

# Connecticut



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

## Future

### April 6, 2014

Luncheon at The Villa Restaurant  
4 Riverside Rd., Sandy Hook, CT  
Evelyn Watts: 203-312-3382

### May 11, 2014

Luncheon  
Lynn Blackwell's Home  
994 Main St., South Glastonbury, CT  
Lynn Blackwell: 860-918-410

### May 28 - June 1, 2014

Region One Rally,  
Champlain Valley Exposition Center  
105 Pearl St. Essex Junction, VT  
Tye Mott: 716-866-2503

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

~ Mark Lupien



It's been a challenging winter for many COCU members, who are hoping for a break in the treacherous weather conditions in New England. Many of our friends and family members are being tested on a daily basis with snow storms, airplane flight cancellations and a weather pattern that just won't quit. Come on - Spring thaw!

Exciting news this month for Marie and I; we recently purchased Jessie and Bud Goulds, 34 ft 1988 Excella Airstream and a share of stock at Travelers Rest Resort, site 3-36. We know how difficult it was for them to sell their trailer. Rest assured, it will be well cared for and is deeply appreciated. Renovations are presently underway with the typical Airstream water leaks under repair. The twin beds have been removed and a queen Sleep Number bed installed. Many other changes are planned but there's always next year. It's been a welcome change transitioning from our 22 foot Safari to the 34 foot Excella. We're searching for pink flamingo's and beading supplies to fill the empty spaces.

The Cape Cod Unit has released the 2014 Region 1 Rally form for the rally in Essex Junction, VT, May 29<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>. I appreciate the efforts of Tye Mott and Rick Cipot for pulling this rally together with the time constraints given them. Please remember COCU will be holding the Spring Business Meeting at this event. Please sign up early. I'm certain the Cape Cod Unit appreciates your support and early registration.

Luncheons have been planned for April and May. You'll have a great time meeting dear friends and your hosts will appreciate your participation. Check the schedule and plan to attend. ~

## Link.... of the month

### [Lotus F1Team](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXATzDBDjgo&feature=em-share_video_user)

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Do you know a great Airstream Link? Send it in so we can share.

## Question

In the middle of a round pool lies a beautiful water lily. The water lily doubles in size every day. After exactly 20 days, the lily will cover the complete pool.

The Question: After how many days will the water lily cover half of the pool?  
*Answer page 5*

## All In The Family

~ Richard Kushman

The Connecticut Unit's "Gold" Airstream has found a brand new home. Mark and Marie Lupien have purchased Bud and Jessie Gould's 34ft trailer and are making it their home at Travelers Rest in Florida.

Jessie was COCU's long time chef and Bud was COCU's long time mechanic, so owning their trailer may perhaps, through a haunting influence, carry a heavy burden. Rally goers and Connecticut members wintering in Florida will expect to be well fed and their Airstreams carefully serviced, especially brakes and bearings. *See Legacy page 2*



Home sweet home.



Ordering more parts.



Ok, rest for now!



You might call it renovation.



Getting ready for the queen size air bed.

*Legacy from page 1*

OK, is it fair to burden Mark and Marie with such a legacy? Sure, why not? I for one remember my well greased bearings and my full tummy experience, now all we have to do is get together and convince Bud and Jessie's successors to continue a wonderful tradition - put it on the ballot.

There is, for now, good reason to grant a stay in receiving the above mentioned indulgences. Mark and Marie have been cleaning, organizing, designing, repairing, and tweaking their new home on a full time basis. Very considerate of them, they want everything perfect before offering their cooking and mechanical services. Who could argue against a small delay.

So there you have it, Bud and Jess may not be as active in the club but they have set a standard that for some unbelievable and make believe reason follows their trailer and attaches to whomever closes their eyes and slips into dreamland under the shadow of #2478. ~

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.. I would recommend it very highly.'  
The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?' The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.' 'Do you mean a rose?'  
'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'





## spoofed or hijacked email

Recently a club member received an email which appeared to be from a known acquaintance. There was a link in the body of the email with an inviting offer - and apparently from a friend. One click later and several annoying changes to his browser were made which needed to be repaired. That link could have been much more destructive so I thought a few reminders regarding email safety could be helpful. The following was published in the Atlantic Journal Constitution and written by **Bill Husted** with my comments noted in italics. ~ *Richard Kushman*

Email hijacking is a big deal. I don't have to do much to convince you of that. I'll bet – in any given week – you receive at least one bogus message falsely sent in the name of a friend or business contact whose computer has been hijacked. Or, one fine day your friends may have received spam that seemed to come from you. And since spammers use this hijacked accounts to shield themselves from the law – it may have advertised pornography or illegal scams. All in your name.

