

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

# Charter Oak Chatter

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JUNE 2012

## Coming Events

### July 6 - 8

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

### August 9-12

Region Rally  
Flyer attached

### September 7-9

Land Yachts  
at the Marina Rally  
Riverside Marina  
Portland, CT  
The Fuller Family  
Flyer attached

## Question

It can be seen by the naked eye, and yet it weighs literally absolutely nothing. It can be any shape or size, and if you put it in something.. whatever you put it in actually becomes lighter. What is it?

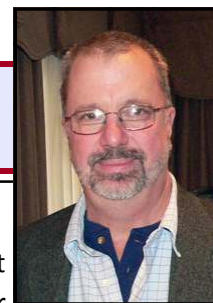
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## Links

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/>

## Presidents Message

Jim Burnham



Hello Charter Oak!

June is here and it is beautiful. Earlier this month the third and last attempt for a Skylark rally was canceled due to weather, next year maybe back to the Bradley Air Museum ,we will see.

The contents of the Charter Oak supply shed have been moved from Pete's back yard to my barn and will be sorted cleaned and organized at a later date. I would like at this time to thank the Soucys for taking that task. They did a good job. Please contact me if you would be willing to take charge of the club's equipment or take over as club historian. The shed is still at the Pete and Laurie's home at this time. I have no other news, hope all is well with all. ~

*Jim confirms we have a tongue weight jack! - Ed*

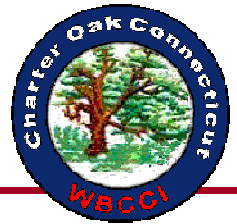
## The American Dream

~ Lois Price



About thirty years ago we bought our first Airstream and soon learned why it was called the American Dream. So conceived and built by our founding father, a man named Wally, it was he and no other who wanted to travel this country and many more, wandering hither and yon held great allure.

It's rounded corners caught the breeze thus allowing riding with greater ease.



## Proud To Be An American

~ Lee Greenwood

If tomorrow all the things were gone  
I'd worked for all my life,  
And I had to start again  
With just my children and my wife,  
I'd thank my lucky stars  
to be livin' here today  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom,  
And they can't take that away.  
And I'm proud to be an American,  
where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died,  
who gave that right to me.  
And I gladly stand up  
Next to you and defend her still today,  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land.  
God bless the USA.  
From the lakes of Minnesota  
To the hills of Tennessee,  
Across the plains of Texas,  
From sea to shining sea,  
From Detroit down to Houston,  
And New York to L.A.,  
Well there's pride in every American's heart,  
And its time we stand and say,  
That I'm proud to be an American,  
Where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died,  
Who gave that right to me.  
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## American Dream From Page 1

Wally's legacy has been handed down for many years.  
Friendships found, places seen, so what if bank accounts are in arrears?  
We need a mammoth vehicle to pull, but our closets and refrigerators are always full.  
If a motorhome is your delight, hang on to it, they are going out of sight.  
Airstream doesn't make them any more because Airstream is now owned by Thor.  
Ted and I don't take quite so many long trips but still enjoy rallies, some caravans, and such.  
We have become Snowbirds and to TR we go.  
At our age we don't miss shoveling snow.  
So it's off to Florida and our double wide, parking our 34 along side.  
Sometimes it seems like a lot of work to close up and do the packing,  
Washing, cleaning, fussing, and stacking.  
But then we remember why we started this adventure so awesome,  
It's because it keeps me thin and Ted so handsome!!  
We also think of our many friends and Wally who way back when,  
Had a dream but not all the comforts of home,  
Which today we enjoy when we choose to roam.  
So berets off and Happy Birthday to Wally Byam what would we have done without him? ~

Political correctness does not legislate tolerance; it only organizes hatred. ~Jacques Barzun

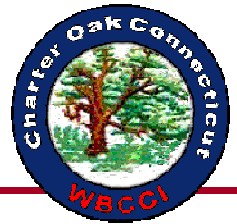
Couple of attendees at  
"Alumapalooza"



"Political correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rabidly promoted, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end." ~ Unknown

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Entering Alumapalooza behind Airstream factory.



Ted surprises Lois with frog sculpture.



Buck rivet competition at the factory.



