

Connecticut



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



Presidents Message

~ Bard Fuller

As we start a new year it is a great time to reflect on those things that we take for granted. Here in our club each January we get an updated, award-winning, directory in the mail and we get our Chatter newsletter emailed nearly every month. Both of these publications are top caliber productions with vibrant pictures, amusing anecdotes, and comprehensive information. These are some of the finest publications created for any of the WBCCI units. A **huge** thanks goes out to Rich Kushman for heading up his team to get these publications out in a timely manner. I hope that you will take notice of the upgraded clarity in this year's directory due to a new and improved printer. Thanks also to Kathy Kushman (spousal cheerleader) and Sandy Sasuta for proof reading and Mike Sasuta for binding. You folks sure make our club, and any president, look real good! We are all truly blessed to have you serving the Charter Oak club. (Insert applause here). *(Editor Note: This year Kathleen was on a cruise - Sandy did all the directory proof reading.)*

Enclosed within this month's Chatter you will find a two page flyer for the Boston Harbor Islands Rally hosted by Mark and Marie Lupien to take place in July. It is loaded with information about

the rally. We will be camping in Hingham, Massachusetts. It is just a few minutes away from the Hingham Harbor docks, the gateway to the islands and midtown Boston via ferry boats. Since we are camping in the state park their reservation system is through Reserve America. The system does not allow us to reserve a block of sites. You are asked to reserve a site early and then contact the Lupien's with your site number along with a nominal kitty fee. The state park provides 20 amp electrical service at an inexpensive cost but is on a first come-first serve arrangement. **Please sign up soon so as not to be disappointed later in the season.**

The New York City Rally in June now has over 55 units signed up. Per Hamnqvist may not be able to get many more sites from the campground but will be accepting names for a waiting list once all campground sites are sold out.

Val and Aili Galasyn are working on final details for a May rally in the New Bedford/Fall River area. I expect to have more information by next month.

For those of us up North, we are looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day dinner at the home of Giles and Joyce Rousseau. See the enclosed flyer. For those down South, the Region 1 Luncheon is at the Asian Buffet on February 9th, not far from Traveler's Rest.

So get your engines revved as we are about to embark on an **AWESOME** camping season. ~ Bard

Down The Road

February 9, 2015

Region 1 Luncheon
Asian Buffet - Zepherhills, FL

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

July 23 - 26

Boston Harbor Islands Rally
Mark & Marie Lupien
Bard & Kathy Fuller
Reserve Early

UCONN TAILGATE POTLUCK

January 18 brought a wide spread rain storm to the freezing state of Connecticut, icing the roads from the shoreline to the Mass. border. Sections of I84, I91, and I95 were shut down with slews of accidents. Several regrets came in by mid morning for the UCONN tailgating potluck. Bill and Evie Watts, knowing that their driveway was a sheet of ice, felt confident that by noon the temps would be above freezing on the interstate and made the trek. The Fuller's homestead was

See UCONN page 2

Question

I dig out tiny caves, and store gold and silver in them. I also build bridges of silver and make crowns of gold. They are the smallest you could imagine. Sooner or later everybody needs my help, yet many people are afraid to let me help them. Who am I? *Answer page 4*



Most of the snowbirds have returned to Travelers Rest in Florida...all had a safe trip but agreed the traffic was heavy. We hope our members up North are braving the cold winter successfully and counting down the approximate 45 days until Spring.

The group enjoyed a "Super Bowl Soup Day" on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. We had 11 different delicious soups along with plenty of desserts.....no one went away hungry. (see photos) Joining us was **MARK & MARIE LUPIEN'S** daughter, Lynn, visiting us from Massachusetts.

We are looking forward to the Region 1 Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9, 2015 at the Asian Buffet in Wesley Chapel, FL.

Congratulations to **ERNIE & MADELINE BAUER**, our Region 1 President and 1st lady, on the birth of their first grandchild Logan, born Dec 11, 2014. We wish you much joy and happiness through the coming years.

RAY & BARBARA LANDMAN, our world travelers, will soon be taking off again on a cruiseenjoy! **KATHY KUSHMAN** and her sister Eleanor recently returned from a cruise to Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, and Grand Turk.....had a fun time.



FRED McGOLDRICK is really keeping himself busy... he has many new positions in CT as Commandant of the Marine Corps ...250 members of the Hardware City Detachment in New Britain, CT, Worthy Pack Leader over 200 members of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and involved in two other groups.

JOHN TAVARES has been in the hospital and now in rehab, and both **JOHN & ROSE** had the flu.....hope you are feeling better.

