

# Connecticut



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

## Presidents Message

~ Bard Fuller



This has been a whirl-wind month for Kathy and me. We attended the WBCCI rally in New Mexico and then toured the Rocky Mountains in magnificent Colorado. We were also able to attend, and thoroughly enjoy, the Boston Harbor Islands Rally in Hingham, MA this past weekend.

First, the International Rally was held in northern New Mexico where temperatures reached 113 degrees nearly every day in the asphalt parking areas. Thank God for air conditioned buildings! After many years of decreasing attendance, we saw an upturn of participants this year with 420 units registered. With next year's rally on "the east coast" in West Virginia there is a strong belief that attendance will be even higher.

One of the highlights of the rally was to visit with Anne and Bob Werth, now living in New Mexico. Both Anne and Bob were past Charter Oak presidents and Anne went on to be a Region 1 President. They pass on their best wishes to all of their Connecticut friends. I was delighted to be able to contribute \$44.00 from the club for the Common Cents program to support sick children in the greater Farmington, NM community. This money came from the collection of coins and bills in the large mayonnaise jar passed around at our luncheon meetings. Let's try to give even more in 2016!

Both Kathy and I attended several informative seminars at the convention. I reviewed several samples of unit newsletters from across the nation that were on display and I contend that our "Chatter" is one of the finest publication in WBCCI. Kudos again go to Rich Kushman and his staff!

This past weekend in greater Boston was delightful with 13 units present. Kathy and I spent all day Friday touring Boston from a trolley to a harbor cruise to an exhausting-but excellent- walking tour of the historic North End. Saturday was spent on Georges Island with nearly the entire group to learn about the many uses of Fort Warren over the decades. What a great picturesque location at the mouth of Boston Harbor. Thanks to Mark and Marie Lupein for your hospitality.

Evie and Bill Watts have 14 units registered for the Rhinebeck Rendezvous in the Hudson River Valley later this month. We are all looking forward to watching the WW I aircraft flying show at the aerodrome. Rich and Kathy Kushman are still accepting reservations for the September rendezvous on Walnut Beach in Milford, CT. Flier is attached - reserve your spot. Let the good times continue to roll!!! ~ Bard

## Question

A tree doubled in height each year until it reached its maximum height over the course of ten years. How many years did it take for the tree to reach half its maximum height? Answer page 7

Old minds are like old horses; you must exercise them if you wish to keep them in working order.

~ John Adams



View from Fort Warren - Boston Rally page 4.

### August 21-23

Rhinebeck Aerodrome Rally  
Brook N Woods CG Elizaville, NY  
Bill & Evie Watts

### September 11- 13

Rendezvous  
Walnut Beach, Milford, CT  
Rich & Kathy Kushman

### October 4

Installation Dinner Meeting  
Manchester CC, Manchester, CT  
Bob & Helen Sandall

### December 6

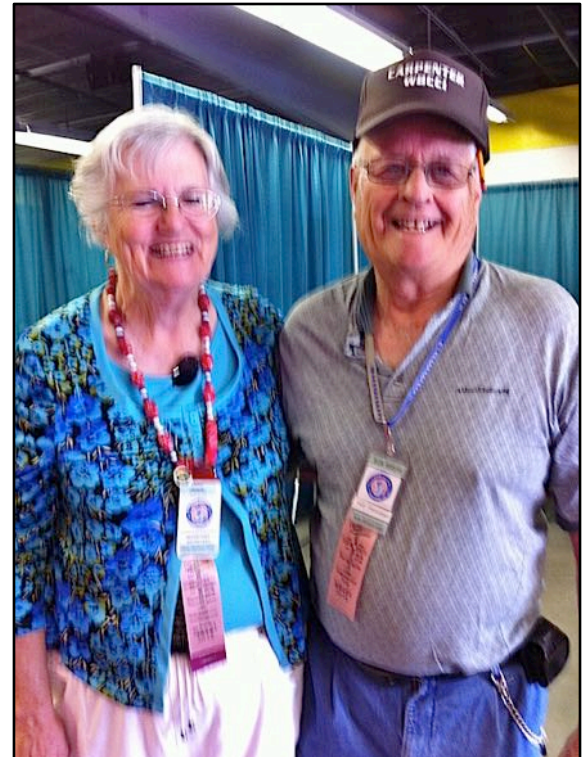
Gingerbread Village &  
Christmas Party Luncheon  
Junipers Restaurant, Middlebury, CT



