Charter Oak Chatter Connecticut

President's Message ~ Bard Fuller

With the Airstream put away from the harsh New England winter weather I have

time to spend dreaming about future summer camping. Often the dreams are about new locations for future rallies or a great event or an old forgotten rally site that my dad may have taken me to as a child.

This month I am dreaming about warmer times in beautiful Newport, Rhode Island. This will be the site of our first Charter Oak camping adventure. I imagine walking the ocean-front Cliff Walk and viewing the magnificent mansions. Then there is Fort Adams overlooking the spectacular Newport Harbor with its awesome yachts or a leisurely stroll through Green Animals Topiary Gardens close to our campground.



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Obviously there are others doing the same as I have gotten many coupons for early sign-ups for the Newport Experience Rally. Three quarters of our reserve safari field sites have been filled. We will soon have to expand into the adjacent campground sites that will be intermixed with other rigs.

My thoughts then wander to Lake Waramaug, site of our 2014 gathering and now our return in 2016. Here I see the beautiful waterfront of Connecticut's most picturesque lake....besides, I need to restock my wine cellar Continued Page 2

Laissez les bon temps rouler!!! ~ Joyce Rousseau



Gilles and I decided to visit our family in Quebec and check out

the route we'll follow in August to go to the Region One Rally in Montmargny. We wanted to be sure that the roads were suitable to our units and had no low bridges. (There is only one underpass of 13.5 ft, so we're safe.) We took US 91 north to Lyndonville (just north of St. Johnsbury) and then followed Vt 114 to the border. It was a very easy and pretty route following a river for a while with small mountains in the distance, passing through a couple of small towns and arriving at the small customs building in Norton, Vt/Stanhope, PQ. The customs agent said that this crossing is seldom busy, even in the summer.

We proceeded north on Canada 147 driving through Coaticook (pronounced 'co-at-i-cook'), a larger town with an amazingly deep gorge (refer to the next paragraph) and a factory that

makes the best ice cream in the area. We didn't linger this time but continued through to Compton and our campground- a trip that took about 11/2 hours from I 91. We returned to the campground a few days later with Gilles' cousin who lives there in the summer and walked through the 3" of snow to visit our site, #312, a pull through. We advise making reservations (campingcompton.com for Aug. 1 and 2) asap since the Canadian dollar Continued Page 2

Question

You have a 5 gallon and a 3 gallon pail. You also have a hose with unlimited water. How are you going to put exactly 4 gallons in the 5 gallon pail? (You have no other way to measure water.)

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History Safari Express



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with a few more bottles from Hopkins Winery. Thank goodness that I already have my site through Reserve America's reservation system-I hope you do, too. See the attached flier for details.

West Virginia is also calling for my attention as I am thinking of the vistas in the Greenbriar Valley of the Monongahela National Forest and the grandeur of the Greenbriar Resort Hotel with all its history. The rally itself should be a spectical with nearly 750 Airstreams.

Look over the schedule and I'm confident you'll find several events that will inspire you to fantasize about being there in person this summer. Now is the time to act as sites are limited on the above mentioned events. Yes, getting there, or at least dreaming about the events, is half the fun. ~ Bard

Laissez les bon temps rouler!!! - Continued from page 1

is worth about 60 cents American making fees much less expensive. This is a popular, large and nicely situated campground about 20 minutes from Sherbrooke.

We found out that the gorge and park, Parc de la Gorge de Coaticook, is a tourist destination that is illuminated at night in the summer, has the longest suspended footbridge in North America and is quite an impressive area. Check it out at ForestaLumina.com. Tickets must be purchased in advance due to its popularity but they are not accepting reservations as of now. Keep checking! We suggest a visit the day we arrive (Aug 1) since darkness isn't until about 9 pm, after our Happy Hour and evening meal are finished at the campground.

The Visitor Center in Sherbrooke was our next priority to reaffirm tentative plans we made last summer. There is a 2 - 3 km (1 - 2 miles) walk around a part of the city to view the Magog River gorge (a great spot to see) and the 14 painted wall murals. There are also 2 - 3 museums along the way that you can visit in addition to or instead of the walk. The



shoppers street (Rue Wellington) has many shops, cafes and restaurants. Take a leisurely stroll and relax a bit before finishing the mural route. There's also a large cathedral, the Basilica of St. Michael, with truly beautiful stained glass windows well worth the side trip. You'll have no trouble spending the entire day in Sherbrooke enjoying its many attractions.

