

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

# Charter Oak Chatter

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MARCH 2012



Jim Burnham  
President

## Presidents Message

Nice meeting this past Sunday in lovely downtown Glastonbury hosted by Charlotte LaRocca & Gene Hickey. Roughly 24 guest including Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould who gave us great information about the upcoming Region One Rally. The April 1st luncheon is going to be held at the Nutmeg Restaurant in East Windsor where we met in February. Social starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by a buffet luncheon. The cost is \$24.00 per person. Send in reservation or contact me for head count. Thank you. ~



Spring is in the air ...

## Coming Events

### April 1, 2012

Luncheon (See Flyer)  
Nutmeg Restaurant  
East Windsor, CT  
Jim Burnham

### May 4 - 6

Business Meeting  
Mineral Springs Campground  
Stafford Springs, CT  
Blackwells & Burnhams

### July 6 - 8

Yankee Doodle Rally  
Charlie Brown Campground  
Eastford, CT 06242  
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera  
Mark & Marie Lupien

## Question

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?

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## ANOTHER "SOUPER" SUNDAY

~ Lois Price

It was Sunday, February 26 at Travelers Rest, Florida --a cool and cloudy day - perfect for a "bring your favorite soup to share". This was hosted by Lydia and Neils Rosenbeck, backed by Sandy and Mike Sasuta . With an attendance of over 45 people whose "pots" were filled with a variety of delicious soups. Bread and desserts rounded out the menu. "What a great idea for a future rally", said Rich Kushman.

Ted and I enjoyed having our three girls with us as well as Tim; this also assured that a home-made refrigerator clearing soup was in "our" pot!

So much for "From Soup to Nuts!!

"Still Roving and Roaming"



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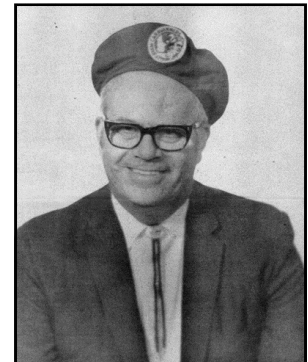


## A Little Bit of COCU History

~ Ruth Crockett

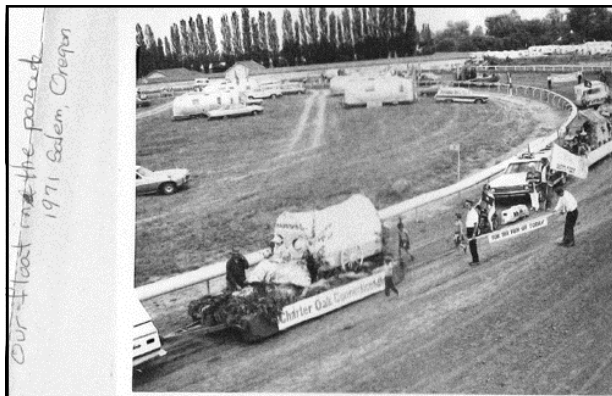
The first COCU organizational meeting was held on October 11, 1970 with 23 couples attending. The Charter Oak Connecticut Unit was then officially welcomed into the WBCCI family on June 21, 1971 at the International Rally in Salem Oregon, when Region One President John Engel presented the club Charter to our first Unit President Emile Raboin.

Connecticut Airstreamers either belonged to the Berkshire New York or New England Units and when members were asked where they hailed from it became clear Connecticut was well represented. Emile and Donald Metzler then became instrumental in forming the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit and this nucleus from New York and New England gave birth to a club that remains active and successful today.



COCU First President  
Emile Raboin

That first International for Connecticut saw nine trailers attend and not only was our official charter received but the COCU float won third place in the July 4th parade - a first time record finish for a "baby club".



COCU Float

COCU rallies, rendezvous, and dinner meetings, generally scheduled the first weekend of the month, began mostly in a very casual style with simple potlucks and friendly gatherings. Ruth and Roger hosted a rally at Ross Hill Park in Lisbon Connecticut during the month of August in 1971 - the rally cost \$1.00 and the camping was \$3.50 per night with water & electric - clearly some things have changed. ~



Ruth and Roger Crockett & Sons

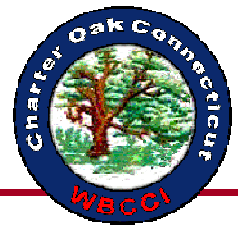


Back in the day ...