# International 2015



# New Mexico



*Former Connecticut members Anne & Bob Werth at the International.*



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM STATE OF THE AIRSTREAM COMPANY SEMINAR

~ presented by Justin Humphreys

- ◆ New factory expansion has increased production area from 130,000 sq/ft to 224,000 sq/ft.
- ◆ Two new water rooms for leak detection doubles present capacity at the factory
- ◆ Sport model series was overhauled for 2016
- ◆ Flying Cloud introduces new 26 ft "U" dinette unit
- ◆ All trailers have ducted AC except the Sport model
- ◆ Eddie Bauer designed trailers have concluded their production run.
- ◆ Travel trailer production is up 30% from last year at this time.
- ◆ A much younger individual is buying Airstreams compared with 10 years ago. Biggest age block is 1) 60-69 years old, 2) 50-59 years old, 3) 40-49 years old, with only 12% from the 70-79 age group
- ◆ 60% of travel trailer buyers only considered Airstreams
- ◆ 74% of travel trailer buyers are first time Airstream owners
- ◆ 57% of travel trailer buyers are first time in the RV market
- ◆ No longer are the Suburbans from GM the dominant tow vehicle. Ford products are #1 followed by Toyotas for new Airstream owners
- ◆ The demographics for touring coach purchasers are 1) 60-69, 2) 70-79, 3) 50-59 years of age
- ◆ 40% of touring coach buyers are first time buyers in the RV market
- ◆ Airstream is producing 1 of every 4 touring coaches sold in the USA

## *Bard's Good, Bad, and Bizarre Airstreams*



This 1970's trailer was shown at the New Mexico International rally vintage area. After an extensive polishing job the owners took steel wool and sandpaper to etch into the aluminum an elaborate full trailer mural of an octopus attaching several sharks. A wild, innovative and truly bizarre



*Dottie parked her cah in Havaahd Yahd.*



Welcome to new members: **DEBRA & CINDY VIEIRA** from Hamden, CT, and **WILEY & GAIL DOWNING** from Danbury, CT. Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

The Boston Harbor Island Rally July 23-26 turned out great. It was wonderful to camp so near to Boston and many other historical attractions. Thanks to the **LUPIENS and FULLERS**.

Congratulations to **VAL & AILI GALASYN** on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Heard they had a great party with family and friends flying in from France and Finland to join them for this special occasion. Another happy event was the wedding of **FRAN & JERRY INGALLINERA'S** granddaughter Lauren on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**RICH & DOTTIE WALBRIDGE** and **TREVOR & GALE LAKE** started their Nor'By Nor'East Caravan of 25 trailers, July 8, 2015, and it continues to August 14, 2015. It started in Rhode Island and will end in Prince Edward Island, Canada. Be sure to follow their blog at: [2015norbynoreast.wordpress.com](http://2015norbynoreast.wordpress.com). Unfortunately, **RICH WALBRIDGE** is having some health problems. We send get well wishes.

**FRANKLIN & JANE SANDERS** have moved to beautiful Asheville, NC. We wish them the best in their new home and location.

**JERRY & FRAN INGALLINERA** will begin a new chapter in their lives as they recently sold their Airstream to **TREVOR & GALE LAKE**....it went to a good home. We will continue to treasure their friendship, since after all, Charter Oak CT is one large family. More bittersweet news.....**BOB & HELEN SANDALL** have sold their Airstream to **JIM & CORINNE BURNHAM**, after Jim sold his trailer. **DAN & KAREN OLAH** also have sold their Airstream. It's all good to swap & trade.

## Boston Harbor Islands Rally



Great food, Faniel Hall, sidewalk performers, history, and excitement are all offered in Boston. Wooded spacious sites, biking, hiking, easy access to the harbor islands and Beantown are all offered at [Wompatuk State Park in Hingham, MA](http://Wompatuk State Park in Hingham, MA). The recent rally hosted by Mark & Marie Lupien highlighted Wompatuck as the place to stay for any Boston visit. Everyone said they had a good time and I do believe them. Smiles galore at breakfast and at the Saturday pot luck dinner.

