

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



C o n n e c t i c u t



Charter Oak Chatter

March 2013



Winter Respite at the Nutmeg

~ Lynn Blackwell

Sixteen COCU members of the non-migrating variety enjoyed an uplifting reunion at The Nutmeg restaurant in Windsor on Sunday afternoon.

We were so happy to welcome Gilles and Joyce Rousseau. They generously shared some of their remembrances and joy

at having shared the life of their daughter, Lauren, who was one of the victims at Sandy Hook. Gilles and Joyce expressed their gratitude for the condolences sent by WBCCI members. Their thank you note was published on the inside cover of the most recent Blue

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Presidents Message



By now everyone has received the 2013 COCU Directory and I'm sure you were duly impressed. I'm always amazed how Rich Kushman comes up with original formats for the directory each year. We are indeed fortunate to have Rich and his team putting together our directory. It's been fun looking through and seeing all the quotes each of you contributed. Thank you, Rich for another great job.

We have a good representation of Charter Oak members and affiliates here at TR. Last month Kathy Kushman and Sandy Sasuta hosted a pot-luck soup dinner. There were 18 delicious soups to sample. We've had a few happy hours and a few dinner meetings.

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Upcoming Events

March 3rd 2013

Dinner Meeting - Pond House Grill
Charlotte LaRocca

April 7th 2013

April Luncheon
Tower Ridge Country Club
Juanita Pestretto - Flyer attached

May 3 - 5

Spring Business Meeting
Mineral Springs - Lynn Blackwell

THANK YOU COCU

It's been a little over 2 months since the Sandy Hook shootings. The cards, kind words, prayers and love from you, our COCU family have helped to ease our loss and made us think of happier times. Our lives are forever

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Question

A: What happened in 1961 but will not happen again until 6009?

B: Almost everyone needs it, asks for it, gives it, but almost nobody takes it. What is it?

Answers Page 5



BRITISH HUMOR IS DIFFERENT

~ Credit Ruth Crockett

These are classified ads which were actually placed in U.K. Newspapers:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

8 years old, Hateful little bastard. Bites!

FREE PUPPIES

1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 neighbor's sneaky dog.

FREE PUPPIES. Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.

Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound..

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED

Also 1 gay bull for sale.

JOINING NUDIST COLONY!

Must sell washer and dryer £100.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE.

Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.

And the WINNER is...

FOR SALE BY OWNER. Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes.

Excellent condition, £200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

(Statement of the Century)



Region One Florida Gathering

Picture above and below _ They came, they saw, and they ate Chinese!



Pot Luck Soup at Travelers Rest - Hey- they came, they saw, they ate soup...



The kitchen and bedroom can be seen in the Santa Rosa model featured at the newly opened Airstream hotel.

Camping is nature's way of promoting the motel business.

~ Dave Barry

Is that weird, taking my Louis Vuitton bag camping?

~ Jessica Simpson

What is it about Airstream design that continues to engender such passion more than 80 years after the trailer first appeared? Is it the alluring, streamlined aluminum shell?

The cozy interiors? The nostalgia for a simpler era? "It's a part of American culture that transcends time," said architect Matthew Hofmann, 29, who last month opened an Airstream hotel in Santa Barbara, Calif.,

consisting of four tricked-out trailers.

"It symbolizes style and adventure. There is something very fundamental about getting in your car and driving across country. It's in our blood."

On a recent afternoon, curious pedestrians repeatedly interrupted Hofmann and business partner Neil Dipaola to ask whether they could take a peek inside the trailers. Upon entering, they found renovated interiors with hotel upgrades perfectly suited for "glamping" — mini-bars, wall-mounted flat-screen TVs, air conditioning and 1,000-thread-count sheets, all for \$150 per night.

According to Airstream, about 70 percent of all the trailers ever manufactured by the company are still in use, so it is not surprising that Hofmann, as well as other entrepreneurs, would think to use them as lodging.

