

# Connecticut

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Charter Oak Chatter

March 2017

### President's Message ~ Evelyn Watts



Pearl's write-up in the February CHATTER started me wondering how many of us have given our Airstream an identity. Bill & I have not but that question started a conversation with our grandson Jacob around the kitchen table. Should the name be masculine or feminine, a person, animal, flower or something else? Any ideas ? ?? How many of you have named your Airstream? I would love to hear from you. My email is [evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net). This will be fun and I will share the replies.

The new 2017 Charter Oak Connecticut Membership Directory should be in everyone's hands by now. Thank you, Rich & Kathy Kushman, Mike & Sandy Sasuta for a job well done. You will notice that COCU is trying something new, that being a \$15 coupon that can be used toward any rally or rendezvous Kitty Fee. Turn it in and you will be rewarded for participating in one of our many camping adventures. More details to come...we are still working out the kinks.

Spring will start in just 20 days and daylight saving time is March 12<sup>th</sup>. It's almost time to dust our Airstreams and get ready for the coming season. The first rally will be the Region One gathering in Fryeburg, Maine on May 5, 6 and 7. The snow and ice should be fairly well gone by then giving us the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful lakes and mountains of the area.

The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon hosted by Joyce and Gilles Rousseau is just around the corner. Be sure to call and reserve, and remember to bring the can tabs being saved for the Ronald McDonald House.

Last, but not least, remember to please send in photos and stories of your Airstream travels for all to enjoy. ~

### 2017 Charter Oak Member \$15.00 Coupon

- Incentive Coupon to get all members camping in 2017 with your WBCCI Connecticut Unit.
- Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Can be used for: (Pick one)
  - \_\_\_\_ July: Townsend, VT Rendezvous
  - \_\_\_\_ May: Mystic, CT Rally
  - \_\_\_\_ Sept.: Millford, CT Rendezvous
  - \_\_\_\_ August: Cooperstown, NY Rally
  - \_\_\_\_ Sept.: Newport, RI Rally
- Print and attach to Rally/Rendezvous flier coupon. Deduct up to \$15 from rally "Kitty fee" and mail to host.
- Must have paid your 2017 Charter Oak dues. Can be Regular or Associate member to qualify. To be used only once in 2017 season. Not for campground payment.

### Question

A woman is sitting in her hotel room when there is a knock at the door. She opened the door to see a man whom she had never seen before. He said "oh I'm sorry, I have made a mistake, I thought this was my room." He then went down the corridor and in the elevator. The woman went back into her room and phoned security. What made the woman so suspicious of the man? *Answer page 7*

There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

### LINK OF THE MONTH

[LIFE ON THE OPEN ROAD](http://www.beadventure.us)

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The month of February was SO busy, we needed more than 28 days, but we had to cram it all in.

Super Bowl Sunday...what a game!!! But before the game, 40 of us at TR met for Soup Day...12 super soups....thanks to all the chefs. Next was the Region 1 West Coast Luncheon at the Golden Corral with 25 in attendance, including **RUSS &**

**CYNTHIA MELOCIK** with their daughter **CATHY**. On Friday we all joined in the Golden Anniversary Celebration for **MARK & MARIE LUPIEN**..... what an enjoyable evening! The Art and Hobby Show at Travelers Rest was wonderful....people have so many hidden talents. **LOIS & LESLIE PRICE** hosted the next event for the park... New England Day Pot Luck Lunch....delicious foods and desserts. We never go hungry.

**SURPRISING NEWS**....the **McGOLDRICKS** are becoming parents again...yes, they will have a girl.....a new Golden Doodle "Ruby"....enjoy!

**EXCITING NEWS**.....**HOWIE & MARI-JO JONES** are the happy owners of a new Airstream, 25' FC FB, after trading in their 2014 20' FC...now they have more room for their new puppy "Ruthie". Also **RICK & BETH PETRIE** and **JOHN & GRACE FULLER** have both purchased B.Vans.

**HAPPY NEWS**.....**RHONA FULLER** is looking forward to a triple celebration on March 17<sup>th</sup>...her birthday, her retirement, and St. Patrick's day corned beef and cabbage...Way to go!