Let's start today with some simple ways to reduce the chances that you'll have to send embarrassing emails to your friends and family warning them that your account has been hijacked and asking them not to open any emails that seem to be from you.

That's what we're doing today – learning to take tight control of your email account. These tips are both highly effective and extremely easy to implement – no computer tweaking required.

**Passwords:** At the very least your password should consist of a jumble of letters and numbers. It should not be a word.

*Ed: Consider changing it occasionally, the more often the better.*

**Common sense:** Do not click on a web link contained in an email – even if the email is from your mom. It's a common way that hackers use to infect your machine. The link can take you to a site that downloads a program to your computer giving the hacker access to your email account.

*Ed: Many of us receive links to jokes or articles that are completely safe because they have been tested or they are located on trusted sites like (youtube.com). These can be fun to share but check the sender's address carefully and remember a hijacked email looks real.*

**Wide open computers:** I find it incredible that many people have no protection at all against viruses, spyware and other malware. It's like driving a car that has no brakes. And there are plenty of excellent programs out there that do a fine job and yet don't cost a penny.

*Ed: Windows 8 may have commercial protection included (like Norton) which will eventually have to be paid for but it also comes with Windows Defender which is FREE. Security Essentials is available for download from Microsoft, again FREE, for other versions of Windows. Note: Windows XP beginning in April will no longer be supported by Microsoft, meaning there will be no security updates. Perhaps it is time for an upgrade.*

**Naïve users:** While browsing the web they see an offer that seems too good to be true, or a contest that sounds like it would be fun, or a new game to play online. So they click on the button and allow software to be downloaded to their machine. What a deal. Not only do they get to enter a contest or play a game, they get hacked.

**Secret questions that beg to be hacked:** You were probably asked to create the answers to some questions when you opened the account. That way, being able to answer helps to prove that you are the owner of that account. But some of the usual questions and answers make things easy for a hacker to be able to answer them and change the password – taking control of the account. For instance, a common question is "what high school did you attend" or "what's your mother's maiden name." In cases like that a little Googling make it easy for a stranger to find the answer. Or the answer may be as close as your listing on Classmates.com or Facebook. Here's what to do. Create goofy responses. What high school did you attend? Why Walt Disney World, of course. Your mom's maiden name? Dracula.

**You may not have been hijacked after all:** There's another way to send out email messages that seem to be from you. And it doesn't require hacking your account. It is possible for a spammer to use what is called a spoofed email address. It's trivially easy to send out emails in another person's name that seem legit.

*EXAMPLE: Your Best Friend <yourbestfriend67@verizon.net> you probably recognize the email address in this FROM header. Your Best Friend <youwillbesorry@gotcha.net> if you don't catch the part in brackets in the FROM header you may think it's from a friend.*

**Sending Clean Email:** When you send email to more than one person use Bcc (Blind Carbon Copy) and never leave a list of email addresses in the body of the email, highlight and delete. ~ RK



There was a February luncheon - they braved the weather.

From Bard's collection of "Good, Bad, and Bizarre Airstreams".

Selling chicken just south of Hiroshima, Japan. Check out the fried egg hubcaps.



Do you think they are feasting on chicken?



I believe I can say the large red sign on this Airstream is superfluous. ~Ed.



### Note About Links

Any links presented in the Chatter are safe. Chatters are available on the COCU web site and public so I will no longer publish personal email addresses. Use your directory for contact information.

### AIRSTREAM FOR SALE

2001 Airstream Diesel Pusher Available at [davesrvcenter.com](http://davesrvcenter.com) (Danbury, CT) for \$59,000.00  
New batteries - New Tires  
Really Good Condition  
Larry & Pat Larson

THESE ARE  
LETTERS  
SIMPLY TO FILL  
THIS SPACE

The **April lunch** is at The Villa Restaurant on Riverside Road in Sandy Hook, CT. at 12 noon. We will be ordering off the menu but reservations are required. Call Evelyn Watts



**Answer from page one:** Because the water lily doubles its size every day and the complete pool is covered after 20 days, half of the pool will be covered one day before that, after 19 days. Conclusion: after 19 days, the water lily will cover half of the pool.

## 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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## MARCH

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Laura Edmondson	March 1
Corinne Burnham	March 1
Carolyn Barrett	March 1
Juanita Pestretto	March 6
Lydia Rosenbeck	March 8
Mike & Gail Billings	March 8
Sandy Eglise	March 11
Jessie Gould	March 15
Clarence & Jessie Gould	March 17
Rhona Fuller	March 17
Frances Simmons	March 21
Roger Crockett	March 21
Ruth Crockett	March 22
Rich Walbridge	March 23

## APRIL

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Mike Billings	April 1
Cynthia Richard	April 3
Barbara Landman	April 8
Eileen Bartram	April 9
Karen Olah	April 10
Bob & Carolyn Barrett	April 11
Dan Olah	April 13
Bob Barrett	April 16
Bob Sandall	April 18
Charlie Wilson	April 19
Franklin Sanders	April 24
Charles Henschel	April 27





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.



