



Connecticut



Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club September 2020

President's Message

by Kathy Fuller



It feels like springtime at our house. Not the weather but the excitement related to going out with the trailer again. It's been a long summer and the rally in Bernardston, Mass was just what I needed. Thanks to Gail and Wiley Downing and everyone who helped them run a very successful rally.

Did you know we have a new website? Rich Kushman has done a wonderful job working with Wally Byam Airstream Club to populate the new ".org" site. Check it out at airstreamclub.org/charter-oak-connecticut. While you're at it, check out the new Region 1 website at airstreamclub.org/region-1. You won't be disappointed. Going forward, we should not be using the ".net" sites any longer. While on the websites check out the last two camping events of our season. Russ and

Rhona Fuller are hosting the gathering at New Paltz, NY from September 11-13. Bard and I are hosting the rally at Ross Hill Campground from Oct 2-4. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up...it stresses out the hosts (and we don't want that). **Continued page 4**



Art work by Billy Steers

Wine Tasting Rally - page two



What does this Airstream need?

What do you think?

What do you call a group of Asses?

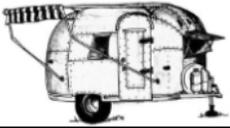
Oval one mile track. In order to qualify for the race, the driver must complete two consecutive laps at an average of 60 mph, a mile a minute. He drives the first lap at 30 mph. How fast must he drive the second lap to average 60 mph for the two laps?

Link of the Month

[Resource Center](#)

Helpful information from ACI for all Airstreamers.

[Answers Page 7](#)



Wine Tasting Rally

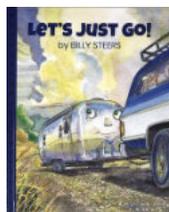
by Julie & Billy Steers 31776

On a beautiful weekend this August we attended the Charter Oak Club's 'Wine Tasting Rally' at Traveler's Woods campground in Bernardston, Mass. As new members this was our first 'official' rally as many other events scheduled earlier this year were canceled due to COVID. So with masks in place and a bottle in hand we went. Gail and Wiley Downing were fabulous hosts. We were joined by 14 rigs and the enjoyed meeting and socially distancing with the following members of Charter Oak and other clubs from Region One; Trevor & Gale Lake, Russ & Rhonda Fuller, Steve Prestetto and his daughter, Michaela, Bard & Kathy Fuller, Eddie Carll, Sally Kerr, Diane & Gerry Jackson, Joyce & Gilles Rousseau, Sandy & Mike Sasuta, Dave & Paulette Jensen, Glen & Christine Lessig and Mac & Kathleen McNamara.

Gail, Wiley and helpers ensured food offerings ranging from a pancake breakfast to spaghetti dinner and wine tasting followed strict state protocols to include hung plexiglass sneeze barriers and even individual syrup containers. All of their preparations and the required six feet separations did not distract from the fun times and camaraderie. We were still able to enjoy campfires, trailer tours and corn hole games. Members toured local bike paths and walking trails as well as local breweries and villages. We had a great time and we're really looking forward to our next rally. ~

Visit Airstream Supply

"Let's Just Go!" is a wonderful children's storybook, written by Billy Steers, that follows Snug the Airstream travel trailer and her adventures. [Available here.](#)



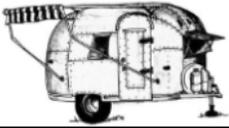
Rhona & Russ Fuller, Kathy & Bard Fuller with Eddie Carll



Glen Lessig, Joyce & Gilles Rousseau, Julie & Billy Steers



The Cooks: Gail Downing, Rhona Fuller, Wiley Downing, Russ Fuller and Michael Sasuta



A little wine a lot of friendship.



New Members
Jim & Stacy Reck
 Woodstock, CT

Transferred Members
Sally Kerr
 Poughkeepsie, NY

Kenneth & Maria Volpe
 Woodstock, NY

Sandy's Scuttlebutt



by Sandy Sasuta

former members and who also resided at Travelers Rest in Dade City, FL. We send our sincere condolences to **REGGIE BROWN** and family on the passing of Reggie's wife **JACKIE** on August 10th and also send our sympathy to the **RUTTY** family on the passing of their mother/grandmother **LAURA EDMONDSON** on August 17, 2020 at 101 years old. They were special ladies, loved by all and will be missed.

