would be expected, Joyce had planned the meal to perfection. What else than corned beef, potatoes, carrots, and home-made Irish soda bread. Toasts were made and thanks for the wonderful food and friends was given as fourteen Airstream friends shared an incredible meal.

Thank you Joyce and Gilles for opening up your home and your wonderful hospitality. ~





**John Fuller family in ~ 1971**

Joined WBCCI in 1962 (holds longest membership nationwide that still is an active participant)  
Charter member of Connecticut Unit as an associate



**Charlie Eglise family in ~1973**

Joined WBCCI in 1973  
President of Charter Oak Unit 1982

**Heritage Interview  
with John Fuller & Charlie Eglise**

**Bard:** What was the location of your first unit rally?

**Charlie:** Hammonasset State Park

**John:** Goose Hollow Campgrounds in New Hampshire

**Bard:** Did you routinely go to rallies with children?

**Charlie:** Yes! And they very much enjoyed rallies. They met many friends and traveled with us to places they would otherwise never have seen or experienced.

**John:** Yes! It was great for all three children. They were very active in all aspects of the rallies through high school. Nancy, our daughter, traveled with us until her marriage; the boys, at times, while they were in college.

**Bard:** During the first years in the club did you have a favorite rally location?

**Charlie:** Newport, Rhode Island Rally. The parking was at the old Fort Adams site on the grounds of the admiral's mansion overlooking the entrance to Newport Harbor. The America's Cup trials were in progress. The sailing yachts and large Navy ships navigating the entrance were remarkable. The city of Newport and the mansion tours were a big attraction.

**John:** There were so many but Newport, Rhode Island had the location, location, location and great people and programs.

**Bard:** Tell me about your first Airstream.

**Charlie:** Purchased new in December 1972. It was a 1973 29' Ambassador twin bed and rear bath. I planned to retire in it and live happily ever after. Told Sandy I wanted to be buried in it lying on the gaucho with the FM playing over my head.

**John:** I purchased a 1956 22' model in June of 1961 found in New York City. Bunk bed for our 14 month old Nancy. Fresh water tank used compressed air via bicycle pump. It also had a free standing table that would fold down.

**Bard:** What was the location of your first International Rally? Tell me about it.

**Charlie:** First International attended was in Bozeman, MT in 1973. There were 5,000 trailers present. The evening entertainment was first class. This was only possible with large gate dollars. The kids' activities kept them busy. The seminars were very informative and run by major vendors and the Airstream Company. The rally site was a draw due to the proximity to the national parks. We traveled for 8 weeks that summer and visited about 10 national parks.

**John:** Our first International Rally was the (1964) New York World's Fair Rally in Princeton, NJ. There were no buildings but there were two large tents. One had chairs, a stage and many bulletin boards. At each site we had a pail of water for fire prevention. Behind each of the trailers were 1 to 3 gopher holes depending on family size.

**Bard:** We all have stupid, forgetful moments in our travels. Tell me about a time when you forgot something important at home or at a campground.

**Charlie:** When traveling with Ruth and Roger (Crockett), leaving from Fort DeSoto in St. Petersburg, FL and arriving at Orlando, FL I discovered, when unhitching, I had forgotten to install the hitch pin. We had traveled a distance of over 100 miles. I spoke to a Reese Hitch rep a year later and asked the record distance and he said "387 miles without a pin."

**John:** In 1986 on a unit caravan to Boise, ID. On our first night out we realized that we were missing all of my wife's clothes. I had to return, alone, in the car to get the clothes and return to the PA campground that the caravan was staying at that night.

**Bard:** Over the years of your travels, what is the furthest that you've traveled with your Airstream?

**Charlie:** Newfoundland, Northwest Territory, Vancouver Island, Key West, San Diego, Fort Kent, Maine and everywhere in between.

**John:** Washington, Oregon, California

~ Bard



# Bard's: Good, Bad, & Bizarre Airstreams End Caps

Throughout the years Airstream has been tweaking the exterior end cap panels. The problem was how to take flat sheet aluminum and make a rounded surface to be aerodynamic and water tight and to be cost efficient all at the same time.



