



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

# Charter Oak Chatter

CONNECTICUT

APRIL 2012



Happy Easter Time

## Coming Events

### May 4 - 6

Business Meeting  
Mineral Springs Campground  
Stafford Springs, CT  
Blackwells & Burnhams

### June 1-3

Skylark Rendezvous  
Flyer attached  
Jim Burnham

### July 6 - 8

Yankee Doodle Rally  
Charlie Brown Campground  
Eastford, CT 06242  
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera  
Mark & Marie Lupien

## Links

Connecticut Unit Website

<http://connecticut.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/>

## Presidents Message

Jim Burnham



Hello Airstreamers!

April is here, and with this warm weather touching New England people are talking about trips and events. Corinne and I are certainly looking forward to the May rally and business meeting which will be the kick off for 2012. Please send in event flyer or contact the Blackwell's or the Burnham's for reservations.

Now go out and check your wheel bearings, tire pressure, lights, appliances, and get ready to rally! ~

Note: Here is a picture of the road leading into the Skylark Airport. I will have it ready for the June rendezvous. ~



### Question

You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat? .. Answer page 9



## March 2012 Getaway Rally at the Florida Carriage Museum

~ Sandy Sasuta

Five couples, (Kushmans, Richards, Rosenbecks, Sasutas and Walbridges) camped in a secluded, quaint area under the giant oak trees at the Carriage Museum, near the villages in Florida. The grounds are truly picturesque with horses in various locations. We especially enjoyed seeing the "Gypsy Vanner" horse. ([www.vanners.org](http://www.vanners.org))

THURSDAY, after a heavy duty happy hour, the group decided to visit the Villages to enjoy the Music on the Square. The "Villages" proved to be an exciting, action filled location AND, golf cart capital of the world. We appropriately finished off the evening with Hagen Daze Ice Cream.

FRIDAY, some of us went to the Marion Flea & Farmers Market which offered plenty of shopping and bargains. We all lunched at the famous "Gator Joe's" restaurant. Then another visit to the Villages for more Music on another Square, and shopping at the many outlet stores.

SATURDAY we started the day very early on an adventure to the famous annual Mount Dora Spring Antiques & Crafts Show. The town was delightful with unique gifts. Later for happy hour, Cynthia turned her Airstream into "Cynthia's Kitchen on Wheels". Out came yummy fried green tomatoes and later in the evening we had delicious strawberry (homemade) shortcakes! ~

## Rally In Florida Florida Carriage Museum and Horse Farm



Delightful Setting



Beautiful Horses and Farm



Relaxing Conversation



Charming Ladies

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### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Sign up now for the Region One 2012 Rally. The campground is reserving all sites for the rally but only until May 11th. Flyer is included with the Chatter or can be obtained on line.

It's gunna be good, it's gunna be fun, it's gunna be good for everyone.



Shy Gypsy Vanner



## BUCK RIVET

### A True Adventure

~ by Russ Melocik

Last month we saw Buck ...

So here they are: Buck, in all his glory with Wrigley's appearance worsening by the minute with his Bambi oxidizing into a giant wad of sand paper and his beloved tow horses, Zsa & Zsa, upside-down in quicksand. What could be worse? We have an answer to that: The owners of Rivet Haven, having fallen behind in their taxes, were forced to auction its land, buildings and all personal property. The new owners, Hoda & Kathie Lee were already rushing out to our rapidly sinking Buck with wine glasses in hand and a camera crew not far behind in an effort to tape a TV interview segment. They already had their first question ready – Hoda: "Tell us, Buck, what's it like to be on the brink of sinking into an abyss of oatmeal-like quicksand? Hurry, you haven't much time left." Recalling the fate he called down on himself by brushing the "Do Not Touch This Button" button, his only response was a desperate, barely audible "gmlphguxscpkqu..." At which point Kathie Lee interrupted: "You're not going to believe this but The Gmlphguxscpkqu's lived on our block near Bowie MD. Who would have thought? But too bad. Buck and what is sure to be the last of the gmlphguxscpkqu's are gone forever." Oh well. We'll figure something out. ~

### Chapter Three

So, as Buck, Wrigley, Zsa & Zsa continued their descent into quicksand hell, Hoda and Kathie Lee continued their wine-soaked babble. Finally, with their ribbon-adorned wine glasses empty, they waddled back to Rivet Haven. The door was closed. Neither had a key. They were locked out. Knocking the daylights out of the door, they were finally greeted by a portly gentleman of some 300 lbs, thin, "wet look" hair and attired in an immaculate and finely-tailored white tie and tails. The girls looked at each other and screamed simultaneously: "My God, it's Fred Astaire!"

"May I help you?" he asked.

