

# Connecticut



Charter Oak Chatter

August 2016

## President's Message ~ Bard Fuller

**W**hat a wonderful rendezvous on beautiful Lake Waramaug. Congratulations go out to John and Fina Bachar as first time hosts they did a splendid job. We are all rooting for John to fight through his medical concerns.

As you receive this issue several of our unit members are caravanning to Quebec City with interesting and intriguing stops in Mass, NH and Sherbrooke, QC. We are looking forward to hearing of their adventures and pictures in next month's Chatter.

With the late August rally in Rhode Island canceled, we are eagerly looking forward to the September activities. Bill and Evelyn Watts have a delightful campground in Austerlitz, NY on the Massachusetts' state line. This will be our hub to explore the

Berkshire Hills including a visit to the Norman Rockwell Museum. Reservation deadline is in just a couple of weeks (August 20). See the enclosed flyer and let Evie and Bill know today that you are planning to attend. For those who are looking for another outing in a cooler September, Eddie and Nanci Carll (our new Associate Members) are co-hosting a New England Unit rally in Plymouth, MA. Join Kathy and me September 9-11 as we travel to historic Plymouth.

In this issue is the flyer for the Fall Business Luncheon at the always popular Manchester Country Club. The Sandall's have handed over the reins to Jim and Corinne Burnham. Please get your reservations in early to be part of welcoming Evie Watts as our new president and her executive board.

Also in this issue will be more follow up about the International Rally in Greenbrier County, West Virginia. Much of the county was devastated by the floods yet over 750 trailers from across the USA and Canada were gathered on the local fairground and were relatively immune to the local disaster.

Finally, we are all greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard Walbridge. Rich was the patriarch of the Cape Cod Mass Unit. He rose to national prominence as a national caravan leader but he was much more as he was a HUGE club supporter, expert rally organizer, progressive newsletter editor, a two-time unit president, two-time Region Rally chairman and just an all-round wonderful man. We hope to see his wife Dottie in the future wherever Airstreams gather. Our lives have been enhanced to have known Rich. God bless. ~

## STATE PARK SUCCESS

**T**he Waramaug Rendezvous was a successful and fun time for all that attended. We had seven units and five visitors to round out our gathering. In attendance we had Gilles & Joyce Rousseau, Bill & Evelyn Watts, Bard and Kathy Fuller, Steve Pestretto and his friend Debi and daughter Michaela, Michael & Sandy Sasuta with their grandson Trent, Roger & Ruth Crockett, and of course Serafina and me, as hosts for this event. We also had Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto, Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck, and my daughter Dawn Bachar as visitors.

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## LINK OF THE MONTH

[Baked & Sauced](#)

## Question

Say my name and I disappear.

Answer page 7

## Over the Speed Limit



**L**ooking back on June 30<sup>th</sup> Seb & Juanita Pestretto were in the passing lane. While others were doing 60 they were already doing - 65 -. Happy Anniversary Seb & Juanita. ~

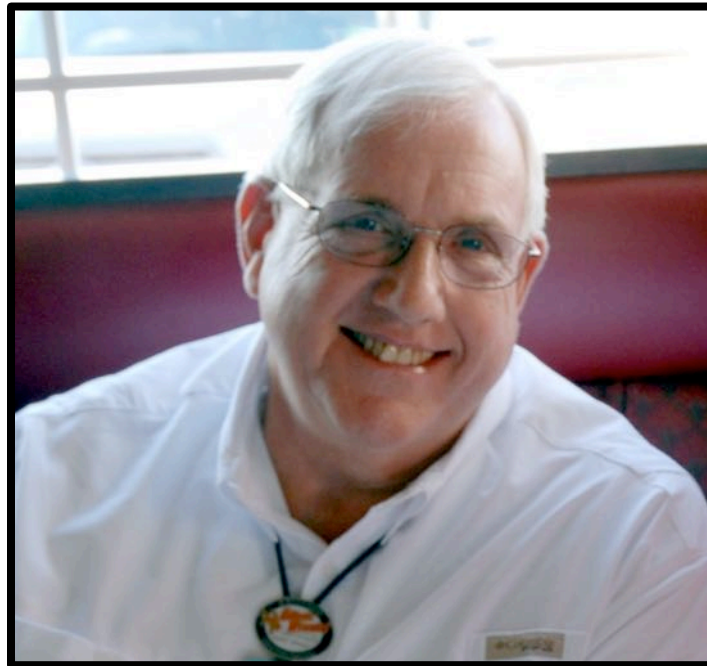


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# If only Heaven



Richard Walbridge  
1945 - 2016

had  
visiting  
hours.



