

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

# Charter Oak Chatter

CONNECTICUT SEPTEMBER 2012

## Coming Events

### September 7-9

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

### September 14-21

Caravan to Sugarcreek  
Flyer attached

### November 4<sup>th</sup>

Installation Dinner  
Bob Sandall  
Flyer attached

## Questions

What goes into the water  
black and comes out red?

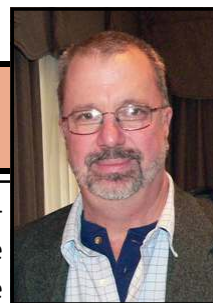
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A hand of cards consists  
of one Queen, two Dia-  
monds, three Aces, and  
four Spades. What is the  
minimum number of  
cards the hand could con-  
tain?

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## Presidents Message

Jim Burnham



Happy September! Cooler temps and lots of fresh fruits and vegetables on the harvest table make autumn camping a real treat. We have new members Frank and Audrey White of West Suffield Ct., welcome aboard. We also welcome some new faces to the nominations for office next year. Fran has the upcoming agenda looking great and full. We still could use a volunteer for unit historian. Looking forward to the Marina Rally and seeing the group. Best Wishes.

## REGION ONE RALLY 2012 "STREAMIN THE REGION"

The rally is now history, but the memories will live on.

This "Streamin' was hosted by the New England Unit, with Rick Cipot and Sandi Gould as chairpersons. Together with a crew of "many" they catered to our wishes from "tricky" parking to delicious meals and entertainment under the big top. Prior to the event many flyers were emailed to keep us all posted on what to expect and what to look forward to.

The decorations were abundant and beautiful. Other memories include the faithful food staff battling the wind and rain to bring us food for the soul and food for the body. The long list of activities included a Restoration seminar

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## 2013 DUES REMINDER

Please remember to send me your dues for 2013 before October 1, 2012 if you have any questions, please contact me at: [sandysas1001@gmail.com](mailto:sandysas1001@gmail.com) or cell: 203-494-7467 Thank you. Sandy Sasuta ~ Treasurer

WBCCI \$65.00	Regular Member: \$80.00
COCU Unit \$15.00	Affiliates: \$15.00
	Lifetime Members: \$15.00

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## NEW SLATE for COCU

Fran Ingallinera, President  
Mark Lupien, 1st VP  
Bard Fuller, 2nd VP  
Sandy Sasuta, Treasurer  
Evelyn Watts, Membership Chair  
Jerry Ingallinera, Legislative Chair  
  
Lynn Blackwell, Recording Secretary

Kathy Kushman, Corresponding Secretary  
*2nd Year - Director*  
Tony Nolder  
*1st Year - Directors*  
Kathy Kushman  
Kathy Fuller  
Gene Hickey

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by Colin Hyde, a photo seminar, Leather class, fly fishing, bocce, fruit carving, blacksmith demo, rivet seminar, a crafts and flea market, Harmonica session, an open mike night, nature hike, and the never-to-be forgotten "Flamingo Costume Parade". The Vintage group hosted a beer tasting happy hour which certainly made a number of people very happy!!

Due to inclement weather (and there was plenty of it). Paddling the Pemi River was cancelled which probably means that Rich Kushman and Ted Price will remain with us a little longer!

There were a lot of raffle and door prizes, many of which bore flamingoes in one form or another !

Our unit was well represented and the Kushmans hosted a pot luck salad supper for Charter Oak and guests.

Ray Richard conducted the Region One Open meeting and the business meeting - a job well done! From dusk 'til dawn both he and Cynthia were ever-present and very involved in helping to make this rally an enjoyable experience.

We will never forget the color "pink" nor "Here a Flamingo, There a Flamingo" in all shapes and sizes!

FYI: Next year the rally will be in Berlin, Connecticut under the guidance of Raymond and Cynthia. Let's "Rally" and give them the all the support we possibly can.

\*\*\* That's all for now, folks. ~ Lois Price



The flags were well represented!



Yes—you can put light in a bottle.

## A "Trip" Home from Region One Rally 2012

~ Jerry and Fran Ingallinera 18081

We were on our way home after enjoying a wonderful weekend at Region One in Thornton, NH. We were following Ted and Lois Price on Route 25 in New Hampshire but missed the turn to Route 25A and lost them. We wound up going about 10 miles out of the way. At one point we were rerouted through some small country roads by a volunteer fireman (Will) because of a downed power line on the road ahead of us. We eventually found our way to I 91 South. Along the way we experienced a torrential downpour and had to pull over to wait it out.

Needing gas, we exited I 91 and stopped in West Springfield, MA on Route 5. As Fran finished fueling, a young lad approached and said he didn't want to



Ruth's beautiful handy work!



