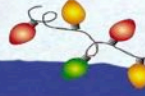


Connecticut



Charter Oak Chatter

December 2016

President's Message ~ Evelyn Watts



Evie & Bill Watts - Charter Oak Champions branching out.

Fellow Airstreamers -

Being the President of COCU makes me feel like a champion, but, in truth, the Connecticut Champion in the picture is the tree behind us. It won first place in the Big E this fall.

Toni Nolder is also a champion for arranging a delightful Holiday Luncheon at the historic Gelston House in East Haddam. The sky was blue, the Connecticut River sparkled in the bright sunlight, our tables were decorated with favors for all, and then topped off with a delicious meal. [See page 2](#)

Question

If a 2017 Airstream Flying Cloud 23 FB weighs 2400 LB plus one half of its total weight how much does it weigh?

Answer page 5

Charter Oak Holiday Luncheon



~ Mark & Marie Lupien

The Charter Oak, Holiday Luncheon was a great success on Sunday December 4th at the Gelston House Restaurant located in East Haddam. The day was cool with a light breeze and bright sun with no signs of snow as we traveled to meet our Airstream friends. I want to thank our host, Toni Nolder, for selecting this charming location with its wonderful view of the Connecticut river providing a lovely setting for a New England style holiday luncheon.

There were 27 Charter Oak members in attendance and the four newest members introduced themselves to the group before our meal was served. They were warmly greeted by all and it was good to see them glowing with excitement and enthusiasm as they briefly told us a few tidbits

[See page 2](#)



The oldest member and a newer member... John Fuller and Gail Rich.

Merry
Christmas

LINK OF THE MONTH

[THE MIDLIFE CRISIS - 1960 AIRSTREAM](http://1960airstreamtradewind.blogspot.com)

<http://1960airstreamtradewind.blogspot.com>



Presidents Message *from page 1*

The kitty for the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantry netted \$88 to which we added the \$100 surplus from the Portland Rally. Our \$188 will be matched by a local business, meaning the Soup Kitchen will receive \$376 total. What a wonderful way to share our blessings with those less fortunate!

Remember to send Rich Kushman photos of your Airstream adventures. Better yet, send him a TYPED story to attach to your photos. If you have a story to tell but do not type, send me your handwritten copy, and I will digitize it for you.

Please remember to collect the can tabs. The money raised by selling them is used to support the Ronald McDonald House. Bill and I plan to take them to Escanaba in July. Start saving those tabs NOW so that we have a nice amount to turn in.

This is the time of year when our Snowbirds are getting ready to fly South, and those of us who choose to stay up North are starting to bundle up and settle in. This means that we may not be seeing each other for a while. The hibernation will end when the Connecticut group gathers at the Rousseau home on Sunday, March 19, for an Irish feast. (NOTE: it's the 19th, not the 17th as published) The Florida snowbirds do not hibernate, but they have a luncheon planned on February 9, at the Golden Coral.

In closing, Bill and I would like to use this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season along with many good wishes for 2017.

~ Evie



Have a whale of a time at the Mystic Seaport and the surrounding area. Save the date May 19-21 for the Mystic Rally. Details will be available in early 2017. Look for future flyer information about this great new location. ~ Bard

Holiday Luncheon *from page 1*

about themselves and how they became Airstreamers.

Marie and I shared a table with Ruth and Roger Crocket and Alex Yuknat one of our new Charter Oak members. Alex, a tour boat captain on the Connecticut River, recently purchased a vintage Airstream trailer that had been completely gutted and is ready for a full restoration. He plans to document the restoration process and share it for all to see.

Evie Watts, our president, addressed the members thanking everyone for attending the luncheon and how pleased she was to see such a large turnout. She went on to say that the Charter Oak camping schedule for next year has been finalized and is available from her or online at our web site.

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all! ~ Marie and Mark Lupien



Ready for lunch Karen Olah and Bruce & Kris Fletcher.



Evie, Dan Olah, Kathleen, and our host Toni Nolder.

2017 CHARTER OAK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Feb 9 | Region One Florida West Coast Luncheon |
| March 19..... | St. Patrick's Day Luncheon - Home of Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Southbury, CT |
| May 5-7 | Region One Meeting , Fryeburg, Maine, Ty Mott |
| May 19-21 | A Whale of a Time Rally and Spring Business Meeting - Mystic, CT KOA, Kathy and Bard Fuller |
| June 8-11..... | N.Y. City Base Camp , Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ, Per Hamnqvist |
| July 7-9 | Green Mountain Getaway Rendezvous - Bald Mountain Campground, Townsend, VT, Gail and Wiley Downing |
| July 22-29 | International WBCC Rally , Escanaba, MI |
| TBA | Region One Luncheon , Escanaba, MI, Ty Mott |
| Aug 17-20 | Who's on first....WATTS on second...I don't know who's on third - Cooperstown, NY KOA, Evie and Bill Watts |
| Sept 8-10..... | Easy Breezy Rendezvous - Milford, CT beach, Sandy Sasuta and Joyce Rousseau |
| Sept 29-Oct 1 ... | Experience Newport Rally - Melville Ponds Campground, Portsmouth, RI, Joint rally with NEU, Bard Fuller (COCU) and Eddie Carll (NEU) |
| Oct. 15 | Installation Banquet and Fall Business Meeting - Manchester Country Club, Corinne and Jim Burnham |
| Dec. 3 | Christmas Party , location TBA, leader TBA |



Welcome to new members
SUSAN KING & JOHN STODDARD #4690 from S. Glastonbury, CT (Former Affiliates). See you at an upcoming event.

