

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

# Charter Oak Chatter

CONNECTICUT

May 2012

## Coming Events

### June 1-3

Skylark Rendezvous  
Jim Burnham

Flyer attached

### 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

## Question

It is greater than God  
and more evil than the  
devil. The poor have it,  
the rich need it and if  
you eat it you'll die.  
What is it?

.. Answer page 6

## 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 Airstreamers!

Great time this past weekend at Mineral Springs Campground. Small group but a great one. A little chilly and damp at times, but we worked around it. The business meeting was well attended with good participation. Ray Richard was a big help explaining the voting agenda. Thanks to all who were present. Now on to prepare Skylark for June. ~



Spring Rally at Mineral Springs

## KUDOS RAYMOND

Raymond Richard flew from Florida to attend the COCU May business meeting. That's right - flew from Florida.

Raymond takes his responsibility as a region officer seriously and we are all better for it.

"Thank you Raymond" - we could not be better represented! ~Ed.

## MINUTES

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT

MINUTES OF MEETING ON MAY 5, 2012

MINERAL SPRINGS CAMPGROUND, STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT

1. President Jim Burnham called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. There were 29 members present. He led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked everyone for coming.

2. Roll Call of Executive Board and determination of quorum

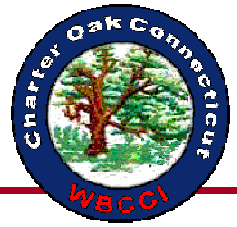
3. Minutes of previous meeting: Not available

4. Treasurer's Report: Ending balance \$8584.05.

Jerry moved/seconded by Bill Watts that the Treasurer's report be accepted and filed for audit. Approved unanimously.

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# Charter Oak Connecticut



## 5. No new correspondence

## 6. Report of Committee Chairs:

- a. Legislative: Jerry hopes to get the word Connecticut added to the State flag.
- b. Membership/Evelyn Watts: Membership is the same as last year – 74 units. Informational packets for prospective members were made available.

## 7. Unfinished Business – none

## 8. New Business

- a. International Election of Officers: Toni Nolder motioned/seconded by Phil that Ray be appointed as our delegate at the International Convention. Unanimously approved. Bill Watts moved that we accept the revised slate of International Officers. The motion was seconded by Toni Nolder and unanimously approved.
- b. Non-Airstream motorhomes: Raymond explained that the proposed By-Law revision will allow Lifetime WBCCI members to stay in WBCCI as long as their RV is a product of the parent company, THOR INDUSTRIES. Bard explained that lifetime members pay their dues in full, upfront, for life. The fee is prorated by age. After much discussion, Jerry motioned to reject the proposed revision. The motion was seconded by Toni and passed with one opposed.
- c. International Constitution and Bylaws Revision: The topic was tabled last year due to insufficient time. There are 40 “unseen amendments” being presented. Lynn mentioned that last year’s discussion and minutes laid out the main points of concern by this Unit. The general feeling was that COCU stands by the positions taken and explained in last year’s minutes; financial responsibility, Units need to have the ability to be represented either in person, by email or regular mail, opposition to changing the name of the organization, and support for the proposed changes to the complaint process.

Bard spoke to the fiscal responsibility issue. WBCCI had \$3,000,000 in reserves in 2000. The current balance is \$1,000,000. WBCCI has a staff of four in Jackson Center, OH. Membership has decreased and spending has increased. Travel expenses for Regional and International Officers was discussed. Raymond pointed out that reimbursements to Regional Officers have been cut 50% over the last two years and International Officers have had similar decreases.

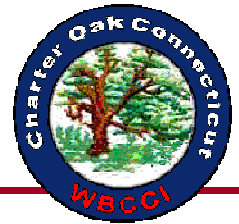
- d. Lynn motioned/seconded by Bill that Raymond Richards be appointed as our delegate and be given the authority to vote to:
  - Approve amendments as originally presented
  - Approve amendments with any changes made at International meeting that are consistent with the concerns and intentions of the COCU
  - Discretion to vote consistent with guidance from last year’s business meeting and today’s discussion. Unanimously approved.
- e. Fran moved that we allocate \$100 to Ray and Cynthia to spend at their discretion. The motion was seconded by Jerry and passed unanimously.
- f. Bill Watts moved that COCU not participate in this year’s Bulletin Board contest at International. The motion was seconded by Lois and Bob and passed unanimously.
- g. Rich Kushman mailed in a proposal that the Club purchase a Tongue Weight for use by its members. Several members mentioned that Charlie Wilson donated one to the Club and it needs to be located. In light of that, Toni Nolder motioned not to buy the Tongue Weight, seconded by Lynn, and passed.

## 9. Announcements

- a. Lois shared that Joan Beardsley and her husband, now residing in FL lost their daughter, Diane in a house fire. Members present expressed their sorrow, and signed a sympathy card.
- b. Toni Nolder shared her experiences at the Madi Gras Rally and the Cajun Country Caravan
- c. Incoming President Fran reported that she is hoping to have a joint rally with Cape Cod at West Point. She also hopes to be able to arrange a rally near Lake George during the balloon fest.
- d. She encouraged people to sign up as event leaders.

