

# Connecticut



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



## Presidents Message

~ Bard Fuller

I Just thought I'd remind all you Airstreamers who might be wintering in Florida what a wonderful winter you are missing in Connecticut.

Do any of you remember when you used to chip the ice off your windshield each morning? How about the times when you got up at 5 AM to shovel the driveway? Do any of you recall snowbanks so high at the end of your street that you'd take your life into your hands when you nosed your car out into the main thoroughfare?

Now, more about our active club's happenings. What a great showing at the Region 1 Luncheon on Florida's West coast with over 40 in attendance including two car loads of members from Land Yacht Harbor on Florida's East coast. I heard the food was wonderful and plentiful and a good time was had by all. At Traveler's Rest Airstream Park in Dade City, Florida the tradition of Charter Oak members meeting for lunch every Friday at the Snack Shack continues. Thanks to Fran Ingallinera and Kathy Kushman for hosting the New England Pot Luck there at TR. In Melbourne, Florida Port O Call, the original Florida Airstream park will hold its reunion at Land Yacht Harbor Airstream Park on March 14.

In this month's Chatter you will want to read through the new flyer for the mid-May rally in the New Bedford/Fall River area. Val and Aili Galasyn have a wonderful rally planned. This maritime rally presents the opportunity to visit whaling ships, battleships and so much more. You will have the chance to immerse yourselves in the local Portuguese culture. Our club has reserved 10 sites at the Westport Camping Grounds at a 25% reduction in rate for our group. So reserve your site with Val and Aili soon!

March will bring the St. Paddy's Day luncheon at the Rousseau's in Southbury, CT.. Kathy and I will see you there...with a wearin' o' the green. See the attached flyer and RSVP to Joyce.

I am still looking for some one to host the May luncheon to be followed by a short business meeting. Pick a restaurant or have a pot luck at your house. Ideally looking for something centrally located in Central Connecticut. Again please email me to volunteer.

Sign ups for the July Boston Islands Rally continues through Reserve America. This rally has been designated as a Buddy Rally. So, find a friend and have them sign up, too! Don't forget to contact the Lupien's with your site location. Sorry to see that Massachusetts this past month has increased camping fees for 2015 for out of state residents from \$17 to \$26. Still a bargain for an electric site.

Next month I hope to have information about the Spring Unit Meeting here in Connecticut as well as the Region 1 Meeting/Rally in Greenfield, Massachusetts both in May.

I will be continuing a new feature in the Chatter. These will be outtakes from my pictorial series "Airstreams: Good, Bad and Bizarre". This pictorial show has been presented at four Region Rallies as well as at Airstream parks and rallies from Florida to Vermont. For all your help over the years with compiling some of the more unusual Airstreams, I thank you all.

So from the warm confines of my house in snowy, blustery Connecticut I'm thinking Spring "Lets Go Camping". ~

It's winter in Connecticut  
And the gentle breezes blow,  
Seventy miles per hour  
At thirty five below.

Oh, how I love Connecticut  
When the snow 's up to my butt,  
I take a breath of winter air  
And my nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful  
So I guess I'll hang around.  
I could never leave Connecticut  
Because I'm frozen to the ground.



## Down The Road

### March 15, 12 noon

St. Patrick's Luncheon  
Rousseau's Home: Southbury, CT

### May 3, 12 noon

Spring Business Meeting & Luncheon  
TBA

### May 15-17

Portuguese Maritime Rally  
(Fall River/New Bedford, MA)  
Westport Camping Grounds, Westport, MA

### May 29-31

Region One Meeting Rally  
Franklin County FG, Greenfield, MA

### June 4-7

New York City Rally (Joint rally)  
Liberty Harbor Marina  
Jersey City, NY

### June 19-21

Lobster Fest / Marina Buddy Rally  
Portland Riverside Marina: Portland, CT

### June 28-July 4

International WBCCI Rally  
Farmington, New Mexico

### 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

Coastal Connecticut Rally  
Location: TBA

### October 4

Installation Dinner Meeting  
Manchester CC, Manchester, CT

### December 6

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

## Question

What does man love more than life, Fear more than death or mortal strife.  
What do the poor have, the rich require, and contented men desire.  
What does the miser spend and the spendthrift save, and all men carry to their graves? - answer page 4



It has been a winter to remember for those of you up North. How bad is it? According to **JEFF BLACKWELL**, it's so bad that people are spray painting the spring flowers on the snow banks along with planting artificial daffodils. He saw icicles two stories tall and, when his icicles hit the bilco doors, it was as loud as a car crash! Here in Florida, it has been on the cooler side, but we can't complain.