### Airstream History

- Airstream founder Wallace Merle "Wally" Byam was born on July 4, 1896.
- Wally published an article, "How to Build a Trailer for One Hundred Dollars." He sold 15,000 copies at \$1 each in 1927 and then officially started Airstream in 1931.
- Wally Byam is said to have created the unique aluminum trailer in response to his wife's refusal to go camping without a kitchen.
- In 1936, Wally stated that he is in business "to make people's dreams come true."
- Airstream is the oldest manufacturer of recreational vehicles in the U.S. and is the most commonly recognized aluminum travel trailer in the world.
- When Airstream began, there were less than 48 trailer manufacturers that were registered for business. Five years later, nearly 400 companies squared off against each other. Today of those 400 companies, only Airstream remains.

# Charter Oak Connecticut



COCU members - lunch at the Columbia in Tampa.



The Sasutas, Kushmans, and Ted Price recently spent a day at the Florida State Fair. Here we are in Cracker Land!



Lots of walking - Ted needed to sit and rest for a spell!



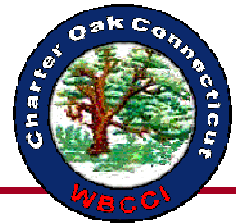
Fran & Lois at TR fashion show.



Ladies Lunch at Limoges!



Cynthia sneaks a hat test at Limoges.



## Kids Answer Questions About Love and Marriage

### Q: WHO SHOULD YOU MARRY?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-- Kristen, age 10

### Q: WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then..

-- Camille, age 10

### Q: HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

### Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids.

-- Lori, age 8

### Q: WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

### Q: WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7 ( Love her )

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-- Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-- Howard, age 8

### Q: IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child )

### Q: HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

(Questions Continued Page 5)

## BUCK RIVET

### A True Adventure

~ by Russ Melocik

Last month we saw Buck ...

... for a while with two horses on their backs with hoofs shooting to the dark sky, a heavily oxidized Bambi that leaks like a sieve and the once beautiful Wrigley now laden with adipose tissue and horrible with warts, giant arthritic knuckles, knotted hair and a nose with three nostrils. Of course, this being an almost true story, Buck came through the transformation without a hitch.

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Now...

Buck takes stock of his current situation: Will he turn from good to bad? Will Wrigley reach the point of terminal ugliness? Will his horses, Fred and Ethel be able to regain their stride? Will Bambi's leaks be plugged or will Buck have to install a dipstick to monitor interior water levels? Of course we must remember that parallel universe thing and the twists and turns associated with good and bad.

### Chapter Two

So here they are: Buck, in all his glory with Wrigley's appearance worsening by the minute with his Bambi oxidizing into a giant wad of sand paper and his beloved tow horses, Zsa & Zsa, upside-down in quicksand. What could be worse? We have an answer to that: The owners of Rivet Haven, having fallen behind in their taxes, were forced to auction its land, buildings and all personal property. The new owners, Hoda & Kathie Lee were already rushing out to our rapidly sinking Buck with wine glasses in hand and a camera crew not far behind in an effort to tape a TV interview segment. They already had their first question ready – Hoda: "Tell us, Buck, what's it like to be on the brink of sinking into an abyss of oatmeal-like quicksand? Hurry, you haven't much time left." Recalling the fate he called down on himself by brushing the "Do Not Touch This Button" button, his only response was a desperate, barely audible "gmlphgurxscpkqu..." At which point Kathie Lee interrupted: "You're not going to believe this but The Gmlphgurxscpkqu's lived on our block near Bowie MD. Who would have thought? But too bad. Buck and what is sure to be the last of the gmlphgurxscpkqu's are gone forever." Oh well. We'll figure something out. ~

Is this the end? Will Buck somehow be saved? Oh, we can only hope!

## The world always looks brighter from behind a smile.



**S**nack cakes are great reasons to smile -- at least that's what Little Debbie is hoping as it embarks on its Million Smile Mission Tour. During the just-begun eight-month odyssey, the Collegedale, Tenn.-based company will give away hundreds of prizes, among them seasonal treats, digital cameras and even a 16-foot 2011 Airstream Sport travel trailer.

