



Connecticut

Charter Oak Chatter December 2012

AIRSTREAM



Installation Dinner

~ Joyce Rousseau

It was a bright and sunny day on November 4 as we gathered for our annual Installation Meeting at the Manchester Country Club. There was lots of catching up to do after the summer and many conversations centered around the damage done by Hurricane

Sandy. We were greeted by Bob and Helen Sandall with Bob handing the mike over to Jerry Ingallinera to give our grace. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

After dessert President Jim Burnham called the meeting to

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Presidents Message

Greetings from the Prez,

The day was perfect for the Installation Dinner at the Manchester Country Club on Sunday, November 4th, 2012 even though some of us were still recuperating from the damages brought by Storm Sandy. My thanks to Bob and Helen Sandall for hosting this event. Since they've done it so many years they've become very proficient in making things run smoothly. Having Raymond Richard, Region One President, conduct the installation was a nice bonus. My thanks to both Raymond and Cynthia for flying up from Florida to attend the Installation.

Our Christmas Party at Dakota's in Rocky Hill was attended by a

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Upcoming Events

February 3rd 2013

Dinner meeting
Nutmeg Restaurant
Jim Burnham

March 3rd 2013

Dinner Meeting
Pond House Grill
Charlotte LaRocca



Jim gives Fran the shirt off his back.

Question

- I. What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?
- II. What type of candle burns longer?
- III. What do you get if Santa comes down your chimney when the fire is ablaze?
- IV. What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?
- V. What do you get if you team Santa with a detective?

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order and proceeded through the normal items. The treasurer's report was read by Fran and accepted. Evelyn Watts introduced two new couples as members; Ray and Barbara Landman, who recently located to CT from PA and who have owned a Land Yacht for many years, also Bruce and Chris Fletcher, friends of the Fullers, who recently purchased their first new Airstream.

Jim handed the gavel over to Ray Richard, Region One President, who installed our new officers. Those present and duly installed were: Directors: Toni Nolder, Juanita Pestretto, and Kathy Fuller; 2nd Vice President, Bard Fuller; 1st Vice President, Mark Lupien, and President, Fran Ingallinera. (Officers not present but duly elected include Director, Gene Hickey; Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Kushman; Recording Sec., Lynn Blackwell and Treasurer, Sandy Sasuta. It was a less formal ceremony than in prior years, a fact appreciated by many present.

Fran took over the gavel and thanked Ray for the installation. She presented Jim with his past president's flag, a contribution to his favorite charity, and thanks for a job well done as President this past year. A round of applause also thanked him and welcomed Fran to her new job. She mentioned some of the activities planned for this year that can be found in another article. It was a very nice afternoon spent with friends old and new. ~



Thoughts & Cares

Ted Price continues to rehab in Dade City, Florida.
Send any cards to Ted at his Dade City address.

Quotes Quotes Quotes

Please send me your favorite quotes or sayings. Famous quotes, spousal quotes, your very own quotes. They can be inspirational or educational or just plain fun. Share **your** quotes (not the editor's) with all Charter Oak members in the next directory. Please include your name in the email and note the author.

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Meeting Minutes

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit Fall Business meeting and Installation of Officers Manchester Country Club - Sunday November 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM by President James Burnham. The Pledge of the Flag was recited. There were 44 members present.

The reading of the minutes from the Spring Business meeting was waived as they were published in the May Chatter. Sandy Sasuta sent a Treasurer's report which was read by Fran Ingallinera. Balance on hand \$8,380.98.

Evelyn Watts, Membership Chair introduced two new members, Ray and Barbara Landman, who are longtime members of WBCCI but recently moved to Connecticut from Pennsylvania, and Dr. Bruce Fletcher and his wife Chris, who just purchased an Airstream.

Jerry Ingallinera advised that a tree fell on Rob and Kim Terry's Airstream last month and was totaled by the insurance company. Since they will eventually be moving to San Diego they will not be buying another Airstream.

Fran Ingallinera reported on Ted Price's status in a rehab facility in Florida and that checks for the Christmas Brunch at Dakotas should be mailed to her. The Prices are hoping to be home before the brunch to host the Christmas Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM and President Burnham turned the meeting over to Region One President Raymond Richard who installed the following officers,

Directors: Kathy Fuller, Toni Nolder and Juanita Pestretto.

2nd Vice President: Bard Fuller

1st Vice President: Mark Lupien

President: Fran Ingallinera

Elected officers not present: Director Gene Hickey, Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Kushman, Recording Secretary Lynn Blackwell, Treasurer Sandy Sasuta.

Respectfully submitted:

Fran Ingallinera for Serafina Bachar, Recording Secretary ~

HAPPENED ON CHRISTMAS

1776: WASHINGTON CROSSES THE DELAWARE

Gen. George Washington's Continental Army suffered a string of setbacks in 1776, being pushed by British and Hessian troops from Manhattan through New Jersey and across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania. The army's morale was low and in danger of being crushed.