## STATE PARK SUCCESS from page 1

We had great weather, except for the humidity, but no rain. The views from our campsite were wonderful and the lake brought out our kayakers. Every one went out on their own to explore this wonderful region of the Berkshires which included wineries, restaurants, scenic drives, and of course blueberry picking with my wife. We all enjoyed the potluck dinner on Saturday evening. This was a memorable weekend for me and hopefully for all who attended.

~ John Bachar (3089)





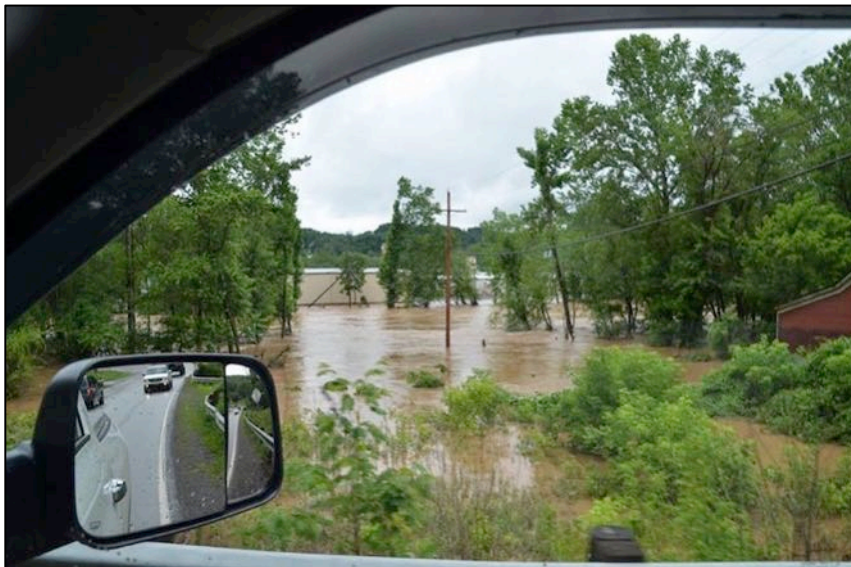


### Our West Virginia Arrival A Mucky Gully Washer

~ By Bard Fuller

Leaving Southington we knew that Connecticut would miss a great storm that was heading toward the Mid-Atlantic States. We stayed north on I-84 to Scranton then headed South on I-81 with hopes to out skirt the storm. For the first nine hours this plan worked well.

In the Shenandoah Valley rain sprinkles started. As we headed west on I-64 toward WV all hell broke loose as it was raining cats and dogs. With our eyes as close to the windshield as we could and



wipers going at hyper-speed we could barely make out the lane markers. The interstate was often narrowed down to one lane due to mud slides which had taken full size trees and deposited them on the road. Streaming waters coming off the embankments were now gushing waterfalls. The drainage ditches along the break down lane had become torrents of brown, liquid sludge encroaching into the travel lane. The emergency vehicles parked along the road heightened our concerns.



We were now approaching the WV border with daylight diminishing and only 15 miles to Lewisburg. We had the flashers going and were creeping in low gear as we met the current of the water careening over the westbound lanes into the median. There were no



pull-off areas or breakdown lanes and the last three exits off the interstate were barricaded by public works vehicles because the exits were underwater. How far would we have to go under these conditions before we could leave this road from hell?

Hallelujah! The Lewisburg exit was passable and we made our way to the high ground of a Walmart parking lot where for the next two hours we weathered out the storm. With several phone calls to those at the fairground we got the "all clear" that there was a suitably dry bull pen just five miles away to rest the night and calm our frayed nerves. ~





*Silver lineup.*



*Mark & Marie Lupien - Vintage Parade.*



*Sea of silver.*



*Bard, Kathy, John, and Grace a Fuller celebration.*



*Silver cocktail hour.*





### Awards and Recognitions at Lewisburg

Richard Kushman – Newsletter Editor

Congratulations Rich! 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the entire world for the best WBCCI newsletter in print form. We all here in CT knew your newsletters were awesome but now the WBCCI world knows, too. Congratulations go to all those who help Rich produce this outstanding product as well as those who have submitted pictures and articles.