SALLY KERR , **MARIE LUPIEN** and **RUTH CROCKETT** are doing well after recent surgeries and almost there to full recovery. As we all know, physical therapy and exercise is not easy. Here is a tip for all of us: drop 20 paper clips on the floor and squat down 20 times to pick them up...in one day's time.

TED & LOIS PRICE just arrived back at Travelers Rest, glad to leave the winter behind.

Trivia: Of the 681 sites among the different streets and rows at Travelers Rest, would you believe that 4 of our members live on the same street and their last name begins with "L".....Landman, Landry, Lemaire and Lupien....such a coincidence.

UCONN from page 1



decked out as Gampel Pavilion with championship pennants hanging from the rafters.

Our intimate dinner had an abundance of food and liquid spirits. Past UCONN players, the likes of Mia Moore and Renee Montgomery, made their appearance to greet us Wallies. (They were no strangers to WBCCI rallies as they had been the decoration on John Fuller's trailer at the "Take Me Out to the Ball Game Region Rally" in Essex Junction, VT a few years ago.)

I forgot to mention the game. It was billed as the two best teams in the American Conference going head to head, both undefeated in conference play. UCONN women dominance prevailed without a question with a 92 to 50 rout over South Florida. ~ Kathy Fuller



From Bard's Good, Bad and Bizarre Airstream Collection.

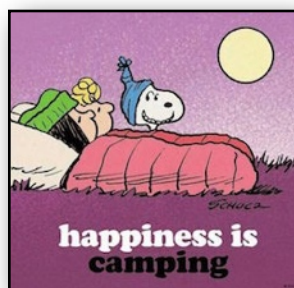


Two very unique vintage Airstreams were up for auction this past month on ebay.

This 1979 conversion was done by the Bohmer Reed Company in Brooten MN.. These front wheel drive motorhomes paired up a 31 foot Airstream with a 351 Cleveland powerplant. The ad states that only 3 were ever built however I was under the belief that about 9 were built from 1977 to 1979. I have in my collection of pictures three of these together in one picture. The interior of this motorhome has been gutted so this will be quite the project, not for the novice flipper. It was sold for \$12,000.



The second unique find is this extra long 1960 Airstream. These long trailers were built for the railroad industry used by the Maintenance of Way formen while repairing track. The longest known Airstreams were the 40 footers built for the Western Pacific RR. One of these monstrous trailers went through a magnificent complete rebuild by "Timeless Travel Trailers" of Denver CO and is often featured in their ad on the back page of the "Airstream Life" magazine. This trailer however is only 37 feet long and were used by the Southern Pacific RR. A similar Southern Pacific trailer is owned by an Airstream collector in Marshfield MA. This trailer is located in Kansas and did not sell at a \$4650.00 high bid. It is quite possible that this will be brought up to auction again. Certainly would make a statement at any WBCCI function. ~ Bard Fuller





May Meeting Looking for New Location

Jerry and Fran Ingallinera have the opportunity to be involved in one of their grandchildren's graduation ceremony in Florida. As a result, they will be staying a bit longer than expected at Traveler's Rest this Spring. Our original plans to be at their home in Connecticut have been put on the shelf. I am asking for someone to come forward to host this luncheon at either their home or at a restaurant that would allow us to hold our Spring business meeting following the meal. Please email me at bardfuller@hotmail.com if you are interested in hosting this activity. ~ The Prez

Airstream

I want a beehive and a Winnebago. No, an Airstream trailer made of aluminum pressed into art deco rays. I imagine the kitchens have nickel latches and maple doors. I will fry us eggs in Arizona. You will read the newspaper as usual, on a folding chair greyer, not bald, and eminent. The children will be older— Emma a scientist, Helen

something beautiful and empathetic. We will pass through several time zones and see cactuses. The trailer will shine on the highway like a bullet, pointed and convex. When we get home I'll make us candles out of yellow wax.

~ Poem by Audrey Hendersen
From her book "Airstream Poems" available on Amazon.

"An Airstream is a lot like a first love: you are lured by her charm, seduced by her beauty, and once bitten, you are forever chasing after her mystique."

— Bruce Littlefield, *Airstream Living*

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

02/13	David Levinson
02/13	Gene Hickey
02/16	Leila Clark
02/20	Lynn Blackwell
02/21	Michael Sasuta
02/25	Val Galasyn
02/27	Sandi Gould

LINK LINK LINK

[Vintage Airstream](#)

This Months Airstream Link



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/>

Answer from Page One:

Bard - Well OK, a dentist.