A BIG thank you goes out to **GAIL & WILEY DOWNING** and their helpers, for hosting the August Rally at Traveler's Woods in Bernardston, MA. It was a highly anticipated gathering as we were all anxious to get our trailers out and about. They certainly "Wined & Dined" us, we caught up with friends and we all had a great time.

We were saddened to hear the news of the passing of two of our



Jackie Brown

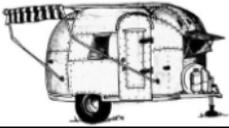


Laura Edmondson

Yes, the Int'l dues have increased by \$10.00 and the August Blue Beret on Page 26 gives the explanation. Another change is now you have until December 31, 2020 to pay your 2021 dues, in order to be included in the large annual Membership Directory which is mailed in February. Even though you have plenty of time to pay, keep it in mind and do it on line if possible, or mail a check to me. (See Box) Thank you to those who have renewed already!

The grandmother was driving the grandchildren back home when a fire truck flew by, with a Dalmation dog sitting in the front seat. The children started talking about what the dog does. One said, it was to keep crowds back. Another said, no, he is just for good luck. The last child closed the discussion by firmly saying...they use the dog to find the fire hydrants.

Saw this refreshing repost from Sally Kerr: When I woke up this morning, I asked myself, "What is life about?" Found the answer in my room...the fan said, BE COOL; The ceiling said, AIM HIGH; The window said, SEE THE WORLD; The clock said, EVERY MINUTE IS PRECIOUS; The mirror said, REFLECT BEFORE YOU ACT; The calendar said, BE UP TO DATE; The door said, PUSH HARD FOR YOUR GOALS; The floor said, KNEEL DOWN AND PRAY. Sandy said - STAY SAFE! ~



President's Message

Continued

While on the topic of signing up, it's time to renew our membership with the club. This process can be done on the new club website under "Current Members". Again, please don't wait until the last minute to renew...it makes our Treasurer Sandy Sasuta worry (and we don't want that either).

Please be aware that we will be having our fall Business Meeting and Installation of Officers on Saturday 10/3 at the Ross Hill Campground during the Pumpkin and Spice Rally. Because of COVID, the campground is not permitting visitors. We are going to try to ZOOM the meeting for those who will not be attending. We will keep you posted.

Do you have your Charter Oak Connecticut flag yet? I have some and will be happy to sell one to you for \$53.00. It would make a great gift for the person who has everything. Fly it with pride!

Looking forward to seeing you soon.
~ Kathy

Visit the New Websites



[Airstream Club International](#)

ACI the new WBCCI web experience.



[Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club](#)



[Region One](#)



Here are some recent donations:
Thank you contributors! ~

Region Rally Update

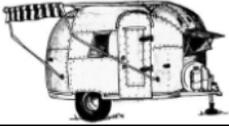
By Bard Fuller

Yes, we intend on having one. Just don't know specifically *When* and *Where*. I remain in negotiations with the Hebron Fairgrounds as well as now with other fairgrounds. Our tentative date is June 10-13, 2021. This COVID world has raised more questions than answers. One thing for sure, it will cost more to execute such a rally.

To keep our rally fee as low as possible we will be now relying more heavily on a successful raffle. Let's keep our drive for additional raffle gifts in the forefront of our minds. Send those precious items to Joyce here in Connecticut or Sandy while in Florida.

We are always looking for donations of neat Airstream items, camping paraphernalia, Dr. Seuss stuff, quilted items, a bottle or two of wine, gift basket, restaurant gift cards and the like! ~





Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Annual Meeting

The COCAC Annual meeting will be held during our Pumpkin and Spice Rally at the Ross Hill Campground, 170 Ross Hill Road, Lisbon, CT, on October 3, 2020, 9:30 am.

A CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

- 1 Hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee.
- 2 Hear and act on any other business to come before the committee.



As a member of the nominating committee, I've assembled the names of those who have consented to fill an officer position for the COCAC for 2020 to 2021. According to Article IV Section 1 of our bylaws, a written report of these candidates must be submitted to the executive board. The president distributes the names to the membership not less than 15 days prior to our business meeting on October 3. This email is to serve as that written report.

