

Connecticut



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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

~ Mark Lupien

With the Holiday season upon us we're being overwhelmed by television and newspaper ads to buy the perfect gift for the ones we're closest to. As I look around I realize that we have a great deal in our lives to be thankful for and it has nothing to do with purchasing the perfect gift. Marie and I are especially fortunate for the two successful surgeries she had in October. Thankfully, both procedures went well, she is recovering quickly and feels very good. I know of five Airstream friends that have had surgeries as well. Michael Sasuta, had a shoulder procedure, Ernie Bower, Region One First Vice-President, had surgery to align his broken arm, Roger Crockett a knee replacement, Bob Landry a double bypass, and our Region One President Raymond Richard had foot surgery. These successful medical procedures remind me of how important our health is, the value of the friendships we've developed within WBCCI, and all of those we hold dear to our hearts. I want to mention that Jessie Gould is in failing health, our thoughts and prayers go out to her and Bud during this difficult time. Marie and I want to thank everyone for

their kind thoughts, prayers, and well wishes for her speedy recovery.

The Christmas party hosted by Lois, Ted, and their daughters was a wonderful success. Her poem for the Holidays brought laughter and good

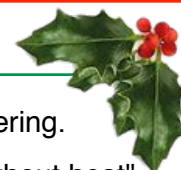
cheers from all. It was a pleasant surprise to have Santa and his elves stop by to distribute sweet treats to all in attendance.

Winter is on our door steps and many of our friends are traveling in search of warm days, sunny skies, or visiting family and friends for the holidays, we wish you safe travels, a great, Christmas and a Happy New Year. To bring in the New Year, three Luncheons have been planned for January and February with one being hosted in Connecticut. For those traveling to Florida there is one luncheon planned on each coast. I'm sure you'll have a great time and your hosts will

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SANTA CAME A LITTLE EARLY THIS YEAR



Santa, his 3 elves and 27 guests arrived at Dakotas of Rocky Hill for Charter Oak's Annual Holiday gathering.

The restaurant served a delicious buffet assisted by a friendly staff. The room originally reserved was "without heat" so we had to relocate but we are "campers" and we carried on, no problem!

Santa Clause (Ted Price) and his helpers (Lisa and Allison Price and Kathy Kushman), strutted their stuff wearing a bevy of Christmas hats, and distributing chocolate kisses and candy canes.

President Mark Lupien greeted us and brief announcements were made.

Thanks to all, a generous collection of \$261 was collected for the Cromwell Children's Home.

The party was a joyous way to conclude our club year. We look forward to seeing everyone "Down the Road". Be sure and mark your calendars for December 7, 2014, same time, same place.

That's All Folks - Happy Holidays to You All! ~ Ted and Lois Price

Future

February 2, 2014

Luncheon at the, Nutmeg Restaurant
Jim Burnham
860-463-5251 jimblc@msn.com

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Question

- A: What do elves learn in school?
- B: What nationality is Santa Claus?
- C: What do you get if you cross an apple with a Christmas Tree?

Answers: Page 5



A few weeks before Christmas while cleaning their house
Ted opened a closet and found a dead mouse
Now cleaning the shelves would sure be a hassle
So Ted said to Lois, "Let's have a raffle."

They gathered some this and they gathered some that
While Lois, I'm sure, wore a holiday hat
They worked at choosing - about an hour it took
Gathering candles and albums and gobbleddegook

Lois finished the lines to her holiday sonnet
Then grabbed a large bag and popped in her bonnets
On to Dakota wandered Lois and Ted
But not without grabbing his coat - colored red

He dressed up like Santa, what a fine sight he made
While Allison, Lisa, with Kath did parade
Ted spread out the kisses while the girls wore fine caps
They all looked so happy, not at all like sad sacks

Hearing laughter and groans you really could tell
The drawing for prizes went delightfully well
The numbers were called for both naughty and nice
Special prizes awarded from the closet of Price.

~ RK





Thanks for the pictures Gilles.



**No Chatter Next Month
Send Jokes For Directory**

appreciate seeing you. The contact information can be seen below.