2014 Region One Fees:

Airstream w/Two Adults	-----\$287.00	\$ _____
Airstream w/One Adult	-----\$257.00	\$ _____
Each Add. Adult	-----\$ 30.00	\$ _____
Each Child Under 14	-----\$ 25.00	\$ _____
Early Arrival per Night	-----\$ 28.00	\$ _____
We must vacate the Fairgrounds Sunday-		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>

Currently, rally fees include three nights camping with water & electric, two breakfasts, two dinners.

OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED SO FAR: NEW ENGLAND AIRSTREAM ON-SITE REPAIRS, CRAFT AND FLEA MARKET, UNIT SPRING BUSINESS MEETINGS, CLEANING YOUR AIRSTREAM, LIVE MUSIC, LOCAL VENDORS AND MORE.....

There will be no "reserved" parking. Rigs will be parked as they arrive. If you wish to be parked with a group you will need to arrive as a group. Follow signs to parking staging area. If there is no one there please call Tye: 716.866.2503 or J. Rick: 203.241.4801

REGION 1 RALLY 2014

May 29th - June 1st

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CAPE COD MASS. UNIT  
Mail to: Trevor Lake - 315 Oak St. - Marshfield, MA 02050



# *Corks and Kayaks at Lake Waramaug* *early sign up needed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*



**June 20 – 22, 2014 New Preston, CT at Lake Waramaug State Park**  
**Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller with Ted & Lois Price**

This is a rendezvous with all the attractions of the area plus the greatest happy hours at the Price's trailer overlooking the magnificent Lake Waramaug; yet little of the hoop la of a big rally. Ranked as the most picturesque lake in Connecticut it provides great calm water kayaking and canoeing to checkout all the stunning waterfront properties. Canoe rentals 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 antiquing available.

Friday arrive after 1pm, Happy Hour at 4:30 Campfire in the evening

Saturday Coffee and breakfast are available at the campground food concession, check out the lake and winery, 4:30 Happy Hour followed by a pot luck supper.

### ***URGENT URGENT URGENT Read entire page!!!***

*Since we are staying at a Connecticut 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(+ booking charge), sellout fast. Go to [Reserveamerica.com](http://Reserveamerica.com), establish an account (if you haven't already), and book a site close to your hosts who are on sites **24** and **25**. Use the campground map feature to locate sites. As this is a state park it is dry camping yet a dump station is available. There is a no pet policy along with firewood restrictions. All sites are well shaded. Once you have booked your site please **notify Bard Fuller of your location** either by mail or email([bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com)). At this time there will be little or no rally fee (to be discussed at the Happy Hour).*

**Note:** Bard has visited the location and has evaluated the wooded sites for accessibility of our trailers. Please review list in the following table for desirability before booking.



# Lake Waramaug Campsite Review

(\*)= Most desirable sites

L= Best accommodates 28'-34' trailers

M= Best accommodates 27' or less

S= Best accommodates 21' or less

PT= Pull Through site

X= Sites that are not for trailers or have been considered not desirable

Site	Length	Notes	Site	Length	Notes	Site	Length	Notes
1	L	Flat gravel, easy park	26	L*		51	M	Uneven ground
2	L	Flat gravel, easy park	27	L*		52	M	Less desirable
3	L	Flat gravel, easy park	28	L	Encroaching tree	53	L	
4	L	Flat gravel, easy park	29	L*		54	X	
5	M	Flat gravel, easy park	30	L*		55	M	Less desirable
6	PT	Close to Rd. less desirable	31	L	Park from main road	56	S	Less desirable
7	X		32	L	OK but many roots	57	L	Less desirable
8	X		33	X		58	M	Uneven ground
9	X		34	S		59	L	
10	X		35	X		60	S	Less desirable
11	L		36	L		61	X	
12	M		37	X		62	L	
13	M		38	M		63	M	
14	L		39	L		64	M	
15	L	Short back down Rd. to site	40	M		65	L	
16	M	Difficult approach to site	41	S	Less desirable	66	L	
17	L		42	L		67	M	
18	L*		43	M		68	X	
19	L*		44	M		69	X	
20	L*		45	L		70	X	
21	L*		46	L		71	X	
22	L*		47	L	Less desirable	72	X	
23	L*		48	M		73	X	
24	L*		49	S	Less desirable	74	X	
25	S	Uneven ground	50	L		75	X	

## Getting There.

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.

Note: Both Bard and Ted will be arriving on Thursday afternoon should anyone desire to come a day early you will have some company.

