

Connecticut



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



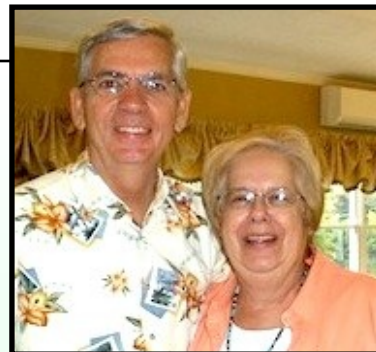
Scenes from the Region One Rally



The only way to have a friend is to be one. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

~ Mark Lupien



Spring is my favorite season of the year. It's exciting to witness the crocus and tulips blooming, the grass turning from brown to green, and the leaves on the trees forming their familiar shapes. Time to prepare the garden and start planting. For me there are few things better than picking fresh vegetables from the garden and offering them to family and friends. I love working outside and taking part in a successful growing season. I'm writing this at the Region One Rally in Essex Junction, VT. A great location and we are having fun visiting with old friends and making new acquaintances. The COCU business meeting was held Friday morning and all went well. The slate of International Officers for 2014 as proposed by the WBCCI Nominating Committee passed unanimously. The three Amendments to the WBCCI Constitution passed as well. Marie and I will be leaving for Gillette, WY, later this June after attending the Rendezvous at Lake Waramaug State

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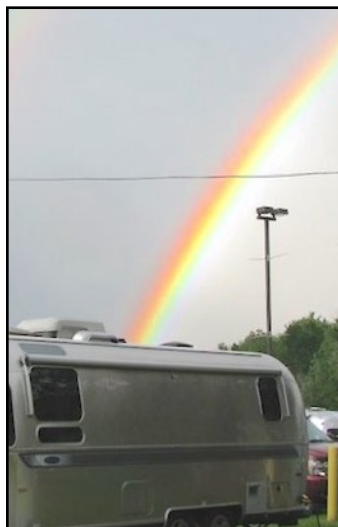
Future

June 20 - June 22, 2014

Corks & Kayaks at Lake Waramaug
Bard & Kath Fuller with
Ted & Lois Price

August 21-24, 2014

Rally: Hudson River Valley Holiday
Joint Rally with Cape Cod unit
Hosted by the Charter Oak Unit
Ulster County Fairgrounds, New
Paltz, NY
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Question

You saw me where I never was and where I could not be. And yet within that very place, my face you often see. - Answer page 4

Oh No - No Chatter in July.



Mother's Day Weekend on LBI

by Joyce and Gilles Rousseau (8988)



The Airstream group.



Lauren's brothers Andrew and Matt with Bill Lavin



The finished playground

Now, what in the world is LBI you might ask? We had no idea either until we were contacted in the midst of winter by Bill Lavin, director of The Sandy Ground, Where Angels Play organization. This group is the one that lead in the effort to construct playgrounds to remember the victims of hurricane Sandy and Sandy Hook Elementary School. Their goal is to bring comfort and joy into areas where it is sorely needed. He asked our family if they could construct a playground in Lauren's memory on Long Beach Island (LBI), New Jersey May 9 - 11. It was to replace one destroyed by hurricane Sandy in Bay View Park. We agreed, of course, and thus began our journey to LBI.

Gilles made arrangements through new friends down there to camp our Airstream in a soon to be destroyed tennis court in front of the police station, right across from the park. We had requests from very good friends Sandi Gould and J. Rick Cipot (3411) and Evelyn and Bill Watts (5535) to join us in the adventure, and soon there were three. We formed a nice "U" for socializing and had water and electric as a bonus. The next day we were joined by Augie and Lorraine Reinhardt (8143) from Rhode Island, dear friends from the New England Unit who came down to help. Having parts of our Airstream family support us in this event made it even more special.

We spent all day Friday building in the cool and misty weather- a perfect day to work hard, and so many of us did. We were guided in our efforts by the normal crew who had done 20 playgrounds already. I can't say that it went perfectly, but the results are great. We had Saturday to travel the area a bit and then the dedication was on Sunday - a beautifully clear and sunny day. The hour long ceremony, attended by about 200 people and organized by Bill and his crew, included special singers, a police bagpipe unit, a banner pulling airplane with a message "from Lauren," speeches by dignitaries and parents and recognition and thanks to all who took part. (I forgot to mention that Lauren's family had received a citation from the Mayor of Long Beach Township during their council meeting on Friday to pay tribute to her and talk about many of the things she loved.) It was a very special event leading up to the ribbon cutting that opened the area to the many expectant children waiting "patiently." The excitement and joy in their faces brought smiles to all of us. It will be a place for enjoyment and happiness for many years to come. Lauren will guiding and keeping them safe.

