



President's Message ~ Evelyn Watts



The honking of a skein of geese flying overhead in the clear blue sky brought to mind our migrating COCU snowbirds who are returning from the sunny South. We look forward to seeing all of you at our first rally "A WHALE OF A TIME" - in Mystic May 19-21. Kathy and Bard promise us a wonderful time, starting with lobster at Abbott's in Noank on Friday evening. The finale will be our spring membership meeting on Sunday morning. Even if you are not camping come and join us for breakfast and stay for the meeting. It will be fun to reconnect and share stories of the past winter and plans for the coming summer.

Our rig has been in hibernation since November. Bill has promised that he will pull it out of the barn by May 1 so that we are all set to leave for the Region One Gathering in Fryeburg, Maine on Thursday morning. To date four members will be representing our unit - #8988, #5406 and #5535. Bring out our award-winning directory for this exercise.

Happy travels everyone. ~ Evie

Question

What do you throw out when you want to use it, but take in when you don't want to use it?

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Note:

The link of the month is a blog by new COCU members James & Jenny Frost from Winchester Center, CT

LINK OF THE MONTH
NOMADS IN LOVE

<https://nomadsinlove.blog/2017/01/24/>

Sandy's Scuttlebutt



Welcome to new members **JAMES & JENNY FROST** from Winchester Center, CT, and **ROBERT & ESTRELLA KRISH** from Kent, CT. We look forward to meeting you all at an upcoming event.

Get well wishes to **PAUL GOOD**, who recently had major back surgery. We all hope for a full recovery.

Our sincere sympathy to **BUD GOULD** on the recent loss of his daughter Judy, after a long battle with cancer. Also **KATHY KUSHMAN'S** mother passed away on April 23rd, one day short of her 95th birthday. We send our condolences.

We have had a great winter in Florida and now look forward to an exciting camping season. Be sure to look at the schedule of activities, mark your calendars and sign up to join the fun. ~

Secret Recipe

BULGER
(Wheat Pilaf)
~ Russ Melocik

- Olive Oil
- Orzo
- 1 Cup Bulger Wheat
- 1 Can Campbell Chick Broth
- Water
- Pepper

DIRECTIONS

Have all ingredients handy and ready to combine. Over hot burner in a 1-2 Qt pot, add Orzo to cover the bottom. Cover the Orzo with olive oil. Heat at highest burner setting until the instant the Orzo starts to turn tan. Immediately add Bulger Wheat, chicken broth and 2/3 broth-can water in that order. Sprinkle with ground black pepper. As soon as the mix boils, stir from the bottom and lower heat to the lowest setting that will maintain simmer. Serve moist. Cooks like rice. Hint: Do not overcook. Do not substitute for Campbell Chicken Broth. Do not substitute for OliveOil. Bulger is pronounced "Bull'whore."



Join the gang.
Twelve trailers and counting.
See everyone at the Mystic KOA
May 19 – 21!

Bard's Good, Bad and Bizarre Airstreams



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) _____ May: Mystic, CT Rally
 _____ August: Cooperstown, NY Rally _____ Sept.: Millford, CT Rendezvous
 _____ 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.

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.

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
05/18	Cindy Vieira
05/20	Donald & Eileen Allers
05/21	John & Grace Fuller
05/21	William Watts
05/26	Richard & Kathleen Kushman
05/26	Ted & Lois Price
05/28	Wiley & Gail Downing
05/31	Michael & Sandy Sasuta

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	Bob & Jean Landry
06/25	Guy & Laura Weik
06/25	Trevor & Gale Lake
06/27	Toni Nolder
06/27	Evelyn Watts
06/28	Jack & Michelle Paulishen
06/30	Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck
06/30	Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto



LINKS

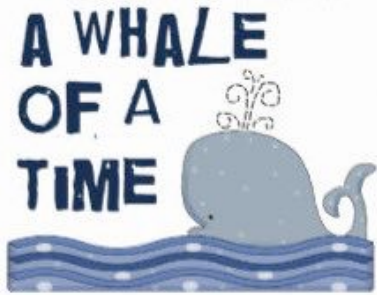
Connecticut Unit Website:.....<http://connecticut.wbcci.net/>
 Cape Cod Unit:.....<http://capecod.wbcci.net/>
 Nice assortment of links:.....www.airstreamtrailers.com
 Region One Website:.....<http://region1.wbcci.net/>
 Airstream Life:.....<http://airstreamlife.com/>
 WBCCI:.....<http://www.wbcci.org/>



