

Connecticut



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



Presidents Message

~ Bard Fuller



The rain's rolling in
And you can just bet
I'll be finding the leak
We haven't found yet.

Neighbors feed the dogs
And take in the mail.
They keep our door key
In their house on a nail.

The night light is set,
So's the burglar alarm.
We've shut all the windows
And locked up the barn.

The dogs' stare up at us
And I can just see them laugh
“You'll only be gone
Three days and a half.”



*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,
a healthy New Year and Safe Travels
wherever you go.*

~ Bard & Kathy

'Twas the night before the rally
And all round about,
I'm so doggone busy
That I could just shout.

There's a salad to make
And a cake to bake.
There are clothes to wash
Dry, fold, and take.

Checked all the supplies,
Notes, games and whatever.
Taking both kinds of clothes,
Can't tell about the weather.

Want some cold pills
And Pepto-Bismol, too.
Amazing what restaurants
And strange water will do.

The camera is in
The tripod is, too.
I'll need some more film
Before the rally is through.

The trailer's hooked up,
All ready to go.
There are last minute details
To do yet, you know.

Pastor Tony is walking down the street on Christmas eve when he notices Larry, a small boy, trying to press the doorbell of a house across the street. However, Larry is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, Pastor Tony moves closer to Larry's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring. Crouching down to Larry's level, Pastor Tony smiles benevolently and asks, 'And now what, my little man?' To which Larry replies with a beaming grin, 'Now we run!'

Down The Road

January 18, 2015

UCONN Potluck
Bard & Kathy Fuller

March 15, 2015

St Patrick's Luncheon Location:
Southbury, CT / Rousseau's Home

June 4 - 7, 2015

New York Rally
Per Hamnqvist

Reserve Early - Limited Sites

Question

Just before Christmas, there was an honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus travelling in a lift of a very posh hotel. Just before the doors opened they all noticed a \$5 bill lying on the floor. Which one picked it up?? Answer page 4



Looking ahead to 2015, there are many unique activities listed in the Charter Oak CT Unit schedule. Why not plan ahead, mark your calendars and join in on the fun. Another rally that sounds exciting is the All Florida State Rally in St. Augustine, March 3-8, 2015. Please check it out in the Blue Beret and sign up.

Long time members **JUDY & PAUL GOOD** lost their dear son Paulie on November 7, 2014....he would have been 34 on November 9th. We are thinking of them and send our sincere sympathy.

Past Associate member **Theda McGrath** died Oct. 4, 2014, at her home in Melbourne, FL, formerly of Townsend, MA. She was a Past WBCCI International Secretary, Blue Beret International Chairman for several years, Region One Past President, and Past President of the Cape Cod Unit. She will always be remembered for her endless spirit and energy she brought to the WBCCI organization.

MARIE LUPIEN will be having surgery on December 19th for a torn meniscus in her right knee. Also, **SALLY KERR** will soon be having her hip repaired. We hope all goes well for both of you.

TED PRICE was recently hospitalized and had a stent procedure. We wish you a smooth recovery Ted.

Please remember those in the club going through difficult times, the Bartram's and Gould's. It would be nice to give them encouragement through calls/cards or visits.

EVELYN & BILL WATTS enjoyed a Viking River Cruise through Germany....what a wonderful experience.

For your information, currently we have 52 members and 11 affiliates. More Scuttlebutt to come in February 2015, as there is **no Chatter in January**.



Charter Oak Connecticut WBCCI Northern Unit Christmas Party



~ Lynn Blackwell

Twenty-nine stalwart members attended the possibly last annual Dakota Christmas Party hosted by Lois and Ted Price. They plan to lay low at the South Pole for a while, so maybe one of their many elves will take over next year. We were pleased to be joined again by Allison and Lisa Price who called out the raffle prize numbers and handed out many silly and wonderful gifts.

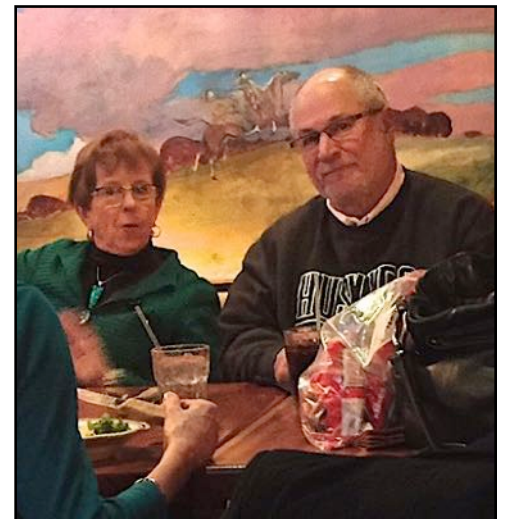
We missed Ted, who had decided to take a special side trip to Hartford Hospital for a little stent procedure – but special guest, Dick Bartram brought Ted a present anyway, a FRUIT CAKE for his stocking! Dick gave us a brief report on the sad journey he and Eileen are on, with her Alzheimer's and thanked everyone for their longtime friendship and support.

Never at a loss for poetry, Lois regaled us with a joke from the Lois club, as well as the following Lois poem: *Next Page*



Billy finds the donation jar and adds his two cents.