All the wine-y duo could think of to ask was how it could be that Ginger was not there right by his side.

"Interesting story, ladies. It seems that I stepped on Ginger's foot causing her to break one of her high heels. She was thrown off balance into the PlastiKote chamber. Right now she is out enjoying an extensive test ride on a 19' Bambi. Me? My former self back in the parallel universe days was alternately known as Buck Rivet. I suppose you are the new owners".

"Bahumma-humma we are" squealed the girls. "Please, may we come in?"

The ever gracious Fred stepped aside and the girls entered the foyer where they removed their shoes and were cast immediately into the richly inhabited quicksand quagmire well below.

Buck, already a resident of the depths, upon seeing that his abyss-mates were Hoda & Kathie Lee, rushed to make a pact with the quicksand associate, Larry.

"I have two prospects for you. Let me go and you can keep both."

Larry jumped on the 2-for-one swap and Buck was hurled up and out of his torture, landing on two feet right next to Fred who greeted him with a strangely foppish "Buck, I have the feeling this is the beginning of a beautiful relationship."





## IMPORTANT VOTE

This year at the international rally and meeting there will be important votes. These will be: 1. The constitutional amendment. 2. An attempt to allow other than Airstream motorhomes membership in WBCCI.

At the 2011 May business meeting there were several issues discussed

### Last Year Minutes:

The motion to pass the Revision of International Constitution was made by Jerry Ingallinera and seconded by Ted Price. Much discussion followed with summaries of the proposal given by Bard Fuller and Ray Richard. The motion failed. Yes 0 No 18

A motion to accept the revision of the International Constitution **with the following issues addressed** with amendments written by Ray Richard was made by Jerry Ingallinera and seconded by Bob Pease. The issues to be considered for revision were fiscal responsibility, name change, delegate representation vs direct voting, regions vs areas, MALs not eligible for International Office and units ability to have any WBCCI member represent them as a delegate. The motion passed 19 yes and 0 no.

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The motorhome issue is a straight forward yes or no vote.

The constitutional amendment will not be as simple and we can not know what changes from the floor will be offered at the international meeting. And as you can see our members last year wanted several issues addressed before giving approval.

One solution is that Raymond Richard be nominated as our delegate. Raymond will be attending the meeting and has a keen understanding of the issues. Connecticut Unit members will be in good hands and properly served.

## VOTE



## Mail In Ballot

Vote Below

Must be postmarked no later than Thursday May 3, 2012

Check one box  
only for each  
issue. ->

Constitutional Amendments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approve amendments as originally presented.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approve amendments with any changes made at international meeting.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow Charter Oak delegate the discretion to decide at meeting.
Motorhomes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yes</b> —allow membership for owners with other than official Airstream motorhomes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> — Do not allow membership for owners with other than official Airstream motorhomes.

Print Name:	WBCCI No:
Sign:	Date:

Come to the May business meeting and vote in person! If you can not make the meeting, complete the ballot, make certain it is signed, and postmarked no later than Thursday May 3, 2012.

If printed on both sides fold this page in half with the address on the outside, tape edges (**DO NOT STAPLE**) or place in envelope and address to Jim Burnham — **mail in your ballot**.



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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION REVISION

### Amendment 1b KM:

- Reestablishes a Delegates Meeting for purposes of voting on nominations and issues brought to the membership in the Proposed Constitution Revision
- Sets up reporting of member votes by the Units Delegate at the annual meeting – Delegates report the exact member count of the Unit member votes
- Sets rules for conducting the International Officers vote, what to do if there is no majority and also proposed amendments requiring 2/3 votes
- This is needed to implement the Revisions

### Amendment 2bR1:

- Gives the membership the right to approve, amend or reject any changes in the Bylaws by the IBT – I am not sure this is a good thing because it could tie up the Club in endless political arguments and membership votes. My feeling is we (the total membership) elect our IBT to run the club. As a group it is highly unlikely that they will run amuck and do damage to our Club.
- We have so many rules, regulations and procedures (200 pages of Blue Book) in this FUN club I do not think we need even more.

### Amendment 3c:

- This changes the procedure for amending the proposed Revision Constitution by allowing for two methods that can be used at the discretion of the proposer.
- (1) Direct ratification of the amendment by the Club Units if, within one year, 2/3 of those voting have voted yes
- (2) The amendment is adopted with a 2/3 vote of the actual vote of the membership reported by the Delegates at their annual meeting
- I do not have any problem with this since both methods require 2/3 votes of the membership through their Units. The Delegates approach could be useful when the problem requires fast action.

Howard Lefkowitz #6077



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## WHY DO WE NEED A REVISION TO THE WBCCI CONSTITUTION?

