



President's Message

~ Bard Fuller

From the Executive Office I write this President's letter. June will bring the long awaited Lobster Fest at the Portland CT Marina. Here we invite all our members (trailer in tow or not) to partake in the Spring Business Meeting of our unit. At 9:30 Saturday morning we will address the unit's business. On the discussion table for vote are International Officer elections, as well as two amendments to the WBCCI Constitution. See the enclosed articles for details.

This rally, usually the best attended local rally of the year, primarily due to its central CT location, still has sites available. Give us a try again and drop me a line to reserve your spot. Please note this is a buddy rally and we encourage members to bring another camping family or couple (in any brand of RV) to the fun.

At least 16 of our members will be making the trek to the International Rally in West Virginia. Hope you are one of them. As a unit we will be scheduling a unit barbecue with the Pigs Don't Fly restaurant in Lewisburg. Stay tuned for details. Also in the works are some happy hours and the Region One Luncheon. Look over the scheduled tours since many of the popular ones fill up quickly (especially the Greenbriar Inn Bunker tours and the radio telescope tours.)

We continue to promote the two July rallies: beautiful Lake Waramaug and the Tri-State Rally at the Greenfield, MA Fairgrounds just up the road from the always popular Yankee Candle Shop. For details on the Quebec Region Rally and caravan I will direct you to last month's Chatter.

Now for a concern. The Water Fire Providence Rally is in limbo as the Water Fire schedule just got released, and as it turns out, our reservation date at the Holiday Acres Campground does not match that of the Water Fire festivities. This will be a point of discussion at the Spring Business Meeting.

I will finish off with a joy. As everybody left the May Newport Rally, enjoying the location, campground and fellowship. Look through the Chatter and read Gail Downing's account of this wonderful outing. This spot definitely deserves a rerun! ~ Bard

NEWPORT

~ Gail Downing

The 2016 Rally Season has begun, and what a great way to start in Newport, RI! The Melville Campgrounds were very nice, the pavilion was extremely large and definitely handled the 27 campers that were in attendance, from Charter Oak Connecticut as well as the Cape Cod Massachusetts Units.

The rain Friday evening didn't dampen our spirits during Happy Hour and it was good to see folks that we haven't seen since last season! Saturday was beautiful and enjoyed by everyone. Some of us toured the Newport Mansions (WOW), some enjoyed the Cliff Walk, while others enjoyed meeting up with family in the area. Soup Potluck Dinner was

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Question

Jack has 8 bricks 7 of them weights the same amount and one is slightly heavier. Using a balance scale, how can Jack find the heavier brick in two weighings? ~ Answer Page 8

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[Currently Wandering](#)



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a hit and it was a good night for soup! Some of the more brave members had a fire down in the lower part of the campground. Thank you Bard for always having a lot of information on the surrounding area of things to do and see! Members discussed upcoming rallies and which they would attend, next, of course, is the Marina Lobster Rally in Portland, CT, which is very popular!

Bard is going to try to organize a get together of members from the area that are going to attend the International Rally in Lewisburg, WV late June. We personally are very excited as it will be our first attendance at the International Rally, what a great experience it will be.

Thank you Bard & Kathy Fuller and Wayne Rocheleau and Sarah Nelson for hosting this Rally, a great time was had by all! Your breakfasts were amazing! ~ Gail Downing



Sandy Sasuta & Gail Downing smiling and dishing.



Wayne Rocheleau smiling and cooking.



When I was having that alphabet soup, I never thought that it would pay off.

~ Vanna White



Ed Carll, Gail Downing and Trevor Lake using the soup ladle...



Mike Sasuta and Joyce Rousseau working in the wind tunnel.



Bard & Kathy getting ready.



Looks like one fine six pack there Bard!



Are they wondering what Roger is looking for?