Fruit carving demonstration.

bother her but he noticed a problem on the trailer. Under our trailer Jerry has placed a round 6 inch ABS tube to hold our sewer hose. The tube is attached with a bracket that failed. Had the tube come

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completely loose it would surely have caused some serious damage to the trailer as we traveled on the Interstate. The problem now was how to secure the tube so we could continue our trip home. The young lad, 15 year old, Juan stayed with Jerry and helped him secure the tube with a rope connected to the hook that holds down our awning on the road side of the trailer. All together the quick fix took about 20 minutes and Juan stayed right with us. After we were satisfied we could get home without any problem, Jerry gave Juan a jet engine cross section, a lecture on education, education, education and then offered him some money which he initially refused but took when Jerry insisted.

The point of this story is how total strangers can be so helpful and caring and that we avoided some serious damage to the trailer thanks to Juan. The story ends happily even though we 1- missed a turn, 2- had to take a detour because of a downed power line, 3- had to stop because of heavy rain, and 4- had to improvise a repair to the trailer (forgot to mention that our GPS keep shutting down from time to time), we made it home safely and before dark. Somebody up there must like us. (Ya think?) ~



Leather crafts ... Kath said it was hard work.



Now "that" was funny—ASK John & Searfina.



This is what "Pink" looks like.



Pete & Laurie smiling but not buying!

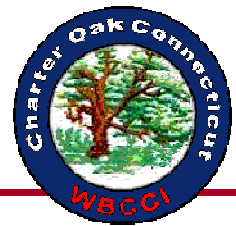


Lynn in the Pink!



Frannie in the Pink!

I believe in pink. I believe that laughing is the best calorie burner. I believe in kissing, kissing a lot. I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day and I believe in miracles. ~ Audrey Hepburn



**READ THIS PAGE**  
Or Else.

## Editors Note:

The two stories below were timely submitted by our roving editor Lois Price but were erroneously not published. Her painstaking, creative, inspiring work is hereby presented for all to read. **Name Redacted** now offers a very sincere apology and begs, yes begs, forgiveness for committing such a brainless omission. Lois, please offer forgiveness .... and your next submission is due soon!

### GETTING "HITCHED" CAN BE TRICKY

Traveling with "others" is a lot of fun, and so Ted and I looked forward to leaving Travelers Rest in April with the Kushmans and the Walbridges.

Rich and Kathy had just purchased a new 2012 Ford truck with an EcoBoost engine to pull their 34'. It is beautiful, comfortable, loaded with gadgets. A departure date depended upon "when" the cover for the truck "bed" could be installed. The day finally arrived and we said goodbye to all and set sail, sharing the road and Maiden Voyage behind the aforementioned vehicle - armed with maps, GPS, i-pads, i-phones, cell phones, Exit Authority Guides, WalMart Location Directory, and heaven knows what else; Columbus never had it so good - but I digress!

I don't know how many rest stops or pull-offs there were on the first day, but I do know that we hit them all. Each stop involved a Kushman hitch adjustment. It was also important for all to check how many RPM's, oil pressure, gas consumption, etc., etc., each vehicle was doing.

The hitch - riding high ; then, riding too low, something dragging on the sharp turns. Kush decided too much weight in his "new" pull toy could be the problem - so -- much equipment found its way into the back seat of our car. Why anyone needs 30 screw drivers, I'll never know. What might drag on a sharp turn, got cut off !! *\*Ed Note Below* It was a long first day.

The second day, the Walbridges left our happy little band of travelers - we hope it wasn't anything we said ( didn't say, did, or didn't do!)

Obviously, we made it home and I am trying to convince myself that I can roll with the punches and am not an Alcoholic!

Some friendly advice - when getting "hitched", give it a dry-run before the long haul, leave some of your baggage else where, and know just what , when, and where, to cut it off !\*

Roaming and Roving LP.

\* Due to the wording offered above some explanation here applies. Due to a previously administered bending of the jack pole it would not fully retract and at times it made contact with the hitch equalization bars. A few inches of the "Jack Pole" were removed and the problem was solved. No pain or physical trauma was experienced by any participant. ~Ed.

"You can avoid reality, but you cannot avoid the consequences of avoiding reality." - Ayn Rand

### "ALUMAPALOOZA" WAS A "LALAPALOOZA!"

The Alumapalooza Rally at the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio took place on May 26 to June 3. This rally was open to WBCCI members and non-members and was sponsored by Airstream Life Magazine. Approximately 175 rigs joined for the well planned and busy few days. An enormous tent was set up for the many activities. Each day was filled with workshops, seminars, Happy Hours, announcements, entertainment, door prizes, several vendors, and just plain socializing. Our trailer was scheduled for some repairs so it was a win-win situation.