Answer
An Anchor

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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 (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

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



Region One Gathering 2017



Thursday May 4th thru Sunday May 7th *

Fryeburg is rich in history and recreational opportunities. This oldest town in the region boasts eleven buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Three of its twelve parks are historic sites. Many parks offer swimming, walking trails, tennis or fishing. Other activities offered visitors are canoeing on the Saco River or Lovewells Pond, or hiking on a variety of trails. Fryeburg residents invite you to visit their unique town

\$ 140.00 PER RIG W/TWO ADULTS INCLUDES TWO HOT BREAKFASTS AND SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST. DINERS ON YOUR OWN OR IMPROMPTU POT LUCKS.

THURSDAY ARRIVAL / PARKING

5:00 UNIT HOSTED HAPPY HOUR

FRIDAY 8:00 BREAKFAST

DAY ON YOUR OWN

5:00 UNIT HOSTED HAPPY HOUR

SATURDAY 8:00 BREAKFAST

9:30 REGION ONE BUSINESS MEETING

5:00 UNIT HOSTED HAPPY HOUR

7:30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL / NEU 2018 RALLY PRESENTATION

SUNDAY 8:00 BREAKFAST AND FAREWELLS

* No Early Birds or Late Departures.

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:

Yes, I would like to volunteer to help with breakfast

**Please make checks payable to: Tye Mott (cell: 716-866-2503)
Mail to: Tye Mott - 7719 Omphalius Road - Colden, NY 14033**

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WHO'S ON FIRST?

"WATTS" ON SECOND!

I DON'T KNOW'S ON THIRD!

Rally in Cooperstown, NY

"The Home of Baseball"

Thurs., August 17 - Sun. August 20

THINGS TO DO: Baseball Hall of Fame...Farmer's Museum...Fenimore Art Museum...Brewery Ommegang...Hyde Hall... Petrified Creatures Museum...Fly Creek Cider Mill...Howe Caverns...Secret Caverns...Glimmerglass Queen Boat Tours

Hosts: *Evie and Bill Watts* 203-426-5532 *evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net*

THURSDAY - Check in is 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Happy Hour

FRIDAY - 8 a.m. Pot Luck Breakfast. Coffee, tea, juice provided

5 p.m. Beer Tasting with baseball snacks and happy hour. Dinner on your own

SATURDAY - 8 a.m. Continental breakfast

4:30 Happy Hour

6 p.m. Baseball fare - hotdogs with assorted toppings, potato salad, chips, desert

SUNDAY: Breakfast - CLEAN THE REFRIGERATOR...beverages supplied. - Checkout is 11 a.m.

Reserve directly with Cooperstown KOA 315-858-0236 -- \$47.51/night, full hookups, Aug. 1 deadline

Directions to Cooperstown KOA, 565 Ostrander Road, Richfield Springs, NY - Traveling west on Route 20 - Turn Right on McShane Road ¾ mile after the Route 80 intersection (stop light). Follow signs to KOA campground.

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Kitty Fee \$10 per person (Coupon accepted) Send Kitty Fee and coupon to Evelyn Watts, 55 Hattertown Road, Newtown, CT 06470

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Email _____

Number attending _____ x \$10 Kitty Fee PP = _____ less \$15 coupon = \$ _____

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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.

“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**

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Charter Oak Connecticut Unit

Green Mountain Getaway Rendezvous

JULY 7-9, 2017

Join Your Hosts Wiley & Gail Downing at Bald Mountain Campground

Townshend, VT

30 amp electric, water, dump station

Reservations: directly with the campground. (802-365-7510) Make sure you tell them you are with Airstream Group in the Safari Field we have sites 29-44 reserved. Rate is \$29 a night, if we get 10 or more trailers there will be a 10% discount. There is no deposit required and payment will be due upon arrival but **reservations must be made by 6/23** We will have shared use, at no charge, of the huge pavilion in case there is inclement weather. There is another small group that might share use of the pavilion as well.

