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Charter Oak Chatter

June 2013



This Airstream says "Summer"!!



Presidents Message

~ Fran Ingallinera

On Thursday, May 16th, 2013, Jerry and I along with 20 other Airstreamers attended the funeral of Pat Lamontagne in Brimfield, MA. She and her husband Larry were members of the Cape Cod Unit. The Catholic Mass was in a charming country church and the service was a real tribute to this lovely lady. The priest, Father John, related his visits with Pat during her final days. She was a valiant lady who dealt with her cancer with courage and fortitude.

I met Pat at a Region One Rally in Canada in 1999. At that time her hair was just starting to grow back from her last round of chemo. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1995 and while it was never cured she had many periods of remission. She didn't let her illness deter her from enjoying the things she loved to do, traveling with Larry in their Airstream, gardening in her immaculate garden, and enjoying life in general. Pat was an inspiration to all of us in dealing with adversity. God rest her soul.

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May Rally

~ By Charlotte LaRocca

The Charter Oak chapter's 2013 camping season got underway on May 3 with the annual business meeting held at the Mineral Springs Campground in Stafford Springs. Hosted by Lynn and Jeff Blackwell, the get together featured pizza on Friday night, homemade chili for Saturday lunch after the meeting, and a selection of homemade soups for Saturday night supper. Active in the kitchen were Lynn Blackwell, Corrine Burnham, Evelyn Watts,

Fran Ingallinera and Charlotte LaRocca.

Also camping for the weekend were Ray and Barbara Landman who were up from Florida, and Toni Nolder just back from months on the road with her Airstream. Cinco De Mayo was observed with sombreros and margaritas at the Saturday happy hour. This great start to the season was made even better by warm sunny days and dry, cool evenings. ~

Upcoming Events

June 7 - 9

Rally Charlie Brown Campground
Mike and Sandy Sasuta

July 12 - 14

Rally - Wolf's Den Campground
Mark Lupien

August 8 - 11

Region One Rally - Berlin Fair Grounds
Raymond Richard

MINUTES

Charter Oak
Connecticut Unit

Spring Business Meeting
Mineral Springs
Campground

Saturday, May 6, 2013

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Question

- A. What always runs but never walks, often murmurs, never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never eats?
- B. What is in seasons, seconds, centuries and minutes but not in decades, years or days?
- C. What English word has three consecutive double letters?
- D. I know a word of letters three. Add two, and fewer there will be

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Meeting Minutes

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - Spring Business Meeting - Mineral Springs Campground - Saturday, May 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Fran Ingallinera. Jerry Ingallinera led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum being present, the reading of the minutes was waived as they were published in the Chatter. Officers present were

President	Fran Ingallinera
VP	Mark Lupien
2nd VP	Bard Fuller
Secretary	Lynn Blackwell
Director 2nd	Toni Nolder
Director 1st	Gene Hickey
Director 1st	Kathy Fuller
Membership	Evelyn Watts
Legislative	Jerry Ingallinera

Committee reports; Treasurers report was submitted and is attached, showing total on hand \$8,657.04. Legislative by Jerry Ingallinera who reported he has communicated with Governor Malloy to emphasize the need to maintain the public RV dump stations. Membership Chair Evelyn Watts reported that Unit membership remains steady, thanked WBCCI for providing membership packets, and distributed them to all present. She encouraged members to provide the packets to Airstreams without WBCCI insignia.

No Old business.

New business.

President presented the WBCCI proposed amendment to be voted on by delegates to the International Rally which would redefine membership to include WBCCI Life members or those with a minimum of 10 years of membership who own an RV manufactured by Thor after 2007. After full discussion, the amendment was rejected 20 to 6.

Region I President, Raymond Richard was appointed as the COCU delegate to the International Rally. He listened thoughtfully to the discussion and agreed to represent the positions expressed. Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, \$200 was appropriated for the use of the Region I President and First Lady to use for a luncheon or other proper purposes.

Discussion was had regarding the proposal to change the spring business meeting to June. It was agreed to leave the date of the meeting to the discretion of the President.

