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Charter Oak Chatter

May 2016



President's Message

~ Bard Fuller

Spring brings the snow goose migration to the Arctic Circle from the populated areas of northern North America through the St. Lawrence River Valley. The epicenter of this migration is the town of Montmagny which has built a social identity around these geese that includes festivals and legends. We southern New Englanders will also be migrating this summer to snow goose country and, in particular, Montmagny, site of the "Snow Goose Region 1 Rally" which is just outside the enchanting city of Quebec City. In this issue you will find more about the activities of this rally and the tourist mecca of Quebec City.

Over the last couple of issues of the Chatter you have read about our unit's caravan to Quebec which will be our premier unit activity of the year. The Quebec Unit, has devoted two years to the planning of the mid-summer Region Rally. Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and sign up for this awesome rally as well as our "Migrating North Caravan".

This spring we also welcome back all the migrating snowbirds that wintered down in Florida and hope to get reacquainted with you at our upcoming weekend rallies in Newport, RI and the Lobster Fest at the marina in Portland, CT. See you down the road as I "migrate" to some of my favorite camping areas. ~ Bard

Quebec City: Old France in the New World

~ Joyce and Gilles Rousseau

Approaching Quebec City on the Levis (lay-vee) Ferry gives an incredible first view of the city. The Chateau Frontenac immediately captures your interest as the biggest and most impressive building you can see. It dominates the skyline with its decorative turrets, green copper roof and immense size. (It was originally built in 1893 to resemble the chateaux of France.) Below it, on the banks of the Saint Lawrence River, are the docks where the ferry will land. The main road at this level (known as the Lower City) has many shops, old warehouses and tourist information. Take a leisurely stroll to visit some of the cafes and restaurants but save most of your energy to visit Vieux Quebec (Old Quebec) that rises up the hill. The Upper City is the most famous part of this ancient

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Question

I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I? - Page 7

When you're stressed; You eat Ice cream, cake, chocolate and sweets. Why? Because stressed spelled backwards is Desserts.

LINK OF THE MONTH

[Wandering With Purpose](#)

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sandy's
scuttlebutt



their 60th wedding anniversary on March 8th.

PAUL & JUDY GOOD spent 17 days on a cruise through the Panama Canal...what a special place to see!

We send our sincere sympathy to **MARK & MARIE LUPIEN** on the passing of his brother and uncle. **JUANITA & SEB PESTRETTO** also lost her sister. Other sad news was the passing of **HOWIE JONES'** stepfather.

Those that have reservations for the International Rally, please be sure to let Bard & Kathy Fuller know that you will be attending, so that you can all get together. ~

This month using all the fingers of Ted & Lois including their three daughters and also, reluctantly, Ted's ten toes, you will correctly reach the number of years Ted & Lois Price have been married - **CONGRATULATIONS TED & LOIS !**

"Slices of Life" - Book Review ~ Beth Petrie

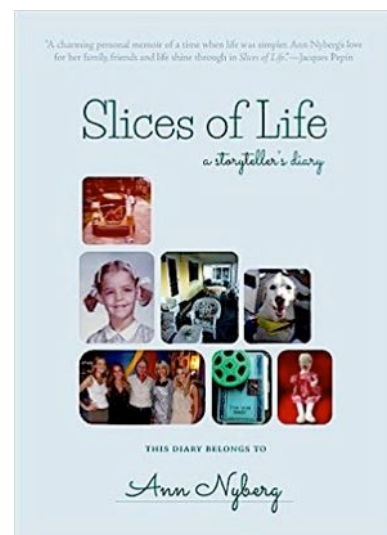
We all know Ann Nyberg as a newscaster on Channel 8 in New Haven, Ct, but she is also an author. I recently read her book, "Slices of Life". It is a nostalgic look of her family life in the 1960's and later when she married and raised three daughters. Stories flow of her mom always finding four leaf clovers, of her grandmother's tea parties, playing with friends for hours just using their imagination, and many more stories of lessons learned, civility, and wonderful Sunday dinners shared with the whole family.

Ann writes a thought at the end of each chapter. Two of my favorites are:

"Life is fragile, hold every day dear."

"Simpler is better. Use what you have. It's more interesting that way."