If you'd like to know more, go to TheSandyGroundProject.org. We can't thank this group enough for making this experience a truly unique and wonderful one. They couldn't have been kinder to us. ~



As the last hurrah with our group in Florida, 12 of us from Travelers Rest enjoyed our time together and lunched at Cody's Roadhouse Restaurant.....ahhhhh Baby Back Ribs!



Upon our return to CT, we heard strange scratching noises underneath our raised deck. What was it?....a mother raccoon and her babies. After we continuously kept tapping the deck and making a lot of noise, the frustrated mother decided to find another home.

JERRY INGALLINERA and **BUD GOULD** recently had hospital stays and also **TONI NOLDER** had knee replacement...please keep them in mind by sending a card/ or call. Hope you all are feeling better.

CYNTHIA & RAYMOND RICHARD have purchased a "getaway" 2 bedroom cottage on the river in Dunnellon, Florida. Hmm....wonder if they offer courtesy parking?

Be sure to check out **RICH & KATHY KUSHMAN'S** "On The Road Again" journey at: silverhike.wordpress.com

Exciting news about **RICH & DOTTIE WALBRIDGE**.....they will become 1st time grandparents in September! Can't wait.

Big Thank You to **JEFF & LYNN BLACKWELL** for welcoming the COCU bunch (20 of us) for a delicious brunch at their lovely home. It felt just like a B&B except no one slept over. Big thanks too for helpers **CORINNE BURNHAM**, friend **ALICE** and Jeff's mother **JOAN**. We all chatted, drank, ate, and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon.



Enjoyed the Region One event at Essex Junction, VT..... thank you to all the volunteers that made the rally a success.

Big news: **TED & LOIS PRICE** are downsizing to a smaller condo house. How exciting! Best wishes in your new abode. Let us know when you are having a tag sale.

If anyone has news/events they would like to share, please let me know. ~

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Park hosted by Bard and Kathy Fuller. The drive to Gillette will be long but relatively fast paced. I think it's important that Marie and I attend the International Rally to represent the Connecticut Unit and present the voting results. We look forward to a safe and successful trip.

COCU has six remaining rallies and luncheons planned for the 2014 season. We would love to see a great turnout for each of these events. Keep a lookout for Rally inserts in the upcoming Chatter or visit the COCU website to view the event listings. My thanks and appreciation to Lynn and Jeff Blackwell for holding the May luncheon at their home in Glastonbury, CT. It was well attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the delicious homemade breakfast buffet. It was a pleasure to spend time with our members and gracious hosts. I want to mention that we'll soon be recruiting to fill upcoming COCU officers and Directors vacancies for 2015. Your help in filling these important positions is critical to the success of our unit. Please contact me or any COCU officer and offer to fill one of the open positions. Your participation will allow our group to continue growing and continue it's proud history. ~ Safe Travels, Mark.

In winter I get up at night

And dress by yellow candle-light.

In summer quite the other way

I have to go to bed by day.

~ Robert Louis Stevenson



JUNE

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Dale McGoldrick	June 1
J. Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould	June 2
Sebastian Pestretto	June 3
Richard Jackson	June 4
Russ & Rhona Fuller	June 8
Russ Melocik	June 15
Charles & Sharon Henschel	June 17
Jim & Corinne Burnham	June 17
Franklin & Jane Sanders	June 18
Russ Fuller	June 20
Philip Simmons	June 23
Bob & Jean Landry	June 25
Trevor & Gale Lake	June 25
Toni Nolder	June 27
Evelyn Watts	June 27
Robert & Barbara Moyer	June 30
Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto	June 30
Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck	June 30

JULY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Burnham	July 1
Candy Korb	July 2
Val & Aili Galasyn	July 2
Bruce Fletcher	July 3
Ted Price	July 3
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson	July 4
Kathleen Kushman	July 5
Dale McGoldrick	July 6
Cecile Lemaire	July 6
Frank Gauthier	July 9
Stephen & Carol Kelly	July 13
Dick & Eileen Bartram	July 14
Carol Kelly	July 21
Judy Good	July 26
Lois Price	July 26
Kathy Fuller	July 29
John Tavares	July 31

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Fuller	August 1
Jeff & Lynn Blackwell	August 2
Aili Galasyn	August 4
Steve Pestretto	August 5
Russ Stearns	August 5
J. Rick Cipot	August 6
Fred McGoldrick	August 8
Jeanne Wilson	August 8
Maryann Jackson	August 15
Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight	August 17
Rose Tavares	August 21
Russ & Cynthia Melocik	August 21
Marie Lupien	August 25
Bruce & Kris Fletcher	August 26
Wayne Ruddy	August 27
Trevor Lake	August 27
Gary A. Levinson	August 29
Richard Kushman	August 29
Charlie Eglise	August 30

Welcome

Jack & Michelle Paulishen
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New Haven, CT

Answer from page one: Reflection

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/>

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

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

Link....

of the month

[Auntie Am & Her
Big Tin Can](http://amstincan.com/)

<http://amstincan.com/>

Do you know a great Airstream
Link?