The proposal to amend the Constitution (Article VI Section 1) to move the annual business meeting to October was discussed. Former Historian Ruth Crockett was instrumental in clarifying that the requirement is in the Constitution, not the By-Laws, and therefore requires proper notice and a two thirds vote. The President will submit the proposed amendment to the Executive Board in writing after proper notice. The issue will be voted at the June 8 rally.

President Ingallinera discussed the rally plan for the year, including a special report by Charlie Wilson about the Balloon Rally in Lake George.

After motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn C. Blackwell
Recording Secretary

With Sadness I Report

CHESHIRE - Margaret "Pat" Brosnahan, 77, passed away Saturday, March 30, 2013 at her home. She was the wife of Brian P. Brosnahan.



More Stuff to Know

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%
(now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium size dog to the age of eleven:
\$ 16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
(Real intelligent people have very little hair.... Ed.) I added that.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter - Tom Sawyer



Plattsburgh, New York Airstream Candy-Land

~ By Bard Fuller

Jackson Center may be the home of Airstream but Plattsburgh, New York has become the Airstream rehab center of the nation.

Colin Hyde is the central figure in Plattsburgh's Airstream community. Many have heard Colin speak at our Regional rally seminars at both Essex Junction, VT and Goose Hollow, NH. He comes with a wealth of knowledge in the working of new or old Airstreams. He was starting to repair and refurbish Airstream with GSM Industries at about the same time

Rich Luhr was starting Airstream Life magazine. Their business association became prominent with a popular series of articles documenting Colin's restoration work on Rich Luhr's own Argosy. The project, as many of us remember, was called "Project Thunder".

Seven years ago Colin separated from GSM to start his own shop known as Colin Hyde Trailer Restorations. Colin is a pro-panel member on the VAP podcast and the engineering consultant for the Vintage Airstream club.

He is also the one person whose name is synonymous with trailer axles. So when my pride and joy Bambi 2 was 25 years overdue for an axle replacement I contacted Colin.

I was very pleased to find out that he had an axle in stock that would fit my Bambi 2. Normally they are a special order item and take 4-6 weeks for delivery. So, within a few days Kathy and I were off to Plattsburgh.



Once at Colin's new shop we found it surrounded by shells and carcasses of many old Airstreams and silver aircraft-like trailers. Some of the most unique and sought after vintage trailers lay awaiting a total shell-off rebuilds. Included in the collection is a rare 1957 30 foot Sovereign of the Road, a very unique 1949 wide-body Limited model which was well ahead of its time and Henry Ford's windowless 1956 Airstream specially built to be his wardrobe closet while he was on the road. The most eye catching RV was a 1958 Travel Queen truck camper mated with a 1957 Airstream rear cap with 13 panels to form a front overcab projection giving it a wonderful Art Deco look. Inside the shop was Colin's own 1946 Mobile Glide having a total make over as a Harley motorcycle toy hauler camper coming in at a mere 850 pounds.

Across town GSM has a new presence as "Nomad Airstream" under the direction of the charismatic Steven Clement who has taken RV rehab to another level of high end glitz. In a huge, nearly pristine, facility they are re-purposing both old and new Airstreams. Yes, I said new Airstream as they are the newest Airstream dealership in the country.

Their building is being renovated to include a fully enclosed showroom. The shop boasts the trailers of some of the rich and famous. The trailer used for a photo shoot for the Kardashians with its Swarovski crystal cabinet handles and red velvet couch is there. The Dell computer family's Airstream is being outfitted as a His and Hers bedroom and bathroom suite/guest house. It will be brought to the Hamptons on a flat bed trailer because the high end upgrades exceed the weight capacity of the three axles. There was also construction of a full commercial kitchen concession stand originally designated to be used on the streets of Hartford, CT.

Justine Taylor of the Taylor Design Healthy Homes Airstreams, formerly built his trailers in Brattleboro, VT, is now working out of the Nomad facility in Plattsburgh. These are allergy-free "green" trailers for people with extreme sensitivities.