Glen Lessig
1st Vice President

Nominations for Executive Board

- President - Glen Lessig
- Immediate Past President - Kathy Fuller
- 1st VP - Russ Fuller
- 2nd VP - Carol Dubrowski
- Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Kushman
- Recording Secretary - Christine Lessig
- Treasurer - Sandy Sasuta
- Directors 1st Year - Bard Fuller and Open
- Directors 2nd Year - Chris Dubrowski and Michael Sasuta

Standing Committees

- Standing Committees Chairs will continue:
- Legislative - Mike Sasuta
- Membership - Kathy Fuller
- Publicity/Newsletter - Rich Kushman



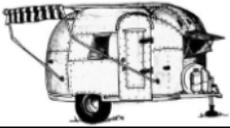
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Absentee ballots must be sent to Glen Lessig via email or PO mail by October 1.

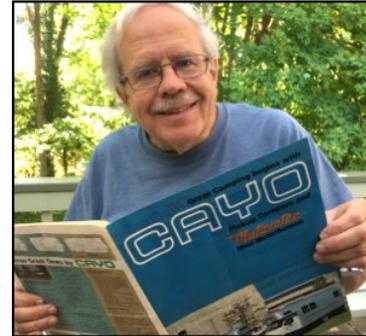
Address to be sent to:

glessig@gmail.com

Glen Lessig
P.O. Box 307
East Woodstock, CT 06244



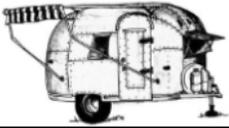
Good, Bad and Bizarre AMAZING Bard's AIRSTREAMS



Perhaps my all-time favorite RV, blending practicality and eye appeal, is not an Airstream but a Cayo Motovator. My nostalgic side always thought Airstream Inc. should have made an aluminum riveted class C motorhome. Kathy and I have only seen one of these motorhomes in person and that was in South Dakota back in 1995. We were instantly drawn to its uniqueness. They do appear every now and then on eBay but are becoming very rare since they were only produced from 1971-1974 as a limited production run. Last week I was fortunate to acquire an original sales brochure for this super-neat Airstream look alike off of eBay.

They closely resemble the truck campers made by Airstream's rival, Avion, that were produced in the 1960's. There is good reason for the resemblance. Loren Cayo, President of Avion, introduced the Avion truck camper in the mid 1960's as an adjunct to his popular all aluminum Avion travel trailer. His brother, Robert Cayo, became Avion Coach president in the late 1960's and sold the Avion name and travel trailer line which ultimately ended up as part of Fleetwood Enterprises. Robert Cayo did retain the popular truck camper production and rebadged it as a "Cayo". During the Cayo years, 1970-1974, Robert tried several variations of the original Avion C-10 truck camper. One of these variations was the Cayo Motovator. Sadly, it never received customer appreciation due, at least in part, to the growing oil crisis in America. ~ Bard Fuller





FOR SALE

Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

September

- 09/01 Sandie St. Laurent
- 09/03 Bob & Ruth Scott
- 09/11 Wayne & Susan Rutty
- 09/12 R J Dominic
- 09/15 Cynthia & Michael Brodeur
- 09/17 Jeanne Blandford
- 09/20 Mary Rosenbach
- 09/22 Bill & Sandra Flood
- 09/23 Pam Forsyth
- 09/23 Mark & Marie Lupien
- 09/26 Bob Scott
- 09/28 Michael & Lianne Rutty
- 09/30 Per Hamnqvist

October

- 10/02 Howard Jones
- 10/03 Bard & Kathy Fuller
- 10/03 Dan & Karen Olah
- 10/04 Wiley Downing
- 10/04 Eileen Allers
- 10/07 Bill Flood
- 10/08 Mark Lupien
- 10/08 Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca
- 10/09 Serafina M. Bachar
- 10/10 Eddie Carl
- 10/10 Raymond & Cynthia Richard
- 10/10 Billy & Julie Steers
- 10/11 Jim & Stacy Reck
- 10/12 Dick Bartram
- 10/12 Niels Rosenbeck
- 10/18 Billy Steers
- 10/21 Susan Rutty
- 10/22 William & Evelyn Watts
- 10/24 Gail Downing
- 10/27 Bob Landry
- 10/27 Michael Rutty
- 10/29 Fred Newman
- 10/29 Paulette Jensen



2007 Classic 25 ft. Airstream
75th Anniversary Edition.
One owner, excellent condition, Hensley Arrow hitch, awnings all around, twin beds. \$45,000 or best offer. Contact info: Sharon - 508-789-4066 or E-mail: Ss_harbourgirl@yahoo.com or Susan - 310-339-6113 E-mail: kcsuki@yahoo.com
Sharon and Susan are Rose Tavares's daughters.