We plan on leaving the campground on Wed. Aug. 3 about 10 am to drive to Montmargny. It should take about 3 hours and is interstate all the way. Once there you can participate in the activities offered by our Quebec Unit hosts and discover more exciting places in the province. We are happy to be able to share Sherbrooke (where 4 of Gilles' brothers and sisters now live) with you and hope you can join us. We have maps of Sherbrooke and the area that you can get at one of our activities before August. ~ *Joyce Rousseau*

~ Let the Good Times Roll

"The most dangerous risk of all – The risk of spending your life not doing what you want on the bet you can buy yourself the freedom to do it later"

Do Something Today Your Future Self Will Thank You For

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 \mathcal{F} ebruary 4, 2016 was the West Coast

Region One Luncheon in Wesley Chapel, Florida. There were 37 of us in attendance all enjoying the huge selection of foods at the Asian Buffet. It was nice to see **BARD & KATHY FULLER** as they planned ahead to join us during their week's vacation in Florida. JOHN & GRACE FULLER and **CHARLIE EGLISE** happily drove all the way from Melbourne, FL. We also had two

couples from the Quebec Unit... Current President **GILLES DAIGLE & COLETTE LEVESQUE**, and Past President **JEAN-PIERRE MEILLEUR** and **CLEMENCE LEMAY**. Gilles encouraged all to attend the upcoming rally August 4-7, 2016 in Montmagny, Quebec. He discussed the rally schedule and distributed Registration Forms. For more information go to: <u>http://unitquebec.wbcci.net</u> (*go to "Calendrier des activités" and click on English*) They too had a long drive from Punta Gorda, FL. We thank all for attending.

Welcome to new affiliate members, **SUSAN KING & JOHN STODDARD,** from S. Glastonbury, CT. Hope to meet you at an upcoming event.

Congratulations to **FRED & DALE McGOLDRICK** on the birth of their new granddaughter Emelia born on January 13, 2016.

Those of you who know **RUSS & FRAN STEARNS**, we wish them a happy 60th wedding anniversary. Heard that the **JEFF & LYNN BLACKWELL** have a different trailer....they bought **JOHN FULLER'S** ...it's nice to keep it in the Airstream family.

BOB & JEAN LANDRY have sold their home in CT and have a beautiful home here at Travelers Rest.

JERRY & FRAN INGALLINERA have sold their park model at Travelers Rest and purchased another home in Palmetto, FL, still close enough to visit.

TED & LOIS PRICE'S daughter, **LESLIE**, is getting settled in her home next to her parents. Their Airstream is still for sale, but it does make a nice motel for visitors.

Sincere condolences to **BUD GOULD** and his family on the passing of **JESSIE** on February 1, 2016. She was best known for her cake decorating and cooking....always being concerned if everyone had enough to eat. She has touched so many lives, and will always be remembered.

Also we send our sincere sympathy to **CHARLIE EGLISE** and his family on the passing of **SANDY** on Dec. 20, 2015. She and Charlie have been members of Charter Oak CT for 42 years. Charlie continues to use his Airstream at Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne, FL, over the winter, and summers at his home in Maine.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts & prayers, send cards and make calls.

John Bachar recently had surgery...Sarafina lost her brother.

Paul Good had an accident and is on the mend.

Dick & Eileen Bartram and Rich & Dottie Walbridge both going through difficult times.

John Tavaras had pneumonia in December and now on his way to recovery.

To the members up North, keep warm and think $\ensuremath{\textbf{SPRING}}$, won't be long now. \sim

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Kushmans honored with presidential visit.



Dinner with friends at Travelers Rest.



Florida COCU gathering where Lois presented Bard with a tiny Airstream.



Bard & Gilles promoting the Region Rally.



West coast of Florida Region One Luncheon. Do you notice a food theme with this group.



MURDERING THE KING'S ENGLISH ~ Lois Price

The presentation below was written by Lois while she was undoubtedly under the influence and to be perfectly clear, under the influence of Jeff Foxworthy who has cemented himself as the supreme expert on red neck language. Lois here uses her famous poetic license for your enjoyment, and presents some of her and Ted's interesting anecdotes. \sim Ed.

Ted and I are in Florida but it has been quite chilly and we would love afar, unfortunately we do not have a far-place ,

however, I think it is warmer than way up North so "alaska" eskimo.

We are enjoying our winter place. Sometimes we feel young in a senior community and we act like children. When I bother Ted with this he says, " Don't worry we really "armature".

The other day Ted was staring at a young woman so I asked him what he thought. He said "Well I give her face a two, her legs a seven, and her "asinine"!

Ted was in the store the other day noticing a young woman whose belly rivaled his own. He then amusingly quipped that his belly is still brewing *chuckle chuckle* but she would soon be "apparent"!

Reminds me of the time Ted was laying on his belly after skinny dipping and got his "aspect" by a bluejay.

Ted is always getting little cuts and scrapes then bleeding on his pants. His old friend Billy did the same thing and it almost "rectum". So he told me, "Lemme asthma" doctor who, by the way, lives in a very nice "condom" and his sister and wife both work for him, yet he only has one employee - strange.