We had 35 in attendance for the Region One Luncheon. It was nice to see **JOHN & GRACE FULLER**, along with **CHARLIE EGLISE**, the **BAUERS** and **MELOCIKS**. They drove over 3 ½ hours from Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne, FL.....we all appreciated their visit. President **ERNIE BAUER** told us about the upcoming Int'l Rallies so that we can plan ahead.

February seems to be the month for visitors here in FL....**MARIE LUPIEN'S** sister .....my family visited from CT.....**TED & LOIS PRICE'S** family and also....**BETH PETRIE'S** sister.

**EVELYN WATTS** had meniscus surgery....and **VAL GALASYN** fell and fractured his ankle. Hope you both are improving each day.

**BOB LANDRY** stayed in Florida while **JEAN** returned up North as their daughter had surgery for an ACL tear. We wish Paige a smooth recovery.

On a sad note, **JOYCE ROUSSEAU'S** father recently passed away....**KATHY FULLER'S** mother and also **LYNN BLACKWELL'S** mother who was 103-1/2 years old. We all send our sincere sympathy.

Here at Travelers Rest we had the annual fashion show with the theme "Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow". It was a fun time and 3 of our ladies walked down the runway: **BETH PETRIE**, **LYDIA ROSENBECK**, and **FRAN INGALLINERA**.

**FRAN INGALLINERA** and **KATHY KUSHMAN** hosted the 2nd annual New England Day Pot Luck Luncheon. Everyone in the park from the New England area was invited.

If you have any news to share for future Scuttlebutt, please let me know. ~



Fred is back in the snow while Dale enjoys Sushi with the ladies pictured below at the Region One Lunch in Florida.



Best way to get rid of kitchen odors:  
Eat out.

-Phyllis Diller



Mark & Marie are sandwiched between past and present Region Presidents - and smiling!

## NEW ENGLAND DAY AT TRAVELERS RESORT

Hosted by Kathy Kushman and Fran Ingallinera, a New England Day pot luck luncheon was held on Sunday, February 22, 2015. Many Charter Oak members were present among the 54 people attending.

Food was plentiful and tasty. During dessert, Kathy and Fran performed a humorous skit about the frustration Lou Costello experiences trying to buy a computer from Bud Abbott.

A sing-along followed with Gus Sbrogna, Russ Stearns and Don Sides accompanying on their harmonicas. ~







## Bard's Good, Bad, and Bizarre Airstreams \*\*\*\*\*



### Argosy Experimental 4 Wheel Trailer

Airstream in the 70's made this single four wheeled prototype Argosy that had zero tongue weight on the tow vehicle. This 20 foot trailer was dubbed the "Argosy Radio Flyer". It was outfitted with a Watson front wheel steering system that acted much like that of a car and less like a wagon. Strictly a prototype to test this steering system it never was outfitted with any interior. Film exists that shows this trailer on a slalom course at the Transportation Research Center.

Presently it resides in Arkansas in private hands. I have often wondered what was learned from this test trailer. I can only imagine that backing this was a nightmare. ~



Here is the question: "Was it like pulling teeth to have Kathy use the snow blower?"

Spotted in Seattle: a motorhome towing a small car with this sign on its back window: "I'm a good car. I go where I'm towed to go."

~ Seattle Times

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.

-Phyllis Diller



The **CREeping CRACK FILLER** worked well on the aluminum lap joints where the original Airstream mastic sealant had failed.

It is designed primarily for very small cracks, anything larger would require something like **SILKAFLEX 221**.

~ Mark Lupien

### Two Thoughts

A diplomat is someone who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you look forward to the trip.

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.

### Interested in attending a WBCCI International rally?

- 2015 Farmington, New Mexico  
Join with Bard & Kathy Fuller  
(Staying at local hotel)  
Caravan from New England with Per Hamnqvist.  
Leaving June 19 for an 8 day caravan.
- 2016 Lewisburg, West Virginia  
First time in a decade to be only one day's drive away.  
Who would like to run a caravan to the International?
- 2017 Escanaba, Michigan



## 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](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com) if you are interested in hosting this activity. ~ The Prez

### 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

### APRIL

#### BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

04/01	Mike Billings
04/03	Cynthia Richard
04/08	Barbara Landman
04/09	Eileen Bartram
04/10	Karen Olah
04/11	Bob & Carolyn Barrett
04/13	Dan Olah
04/16	Bob Barrett
04/18	Bob Sandall
04/19	Charlie Wilson
04/24	Franklin Sanders
04/27	Charles Henschel
04/29	Charles "Rick" Petrie



#### Member Alert...

*Did you know Ruth Crockett is a charter member of the Connecticut Unit and a very skilled artisan. Her Nantucket baskets are a work of art.*



OK, Show of hands...  
Who's tired of snow?