"There was a Young Lady of Poole, Whose soup was excessively cool;
So she put it to boil, by the aid of some oil,
That ingenious Young Lady of Poole." ~ Edward Lear



Welcome to new member **DEBORAH LAWTON** from Colchester, CT. Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Thank you to **BARD & KATHY FULLER** and **WAYNE ROCHELEAU & SARAH NELSON** for hosting the Newport, RI Rally (see the write up from Gail Downing). At this rally we had two Gails...**GAIL DOWNING** and **GAIL LAKE**; also, three Sandys... **SANDIE ST. LAURENT**, **SANDI O'CONNOR** and me, **SANDY SASUTA**. The weather

Saturday was perfect, but Sunday didn't co-operate for breakfast. Try making pancakes in an open pavilion which turned out to be a cold wind tunnel...the griddles could not keep the temperature, the dry pancake batter was blowing away, and the pancakes could hardly make it from the griddle to the plate....in fact, **MARY ROSENBACH'S** pancake actually blew away. Even though things don't always go as planned, it still somehow works out.

Once again, congratulations to **NIELS & LYDIA ROSENBECK** on their upcoming 60th wedding anniversary June 30, 2016. Last month I wrote the date of Lydia's birthday...sorry for the error. **BRUCE & KRIS FLETCHER** recently toured the UK and saw many caravans (trailers) but not one Airstream.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers by sending cards or calls:

AILI GALASYN is recovering from kidney surgery and doing much better. **BUD GOULD** is seeing so clearly now after having cataract surgery. We visited **TONI NOLDER** at Milford Hospital as she had knee replacement. **EVELYN WATTS** recently had hip replacement. She said she is walking without the crunchy sounds of her bones. **JOHN TAVARES** is home and improving every day. **RICH & DOTTIE WALBRIDGE** are going through very difficult times. Emails and cards are appreciated.

Information regarding the joint Tri State River Rally July 31, 2016: This rally is the starting point for the Region 1 Caravan to Quebec, but feel free to join us for the weekend, even though you're not going on the caravan. Please reserve by July 15, 2016 (see flyer). Safe journey to ALL on your summer destinations. ~

Spring Business Meeting Legislative Proposals to the WBCCI Constitution.

Amendment 1

Changing the number "90" to "a minimum of 80" in Article XVI Title: Amendments, Section 2.

This is in reference to the fact that starting in 2017 the Annual Delegates Meeting at the International Rally will be anywhere between June 20th to July 30th. The rally timing has been made less rigid and bit more accommodating (variable). An affirmative vote will allow for future proposed amendments to be in the hands of all unit presidents by April 1st which could be 80 to 100 days in advance of the actual delegates meeting. This will give an opportunity for each unit to vote on any constitutional changes at their unit's Spring Business Meeting regardless of the date of the of the International Rally. This has the full support of the International Board of Trustees (IBT). I also support this change.

Amendment 2

Removes all of Article IX and in its place uses these words- "A member of the Board of Trustees shall hold only one Board of

Trustee position at a time, but may hold other Region or Unit positions. Nothing herein contained shall disqualify an International Officer or Region Officer from service on Standing or Special Committees."

This proposed wording allows any International Officer or Region President to simultaneously hold positions within his or her Unit's leadership. The IBT is split on this change. I believe it should be defeated as I would think that a Unit President would have undue influence within his Region if that person were the International President at the same time.

Proposed slate of International Officers

President	Richard Girard
1 st VP	Jim Cooke
2 nd VP	Barry Bell
3 rd VP	Mona Heath
Rec Secretary	Gayle Ketchum
Treasurer	Gail Harrower
Nominating Committee	Darrell Waters
Nominating Committee	Doug Wylie
For bios on candidates go to April's Blue Beret. ~ Bard	



The Lupien Gussy Up

~ Mark & Marie Lupien

The 1998 Excella Airstream 34 foot trailer refurbishment is underway. The majority of the kitchen, living room, bathroom, and bedroom were gutted. Preparation for painting took much longer than I had anticipated but thankfully the walls and ceilings are now completely painted. I have leveled the floors and filled all the holes and voids in preparation for the, sheet vinyl flooring that I plan to install next week. I replaced the rusted exterior steel step bracket by welding a new replacement part to the trailer frame. The majority of the new kitchen and bathroom replacement parts have been purchased and are being stored in our garage. As you can see from the photos there are plenty of things to keep me busy. Updates of my progress to follow. ~





I know I'm looking forward to following this project to completion! ~Ed.