Presidents Message from page 1

January 12, 2014: Luncheon at Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 880 Palm Bay Rd. Palm Bay, FL
John & Grace Fuller: 321-225-1546

February 2, 2014: Luncheon at Nutmeg Restaurant, 297 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT.
Jim Burnham, 860-463-5251

February 5, 2014: Luncheon at Buffet City, 13235 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL.
Rich & Dottie Walbridge: 781-254-6399

For our, Ham Radio enthusiasts, many "WBCCI Amateur Radio Club" members will be attending the "Orlando HamCation" 2/5 to 2/8/2014 in Orlando, FL. For additional information their web site is: "www.hamcation.com".

Marie and I want to wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season. ~ Mark



The Story of Axles

When your axle breaks, who do you call - The Ghost Busters. Well how silly, you call Airstream of course. **"BUZZER"** - yeah that's a big buzzer sound. Here's the timeline.

- * 10/20 Sunday - Axle breaks - going slow when it careened across road and caused no damage. Worth mentioning a gentleman ran out of gas right behind me and then helped me locate and retrieve the wheel - magical. We limped to Columbia, CA and stayed at a Passport America Campground which was quite pleasant.
- * 10/21 Monday - Called Airstream - they gave me a part number - put me in touch with Dexter who gave me the contact info for the closest distributor. Ordered new axle using the Airstream supplied part number.
- * 10/29 Tuesday - Drove to recommended installer (49 miles) only to find completely incorrect axle had been delivered. Called nearest Airstream dealer just in case they had one in stock and I was warned it was important who I spoke to at Airstream to insure being properly advised. So I spoke with a recommended adviser in Ohio and was given an entirely different part number. **"BUZZER"** - yeah I was perplexed.
- * 10/30 Wednesday - Talked to Andy from Inland RV www.inlandrv.com who was not surprised with my predicament. He also advised me to replace all three axles to avoid damaging the new axle. **"BUZZER"** holly bananas - **REPLACE ALL THREE**. So I ran this by Airstream and although they were confused at first they did later confirm by email that Andy was correct - all three.
- * 10/31 Thursday - I put my trust in Andy and ordered the new axles through Inland RV. Andy also changes the specs slightly improving ground clearance. We stayed at Woodward Reservoir, just North of Oakdale, quite pleasant and not expensive.
- * 11/12 Tuesday - Drove about 100 miles to Red Neck Trailer Supply and picked up my new axles. "Red Neck" - look it up.
- * 11/15 Friday - Axles installed. Installation went perfectly, the axles were as Andy promised and the Installer was a pro. Trailer does ride nicer also as Andy promised.



Three good axles.



Great install.

"BUZZER" - Axle breaks, who do you call? Andy at Inland RV...period.

~ RK



January 2014

Birthdays

Anniversaries

John Fuller	3	Friday
Fran Stearns	8	Wednesday
Luncheon: The Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 880 Palm Bay Rd. Palm Bay, FL John & Grace Fuller: 321-225-1546	12	Sunday
Charles "Rick" & Beth Petrie	13	Monday
Russ & Fran Stearns	14	Tuesday
Jerry Ingallinera	16	Thursday
Howard M. Knight	16	Thursday
Jane Sanders	18	Saturday
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera	20	Monday
Ronald Nicholas	24	Friday
Lianne Ruty	24	Friday

February 2014

Birthdays

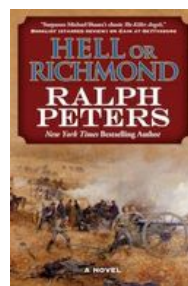
Anniversaries

Ray Landman	1	Saturday
Luncheon: Nutmeg Restaurant 297 South Main Street East Windsor, CT. Jim Burnham, 860-463-5251	2	Sunday
John J. Bachar	4	Tuesday
Luncheon: The Buffet City 13235 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL. Rich & Dottie Walbridge: 781-254-6399	5	Wednesday
David Levinson	13	Thursday
Gene Hickey	13	Thursday
Leila Clark	16	Sunday
Lynn Blackwell	20	Thursday
Michael Sasuta	21	Friday
Val Galasyn	25	Tuesday
Sandi Gould	27	Thursday



Good Book

Against this backdrop of the birth of modern warfare and the painful rebirth of the United States, *New York Times* bestselling novelist Ralph Peters has created a breathtaking narrative that surpasses the drama and intensity of his recent critically acclaimed novel, *Cain at Gettysburg*.



Thoughts & Cares

Marie Lupien - recovering from surgery
Bob Landry - recovering from surgery
Rodger Crocket - recovering from surgery
Raymond Richard - recovering from surgery



Answers Page One
A: The Elf-abet!
B: North Polish.
C: A pineapple.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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