

Connecticut



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



Presidents Message

~ Bard Fuller

What grandeur it is to see the forsythia blooming with the simultaneous migration of the southern silver Airstreams to their New England homes. Here at the Fuller's home the annual ritual of opening up the Airstreams from their 6 months hibernation has begun. Yes, with two vintage Airstreams the annual surprises are to see what actually functions, where

are the newest leaks and will I need to polish again this season.

What a jump start to the camping season! In the next nine weekends we will be on the road to six WBCCI functions culminating with the International Rally in Farmington, New Mexico. Please join Kathy and me at Evie and Bill Watts' farm house for our spring kick-off potluck luncheon and a short business meeting on May 3rd. The flier is attached. Can't wait to hear about everybody's adventures and family happenings from the last six months. Please drop Evie and Bill a line to confirm that you are coming.

Val and Aili Galasyn tell me they only have three more sites available for the Portuguese Maritime Rally in the New Bedford/Fall River area the weekend of May 15-17. With Val and Aili sidelined this past week with health concerns Kathy and I scouted the campground and vicinity. We got a better feel for what is available and were thrilled by all that awaits us at Battleship Cove in Fall River as well as at the New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park. Not far from the campground will be a wine festival that weekend. We also came across a fabulous beach (Horseneck Beach) plus numerous country roads suitable for biking in historic Westport. For more information on this outstanding rally location refer to the flier which is attached. Please notify Val by Thursday May 7th as he needs to confirm our reservation to get the 25% discount.



One of the highlights of each season has been the Region 1 Rally. This year, though labeled as a Gathering, it will continue to have participants from all over New England and Quebec to share and renew friendships. Rick Cipot, Ernie Bauer, and Tye Mott will be featuring a Saturday morning pancake breakfast, a community happy hour and a region-wide potluck. What a treat it is to have it so close this year in Greenfield, Massachusetts. That's less than an hour from Hartford! Dates are May 29-31 and additional nights are available. See attached flier for more information and coupon.

Hope to see everyone down the road soon...very, very soon! ~ Bard

Down The Road

May 3, 12 noon

Spring Business Meeting & Luncheon
Bill & Evie Watts' home in Newtown

May 15-17

Portuguese Maritime Rally
(Fall River/New Bedford, MA)
Westport Camping Grounds, Westport, MA

May 29-31

Region One Meeting Rally
Franklin County FG, Greenfield, MA

June 4-7

New York City Rally (Joint Rally)
Liberty Harbor Marina
Jersey City, NY

June 19-21

Lobster Fest / Marina Buddy Rally
Portland Riverside Marina: Portland, CT

June 28-July 4

International WBCCI Rally
Farmington, New Mexico

July 23-26

Boston Harbor Island Rally
(buddy rally)
Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, MA

August 21-23

Rhinebeck Aerodrome Rally
Brook N Woods CG Elizaville, NY

September 18 -20

Coastal Connecticut Rally
Location: TBA

October 4

Installation Dinner Meeting
Manchester CC, Manchester, CT

December 6

Gingerbread Village &
Christmas Party Luncheon
Junipers Restaurant, Middlebury, CT

Question

What do you call a person who doesn't have all his fingers on one hand?

Civilization is like a thin layer of ice upon a deep ocean of chaos and darkness.

~ Werner Herzog



We are all looking forward to warm, sunny days for the month of May meaning.... no more snow flakes.

Welcome to new members: **ROY & SILVANA BERTALOVITZ** from New Fairfield, CT. We look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes to **BOB & JEAN LANDRY** who recently purchased a home in the village at Travelers



Jerry & Fran help Bob & Jean "move" - ok, drag their grill.

Rest. This brings the total count to 27 members wintering at TR. When anyone is vacationing in this area in Florida, please make it a point to stop and check it out.....call someone and let us know you are here.

RAY & BARBARA LANDMAN have started a new chapter in their lives. They are leaving Travelers Rest, purchased a condo in Boynton Beach and are selling their Airstream motorhome. We will see them in CT during the summer months with club activities using their Airstream Interstate. Enjoy your new condo and life style!

GILLES & JOYCE ROUSSEAU have plans for vacationing in Europe which includes attending a family reunion. We look forward to hearing/seeing all about it.

BARD FULLER has just finished a 2 week community theater engagement serving as Production Manager. **KATHY FULLER** is enjoying another year with her church choir. Our club sure has talented members among us!

VAL GALASYN is recuperating from pacemaker surgery. We wish him well.

