

# Connecticut



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

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

~ Mark Lupien

As we begin 2014, I want to express my appreciation for the efforts of our, Chatter Editor, Rich Kushman and his talented assistants. The Chatter is clearly written, concise, and entertaining; a resource that brings us closer and drives the COCU in a positive direction. Rich Kushman fills the Editor role admirably. I can only imagine the long hours involved in coordinating and producing our monthly news letter while working closely with his team of volunteers, Lois Price, Sandy Sasuta, Joyce Rousseau, and Kathleen Kushman. It's a pleasure reading the articles and viewing the beautifully printed photos every month. Thank you, Rich and your team, we appreciate your efforts and dedication to the COCU.

As some of you know, I have been struggling over the past 2 months with, ulcerative colitis. My physician has been treating my condition with various prescription medications and diet. We have recently made significant progress, I hope to get the green light very soon, allowing me to travel. Our plans are to tow the Airstream to, Travelers Rest for a 2-3 month stay. Thanks to all of you for the, get well cards, notes and telephone calls, they have been a great comfort.

Luncheons have been planned for February and March. I'm sure you'll have a great time meeting dear friends and your hosts will appreciate your participation. The contact information can be seen below.

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

February 5, 2014: Luncheon at the, Buffet City, 13235 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL.

Rich & Dottie Walbridge: 781-254-6399

March 2, 2014: Luncheon at the, Pond House Grill, 2935 Main St. Glastonbury, CT.  
Charlotte LaRocca: 860-633-8157

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". ~



## Future

### March 2, 2014

Luncheon at the Pond House Grill  
2935 Main St., Glastonbury, CT  
Charlotte LaRocca: 860-633-8157  
[pfunken@aol.com](mailto:pfunken@aol.com)

### April 6, 2014

Luncheon at The Villa Restaurant  
4 Riverside Rd., Sandy Hook, CT  
Evelyn Watts: 203-312-3382  
[evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net)

### May 28 - June 1, 2014

Region One Rally,  
Champlain Valley Exposition Center  
105 Pearl St. Essex Junction, VT  
Tye Mott: 716-866-2503  
[CVRbyTye@aol.com](mailto:CVRbyTye@aol.com)

## GOTCHYA

~ Lois Price

As are many of our Charter Oak members, Kathy and Rich Kushman, Fran and Jerry Ingallinera, and Ted and I are now "wintering" at Travelers Rest in Florida and having idle time on our hands we can play mindless games.

Every year Jerry has a birthday which we all acknowledge, or else! Ted and I sent him an appropriate card and put a little special gift in the envelope. Ted had

received a dividend check in the amount of \$.05 - that's right "5 cents!" - (hardly a tribute to Ted's investment skills as a "retired" stockbroker). We figured if we cut out one meal a day for awhile we could share said check with Jerry and Fran, so I forged Ted's signature and endorsed it, tucked the check carefully in the card and off to the post office.

We waited - and as we heard nothing from Jerry (a miracle in itself), we jumped in our trusty golf cart and found

*See Gotchya page 2*

## Question

It's a stormy night and a plane takes off from JFK airport in New York. The storm worsens, and the plane crashes - half lands in the United States, the other half lands in Canada. In which country do you bury the survivors?

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Jerry, Fran, and their daughter Carole outside their home, doing various chores.

After a few minutes, Jerry reached inside his shirt pocket, pulled out our check, handed it to us with a big "Thank you." We smiled, gave the paper a quick look, and almost had a heart attack.

The check clearly read:  
"One Thousand Dollars and Five Cents."

Many thoughts went through our confused minds. What if we had thrown it away, lost it, or not bothered with it at all?

After what seemed like an endless time, Jerry presented us with another check which clearly read:

"Zero Dollars and Five Cents".

Still confused we were not yet laughing.

Apparently the Kushmans had applied their art form, computer skills, and heart stopping fraud to duplicate our gift!!

Unfortunately our plan to scare "Kush" by telling him we deposited the check after Jerry returned our generous gift left us with unrequited revenge.

Our reaction was captured by Carole on video; our children will be so proud!

Ted and I are still trying to get even - any ideas??

That's all for now from Camp "Run-A-Muck" ~



"Lois, what did you do?"



Clearly above and below you see the pure joy that very generous gift giving can deliver.



All I ask is the chance to prove that money can't make me happy. ~ Spike Milligan

**Ed. Note:**

There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.

~ Josh Billings



Not seen together, which one is real?

The first testicular guard, the "Cup," was used in hockey in 1874 and the first hockey helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important. - Are ladies laughing!





Welcome New Members

Gregory & Dina Meindl
Levittown, NY 11756
#4471

Thank You

Dear Friends, Thank you for all the cards, calls and well wishes after my recent shoulder surgery. It's very much appreciated.

~ Michael Sasuta



AIRSTREAM FOR SALE

2001 Airstream Diesel Pusher Available at davesrvcenter.com (Danbury, CT) for \$59,000.00 New batteries - New Tires Really Good Condition Larry & Pat Larson

February

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Table listing birthdays and anniversaries for February: 1-Feb Ray Landman, 4-Feb John J. Bachar, 7-Feb Gregory & Dina Meindl, 13-Feb Gene Hickey, 13-Feb David Levinson, 16-Feb Leila Clark, 20-Feb Lynn Blackwell, 21-Feb Michael Sasuta, 25-Feb Val Galasyn, 27-Feb Sandi Gould

March

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Table listing birthdays and anniversaries for March: 1-Mar Corinne Burnham, 1-Mar Carolyn Barrett, 1-Mar Laura Edmondson, 6-Mar Juanita Pestretto, 8-Mar Lydia Rosenbeck, 8-Mar Mike & Gail Billings, 11-Mar Sandy Eglise, 15-Mar Jessie Gould, 17-Mar Rhona Fuller, 17-Mar Clarence & Jessie Gould, 21-Mar Roger Crockett, 21-Mar Frances Simmons, 22-Mar Ruth Crockett, 23-Mar Laura Weik, 23-Mar Rich Walbridge, 25-Mar Stephen Kelly

Note Regarding Directory

When printing our 2014 directory there was a problem with the black toner cartridge leaking which accounted for the less than stellar presentation. We decided to not reprint and have sent the cartridge back for a refund. ~RK

William F. Mangano 25707

Willie Mangano, a dear friend, passed away on Tuesday, January 29th, 2014. He was 88 years old.