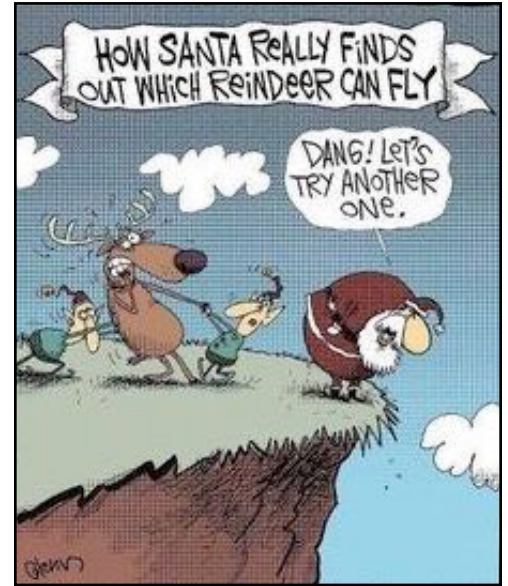
GOOD NEWS
YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS RAISED \$370.00 FOR THE ADELBROOK CHILDREN'S HOME



Rich & Kath like Marie's new iPhone as she takes these pictures.



Lois reads her Christmas poem - "A Moving Experience"



Its 18 days before Christmas,
and all through our house
are boxes, pictures to be hung,
but so far, not even a
mouse!

Stockings are not hung by
The chimney with care,
Because, believe it or not,
No chimney is there.

Poor Santa will have trouble
This year,
But we'll leave a light on
So he'll know we are here.

The Prices have moved as you've probably
heard
This experience has brought
To mind a few "priceless" words.

At the early onset of our
Plans to relocate -

We said "how hard can it be
To vacate a house that's been "ours" for
Over 50 years?
We'll just throw out "stuff"
Ask help from our peers,

So we found a house just
Down the road
That felt like it would
Become our new abode.

So now our pockets are empty, not a sou
To our name -
'cause we now own THREE
houses and a trailer; my goodness,
what a shame!

"Where to we put this, and
what do we do with that?
Try finding stuff, or remembering why we
Acquired all this crap -

Two words we never again

Want to hear - "Declutter"
And "Downsize"
Did we actually use, and
Consider all we have,
A prize?

The good news is, Ted and I
Are "somewhat" settled
In our new place.
Don't have much energy
After what was a rat race.

From 9 rooms down to 5
But I'm sure we will survive
50 years in one place -
habits and memories
are hard to erase.

But the Holidays bring us the
Joy of family and friend -
How wonderful that these
Good things never never end.



Oh, Oh - someone not paying attention?



Some well deserved applause for Lois.



Reminder

January 18th UCONN Women's Basketball Tailgating Potluck

Just a reminder of this upcoming event. Whether you follow UCONN basketball or not it will be a time to socialize and catch up on everyone's past holiday activities. Come in your UCONN apparel! Bring a dish to share. Hosts will provide beverages. See the flyer for more details. Please contact us if you plan on coming. Bard's email is bardfuller@hotmail.com. The phone number is 860-621-9246. ~ Bard and Kathy Fuller

GO HUSKIES!!!!

LINK LINK LINK

[Kate's Lazy Meadow](#)

This Months Airstream Link

There were two cute identical twins. One was an optimist and the other a pessimist. Just to see what would happen, on Christmas their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

On Christmas morning the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly. "Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken." answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked.

To which his optimist twin replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty dollar bills." The boy quickly replied, "That's right, Mam, the last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have change for a reward."



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Susan Johnson	December 10
Charlotte LaRocca	December 12
Sandra Flood	December 13
Gale Lake	December 15
Parker & Lorraine Boylan	December 17
Robert Moyer	December 19
Kris Fletcher	December 21
Ray & Barbara Landman	December 23
Philip & Frances Simmons	December 26

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

John Fuller	January 3
Fran Stearns	January 8
Charles "Rick" & Beth Petrie	January 13
Russ & Fran Stearns	January 14
Jerry Ingallinera	January 16
Howard M. Knight	January 16
Jane Sanders	January 18
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera	January 20
Ronald Nicholas	January 24
Lianne Rutty	January 24

Answer from page one: Santa of course, the other two don't exist!

FOR SALE
2007 22' Airstream Mercedes Sprinter Chassis
Contact Frank Gauthier
203-325-8689

FOR SALE
1970 Airstream 25' Caravanner, Exterior refinished by P&S in Ohio. Rock guards, awning, Fantastic Fan, Catalytic Heater, A/C, and Microwave....includes all trailering equipment. Contact Bob Henschel 860-274-3768

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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***Women's Basketball
Tailgating Potluck
January 18 at 12:30pm***
(Tip time is 1pm)

UCONN vs. University of South Florida

Host: Bard & Kathy Fuller

(860) 621-9246 bardfuller@hotmail.com

Come with a potluck item to share

Host will provide soda, beer and coffee

**Come with your UCONN Apparel
& plenty of *SPIRIT!!***

***Location: The Fuller's Home
36 Panorama Drive
Southington,CT***



Directions: From I-691(Cheshire or Meriden) go West towards Southington on Meriden-Waterbury Rd. (CT 332) for 1/3mile. Take a right onto Meriden Ave. (CT 120) for 2/3 mile. Take a right onto Savage St. for .03 mile. Take a right onto Blue Hills Dr. for .03 Mile. Panorama Drive is the 2nd left and 36 Panorama Dr. is a Tan house on the left.



COCU St. Patrick's Brunch

March 15, 2015

Chez Rousseau
(Gilles and Joyce's house)
67 Horse Fence Hill Rd.
Southbury, Ct 06488
(1 mile off exit 14 rte 84)



Menu- Cheese and crackers
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Irish Soda Bread
Dessert selection

Wine and Beer will be available
(Bring your own special brew as desired)
Coffee and Tea

Cost - \$10 per person
Bring it when you come

RSVP to Joyce by Mar. 10
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