1997 Airstream B-190 Van
Ford E-350 Chassis with the V10 engine.
Asking \$14,500 will consider offers. Can be seen in Higganum, Ct - Contact Ed Petrie 860-952-4799

DUES RENEWALS

Visit ACI: [Current Members/Renew Your Membership](#)

Renew on line: Complete the form and have your credit card ready.

Regular member: ACI \$75.00 + \$15.00 COCAC Total \$90.00

Lifetime or affiliate member: Only unit dues: \$15.00

If you are unable to renew on line or you are an affiliate member please send a check before December 31st payable to COCAC with a note about any changes to your information.

Mail dues to:
Sandy Sasuta
476 Milford Point Road
Milford, CT 06460

[Check here for International Dues Joining Guidelines](#)

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Answer

He needs to cover 2 miles in 2 minutes. He's already used up all of his time if he went only 30 mph in the first lap. He took 2 minutes for the first mile so he can't qualify.

What did you think?

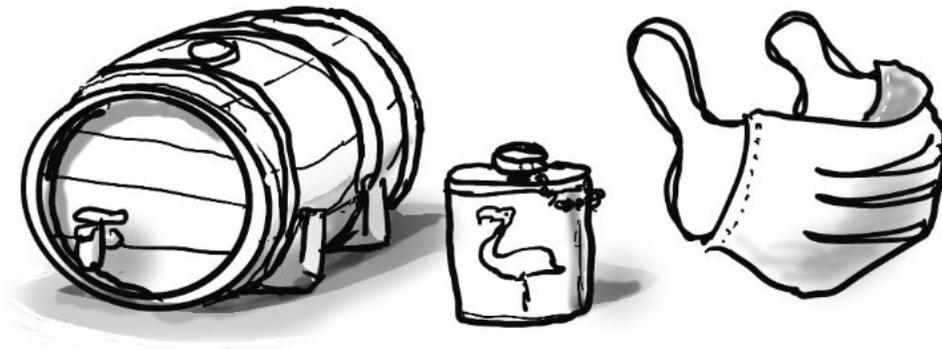
A group of Asses is called "A Pace".
Sooo - what were you thinking?

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New Virtual Rally?



*The Cask, The Flask and The Mask
Stay at Home Rally*

Join Us

Art work by Billy Steers



Joyce and Gilles Zooming...



Zoom virtual happy hours at 5 pm every Thursday.

No Rallies and missing your Airstream friends join us on Zoom every Thursday at 5pm with the beverage of your choice. No mask needed. Missing the ID or Password contact Russ Fuller.

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Fall Basics Rendezvous

**This is a rendezvous
No planned events
Plenty to do in the area!!!!**

**Electricity will be available 20 amp some 30's
NO Water, bathrooms or buildings
The dump station will be available—no water**

When

**Sept. 11 thru 13
Arrive after 1pm
Depart by noon**

Where

**Ulster County
Fairgrounds
New Paltz , New York**

New York State's

**PLAY SMART * PLAY SAFE * PLAY LOCAL
Campaign**

Covid-19 Notice:

You are welcome to come if traveling from states that do not have a significant degree of community-wide spread of COVID-19, as identified by NY State Health Department

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

Please:

- Social distance - 6 feet apart
- Small groups (10 or less)
- Wear a mask in public
- Do not share food and utensils

Come enjoy the friendship!

Names _____ WBCCI # _____

Phone Number _____ email _____

Camping Fee \$40.00 - 2nights of camping—electric only, NO water

Please make checks to R Fuller 26 Luciano DR, Southington, CT 06489 prior to Sept 1, 2020

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PUMPKIN and SPICE RALLY

Ross Hill Campground, 170 Ross Hill Rd., Lisbon, CT

October 2-4, 2020

Hosts: Kathy & Bard Fuller

- *Camping (2 nights) with W/E and "Everything Nice" for \$90.00
 - *Catered BBQ Chicken Dinner Saturday night for \$15 pp
 - *variety of breakfasts available for nominal fee Saturday and Sunday.
 - *Business meeting 9:30am on Saturday
 - *Installation of new officers after Supper on Saturday
 - *Socially responsible gathering as the times may dictate
- Enjoy Holmberg Orchards and Winery or Preston Ridge Vineyard only about 20 minutes away. B.F. Clyde's Cider Mill is about 30 minutes away.