Prior to 1958 when they started to stretch and curve each panel sheet they would overlaid the panels in a pie shaped design. This gave the art deco look that is



so classic of the 1930's through the 1950's. One exception was between 1955 and 1957 when Airstream, in their California plant, used the "whale tail" configuration on the rear end cap. This very unusual design has also been referred to as "The Dutchman Design". Interesting to note that all of the Airstreams built in the Ohio plant during these years continued to use the conventional pie shaped end panels. As a result, very few "whale tails" have ever been seen on the East Coast. Today these "whale tail" Airstreams are highly sought after .



In 1961 when my dad bought his first Airstream, a 1956 California whale tailed Flying Cloud it was considered a bastard Airstream. How times has changed. (Yes, that is Russ and me in front of the 1958 Buick Estate wagon sporting our blue berets in North Truro MA.) ~ Bard

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outdone, have invited us to their farmhouse for the May 3rd luncheon and the Spring Business Meeting.

Evie tells me that she is providing a turkey breast and we will provide the potluck sides and desserts. Sounds like a great time without spending a lot of dough. See the attached flier and tell Evie that you have made plans to attend .

Also in this issue is a flier from Rick Cipot about the Region 1 Gathering at Greenfield Fairground in Massachusetts. This low key gathering will replace the usual Region 1 Rally extravaganzas which will now be held every other year. Open to all units of Region 1 it is a great way to refresh acquaintances with members from our sister units. It will also serve as a site for this year's Region 1 Business Meeting. Mark your calendars for May 29-31.

Val Galasyn tells me that the Portuguese Maritime Rally, our first rally of the year(May15-17), has had a splendid response and will be hitting its quota soon. The Lupiens continue to take registrations for the Boston Harbor Islands Rally in July. They would also like to remind you that it is a buddy rally so bring an RV friend for this Boston area adventure.

So as the New England snow melts and the Florida humidity increases our two contingents reunite in the greater Connecticut area to celebrate camping throughout southern New England. Yes, the camping season is starting to take shape and hopes to be another highlight in our future heritage.

~ Bard





Ruth & Roger appropriately proud and smiling in front of their shiny Airstream Interstate.



St. Augustine rally finds COCU members in a tent, waiting for food - all is well!

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

|       |                       |
|-------|-----------------------|
| 04/01 | Mike Billings         |
| 04/03 | Cynthia Richard       |
| 04/08 | Barbara Landman       |
| 04/09 | Eileen Bartram        |
| 04/10 | Karen Olah            |
| 04/11 | Bob & Carolyn Barrett |
| 04/13 | Dan Olah              |
| 04/16 | Bob Barrett           |
| 04/18 | Bob Sandall           |
| 04/19 | Charlie Wilson        |
| 04/24 | Franklin Sanders      |
| 04/27 | Charles Henschel      |
| 04/29 | Charles "Rick" Petrie |

MAY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

|       |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 05/01 | Bard Fuller                  |
| 05/03 | Joyce Rousseau               |
| 05/05 | John J. & Serafina M. Bachar |
| 05/06 | Brenda Nicholas              |
| 05/06 | Gilles Rousseau              |
| 05/11 | Jean Landry                  |
| 05/16 | Grace Fuller                 |
| 05/17 | Raymond Richard              |
| 05/21 | William Watts                |
| 05/21 | John & Grace Fuller          |
| 05/26 | Richard & Kathleen Kushman   |
| 05/26 | Ted & Lois Price             |
| 05/31 | Michael & Sandy Sasuta       |



Member Alert

Niels Rosenbeck proudly displays some of his excellent woodcarvings at the Travelers Rest Hobby Show. Niels also teaches woodcarving at TR and "yes" the cheese and mouse are made of wood.

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Glamping Trailer Style

This Months Airstream Link

FOR SALE

2007 22' Airstream Mercedes Sprinter Chassis Contact Frank Gauthier 203-325-8689



Editor: Richard Kushman
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REGION ONE 2015 Gathering

Congratulations to our First Registration

Evie & Carl Amick

win by getting in their check and registration form before anyone else.

Your Prize:

Please show up after breakfast to head up the Cleaning Committee. Again Congratulations!

FOR SALE

1970 Airstream 25' Caravanner, Exterior refinished by P&S in Ohio. Rock guards, awning, Fantastic Fan, Catalytic Heater, A/C, and Microwave....includes all trailering equipment. Contact Bob Henschel 860-274-3768

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/



**Spring Luncheon  
&  
Spring Business Meeting**

**May 3**

**12 noon – 2:30**

***Hosts: Bill & Evie Watts***

**Located at their farmhouse  
55 Hattetown Road, Newtown, CT**

**Menu:**

**Roast Turkey Breast**

**Beverages also provided by host: Coffee, Tea, Etc.**

**Potluck:**

**You bring either a side dish or a dessert.**

**Only \$3.00/person**

**Bring it with you when you come.**

**Please RSVP to Evie by Wednesday, April 29  
203-426-5532 or [evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net)**

**Directions:**

From the intersection of Route 25 and Route 302(use GPS) follow Route 302 west towards Bethel 2.5 mi.