Our Club is rapidly declining in membership numbers and attendance at our major functions. The average age of our membership is increasing every year. If we are to survive we must attract new and younger members. This means we have got to change how we operate which is the primary reason for the following:

- Bring WBCCI into the 21st Century – Allow electronic communications for all business and voting.
- Provide for Direct Voting on all issues – Gives every member a reason to participate in Club Operation.
- Direct Vote on International Officers – Get the best talent available to run the Club
- Eliminate International third VP – Reduce costs and provide for newer members to be considered.
- Elect International Secretary and Treasurer to Serve two year terms – Provide better continuity.
- Change Regions to Areas and adjust size – Balance each Area based on member numbers & as well as Geographic's.
- Have Nominating Committee review and recommend multiple candidates for International Officers – Allows more choices and makes it easier to consider newer talented candidates.
- Provide a Members Caucus to consider changes in Club Operations – Provides a means for members to discuss and recommend new ways to do things and new programs they would like.
- Reduce the time it takes to make changes in the Club Operation – Allows for important changes to be quickly implemented when needed.
- Require a 2/3 majority of the voting membership to make changes to the Constitution – Insures changes are in the Clubs best interest.

Howard Lefkowitz #6077



# Charter Oak Calendar



April 2012

Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mike Billings April Fool's Day	2	3 Cynthia Richard	4	5	6	7 Bob & Belle Lou Pease
8 Barbara Landman	9 Eileen Bartram	10 Karen Olah	11 Bob & Carolyn Baroff	12	13 Dan Olah	14
15	16 Bob Baroff	17 Claire Bradley	18 Bob Sandell	19 Charlie Wilson	20	21
22	23	24 Pam Pestratto Franklin Sanders	25	26	27 Charles Henschel	28
29 Charles "Rick" Patrie	30					

"There's nothing better than a good friend, except a good friend with CHOCOLATE." ~Linda Grayson, *The Pickwick Papers*."

May 2012

Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bard Fuller	2	3 Joyce Rousseau	4 Business Meeting	5 John J. & Seraina M. Bachar
6 Giles Rousseau Business Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 Jean Landry	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Loraine Boylan	16 Grace Fuller	17 Raymond Richard	18	19 Rob & Kim Terry Armed Forces Day
20 Frank & Donna Gauthier	21 William Webb John & Grace Fuller	22	23	24	25	26 Ted & Lois Price Richard & Kathleen Kushman
27	28 Memorial Day (Observed)	29	30	31 Michael & Sandy Saeata		

Answer from page 1: Ear of corn!

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" ~ROBIN WILLIAMS

## FOR SALE



This controller has been used in my 2005 GMC Sierra 2500 and performed flawlessly. My new truck has a factory installed brake controller. Braking with the Brakesmart is always smooth and sure because of the brake line pressure sensor.

This will fit only GM Trucks—the included electrical plug is only for GM.

Very easy installation. \$100.00

Contact: Richard Kushman 860-608-43621 rich.kath@snet.net



I have a Thousand Trails Membership that my father (Milford Good, WBCCI #4699) left me when he passed away in 2006. We have not used it enough to justify keeping it, so we are offering it for sale. If interested, please contact us.

**Paul or Judy Good**  
(WBCCI #29883)

**Phone (808) 396-6767**

**Hawaii time zone -5hrs  
from East Coast**

**pajbg@me.com**



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I have used this for two seasons with great success. My new truck has a backup camera so this is available for \$150.00.

Works perfectly especially when using a Hensley Hitch!

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# Charter Oak Connecticut



## 2012 Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - WBCCI

### Business Meeting / Cinco de Mayo Rally

**May 4 - 6** Mineral Springs Family Campground - 35 Leonard Road (860) 684-2993

Stafford Springs, CT 06076-3333 (Pool Field - water & electricity)

**Hosts: Blackwell / Burnham**

#### SCHEDULE:

Friday: Arrive after noon  
6:30 Dinner: Pizza from Willington Pizza (meals in **heated** Rec Hall)

Saturday: 8:30 Breakfast: Danish, yogurt, cereal, Coffee, Tea  
10:30 Business Meeting  
1:00 Lunch on your own - (tag sale map to be provided)  
4:30 Happy Hour - bring a snack & your own beverage  
6:00 Dinner - Cinco de Mayo; Mexican feast (chili, rice, baked potato...) Ice Cream Sundaes

Sunday: 8:30 Breakfast: Coffee, Tea & Continental Breakfast  
10:00 Brainstorm for Bulletin Board Submittal at International  
Leave by 3pm