We met Willie in 1999 at a Region One Rally and became instant friends. With Willie and Winnie we traveled to International Rallies, Sugar Creek, Penn Woods and attended many, many rallies together. One never attended a rally with Willie that he wasn't seen helping in one way or another. At local rallies, he flipped pancakes, cleaned pans, put up scenery, or whatever was needed. At International Rallies he often volunteered with the Parking Committee. He loved the Sugar Creek rally and went back year after year.

Willie never wanted to become an officer. He preferred working quietly in the background. A member of WBCCI over 40 years, Willie loved his Airstream. He once told us when he died; he wanted his Blue Beret buried with him. That gives you some idea of how much the club meant to him. He had a great sense of humor and was a joy to be with. We will miss him.

- Jerry and Fran Ingallinera

Answer From Page One: You don't bury survivors!

You're getting old when "getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

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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/



# *Corks and Kayaks at Lake Waramaug* *early sign up needed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*



**June 20 – 22, 2014 New Preston, CT at Lake Waramaug State Park**  
**Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller with Ted & Lois Price**

This is a rendezvous with all the attractions of the area plus the greatest happy hours at the Price's trailer overlooking the magnificent Lake Waramaug; yet little of the hoop la of a big rally. Ranked as the most picturesque lake in Connecticut it provides great calm water kayaking and canoeing to checkout all the stunning waterfront properties. Canoe rentals available on site. A car ride around the lake will take you to quaint New Preston as well as the Hopkins Vineyard Winery with wine tasting, a gift shop and a small eatery. Neighboring Kent has the waterfalls, the Sloane Stanley Museum and a lot of antiquing available.

Friday arrive after 1pm, Happy Hour at 4:30 Campfire in the evening

Saturday Coffee and breakfast are available at the campground food concession, check out the lake and winery, 4:30 Happy Hour followed by a pot luck supper.

***URGENT URGENT URGENT Read entire page!!!***

*Since we are staying at a Connecticut state park which books through Reserve America it is essential to book directly through the website and do it **early** as the sites are popular and, at only \$17 a night(+ booking charge), sellout fast. Go to [Reserveamerica.com](http://Reserveamerica.com), establish an account (if you haven't already), and book a site close to your hosts who are on sites **24** and **25**. Use the campground map feature to locate sites. As this is a state park it is dry camping yet a dump station is available. There is a no pet policy along with firewood restrictions. All sites are well shaded. Once you have booked your site please **notify Bard Fuller of your location** either by mail or email([bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com)). At this time there will be little or no rally fee (to be discussed at the Happy Hour).*

**Note:** Bard has visited the location and has evaluated the wooded sites for accessibility of our trailers. Please review list in the following table for desirability before booking.



# Lake Waramaug Campsite Review

(\*)= Most desirable sites

L= Best accommodates 28'-34' trailers      M= Best accommodates 27 'or less  
 S= Best accommodates 21' or less            PT= Pull Through site  
 X= Sites that are not for trailers or have been considered not desirable

Site	Length	Notes	Site	Length	Notes	Site	Length	Notes
1	L	Flat gravel, easy park	26	L*		51	M	Uneven ground
2	L	Flat gravel, easy park	27	L*		52	M	Less desirable
3	L	Flat gravel, easy park	28	L	Encroaching tree	53	L	
4	L	Flat gravel, easy park	29	L*		54	X	
5	M	Flat gravel, easy park	30	L*		55	M	Less desirable
6	PT	Close to Rd. less desirable	31	L	Park from main road	56	S	Less desirable
7	X		32	L	OK but many roots	57	L	Less desirable
8	X		33	X		58	M	Uneven ground
9	X		34	S		59	L	
10	X		35	X		60	S	Less desirable
11	L		36	L		61	X	
12	M		37	X		62	L	
13	M		38	M		63	M	
14	L		39	L		64	M	
15	L	Short back down Rd. to site	40	M		65	L	
16	M	Difficult approach to site	41	S	Less desirable	66	L	
17	L		42	L		67	M	
18	L*		43	M		68	X	
19	L*		44	M		69	X	
20	L*		45	L		70	X	
21	L*		46	L		71	X	
22	L*		47	L	Less desirable	72	X	
23	L*		48	M		73	X	
24	L*		49	S	Less desirable	74	X	
25	S	Uneven ground	50	L		75	X	

## Getting There.

From New Milford: Follow Route 202 to New Preston. Turn left onto Route 45. Take a left onto North Shore Road and follow the signs around the lake to the park.

From Torrington/Litchfield: Follow Route 118 to Litchfield. At the intersection of Routes 118 and 202 in Litchfield, bear left onto Route 202. Follow route 202 to New Preston. Take a right onto Route 45, and then turn left onto North Shore Road. Continue around the lake to the park.

Note: Both Bard and Ted will be arriving on Thursday afternoon should anyone desire to come a day early you will have some company.