July 15-17

Check out Hopkins Winery, the quaint village of New Preston, Kent Falls State Park, and the kayak rentals right at our campgrounds of Lake Waramaug State Park.



July 29-31 Check out the Bridge of Flowers in Shelbourne Falls, Historic Deerfield Village, and Yankee Candle Shop while camping at the Tri-State rally in Grenfield MA.. Also consider caravanning to Quebec City which departs from Greenfield.





BARD'S GOOD, BAD & BIZARRE AIRSTREAMS

As a follow up on last month's 1979 aluminum 5th wheel prototype Airstream I present here the fiberglass 5th wheel Airstream production models.



The 1988 fiberglass Argosy 5th wheel was white to beige in color. In 1988 WBCCI voted to not accept the Argosy line into its membership.



In 1989 the Airstream company rebadged their fiberglass (Argosy) trailers with the Airstream name and painted them all silver, thus side-stepping the WBCCI ruling.



In 1996 and 1997 the Airstream brought back it's fiberglass 5th wheel as the Integrity.



It is interesting to note that Airstream over the past decade gave up its fiberglass trailers and motor homes to concentrate on its more classic looking aluminum riveted models. However, this past month Airstream bought out the Nest Caravan Company that specializes in the design of fiberglass, molded trailers. Obviously, wild speculation has broken out wondering if these will be the next entry level Airstreams. ~ Bard

2016 Charter Oak Calendar

June 3 - 5	"Lobsters at the Marina Rally" Spring Business Meeting Portland, CT
June 24-July 4	Int'l WBCCI Rally Lewisburg, WV
July 15-17	Lake Waramaug Rendezvous (joint with Metro NY) - New Preston, CT
July 29-31	Tri-State Rally (joint with Cape Cod) - Greenfield, MA
July 31-Aug 3	"Road to Region One" Caravan (joint with Cape Cod) - Orford, NH & Compton QC
Aug 4-7	Snow Goose Rally - Region One Rally Quebec City - Montmagny, QC
Aug 26-28	"Water-Fire" Providence (joint with New England Unit) North Scituate, RI
Sept 23- 25	Norman Rockwell Museum Rally Austerlitz, NY
Oct 16	Installation Luncheon Fall business meeting - Manchester, CT
Dec 4	Holiday Luncheon TBA



Check Your Cell Phone

Carrier - Bob & Ruth Scott

Ruth called Verizon for cell phone cost while we are in Canada. They have 2 plans.

Note: You have to call Verizon before the end of June to establish this service for late July.

	Mexico & Canada	
Cost	\$15 /mo per device	\$25 /mo per device
Talk	100 minutes	500 minutes
Text	100 sent Unlimited received	500 sent Unlimited received
Data	100 MB monthly allowance*	1 GB monthly allowance*

Verizon TravelPassSM Check Link [Here](#)

Now your wireless plan travels just like you do. For just \$2 a day per line in Mexico and Canada, and \$10 a day per line in more than 100 countries you can take your domestic Talk, Text and Data allowances with you. You're only charged on the days you use your device abroad. It's an economical way to stay connected while you travel. ~