CAMP RULES

Wake up smiling
Share your coffee
Turn off your phone
Go for a walk
Visit the camp store
Collect firewood
Laugh a lot
Soak up the sun
Eat outside
Sing camp songs
Get warm by the fire
Be grateful for the day
and good friends

~ Cynthia Richard



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MID HUDSON HISTORICAL HOLLIDAY

AUGUST 21-24

New Paltz, New York



Charter Oak Unit / Cape Cod Unit

A Destination Rally / The 4 day premier rally with 4 Historical Cities

Hyde Park

Franklin D. Roosevelt's National Historical Site / FDR's Presidential Museum & Library
Vanderbilt's Mansion on the Hudson / "Val Kill" Eleanor Roosevelt National Historical Site

Poughkeepsie

"Locust Grove" Estate of Samuel Morse inventor of the Morse code / Vassar College
Culinary Institute of America / Walkway over the Hudson (world's longest footbridge)

Kingston

Hudson River Maritime Museum & Rondout Lighthouse / New York Trolley Museum
Volunteer Fireman's Hall & Museum / Camping World (camper's superstore)

New Paltz

Historical Huguenot Street (National Historical Landmark) tours / Adair Vineyard
"Locust Lawn"-Revolutionary Mansion / New Paltz downtown (funky college town)

Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller

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Camping at the Ulster County Fairground / 30 amp elec*, water & dump station / Pet friendly

2 evening programs / 1 catered dinner (Sat) / 1 hot breakfast, 2 continental breakfasts

Saturday late morning 2 hour Mid Hudson Sightseeing River Cruise** (elective)

*Limited to first 16 units for 30 amp service **Deadline for cruise group rate discount is 8/1/2014

Directions: From the North (Albany) or the South (Newburgh) take the NY State Thruway I-87 to Exit 18 New Paltz. Take a left onto Route 299 West through the village and follow signs to 249 Libertyville Road (First left after crossing bridge outside of town). Check in time 10:30 am.

Name _____ WBCCI # _____ email _____

Site \$20 per night per unit ___ Thurs. ___ Fri. ___ Sat. # ___ X \$20 = _____

Kitty fee \$28 per person # ___ X \$28 = _____

(Fri. arrival deduct \$5)(children under 12 = ½ fee)

Sightseeing River Cruise (optional) \$18.50 p/p (group rate) # ___ X \$18.50 = _____

Payable to **Bard Fuller** 36, Panorama Dr., Southington, CT 06489 **Total \$** _____

(Example: 3 nights \$60 + 2 adults \$56 + 2 river cruises \$37 = \$153.00)



Fall Business Meeting Joint Rally with Charter Oak CT Unit September 19 - 21, 2014

Traveler's Woods of New England Family CG
152 River Street
Bernardston, MA 01337

Hosted by: Rich & Dottie Walbridge

Traveler's Woods is nestled at the base of the Berkshire Mountains. They are convenient to numerous attractions along the Mohawk Trail, Historic Deerfield, Kringle Candle Co., Yankee Candle Co., Brattleboro Outlet Centers, Northfield Mountain Recreation Area, Connecticut River Cruises, the Bridge of Flowers and Glacial Potholes, local town festivals, flea and farmers markets

Early & Late Parking: \$24.00 per night - Please contact the campground on your own @: (413) 648-9105

Rally Schedule:

Friday, September 19 - Arrival at the campground
4:00pm - Happy hour

Saturday, September 20 - 8:00am - Pancake breakfast, sausages, coffee, tea & juice
4:00pm - Happy Hour
5:30pm - Ham & Bean Dinner (included in Kitty Fee), put on by the campground. In the pavilion.
7:00pm - Installation of Officers

Sunday, September 21 - 8:00am - breakfast of muffins, fruit, yogurt, coffee, tea & juice

Departure: See You Down The Road



Fall Business Meeting Rally - Sept. 19-21, 2014

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Trailer or Motor Home (Circle one) Length: _____ Tow Vehicle Description & License # _____

Pets: _____

Camping: Sat & Sun: (2 nights @\$21.00 per night).....\$ 42.00

Kitty Fee: for 2 people in a trailer add:.....\$32.00

Kitty Fee for 1 person in a trailer add:.....\$16.00

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to: Dottie Walbridge

Mail to: Dottie Walbridge, 15 Edgewood Road, Scituate, MA 02066-4021