

Connecticut



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

Presidents Message

~ Bard Fuller



Greetings Caravaners! Here comes the new crew!!!!

It had been only minutes since Mark Lupien gaveled out the Fall Business Meeting and what do I see but Mark bestowing upon me the gavel, followed by boxes of the club's most valued documents. These boxes included among other things notebooks with titles ranging from WBCCI Code of Ethics to the Unit Idea Book. Yes, I have in my possession the lyrics to songs such as "The Blue Beret Waltz" and the "Hee Haw Song". I'll bet most of you did not know there is an official WBCCI song book. Then there was the Cents for Children jar. Oh yes, there were flags, dozens of award ribbons and the gold plated flag pole, -which by the way is taller than the length of the interior of my Bambi. I guess that gets strapped to the roof. Where does one store all this when one lives in a 17 foot trailer?

Mark and Marie you may have cleaned out your trailer but one thing you and the rest of us will keep was a year of wonderful memories of rallies and luncheons that you assembled in 2014.

Although the 2015 schedule is still a work in progress, the core of the schedule is presented here in The Chatter. It will have fewer luncheons up north reflective of the fact that fewer of us are wintering here in Connecticut. It will be compensated by an All-Star line up of rallies for when all our forces are gathered for the camping season. There are many new venues, most having a significant new attraction for each rally. Even a few of the luncheons will be combined with an activity or an attraction. Please consider marking your 2015 calendar today and making it a point to participate throughout the year with your Airstreaming companions.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to host a rally or a luncheon. It has the potential to be an AMAZING year with all your help. ~

Down The Road

December 7, 2014

Holiday Dinner
Dakota Restaurant
Ted & Lois Price

January 18, 2015

UCONN Potluck
Bard & Kathy Fuller

June 4 - 7, 2015

New York Rally
Per Hamnqvist

Reserve Early - Limited Sites



Lunch at the Country Club ~ Joyce Rousseau #8988

Sunday dawned cool and very windy but sunny and clear for our yearly trip to Manchester Country Club for our Nov. Charter Oak luncheon meeting. There were about 40 members who joined in the fun hosted by Bob and Helen Sanda. Gilles and I arrived a bit late to find friendly conversations already filling the room. People were milling around reconnecting with lots of familiar and some new faces. It's always great to catch up on past events and discover what's coming up in

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Question

A sundial is a timepiece that has the fewest number of moving parts. Which timepiece has the most moving parts?

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We woke up the other morning and thought we were back up north because it was 36 degrees. Then by afternoon when it hit 75 degrees, we knew we were definitely in Florida. We miss seeing the fall colors, but it's great to see the palm trees swaying in the tropical breezes.

Last month we mentioned **RUTH & ROGER CROCKETT'S** 60th wedding anniversary, and wondered if they had a party. Well, after their granddaughter took them shopping and they returned to their home....SURPRISE...the party was all set up and beautifully decorated in their own home. They were totally surprised and thankful to their family for arranging this special occasion.

RUTH CROCKETT also recently had knee replacement surgery and is doing well. We send get well wishes.

NIELS ROSENBECK had his other cataract surgery and is seeing better each day.

Please keep **SHARON HENSCHEL, MARK LUPIEN** and **JERRY INGALLINERA** in mind as they are having some health problems.

On a sad note, former member **ELSIE NELSON** passed away on November 2, 2015. She was 96 and lived a full life, never complaining about anything. She was always eager to participate in an adventure, and enjoyed many caravans.

Happy Cruising!!! To **RAY & BARBARA LANDMAN** on their upcoming trip. We look forward to hearing all about it. ~



11 Fun Facts about Airstream Trailers

~ From Mental Floss

You've seen them on the road or in films and TV, but how much do you really know about the super-hip silver trailer? In the late 1920s, Airstream's founder Wallace (Wally) Merle Byam created a travel trailer in his backyard to satisfy his wife's refusal to camp without her kitchen and her dislike of sleeping on the ground. Their travels with this trailer generated such interest Byam began fulfilling folks' requests for trailers in his backyard, which led to selling plans in the back of magazines and eventually the 1932 founding of the Airstream Trailer Company. Here are 11 facts about the revolutionary trailers.

1. Wally Byam was a ridiculously quotable marketing genius.

If he were around today, he'd be the king of the sound bites. Here's a sample of a few of his *bon mots*:

"It's better to wear out than to rust out."

"Adventure is where you find it, any place, every place, except at home in the rocking chair."

"France is the trailer paradise of the world."

"If you don't know what else to do, drink beer."

"Just as all the world loves a lover, it has been my experience that all the world loves a trailerite."

2. Vincent Price narrated a miniseries about the Airstream.

In the 1950s, Wally Byam organized Airstream caravans to various exotic overseas locales, a tradition that continued after his death in 1961. These trips, put together by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI), generated much excitement and buzz both in the places visited and back home in the USA. Wally wrote, "we feel that we have spread more honest-to-goodness, down-to-earth goodwill in the countries we've visited than all the striped-pants diplomats put together."

