

Connecticut



Charter Oak Chatter

April 2017

President's Message ~ Evelyn Watts



The clocks have been moved ahead, spring has sprung and it looks like the snow may be gone by the time you get this issue of the CHATTER.

We "northerners" had a great gathering at Joyce and Gilles Rousseau's St. Patrick's Day brunch. The food was wonderful and

everyone enjoyed reconnecting and sharing their plans for the coming season. Thank you Joyce and Gilles, for welcoming us into your beautiful home.

April is taken up with four religious holidays and a school vacation so the feeling was that it would be best not to squeeze in a luncheon as well. This is a good time to get our Airstreams ready for the Region One Gathering in Fryeburg Maine on May 4, 5, 6, and 7th. There is lots of free time built in for us to explore the many historic sites, lakes, and mountains. There are also numerous outlets and stores in nearby Conway, New Hampshire...my favorites are L.L.Bean and Camping World...there is something for everybody!

Bard and Kathy Fuller have been busy planning the Mystic Rally on May 19-21. Be sure to reserve your spot directly with the Mystic KOA and to send your Kitty Fee to Bard and Kathy. The discount coupon can be used to cover the Kitty Fee, but needs to be turned in to the Fullers prior to the Rally.

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"Top o' the Morning"

Joyce and Gilles Rousseau opened their home to a happy crowd for the COCU March brunch on Sunday, March 19. On the road to Southbury, it didn't feel like spring could be just one day away given the eighteen inches of recent snow on the ground. But our hopes quickly thawed with the bright sunshine streaming into their home and optimistic talk of getting Airstreams back on the road.



Dick Bartram talking to the Prez...

As folks arrived, we all took time to catch up with old friends and introduce ourselves to new ones. Being relatively new to the club, our family was reminded how nice it is to be included in such an open, genuine group of people united by a

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Question

Which tire does not move when a car makes a sharp right turn? *Answer page 6*

Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools in it than ever. ~ Charles Lamb

LINK OF THE MONTH

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<http://just5moreminutes.com/blog/>



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common passion. Then we sat down to brunch and conversation at two large, inviting tables in the Rousseau's lovely home. Our hosts laid out a real Irish feast complete with homemade soda bread, corned beef with cabbage and vegetables, favorite Irish beers and a spread of desserts. Sorry to those of you that missed that corned beef and cabbage... it was fantastic.

After our meal, we attended to some official club matters as Bard Fuller swore in our new club Vice President, Gail Downing. It was a fine ceremony, and we all hope Gail has had a chance to read up on her new responsibilities. Evelyn Watts also shared a few thoughts from the office of the President. She gave a run-down of upcoming events that got everyone looking forward to meeting again at campgrounds in the near future. We could even taste the upcoming rally season, given the fudge she shared from the Cooperstown, NY Chamber of Commerce.

The group included Juanita and Seb Pestretto, Evelyn and Bill Watts, Glen and Christine Lessig, Rick Cipot and Sandi Gould, Bard Fuller, Gail and Wiley Downing, Dick Bertram, the Rousseau's and yours truly, the Allers family. Thanks Joyce and Giles for your enthusiastic, warm and gracious hospitality!

-Gratefully submitted by Don, Eileen, Nicole and Frida Allers





President's Message from page 1

June is ending up to be a quiet month for COCU, the reason being that the Liberty Harbor Marina Rally is scheduled from June 8 to 12. This is a perfect opportunity for those of us not going to New Jersey to explore some new places. Another idea is to attend a rally being sponsored by one of our friendly neighboring units. There is always a new adventure just around the corner!

Rich & Kathy Kushman have registered their Airstream as "Silvershadow" has anyone else? Modern life today - are we all just numbers?

Keep saving your tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The photo shows that our glass jar is almost half full. Bring your tabs to our upcoming Rallies and Rendezvous. My goal is to fill the jar for Escanaba. Safe travels everyone! ~ Evie



Marie Lupien found Elvis in Florida.



Guess where Kris Fletcher is??



Pretzel Salad

~ Ruth Crockett

2 1/2 Cups pretzels
1/4 Cup sugar
1 stick of butter
Crush pretzels add sugar and melted butter and put in 9x13 pan and bake at 400 for 8 min.