The snack cake maker is also encouraging 1 million people to smile for the camera and upload the resulting images to [littledebbie.com](http://littledebbie.com) or [facebook.com/littledebbie](http://facebook.com/littledebbie) to become part of the national Little Debbie photo mosaic portrait.

The Smile Squad will roam the United States in the trailer, making stops at more than a dozen cities to take pictures at Smile Station photo booths for the mosaic, display its unique ride and share snacks. Autumn tour stops include New York, Philadelphia, and Burlington, Vt. In the spring, the tour will move to the West Coast.

Fans who enter the Little Debbie Million Smile Mission have the chance to win the grand prize of the official Million Smile Mission Tour Travel Trailer that's now traveling the country. Valued at over \$34,000, the lightweight, fuel-efficient vehicle has own lights, water, shower and fuel for cooking. Monthly winners will receive digital cameras, printers, digital picture frames or gift cards, and one instant daily winner will get sampler cases of seasonal Little Debbie snacks. ~

## Important Region One Rally 2012 Information

This is a message from the hosts of the Streamin' the Region 2012 Region One Rally. Our goal is to keep everyone who has registered for this fun filled rally posted on the events we are working on. As our schedule develops we will keep you updated so that you will be able to plan accordingly. As we promised, we are going to have a very full schedule of fun events along with great food and things to see. First it is important for me to announce that since we are booking a private campground, Goose Hollow, something no one could have planned for has taken place. Because of the two storms last fall, three area campgrounds will not be opening for the 2012 season. This has placed a lot of pressure on Goose Hollow with folks wishing to camp in the area this year. With our Regional Rally smack in the middle of prime camping

time we have come to a very good compromise; Goose Hollow will hold open all sites for us till May 11th. With that said, it is very important that if you have friends or members who are thinking of joining us this August they must get their reservation in before May 11th to get full hook-ups. Now with that said, it is our goal to not turn away any Airstream from this great event. In the event that we run out of sites we will double up or set up a rally field. We are hoping for two hundred Airstreams but in order to have room for everyone we need paid reservations by May 11th to secure a full hook up site. Once we reach 100 rigs (almost there) there will be two point hook ups with a honey wagon. Please encourage your friends and fellow unit members to beat the May 11th date. ~

(Questions: Continues from page 4)

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8

**And the #1 Favourite is .....**

**Q: HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?**

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.

-- Ricky, age 10

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### Links

Connecticut Unit Website

<http://connecticut.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/>

# Charter Oak Calendar



## March 2012

Birthdays    Anniversaries    Events

| Sunday                                                    | Monday                  | Tuesday                | Wednesday                               | Thursday                                                   | Friday                                 | Saturday                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                           |                         |                        |                                         | 1<br>Laura Edmondson<br>Corinne Burnham<br>Carolyn Barrett | 2                                      | 3                                                                  |
| 4<br>Club Luncheon                                        | 5                       | 6<br>Juanita Pestretto | 7                                       | 8<br>Mike & Gail Billings<br>Lydia Rosenbeck               | 9                                      | 10                                                                 |
| 11<br>REMEMBER?<br>Set Your Clocks Ahead!<br>Sandy Eglise | 12<br>Rosalie Jefferson | 13                     | 14                                      | 15<br>Jessie Gould                                         | 16                                     | 17<br>St. Patrick's Day<br>Rhona Fuller<br>Clarence & Jessie Gould |
| 18                                                        | 19                      | 20<br>Spring Arrives   | 21<br>Roger Crockett<br>Frances Simmons | 22<br>Ruth Crockett<br>Kim Terry                           | 23<br>Rich Walbridge<br>Leland Bradley | 24<br>Michael Siek                                                 |
| 25<br>Stephen Kelly                                       | 26                      | 27                     | 28                                      | 29                                                         | 30                                     | 31                                                                 |

