

Connecticut



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



The only sure bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interests of the people, and a people strong enough and well enough informed to maintain its sovereign control over the government.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt



Gilles, our club beekeeper, modeled his headgear.

Link....
of the month

[Morrison's Airstream Links](http://www.dwmorrison.com/airstreamlinks.htm)

Do you know a great Airstream Link?
Send it in to share.

<http://www.dwmorrison.com/airstreamlinks.htm>

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

~ Mark Lupien

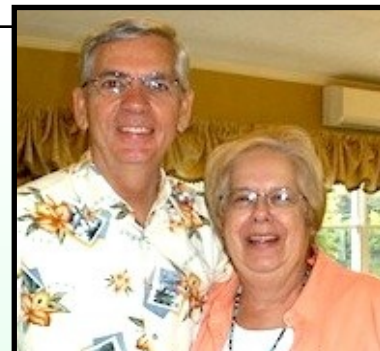
Marie and I have returned home safely to Massachusetts. The cool weather and recent snow flurries were a surprise but we quickly adapted with multiple layers of clothing and adjusting the thermostat appropriately. We hope that everyone's travels were as safe and uneventful as ours.

The Cape Cod Unit is hosting the 2014 Region 1 Rally in Essex Junction, Vt., May 29 - June 1st. As you are aware COCU will be holding our Spring Business Meeting at this event. The COCU Business Meeting will be on Friday May 30th at 9:00 AM in one of two rooms yet to be assigned.

There are several issues that will be discussed and voted on during our meeting in Essex Junction. The resulting votes will be brought to the WBCCI International in Gillette Wyoming and entered during the June 30, 2014 Delegates meeting. The following is a summary of the issues and the full text is available on the COCU web site, check out the (Links Page).

Candidates for 2014-2015 International Offices as proposed by the Nominating Committee: International President: Joe Perryman, First VP: Jim Schwerdfeger, Second VP: Richard Girard, Third VP: Jim Cocke, Recording Secretary: Vickie Courtney, Treasurer: Adolf Knopp, Nominating Committee: Karin Kurrkowski, Tom Smithson,

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SPRING LUNCHEON

Spring has sprung and the Snow Drops are done (maybe)!

Nineteen happy Airstreamers gathered at the Villa Restaurant in Sandy Hook on April 6. The sky was clear blue, the sun was shining, the food delicious and the conversations loud and lively. We covered everything from upcoming events, to greenhouses, and beekeeping.

~ Evelyn Watts

Future

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

June 20 - June 22, 2014

Corks & Kayaks at Lake Waramaug
Bard & Kath Fuller with
Ted & Lois Price

Question

If it takes six men one hour to dig six holes, how long does it take one man to dig half a hole? Answer Page 4



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We ordered off the menu and our lunches were made "to order".



Good food makes for pretty smiles.



Aili and Val get a star for the longest drive and finally making a decision.

and Jay Thompson.

Amendment No. 1: "Applications for Unit Charters outside of the present geographic areas of the established Regions shall be made directly to the WBCCI Headquarters." etc.

This amendment provides the groundwork for possible future overseas Units.

Amendment No 2: "The period for holding the International Rally and Annual Delegates Meeting shall be between June 20 and July 30."

This amendment would give the freedom needed to schedule the International Rally away from the July 4th holidays.

Amendment No 3: "Ownership, except as otherwise provided herein, of a recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., as defined in this Article, and the payment of annual Unit and International dues is prerequisite to retaining membership as a Regular Member".

This amendment is the first of two, possibly three, step sequence to allow annual dues of the WBCCI Membership to be collected thru WBCCI Headquarters.

~ Safe travels, Mark

Florida State Rally April 2 to 7, 2014

As shown on the cover of the March Blue Beret, the rally was held in a very unique location....Key West, FL, with 116 units in attendance. If you like the sea, sun and breezes, the Keys are the place to be. Enjoyed the scenic drive over the 7 mile bridge, relaxing at the campground, seeing the Bahia State Park, touring downtown and enjoying the sunsets. We even had a surprise visitor in the palm tree next to our Airstream (see photo). ~ Sandy Sasuta



My parents didn't want to move to Florida, but they turned sixty and that's the law.

~ Jerry Seinfeld





Sandy's Scuttlebutt



It's been a busy winter as usual at Travelers Rest in Florida.....here are a few highlights of our activities, and other Club news.