A Plattsburgh trade school has gotten involved with aluminum fabrication using old Airstream parts and re-purposing them to form Airstream sculptures. One sculpture is composed of several segments of 1960's Airstreams made to look like a 30 foot long caterpillar.

So, if you are in the market for a brand new Airstream, or a very dramatic vintage rehab or just a new axle Plattsburgh, New York is an Airstream Candyland.

Colin Hyde is widely respected as the expert in Airstream Trailer restorations. He is the Vintage Airstream Club technical advisor and expert panel member of TheVAP (the Vintage Airstream Podcast).

Contact Colin is one of the following ways:
Email: colin@colinhydetrailerrestorations.com
On Airforums: Colin_H
By Phone: (518) 578-7772
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**Patriotism is supporting your country
all the time, and your government
when it deserves it. ~ Mark Twain**



President's Message Continued

Mark and Marie Lupien will be hosting the July rally at Wolf's Den Campground, 256 Town Street, East Haddam, CT 06423 (see flyer in this issue). I will be holding a short business meeting on Saturday 7/13/2013, to vote on amending the COCU Constitution to change our fall business meeting from November to October.

There is no July Chatter so be sure to get your reservations in for our gala Region One Rally in Berlin, CT August 8th to August 11th. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Be well, be safe and be happy,

Fran Ingallinera, COCU President

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For Sale

1984 Airstream - 31 foot Excella: Rear twin; center bath; awnings all sides; rock guards; catalytic heater; air conditioned; stabilizer jacks. No smoking or pets. Trailer was well maintained and is in excellent condition. Also for sale is low mileage 1999 Chevrolet Silverado with cap and new tires. Truck is also in excellent condition. Must sell because of poor health. Full towing package; ready to roll. Wish to sell as a package, but will consider selling separately; \$23,000.

Call William - (508) 829-5978

April 2013

Travelers Rest Home- FL #2527 Maple Ave.

This Village house is on one of the nicest lots with orange grove out back where deer prance through. This house is unusual with its 26 foot width and spacious Florida room across the back. Beautifully landscaped. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 season porch, and double depth shed. Carpeting throughout with tile kitchen. Partially furnished

Golf cart and share of stock available

Call Dorothy Freed at 863-940-3900 or John

Freed at 651-464-5390 to view or download

flyer at: <http://tinyurl.com/c3k4nsd>

May 2013

Advertising Policy:

We will gladly place your ad in the Chatter for four months. You can extend your ad 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

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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Q.. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?

A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

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

Attention
Please !



August 2013

■ Birthday COCU
■ Anniversary COCU

July 2013							August 2013							September 2013								
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28 Kathy Fuller	29	30 John Tavares	31 Robert Fuller	1 Jeff & Lynn Blackwell	2
4 Aili Galasyn	5 Steve Pestretto Russ Stearns	6 J. Rick Cipot	7	8 Jeanne Wilson Fred McGoldrick	9	10
				Region One Rally		
11	12	13	14	15 Maryann Jackson	16	17 Howard M. &...lyn L. Knight
18	19	20	21 Rose Tavares Russ & Cynthia Melocik	22	23	24
25 Marie Lupien	26 Bruce & Kris Fletcher	27 Wayne Rutty Trevor Lake	28	29 Gary A. Levin...A. Levinson Richard Kushman	30 Charlie Eglise	31

Punography

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

The girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.