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been. ~Mark Twain

The robbed that smiles, steals something from the thief. ~William Shakespeare

## April 2012

Birthdays    Anniversaries    Events

| Sunday                                 | Monday              | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday                   | Thursday             | Friday                 | Saturday                   |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1<br>Mike Billings<br>April Fool's Day | 2                   | 3<br>Cynthia Richard                    | 4                           | 5                    | 6                      | 7<br>Bob & Bette Lou Pease |
| 8<br>Barbara Landman                   | 9<br>Eileen Bartram | 10<br>Karen Olah                        | 11<br>Bob & Carolyn Barrett | 12                   | 13<br>Dan Olah         | 14                         |
| 15                                     | 16<br>Bob Barrett   | 17<br>Claire Bradley                    | 18<br>Bob Sandall           | 19<br>Charlie Wilson | 20                     | 21                         |
| 22                                     | 23                  | 24<br>Pam Pestretto<br>Franklin Sanders | 25                          | 26                   | 27<br>Charles Henschel | 28                         |
| 29<br>Charles "Rick" Petrie            | 30                  |                                         |                             |                      |                        |                            |

Answer from page 1: Yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

A smile confuses an approaching frown. ~Author Unknown



# REGION ONE RALLY

**AUGUST 9 THRU 12, 2012**

**Goose Hollow**  
Campground

RT. 49E, 35 Burbank Hill Road, Thornton, NH 03285

# STREAMIN' THE REGION

**WBCCI - REGION ONE RALLY - 2012**

A WBCCI Regional Rally designed for and around the membership for promoting camping and fellowship around the region. We have plenty of activities planned for fun with new and old friends alike. Daily on-site activities, demonstrations, seminars, and games for children and adults. Regional Food contest by each unit, Pink Flamingo Dinner Ball with costume contest, Open Mic Night. These and many, many more fun events are planned for a FOUR day WBCCI party for ALL!



|                                          |                        |                 |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Airstream with Two Persons               | \$249.00               | \$ _____        |
| Airstream with One Person                | \$219.00               | \$ _____        |
| Each Additional Adult                    | \$ 30.00 ea. X _____   | \$ _____        |
| Each Child (12 and under 1/2 price)      | \$ 25.00 ea. X _____   | \$ _____        |
| Early Bird Parking August 8 th           | \$ 34.00               | \$ _____        |
| Additional Fees for Special Activities-- |                        |                 |
| Leather Craft Class -                    | \$ 14.00 ea. X _____   | \$ _____        |
| Fruit Carving/Center Piece Class--       | \$ 9.00 ea. X _____    | \$ _____        |
|                                          | <b>Total Fees Paid</b> | <b>\$ _____</b> |

Currently, rally fees include three nights camping with full hook up, three breakfasts, two dinners, all activities and seminars except those as noted above. For a complete listing of all offerings, changes and additions visit our website at: [newengland.wbcci.net](http://newengland.wbcci.net).

**Parking hours as follows: Wed. Noon - 6:00 PM, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Thurs. Noon-6:00 PM, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM - Noon & 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Sat. 8:00 AM - Noon. A Bullpen will be set-up for those arriving outside these times.**

**Cancelation Dates: Before July 1st 100%, before July 16th 50%, after July 16th no refund.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Children / Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State / Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI#: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Rig Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap:  YES Special Note: \_\_\_\_\_

★ We would like to be parked in the Vintage Area: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

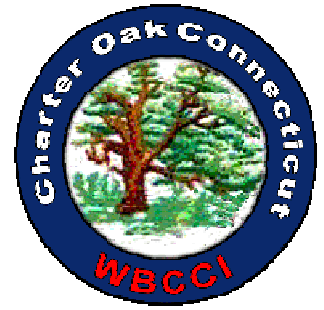
Not Yet a Wally Byam Caravan Member but own and will bring an Airstream:

Region One Rally 2012 - August 9th thru 12th, 2012 - Goose Hollow Campground Thornton, NH  
Please make your check payable to: New England Unit of WBCCI - Mail to:

J. Rick Cipot - 44 Walnut Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801 - email: [mrjrick@aim.com](mailto:mrjrick@aim.com) - Cell: 203.241.4801

# Charter Oak Connecticut

## Dinner Meeting



When: April 1, 2012 - 11:30am

Where: Nutmeg Restaurant - 297 South Main St  
East Windsor, Connecticut

Why: Because we are not just Airstreamers we are  
friends...

What: Buffet

How Much: \$24.00 per person

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet \_\_\_\_\_ @ 24.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Choice and Check To:

Jim Burnham  
184 Scantic Road  
East Windsor, CT 06088

Total Amount: