



# Connecticut

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

## Presidents Message

~ Bard Fuller



Welcome to this surprise issue of the Chatter. After discussing the happenings of this past month with Rich Kushman we concluded that it might be a good idea to provide this special addition. It was very apparent at the Marina Rally while immersing ourselves in the older Chatters that were on display that everyone enjoyed the pictures. So, to that point, please help our editor by sending him pictures of current rally events.

What an honor it is to be your president and delegate here at the International Rally in New Mexico. The opening program with all its pomp and ceremony with unit flags from all over the country is always an eye-catching event. After attending a dozen or so Internationals this is the first time that I was in the opening ceremony. It was a proud moment for me to carry our Chatter Oak CT flag into the arena. More about the International Rally will appear in the August Chatter.

This issue will highlight the great times we all had at our last two rallies. The New York City Base Camp Rally with 55 trailers in attendance was awesome. The city provided endless attractions and culinary opportunities. Community breakfasts at the rally site enabled us to share plans for the day. Everyone had something different on their agenda. Look elsewhere in the Chatter for more NYC news.

Did someone say "Lobster!?" It was Father's Day weekend and lobster was the main event at the popular Marina Rally. This rally site continues to bring out the largest number of members, with or without their rigs. My thanks go out to Russ Fuller for another outstanding job with the lobster feast.

July will feature this season's main event- the three day rally outside of Boston featuring the Boston Harbor Islands. Space is still available through Reserve America for Wompatuck State Park. Don't forget to contact the Lupiens using the coupon enclosed in this issue.

With the success of the Mid-Hudson Rally last year we knew we had to return to the Hudson River Valley. Bill and Evie Watts are moving us upriver a bit and featuring the Rhinebeck Aerodrome Airplane Show. Brook n Woods campground in Elizaville, New York is a fabulous place but absolutely needs your reservations before July 15 to hold your site. Send your coupon to Evie and Bill ASAP.

Don't forget the September beach rally in Milford, CT with the K-9 service dog demonstration. The Kushman's are taking reservations now for this camping season's finale.

We are experiencing one of the finest camping seasons ever, so for those who we have not seen WE MISS YOU and encourage you to be part of the 2015 WBCCI camping experience. ~



### July 23-26

Boston Harbor Island Rally (buddy rally)  
Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, MA

### August 21-23

Rhinebeck Aerodrome Rally  
Brook N Woods CG Elizaville, NY

### September 11- 13

Rendezvous  
Walnut Beach, Milford, CT

### October 4

Installation Dinner Meeting  
Manchester CC, Manchester, CT

### December 6

Gingerbread Village &  
Christmas Party Luncheon  
Junipers Restaurant, Middlebury, CT







# Sandy's Scuttlebutt



Is it really July???? The weather sure doesn't feel like it.

The June Rally in New York City at the Liberty Harbor Marina was wonderful thanks to **PER & LILLI HAMNQVIST** ...what a great location with so much to do/see. If you have missed it, be sure to attend in 2017 when it possibly returns. Also the Lobster Fest rally at the marina in Portland, CT, in June, was fantastic. Many thanks to the **FULLERS, BARD & KATHY...RUSS & RHONA**. The lobsters were wonderful as well as the rest of the meal. The

rain and threat of rain did not dampen our spirits because we had a great weatherman, **JEFF BLACKWELL**, guiding us with current updates. Congratulations to **SEB & JUANITA PESTRETTO** on their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary June 30, 2015. Also another happy event was the wedding of **FRED & DALE McGOLDRICK'S** granddaughter, Hannah, at West Point on June 6, 2015.

Quote for the day: ONE SMILE can start a friendship, ONE WORD can end a fight, ONE LOOK can save a relationship, and ONE PERSON can change your life. ~



WBCC I - the "I" stands for International.

## Bard's Good, Bad & Bizarre Airstreams

One of the most interesting trailers here at the International rally is one of the original Around the World Caravan trailers originally owned by the Yeagers from Marion, Ohio. This historically significant trailer and a corresponding similar tow vehicle was one of 47 trailers that started this monumental caravan. This historical trailer was forgotten about and lost for decades. It was recently rediscovered as an abandoned property trailer suffering from major frame rust and decay. After extensive restoration it was shown publicly here for the first time at the 2015 international vintage club open house. ~



Marina Rally - Bard's & Kathy's Bambi at twilight.