Remember to check out the upcoming events for this year, and sign up. Also, If anyone has news to share for future articles, please let me know. ~

TAKE TWO ASPIRIN AND CALL US IN THE MORNING

Life has many challenges. For **us**, downsizing, moving to a new home, selling the old homestead, putting the Airstream up for sale - all meant many decisions.

One thing remained a "constant" and that was when the phone rang we answered it or happily received a phone message. If we wanted to make a call it was done with speed and precision. That was until a dear friend (who shall remain nameless) suggested "Smart Phones"! It was then, with the swipe of a credit card that life as we knew it suddenly changed.

After a couple of hours with a very tolerant Verizon rep Ted and I came home with a "His and Hers"; the Land phone and trusty old flip phone became just a memory. As we walked in the door an unfamiliar sound announced an incoming call. Of course neither of us knew how to answer it. We now know why it is called a "Smart Phone" - it is smarter than we are!

To my great disappointment it does not do laundry, the dishes, vacuum or the ironing, grocery shop or cook.. Come to think of it either does Ted so I suppose I could name him a Smart ---!! It has only been a couple of weeks so how many calls could we have really missed?

If you cannot reach us try taking two aspirin and call us in the morning. Ted and I will do the same. If you do not hear from us at all, please call 911 - we would have done it if we had known how!! ~ Lois Price





Spring Meeting - May 3

The business meeting should be quite short as I am unaware of any controversial topics from international. The list of nominees for international officers are located in the Blue Beret. As is so often the case, we have been given no other alternatives other than what has been nominated from the nominating committee. On occasion a great person will be nominated from the floor at the delegates meeting in New Mexico. I will be requesting your vote of confidence to allow me to vote for the best candidates as presented at the Board of Delegates meeting should there be additional choices.

There is an amendment to the constitution which I believe is a minor housekeeping issue concerning wording of how a vote at the international delegates meeting can be called if there is unanimous consent on an issue without a time consuming roll call. I endorse this change and I will ask your opinion and support. I will have all the details on specific wording at the business meeting.

Rich Kushman has found a new location for the September rally site at a Milford, CT town park. The fee to use the site is a minimum donation of \$200.00 to a scholarship or charity. The dry camping fee will be \$20.00 per unit. Rich has proposed the club cover any shortfall should less than 10 units attend or an additional good will donation. A discussion and a vote will be in order.

1 - The club only covers a possible shortfall. (less than 10 units)

2 - The club chips in at least \$100.00.

3 - The club is not involved.

PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING

I encourage as many officers and members to to attend the meeting at Bill and Evie's house to get a quorum. Committee chairs please come with a report if possible. All members please come with your thoughts and ideas for new business. ~ Prez

Bard's: Good , Bad, & Bizarre Airstreams "C"-STREAM

Did you know that Airstream made a Class "C" motorhome? Airstream

built a prototype and was featured by Airstream at the 2002 Rapid City Wyoming International Rally. A survey was taken of the rally members viewing this non-traditional Airstream. Personally, I found it quite dark inside as it had few windows. It also lacked a dinette though it had an interesting



counter bar stool arrangement. Evidently, it was not a big hit and Airstream never brought it to production and sold off this prototype.

It now has a home in the state of Maine and is often seen at Airstream/ non WBCCI rallies. I took this picture of it at the 2008 Vintage Trailer Jam in Saratoga Springs, NY which became the forerunner in many ways to the Alumapalooza Rallies. ~

Cape Cod & Charter Oak Units Unite for Rallies!!

We welcome the Cape Cod Unit as a co-unit sponsor of the Marina "Lobsterfest" Rally. Reservations are now being accepted for this popular June 19-20 Rally. For details and registration coupon see attached flier.

We will also have the Cape Cod Unit as a co-sponsor at the Rhinebeck NY Rally. Rally info and coupons will be available in the June Chatter.



"A truly destitute man is not one without riches, but the poor wretch who has never partaken of lobster."

~ anonymous

Who gives out presents to lobsters on Christmas?

Santa Claws!



A small group of Charter Oak members, including Ted & Lois Price, attended the Easter Sunday buffet at the Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club. Worth noting here is Ted's love of fresh oysters. The actual final count consumed by Ted can be found in the most recent *Guinness Book of World Records*.



Member Alert - Sandy Sasuta
When Sandy was born she was elected lifetime treasurer of the Charter Oak Unit. She also exercises her artistic abilities at Travelers Rest every winter.