Setting up for Alumapalooza.

## BUCK RIVET

### A True Adventure

~ by Russ Melocik

### Chapter Five

Last chapter saw Buck and Pop Rivet, now without Fred and Zsa and alone in their ancestral castle, the one featured in "Connecticut Kush and the Temple of Mood," as they tried to seam together their damaged relationship. Buck had, in the back of his mind, the notion of owning a large ice house and selling blocks of ice from the back of a horse-drawn wagon. Pop thought it was a cool idea and offered another thought: pay-phone booths equipped with a real rotary dial and separate transmitters and receivers. After all, Clark Kent still needed an outdoor location where he could change his clothes. After a while and many thoughts in the low-tech spectrum, the inspiration of the century struck them: reclaim their 16' Bambi, restore it as a private-enterprise space shuttle and offer it as an attraction at Airstream rallies. Coupled with the upcoming gathering of aluminum in late June and early August, Buck and Pop got to work on the project. There would be no time to waste. They had to identify, locate and recruit the brightest talent in existence if they were to be successful. Design, engineering and assembly would be a 24-hour-a-day process. There would be no time for test runs. There had to be perfection at every step of the process. And there would be no time for news updates and press releases along the way. In fact, there wouldn't be any thought of public news until \* at the earliest.

Stay tuned. Same bat-unit, same bat-Chatter.

# Charter Oak Calendar



## June 2012

Birthdays   Anniversaries   Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fred & Dale McGoldrick	2 J. Rick Cpot & Sandi Gould <b>Skylark Rendezvous</b>
3 Sebastian Pestretto <b>Skylark Rendezvous</b>	4 Richard Jackson	5	6	7	8 Russ & Rhona Fuller	9
10 William & Gail Huff	11 Michael & Leslie Siek	12 Linda Maxwell	13	14  Flag Day Bob Pease	15 Russ Melocik	16
17 Jim & Corinne Burnham Father's Day Charles & Sharon Henschel	18 Franklin & Jane Sanders	19	20  <b>SUMMER</b> Russ Fuller Pete Soucy	21	22	23 Philip Simmons
24 Leland & Claire Bradley	25 Trevor & Gale Lake Bob & Jean Landry	26	27 <b>Toni Nolder</b> Evelyn Watts	28 Raymond & Rosalie Jefferson	29	30 Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto Robert & Barbara Moyer Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck

"The two pillars of 'political correctness' are: a) willful ignorance b) a steadfast refusal to face the truth  
~ George MacDonald

## July 2012

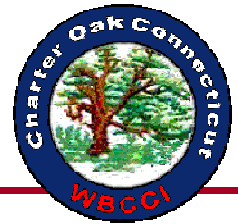
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jim Burnham	2 Val & Aili Galasyn Candy Korb	3 Ted Price	4  Independence Day Charlie & Jeanne Wilson	5 Kathleen Kushman	6 Dale McGoldrick Cecile Lemaire Brian & Pat Brosnahan	7 <b>Yankee Doodle Rally</b>
8 <b>Yankee Doodle Rally</b>	9 Frank Gauthier	10	11	12	13 Stephen & Carol Kelly	14 Dick & Eileen Bartram
15	16	17	18	19 Rob Terry	20	21 Carol Kelly
22	23	24	25 William Huff	26 Lois Price Judy Good	27	28
29 Kathy Fuller	30	31 John Tavares Ed Maxwell				

Answer from page 1: A Hole

The next issue of the Chatter will be August—"Happy Summer Camping!"

# Charter Oak Connecticut



## August 2012

Birthdays   Anniversaries   Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Robert Fuller	2 Jeff & Lynn Blackwell	3	4 Aili Galasyn
5 Steve Pestretto Russ Stearns	6 J. Rick Cipot	7	8 Jeanne Wilson Fred McGoldrick	9	10	11
12	13 Gail Huff	14	15 Maryann Jackson	16	17 Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight	18
19	20	21 Russ & Cynthia Melocik Rose Tavares	22	23	24	25 Marie Lupien
26	27 Wayne Rully Trevor Lake	28	29 Richard Kushman Gary A. Levinson	30 Charlie Eglise	31	