There was potential for one member to have a rough time. Kathleen Kushman crashed her bike Friday afternoon. She

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wasn't going fast, no broken bones, and the South Shore Hospital emergency room provided great repair service. The accompanying photos tell the story and our granddaughter Gabby was there to verify it was in fact a bike accident - unfortunately some strangers have looked at me with suspicion. The bruises are healing, the teeth are repaired, and her glasses are in for repair at Costco. *Note: Costco is repairing the frames and replacing the lenses for FREE.* She had only purchased them earlier this year and they took pity. Unfortunately our dentist did not.

A pleasant visit to Georges Island proved instructive, relaxing, and cultivating. A movie at the visitor center and a park tour reveal the history. The park grounds are perfect for lounging or a picnic and an unexpected cultivating bonus during this visit was our [immersion into the arts](#). Selected pieces of "art" were exhibited about the grounds and inside the fort inspiring pure wonder. I did need a explanation from the park ranger regarding one exhibit. A fiberglass statue wrapped in a blue tarp illustrating a "decommissioned statue" sitting at a "decommissioned fort" - my "hutzspa" detector was off.

[See Boston page 6](#)



Bandaged up, ready to go.



Still smiling. BTW she was wearing a bike helmet.

Nip the shoots of arbitrary power in the bud, is the only maxim which can ever preserve the liberties of any people.

~ John Adams

"To be good, and to do good, is all we have to do."

~ John Adams



One of the clever art pieces near the entrance to Fort Warren.



This is the famous statue of "Harry Hutzpah" (Ed. title) wrapped to signify being decommissioned. I don't think anyone dared peek under the tarp. ~ Artist in hiding.



Just off the ferry at Georges Island and Fort Warren.



18th century printing along the Freedom Trail - near the North Church - very interesting.



We were the winners watching a fun game of old baseball.

Boston from page 5

Other special happenings graced Georges Island and Fort Warren at the time of our visit. There was a old fashioned baseball game during which I learned a fly ball caught on one bounce was scored as an out and baseball gloves were not used, perhaps not invented. There was a music concert by a young modern group - well - more like a music screech, perhaps exemplifying a type of torture when the fort was a civil war prison.

Not far from Wompatuck, in Quincy, the Adam's family farm, a national historic park, is well worth the time. No creeping hands will be seen - we are talking about John & John Quincy - well before the telly.

So this rally did produced a few "recommends" - Boston and the Harbor Islands, Wompatuck State Park, history tours, wear a bike helmet, Costco for eye glasses, and yeah - let's do it again. ~ RK



Everyone smile and Billy - please wave!

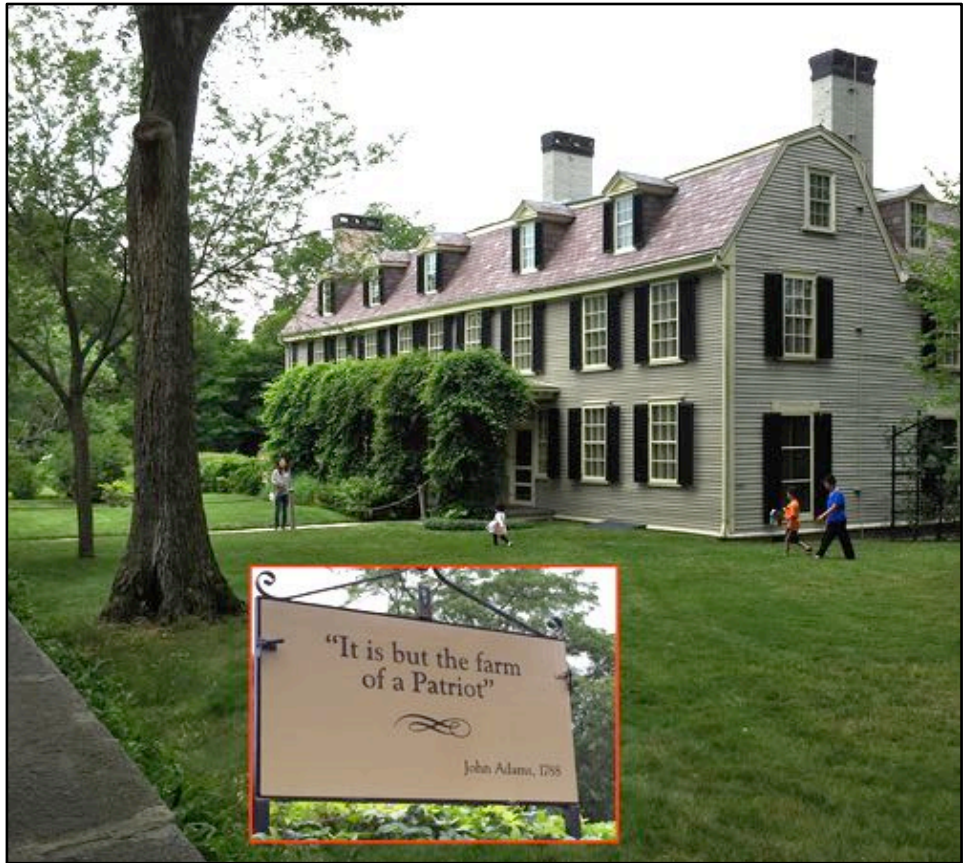
Find me a man who's interesting enough to have dinner with and I'll be happy. ~ Lauren Bacall