On the night of Dec. 25, 1776, Washington launched a daring attack on a Hessian garrison in Trenton. He led 2,400 troops across the Delaware in frigid, windy conditions and marched south to Trenton, where they defeated the unsuspecting Hessians in the early morning. They won several other battles around Trenton over the next 10 days, turning the tide of the war.

1868: ANDREW JOHNSON PARDONS ALL CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS

Southern Democrat Andrew Johnson became president following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, less than a week after the Southern army had surrendered. Johnson held sympathies for the South, and clashed with Radical Republicans in Congress who wanted to impose harsh measures on the South. This conflict led to his impeachment in February 1868, but he survived the Senate vote to remove him from office.

One of the most contentious issues was Johnson's pardoning of Confederate soldiers. He pardoned all common men who were willing to take an oath of allegiance; wealthy landowners were required to apply for pardons, but Johnson pardoned nearly all who applied. Finally, on Dec. 25, 1868, as an outgoing president, Johnson issued a full pardon to all Southerners who participated in the war.

1914: WORLD WAR I SOLDIERS HOLD CHRISTMAS TRUCE

Five months into World War I, British and German regiments along the Western Front reached spontaneous ceasefires on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to celebrate the holiday together. Soldiers reported singing carols, exchanging gifts and playing soccer with their enemies.

The widespread truces were not repeated in successive years as fighting grew bitter. "It is the last expression of that 19th-century world of manners and morals, where the opponent was a gentleman," says University of Toronto historian Modris Eksteins.



I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph. ~ Shirley Temple





FALL BUSINESS

~ Bob and Helen Sandall



On a bright, sunny afternoon on November 4th, 42 Airstreamers gathered in the main dining room of the Manchester Country Club to take part in Charter Oak's Fall Business meeting and installation of officers for 2013. We were very pleased to welcome several members of the Cape Cod Unit. The newest attendees at this gathering were Bruce and Kris Fletcher from New Britain. The Fletchers are the proud owners of a brand new Airstream trailer. Needless to say, people had come from near and far to attend this function. The prize for coming from the furthest point went to Ray and Cynthia Richard who made the trip from Florida. Could the fact that Raymond is our Region One President have anything to do with this?

Following our dinner, Unit President Jim Burnham conducted the business meeting after which Region President Raymond Richard installed the officers and directors for 2013. Our incoming Unit President, Fran Ingallinera asked for the support of all the members in the coming year.

Just before we were leaving, it was announced that Rob and Kim Terry are moving to San diego, Ca. Also, it was learned that Phil and Fran Simmons are re-locating to Oro Valley, Az. We shall certainly miss these people and wish them well in their new homes. ~

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small but merry group. Donations for the Cromwell Children's Home netted \$145.00. We were disappointed that Lois and Ted Price could not be with us.. They have hosted this event for several years and Lois always makes the event a lot of fun. Ted is still in rehab in Florida after having surgery in October for blockage in his leg. They are not planning to be back in Connecticut until next spring. Hopefully, Ted will be out of rehab soon and able to enjoy the winter in Florida.

Jerry and I will be heading to Traveler's Rest in Dade City, FL for the winter right after Christmas. Several COCU members spend the winter there. We get together every Friday for lunch in the Snack Shack and often go out for Sunday dinner as a group. If you find yourself heading to Florida, join us at Traveler's Rest. You'll feel very welcome and with many activities to choose from you'll have a great time.

The schedule of events for 2013 is listed here in the Chatter. Thank you to all who agreed to host a dinner or rally. Please make an effort to support these events. Jerry and I will be back in Connecticut for the May Rally hosted by Jeff and Lynn Blackwell with Toni Nolder. I promise the Margaritas will flow freely at our Cinco de Mayo Celebration. It's our Spring Business meeting so plan to be there.

Fran Ingallinera, President COCU
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THE PLAN FOR 2013

February 3 rd	Dinner Meeting Nutmeg Restaurant – Jim Burnham
March 3 rd	Dinner Meeting Pond House Grill – Charlotte LaRocca
April 7 th	Dinner Meeting Tower Ridge Country Club – Juanita Pestretto
May 3 - 5	Spring Business Meeting – Mineral Springs – Lynn Blackwell
May 30 - 1 st	NYC Rendezvous – Liberty Park Marina, Jersey City - Rich Kushman
June 7 - 9	Rally – Charlie Brown Campground - Sandy Sasuta
July 7 - 14	Rally – Wolf's Den Campground – Mark Lupien
August 8 - 11	Region One Rally - Berlin Fairgrounds – Raymond Richard
August 23 - 25	Chocolate Lover's Rally – Deer Run Campground – Fran Ingallinera
September 15 - 22	Hot Air Balloon Rally – Floyd Bennet Airport – Charlie Wilson
November 3 rd	Installation Dinner – Manchester Country Club – Bob Sanda
December 1 st	Christmas Party – Dakota Restaurant – Lois Price

"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?" ~ Dr. Seuss





A GOOD (TRUE) STORY

Many of us remember Paul & Judy Good (#29883) who was COCU President in 1987/88 when we joined WBCCI. While stationed at the Groton sub base, Commander Paul Good had many events, including sub Commissioning, the last of which was the Los Angeles class San Juan. It was a great experience.