**SAD NEWS**.....**KATHY FULLER'S** father passed away and also **MARIE LUPIEN'S** brother...we all send our sincere sympathy. **SHARON HENSCHER** is recovering from a bad case of pneumonia and is in rehab. **LAURA WEIK** has fallen and broken her hip and wrist. We send get well wishes to everyone.

**VISITOR NEWS**...**KATHY & RICH KUSHMAN'S** daughter **MARABETH** was here and also **BOB & JEAN LANDRY'S** daughter **PAIGE**. The Landry's are happy to report that both **PAIGE & their son ZACHERY** are now engaged. **DICK BARTRAM** was able to visit for a week. Charter Oak CT members **KEN HANKINSON & PAM FORSYTH** enjoyed spending time and experiencing what it is like to winter at Travelers Rest. The **WATTS** enjoyed a family ski weekend in VT.

**UNIQUE NEWS**....**KATHY KUSHMAN** and I took a class at the Wood Shop and learned how to make wooden pens!

Thank you to all those who have paid their 2018 dues early.

**Please Note:** The date for the Sept. Milford Beach Rendezvous has been changed to the following weekend, Sept. 15-17, 2017. ~



Look a beluga whale eye to eye, feel a ray, walk among hundreds of penguins and so much more when you visit the Mystic Aquarium. All this just minutes from the **Mystic "Whale of a Time Rally"**

May 19-21.





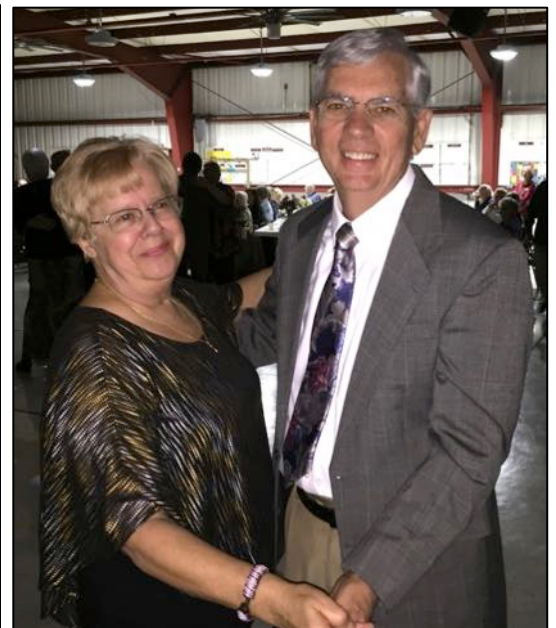
## One Half Century of Pure Bliss Celebrated!



*Charter Oak members and friends gathered to celebrate a golden moment with Mark & Marie Lupien.*



*They were introduced to all.*



*They danced.*



### My Senior Moment

~ Beth Petrie

I was up bright and early on “laundry day”. There were four loads to be done. I placed the first load in the washer before breakfast---a very good start to the day. After breakfast and a second cup of coffee, the first load was done, so off I go to place the load in the dryer. Then add the second load to the washer. The morning goes on and soon the dryer buzzes. Clothes are removed and the washer opened to place the wet load in the dryer. “What”, I said to myself, “the clothes are not wet”. I checked again, the clothes were dry! Apparently I did not add detergent, or even turn the washer on!

So that was my “Senior Moment.” One of many to come I am sure. However, when sharing this with Lydia Rosenbeck, she said, “Well you were just doing the “Dry cleaning”. Thank goodness for friends who understand. ~





## Bard's Good, Bad and Bizarre Airstreams



Several years ago this advertising Airstream was seen in Alberta Canada promoting Hydro Schick products. Nifty prop on the stern of this Airstream submarine. ~

## Will there be room for all his stars?

John and Grace Fuller are transitioning from hauling the 31 foot wide body trailer (being left in Florida) to their new rally hopping B190 van to stay active with our activities back in Southern New England. At age 96, John is downsizing just a bit.~

## It's a B-Van World

Rick and Beth Petrie are now proud owners of a well cared for vintage Airstream B-Van. We may very well see them at a rally this year. ~



Photo courtesy of Toni Nolder







# airbnb

By Bard Fuller

We were first introduced to airbnb's by our son about ten years ago when he used them as he toured Europe and Asia on the cheap. They have become more than a millennium's phenomena, now they have become more mainstream for us Baby Boomers and others.