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

06/01 Fred & Dale McGoldrick
 06/02 J. Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould
 06/03 Sebastian Pestretto
 06/08 Russ & Rhona Fuller
 06/15 Russ Melocik
 06/17 Jim & Corinne Burnham
 06/17 Charles & Sharon Henschel
 06/18 Franklin & Jane Sanders
 06/20 Russ Fuller
 06/25 Guy & Laura Weik
 06/25 Trevor & Gale Lake
 06/25 Bob & Jean Landry
 06/27 Evelyn Watts
 06/27 Toni Nolder
 06/28 Jack & Michelle Paulishen
 06/30 Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto
 06/30 Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck
 06/30 Robert & Barbara Moyer

JULY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

07/01 Jim Burnham
 07/02 Sally Kerr
 07/02 Val & Aili Galasyn
 07/02 Candy Korb
 07/03 Jack Paulishen
 07/03 Ted Price
 07/03 Bruce Fletcher
 07/04 Charlie & Jeanne Wilson
 07/05 Kathleen Kushman
 07/06 Cecile Lemaire
 07/06 Dale McGoldrick
 07/13 Stephen & Carol Kelly
 07/14 Dick & Eileen Bartram
 07/21 Carol Kelly
 07/26 Lois Price
 07/26 Judy Good
 07/29 Kathy Fuller
 07/31 John Tavares

FOR SALE

SILVERADO FOR SALE

2010 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab LTZ Plus Pkg. Has special MAX TRAILERING PKG (6.2L 425 HP with HD transmission and rear axle). Many options and extras including carpeted bed liner and LEER Bed cap Four wheel drive. White. Less than 37,000 miles. Contact Dick Bartram 860-480-3713 or r2g8b1@aol.com

Buy the ticket, take the ride.
 ~ Hunter S. Thompson



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

WANTED

Airstream B-Van

Contact Rick & Beth Petrie
 203-932-2184 tprobe47@att.net

Answer

First he split them in to piles of 3, 3, and 2 bricks. Then he weighs both groups of 3 with each other. If they balance he knows the brick is one of the 2 unweighed bricks and he can weigh them to find the heavier one. If the the stacks of 3 bricks do not balance, he will weigh 2 of the 3 bricks. If they balance he will know the brick left unweighed is heavier, or if they do not balance, he will find the heavier one.

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/>
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MISC – Contact Bob Henschel

860-274-3768

One brand new Catalytic Heater, “Still in the box, never used”. Brand Name: “The CAT”. It is vented, & flameless, comes with Honeywell Thermostat & all other parts for complete installation, was \$350.00, selling for \$200.00.

2 Zip Dee Blue & Silver folding chairs with 2 leg extensions/excellent condition/selling for \$100.00 for the 4 pieces.

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Lobsters at the Marina Rally



June 3-5, 2016

Riverside Marina, Portland, CT (Buddy rally)

Hosts: "The Fuller Brothers": Bard & Russ along with Kathy & Rhona

Always the most popular rally of the year. This site is a great location, right on the Connecticut River at an active marina. All the sites are under large shade trees and many have water views. All sites have water and electric (minimum of 20 amp). The unit tent will be on the waterfront. Rest rooms and showers are available at the marina office. Great location for kayaking or canoeing. Pet friendly! Note, no dump station available.

Limited to only 23 sites.

Friday - Arrive 12 noon or after, 4:30 Happy hour, Dinner on your own, 8pm Campfire & Ice cream

Saturday - 8am Fire up the King Kookers!!!! Boil in the bag omelets

9:30am Charter Oak Unit Spring business meeting

Noon hike to the Top Dog Airstream hot dog concession, 4:30 Happy hour

6:00pm **Russ's awesome Lobster Clam Bake** or Chicken dinners,

7:30pm Trailer Open House (optional), 8:30 Campfire

Sunday - 8am pancake breakfast, 9:30am Sidewalk Cafe

For rally information or camping before or after rally contact Bard Fuller at bardfuller@hotmail.com

Directions: From Hartford or Old Saybrook take Rt. 9 to Middletown then Rt 66 East over the Arrigoni Bridge. At the Intersection of 17A turn Right and continue on Rt 66 for 0.8 mile (4th traffic light). Take Right onto Grove St.. Go 0.4 mile. Right on Riverview Rd.. Go 0.2 mile. On your left is the "Riverside Marina" (there are several marinas make sure you are at "Riverside Marina"). Go through marina, look for silver.