Cut the excess, Hofmann said. "I tried to lighten them up and simplify them while maintaining their classicism," he said. The architect used a few tricks to give them visual flow. Because the four trailers are used as hotel rooms, not for extended traveling or permanent living, Hofmann reduced the amount of storage, which had made the interiors feel tight. Next he removed plastic accessories that created "visual noise," such as window coverings, valances and spice racks. ~

Two atoms are walking down the street together. The first atom turns and says, "Hey, you just stole an electron from me!" "Are you sure?" asks the second atom. To which the first atom replies, "Yeah, I'm positive!"

Presidents Message from page 1

But our time here at Traveler's Rest is coming quickly to an end. If time flies when you are having fun, it is on fast forward here at TR. I'm happy to report that my golf game is improving but not as fast as time is flying.

Jerry and I plan to leave TR the first week in April to get home and start preparing for our camping season. You will be seeing a flyer in the coming issues of the Chatter for the May business meeting, the Cinco de Mayo Rally hosted by Lynn and Jeff Blackwell. I hope you'll plan to join us. Lynn makes a delicious Chili for Saturday night. It's worth coming just for that and if

that isn't an incentive, I can promise the Margaritas will flow freely. Since it will be the first business meeting I preside over, please come to offer your moral support.

Thank you to Charlotte LaRocca and Gene Hickey for hosting the March dinner meeting. I'm sure the food at the Pond House Grill is delicious.

To those up north, stay warm. To those traveling, *safe travels. To everyone, be well and God Bless.*

Fran Ingallinera
18081



Thank you from page 1

changed with Lauren's death but we are trying to stay focused on making some good come of this tragedy by being involved in the group named Sandy Hook Promise. Listen for our name and look for our logo (a tree with 20 small leaves and 6 large ones) and try to support our efforts. We know that our perseverance will pay off in an improved and safer life for all of us.

Here's hoping for an early spring!

~ Joyce and Gilles Rousseau #8988

Welcome New Members

Stephen & Susan McConnell
Windsor, CT

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



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

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Beret. Please take a look at that lovely photo if you have not seen it.

The town of Newtown and the Rousseau family have received many cards, letters, flowers, gifts, and teddy bears from all over the world. As a special treat, they brought a bag of teddy bears to the luncheon, and gave each bear their "forever home" with each of us

– a special memento signifying the outpouring of love and support that is the true and positive power of humankind. Gilles took a group photo of all of us, each with our special teddy bear.

Our thanks to previous president and First Lady, Jim and Corinne Burnham for hosting such an enjoyable luncheon. ~

"OLD" is when "Getting a little action" means I don't need to take any fiber today.

"OLD" is when "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

"OLD" is when "all nighter" means not getting up to potty !

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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March 2013

Birthday COCU
 Anniversary COCU

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3	4	5	6 Juanita Pestretto	7	8 Lydia Rosenbeck Mike & Gail Billings	9
10	11 Sandy Eglise	12 Rosalie Jefferson	13	14	15 Jessie Gould	16
17 Rhona Fuller Bud & Jessie Gould	18	19	20 Spring	21 Roger Crockett Frances Simmons	22 Ruth Crockett	23 Rich Walbridge
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People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do. ~ Isaac Asimov

April 2013

Birthday COCU
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31	1 Mike Billings We're fools whether we dance or not, so we might as well dance. ~ Japanese Proverb	2	3 Cynthia Richard	4	5	6
7 Bob & Bettie Lou Pease	8 Barbara Landman	9 Eileen Bartram	10 Karen Olah	11 Bob & Carolyn Barrett	12	13 Dan Olah
14	15	16 Bob Barrett	17	18 Bob Sandall	19 Charlie Wilson	20
21	22	23	24 Franklin Sanders Pam Pestretto	25	26	27 Charles Henschel
28 Charles Petrie	29	30	1 Bard Fuller	2 Joyce Rousseau	3	4

Answer: A: The year stays the same even upside down. B: Advice

At my age flowers scare me.
~ George Burns



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

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**

Toooooo Late

Airstream with Two Persons	\$249.00		\$ _____
Airstream with One Person	\$219.00		\$ _____
Regular Registration			
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** 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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