

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



# Connecticut



Charter Oak Chatter

February 2013



## Presidents Message

Greetings from Travelers Rest Resort, Dade City, FL.

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are settled in to their winter activities.

I continue to try to hit that little white ball on the golf course and even though it frustrates me I continue to try. "If at first you don't succeed try, try again". With that quote in mind, Rich Kushman is still looking for quotes from members so if you haven't sent him at least one quote put your thinking cap on and send him something. He needs a little help from his friends.

Jerry and I will be attending the Region One Luncheon in Brooksville, FL on February 6th, with Region One Chairman

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## Boarding the Choo Choo Train

Yes - I would do it again!

Marry my lovely wife Kathleen, buy an Airstream, join the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit, watch the movie "The Black Stallion", and take the Auto Train.

First - let's talk about the Amtrak Auto Train. One way from Sanford Florida, about ninety

miles from Travelers Rest, to Lorton, Virginia just south of Washington D.C.. The cost was \$200.00 (per couple) for coach seats and \$175.00 for your vehicle. A roomette is another \$205.00 and provides wine and cheese happy hour, a very nice dinner, breakfast, and private sleeping quarters. That is

See Choo Choo Page 3

### Upcoming Events

#### February 3rd 2013

Dinner meeting - Nutmeg Restaurant  
Jim Burnham

#### March 3rd 2013

Dinner Meeting - Pond House Grill  
Charlotte LaRocca

#### April 7th 2013

April Luncheon  
Tower Ridge Country Club  
Juanita Pestretto - Flyer attached

### Thank You - Thank You

We would like to thank all of our Airstream friends for their visits, cards, thoughts and prayers during our loss of our son J.R.

Although the loss is great, knowing that we are thought of helps ease the burden. Thank you all!

Bud and Jessie Gould

### Question

I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place.

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## IS YOUR BRAIN TURNED ON?

~ Credit Russ Stearns

If you get 4 correct out of 10 questions you pass!

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass.  
Check your answers on page

## THE BEST LAID PLANS, ETC., ETC., ETC.

And so it seems to be with the Prices!!

Our plans were to caravan starting in September, ending for a few weeks at Travelers Rest in October, then back to Connecticut via the airways for the holidays - then onto "sunny Florida" for the rest of the winter.

Ted's body apparently had "other" ideas. Many of you probably know by now that he can now boast of being in 3 Florida Hospitals and 2 Rehab Centers for a period of @ three months. He is back where we now are calling "home" at TR and expect to be here until sometime in April.

It has been quite a journey for us both - Ted with By-pass surgery in his right leg with tubes and needles in many body parts that we forgot he had!

I was comfortable and very well treated by our many friends - cards, telephone calls, visits, and food - and of course, the weather here.

He is now back in my care as well as that of a Visiting Nurse and Physical Therapist, plus the Vascular Surgeon. We miss his staff of many, but I'm doing the best that I can.

Ted and I wish to thank all of you for your concern, shown in so many ways.

Just a word of advice - Don't try this at home, or any other place for that matter !!!

~ Lois and Ted Price

Message from page 1

Raymond Richard and several members of COCU, CCU and NEU. It's always a well attended function. Jim and Corinne Burnham are hosting the February dinner meeting at the Nutmeg in East Windsor. The Nutmeg is a lovely restaurant and serves a wonderful buffet. Charlotte La Rocca and Gene Hickey will host the March luncheon at the Pond House Grill in Glastonbury also a lovely restaurant; see the flyer in this issue of the Chatter. Please make an effort to support these luncheons. It's a good way to keep in touch with your COCU friends when the Airstreams are hibernating for the winter.

A new couple has joined our Charter Oak family, Ronald and Brenda Nicholas of Portland, Maine. We'll look forward to meeting them at one of our rallies.

The tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, in Newtown still remains in our minds. Charter Oak members, Gilles and Joyce Rousseau lost their beautiful daughter, Lauren in the senseless act and we continue to keep them in our prayers.

Stay well, stay warm and be happy,

Fran Ingallinera

President COCU

Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

## 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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Choo Choo from page I

\$375.00 for coach (no wine, dinner, or breakfast) or \$580.00 for comfort which is not inexpensive. Driving distance saved is about 800 miles so you can do your own estimate of actual cost based on how you would normally travel. We still did have to drive one full day from DC to home in Niantic but the trip, over all, was more relaxed and we avoided motels and the fear of bed bugs, real or imagined. Regarding price, Amtrak does increase the prices when all the snow birds are heading south so early reservations and travel dates will matter.

They ask travelers with oversized vehicles (trucks) to arrive early. We, as first timers, arrived at noon to insure our choice of dinner seating time and just watch the process. You are greeted and given a number that links you to your vehicle and a video is taken to confirm its condition. Then you enter the terminal, sign in, and get your tickets. I did forget my book in the truck and unbelievably one of the attendants retrieved it after the truck was already loaded on board.

The train departs at 4:00 pm and arrives at 9:30 am. We boarded around two thirty or three o'clock when our attendant greeted us and asked what time we would like our beds made for sleeping. We chose, for our first time, a sleeper with private bath (extra cost and not necessary) - next time a roomette and the shared rest rooms will be just fine.

Most of our time was spent in the comfortable lounge car reading. Our dinner time was 7:00 pm and they are very punctual. They fill every table so couples share a



THE LOUNGE WAS A COMFORTABLE PLACE TO SPEND TIME.

table. The menu selection was adequate and the food very good with wine included. Breakfast was also in the dining car and again you share a table.