A society deadened by a smothering network of laws while finding release in moral chaos is not likely to be either happy or stable. ~ Robert Bork

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

06/01	Fred & Dale McGoldrick
06/02	J. Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould
06/03	Sebastian Pestretto
06/08	Russ & Rhona Fuller
06/15	Russ Melocik
06/17	Charles & Sharon Henschel
06/17	Jim & Corinne Burnham
06/18	Franklin & Jane Sanders
06/20	Russ Fuller
06/23	Philip Simmons
06/25	Trevor & Gale Lake
06/25	Bob & Jean Landry
06/25	Guy & Laura Weik
06/27	Evelyn Watts
06/27	Toni Nolder
06/28	Jack & Michelle Paulishen
06/30	Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck
06/30	Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto
06/30	Robert & Barbara Moyer

MAY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

05/01	Bard Fuller
05/03	Joyce Rousseau
05/05	John J. & Serafina M. Bachar
05/06	Brenda Nicholas
05/06	Gilles Rousseau
05/11	Jean Landry
05/16	Grace Fuller
05/17	Raymond Richard
05/21	William Watts
05/21	John & Grace Fuller
05/26	Richard & Kathleen Kushman
05/26	Ted & Lois Price
05/31	Michael & Sandy Sasuta

FOR SALE

1999 34' Limited
With Hensley hitch.

Call Ted
(860)
841-2604



Answer from page One: Normal. All fingers are usually on two hands.

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[Love, Airstream Dream](#)

This Months Airstream Link

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/>

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 trailering equipment. Contact Bob Henschel 860-274-3768

FOR SALE

2007 22' Airstream Mercedes
Sprinter Chassis
Contact Frank Gauthier
203-325-8689



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**PORTUGUESE MARITIME RALLY****MAY 15-17, 2015****Hosts: Val & Aili Galasyn Assisted by Bard & Kathy Fuller**

We will be camping in Westport MA., half way between New Bedford and Fall River. These cities represent the center of the largest Portuguese-American community in the USA. When you think Portuguese you will always think maritime and we will immerse ourselves into that maritime history for the weekend.

Those who get in early will have Friday afternoon to explore New Bedford, known as the "Whaling City" because in the 19th century it was the most important whaling port in the world. Today, the New Bedford Whaling Museum is the centerpiece of the New Bedford Whaling Historical Park, a part of the National Park Service. At the National Park Visitor's Center make sure to see the free movie "The City That Lit the World" which is shown on the hour.

Then head out to see a working waterfront, the busiest fishing port in the U.S. noted for its scallops. Visit the Rotch-Jones-Duff House, a Greek revival mansion of the whaling era, or the Schooner Erestina and the Whaling Chapel. This town is all about whaling and its greatest treasure is the Whaling Museum with full size whale skeletons, mock whaling ships, and exhibits that bring to life the years of whaling. Here you will get a retrospective view of the importance and impact of the whaling industry.



Saturday is all about Fall River. Here is centered the nation's largest exhibit of historical ships including "Big Mammie" the USS Massachusetts with its enormous six 16 inch guns each over 60 feet long. This ship alone needed 2,000 men to operate at sea in wartime, a true floating fortress. There are also a destroyer, a submarine, a pair of rare PT boats, and thousands of maritime artifacts and exhibits. One will easily gain a greater appreciation of life of a sailor in the World War II era. Also at Battleship Cove is the the thrilling interactive Pearl Harbor Experience. Across the street is the Marine Museum featuring a world class exhibit of ship models and an extensive collection of artifacts from the Fall River Steamship Line as well as from the Titanic.

Those interested in the paranormal will want to visit the Lizzie Borden House. Many of the women folk may want to hit the factory outlet stores noted to bring out the hidden shopper in the best of us. For dinner we will reconvene to immerse ourselves in Portuguese cuisine at one of popular Portuguese restaurants.



Camping is at "Westport Camping Grounds" at 346 Old County Rd. in Westport, MA.. Each site will have electric (minimum of 20 amps), sewer, water and wifi. The campground is pet friendly for well behaved dogs. Check in time is 12 noon and check out is at 11am. The club has reserved a block of 10 sites at \$30 per night (25% discount). Reservations are needed by May 3.

Saturday breakfast: Hot oatmeal, Aili's famous coffee bread, Coffee/Juice/Tea Sunday: Portuguese Muffins, hard boiled eggs, fruit, cold cereal, Coffee/Juice/Tea

Directions: From points West take I-195 East to Exit 10 (Horseneck Beach Rt. 88) and follow South 4 miles to the second set of traffic lights at Old County Road. Take a left onto Old County and the campground entrance is ¼ mile on your left.