# 2015 Land Yachts at the Marina



Adversity brings out the best in Airstreamers. With 15 rigs, seven welcome no-rig visitors and a Tugboat – Friday started out gangbusters. Weather was fine, right up until time to decide whether the lobster feast was to be in or outside.

After consulting several of Jeff’s weather apps, the decision was made: “outside” (with some trepidation). The predictions looked wrong for a while, but the promised gap in the rain graced us just in time for a terrific Russ – made feast of lobster, steamed clams, potatoes, and corn. Landlubbers opted for roast chicken and seemed just as pleased.

Everyone enjoyed Kathy’s expansive continental breakfast on Saturday morning. Bard followed with a classic WBCCI chat fest, engaging all in a story-telling feast. Ray, with support from Barbara, told of the old gentleman mechanic who observed that “Youse Guys” in WBCCI live the longest, because of the mental rigors of towing.

Top Dog Airstream (the Bambi hot dog purveyor) did not disappoint: the best



*Tasty breakfast for all.*



*Saturday Lunch at the Dog.*

sauerkraut dog EVER! The Kushmans utilized the Joto -pull out drawer on their new F-250 to haul chairs while the rest of us walked up ‘the hill’.” The last of us stalwart hikers found our chairs already set up in a circle of friends to enjoy with our hot dogs.

We all totally enjoyed meeting new friends, such as the first timers, MJ and Howie Jones. Welcome to WBCCI! Wayne and Sara Rocheleau/Nelson stayed aboard their Ranger 27’ Tug and gave many tours to admiring campers. Sandi and John O’Connor from the Cape

Cod Mass Unit came and welcomed their friends from Delaware, Beth Miller and Peter Diego. ~





*Chef Russ did it again - wonderful!*



*Even fireworks - truly serendipitous.*

It was great. We would certainly recommend this rally. The only disadvantage that we encountered was the long walk to the ferry. The group was fun and it was nice to get together at happy hours and breakfasts. ~

# New York

Reflection on the New York Rally from Charter Oak members.

## Evie and Bill Watts:

Yes, we enjoyed the New York Rally and would recommend it. The drive into Jersey City is a bit nerve wrecking but it's worth it.

We went to the Freedom Tower Observation Deck ...Chinatown...biked in the State Park near the Marina and had dinner at the Beer Hall. Catching the ferry to NYC directly at the Marina was a bonus. ~

## Seb and Juanita Pestretto:

The NY Rally was very enjoyable. One of the high points was the Observatory at the 911 area. We arrived there at 7 p.m. and saw all of NY City during daylight and stayed until all the lights of the city came on. Very impressive. Also we took a half day bus tour of NY City. The bus picked us up at the marina. We stopped at many interesting places including the 911 Center, Greenwich Village, Times Square, Liberty Island, etc. and walked through Central Park.





# New York



*Gathering on the gravel at NY Rally...*

### **Bard and Kathy Fuller:**

So much to see and do! Let us tell you about a few of the many we did. We went to the 9/11 Museum and spent hours there. The twisted metal fragments from the World Trade Towers, voice recordings of messages left for loved ones, interviews with world leaders at the time and exhibits brought back memories of that day nearly 14 years ago. One of the exhibits was of Al Quida's origins and events that led up to the highjackings. Outside the museum are the memorial pools. Each pool represents the footprint of an original twin tower. The water cascades into an "eternal" hole. The perimeter of each wall around the pool is inscribed with the names of those who lost their lives that horrific day. A sobering experience.