How soon your vehicle is unloaded is simply the luck of the draw, it took about forty minutes for us. You can watch or listen for your number then simply pick up your car and drive home.

The entire operation was efficient and friendly. Unlike flying we got to take loads of stuff with us, didn't have to take our shoes and belts off, didn't need rides to and from the airport and when you compare the cost with flying not a bad deal. (Yes, we did remove shoes for sleeping.)

Now let's talk about the "Black Stallion"...



LOADING OUR TRUCK ONTO TRAIN.



OUR SLEEPING QUARTERS.

## *Thoughts & Cares*

**Ted Price** is home in Florida and on the slow road to recovery..



## RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES

The Region One Rally in East Berlin, CT August 8-11, 2013 may seem a long time away, but as you know, time flies. I will be handling raffles & door prizes, so please keep this in mind if you would like to donate something.

Thank you,  
Sandy Sasuta

## For Sale

### AIRSTREAM MOTORHOME

2001 36' Land Yacht XC Airstream Motorhome  
300 HP Cat Diesel Engine, very good condition  
stored in shed and one owner. One slide out  
2 skylights, air conditioning, TV's...health  
requires  
sale. \$69,000.00

Phone 203-837-6191 - Larry Larson

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We will gladly place your add in the Chatter for four months.  
You can extend your add every four month by notifying the editor.



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

## Welcome New Members

Ronald & Brenda Nicholas  
Portland, Maine

## 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

(860) 623-9752 - (860) 463-5251 - jimblc@msn.com

### 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/>

### ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last? **116 years**
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? **Ecuador**
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? **Sheep and Horses**
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution? **November**
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of? **Squirrel fur**
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? **Dogs**
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? **Albert**
- 8) What color is a purple finch? **Crimson**
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? **New Zealand**
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane? **Orange(of course)**  
**How did you do?**

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## February 2013

■ Birthday COCU  
■ Anniversary COCU

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Leanne Emery					Ray Landman	
COCU Luncheon Jim Burnham	John J. Bacher					
Pat Broonahan			Gene Hickey			
			Eryn Blackwell	Michael Sasone		
	Val Calasyn		Sarah Gould		Carolyn Barnett Corinne Burnham	

## March 2013

■ Birthday COCU  
■ Anniversary COCU

February 2013	March 2013	April 2013
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Carolyn Barnett Corinne Burnham	
Dinner Meeting			Joanna Ponzetto		Shirley & Carl Williams Lydia Rosenheck	
Daylight Savings Begins	Shirley Williams	Joanna Ponzetto			Shirley Gould	
Rhonda Fidler Catherine & Jesse Gault				Roger Crockett FRANCIS SCHWARTZ	Ruth Crockett	Ruth Waterbridge
	Joseph Kelly					
Easter	Shirley Williams		Carolyn Barnett			

Answer: The letter "E"

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.





# April Luncheon

Date: Sunday, April 7, 2013

Time: Cocktail hour 12-12:30 pm

Cash Bar. Order from the menu when you get there.

Menu: Vegetable Primavera, Pan Seared Chicken Breast, Herb Encrusted Broiled Haddock.

Will be served with garden salad, starch and seasonal vegetable medley, rolls and butter and dessert.

Price: \$28.00

Place: Tower Ridge Country Club  
140 Nod Road  
Simsbury, CT 06070

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number in party: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$28.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please send reservation and payment to Juanita Pestretto, 5 Ferry Lane, Simsbury, CT 06070  
by **March 25, 2013** 860 658-1222.



## 2013 REGION ONE RALLY AUGUST 8 THRU 11, 2013

Berlin Lions Club Fairgrounds

430 Beckley Road

East Berlin, CT 06023

**All Airstream Owners are Encouraged to Attend**  
Join us in an Irving Berlin Style Rally "Puttin' on the Airs"  
Many on-site and off-site activities, demonstrations,  
seminars, crafts, tag sale, and games for all ages. See  
back of this Flyer for more detail.

Rally fee includes three nights camping with water &  
electric, three breakfasts, two dinners, one happy hour  
with heavy hors-d'oeuvres, and all seminars.



### Register and Pay by February 28, 2013 and RECEIVE A \$10.00 WALMART GIFT CARD

Airstream with Two Persons	\$249.00		\$ _____
Airstream with One Person	\$219.00		\$ _____
<b>Regular Registration</b>			
Airstream with Two Persons	\$249.00		\$ _____
Airstream with One Person	\$219.00		\$ _____
Each Additional Adult	\$ 30.00 each	X _____	\$ _____
Each Additional Child (17 and Under)	\$ 26.00 each	X _____	\$ _____
Friday Day Pass includes Breakfast & Dinner	\$ 20.00 each	X _____	\$ _____
Saturday Pass includes Breakfast & Dinner	\$ 20.00 each	X _____	\$ _____
Early Bird Parking Wednesday August 7th	\$ 35.00		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

**Cancellation Policy: Before June 1st 100% - Before June 30th 50% - After July 1st No Refund**

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

Children Names / Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rig Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: **YES** Would you like to be parked in the Vintage Area: **YES**



Region One Rally 2013 - August 8 thru 11, 2013 - Berlin Lions Fairgrounds - East Berlin, CT

Please make check or money order payable in U.S. funds to: REGION ONE TREASURER

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