Name _____ WBCCI# _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Unit length _____

Fees: Portuguese Maritime Rally

Campground for Weekend (Friday & Saturday nights) = \$60.00
Kitty fee per person = \$6.00 Number in party ____ X \$6.00 = _____
Total = _____

Checks payable to: Val Galasyn (Please before May 3)

Mail checks to:

Val Galasyn
34 Buck Hill Road
Canterbury, CT 06331
(860)546- 9298
vgalasyn@charter.net



REGION ONE

2015 Gathering

The Franklin County Fairgrounds
87 Wisdom Way, Greenfield, MA 01301
Greenfield, Massachusetts
www.fcas.com



\$95⁰⁰

2015 Region One Gathering May 29, 30, 31, 2015

Please join us for the first Region One Gathering.

For only \$95 per Airstream - 15 amp power - water - dump station on level grass lawn.

Arrive Thursday and enjoy the local area.

Friday open day for unit business. Friday Evening Happy Hour presented by your Region Officers.

Saturday morning Pancake Breakfast - Region One Business Meeting 10:00 AM. Day to explore.

Saturday evening community Happy Hour followed by Pot-Luck Dinner.

Sunday continental breakfast and a safe trip home.

You can pick out your favorite chocolates and much more at Richardson's Candy Kitchen

You can visit Yankee Candle and restock your candle supply and dip your own candles too!

You can pick out some beautiful plants and perennials at Nasami Farm in Whately.

You can find a one-of-a-kind book at Schoen Books.

You can find ephemera and hundreds of antiques at Antiques at Deerfield

You can find a unique country-style housewarming present at the Old Deerfield Country Store

You can taste the new menu at the newly remodeled restaurant at the Deerfield Inn.

You can have a glass of wine and a great dinner at the Alina's Ristorante, in the village center of South Deerfield.

You can nuzzle a butterfly and enjoy a soft serv cone at Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens

You can see a historical exhibit at the Deerfield Museums

You can go back to the 1600s by touring the restored houses at Historic Deerfield

2015 Region One Gathering May 29, 30, 31, 2015

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: ☐

Please make your check out to WBCCI, Region One

Mail to: J. Rick Cipot, 44 Walnut Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801





Land Yachts at the Marina Rally 2015

"The Lobsterfest" June 19-21

Riverside Marina, Portland, CT (*Camping Buddy Rally*)



Hosts: "The Fuller Brothers": Bard & Russ along with Kathy & Rhona

Back by popular demand!! This site is a great location, right on the Connecticut River at an active marina. All the sites are under large shade trees and many have water views. All sites have water and electric (minimum of 20 amp). The unit tent and will be on the waterfront. Rest rooms and showers are available at the marina office. Great location for your kayak or canoe. Note, no dump station available. **Limited to only 23 sites.** A sell out in past years, don't be disappointed sign up early! Pet friendly!

Friday - Arrive 12 noon or after, 4:30 happy hour, dinner on your own, 8pm campfire & ice cream

Saturday - 8am Kathy's expansive continental breakfast

9am "Heritage Hour" Our unit's historical yearbooks on review & forum on the Units early days.

Noon hike to the Top Dog Airstream hot dog concession, 4:30 happy hour

6:00pm **Russ's awesome Lobster Clam Bake** or Chicken dinners,

7:30pm Trailer Open House (optional), 8:30 campfire

Sunday - 8am continental breakfast, 9am 2016 Campgrounds and Scheduling Forum

For rally information or camping before or after rally contact Bard Fuller at bardfuller@hotmail.com



Directions: From Hartford or Old Saybrook take Rt. 9 to Middletown then Rt 66 East over the Arrigoni Bridge. At the Intersection of 17A turn Right and continue on Rt 66 for 0.8 mile (4th traffic light). Take Right onto Grove St. go 0.4 mile. Right on Riverview Rd. go 0.2 mile. On your left is the "Riverside Marina" (there are several marinas make sure you are at "Riverside Marina"). Go through marina, look for silver.

From Rt 2 in Marlborough, Ct. travel Rt 66 West 11.9 miles to Grove St. Take a left then follow above.