Adjacent to the memorial pools at newly opened One World Trade Center is the Freedom Tower. On the 102nd floor is the observatory. We, along with the Pestrettos and Watts, enjoyed watching as twilight covered the city. There were stunning views of New York Harbor, Uptown Manhattan, the boroughs and more. We were even able to identify our Airstreams across the Hudson in New Jersey. ~

### **Mike & Sandy Sasuta:**

We enjoyed visiting "Eataty" located at 200 5th Avenue in NYC. It resembles a great food court with a variety of quality Italian foods and selections. There are 7 restaurants including the micro-brewery on the roof top, from which you can choose to eat. Each restaurant specializes in different foods such as seafood, vegetarian, pasta, pizza and meats. You can purchase homemade pasta, sauces, cheeses, breads and pastry. They sell Italian beer, wine and even Gelato. We do recommend Eataty as a unique place to shop and dine when in the city. ~



*The Pools & the Tower.*







*Relic of terror.*



*Top of the tower.*



*Words to remember.*



*Fun beer hall a short walk away.*

**Richard & Kathleen Kushman:**

First - 53 Airstreams - pretty impressive. Per Hamnqvist did it all. We started this several years ago as a joint rally but Per is now doing all the work and deserves all the credit. THANK YOU PER!

A few reasons to put this rally on your must do list: A fun beer hall a short walk away - convenient transport into New York - Broadway - bike trails along the Hudson and in Liberty Park - food - and of course "Manhattan" and all that it offers.

Friday we teamed up with Mike & Sandy Sasuta for a walk on the "Highline" and a fun "Food & Cultural Tour" of Chelsea Market and the Meat Packing District. Curt Upton, without doubt, one of the most entertaining guides we have ever encountered, talked non stop for three hours while maneuvering our group through the markets and feeding everyone tasty epicurean delights. Do not eat before taking this tour.

Next water and lemonade at Bryant Park during a welcome tootsie break while waiting for our scheduled visit to "Top of the Rock". Viewing the city from "30 Rock" was interesting but I should mention only done with the help of three free \$30.00 tickets. We split the cost of one extra ticket making the crowded elevator ride palatable.

*See Rich & Kath page 7*





Rich & Kath from page 6

Saturday Kathleen and I ventured up to the *Guggenheim Museum* which is very easy to recommend. The building itself is a joy and the exhibits were, well, *interesting*. "Storyline" was on display which proved again that a celebrated artist may require talent but undoubtedly needs a whopping plateful of hutzpah.

Perfect timing from the green to the blue line got us to "Avenue Q", which is not a location but an Off Broadway musical. A brash and fun look at prejudices using puppets, humor, and song.

Back to Chelsea Market looking for dinner. We did buy cookies and a cupcake, exited at 10th avenue, looked to the right, and *Artichoke Basille's Pizza* beckoned. Pizza and good brew, brew and good pizza - worked for us - either way.

Maybe Per planned the fireworks and maybe not, but fireworks there were. Exploding and brightening the night for us all and glimmering off a small sea of Airstreams.

**The New York Rally**, put it on your bucket list, and did I mention the fun beer hall a short walk away. ~



Take the tour - ask for Curt.



Why a toilet? The tour included a stop at the Morimoto Japanese Restaurant. A rest stop with the highlight being their super toilet. Equipped with several different settings for washing, vibration, heating, and blowing. Curt did have to hurry some of the ladies along, they seemed quite enthralled. ~



Looking down on the city.



Beer pizza - pizza beer - oh yeah.

**For those who want more Airstream events there are several in the area to choose from. To highlight a few:**

**AirPocono 2015** - Airstream's only NASCAR event. July 30-August 3. Contact Leo Garvey by Googling "AirPocono 2015".

**Charlie Brown Campground Rally** - in Eastford, CT August 28-30th. Contact Mark and Mary Hickman from the New England Unit at 508-681-9774. Deadline July 15th.

**Northeast Hot Air RVers Rally.** September 18-20th. Glens Falls, NY. Contact Mark Hammer through the Metro New York Unit. Deadline August 15th.

*Thank You - Thank You -  
Thank You*

For all the cards and  
good wishes!

*Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck*





# Fun at the Guggenheim



As museums go, the Guggenheim is fun. Elevator to the top and stroll down in amazement.