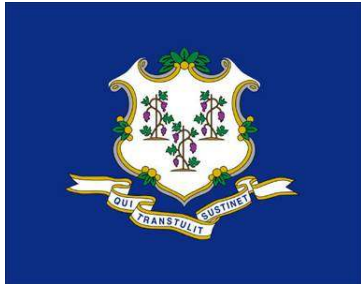
## 10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Evelyn Watts, Acting Secretary for Sarafina Bacher



## THE CONNECTICUT STATE FLAG

By Jerry Ingallinera 18081



Since 2003, I have been working with my State Senator Gary LeBeau (CT 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District) to have CONNECTICUT added to the State Flag. The current flag shows the motto of our State in Latin “QUI TRANSTULIT SUSTINET”. Translation: “He Who Transplants Sustains.

In January, 2003, proposed Bill 342 an Act Concerning the State Flag was introduced by Senator LeBeau to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. The Statement of Purpose of this bill was to make the State flag more recognizable by requiring that the name of the State appear on the flag. This bill was referred to a committee. In other words it was shelved in the committee and no action was expected to be taken.

In March, 2007 I appeared before the committee at a public hearing to testify to the purpose of this bill. My reasoning to the committee was that 27 of the 50 states have the state name on their flag. Also as an Airstreamer when flying the Connecticut flag at rallies in different states, the flag is not recognizable as the Connecticut flag.

After my testimony in April, 2007, a change was made stating that Sec. 63 Section 3-107 of the General Statutes should be repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

.....Above the shield shall be a white streamer, cleft at each end, bordered by a band of gold within fine brown lines and upon the streamer in dark blue block letters shall be “CONNECTICUT”. Below the shield shall be a white streamer in dark blue block letters shall be the motto “QUI TRANSTULIT SUSTINET”; the whole design being the arms of the state.

This bill was also tabled. But, we had at least gotten to the point where they were describing the color and size of the letters that could be incorporated on the flag. It was suggested that this be a grandfathered flag addition so as not to create any unnecessary cost of replacing all the State flags at one time.

Since 2007, Sen. Gary LeBeau with the help of a Representative from the House has reintroduced the bill but to no avail.

It is my purpose to reignite the effort and get things moving again. I have given some thought and with the consent of Sen. LeBeau of enlisting the aid of our current Governor, Dannel Malloy and Lt. Governor, Nancy Wyman to move this bill forward. ~

“True friends stab you in the front.” ~ Oscar Wilde

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### DID YOU KNOW?

The WBCCI Facebook site was created and is maintained by Rich & Dottie Walbridge. There is no control exercised by WBCCI or any officers of WBCCI. The site is free and open to all and of course civil comments and opinions are welcome.

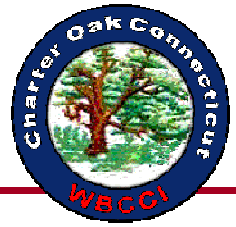
Thank you Rich and Dottie!



**Cincuenta**  
on  
**Cinco de Mayo**

John and Serafina Bachar celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 5th

# Charter Oak Connecticut



The payoff...



Price, Kushman, Walbridge heading North at a Walmart.



The management...



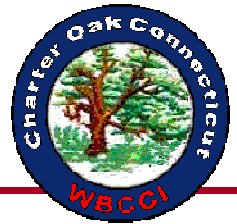
A chilly lonely start to Assateague season.



The crew...



Ted in Savanna with Johnny Mercer!



## BUCK RIVET

### A True Adventure

~ by Russ Melocik

Last month we saw Buck ...

... "Bahumma-humma we are" squealed the girls. "Please, may we come in?"

The ever gracious Fred stepped aside and the girls entered the foyer where they removed their shoes and were cast immediately into the richly inhabited quicksand quagmire well below.

Buck, already a resident of the depths, upon seeing that his abyss-mates were Hoda & Kathie Lee, rushed to make a pact with the quicksand associate, Larry.

"I have two prospects for you. Let me go and you can keep both."

Larry jumped on the 2-for-one swap and Buck was hurled up and out of his torture, landing on two feet right next to Fred who greeted him with a strangely foppish "Buck, I have the feeling this is the beginning of a beautiful relationship."

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### Chapter Four

We last saw Buck in abyss-hell with Hoda and Kathie Lee. He made a pact with the abyss-keeper, Larry, who could keep the big-mouths in exchange for his freedom. Buck was immediately thrust back to Rivet Haven and into the arms of the waiting Fred Astaire with whom he was destined (spelled: d-o-o-m-e-d) to commence a beautiful relationship. Actually, Buck didn't have much of a choice since he had already lost track of Wrigley and his beloved Zsa-Zsa. Suddenly, just as Fred was twirling Buck to the ballroom floor, in comes Buck's estranged father, Pop. "Gosh, it's good to see you, Pop. I've been looking for you all over the place. Every time I stop the rig and order up some lunch or dinner, I ask what kind of pop is available. Nobody ever heard of you. Come on, go a couple rounds with Fred while I take a break."