Left on Key Rock Road .9 miles to a 4-way stop.

(Key Rock Road is awful right now, full of potholes, narrow and twisty, and thankfully short.

Go slow.)

Left on Hattertown Road for .3 miles

Our house is immediately after Boggs Hill Road on the left. It is a white farmhouse, blue shutters, stone wall in front and white barn across street. Park in the meadow next to the barn if the driveway is full.





PORTUGUESE MARITIME RALLY



MAY 15-17, 2015

Hosts: Val & Aili Galasyn Assisted by Bard & Kathy Fuller

We will be camping in Westport MA., half way between New Bedford and Fall River. These cities represent the center of the largest Portuguese-American community in the USA. When you think Portuguese you will always think maritime and we will immerse ourselves into that maritime history for the weekend.

Those who get in early will have Friday afternoon to explore New Bedford, known as the "Whaling City" because in the 19th century it was the most important whaling port in the world. Today, the New Bedford Whaling Museum is the centerpiece of the New Bedford Whaling Historical Park, a part of the National Park Service. At the National Park Visitor's Center make sure to see the free movie "The City That Lit the World" which is shown on the hour.

Then head out to see a working waterfront, the busiest fishing port in the U.S. noted for its scallops. Visit the Rotch-Jones-Duff House, a Greek revival mansion of the whaling era, or the Schooner Erestina and the Whaling Chapel. This town is all about whaling and its greatest treasure is the Whaling Museum with full size whale skeletons, mock whaling ships, and exhibits that bring to life the years of whaling. Here you will get a retrospective view of the importance and impact of the whaling industry.



Saturday is all about Fall River. Here is centered the nation's largest exhibit of historical ships including "Big Mammie" the USS Massachusetts with its enormous six 16 inch guns each over 60 feet long. This ship alone needed 2,000 men to operate at sea in wartime, a true floating fortress. There are also a destroyer, a submarine, a pair of rare PT boats, and thousands of maritime artifacts and exhibits. One will easily gain a greater appreciation of life of a sailor in the World War II era. Also at Battleship Cove is the the thrilling interactive Pearl Harbor Experience. Across the street is the Marine Museum featuring a world class exhibit of ship models and an extensive collection of artifacts from the Fall River Steamship Line as well as from the Titanic.



Those interested in the paranormal will want to visit the Lizzie Borden House. Many of the women folk may want to hit the factory outlet stores noted to bring out the hidden shopper in the best of us. For dinner we will reconvene to immerse ourselves in Portuguese cuisine at one of popular Portuguese restaurants.

Camping is at "Westport Camping Grounds" at 346 Old County Rd. in Westport, MA.. Each site will have electric (minimum of 20 amps), sewer, water and wifi. The campground is pet friendly for well behaved dogs. Check in time is 12 noon and check out is at 11am. The club has reserved a block of 10 sites at \$30 per night (25% discount). Reservations are needed by May 3.

Saturday breakfast: Hot oatmeal, Aili's famous coffee bread, Coffee/Juice/Tea Sunday: Portuguese Muffins, hard boiled eggs, fruit, cold cereal, Coffee/Juice/Tea

Directions: From points West take I-195 East to Exit 10 (Horseneck Beach Rt. 88) and follow South 4 miles to the second set of traffic lights at Old County Road. Take a left onto Old County and the campground entrance is 1/4 mile on your left.