## hutzpah

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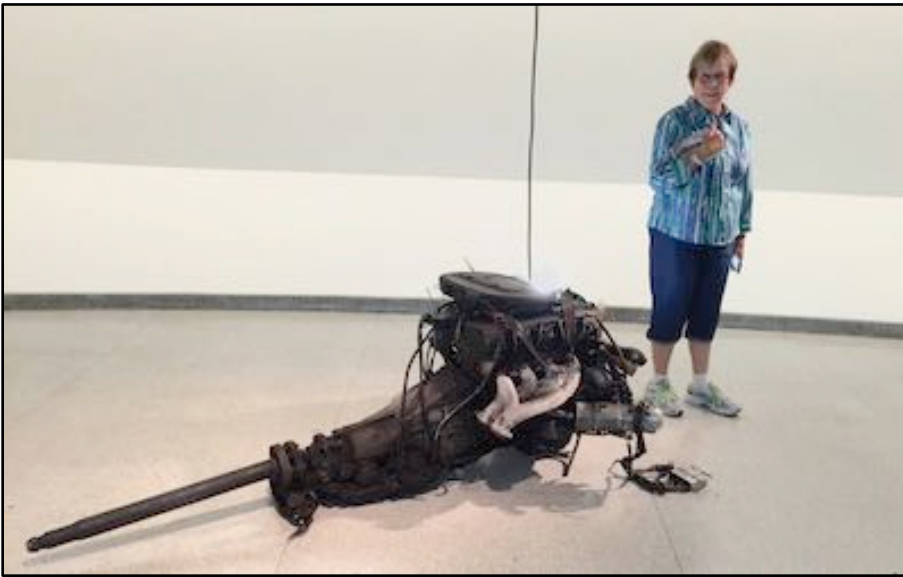
noun, Slang.

- 1. unmitigated effrontery or impudence; gall.
- 2. audacity; nerve.

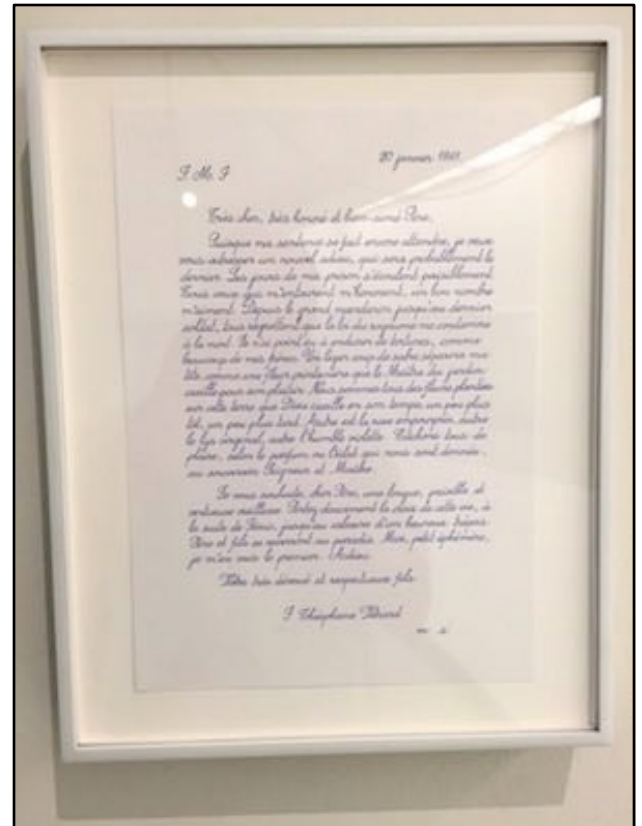
a variant spelling of chutzpah



This was titled "Room with Reduced Chair" Who can argue, "A" for accuracy.



Did you Airstreamers realize that old Chevy engine sitting in the barn is simply waiting for you to exercise a large degree of hutzpah. Bring it to your local museum and see what they say.



This was called "Ink on Paper" Another "A" - Don't toss out any old letters especially if written in French.

a certain extent be understood—but, at the same time, they harbor a mystery that rejects absolute comprehension. They're artifacts, they're art, and they're enigmas. They're testaments to that which we all know, but can't quite articulate, about time's passage, about power that waxes and wanes, about the ordinary objects that persist in ways we do not; the incidentals that become totems and tokens only after we who paid them so little attention have departed.

Typical blurb describing the exhibits.