In March we enjoyed a New England Pot Luck Luncheon with many in attendance. Stories were shared along with a nice variety of meals. We look forward to it next year.

We all welcomed **Fran Ingallinera's** delightful brother, Steve. Also, we met **Mark & Marie Lupien's** lovely daughters, Cindy & Lynn. Sure hope they all will revisit.

Rick & Beth Petrie are wintering now at Traveler's Rest. It's really great to have more CT members here. **Bob & Jean Landry** were here too, and we hope to see more of them in the future.

Fred & Dale McGoldrick welcomed a new grandchild in March... sweet Adeline. Also their grandson graduates this May from West Point, while their granddaughter is currently stationed in Afghanistan. In addition, be sure to ask them about their tornado ordeal when they were out in Jackson Center, Ohio, and Fred's health emergency.

Rich & Dottie Walbridge left Florida earlier than planned, to help their son Rick who had an accident and fractured his ankle. We wish him a smooth recovery.

There may be a new kitchen in the future, in the Florida residence of **Ted & Lois Price**. Rumor has it that Ted promised this to Lois if she agreed to becoming a Florida Resident. Now that this has taken place, we shall see.

Soon **Rich & Kathy Kushman** will be uniting once again with their Airstream and continuing their great escapade in the southwest, while meandering back to CT...stay tuned for their blog.

Next time you talk to **Charlie & Jeanne Wilson** ask them about their truck breaking down and their injector adventure. Glad they made it safely back to CT.

Evelyn & Bill Watts enjoyed some vacation time in the Florida Keys....great location! **Michael and I** attended the Florida State Rally in Key West this April where we met our new members **Guy and Laura Weik**, this being the first rally they ever attended. We had a fun time, and look forward to seeing them at the June Rally.

Hope **Raymond Richard** is steadily improving after foot surgery.

Bob & Sharon Henschel are recovering from cataract surgery. We wish them well.

Ted & Lois Price are celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary in May. Fifty eight years of pure joy for both.

WBCCI Stars are awarded for every five years as a member. Please let me know if you are due a **star**.

Sorry to hear of the passing of **Joan Beardsley**, one of our past affiliates. She had many health problems, but never seemed to complain. She will be missed.

That's all for now, folks.

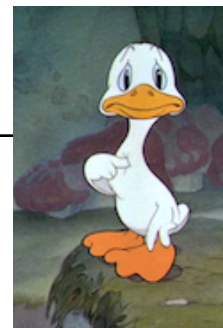
Scuttlebutt in slang usage means rumor or gossip, deriving from the nautical term for the cask used to serve water (or, later, a water fountain). The term corresponds to the colloquial concept of a water cooler in an office setting, which at times becomes the focus of congregation and casual discussion. Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn. Since sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became Navy slang for gossip or rumors. ~ Wikipedia

UGLY DUCKLING CAKE

By Sandy Sasuta

1 - Pkg yellow cake mix
1 -16 oz can fruit cocktail
2 1/3 cup Bakers Angel Flake Coconut
2 Eggs

1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup butter or marg.
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup evaporated milk



Combine cake mix, fruit cocktail with syrup, 1 cup of the coconut and the eggs in large mixer bowl. Blend, then beat at med. speed for 2 min. Pour into greased 13x9" pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar and nuts. Bake at 325 for 45 min. or until cake springs back when lightly touched. Bring butter, sugar and milk to boil in small pan...boil for 2 min. Remove from heat...stir in remaining coconut. Spoon over hot cake in pan. Serve warm or cool.



MAY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Bard Fuller	May 1
Joyce Rousseau	May 3
John J. & Serafina M. Bachar	May 5
Brenda Nicholas	May 6
Gilles Rousseau	May 6
Jean Landry	May 11
Lorraine Boylan	May 15
Grace Fuller	May 16
Raymond Richard	May 17
Frank & Donna Gauthier	May 20
John & Grace Fuller	May 21
William Watts	May 21
Ted & Lois Price	May 26
Richard & Kathleen Kushman	May 26
Michael & Sandy Sasuta	May 31