We travel a lot and to avoid being stranded again because we lack enough fuel, Ted now promises to get "asparagus".

Well, so much for an update from Florida and our winter life here. We have become Florida residents to save on taxes, but I swear the government would tax air if it could.

That's it for this month. Enjoy learning some "Redneck" lingo!

Hey Ted if it gets any crazier "Armageddon" outta here!

Say good night Lois !

Proud Editor

The cover art, "Little Boy Fishing", for Winston Pike's new book "Sprinkles of Living Water" was created by my reluctant trip navigator but talented and lovely wife, *Kathleen Kushman*. Winston serves as our wonderful resident minister here at TR and his newly published work is available on Amazon. <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Buy the book, read some every day, and you will be happier, healthier, wealthier, live longer, and go to heaven. ~ *Ed.*



Kathleen Kushman with famous author Winston Pike.



Bard's Good, Bad, and Bizarre Airstreams

The Buck Roger's Airstream

Up for sale this past month was a most unusual Airstream. It started as a 1984 Classic Airstream 270 motor home and has had a most intriguing make over. Located in Virginia, its purchase price is listed at





Although not an Airstream, this all aluminum Buck Roger's motor home started off as a 1973 GMC motor

home with its unique front wheel drive system. It was created by Randy Grubb of "Blastolene Cars" in Oregon and is known as the "Decoliner". Driving from the flying bridge controls on the second story may be the greatest driving experience one can imagine. For more details about this aluminum, art deco sculpture on wheels see Jay Leno's Garage on You Tube <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUzqXJjpq94</u>.







2016 International Rally June 28-July 4

Infrequently does the International Rally get to be held on the East Coast. We are going to be fortunate this year to have it on the eastern side of West Virginia in the small historic town of Lewisburg. This one week event is filled with activities including professional entertainment, some home grown entertainment, seminars, tours, crafts, exhibits, vendors as well as multiple dinners and luncheons. This will be the time for the club's business meetings and a bit of the pomp and ceremony. Airstream Inc. will have a wide selection of their vehicles to tour as well as time to talk with Justin Humphreys, Vice President of Marketing and many of the tech people from the factory.

Should we get a significant group to attend Bard & Kathy would consider organizing a contingent for the July 4th parade. We may also want to have a unit luncheon or breakfast. If you have registered or plan to register please let Bard <u>bardfuller@hotmail.com</u> know to expect you. Registration is nearly unlimited for dry camping. Unfortunately, the sites with utilities have been sold out.



Update on Registrations for International Rally

Attendance in the last several years for this event has been well under 500 trailers. Hoping to capitalize on a few more East Coast club members attending, a contract was written for a full 500 rigs at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, WV.

Well, by October last year all 500 sewer/electric/water sites were reserved. To meet the unanticipated demand an additional 160 sites were created that would have just electric & water. These too have been sold out. Reservations are still being taken however, the only sites available now are for dry camping (like the olden days). These sites are being discounted to \$245 for two adults attending in their Airstream. Registration is now approaching 750 units. More information about the WBCCI Internatioal Rally can be found in the last several Blue Beret magazines along with the coupon for registration.

~ Bard

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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

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

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

TIRE MONITOR - Keep your rig on the road with a super tire monitor. This is the newer digital version and works like a charm.

Doran 360rv TPM + 4 tire monitors (all like new) New cost w/tax \$320.00 Selling for \$170.00

Charlie Wilson 203-240-3019

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



CHANGED ANYTHING THEY'D MAKE IT ILLEGAL

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters." - Abraham Lincoln

- Cape Cod Unit:.....http://capecod.wbcci.net/ Nice assortment of links:.....www.airstreamtrailers.com Region One Website:.....http://region1.wbcci.net/ WBCCI:.....http://www.wbcci.org/
- Connecticut Unit Website:.....http://connecticut.wbcci.net/

Answer from page One: You fill the five gallon up and pour it into the 3 gallon. Then dump the 3 gallon out and pour what was left in the 5 gallon into the 3 gallon so that you have 2 gallons in the 3 gallon. Then fill the 5 gallon up and pour it into the 3 gallon to fill it up. Now you have 4 gallons in the 5 gallon pail.

in November

because it's

the best

time for picking out a turkey

FOR SALE

MISC - Contact Bob Henschel 860-274-3768

One brand new Catalytic Heater, "Still in the box, never used". Brand Name: "CAT" was \$350.00, selling for \$200.00