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Unit length \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: Portuguese Maritime Rally

Campground for Weekend (Friday & Saturday nights) = \$60.00
Kitty fee per person = \$6.00 Number in party \_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \_\_\_
Total = \_\_\_

Checks payable to: Val Galasyn (Please before May 3)

Mail checks to:

Val Galasyn
34 Buck Hill Road
Canterbury, CT 06331
(860)546- 9298
vgalasyn@charter.net





# REGION ONE 2015 Gathering



The Franklin County Fairgrounds  
87 Wisdom Way, Greenfield, MA 01301  
Greenfield, Massachusetts  
www.fcas.com



2015 Region One Gathering May 29, 30, 31, 2015

**Please join us for the first Region One Gathering.**

**For only \$95 per Airstream - 15 amp power - water - dump station on level grass lawn.**

**Arrive Thursday and enjoy the local area.**

**Friday open day for unit business. Friday Evening Happy Hour presented by your Region Officers.**

**Saturday morning Pancake Breakfast - Region One Business Meeting 10:00 AM. Day to explore.**

**Saturday evening community Happy Hour followed by Pot-Luck Dinner.**

**Sunday continental breakfast and a safe trip home.**

- You can pick out your favorite chocolates and much more at Richardson's Candy Kitchen
- You can visit Yankee Candle and restock your candle supply and dip your own candles too!
- You can pick out some beautiful plants and perennials at Nasami Farm in Whately.
- You can find a one-of-a-kind book at Schoen Books.
- You can find ephemera and hundreds of antiques at Antiques at Deerfield
- You can find a unique country-style housewarming present at the Old Deerfield Country Store
- You can taste the new menu at the newly remodeled restaurant at the Deerfield Inn.
- You can have a glass of wine and a great dinner at the Alina's Ristorante, in the village center of South Deerfield.
- You can nuzzle a butterfly and enjoy a soft serv cone at Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens
- You can see a historical exhibit at the Deerfield Museums
- You can go back to the 1600s by touring the restored houses at Historic Deerfield

## 2015 Region One Gathering May 29, 30, 31, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Children / Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

State / Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Rig Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap:  YES Special Note: \_\_\_\_\_

Not Yet a Wally Byam Caravan Member but own and will bring an Airstream:

Please make your check out to WBCCI, Region One  
Mail to: J. Rick Cipot, 44 Walnut Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801







# Land Yachts at the Marina Rally 2015

## “The Lobsterfest” June 19-21

### Riverside Marina, Portland, CT (Camping Buddy Rally)



#### Hosts: “The Fuller Brothers”: Bard & Russ along with Kathy & Rhona

Back by popular demand!! This site is a great location, right on the Connecticut River at an active marina. All the sites are under large shade trees and many have water views. All sites have water and electric (minimum of 20 amp). The unit tent and will be on the waterfront. Rest rooms and showers are available at the marina office. Great location for your kayak or canoe. Note, no dump station available.

**Limited to only 23 sites.** A sell out in past years, don't be disappointed sign up early! Pet friendly!

Friday - Arrive 12 noon or after, 4:30 happy hour, dinner on your own, 8pm campfire & ice cream

Saturday - 8am Kathy's expansive continental breakfast

9am “Heritage Hour” Our unit's historical yearbooks on review & forum on the Units early days.

Noon hike to the Top Dog Airstream hot dog concession, 4:30 happy hour

6:00pm **Russ's awesome Lobster Clam Bake** or Chicken dinners,

7:30pm Trailer Open House (optional), 8:30 campfire

Sunday – 8am continental breakfast, 9am 2016 Campgrounds and Scheduling Forum

For rally information or camping before or after rally contact Bard Fuller at [bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com)



**Directions:** From Hartford or Old Saybrook take Rt. 9 to Middletown then Rt 66 East over the Arrigoni Bridge. At the Intersection of 17A turn Right and continue on Rt 66 for 0.8 mile (4<sup>th</sup> traffic light). Take Right onto Grove St. go 0.4 mile. Right on Riverview Rd. go 0.2 mile. On your left is the “Riverside Marina” (there are several marinas make sure you are at “Riverside Marina”). Go through marina, look for silver.

From Rt 2 in Marlborough, Ct. travel Rt 66 West 11.9 miles to Grove St. Take a left then follow above.

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| Name _____  | WBCCI # _____    | Example: 2 persons/<br>camping rig |
| Email for updates _____                                       |                  |                                    |
| Camping Fee for 2 night weekend with water & electric         | \$60.00 _____    | Camping = \$60.00                  |
| Kitty fee \$7.00 per adult (> 12 free) Number of adults _____ | X \$7.00 = _____ | 2 X \$7.00 = \$14.00               |
| Number of Saturday evening Lobster Clam Bakes _____           | X \$25.00= _____ | 2 X 25.00 = \$50.00                |
| Number of Saturday evening Chicken Dinners _____              | X \$7.00 = _____ | 0 X \$7.00 = _____                 |
|   | Total = _____    | Total = \$124.00                   |

Make checks to: Bard Fuller  
36 Panorama Drive.  
Southington, CT 06489

**Lobster Clam Bake limited to the first 40 requests.**  
Priority to those that are camping overnight and with reservations made prior to June 7.