Name(s) _____ WBCCI# _____ Phone _____

Optional BBQ Chicken Dinner \$15 x _____ \$ _____

2 nights with Water and Electric (30amp) \$ _____

Enjoying "Everything Nice" # Priceless

Total \$ _____

Send to Kathy Fuller, 36 Panorama Dr., Southington, CT 06489
by September 17. We will make your reservation.

Bardfuller@hotmail.com 860-302-1365

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2021 PRELIMINARY



STORYTELLING RALLY

Early Signup Opportunity

CARAVAN

Early Signup Opportunity

Jonesborough, TN - Rally Dates, Wednesday 09/29/2021 - Sunday 10/03/2021

The Storytelling Rally at Appalachian Fairground in Gray, TN, is very popular and a wonderful way to enjoy the National Storytelling Festival. Tickets for the Storytelling Festival are to be purchased separately. The caravan itinerary may include meeting on Wednesday 09/22/2021 arriving at the fairground on Sunday (early parking) 09/26/2021. Caravan with us to the 2021 festival and enjoy a wonderful show. Caravan limited to 10 units.

Name _____

Phone _____ **BRN** _____ Unit Length _____

Email _____

Street _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

To reserve a rally camp site and your spot on the caravan fill out the form and include \$140.00.

Make check to Richard Kushman and send to:

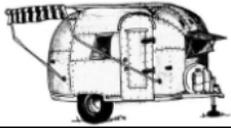
Richard Kushman
29129 Johnston Rd
lot 2622
Dade City, FL 33523

Caravan hosts: Rich & Kathy Kushman and Mike & Sandy Sasuta

rich.kath@icloud.com sandysas1001@gmail.com

Please Note: Current rally fee for 5 nights is \$140.00 and early parking fee is \$28.00 per night - final fairground rally fee and early parking fee for 2021 TBD. The fee of \$140.00 represents only a deposit for your 5 night rally reservation and will also hold a spot on the caravan. Caravan limited to 10 units. The caravan itinerary, camping fees and kitty are not yet established. This early signup is to assure a rally site for the entire caravan. Rally site cancellations or changes must be handled directly with the rally host - Harry Herrmann.

Join us Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Share Your Smile



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September 2020

View and download a Charter Oak Airstream Club Application at the link below.

https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/COCU-Application-3_0.pdf

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Join Airstream Club International on line - go here: <https://airstreamclub.org/future-members/world-adventure-awaits>

Renew your membership - go here: <https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal>

If you are unable renew or join on line, or you would like to become an **affiliate** member, please print and fill out this form and mail to address below.

Affiliate Renew Transfer New Member



Date		Affiliate, Transfer or Requested Big Red Numbers	
Prime Member First Name		Cell:	Email:
Last Name			
Spouse		Cell:	Email:
Partner Full Name		Cell:	Email:

Home Address		Seasonal Address
Street 1		Time Period:
Street 2		
City		
State		
Zip		
Other Phone		
Participating Children Names		

Additional Information for Club Directory Optional

Birthdays mm/dd
Prime Member ____ Spouse ____ Partner ____

Wedding Anniversary _____

For International

Please check all that apply. This INFORMATION will NOT change in our database UNLESS we are notified.

I DO OFFER Courtesy Parking YESP NOP

PI do NOT want to receive a print copy of the Blue Beret

PI do NOT want to receive a print copy of the Annual Directory

PI do NOT want my contact information included in the PRINT directory. PI do NOT want my contact information included in the DIGITAL directory.

Make check payable to COCAC and mail with completed form to:

Sandra Sasuta
476 Milford Point Road
Milford, CT 06460

International New Member Dues

International Dues for new members are prorated. See the chart below. If someone joins July 25th, 2020, they will pay \$37.00 for the remainder of 2020 plus \$75.00 for 2021. HQ will collect 2021 dues for your Local Club.

Charter Oak Connecticut Yearly Dues: \$15.00

International & Local Club Dues			
Join Dates	International Dues	Local Club Dues	FOR
January - February - March	\$75.00	Plus Local Club dues	Current Year
April - May - June	\$56.00	Plus Local Club dues	Current Year
July - August - September	\$37.00 + \$75.00 = \$112.00	Plus Local Club dues	Current Year PLUS Next
October - November - December	\$17.00 + \$75.00 = \$92.00	Plus Local Club dues	Current Year PLUS Next