



# Connecticut

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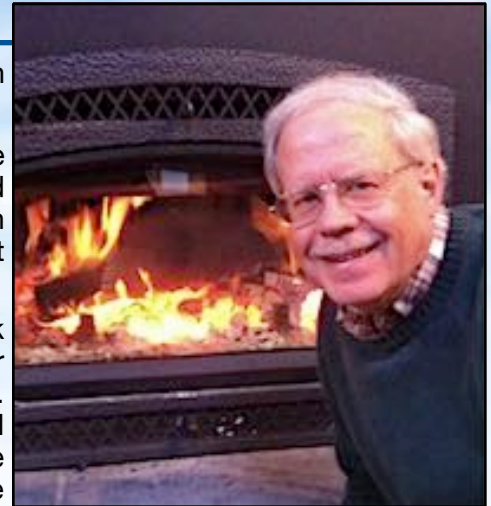
## President's Message

~ Bard Fuller

Here I sit before the fireplace hoping all are enduring these winter months in good spirits and in good health.

Our Glastonbury connection of Lynn and Jeff Blackwell along with Charlotte LaRocca and Gene Hickey have reserved a seat for you in the newest and hottest "First and Last Restaurant" in downtown Glastonbury for our March 20th luncheon. See the attached flier and let Lynn know that she can count on your presence.

Last month Joyce Rousseau presented a fabulous review of the Sherbrook area in Quebec. In this issue you will find more information about our migration north to the Region 1 Rally just outside of charming Quebec City. Since we have different host couples for each segment of this excursion it will be an a la carte type of caravan. You might want to join us for only the weekend rally at the Greenfield Fairgrounds or you may want to travel alone and meet us in Quebec City or better yet join us for the full adventure! Please send in the flyer coupon and check the appropriate segment you will be attending.



The Newport Experience Rally early reservations have filled our reserved safari field. The campground owner is now accepting reservations for our group within the campground proper along with their seasonal campers. It is just a short walk to the pavilion and our safari field from these added sites. When making reservations by phone please let them know you are with the Airstream group.

John Bachar tells me he has a handful of Airstreams registered and grouped together at Lake Waramaug State Park for July 15-18. Sites are still available and he and Fina welcome all for a relaxing no frills rendezvous on the shore of beautiful Lake Waramaug.

It is sooo cozy sitting by my fireplace here in Connecticut. It makes me think we all should have a fireplace in our Airstreams. And yes, Airstream did make trailers with fireplaces as an option in 2000 and 2001. You will find several Airstream renovations in this issue which include fireplaces. So put your feet up and enjoy as you peruse through this mid-winter issue of the Chatter. ~ Bard

### Newport Experience Preview

Newport RI is more than mansions, restaurants and beaches. Stop by the International Tennis Hall of Fame on Bellevue Ave. The newly reopened museum just completed a major renovation in 2015. The museum is housed in the historic Newport Casino. The building is a great example of Victorian Shingle Style architecture and is listed as a national historic landmark. The first

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### Migrating North Experience

July 29-31 - Tri-State River Rally at the Greenfield MA Fairgrounds

July 31-Aug 3 - Caravan to include: One night in Orford, NH on the banks of the Connecticut River  
Two nights in Compton QC near Sherbooke QC

Aug 3-7 - "Snow Goose Rally" the Region One Rally Montmagny, QC just outside of Quebec City

Our Quebec Unit friends have gone all out to provide a wonderful rally experience for all of us Americans.

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### Question

With pointed fangs I sit and wait; with piercing force I crunch out fate; grabbing victims, proclaiming might; physically joining with a single bite. What am I?



### LINK OF THE MONTH

[Adventures of Dave & Ann](#)



**Migrating North** *from page 1*

There will be many elective activities while at the rally site including a bus trip to Quebec City, a mini-cruise to Quarantine Island, guided bicycle tours (bring your bikes) and many RV seminars. View the schedule which is attached to the Chatter along with the registration flier.