John Fuller – Eleventh Membership Star

Presented by the International President to John at the evening program in front of a standing ovation. He is now a 55 year member of WBCCI and continues to tow an Airstream.

Ruth Crockett – Craft Award

A blue ribbon in homemade crafts for her beautiful baskets.

Bard & Kathy Fuller – Vintage Trailer

Gold recognition in the Junior Division in the Concours d'Elegance judging of the vintage trailer restorations.

Mark & Marie Lupien – Vintage Trailer

Vintage Trailer Parade participant with flags flying high and proudly touring the fairgrounds with "grand arrival entrance".

Grace Fuller – Hobby Show

Participant in Hobby Show with her dolls collected from across Europe. A beautiful, well presented display. ~ Bard



Welcome new affiliate members **EDDIE & Nanci CARLL** from Plymouth, MA. Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Belated wedding anniversary congratulations to **SEB and JUANITA PESTRETTO** June 30<sup>th</sup>.....65 years and still going strong!

Thank you to **JOHN and SERAFINA BACHAR** for doing a good job hosting the Lake Waramaug Rendezvous. Our grandson Trent (8 yrs. Old) joined us for the weekend and enjoyed meeting the group and playing the game "Catch Phrase". He did let me know there was a 3 AM sighting of Big Foot out by the picnic table. I ran to the window to look, but must have just missed him.

**BOB SANDALL** and **MARIE LUPIEN** both had successful cataract surgery in July. **HELEN SANDALL** is not home yet from having recent hip surgery, but is progressing well.

On a very sad note, **RICH WALBRIDGE** passed away on July 13, 2016 after a year long battle with leukemia. We send our sincere sympathy to **DOTTIE** and the family. He was fun loving with a great personality and will truly be missed.

Please remember to pay your dues by October 1, 2016 by mailing me a check or paying on line at [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org)

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### International Rally - We were there!

Attending the Lewisburg International Rally were Charter Oak members Bard and Kathy Fuller, Bill and Evelyn Watts, Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Mark and Marie Lupein, Roger and Ruth Crockett, Bruce and Kris Fletcher, Gayle and Wiley Downing, Sebbby and Juanita Pestretto, John and Grace Fuller, Rick Cipot and Sandi Gould, and Eddie and Nanci Carll.



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### Bard's Good Bad and Bizarre Airstreams

#### A Trailer with a View

Located on the shores of Islesboro Island in the center of Penobscot Bay in Maine you will find this silver 1970's Argosy sitting proudly on a float.



### Contribute Pictures to the Charter Oak Website

Visit the gallery - <http://connecticut.wbcci.net>

Do you have pictures for the Gallery?

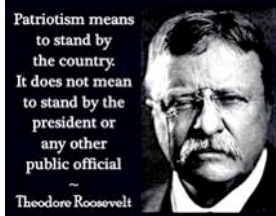
Send them to [rich.kath@icloud.com](mailto:rich.kath@icloud.com)

The small print: image should be no smaller than 800x600 px - sending from phone use Large size not original, and will be approved by the editor before posting.

## 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 equipment. Contact Bob Henschel 860-274-3768



## 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 Rose Tavares
- 08/21 Russ & Cynthia Melocik
- 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
- 08/30 Charlie Eglise

## SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

- 09/03 Bob & Ruth Scott
- 09/04 John & Rose Tavares
- 09/06 Sharon Henschel
- 09/06 Bob & Helen Sandall
- 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
- 09/26 Bob Scott
- 09/28 Michael & Lianne Rutty



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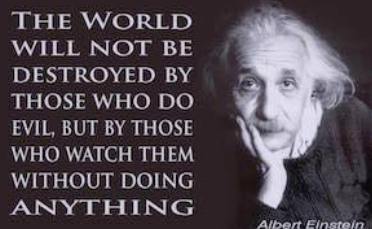
One brand new Catalytic Heater, "Still in the box, never used". Brand Name: "The CAT". It is vented, & flameless, comes with Honeywell Thermostat & all other parts for complete installation, was \$350.00, selling for \$200.00. 2 Zip Dee Blue & Silver folding chairs with 2 leg extensions/excellent condition/selling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

# WANTED

### Airstream B-Van

Contact Rick & Beth Petrie

203-932-2184 [tprobe47@att.net](mailto:tprobe47@att.net)



## 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/>

## Answer

Silence

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## *The Norman Rockwell Rendezvous*



***September 23-25, 2016***

Enjoy the Autumn colors in the heart of the beautiful Berkshire Hills.