From Rt 2 in Marlborough, Ct. travel Rt 66 West 11.9 miles to Grove St. Take a left then follow above.

Name _____

WBCCI # _____

Example: 2 persons/
camping rig

Email for updates _____

Camping Fee for 2 night weekend with water & electric

\$60.00

Camping = \$60.00

Kitty fee \$7.00 per adult (< 12 free) Number of adults _____

X

\$7.00 =

2 X \$7.00 = \$14.00

Number of Saturday evening Lobster Clam Bakes _____

X

\$28.00 =

2 X 28.00 = \$56.00

Number of Saturday evening Chicken Dinners _____

X

\$7.00 =

0 X \$7.00 = -----

Total =

Total = \$130.00

Make checks to: Bard Fuller

36 Panorama Drive.

Southington, CT 06489



Lobster Clam Bake limited to the first 40 requests.
**Priority to those that are camping overnight and
with reservations made prior to May 15.**



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 antiques 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 early as the sites are popular and, at only \$17 a night (plus a booking charge), sellout.** Go to www.Reserveamerica.com, 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.*

Getting There.

BOOK YOUR RESERVATION EARLY

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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Road To Region One

TRI-STATE RIVER RALLY JULY 29-31, 2016

Franklin County Fairgrounds - Greenfield, Massachusetts

Hosts: Michael & Sandy Sasuta (COCU) and Larry Lamontagne

Please join us for a joint rally with the Charter Oak Connecticut and Cape Cod Units featuring two hot breakfasts and a Saturday pot luck supper, with dessert provided. Some of the area attractions: A scenic drive on Route 2 along the Mohawk Trail and the Village of Shelburne Falls with the Bridge of Flowers and glacial potholes.

Directions: From the I-91 traffic circle (Exit 26): Follow Route 2A through two sets of lights. At the second set take a right onto River Street. From River Street, take your third right onto Wisdom Way. It is a sharp right and brings you to the front entrance of the fairgrounds.

1	TRI-STATE RIVER RALLY JULY 29-31, 2016 - sign up early Two Nights Camping with water & electric \$65.00 Rally Fee for two people 20.00 Host: Mike & Sandy Sasuta Total \$85.00 Rally Location Link to Google Maps
2	The Pastures Campground 499 NH Route 10 Orford, NH 03777 603-353-4579 Web: Pastures Campground Road to Region - OPTIONAL Pay Camping Fee On Arrival - current published rate \$30.00 per night. This is an overnight stop only. Sunday - July 31, 2016 Host: Richard & Kathleen Kushman and Larry Lamontagne Check this box if you will be attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Campground Location Link to Google Maps
3	Camping de Compton 24 Chemin de la Station Compton, QC J0B 1L0, Canada 1 800 563-5277 (819) 835-5277 www.campingcompton.com info@campingcompton.com Road to Region - OPTIONAL IMPORTANT You must make your own reservation soon. Reserve a site near #312. Campground Site Map Monday & Tuesday - August 1-2, 2016 Hosts: Gilles & Joyce Rousseau and Larry Lamontagne More Information in February Chatter Check this box if you will be attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Campground Location Link to Google Maps
4	Snow Goose Rally - Region One Rally Make your reservation soon - send in Rally Flyer. Region Rally Flyer Camping Location

Tri-State River Rally Fee: \$85.00 - Please Reserve by July 15, 2016

1 - Send form and Check - If only attending 2 or 3 - Send form only indicating which you will attend.

Name _____ WBCCI# _____ Email _____

Make check payable to Sandra Sasuta, and mail to 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460

My Phone: 203-494-7467 and Email: sandysas1001@gmail.com

Note: Reservations for Compton Campground and Region Rally should be made ASAP.