After the Good's were transferred to Hawaii, they occasionally "camped" at our house. We even kept their Airstream a couple of winters. (One day, a tree fell on their Ford van, crushing the entire roof. This also happened to Bud Gould's Ford 2N tractor on another occasion. Pine trees (95 ft. tall) are not good neighbors!)

While the Goods were here, they became well known to our family, especially the Newmans and Buyak children living next door. Nathan Buyak joined the Navy right out of high school in 2009. He is now a 2nd Class Petty Officer on the Navy's latest cruise missile Destroyer, the USS Michael Murphy (DDG112). Lieutenant Michael Murphy was a Navy Seal, stationed at Pearl Harbor, who gave his life to save his crewmen in Afganistan on June 27/28, 2005. He received (posthumously) the Medal of Honor, presented by President George W. Bush in 2007.



Paul Good became aware of Nathan being a "plank owner" (first crew) of the new ship USS Michael Murphy. Paul has sent us many articles about Lt. Murphy from Honolulu.

On October 6, 2012, Eileen and I were honored to attend the Christening at pier 88 in NYC. The ship departed soon after, making port in Hawaii on Wednesday, November 21. The crew celebrated well into the night. At 09:00, November 22, Paul awakened Nathan with a call inviting him and 2 friends to join the Goods for Thanksgiving dinner at their home. I have since talked to Paul & Judy who said that those three 21 year olds could not have represented our country better. They will be invited back!

An interesting result of belonging to the WBCCI and COCU!

For more info on this ship, and the man for which it is named, you can get lots of information on the Internet.

Thanks, Paul & Judy!

~ Dick & Eileen Bartram (#281)



Alan Beardsley #14444

Has passed away.

Alan was full of fun and enjoyed laughing, smoking his cigars, a little Tanqueray, and Airstreaming with his wife, Joan. We'll miss him at Travelers Rest and will always remember the good times we had with him. Rest in Peace my friend.....rest in peace!

A memorial service will be planned and his ashes will be buried in a veteran's cemetery.

~ Rich & Dottie Walbridge

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FEBRUARY BRUNCH

February 3, 2013 11:30 am

Brunch at The Nutmeg

Located on South Main St - East Windsor

Full brunch - Cash Bar \$27.00 per person

Contact Jim or Corinne Burnham

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'Twas Christmas @ Dakota ~ Lynn Blackwell

"'Twas Christmas at Dakota,
when all through the House, We were searching for Ted, and his rhyming spouse Lois;
We looked and we searched, But, No Ted and No Lois, and thanks to the health code,
not even a mouse.

We bought drinks and waited,
In hopes that our Santas soon would appear; Twenty-one Charter Oakers were nestled
all snug in their booths,

While visions of vintage fruitcakes danced in their heads;
And Queen Fran our new President, was all dressed in red. Fran in her 'kerchief, and
Jerry in his cap,
Had just settled their brains on another year's nap,

When out on the porch there arose such a clatter!
We sprang from our booths to see what was the matter.
Away to the window we flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash – but no Ted, and no Lois, nor any elf daughter;

When, what to our wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature Airstream pulled by eight tiny reindeer.
They were heading south for warmer climes and taking with them their fun and good times – but on their way they called:

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

Apologies to: [Clement Moore](#) (1779 - 1863)

(We all had a great time, and thanks to Fran and Jerry for hosting. LCB)



Santa (Ted)
From a previous year!





Interested in taking the one-day Radio Class on Saturday during the Region One 2013 Rally?

I recommend that you buy and read the book "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual: All You Need to Become a Ham Radio Operator" before the class. This is the text book you need to study. Retail \$29.95 plus sales tax. Your cost just \$27.50

Contact Raymond Richard

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/>



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REGION ONE FLORIDA LUNCHEON

Buffet City - 13235 Cortez Blvd
Brooksville, FL 34613

Wednesday February 6 at 11:30AM

Raymond Richard -Region One President

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December 2012

- Airstream Events
- Birthday COCU
- Anniversary COCU
- US Holidays

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BirthDay COCU
Anniversary COCU

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Charles "Rick" & Beth Petric	Russ & Fran Stearns		Howard M. Knight Jerry Ingallinera		Jane Sanders	
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera				Lianne Barry		
Laurie Sorey					Ray Landman	

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BirthDay COCU
Anniversary COCU

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Laurie Sorey					Ray Landman	
COCU Luncheon Jim Burnham	John J. Bachar					
Pat Bronnahan			Gene Hickey			
			Elyn Blackwell	Michael Sassano		
	Val Callahan		Sandi Gould		Carolee Barrett Carolee Burnham	

Answers: I: Frostbite II: None they all get shorter III: Crisp Cringle IV: The Christmas alphabet has noel (no L)
V: Santa-clues