**Your Hosts: Evelyn & Bill Watts**

**Woodland Hills Campground**

**386 Fog Hill Rd, Austerlitz, NY      <http://www.whcg.net/>**

**Electric (30amp) & Water sites, Dump Station, Pet Friendly**

**Friday:** Arrive after 3pm, 5:30 Robust Happy hour, 8:00 Campfire (weather permitting)

**Saturday:** 8am Potluck Breakfast (Host will provide coffee, tea & juice),

4:30 Happy Hour, 8pm Campfire (weather permitting)

***Visit the World Famous Norman Rockwell Museum***

Norman Rockwell Museum presents the world's largest collection of **original Norman Rockwell art**, including beloved paintings from **The Saturday Evening Post** and the **Four Freedoms**, and the best in the field of **American illustration**. Experience **Rockwell's art**, life and legacy in the artist's picturesque New England hometown of **Stockbridge, Massachusetts** nestled in the culturally rich **Berkshires**.

**Other Attractions include:** Tanglewood, The Mount, Chesterwood, Hancock Shaker Village, Naumkeag

**Directions:** Take Interstate 90 into NY exit B-3. Then travel 2 miles south on Route 22. Turn right on Middle Road and travel for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, and then turn right on Fog Hill Rd. Keep going till you see the campground sign.

**Reservation deadline is Aug 23. To make reservations you will need to:**

- (1) Call Woodland Hills Campground (518) 392 3557 and indicate that you are with the Airstream group using the safari field. You will be given a discount rate of \$35 per night.
- (2) Call Evie & Bill at (203) 426 5532 or email them at [evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net) to indicate that reservations have been made. ( Any kitty if needed would be minimal and collected at site.)





## "FUN" TO THE ROCK RALLY 2.0 & NEU FALL MEETING

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9 – SUNDAY 11, 2016

PINEWOOD LODGE CAMPGROUND, 190 PINEWOOD ROAD  
PLYMOUTH, MA 02360

RALLY HOSTS: EDDIE & Nanci CARLL & DOUG HART

Come join us in "America's Hometown" and the greater Plymouth area to kick off the fall camping season.....This quintessential New England destination, nestled conveniently between Boston and Cape Cod, is best known for its Native history, the Pilgrim story, and one of the country's most iconic landmarks – Plymouth Rock. Enjoy.....

- ✕ "Run to the Rock" road race on Saturday morning.
- ✕ Historical sites: Forefathers Monument, Burial Hill, 1749 Court House, Pilgrim Hall, Plimoth Plantation, Hedges House.....
- ✕ Harbor cruises, beaches and a variety of dining options in the waterfront area.
  
- ✕ 6 pm Friday dinner Happy Hour – Heavy hors d' oeuvres. 8pm Campfire.
- ✕ 8 am(6:45 am for runners on Sat,)Saturday and Sunday breakfast (provided)
- ✕ 5 pm Saturday Fall Business Meeting followed by Pot Luck Dinner and Desert. 8 pm Campfire  
(There will be a grille waiting and a pot for your lobster).

Rally fee \$95, which includes two nights camping with water and electric, firewood and a kitty fee.

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"Fun" for the Rock Rally 2.0 at the Pinewood Lodge Campground in Plymouth, MA Sept. 9-11, 2016

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please fill out this form and mail your payment payable to:

Eddie Carll, 66 Perseverance Path, Plymouth, MA 02360

For additional information contact Eddie Carll at 508-454-6895 or [ecarll62@gmail.com](mailto:ecarll62@gmail.com)



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## Installation Dinner

October 16, 2016

**Save this Date**

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  
Stuffed Sole  
Chicken Marsala

**Price to be  
determined**

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  
East Windsor, CT 06088

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

Sole \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

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