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

-Phyllis Diller

Answer from page 1: Nothing

**LINK LINK LINK**

[Shooting Star Resort](#)

**This Months Airstream Link**

**FOR SALE**

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

### 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](http://www.airstreamtrailers.com)  
Region One Website:.....<http://region1.wbcci.net/>  
Airstream Life:.....<http://airstreamlife.com/>  
WBCCI:.....<http://www.wbcci.org/>



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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  
phone-203-264-5372  
joycezr68@gmail.com

**PORTUGUESE MARITIME RALLY****MAY 15-17, 2015**

Hosts: Val &amp; Aili Galasyn

Assisted by Bard &amp; Kathy Fuller



We will be camping in Westport MA., half way between New Bedford and Fall River. These cities represent the center of the largest Portuguese-American community in the USA. When you think Portuguese you will always think maritime and we will immerse ourselves into that maritime history for the weekend.

Those who get in early will have Friday afternoon to explore New Bedford, known as the "Whaling City" because in the 19th century it was the most important whaling port in the world. Today, the New Bedford Whaling Museum is the centerpiece of the New Bedford Whaling Historical Park, a part of the National Park Service. At the National Park Visitor's Center make sure to see the free movie "The City That Lit the World" which is shown on the hour.

Then head out to see a working waterfront, the busiest fishing port in the U.S. noted for its scallops. Visit the Rotch-Jones-Duff House, a Greek revival mansion of the whaling era, or the Schooner Erestina and the Whaling Chapel. This town is all about whaling and its greatest treasure is the Whaling Museum with full size whale skeletons, mock whaling ships, and exhibits that bring to life the years of whaling. Here you will get a retrospective view of the importance and impact of the whaling industry.



Saturday is all about Fall River. Here is centered the nation's largest exhibit of historical ships including "Big Mammie" the USS Massachusetts with its enormous six 16 inch guns each over 60 feet long. This ship alone needed 2,000 men to operate at sea in wartime, a true floating fortress. There are also a destroyer, a submarine, a pair of rare PT boats, and thousands of maritime artifacts and exhibits. One will easily gain a greater appreciation of life of a sailor in the World War II era. Also at Battleship Cove is the the thrilling interactive Pearl Harbor Experience. Across the street is the Marine Museum featuring a world class exhibit of ship models and an extensive collection of artifacts from the Fall River Steamship Line as well as from the Titanic.

Those interested in the paranormal will want to visit the Lizzie Borden House. Many of the women folk may want to hit the factory outlet stores noted to bring out the hidden shopper in the best of us. For dinner we will reconvene to immerse ourselves in Portuguese cuisine at one of popular Portuguese restaurants.



Camping is at "Westport Camping Grounds" at 346 Old County Rd. in Westport, MA.. Each site will have electric (minimum of 20 amps), sewer, water and wifi. The campground is pet friendly for well behaved dogs. Check in time is 12 noon and check out is at 11am. The club has reserved a block of 10 sites at \$30 per night (25% discount). Reservations are needed by May 3.

Saturday breakfast: Hot oatmeal, Aili's famous coffee bread, Coffee/Juice/Tea Sunday: Portuguese Muffins, hard boiled eggs, fruit, cold cereal, Coffee/Juice/Tea

Directions: From points West take I-195 East to Exit 10 (Horseneck Beach Rt. 88) and follow South 4 miles to the second set of traffic lights at Old County Road. Take a left onto Old County and the campground entrance is ¼ mile on your left.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Unit length \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees: Portuguese Maritime Rally**

Campground for Weekend (Friday & Saturday nights) = \$60.00  
 Kitty fee per person = \$6.00 Number in party \_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: Val Galasyn (Please before May 3)

**Mail checks to:**

Val Galasyn  
 34 Buck Hill Road  
 Canterbury, CT 06331  
 (860)546- 9298  
[vgalasyn@charter.net](mailto:vgalasyn@charter.net)





# ***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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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. **This rally has been designated as a buddy rally so bring along a non Airstream friend.**

## ***Reservation & Camping Requirements:***

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

(presently \$26.00/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.



## 2. - 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.



## 3. - 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.



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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to  
"Marie Lupien" and mail to:

**Marie Lupien**  
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