Note, our unit caravan will be arriving in Montmagny QC Wednesday Aug 3 to allow an additional day to explore the Quebec City area. When filling out the Region One flier check the additional day (Wednesday) to be added to the basic rally fee. ~ Bard

**We welcome the Metro New York Unit members who will be joining us at Lake Waramaug.**

**You have 10 fish  
5 drown  
3 come back to life  
How many fish do you have?**  
*- see if you got it page 5*



**Have a Pet?**

Cape Cod & the New England Units are hosting the "Pets & Paws Rally" April 15-16 for those traveling with four legged friends. [Rally Flyer Available Here](#)

**THE "B's" HAVE IT** - More "Red Neck Lingo" from Lois & Jeff

One of our daughters came to visit and we sure let her know how wonderful for her to **beer**. When we asked her to stay she said, "That would be nice, but I want to go home and **bemoan** boss!" I told her that wouldn't **beetle** wednesday.

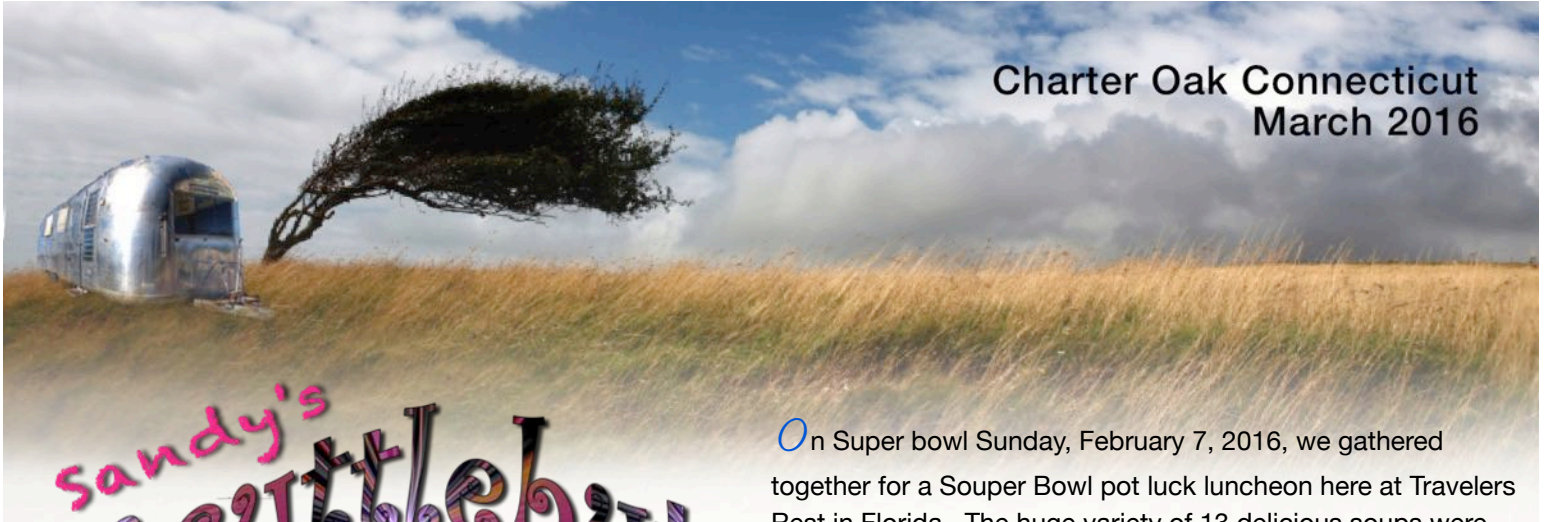
I told her, "I want to go into town and **bayou**" something really nice." "No", she said, "I do not want to be a **burden**." Well, I told her, consider it a **burden**" hand! We were about to leave **butterfly**" was open. She tried very hard to close it but just could not **budget**". I told her she would have to change her pants or the town would **banner**" and all the gossip would **barrier**".

Our friend Bob offered to drive us. Ten minutes later my daughter yelled "Hey, **Bobsled** us down the wrong road and we're stuck in the mud." I said, "don't worry **Bobble** get us out". My daughter tried to help and almost **broker**" arm, and a snake almost **bitter**" toe. Hornets then swarmed and she ran down the road screaming "Oh no! I'm allergic **believe** me alone!"