As Buck rested and iced-down his feet, swollen from Fred's stepping all over them, he came to realize that his mother, Olympia, was not in this picture. As anxious as he was to reunite with her, he didn't want to rush into that issue, preferring instead to wait for a quieter time. So he pulled out his .44 Magnum, the most powerful handgun in the world; it can blow Fred's feet clean off. "BOOM, BOOM!!" Fred was no longer a dancing issue. (Oddly enough, and not intended as another course of direction for this story, Larry suddenly popped up out of his abyss, tossed Fred in, cleaned up the mess and went back to join him and the girls.)

Alone for the moment, Buck & Pop had some quiet time. "Tell me, Pop, how's Olympia doing?" "Well, son, it's a short story: ...."

# Charter Oak Calendar



## May 2012

Birthdays   Anniversaries   Events

| Sunday                                   | Monday                                                                                                             | Tuesday               | Wednesday          | Thursday                     | Friday                | Saturday                                             |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                                          |                                                                                                                    | 1<br>Berd Fuller      | 2                  | 3<br>Joyce Rousseau          | 4<br>Business Meeting | 5<br>John J. & Serafina M. Bachar                    |
| 6<br>Gilles Rousseau<br>Business Meeting | 7                                                                                                                  | 8                     | 9                  | 10                           | 11<br>Jean Landry     | 12                                                   |
| 13<br>Mother's Day                       | 14                                                                                                                 | 15<br>Lorraine Boylan | 16<br>Grace Fuller | 17<br>Raymond Richard        | 18                    | 19<br>Rob & Kim Terry<br>Armed Forces Day            |
| 20<br>Frank & Donna Gauthier             | 21<br>William Watts<br>John & Grace Fuller                                                                         | 22                    | 23                 | 24                           | 25                    | 26<br>Ted & Lois Price<br>Richard & Kathleen Kushman |
| 27                                       | 28<br><br>Memorial Day (Observed) | 29                    | 30                 | 31<br>Michael & Sandy Sasula |                       |                                                      |

“I think the next best thing to solving a problem is finding some humor in it.” ~ Frank Howard Clark

## June 2012

Birthdays   Anniversaries   Events

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

Answer from page 1: Nothing

We have, I fear, confused power with greatness. ~ Stewart Udall



## FOR SALE



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



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

## News Updates: *~Anonymously submitted*

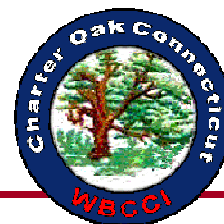
**New trend**....more and more funeral homes are now being used for various events such as weddings (free chapel), graduation or birthday parties. It's a win-win situation for the funeral home and the people who choose to hold events.

Ed: "... until death do us part" hmmm—maybe a package deal?

### **Paper Savings Bonds Go Extinct:**

As of Jan. 1, 2012 the Treasury Dept. is no longer issuing paper savings bonds, such as the Series EE, at banks. It is now available online exclusively. By eliminating paper, the federal government expects to save \$70 million in the first five years. For consumers, there are no more worries about misplacing the bonds. To purchase, individuals must create an account at treasurydirect.gov.

Ed: What's wrong with this statement? "... the federal government expects to *save* \$70 million "



East Windsor CT  
June 1 to 3, 2012

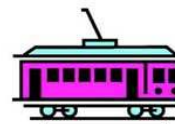
## Airstreams at the Airpark Rendezvous

Hosted By

Jim & Corinne Burnham

### WHAT TO DO

- Skylark Airpark will be in operation; flight banners load and unload in view of our camp
- Go see the East Windsor Trolley Museum. The conductor will pick us up at our camp and take us to the museum to purchase a ticket for our ride and the museum
- Soapstone Mountain is in Somers with a lookout tower. You can drive or hike to the top
- Bradley Air Museum in Windsor Locks
- Visit Newgate Prison in East Granby also Walmart is just 3 miles away



### COST

**\$44.00 per trailer of 2 people. Continental breakfast both mornings. Campfire with dessert Fri. and Sat. Happy hours bring snacks and drink of choice. Fri dinner on your own. Sat grill available to cook your own meat and bring a dish to share. Dry camping. June 1/2&3 early arrivals and late departures ok.**

### DIRECTIONS

Take I-91 North to exit 45 - Northbound turn right at end of ramp on Rt 140 - Southbound turn left on Rt 140—Go approximately 2 miles and turn right on Wells Road. Airpark is on the right. Follow Wally Byam sign to dirt road just past the runway. Follow dirt road to the end. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE RUNWAY!**

### COUPON

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose Check for \$44.00 for 2 in trailer.**

Make check payable to Jim Burnham

184 Scantic Road

East Windsor, CT 06088

phone—860-463-5251







## 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