**AUGUST**

**BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES**

|       |                               |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 08/01 | Robert Fuller                 |
| 08/02 | Jeff & Lynn Blackwell         |
| 08/04 | Aili Galasyn                  |
| 08/05 | Steve Pestretto               |
| 08/06 | J. Rick Cipot                 |
| 08/08 | Jeanne Wilson                 |
| 08/08 | Fred McGoldrick               |
| 08/11 | Frank & Audrey White          |
| 08/17 | Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight |
| 08/21 | Russ & Cynthia Melocik        |
| 08/21 | Rose Tavares                  |
| 08/25 | Marie Lupien                  |
| 08/26 | Bruce & Kris Fletcher         |
| 08/27 | Wayne Rutty                   |
| 08/27 | Trevor Lake                   |
| 08/29 | Richard Kushman               |
| 08/29 | Gary A. Levinson              |



John & Abigail Adam's farm - enlarged over the years.

**SEPTEMBER**

**BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES**

|       |                         |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 09/04 | John & Rose Tavares     |
| 09/06 | Bob & Helen Sandall     |
| 09/06 | Sharon Henschel         |
| 09/11 | Wayne & Susan Rutty     |
| 09/11 | Carolyn L. Knight       |
| 09/13 | Bill & Candy Korb       |
| 09/15 | Paul & Judy Good        |
| 09/22 | Bill & Sandra Flood     |
| 09/23 | Mark & Marie Lupien     |
| 09/24 | Rich & Dottie Walbridge |
| 09/28 | Michael & Lianne Rutty  |



Some of COCU crew lined up at Ft Warren. Now that's art.

**CHECK OUT THE DISNEY FLYER!**

*Answer from page One:* Nine years, because on the 10th year it doubled for the last time and reached the maximum height.

**LINK LINK**

Worked In Airstream

**This Month's Airstream Link**

**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/>

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**FOR SALE**

1999 34' Limited With Hensley hitch.

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**“RHINEBECK AERODROME “  
RENDEZVOUS**

*Friday August 21 – Sunday August 23*

Brook n Wood Family Campground  
1947 County Route 8, Elizaville, NY 12523

**Hosts – Bill and Evie Watts**

This is a relaxed, do-it-yourself rally-

**Friday: Check in 3 p.m. --- Happy hour, supper on your own**

**Saturday: Morning free, afternoon Airshow at the The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome  
happy hour and pot luck supper**

**Sunday: Time to explore - Check out by 2 p. m.**

*Other things to see and do: Olana State Historical Site, NY State Museum of Firefighting,  
Hudson Athens Lighthouse, Martin Van Buren National Historical site,  
Clermont State Historical Site, Hudson Antique District and Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill*

Cost: \$50 per night, full hook-ups (30 amp, water, sewer & cable) **Reservation deadline is July 20**  
Extensions are available at the same price from Brook n Wood directly 518-537-6896 or  
[camp@brooknwood.com](mailto:camp@brooknwood.com)

This is a pet friendly campground. Rabies certificate is required.