#### DIRECTIONS:

**From 84 East or West:** Take Exit 70, (CT-32/Stafford Springs). *From 84E*, turn LEFT onto Route 32 (River Road). *From 84W*, turn RIGHT onto Route 32 (River Road). Turn RIGHT (East) onto Route 190. Turn LEFT (North) onto Route 19 (East Street). Turn LEFT (North-West) onto Route 319 (Orcuttville Road), then immediately turn Right (North) onto Leonard Road. Follow Leonard Road one mile to campground on right.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_

FAVORITE PIZZA TOPPING / PIZZA TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: **Camping Fees** \$35 x \_\_\_\_ # nights = \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Friday Yes/No  
Saturday Yes/No

**Kitty Fee** \$17.50 x \_\_\_\_ # persons = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: (2 ppl x 2 nites 70 + 35 = 105) \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: Lynn Blackwell PH (860) 918-4107  
994 Main Street  
S. Glastonbury CT 06073

# Charter Oak Connecticut



East Windsor CT  
June 1 to 3, 2012

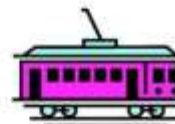
## Airstreams at the Airpark Rendezvous

Hosted By

Jim & Corinne Burnham

### WHAT TO DO

- Skylark Airpark will be in operation; flight banners load and unload in view of our camp
- Go see the East Windsor Trolley Museum. The conductor will pick us up at our camp and take us to the museum to purchase a ticket for our ride and the museum
- Soapstone Mountain is in Somers with a lookout tower. You can drive or hike to the top
- Bradley Air Museum in Windsor Locks
- Visit Newgate Prison in East Granby also Walmart is just 3 miles away



### COST

**\$44.00 per trailer of 2 people. Continental breakfast both mornings. Campfire with dessert Fri. and Sat. Happy hours bring snacks and drink of choice. Fri dinner on your own. Sat grill available to cook your own meat and bring a dish to share. Dry camping. June 1/2&3 early arrivals and late departures ok.**

### DIRECTIONS

Take I-91 North to exit 45 - Northbound turn right at end of ramp on Rt 140 - Southbound turn left on Rt 140—Go approximately 2 miles and turn right on Wells Road. Airpark is on the right. Follow Wally Byam sign to dirt road just past the runway. Follow dirt road to the end. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE RUNWAY!**

### COUPON

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

**Enclose Check for \$44.00 for 2 in trailer.**

Make check payable to Jim Burnham

184 Scantic Road

East Windsor, CT 06088

phone—860-463-5251







# REGION ONE RALLY

AUGUST 9 THRU 12, 2012

Goose Hollow  
Campground

RT. 49E, 35 Burbank Hill Road, Thornton, NH 03285

# STREAMIN' THE REGION

WBCCI - REGION ONE RALLY - 2012

A WBCCI Regional Rally designed for and around the membership for promoting camping and fellowship around the region. We have plenty of activities planned for fun with new and old friends alike. Daily on-site activities, demonstrations, seminars, and games for children and adults. Regional Food contest by each unit, Pink Flamingo Dinner Ball with costume contest, Open Mic Night. These and many, many more fun events are planned for a FOUR day WBCCI party for ALL!



Airstream with Two Persons	\$249.00	\$ _____
Airstream with One Person	\$219.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Adult	\$ 30.00 ea. X _____	\$ _____
Each Child (12 and under 1/2 price)	\$ 25.00 ea. X _____	\$ _____
Early Bird Parking August 8 th	\$ 34.00	\$ _____
Additional Fees for Special Activities--		
Leather Craft Class -	\$ 14.00 ea. X _____	\$ _____
Fruit Carving/Center Piece Class--	\$ 9.00 ea. X _____	\$ _____
Total Fees Paid		\$ _____

Currently, rally fees include three nights camping with full hook up, three breakfasts, two dinners, all activities and seminars except those as noted above. For a complete listing of all offerings, changes and additions visit our website at: [newengland.wbcci.net](http://newengland.wbcci.net).

Parking hours as follows: Wed. Noon - 6:00 PM, 7:00 - 9:00 PM,  
Thurs. Noon-6:00 PM, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM - Noon & 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM,  
Sat. 8:00 AM - Noon. A Bullpen will be set-up for those arriving outside these times.

Cancellation Dates: Before July 1st 100%, before July 16th 50%, after July 16th no refund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

★ We would like to be parked in the Vintage Area: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Region One Rally 2012 - August 9th thru 12th, 2012 - Goose Hollow Campground Thornton, NH

Please make your check payable to: New England Unit of WBCCI - Mail to:

J. Rick Cipot - 44 Walnut Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801 - email: [mrjrick@aim.com](mailto:mrjrick@aim.com) - Cell: 203.241.4801