That's it for this month - we have now completed the "B's" - bet you can't wait until the "C's"!! Until next month  
~Lois Price

**2016 Charter Oak Calendar**

March 20	Connecticut Luncheon Glastonbury, CT
May 13-15	"Experience Newport" Rally (joint with Cape Cod) - Portsmouth, RI
June 3-5	"Lobsters at the Marina" Rally Spring Business Meeting Portland, CT
June 24 to 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 River Rally - (joint with Cape Cod) Greenfield, MA
July 31 to Aug 3	Migrating North 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 - The Renaissance City Rally (joint with New England Unit) North Scituate, RI
Sept 23- 25	Norman Rockwell Museum Rally Austerlitz, NY
Oct TBA	Installation Luncheon - Fall business meeting Manchester, CT
Dec 4	Holiday Luncheon TBA



# Sandy's Scuttlebutt



On Super bowl Sunday, February 7, 2016, we gathered together for a Souper Bowl pot luck luncheon here at Travelers Rest in Florida. The huge variety of 13 delicious soups were super! Thanks to all the chefs.

Good news to report about **JOHN TAVARES** ....he is on the move, walking and getting his strength back.

**RICH WALBRIDGE** has started his clinical trial and we are all wishing him and **DOTTIE** good results .....keeping you both in our thoughts & prayers.

**JOHN FULLER** has a new license plate on his tow vehicle, "WBCCI". How fitting is that?

**TONI NOLDER** has been spotted visiting Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne, FL and is sporting a new tow vehicle.

Welcome **HOWARD & MARI-JO JONES** from West Springfield, MA #26540.

If anyone has news to share for this article, please send it my way. ([sandysas1001@gmail.com](mailto:sandysas1001@gmail.com))

Twenty days until Spring! ~



Connecticut soup day in Florida.

Only the pure of heart can make a good soup. ~ Ludwig Van Beethoven

## Newport Experience from page 1

national lawn tennis championship took place on the adjoining tennis courts back in 1881.

The museum houses a vast collection of tennis memorabilia. The grounds include several pristine grass courts that are open for public use. For more information see [www.tennisfame.com/](http://www.tennisfame.com/).

As of March 1 eleven rigs had already signed up for the Newport Experience Rally! ~ Bard

## Directory

Kudos go out to Rich Kushman and his Florida helpers in getting out a remarkable directory with pictures of everyone of our members!!!! This is a feat never before accomplished. Hurrah!! How did you like the coloring book theme for the directory? Now, here's your challenge. Color in all the pictures by June and bring it to the Lobsterfest Marina Rally. Be bold enough to receive the admiration and/or humiliation from your fellow Airstreamers. ~ Bard

I'd just as soon play tennis with the net down. ~ Robert Frost



# Bard's Good, Bad, and Bizarre Airstreams

## “Fireplaces”

Who would have thought a fireplace would be popular in an Airstream? These restoration projects include a commercial pizza oven found in a St. Louis food trailer, a pot belly stove, and a digital fire on a LED monitor. One of the more popular fireplace/stoves comes from the marine world. The Dickinson Newport Propane fireplaces are great for boondocking and generates 5,500 BTU's in a very attractive stainless steel enclosure. These fireplaces bring air in from outside so there is no interior oxygen depletion.



To the left is the very popular Dickson Newport Fireplace.

Far left is the Airstream production fireplace option in the higher end models during the years 2000 & 2001.

~ Bard

“One afternoon, when I was four years old, my father came home, and he found me in the living room in front of a roaring fire, which made him very angry. Because we didn't have a fireplace.”  
— Victor Borge





# FOR SALE

## MARCH

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

- 03/01 **Laura Edmondson**
- 03/01 **Corinne Burnham**
- 03/01 **Carolyn Barrett**
- 03/06 **Juanita Pestretto**
- 03/08 **Lydia Rosenbeck**
- 03/08 **Mike & Gail Billings**
- 03/11 **Michelle Paulishen**
- 03/17 **Rhona Fuller**
- 03/21 **Roger Crockett**
- 03/22 **Ruth Crockett**
- 03/23 **Rich Walbridge**
- 03/23 **Laura Weik**
- 03/25 **Stephen Kelly**

### 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 35,000 miles. \$34,900.00 Located at 2621 in the village. Contact Dick Bartram 860-480-3713.