2 Strap on trailering mirrors, excellent condition/selling for \$50.00 for the pair.

4 Zip Dee Blue & Silver folding chairs with 4 leg extensions/ excellent condition/selling for \$200.00 for all 8 pieces.

Airstream

1999 34' Limited with Hensley hitch. Call Ted

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WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC. 59TH INTERNATIONAL RALLY/CONVENTION JUNE 28th, 2016 - JULY 4th, 2016 • Lewisburg, West Virginia

REGISTRATION

Rally/Convention Fees for registrations with full amenities will be **\$470** for couples, **\$420** for singles (After January 1st), and **\$120** for each additional adult. Dry camping fees will be **\$245** for couples, **\$220** for singles, and **\$120** for each additional adult. Rally/Convention fees for the **first 500 registrants include FULL HOOK-UP.** Registrants **over 500** will have water, electric, and pump outs. Dry campers will have full access to all Rally events and be parked with convenient access to restrooms and shower houses.

Free parking in the Bull Pen, <u>with no services</u>, is permitted for the night before your parking date. Any additional nights prior to your park date will be in the bull pen depending upon availability with no services at the rate of \$25.00/night, payable at verification.

FEE REFUND POLICY All rally/convention fee refund requests must be postmarked by **May 15, 2016.** If you have received your Rally pass is must be included in your refund request. All cancellations will be assessed a \$30.00 administrative fee. There will be no refunds if postmarked after May 15, except as approved by the International Rally Committee.

Make Checks payable to: WBCCI Rally/Convention Parking					n Parking Pa	isses v	vill be mailed b	peginning April 1 st , 2016.	
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Additional Adult in Airstream			\$120.00		\$120.00		\$120.00		
Youth (Ages 4 – 17) AFTER 2 paid youths. Youths are FREE			60.00		\$60.00		\$60.00		
2 Adults – OFFSITE – No Airstream			N/A		\$225.00		\$245.00		
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STANDBY LIST – Registered dry campers will be on a							SUB TOTAL		
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"America's First Resort" "Sailing Capital of the World" "New England's Ultimate Weekend Destination" May 13-15, 2016

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Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller / Wayne Rocheleau & Sarah Nelson

Melville Ponds Campground (5 miles to Newport): 181 Bradford Avenue, Portsmouth, Rhode Island 30 Amp Electric, Water, Dump Station, Off season rates, Pet friendly (Rabies Certificate Required)

Program: 2 hot breakfasts provided / Saturday Soup Potluck (hosts providing salad, bread & dessert) / Happy Hours / Campfire (weather permitting) / "Experience Newport" at your convenience

Reservations: Book campsite directly with Campground @ \$38 /night (401) 539-7011 (winter phone) Limited Sites Available or (401) 682-2424 after April 1. Tell them you are with "The Airstream Group"

Then send coupon below to Bard Fuller bardfuller@hotmail.com, Kitty fee & site number if available

Directions: Northbound: 4.7 miles north on Route 114 from the intersection of Routes 114 and 138. Then ¹/₂ mile west on Stringham Road and ¹/₂ mile north on Sullivan Road to entrance. Southbound: 1.7 miles south on Route 114 from the intersection of Routes 24 and 114. Then ¹/₂ mile west on Stringham Road and ¹/₂ mile north on Sullivan Road to entrance.

"Experience Newport Rally"

Name	WBCCI #	_Email	
Site Number (if available)	[Kitty Fee = \$9 /person]	Number attending	_X \$9 =

Payable to: Bard Fuller, 36 Panorama Dr., Southington, CT 06489



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Lake Waramaug Rendezvous New Preston, CT July 15-17, 2016 Host: John & Fina Bachar

This is a rendezvous with all the attractions of the area plus our group is having a couple of happy hours and a pot luck dinner all overlooking the magnificent Lake Waramaug. Ranked as the most picturesque lake in Connecticut it provides a great opportunity for kayaking and canoeing to checkout all the stunning waterfront properties. Kayak rentals are 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.

We will be staying at Lake Waramaug State park which books through Reserve America. It is essential to book directly through the website and do it <u>early</u> as the sites are popular and, at only \$17 a night (plus a booking charge), sellout. Go to <u>www.Reserveamerica.com</u>, establish an account (if you haven't already), and book a site close to your hosts who will be on site 24. Use the campground map to locate sites. Note: sites 18-30 are choice level sites for larger trailers as well as sites 1-5. As this is a state park it will be dry camping however a dump station is available on your departure. There is a **no** pet policy along with the usual firewood restrictions. All sites are well shaded. Once you have booked your site please notify John Bachar of your location either by mail or email (jjbachar@snet.net). A minimum kitty fee for firewood will be collected at the campground if needed.

BOOK YOUR RESERVATION EARLY

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.





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Snow Goose Rally "Migrating North" Region 1 - WBCCI

Registration Form

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trailer, but are not yet members of the

Just fill out the registration form.

WBCCI, you are still welcome to attend.