We enjoyed a full four-room airbnb apartment when visiting our daughter, Megan, last December in Oregon for less than the cost of a motel room.

Meg recently sent us a photo of her in front of an airbnb Airstream while skiing at Lake Tahoe. Airstream airbnb's evidently are all the rage especially in California. Owners are renting out their trailers fully stocked with linens and cooking utensils. Some of these Airstreams are in the owner's driveway, others are in town or parked at a beach or ski resort.

It all seems to be a win-win situation as the owners only rent out selected dates when they are not using their trailers. They can make a few bucks, upwards of \$10,000-15,000 or more a year, hosting visitors wanting that Airstream adventure without ever towing the trailer. Dozens of these Airstream

airbnbs are found on the web including their own Pinterest Airstream board.

In Meg's situation she rented a relatively new Flying Cloud 20 foot trailer for \$80 a night that was just minutes away from the slopes at Heavenly Valley Ski Resort.

Has anyone else ever experienced the world of Airbnb's? Who is up to renting out their Airstream? ~







## Secret Recipe

Happy Hour Treat  
~ Beth Petrie

Mix together  
1 - 8 oz. cup of sour cream  
1 - 8 oz. jar of Salsa  
(as spicy as you like)  
Place above in dish of your  
choice---a deep dish is ideal.  
Top with sliced Jalapenos  
(as many as you like, be brave)  
Cover top with one small can of  
sliced black olives and Mexican shredded cheese.

Serve with Tortilla Scoops.

Enjoy and if necessary take two Tums before bed. ~



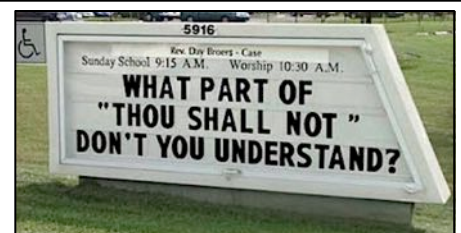
We had a Charter Oak Super Bowl Soup Day - Fran Ingalinera here with Mike Sasuta came to visit.



Leslie & Lois Price were the hosts at Travelers Rest for the New England pot luck lunch. The apple fell but didn't roll far.



What city do you think this is?







### MARCH

#### BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

03/01	Carolyn Barrett
03/01	Corinne Burnham
03/06	Juanita Pestretto
03/08	Lydia Rosenbeck
03/08	Mike & Gail Billings
03/11	Michelle Paulishen
03/17	Rhona Fuller
03/17	Clarence (Bud) Gould
03/21	Roger Crockett
03/22	Ruth Crockett
03/23	Laura Weik
03/25	Stephen Kelly

*I'm the woman who used to think that middle-age spread was a cocktail dip. - Phyllis Diller*

### 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
4/17	Eddie & Nanci Carll
04/18	Bob Sandall
04/19	Charlie Wilson
04/24	Franklin Sanders
04/27	Charles Henschel
04/29	Charles "Rick" Petrie

## FOR SALE

### 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: "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.

### 2017 CHARTER OAK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 19 ..... **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** - Home of Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Southbury, CT
- May 5-7 ..... **Region One Meeting**, Fryeburg, Maine, Ty Mott
- May 19-21 ..... **A Whale of a Time Rally and Spring Business Meeting** - Mystic, CT KOA, Kathy and Bard Fuller
- June 8-11 ..... **N.Y. City Base Camp**, Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ, Per Hamnqvist
- July 7-9 ..... **Green Mountain Getaway Rendezvous** - Bald Mountain Campground, Townsend, VT, Gail and Wiley Downing
- July 22-29 ..... **International WBCC Rally**, Escanaba, MI
- TBA..... **Region One Luncheon**, Escanaba, MI, Ty Mott
- Aug 17-20 ..... **Who's on first....WATTS on second...I don't know who's on third** - Cooperstown, NY KOA, Evie and Bill Watts
- Sept 15-17 ..... **Easy Breezy Rendezvous** - Milford, CT beach, Sandy Sasuta and Joyce Rousseau
- Sept 29-Oct 1 ..... **Experience Newport Rally** - Melville Ponds Campground, Portsmouth, RI, Joint rally with NEU, Bard Fuller (COCU) and Eddie Carll (NEU)
- Oct. 15 ..... **Installation Banquet and Fall Business Meeting** - Manchester Country Club, Corinne and Jim Burnham
- Dec. 3 ..... **Christmas Party**, location TBA, leader TBA

You know you're getting old when your back starts going out more than you do.  
- Phyllis Diller



### Answer

You don't knock on your own hotel door and the man did.