Read Ann's book while you're "traveling down the road" and enjoy. I bet you'll reminisce of your own family stories. Don't forget to share them. ~



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"Road to Region One"

July 29-31 Unit 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, just outside of Sherbrooke, QC

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

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. ~

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city and has winding streets lined with stone houses, boutiques, and of course, cafes and tourist shops. Be brave and climb the steep stairway lined with vendors and enjoy a great view as you ascend. If you see signs for the Old Quebec Funiculaire and are a bit tired from the climb, follow them and take the lift to the upper level for a minimal fee.

When you reach the top you will see a large public square with a huge statue of Champlain in the center and street entertainers all about. Be sure to walk the promenade overlooking the Saint Lawrence River. There are many benches to relax on and overlooks to enjoy. Look for the historic areas that are excavations into very old Quebec underneath the walkway with explanations and signs in English, so don't worry about that. Take a walk through the Frontenac and explore its shops and other offerings. There's so much to discover.

Another part of the Old City is located away from the waterfront. Go to Champlain's statue and walk around the parks in the opposite direction from the promenade. You can go to the Visitors Center to get more information and take a bus tour of the old city, or venture to a museum, a shopping area, or the Place Royale. Stopping here to relax over a beverage and something to eat is a delicious part of Quebec's allure. Do not rush, It is better to plan a return visit to this lovely old city rather than doing it all in one day.

We look forward to sharing this incredible city with our Airstream friends. I've only written about a few of the opportunities in this UNESCO World Heritage site. It's one of the oldest cities in the Western Hemisphere and has so much to offer. There are wonderful things to see and do throughout the Province of Quebec.

Please join us on the trip to Montmagny and the Region 1 Rally Aug 4-7. ~

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WHAT TO EXPECT AT OUR SNOW GOOSE REGION RALLY

Food is often a central theme of region rallies and the French Canadians may be the very best in seeing that nobody goes hungry. Breakfasts are planned for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Supper is provided Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. All are included with your paid registration fee. All you will need is your own plate, flatware, and beverage of your choice.

Also included, are two campfires, a professional show, an evening presentation about the snow goose by a local biologist and the opening and closing programs. Did I mention the ice cream social?

Friday morning is dedicated to the governing of the WBCCI at the region level. The Board meeting is preceded by an open forum discussion. Here you can voice your thoughts and find out what is new at the national level from our region officers. Saturday morning you can choose from several seminars on RV issues.

This area is a center for tourism and the Quebec Unit is providing several opportunities to capitalize on local attractions. Buses from the local camp area to the Quebec City ferry will be available on Friday. Saturday there is a planned boat cruise to Quarantine Island. (Each is at an additional charge.) Tourist information will be available on site for touring of Montmagny and Quebec City. Area bicycle tours will also be guided by members of the Quebec Unit.

The region rallies are all about the people. So, go to the events and be eager to introduce yourself and be part of the experience. Wearing your WBCCI badge is helpful, if not mandatory, to aid you in remembering the 90 or more names you will encounter.

All this and more...did we mention the Happy Hours???!!!!...can be yours this summer if you sign up for the "Snow Goose Region Rally". ~

THINGS TO BRING TO A REGION RALLY

Region rallies are most often not at campgrounds with individual site utilities. Often they can be at fairgrounds or city parks where utility outlets may be further away than originally anticipated. Be aware that electrical service may not be 50 or 30 or even 20 amps.

At least two 25 foot lengths of 5/8th inch ID drinking water approved hose

One water Y connector with 5/8th inch ID free flow

One water Y connector with built in shut off valves

Additional 25 foot length (at the minimum) of 30 amp electrical cord (beside the Airstream supplied electrical cord)

A step-down receptacle or pigtail for 30 to 20 amp connection

A 50 to 30 amp connector (if your RV has a 50 amp service)

Identification markings on all hoses, cords and attachments with name or WBCCI number

Extra blocking

Flag poles to fly your flags ~



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2016 Charter Oak Calendar

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-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 Rally (joint with Cape Cod) Greenfield, MA
July 31-Aug 3	"Road to Region One" 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 16	Installation Luncheon Fall business meeting Manchester, CT
Dec 4	Holiday Luncheon TBA

The marina rally will again feature our own lobster feast in Portland, CT June 3-5. The Spring Business meeting is also at this rally and is scheduled for 9:30 Saturday morning. Centrally located in Connecticut let us all try to attend, with or without trailer. We will be voting on the new Region & International officers. This is also a buddy rally so bring a friend with any brand RV to share our lifestyle for this weekend. Reservations now being accepted. See attached flier. ~



Do it again Russ !!!