Next Step:

8 oz. cream cheese (soften)
8 oz. cool whip
3/4 cup sugar
Beat sugar, cream cheese, and sugar until smooth. Spread over cooled pretzel mixture making sure there are no openings or crevasses - refrigerate.
Dissolve 1 large package of raspberry jello in 1 1/2 cup boiling water.
Add 2 (10 oz.) packages of frozen raspberries. Pour over cream cheese cool whip layer, refrigerate until ready to serve. ENJOY!



Many COCU ladies out to lunch in Dade City, FL.



Welcome to new members **BERT CONTRACTOR & SUSAN STAHLEY** from New Preston, CT, and also **RAYMOND BRATTON** from Chelmsford, MA. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

The ladies at Traveler's Rest enjoyed the annual "Ladies Lunch" this time at Kafe Kokopelli in Dade City, FL. Sixteen wine and dine including a surprise guest.... **KATHY FULLER**.

KATHY and **BARD** flew down to Florida in order to drive their dad's vehicle back to CT; **JOHN & GRACE** drove their BVan back to CT. It was also nice to meet Bard's sister **NANCY**.

Please keep **SHARON HENSCHER** in mind as she is having a rough time. She was re-admitted to the hospital as her pneumonia had not cleared up. Please feel better soon.

ROGER & RUTH CROCKETT left Florida earlier this year as Roger is having problems with his previous shoulder replacement.

The **McGOLDRICKS** new Golden Doodle "Ruby" has arrived, and they have received many visitors. It's like having a new baby.



Come join us at "**Abbott's Lobster in the Rough**", Connecticut's most famous lobster shack found in Noank just minutes away from May's "**Mystic Whale of a Time Rally**".

Toni Nolder was active this winter with the Land Yacht Players in Melbourne FL, participating in the chorus, a shark in the play, and helped with the set design when she was not off kayaking.

John Fuller was working at the woodworking shop in Melbourne's Land Yacht Harbor making some fancy tire protectors for his trailer.

Kris and Bruce Fletcher were on an Airstream Caravan in Texas.

Charlie Eglise remained in Maine this winter going through chemotherapy.

Bard & Kathy Fuller visited Bard's sister in Florida and got in a short visit at both Land Yacht Harbor and Travelers Rest.

Reminder - Spring Business Meeting will be Sunday morning during the May Rally!!!

Many have left Traveler's Rest already....wishing everyone safe travels back home! ~



Bard's Good, Bad and Bizarre Airstreams



On my recent trip to Florida I was disappointed to see that the "Airstream Ranch" along I-40 outside of Lakeland, FL, had been removed. This bizarre Airstream public art sculpture had been placed on an empty field within full view of the interstate by Frank Bates, owner of an Airstream dealership there in Dover, FL. This had been done ten years ago to commemorate Airstream Company's 75th anniversary. He buried seven and a half Airstreams tongue-down in the field. This was done in the fashion of the iconic Cadillac Ranch of Amarillo, TX.

This roadside spectacle survived years of litigation for its legal presence. However, economic development was the demise of this unique display as the local Airstream dealership will use this site for their new dealership facility. How appropriate! So on this past February 9th the ranch was dismantled. Within the new dealership facility will be a museum that will highlight Wally Byam, the Airstream story and a tribute to the days of the "Airstream Ranch." ~ Bard

THE GATHERING 2017

Each rig will have
20 amp power
and **Daisy chain fresh water**

visit: www.fryeburgmaine.org



Fryeburg Fair
1154 Main Street
Fryeburg ME 04037 USA
Phone-(207) 935-3268

May 4th thru 7th, 2017
Fryeburg Fairgrounds, Fryeburg, Maine
2017 Region One Gathering/Business Meeting



2017 Charter Oak Member \$15.00 Coupon

- **Insentive Coupon to get all members camping in 2017 with your WBCCI Connecticut Unit.**
- Membership # _____ Name _____
- **Can be used for: (Pick one)** _____ May: Mystic, CT Rally
 _____ August: Cooperstown, NY Rally _____ Sept.: Millford, CT Rendezvous
 _____ Sept.: Newport, RI Rally
- Print and attach to Rally/Rendezvous flier coupon. Deduct up to \$15 from rally "Kitty fee" and mail to host.
- Must have paid your 2017 Charter Oak dues. Can be Regular or Associate member to qualify. To be used only once in 2017 season. Not for campground payment.