**Reserve and pay: Evelyn Watts, 55 Hattertown Rd., Newton, CT 06470 (203) 426-5532**  
[evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net)

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**Rhinebeck Aerodrome Rendezvous, August 21,22,and 23 – Two nights = \$100**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Length \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_





RENEWALS

# September 11 - 13, 2015



Arrive after 12 noon Friday - depart by 2:00 pm Sunday  
Dry Camping Only - Limited Number of Spaces

Walnut Beach is a Smoke and Tobacco Free Area

**Friday** - 4:30 Social Hour - Dinner on your own.  
Many great places to dine in Milford.

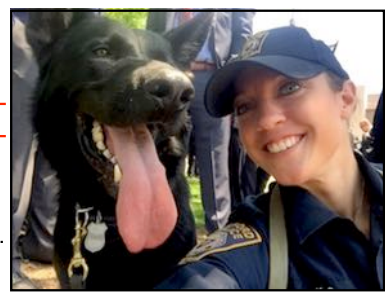
**Saturday** - Morning Coffee at Pavilion 7 am  
4:30 - Social Hour  
5:00 - Canine Officer Emily Covelli will offer a demonstration with her partner Zeus.

6:30 - **Soups On**  
Pot Luck Soup - bring a pot of soup or stew.  
Bread, butter, and dessert provided.

**Sunday** - Morning Coffee at Pavilion

**Milford Area**

CT Audubon Coastal Center ~ Memorial Bridge & Tower ~ Old Taylor Library Building built in 1894 which is now the Milford Chamber of Commerce ~ Waterfall behind the Town Hall ~ The Milford Harbor ~ The Milford Green, which is the second largest green in New England. All the shops in the center of town and of course the beach, the boardwalk, and the pirate treasure buried on Charles Island.



Emily & Zeus

Take Exit 34 off 95. At bottom of exit ramp, turn right onto US1. After 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light, get over to left lane, going past the Bridgeport Flyer (diner) on the left. Turn left at 3<sup>rd</sup> light which will have a green arrow, Naugatuck Avenue. Continue on Naugatuck Avenue for a total of 1.1 miles to the STOP SIGN. You MUST turn left at the stop sign onto E. Broadway....keep going .4 miles, then turn right into the entrance to the parking lot.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI Number \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Rig \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fee with Camping**

- 1 person per Airstream..... \$ 25.00
- 2 persons per Airstream..... \$ 30.00

All camping fees and extra fund will be donated to a Milford sponsored charity.

Send Check to:  
Richard Kushman  
107 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Niantic, CT 06357

Questions?  
Email: [rich.kath@icloud.com](mailto:rich.kath@icloud.com)  
Phone: 869-608-4321



# Installation Dinner

October 4, 2015

**Manchester Country Club**  
305 South Main Street  
Manchester, Ct., 06040

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 Bob Sandall, 114 Hollister Street, Manchester, Ct., 06042 **by September 27, 2015**

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

Sole \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI No: -----



# New England Unit Florida Caravan 2015

Join the New England Unit as we Caravan to sunny Florida and The Walt Disney World Resort! Join your Rally hosts as we experience all the attractions of Central Florida including the EPCOT International Food and Wine Festival!

- The caravan will launch from a point in Northern Virginia (Winchester off I-81) on Saturday, October 3, 2015.
- We will travel to Colleton State Park in South Carolina (off I-95) on Sunday, October 4, 2015
- Monday is arrival day at Disney’s Fort Wilderness Campground.
  - We have arranged group rates for Premium sites.
  - Discounted tickets to the Walt Disney Resort (not included in caravan cost).
  - All Disney resort transportation is included.
  - Optional “Party for the Senses” at EPCOT Friday night.
- For those that want to head back to New England, we’ll leave on Sunday October 11, 2015 stopping for the night in Charleston, South Carolina.
- Monday will be for touring Charleston.
- Tuesday (Oct 13)and Wednesday (Oct 14) will be travel days back to New England.
- Approximate cost (6 nights at Ft Wilderness and campground fees on the way down) is \$795.00. Cost for just Disney is \$570.00 (we can customize other parts as well). Make check out to Rich Collins

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