# ***BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS RALLY***

**JULY 23-26, 2015**

Hosts: Mark & Marie Lupien

Assisted by Bard & Kathy Fuller

**Attention:** The Boston Harbor Island Rally requires Reserve America Reservations. Early sign up is highly suggested so we can get grouped together. There is no guarantee how long these sites will be available. We would hate to have you miss out on this awesome rally opportunity!



We will be camping at Wompatuck State Park in the heart of historic Hingham, Massachusetts, an idyllic colonial town with its stately 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century houses. The park entrance is just a few minutes drive to the harbor docks where you can hop on a non-stop passenger ferry to center city Boston. Our agenda on Saturday is to take the ferry to Georges Island, the centerpiece of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area which is composed of 34 islands and peninsulas of undisturbed coastline. Georges Island is located alongside the main channel to Boston's inter harbor making it a strategic location for Fort Warren which provided coastal defense in previous centuries. Today it is the heart of the National Park Preserve with Ranger tours of the fort. It is also the stepping off point for ferries to many of the other unspoiled islands which have wonderful kayaking and hiking opportunities. With the skyline of Boston in the background these islands are a hidden jewel in the metroplex of greater Boston. To preview this special island and the history of the fort check out this 9 minute YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xp7LEjvOXOo>

For those days that we are on the mainland, history abounds in neighboring Quincy, known as the "City of Presidents", the birthplace of John Adams and John Quincy Adams as well as John Hancock. Just minutes away one will find Nantasket Beach or the stunning vistas of the Cohasset coastline. Hingham is the location of the Old Ship Church, the oldest continually operating meetinghouse in the United States. Hingham is also the site for World's End, a 251 acre waterfront park designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted offering fabulous hiking and biking trails. All this and more are available for those who book this 3-4 day weekend adventure.

Back at the campground your hosts will be providing 3 breakfasts and overseeing a Saturday night potluck dinner. The campground offers 20 amp electric service at each site. Although there are no water connections at each site water spigots are found throughout the campground to use to fill your tanks. The heavily wooded campground provides a nice canopy of trees for shade. Nearly all sites are level and long enough even for our longest trailers. Check in time is 1 pm. A dump station is available upon your departure. **This rally has been designated as a buddy rally so bring along a non Airstream friend.**

## ***Reservation & Camping Requirements:***

**1. - Book a site on the computer** using Reserve America for Wompatuck State Park in Hingham, Massachusetts.

(presently \$26.00/night for out of state residents + R.A. service charge)

Your host will be at site # **F-017**. So pick a site on row F or close by.





2. - Contact Marie Lupien with:

- a) your site number,
- b) number of nights attending,
- c) payment of kitty fee: Thursday-Sunday = \$8/person  
Friday-Sunday = \$5/person



**Friday: Pancakes, sausage, coffee/tea/juice**

**Saturday: Muffins, yogurts, coffee/tea/juice**

**Sunday: Muffins, yogurts, coffee/tea/juice**

**Note:** The islands are free of charge however there is a \$16 round trip ferry charge to the islands which will be purchased individually at the dock Saturday morning.

3. - Provide a pot luck item for Saturday supper.

**Directions:**

Take I-90 E to I-95 S to I-93 N. Take Route 3 South to Exit 14 and the intersection with Rt. 228. Follow Route 228 North for approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Free Street. Continue one mile to the park entrance at 204 Union St.. The camping area is 1.5 miles in the park on the right.

**Pet Policy:** Well mannered pets on a 6 foot or less leash are welcomed in the campgrounds. However, pets are not allowed on Georges or Spectacle Islands. Other islands and World's End Park are pet friendly.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit length \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_ Site you have reserved \_\_\_\_\_

Nights you have reservations: Thurs \_\_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_

Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8 per person Thursday-Sunday \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
@ \$5per person if only weekend \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Marie Lupien" and mail to:

**Marie Lupien**  
**198 Horse Pond Rd.**  
**Sudbury, MA 01776**

**Boston Harbor Islands Rally**

[mlupien60@comcast.net](mailto:mlupien60@comcast.net)