FOR SALE

AIRSTREAM

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
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860-274-3768

MISC – Contact Bob Henschel
860-274-3768

One brand new Catalytic Heater,
"Still in the box, never used". Brand
Name: "The CAT". It is vented, &
flameless, comes with Honeywell
Thermostat & all other parts for
complete installation, was
\$350.00, selling for \$200.00.
2 Zip Dee Blue & Silver folding chairs
with 2 leg extensions/excellent
condition/selling for \$100.00 for
the 4 pieces.

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
4/17	Eddie & Nanci Carll
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
05/18	Cindy Vieira
05/20	Donald & Eileen Allers
05/21	John & Grace Fuller
05/21	William Watts
05/26	Richard & Kathleen Kushman
05/26	Ted & Lois Price
05/28	Wiley & Gail Downing
05/31	Michael & Sandy Sasuta

WANTED

Airstream Bambi 16

Contact Ruth Crockett

860-489-9566

ruthcrockett@sbcglobal.net



Never ask a woman who is eating ice cream
straight from the carton how she's doing.

RETWEETS

8,082

LIKES

8,267



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/>



When my wife falls asleep in a public place, I
shake her a little and yell, "DON'T YOU DIE ON
ME!" People always clap when she wakes up.

RETWEETS

1,423

LIKES

2,277



Answer

The spare tire.

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Charter Oak Connecticut Unit

MYSTIC RALLY

MAY 19-21, 2017

**JOIN YOUR HOST BARD & KATHY FULLER
AT THE MYSTIC KOA IN NORTH STONINGTON, CT**

30 amp elec., water, Wifi, dump station, pet friendly

Friday: arrive after 1 pm / happy hour / If interested: lobsters at Abbott's

Saturday: hot breakfast / Have a Whale of a Time: Mystic Seaport / Mystic Aquarium / Olde Mystik

Village / Mashantucket Pequot Museum / Misquamicut Beach /

Mystic village / Noank / Westerly / Watch Hill

Return for a mealtime happy hour potluck with your favorite hearty appetizers.

Sunday: Continental Breakfast followed at 9 am by the Spring Business Meeting.

Reservations: Book through the campground \$50.39/night (off season group rate)

(860) 599-5101 Ask for the "Airstream Group in the Safari Field" host on site # S-32

(if we do not get minimum number for group rate, a potential increase in rate)

Once you have KOA reservation send in coupon with site and Kitty Fee.

Bard Fuller bardfuller@hotmail.com (860)621-9246

*Dirrections: from central CT I-95 N to Exit 92, Left on Rt 2, first right on frontage Rd.,
go to the end then Left on Rt 49, go one block, KOA on Right.
118 Pendleton Hill Rd., North Stonington, CT*

Mystic - Whale of a Time Rally

Name _____ WBCCI # _____ email _____

Site # _____ (Kitty fee=\$7/person) Number attending _____ x \$7 = _____

Payable to: Bard Fuller, 36 Panorama Dr., Southington, CT 06489

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Region One Gathering 2017



Thursday May 4th thru Sunday May 7th *

Fryeburg is rich in history and recreational opportunities. This oldest town in the region boasts eleven buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Three of its twelve parks are historic sites. Many parks offer swimming, walking trails, tennis or fishing. Other activities offered visitors are canoeing on the Saco River or Lovewells Pond, or hiking on a variety of trails. Fryeburg residents invite you to visit their unique town.

\$ 140.00 PER RIG W/TWO ADULTS INCLUDES TWO HOT BREAKFASTS AND SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST. DINERS ON YOUR OWN OR IMPROMPTU POT LUCKS.

THURSDAY ARRIVAL / PARKING

5:00 UNIT HOSTED HAPPY HOUR

FRIDAY 8:00 BREAKFAST

DAY ON YOUR OWN

5:00 UNIT HOSTED HAPPY HOUR

SATURDAY 8:00 BREAKFAST

9:30 REGION ONE BUSINESS MEETING

5:00 UNIT HOSTED HAPPY HOUR

7:30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL / NEU 2018 RALLY PRESENTATION

SUNDAY 8:00 BREAKFAST AND FAREWELLS

* No Early Birds or Late Departures.