### 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

### MISC - Contact Bob Henschel 860-274-3768

One brand new Catalytic Heater, "Still in the box, never used". Brand Name: "CAT" was \$350.00, selling for \$200.00

2 Strap on trailering mirrors, excellent condition/selling for \$50.00 for the pair.

4 Zip Dee Blue & Silver folding chairs with 4 leg extensions/excellent condition/selling for \$200.00 for all 8 pieces.

## 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**



The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.  
~ Albert Einstein

**Great things never came from comfort zones.**

**Answer**

A stapler.

**ON THE INTERNET YOU CAN BE ANYTHING YOU WANT.**

**IT'S STRANGE THAT SO MANY PEOPLE CHOOSE TO BE STUPID.**

Do the following math without a calculator or paper -- Just your mind!

You have 1000,  
add 40,  
add 1000,  
add 30,  
again 1000,  
add 20,  
add again 1000,  
and finally 10.

What is the result?

### Airstream

1999 34' Limited with Hensley hitch.

Call Ted (860) 841-2604



## 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/>

Now use a calculator.

Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous. ~ Albert Einstein

Fish don't drown.

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## COCU Pre-Spring Luncheon

March 20, 2016

11:30 Social Time

12:15 Order Lunch



Charlotte LaRocca & Gene Hickey  
Lynn & Jeff Blackwell

Location: First & Last Tavern  
21 Rankin Road  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Directions:

- o I-84 to Route 2 East
- o Exit 8, Right on Hebron Avenue
- o 1<sup>st</sup> Traffic Light - Left on New London Tpke
- o First Left onto Rankin Road
- o Restaurant is on the right

**Join us and Take a Peek at the Newest First & Last !**

**Order from these Menu Options:**

**Signature Burger with Mixed Greens (Gluten-free)**

**Pasta with meatball and sausage**

**Shrimp Scampi**

**Chicken Florentine**

**\$27.50 includes family-style salad, coffee, dessert, tax and tip.**

**(Desserts: mini-cannoli and brownies)**

**RSVP to Lynn (860) 918-4107 or [lynn.blackwell9@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.blackwell9@gmail.com) by March 17.**

**Bring your check or cash the day of the luncheon**

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“America's First Resort”

“Sailing Capital of the World”

“New England's Ultimate Weekend Destination”

May 13-15, 2016

Cape Cod Massachusetts & Charter Oak Connecticut Units

Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller / Wayne Rocheleau & Sarah Nelson

Melville Ponds Campground (5 miles to Newport): 181 Bradford Avenue, Portsmouth, Rhode Island
30 Amp Electric, Water, Dump Station, Off season rates, Pet friendly (Rabies Certificate Required)

Program: 2 hot breakfasts provided / Saturday Soup Potluck (hosts providing salad, bread & dessert) /
Happy Hours / Campfire (weather permitting) / “Experience Newport” at your convenience

Reservations: Book campsite directly with Campground @ \$38 /night (401) 539-7011 (winter phone)
Limited Sites Available or (401) 682-2424 after April 1.

Tell them you are with “The Airstream Group”

Then send coupon below to Bard Fuller bardfuller@hotmail.com, Kitty fee & site number if available

Directions: Northbound: 4.7 miles north on Route 114 from the intersection of Routes 114 and 138. Then
1/2 mile west on Stringham Road and 1/2 mile north on Sullivan Road to entrance. Southbound: 1.7 miles south on
Route 114 from the intersection of Routes 24 and 114. Then 1/2 mile west on Stringham Road and 1/2 mile north on
Sullivan Road to entrance.

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“Experience Newport Rally”

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

Site Number (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ [Kitty Fee = \$9 /person] Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$9 = \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: Bard Fuller, 36 Panorama Dr., Southington, CT 06489



# 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](http://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](mailto: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 Bob & Ruth Scott (CCU)

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.

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

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](mailto:sandysas1001@gmail.com)

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