Ted, always wanting to learn something new when it comes to food, now knows how to bake a "cobbler" over an open fire, using a Dutch Oven. I, on the other hand, feel that buy-



ing said cobbler at the bakery will save purchasing and carrying a heavy Dutch Oven in the trailer plus a supply of fire "stuff" - all a hazard at best! I am hoping that Ted's desire to become another "Emeril" will pass and is just a mid-life crisis. The reader will please note: when I use the word "cobbler" I am referring to the dessert and not someone who repairs shoes; All this we enjoyed with Kathy and Rich Kushman.

Following the rally Ted and I moved on to Kansas City to spend a few days with daughter, Leslie. As always, it is good to be back home and not having to find a WalMart to spend

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Frannie, a very cute pink getting ready!



Pink poetry...



And the winner is...only one Per rally.



Seb about to throw - of course there was Bocci...



Yes Pete, Jerry got a Lei...



Cynthia & Raymond  
Our Region is in good hands!

"I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know that I'm not dumb ... and I also know that I'm not blonde." ~ Dolly Parton

## These Are Jokes!

A blonde & her husband are lying in bed listening to the next door neighbor's dog. It has been in the backyard barking for hours & hours.

The blonde jumps up out of bed and says, "I've had enough of this".

She goes downstairs and finally comes back up to bed and her husband says, "The dog is still barking, what have you been doing?"

The blonde says,  
"I put the dog in our backyard .... let's see how THEY like it!"

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## Two Blondes With Hammers...

Lisa & Judy were doing some carpenter work on a Habitat for Humanity House.

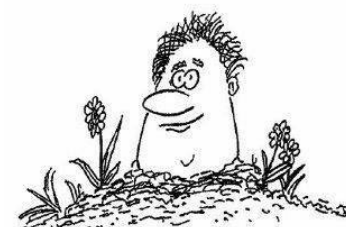
Lisa while nailing down house siding, would reach into he nail pouch, pull out a nail & either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in.

Judy, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, "Why are you throwing those nails away?"

Lisa explained, "When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end & I throw them away."

Judy got completely upset & yelled, 'You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house!'

## GROW YOUR OWN DOPE



Plant a Man !

## FOR SALE

### 1984 Airstream 31 ft. Excella

Rear twin, center bath, awnings on all sides, rock guards, excellent condition, no smoking and no pets.

### 1999 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup with cap, new tires, excellent condition.

Must sell due to health - full towing package - ready to roll.  
\$33,000.00

Contact:  
Bill Mangano  
508-829-5978

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the night. We are looking forward to a rally or two near-by

as well as the Region I. Hope to see many of you along the way. Who knows, there may be a "cobbler" in your future!

Just a note: on the way home from Kansas City our designated driver backed into a pole, thus making it necessary to have the rear bumper on the trailer replaced so -----Jackson Center, here we come next fall on the way to Sugar Creek, The Story Telling Rally, and Florida. The trailer is presently having the gas hot water "switchy -thing" repaired. Life just gets better and better.

All for now - we'll see you down the road, or in our case, maybe beside the road. ~



### 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  
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### Welcome to the COCU Family

New members. #5830

Frank & Audrey White  
West Suffield, CT

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Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Labor Day	4 John & Rose Tavares	5 William Mangano	6 Sharon Henschel Richard & Kathy Griffin Bob & Helen Sandall	7 Marina Rally	8
9 Richard & Maryann Jackson Marina Rally	10	11 Wayne & Susan Rutty Carolyn L. Knight	12	13 Kathy Griffin Bill & Candy Korb	14 Sugarcreek Caravan Dan Dureiko	15 Paul & Judy Good
16	17	18	19 David Johnson	20	21	22
23 Mark & Marie Lupien	24 Rich & Dottie Walbridge	25	26	27	28 Michael & Lianne Rutty Donna Gauthier	29 Bob Butler
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You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take. ~ Wayne Gretzky

## October 2012

Birthdays Anniversaries Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Barbara Moyer	2 William & Winnie Mangano	3 Dan & Karen Olah Bard & Kathy Fuller	4	5 Fran Ingallinera	6 Dottie Walbridge
7 Steve & Pam Pestrello	8 Mark Lupien Gene Hickey & Charlotte Columbus Day (Observed)	9 Serafina M. Bachar	10 Raymond & Cynthia Richard Pete & Laurie Soucy Ed & Linda Maxwell	11	12 Niels Rosenbeck Dick Bartram	13
14	15 David & Susan Johnson	16 Roger & Ruth Crockett	17 Brian Brosnahan	18	19	20
21 Susan Rutty	22 William & Evelyn Watts	23	24	25	26	27 Michael Rutty Bob Landry
28 Daylight Savings Time	29	30 Debi Cocco	31 Halloween			

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