## FOR SALE



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



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 OBO

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



## YANKEE DOODLE RALLY

JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

CHARLIE BROWN CAMPGROUND

98 CHAPLIN ROAD, ROUTE 198

EASTFORD, CT 06242

860-974-0142

Water & Electric on each site:

Hosts: Jerry and Fran Ingallinera 860 289-9149

Mark and Marie Lupien 978 261-5180

### FRIDAY:

Arrive after 3 PM

Happy Hour 4:30 PM

Dinner on your own

Root Beer floats at 8:00PM

### SATURDAY

7:30 To 9:00 AM Breakfast: Juice, Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee

10:30 AM Bocce Tournament

4:00 PM Happy Hour

6:00 PM Dinner – Pot Luck – Dessert will be provided

### SUNDAY

7:30 AM – Continental Breakfast

Depart by 1:00 PM

[www.charliebrowncampground.com](http://www.charliebrowncampground.com) for directions

Send check before June 22, 2012

To: Fran Ingallinera – 210 Colby Drive, East Hartford, CT 06108

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Camping: \$45.00 x \_\_\_ # of Nights = \_\_\_\_\_

Rally fee: \$6.00 x \_\_\_ # of persons = \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 _____	\$ _____
	<b>Total Fees Paid</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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.**

**Cancelation 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: \_\_\_\_\_

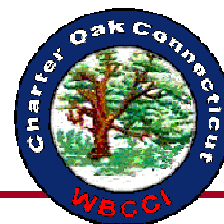
Rig Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap:  YES Special Note: \_\_\_\_\_

★ 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



## Land Yachts at the Marina Rally

September 7- 9, 2012

Riverside Marina, Portland, CT



**Your Hosts: The Fuller Family**

**John & Grace, Bard & Kathy, Russ & Rhona**

Back by popular demand! This site is a great location, right on the Connecticut River at the marina. All the sites are under large shade trees and many have water views. All sites have water and electric (limited). The unit tent and will be on the waterfront. Rest rooms and showers are available at the marina office. Great location for your kayak or canoe. Note, there is no dump station available. **Limited to only 23 sites**. A sell out last year don't be disappointed sign up early! Dogs on a leash are welcome.

Friday - Arrive after 12 noon, 4:30 happy hour with John's memories of the 1964 New Jersey Int. Rally, 7:30 Bard's program "Good, Bad & Bizarre Airstreams"

Saturday - 8:00 continental breakfast, 9:15 am NEW trailer "Airstream Pride" open house, Noon hike to the Top Dog Airstream concession, 4:30 happy hour, 6:00 **Russ's awesome Lobster Clam Bake** or Chicken dinners, 8:00 campfire & movie under the stars. (Lucile Ball's Long, Long Trailer)

Sunday - 8:00 continental breakfast, 9am 2012 member's review: Gigots and Gadgets for our trailers  
For rally information or camping before or after rally contact Bard Fuller at bardfuller@hotmail.com  
For rally registration information contact John Fuller at 860 828 4387

Directions:

From Hartford or Old Saybrook take Rt. 9 to Middletown then Rt 66 East over the Arrigoni Bridge. At the Intersection of 17A turn Right and continue on Rt 66 for 0.8 mile (4<sup>th</sup> traffic light). Take Right onto Grove St. go 0.4 mile. Right on Riverview Rd. go 0.2 mile. On your left is the "Riverside Marina".

(there are several marinas make sure you are at "Riverside Marina"). Go through marina, look for silver.

From Rt 2 in Marlborough, Ct. travel Rt 66 West 11.9 miles to Grove St. Take a left then follow above.

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

Email for updates \_\_\_\_\_ Year of your trailer/MH \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Fee for 2 night weekend ----- \$50.00

Kitty fee \$6.00 per adult (under 12 free) Number of adults \_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Saturday evening Lobster Clam Bakes \_\_\_ X \$20.00= \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Saturday evening Chicken Dinners----- \_\_\_ X \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Example with 2 in trailer = \$50.00

2 X \$6.00 = \$12.00

2 X 20.00 = \$ 40.00

0 X \$7.00 = -----

Total = \$102.00

Make checks to: John Fuller

29 Blue Ridge Rd.

Kensington, CT 06037

Lobster dinners will be limited to the first 40 requests