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

03/01	Carolyn Barrett
03/01	Laura Edmondson
03/01	Corinne Burnham
03/06	Juanita Pestretto
03/08	Mike & Gail Billings
03/08	Lydia Rosenbeck
03/11	Michelle Paulishen
03/11	Sandy Eglise
03/15	Jessie Gould
03/17	Clarence & Jessie Gould
03/17	Rhona Fuller
03/21	Roger Crockett
03/21	Frances Simmons
03/22	Ruth Crockett
03/23	Laura Weik
03/23	Rich Walbridge
03/25	Stephen Kelly

FOR SALE

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



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COCU St. Patrick's Brunch

March 15, 2015

12:30 - 2:30

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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BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS RALLY

JULY 23-26, 2015

Hosts: Mark & Marie Lupien

Assisted by Bard & Kathy Fuller

Attention: The Boston Harbor Island Rally requires Reserve America Reservations. Early sign up is highly suggested so we can get grouped together. There is no guarantee how long these sites will be available. We would hate to have you miss out on this awesome rally opportunity!



We will be camping at Wompatuck State Park in the heart of historic Hingham, Massachusetts, an idyllic colonial town with its stately 18th and 19th century houses. The park entrance is just a few minutes drive to the harbor docks where you can hop on a non-stop passenger ferry to center city Boston. Our agenda on Saturday is to take the ferry to Georges Island, the centerpiece of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area which is composed of 34 islands and peninsulas of undisturbed coastline. Georges Island is located alongside the main channel to Boston's inter harbor making it a strategic location for Fort Warren which provided coastal defense in previous centuries. Today it is the heart of the National Park Preserve with Ranger tours of the fort. It is also the stepping off point for ferries to many of the other unspoiled islands which have wonderful kayaking and hiking opportunities. With the skyline of Boston in the background these islands are a hidden jewel in the metroplex of greater Boston. To preview this special island and the history of the fort check out this 9 minute YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xp7LEjvOXOo>

For those days that we are on the mainland, history abounds in neighboring Quincy, known as the “City of Presidents”, the birthplace of John Adams and John Quincy Adams as well as John Hancock. Just minutes away one will find Nantasket Beach or the stunning vistas of the Cohasset coastline. Hingham is the location of the Old Ship Church, the oldest continually operating meetinghouse in the United States. Hingham is also the site for World's End, a 251 acre waterfront park designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted offering fabulous hiking and biking trails. All this and more are available for those who book this 3-4 day weekend adventure.

Back at the campground your hosts will be providing 3 breakfasts and overseeing a Saturday night potluck dinner. The campground offers 20 amp electric service at each site. Although there are no water connections at each site water spigots are found throughout the campground to use to fill your tanks. The heavily wooded campground provides a nice canopy of trees for shade. Nearly all sites are level and long enough even for our longest trailers. Check in time is 1 pm. A dump station is available upon your departure.

Reservation & Camping Requirements:

Book a site on the computer using Reserve America for Wompatuck State Park in Hingham, Massachusetts.

(presently \$17.00/night for out of state residents + R.A. service charge)

Your host will be at site # **F-017**. So pick a site on row F or close by.



Contact Marie Lupien with:

- a) your site number,
- b) number of nights attending,
- c) payment of kitty fee: Thursday-Sunday = \$8/person
Friday-Sunday = \$5/person

Friday: Pancakes, sausage, coffee/tea/juice
Saturday: Muffins, yogurts, coffee/tea/juice
Sunday: Muffins, yogurts, coffee/tea/juice



Note: The islands are free of charge however there is a \$16 round trip ferry charge to the islands which will be purchased individually at the dock Saturday morning.

Provide a pot luck item for Saturday supper.

Directions:

Take I-90 E to I-95 S to I-93 N. Take Route 3 South to Exit 14 and the intersection with Rt. 228. Follow Route 228 North for approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Free Street. Continue one mile to the park entrance at 204 Union St.. The camping area is 1.5 miles in the park on the right.

Pet Policy: Well mannered pets on a 6 foot or less leash are welcomed in the campgrounds. However, pets are not allowed on Georges or Spectacle Islands. Other islands and World's End Park are pet friendly.



Name _____ WBCCI # _____ Unit length _____

email _____ Site you have reserved _____

Nights you have reservations: Thurs _____ Fri _____ Sat _____

Number in party _____ @ \$8 per person Thursday-Sunday \$ _____

@ \$5per person if only weekend \$ _____

Checks payable to "Marie Lupien"

Mail to: Marie Lupien
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Boston Harbor Islands Rally