Please keep **CHARLIE EGLISE** in mind with cards/calls as he recently had surgery and treatments. He has been in the club for 43 years and we wish him well.

RICK & BETH PETRIE had family visit them in Florida for Thanksgiving. Their son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren, age twelve, drove down from CT. A great time was had by all.

Remember, one of the most appreciated gifts you can give anyone is "YOUR TIME". ~

2 lb. frozen hash browns
 1 stick melted butter
 1 TBS salt
 pepper
 12-16 oz. sour cream
 1 can cream chicken soup (undiluted)
 minced onion
 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese

Mix all ingredients and pour into a greased 9x13 baking pan. Bake in covered pan at 350 about 1 hour or until bubbly. Uncover and sprinkle shredded cheese on top for last 10 min.

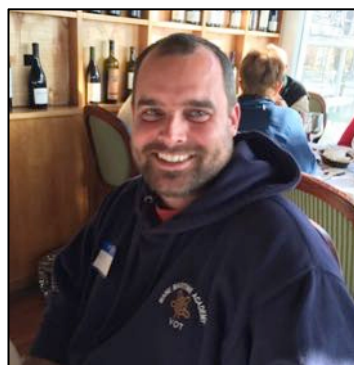


Cheesy Potatoes

Kathleen Kushman



OK - some explanation may be necessary. The afternoon sun was streaming directly into these Streamer's eyes. Their napkins were used as a defense by Kathleen Kushman and Dale McGoldrick.



Welcome Alex Yuknat a new and young member.



Happy Holidays from Roger Crockett, Marie Lupien, and Dick Bartram.

Bard's Good, Bad and Bizarre Airstreams



Looking for an Airstream novel experience, stop by the Silverton Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas for some Airstream bowling. Two complete bowling lanes complete with automatic ball returns and the bar is just outside your front door. Life is good!



New York Rally

Reserve Your Space Now

Explore New York City.

See attached flyer.

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-------|-----------------------|
| 12/12 | Charlotte LaRocca |
| 12/13 | Sandra Flood |
| 12/15 | Gale Lake |
| 12/20 | Christine Lessig |
| 12/21 | Kris Fletcher |
| 12/23 | Ray & Barbara Landman |

WANTED

Airstream Bambi 16
 Contact Ruth Crockett
 860-489-9566
ruthcrockett@sbcglobal.net

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 01/03 | John Fuller |
| 01/13 | Charles "Rick" & Beth Petrie |
| 01/14 | Donald Allers |
| 01/16 | Jerry Ingallinera |
| 01/16 | Howard M. Knight |
| 01/18 | Jane Sanders |
| 01/20 | Jerry & Fran Ingallinera |
| 01/21 | Guy Weik |
| 01/24 | Ronald Nicholas |
| 01/24 | Lianne Rutty |
| 01/25 | Ruth Scott |

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-------|----------------|
| 02/01 | Ray Landman |
| 02/04 | John J. Bachar |
| 02/13 | Gene Hickey |
| 02/13 | David Levinson |
| 02/16 | Leila Clark |
| 02/20 | Lynn Blackwell |
| 02/21 | Michael Sasuta |
| 02/25 | Val Galasyn |
| 02/27 | Sandi Gould |