July 15-17

Lake Waramaug Rendezvous offers a simple relaxing inexpensive weekend in an awesome waterfront location. See attached flier for information.

Mari-Jo and Howie Jones along with **Russ and Rhona Fuller** recently attended the Pets & Paws Rally with their furry family members. Several of the "Wallies" went out and toured the Simpson Springs historical soda bottling plant. Thought you would like MJ's photo of Saturday morning's hard boiled eggs. Cute idea! ~



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Bard's Good, Bad & Bizarre Airstreams

One of the most interesting Airstreams in Quebec, Canada is owned by WBCCI Quebec Unit members Jean-Pierre Meilleur and Clemence Lemay. This is a factory built 5th wheel prototype produced in 1979. Most traditional 5th wheel trailers have a raised room over the gooseneck. This trailer, however, has a lower profile yet still allows a full queen size bed over the gooseneck.

Airstream never made a production model, silver bullet shaped 5th wheel. It did however produce several fiberglass squared off trailers that we will visit in next month's Chatter.

Recently, this Quebec 5th wheel trailer had been refurbished at Nomad Airstream in Plattsburgh, NY to give it a higher stance and more level hitching configuration to accommodate our newer taller pickup trucks. It is likely that we will get to see this most interesting Airstream when attending the Snow Goose Region Rally in August. ~



Airstream Acquires NEST Caravans

Jackson Center, Ohio based [Airstream, Inc.](#) has acquired the assets of [NEST Caravans](#), an Oregon based molded fiberglass trailer company that saw its first prototype produced in just the past year... [Read More](#) [And More](#)

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MAY

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

05/01 Bard Fuller
 05/03 Joyce Rousseau
 05/05 John J. & Serafina M. Bachar
 05/06 Gilles Rousseau
 05/06 Brenda Nicholas
 05/11 Jean Landry
 05/16 Grace Fuller
 05/17 Raymond Richard
 05/18 Cindy Vieira
 05/21 William Watts
 05/21 John & Grace Fuller
 05/26 Richard & Kathleen Kushman
 05/26 Ted & Lois Price
 05/28 Wiley & Gail Downing
 05/31 Michael & Sandy Sasuta

WANTED

Airstream B-Van

Contact Rick & Beth Petrie
 203-932-2184 tprobe47@att.net

Answer

Seven



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/>

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 Jim & Corinne Burnham
 06/17 Charles & Sharon Henschel
 06/18 Franklin & Jane Sanders
 06/20 Russ Fuller
 06/25 Guy & Laura Weik
 06/25 Trevor & Gale Lake
 06/25 Bob & Jean Landry
 06/27 Evelyn Watts
 06/27 Toni Nolder
 06/28 Jack & Michelle Paulishen
 06/30 Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto
 06/30 Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck
 06/30 Robert & Barbara Moyer

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

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FOR SALE

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



Airstream

1999 34'
 Limited

Call Ted
 (860) 841-2604

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.

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

"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**

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Lobsters at the Marina Rally



June 3-5, 2016

Riverside Marina, Portland, CT (Buddy rally)

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

Always the most popular rally of the year. 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 will be on the waterfront. Rest rooms and showers are available at the marina office. Great location for kayaking or canoeing. Pet friendly! Note, no dump station available.

Limited to only 23 sites.

Friday - Arrive 12 noon or after, 4:30 Happy hour, Dinner on your own, 8pm Campfire & Ice cream

Saturday - 8am Fire up the King Cookers!!!! Boil in the bag omelets

9:30am Charter Oak Unit Spring business meeting

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 pancake breakfast, 9:30am Sidewalk Cafe

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 \$28.00 = _____

2 X 28.00 = \$56.00

Number of Saturday evening Chicken Dinners _____ X \$7.00 = _____

0 X \$7.00 = -----

Total = _____

Total = \$130.00

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 May 15.



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, 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). 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 Larry Lamontagne

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.

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

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

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