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Dale McGoldrick	June 1
J. Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould	June 2
Sebastian Pestretto	June 3
Richard Jackson	June 4
Russ & Rhona Fuller	June 8
Russ Melocik	June 15
Charles & Sharon Henschel	June 17
Jim & Corinne Burnham	June 17
Franklin & Jane Sanders	June 18
Russ Fuller	June 20
Philip Simmons	June 23
Bob & Jean Landry	June 25
Trevor & Gale Lake	June 25
Toni Nolder	June 27
Evelyn Watts	June 27
Robert & Barbara Moyer	June 30
Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto	June 30
Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck	June 30

FOR SALE

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

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 trailing equipment.
Contact Bob Henschel
860-274-3768

Palm Trees

There are over 2,500 species of palm trees. The Arecaceae family of plants includes wonderfully diverse species found throughout the world, from the desert to the rainforest.

Lots of staples come from palm trees. Coconuts are an obvious product of palm trees, but did you know that dates, betel nuts and acai fruit all come from palm trees as well? Palm oil, as its name indicates, also comes from the fruit of the oil palm tree.

Have you ever heard of palm wine? Yeah! Also called "kallu," palm wine is a common alcoholic spirit in regions of Asia and Africa. It can be created from coconut palms, date palms, the Chilean wine palm, and other species.

A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history—with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila.
~ Mitch Ratliffe

CONGRATULATIONS UConn

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
ON WINNING
2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
YOU MADE YOUR ALUMNI & STATE PROUD!



Unbelievable!

*I work
until beer
o'clock.*

~ Stephen
King

*I don't want a pickle, just want to ride on my
motorsickle. ~ Arlo Guthrie*



The most
wasted of all
days is one
without
laughter.

~ e. e. cummings

LINKS

Connecticut Unit Website:.....<http://connecticut.wbcci.net/>
Cape Cod Unit:.....<http://capecod.wbcci.net/>
Nice assortment of links:.....www.airstreamtrailers.com
Region One Website:.....<http://region1.wbcci.net/>
Airstream Life:.....<http://airstreamlife.com/>
WBCCI:.....<http://www.wbcci.org/>



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Answer from page one: No such thing as half a hole.



MID HUDSON HISTORICAL HOLLIDAY

AUGUST 21-24

New Paltz, New York



Charter Oak Unit / Cape Cod Unit

A Destination Rally / The 4 day premier rally with 4 Historical Cities

Hyde Park

Franklin D. Roosevelt's National Historical Site / FDR's Presidential Museum & Library
Vanderbilt's Mansion on the Hudson / "Val Kill" Eleanor Roosevelt National Historical Site

Poughkeepsie

"Locust Grove" Estate of Samuel Morse inventor of the Morse code / Vassar College
Culinary Institute of America / Walkway over the Hudson (world's longest footbridge)

Kingston

Hudson River Maritime Museum & Rondout Lighthouse / New York Trolley Museum
Volunteer Fireman's Hall & Museum / Camping World (camper's superstore)

New Paltz

Historical Huguenot Street (National Historical Landmark) tours / Adair Vineyard
"Locust Lawn"-Revolutionary Mansion / New Paltz downtown (funky college town)

Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller

bardfuller@hotmail.com 860 621 9246

Camping at the Ulster County Fairground / 30 amp elec*, water & dump station / Pet friendly

2 evening programs / 1 catered dinner (Sat) / 1 hot breakfast, 2 continental breakfasts

Saturday late morning 2 hour Mid Hudson Sightseeing River Cruise** (elective)

*Limited to first 16 units for 30 amp service **Deadline for cruise group rate discount is 8/1/2014

Directions: From the North (Albany) or the South (Newburgh) take the NY State Thruway I-87 to Exit 18 New Paltz. Take a left onto Route 299 West through the village and follow signs to 249 Libertyville Road (First left after crossing bridge outside of town). Check in time 10:30 am.

Name _____ WBCCI # _____ email _____

Site \$20 per night per unit ___ Thurs. ___ Fri. ___ Sat. # _____ X \$20 = _____

Kitty fee \$28 per person # _____ X \$28 = _____

(Fri. arrival deduct \$5)(children under 12 = ½ fee)

Sightseeing River Cruise (optional) \$18.50 p/p (group rate) # _____ X \$18.50 = _____

Payable to **Bard Fuller** 36, Panorama Dr., Southington, CT 06489 **Total \$** _____

(Example: 3 nights \$60 + 2 adults \$56 + 2 river cruises \$37 = \$153.00)