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: ☐

Yes, I would like to volunteer to help with breakfast ☐

Please make checks payable to: Tye Mott (cell: 716-866-2503)
Mail to: Tye Mott - 7719 Omphalius Road - Colden, NY 14033

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CAPE COD MASSACHUSETTS UNIT NEWPORT DENIM & DIAMONDS RALLY 2017



“New

England's Ultimate Weekend Destination”

JUNE 2 – 4, 2017

Hosts: Bob & Ruth Scott / Robert Parry

Melville Ponds Campground (5 miles north of Newport): 181 Bradford Avenue, Portsmouth, RI
30 Amp Electric, Water, Dump Station, off season rates, Pet friendly (Rabies Certificate Required)

Program: 2 hot breakfasts provided / Saturday Rodeo Themed Denim & Diamonds BBQ (hosts providing burgers, hot dogs and salad) / Potluck BBQ/ Desserts / Happy Hours / Campfire (weather permitting) / “Experience Newport” at your convenience.

Reservations: Book campsite directly with Campground @ \$52 /night (401) 539-7011 (winter phone)
Or (401) 682-2424 after April 1. Sites F1 to F8 are near Pavilion which is available for us.
Tell them you are with “The Cape Cod Mass Airstream Group”
Then send coupon below to Bob Scott Kitty fee & site number if available.

Directions: Southbound: 1.7 miles south on Route 114 from the intersection of Routes 114 and 24. Then ½ mile west on Stringham Road and ½ mile north on Sullivan Road to entrance.

“Experience Newport Rally”

Name _____ WBCCI # _____ email _____

Site Number (if available) _____ [Kitty Fee = \$10 /person] Number attending _____ X \$10 = _____

Payable to: **Bob Scott at 51 Old Post Rd. Newburgh, NY 12550**

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Charter Oak Connecticut Unit

Green Mountain Getaway Rendezvous

JULY 7-9, 2017

Join Your Hosts Wiley & Gail Downing at Bald Mountain Campground

Townshend, VT

30 amp electric, water, dump station

Reservations: directly with the campground. (802-365-7510) Make sure you tell them you are with Airstream Group in the Safari Field we have sites 29-44 reserved. Rate is \$29 a night, if we get 10 or more trailers there will be a 10% discount. There is no deposit required and payment will be due upon arrival but **reservations must be made by 6/23** We will have shared use, at no charge, of the huge pavilion in case there is inclement weather. There is another small group that might share use of the pavilion as well.

This will be a Buddy Rendezvous, so bring a friend, the more the merrier!

Visit Historic Townshend Covered Bridge/ The Vermont Country Store/ Basketville/Beautiful Grafton VT close by, Vermont Breweries aplenty, downtown Brattleboro. Lots to do in the area!

Yankee Candle is an easy on and off perhaps on your way to the Rendezvous, or on your way home. Lots to cover in that store!

Arrive anytime after 1:00PM Friday, Happy Hour 5:00 Host site #43

Saturday happy hour bring your favorite hearty appetizers. Planning a 5:00 time

Sunday 7:30 am , Coffee, Tea , fresh fruit and morning pastries.

DIRECTIONS: From I-91, Exit 3, Rte 5 south to Rte 30 North, Rte 30 north for 15 miles. Turn left onto State Forest Road for 2 miles. Bald Mountain Campground is on the right

Green Mountain Getaway Rendezvous

Name _____ WBCCI# _____ Site # _____

return to Gail Downing, 8 Old Shelter Rock Road, Danbury, CT 06810 or email same info to ctnanabug@comcast.net

4th New York City Base Camp Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ Thu 6/8/17 – Sun 6/11/17



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.

More units = More fun: The Quebec Unit is back with us and the White Mountains Unit is joining us, too.

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:

- **Sites are limited – reserve before 1st week of December 2016** or risk not getting a spot
- We cannot guarantee that we can give you a refund, but we'll do our best
- Extra nights are possible – see next page for details

Name: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell phone: _____ Length (ft): _____

WBCCI Unit: _____ Arrival: _____ Nights: _____ Total USD: _____

Send check for **\$320.00** US to: Per Hamnqvist, 2 Queens Way, Merrimack, NH 03054. This includes **3 nights** of camping (water & electricity), plus morning coffee. Email: p.hamnqvist@gmail.com. Cell: 603-866-6440.