Name _____	WBCCI # _____	Example: 2 persons/ camping rig
Email for updates _____		
Camping Fee for 2 night weekend with water & electric	\$60.00 _____	Camping = \$60.00
Kitty fee \$7.00 per adult (> 12 free) Number of adults _____	X \$7.00 = _____	2 X \$7.00 = \$14.00
Number of Saturday evening Lobster Clam Bakes _____	X \$25.00 = _____	2 X 25.00 = \$50.00
Number of Saturday evening Chicken Dinners _____	X \$7.00 = _____	0 X \$7.00 = _____
	Total = _____	Total = \$124.00

Make checks to: Bard Fuller
36 Panorama Drive.
Southington, CT 06489

Lobster Clam Bake limited to the first 40 requests.
Priority to those that are camping overnight and with
reservations made prior to June 7.



BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS RALLY

JULY 23-26, 2015

Hosts: Mark & Marie Lupien

Assisted by Bard & Kathy Fuller

Attention: The Boston Harbor Island Rally requires Reserve America Reservations. Early sign up is highly suggested so we can get grouped together. There is no guarantee how long these sites will be available. We would hate to have you miss out on this awesome rally opportunity!



We will be camping at Wompatuck State Park in the heart of historic Hingham, Massachusetts, an idyllic colonial town with its stately 18th and 19th century houses. The park entrance is just a few minutes drive to the harbor docks where you can hop on a non-stop passenger ferry to center city Boston. Our agenda on Saturday is to take the ferry to Georges Island, the centerpiece of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area which is composed of 34 islands and peninsulas of undisturbed coastline. Georges Island is located alongside the main channel to Boston's inter harbor making it a strategic location for Fort Warren which provided coastal defense in previous centuries. Today it is the heart of the National Park Preserve with Ranger tours of the fort. It is also the stepping off point for ferries to many of the other unspoiled islands which have wonderful kayaking and hiking opportunities. With the skyline of Boston in the background these islands are a hidden jewel in the metroplex of greater Boston. To preview this special island and the history of the fort check out this 9 minute YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xp7LEjvOXOo>

For those days that we are on the mainland, history abounds in neighboring Quincy, known as the "City of Presidents", the birthplace of John Adams and John Quincy Adams as well as John Hancock. Just minutes away one will find Nantasket Beach or the stunning vistas of the Cohasset coastline. Hingham is the location of the Old Ship Church, the oldest continually operating meetinghouse in the United States. Hingham is also the site for World's End, a 251 acre waterfront park designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted offering fabulous hiking and biking trails. All this and more are available for those who book this 3-4 day weekend adventure.

Back at the campground your hosts will be providing 3 breakfasts and overseeing a Saturday night potluck dinner. The campground offers 20 amp electric service at each site. Although there are no water connections at each site water spigots are found throughout the campground to use to fill your tanks. The heavily wooded campground provides a nice canopy of trees for shade. Nearly all sites are level and long enough even for our longest trailers. Check in time is 1 pm. A dump station is available upon your departure. **This rally has been designated as a buddy rally so bring along a non Airstream friend.**

Reservation & Camping Requirements:

1. - Book a site on the computer using Reserve America for Wompatuck State Park in Hingham, Massachusetts.

(presently \$26.00/night for out of state residents + R.A. service charge)

Your host will be at site # **F-017**. So pick a site on row F or close by.



2. - Contact Marie Lupien with:

- a) your site number,
- b) number of nights attending,
- c) payment of kitty fee: Thursday-Sunday = \$8/person
Friday-Sunday = \$5/person

Friday: Pancakes, sausage, coffee/tea/juice

Saturday: Muffins, yogurts, coffee/tea/juice

Sunday: Muffins, yogurts, coffee/tea/juice

Note: The islands are free of charge however there is a \$16 round trip ferry charge to the islands which will be purchased individually at the dock Saturday morning.

3. - Provide a pot luck item for Saturday supper.

Directions:

Take I-90 E to I-95 S to I-93 N. Take Route 3 South to Exit 14 and the intersection with Rt. 228. Follow Route 228 North for approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Free Street. Continue one mile to the park entrance at 204 Union St.. The camping area is 1.5 miles in the park on the right.

Pet Policy: Well mannered pets on a 6 foot or less leash are welcomed in the campgrounds. However, pets are not allowed on Georges or Spectacle Islands. Other islands and World's End Park are pet friendly.



Name _____ WBCCI # _____ Unit length _____

email _____ Site you have reserved _____

Nights you have reservations: Thurs _____ Fri _____ Sat _____

Number in party _____ @ \$8 per person Thursday-Sunday \$ _____

@ \$5per person if only weekend \$ _____

Make checks payable to
"Marie Lupien" and mail to:

Marie Lupien
198 Horse Pond Rd.
Sudbury, MA 01776

Boston Harbor Islands Rally

mlupien60@comcast.net