This will be a Buddy Rendezvous, so bring a friend, the more the merrier!

Visit Historic Townshend Covered Bridge/ The Vermont Country Store/ Basketville/Beautiful Grafton VT close by, Vermont Breweries aplenty, downtown Brattleboro. Lots to do in the area!

Yankee Candle is an easy on and off perhaps on your way to the Rendezvous, or on your way home. Lots to cover in that store!

Arrive anytime after 1:00PM Friday, Happy Hour 5:00 Host site #43

Saturday happy hour bring your favorite hearty appetizers. Planning a 5:00 time

Sunday 7:30 am , Coffee, Tea , fresh fruit and morning pastries.

DIRECTIONS: From I-91, Exit 3, Rte 5 south to Rte 30 North, Rte 30 north for 15 miles. Turn left onto State Forest Road for 2 miles. Bald Mountain Campground is on the right

Green Mountain Getaway Rendezvous

Name _____ WBCCI# _____ Site # _____

return to Gail Downing, 8 Old Shelter Rock Road, Danbury, CT 06810 or email same info to ctnanabug@comcast.net

4th New York City Base Camp

Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ
Thu 6/8/17 – Sun 6/11/17



Come and join us for another long weekend of fun New York City exploration! No need to list everything you can do - there is something for everyone in NYC. Our base camp is very close to the city, providing convenient access to the subway (NJ PATH) as well as ferries to Manhattan.

More units = More fun: The Quebec Unit is back with us and the White Mountains Unit is joining us, too.

Do it yourself program: This rally does not have a formal program, other than when we serve coffee in the morning and when we gather for happy hour in the late afternoon. We'll help you coordinate your interests and excursions with others that are attending by fanning out emails. **This worked really well the last times we held this event.** Everyone ended up doing something they wanted to do, at their pace, often sharing those experiences with old and new Airstream friends.



A few things to keep in mind:

- **Sites are limited – reserve before 1st week of December 2016** or risk not getting a spot
- We cannot guarantee that we can give you a refund, but we'll do our best
- Extra nights are possible – see next page for details

Name: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell phone: _____ Length (ft): _____

WBCCI Unit: _____ Arrival: _____ Nights: _____ Total USD: _____

Send check for **\$320.00** US to: Per Hamnqvist, 2 Queens Way, Merrimack, NH 03054. This includes **3 nights** of camping (water & electricity), plus morning coffee. Email: p.hamnqvist@gmail.com. Cell: 603-866-6440.

EASY, BREEZY, WALNUT BEACH RENDEZVOUS ~ MILFORD, CT



SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017

HOSTS: Gilles & Joyce Rousseau ~ Michael & Sandy Sasuta
Questions ~ Email: sandysas1001@gmail.com Phone: 203-494-7467

Arrive after 11 AM Friday – DRY CAMPING ONLY (No water, electric or dump) Come with full tank of water. Limited number of spaces. Walnut Beach is a smoke and tobacco free area.

FRIDAY - 4:00 PM Social Hour
5:00 PM Papa’s Pizza. If interested in having pizza, we will discuss on Friday the types to order, and the cost. (See menu on line)

SATURDAY – Explore the Milford Area
5:30 PM Local Restaurant (order from menu) or eat on your own.

SUNDAY - Depart by 2 PM

Take Exit 34 off 95. At bottom of ramp, turn right onto US1. After 2nd traffic light, get over to left lane, going past the Bridgeport Flyer (Diner) on the left. Turn left at 3rd light which will have a green arrow, Naugatuck Avenue. Continue on Naugatuck for a total of 1.1 miles to the STOP SIGN. You MUST turn left at the stop sign onto E. Broadway...keep going .4 miles, then turn right into the entrance to the parking lot.

Name _____ **WBCCI #** _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____ **Length** _____

Total Camping Fee to be donated to Milford Parks & Recreation:
1 Person per Airstream....\$25.00//2 Persons per Airstream....\$30.00
Send Check to Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460