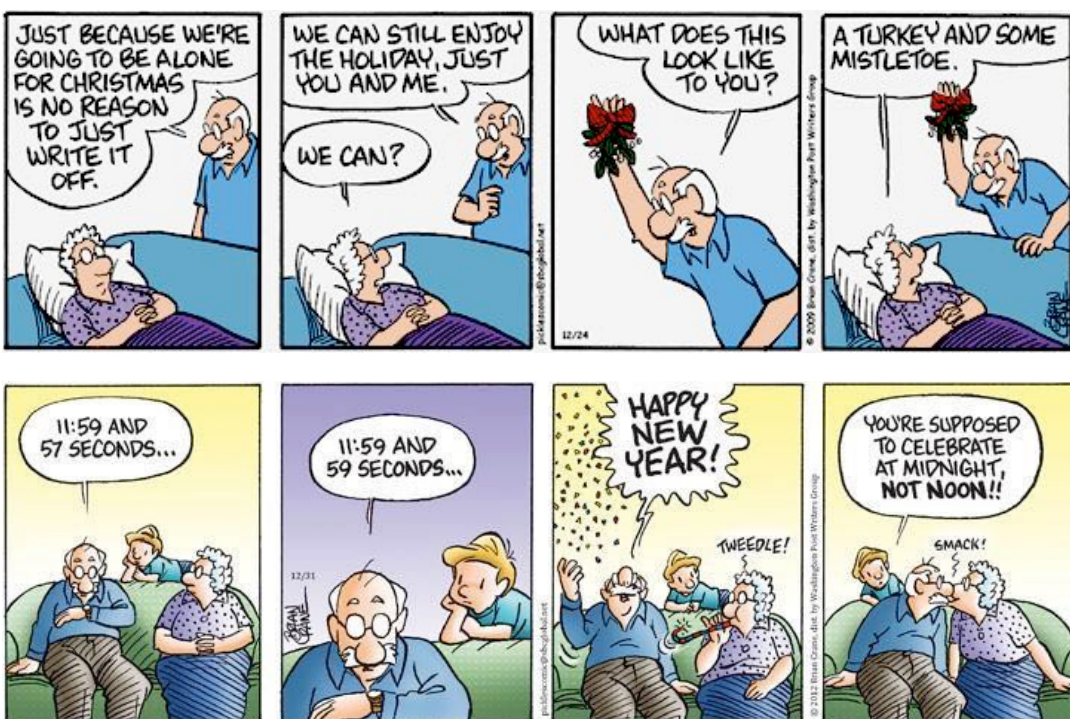
FOR SALE

AIRSTREAM

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

MISC – Contact Bob Henschel

860-274-3768
 One brand new Catalytic Heater,
 “Still in the box, never used”. Brand
 Name: “The CAT”. It is vented, &
 flameless, comes with Honeywell
 Thermostat & all other parts for
 complete installation, was
 \$350.00, selling for \$200.00.
 2 Zip Dee Blue & Silver folding chairs
 with 2 leg extensions/excellent
 condition/selling for \$100.00 for
 the 4 pieces.



Santa Claus has the right idea.
 Visit people only once a year.
 - Victor Borge

Answer

4800 Lb.

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/>
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4th New York City Base Camp Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ Thu 6/8/17 – Sun 6/11/17



Come and join us for another long weekend of fun New York City exploration! No need to list everything you can do - there is something for everyone in NYC. Our base camp is very close to the city, providing convenient access to the subway (NJ PATH) as well as ferries to Manhattan.

More units = More fun: The Quebec Unit is back with us and the White Mountains Unit is joining us, too.

Do it yourself program: This rally does not have a formal program, other than when we serve coffee in the morning and when we gather for happy hour in the late afternoon. We'll help you coordinate your interests and excursions with others that are attending by fanning out emails. **This worked really well the last times we held this event.** Everyone ended up doing something they wanted to do, at their pace, often sharing those experiences with old and new Airstream friends.



A few things to keep in mind:

- **Sites are limited – reserve before 1st week of December 2016** or risk not getting a spot
- We cannot guarantee that we can give you a refund, but we'll do our best
- Extra nights are possible – see next page for details

Name: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell phone: _____ Length (ft): _____

WBCCI Unit: _____ Arrival: _____ Nights: _____ Total USD: _____

Send check for **\$320.00** US to: Per Hamnqvist, 2 Queens Way, Merrimack, NH 03054. This includes **3 nights** of camping (water & electricity), plus morning coffee. Email: p.hamnqvist@gmail.com. Cell: 603-866-6440.

Co-Hosts

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| • New England | Per Hamnqvist |
| • Ontario | Kerry Mattila |
| • Charter Oak Connecticut | Rich Kushman |
| • Mahoning Valley Ohio | Rick Richardson |
| • Quebec | Robert Dion |
| • White Mountains NH | Mary Lehner |
| • Metro New York | Debbie Hammer |

Reservation Policy and Additional nights at Liberty Harbor Marina

You can request additional nights at the campground through me. The base cost covers 6/8, 6/9 and 6/10 with checkout Sunday 6/11. I will attempt to accommodate that in my conversation(s) with the campground and I will keep you posted. The cost is \$101.65 per additional night including tax. If you pay for six nights at the campground, the 7th is free.

Sample Total costs in USD:

- 3 nights: 320.00 USD (base cost for base camp)
- 4 nights: 421.65 USD
- 5 nights: 523.30 USD
- 6 nights: 624.95 USD
- 7 nights: 624.95 USD (7th night is free)

The campground policy on reservations has always been: 50% down, no refund. If you cannot come, please try to find an alternate. So far we've done well on full refunds by shuffling around. But that is not a guarantee. Plan accordingly.

About the campground

The prime value of this campground is its excellent proximity to the city. Its basically gravel parking on somewhat narrow sites. During the 2011, 2013 and 2015 events, their WiFi was marginal. During the 2013 event we experienced an unexpected heat wave (mid 90s, 32C+) and the campground's power was inadequate to run all the A/Cs during the day. Otherwise, the campground is clean. Choices of over the air TV stations are plentiful. It has a shared dump station. It has a shower house too.

If you look up Liberty Harbor Marina with Google Maps you'll get a better feel for its fantastic location. A commuter ferry to Wall St leaves the dock by the campground (week days). A second ferry that also operates on weekends leaves by Warren St (short walk) for the World Financial Center. A 15 minute walk from the campground is the Grove Street subway station that can take you to the World Trade Center and beyond. The ferry to Ellis Island and The Statue of Liberty is right next door.