## 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 March Brunch to Celebrate



Sunday March 19, 2017      12:30 – 2:30 pm

Joyce and Gilles Rousseau's home

67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. Southbury

Menu includes - Cheese and crackers

Wine and beer

Corned beef/boiled cabbage/vegetables

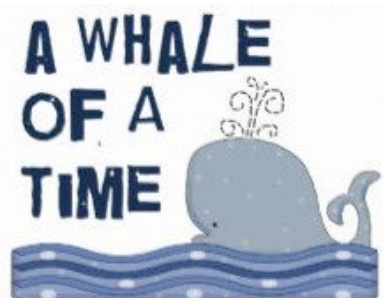
Assorted desserts

Cost- \$10/person when you come

RSVP to [joyce68@gmail.com](mailto:joyce68@gmail.com) by Mar. 15



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**Charter Oak Connecticut Unit**

**MYSTIC RALLY**

**MAY 19-21, 2017**

**JOIN YOUR HOST BARD & KATHY FULLER  
AT THE MYSTIC KOA IN NORTH STONINGTON, CT**

30 amp elec., water, Wifi, dump station, pet friendly

Friday: arrive after 1 pm / happy hour / If interested: lobsters at Abbott's

Saturday: hot breakfast / Have a Whale of a Time: Mystic Seaport / Mystic Aquarium / Olde Mystic

Village / Mashantucket Pequot Museum / Misquamicut Beach /

Mystic village / Noank / Westerly / Watch Hill

Return for a mealtime happy hour potluck with your favorite hearty appetizers.

Sunday: Continental Breakfast followed at 9 am by the Spring Business Meeting.

Reservations: Book through the campground \$50.39/night (off season group rate)

(860) 599-5101 Ask for the "Airstream Group in the Safari Field" host on site # S-32

(if we do not get minimum number for group rate, a potential increase in rate)

Once you have KOA reservation send in coupon with site and Kitty Fee.

**Bard Fuller [bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com) (860)621-9246**

**Dirrections: from central CT I-95 N to Exit 92, Left on Rt 2, first right on frontage Rd.,  
go to the end then Left on Rt 49, go one block, KOA on Right.  
118 Pendleton Hill Rd., North Stonington, CT**

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**Mystic - Whale of a Time Rally**

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

Site # \_\_\_\_\_ (Kitty fee=\$7/person) Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7 = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## CAPE COD MASSACHUSETTS UNIT NEWPORT DENIM & DIAMONDS RALLY 2017



“New

England's Ultimate Weekend Destination”

**JUNE 2 – 4, 2017**

**Hosts: Bob & Ruth Scott / Robert Parry**

**Melville Ponds Campground** (5 miles north of Newport): 181 Bradford Avenue, Portsmouth, RI  
30 Amp Electric, Water, Dump Station, off season rates, Pet friendly (Rabies Certificate Required)

**Program:** 2 hot breakfasts provided / Saturday Rodeo Themed Denim & Diamonds BBQ (hosts providing burgers, hot dogs and salad) / Potluck BBQ/ Desserts / Happy Hours / Campfire (weather permitting) / “Experience Newport” at your convenience.

**Reservations:** Book campsite directly with Campground @ \$52 /night (401) 539-7011 (winter phone)  
Or (401) 682-2424 after April 1. Sites F1 to F8 are near Pavilion which is available for us.  
Tell them you are with “The Cape Cod Mass Airstream Group”  
**Then send coupon below to Bob Scott** Kitty fee & site number if available.

**Directions: Southbound:** 1.7 miles south on Route 114 from the intersection of Routes 114 and 24. Then ½ mile west on Stringham Road and ½ mile north on Sullivan Road to entrance.

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**“Experience Newport Rally”**

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

Site Number (if available) \_\_\_\_\_ [Kitty Fee = \$10 /person] Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: **Bob Scott at 51 Old Post Rd. Newburgh, NY 12550**