YANKEE DOODLE RALLY

JULY 12TH TO JULY 14, 2013

**WOLF'S DEN
CAMPGROUND**
256 Town Street
East Haddam, CT 06423
860 874-9681

Water & Electric on each site:

FRIDAY:

Arrive after 3 PM
4:30 PM Happy Hour
6:00 PM Dinner: Salad Pot Luck (Be creative)
Root Beer floats at 8:00PM

SATURDAY

7:30 To 9:00 AM Breakfast: Juice, Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee
10:30 AM Business Meeting
1:00 PM Bocce Tournament
4:00 PM Happy Hour
6:00 PM Dinner: Meatball subs with Mark's Homemade Sauce
8:00 PM Marie's Brownie Sundae's

SUNDAY

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
Depart by 1:00 PM

Hosts: Mark and Marie Lupien 978 261-5180
Jerry and Fran Ingallinera 860 289-9149



For directions see website: www.wolfsdencampground.com/

Send check before June 30th, 2013 to:
Marie Lupien: 198 Horse Pond Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

Name: _____ WBCCI # _____

Phone: _____ Camping: \$45.00 x # _____ of Nights = _____
Rally fee: \$10.00 x # _____ of persons = _____
Two nights camping, two people \$110

Amount Enclosed: _____



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.
Rally fee includes three nights camping with water &
electric, three breakfasts, two dinners, one happy hour
with heavy hors-d'oeuvres, nightly entertainment and all
seminars. Also an optional Golf Scramble, so bring your
golf clubs and register soon.



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		\$ _____
TOTAL PAID			\$ _____

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 NO** Would you like to be parked in the Vintage Area: **YES NO**



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

Mail To: Ray Richard - P. O. Box 252 - Minneola, FL 34755

Questions: Email: raycynrich1@aol.com Cell: (203) 804 - 3732

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The Chocolate Lovers Rally II

Hosted by:

**Cape Cod Mass. Unit, Charter Oak CT. Unit,
NY Finger Lakes Unit, Hudson Mohawk Unit**

**The Deer Run CG
200 Deer Run Drive,
Schaghticoke, NY 12154**

August 23-25, 2013



The Chocolate Lovers Rally is a friendly, keep-it-simple, let's-get-to-know-one-another-around-the-campfire rally and with multiple WBCCI Units, there will be plenty of people to meet and get to know. We will be nearby a number of interesting places to visit which you can explore on your own with your old friends or with the new ones you just met!

We have reserved 25 full service sites together in one area of this large campground. Campground services include a pavilion, swimming pool, E-mail, biking & walking paths, etc. See the website @ www.abcamping.com/abdeerrun/ Because this is Chocolate Lover's Weekend at Deer Run, they will be hosting many chocolate-related activities---which will be announced closer to the date---fun for all ages.

Early or Late Parking: Payment to Deer Run CG is \$55/night minus 15% senior discount (about \$47 per night), or minus 10% Group Camping Discount (about \$50/night). Only 1 discount applies...do not combine discounts. **Call 518-664-2804 with credit card before 8/1/2013. Make sure you let them know you are part of the Airstream Chocolate Lovers Rally.**

Make checks payable to: **Cape Cod Mass. Unit** Mail to: **Trevor Lake 315 Oak St. Marshfield MA 02050**
Payment in US Funds must be received by August 1, 2013

Friday Aug. 23: Arrive after 2pm. Check in at CG office.

4pm: Group Happy Hour....(you know the drill, BYOB + snack to share).

5pm: Group Supper: Purchase your seafood supper @ Deer Run's in-park takeout kiosk. Cost last year was about \$7-\$10/person. They will deliver to site.

7pm: Ice Cream Sundaes by Tye Mott & Tom Segalla...bring your spoon & bowl.

Sat Aug. 24: 8-9am: breakfast (sausage, pancakes, fruit, coffee, juice, etc.)

4pm: Happy Hour in the pavilion (you know the drill, BYOB + snack to share).

6pm: Pot Luck Supper (BYO place settings, etc. & dish to share.) Should serve 10-15 persons.

Sun Aug. 25: 8-9am: breakfast (muffins, yogurt, fruit, coffee, juice, etc.)

Checkout time is 1pm. Enjoy the morning and have a safe ride home.

Names:

Street Address:

City/Town/State/Zip

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail Address

() X \$ + \$100 =
of People: Kitty Fee: \$10/Person 2 Nights Camping Total \$ submitted

Examples: 1/trailer: 10+100=\$110 2/trailer: 10X2=20+100=\$120