From 1963 to 1964, the Around the World Caravan did just what its name suggested, closely following an historic route mapped by Marco Polo in the late thirteenth century. The group started in Singapore and 403 days and 31,000 miles later ended the caravan in Lisbon, Portugal. The *National Geographic Society* documented this trip, and in 1966 the "Around the World Caravan" miniseries appeared on television, narrated by the spooky actor. Price commented on the event, "A flying saucer landing could not have created more of an interest than an Airstream caravan."



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friend's lives. (Who's going south when and to where???) We got settled a little after 1 pm, listened as Jerry Ingalinera said the blessing, and then enjoyed a delicious meal served promptly and efficiently by the staff. President Bard Fuller welcomed folks after the main course and introduced Brian Brosnahan who donated an electrical hookup box to COCU for use at rallies. Other news was delayed till after dessert so look for these items elsewhere in this Chatter. We had to leave early so I'll be looking for them, too.

Our thanks go to Bob and Helen for organizing such a nice venue and to everyone who attended for supporting this activity. It was a very pleasant time spent among friends. ~

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3. There was a square Airstream.

Silver Bullet, Silver Burrito, Silver Twinkie; Canned ham, Toaster-on-Wheels ... there are many nicknames for the iconic silver streamlined design, but from 1986 to 1991 a new shape was added to the mix. These squared off Airstreams (there were two models: a traditional travel trailer and a 5th wheel) closely resembled the familiar boxy blueprint of non-Airstream RVs, but die-hard fans were not amused. At the time, the "Squarestream" was banned from the Wally Byam Caravan Club (a decision that has since been reversed) and the company's decision to produce them was compared to the "New Coke" debacle of the 1980s.

4. There are eight Airstreams buried nose down in the ground next to I-4 in 15 miles from Tampa, Florida. (Exit 14 on the I-4, near Dover).

Known as the Airstream Ranch, this homage/eyesore/art installation (depending on your perspective) was almost sent to the junk pile after local businesses complained it was a visual nuisance. Ten thousand people signed a petition to save it and in 2012, a judge declared the grouping not junk, a sign or illegal storage of the trailers—and the Airstreams remain. Whether or not it's art is still up for debate.

5. Though the company's product is often referred to as the "Silver Bullet" Airstream's Silver Cloud model was not silver, nor bullet shaped.

Early models were made of Masonite, a type of hardboard made of pressed-wood fibers with a wood frame. These trailers were teardrop shaped and two-toned. The 1936 Airstream Clipper was the first bullet shaped Airstream made of riveted aluminum—and kind of looked like an alien.

6. Before all the hipsters were doing it this century, in the 1950s, Byam recommended using the Chemex coffee maker.

"I personally like the Chemex outfit with filter papers," Byam once wrote. "I wish Chemex would make this deal out of stainless steel, as I am continually breaking the glass coffee makers they provide." Both the Chemex coffee maker and an Airstream trailer have been on display at the MOMA in New York City.

7. Aluminum trailers (including Airstream) stopped production during WWII.

Airstream stopped production during WWII as aluminum was classified as a critical war material and the War Production Board ordered the suspension of the production of travel trailers for personal use. Wally shut the plant in 1942, but reformed Airstream, Inc in 1948 with the Airstream Liner.

8. There are Airstream hotels in France and South Africa.

South Africa's Granddaddy Hotel created a rooftop Airstream trailer park by hoisting the trailers up top by crane. France's BelRepayre Airstream and Retro Trailer Park not only has Airstreams to rent as rooms; there's an Airstream bar called the Apollo Lounge. If you don't want to travel that far to stay in an Airstream for a night, there are plenty of Airstream hotels, bed and breakfasts and permanent trailer parks here in the US.

9. The look of the Airstream trailer was inspired by the Streamline Moderne design aesthetic.

A stripped-down version of the Art Deco movement, a streamlined design did influence function (think Streamliner trains) but "streamlining" eventually evolved into a design trend that suggested forward movement and speed with a futuristic appeal. It was extremely popular in the 1930s and 40s and was applied to stationary objects such as toasters, staplers and alarm clocks among many other things. Oddly enough, this look has endured and retained its appeal and futuristic feel.

10. Pamela Anderson once owned an Airstream equipped with a stripper pole.

Dubbed the "Lovestream," this all-white Airstream was a gift from Hugh Hefner in 2001. The trailer contains *Playboy* logos on the couch, mirrored ceilings, white shag carpeting, and a circular vibrating bed.

11. Trailering was so popular in the early days of Airstream that in the mid 1930s there were about 48 trailer companies, but within 5 years there were 400.

Airstream is the only one that remains today. Though in 2013 the Bowlus Road Chief—the first riveted aluminum trailer that served as inspiration for Airstream's iconic design—was reissued by a longtime enthusiast.

In the new book Airstream: The Silver RV, Tara Cox discusses the history of the famous trailer and how it became an American icon. ~



NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy Sasuta	November 1
Gilles & Joyce Rousseau	November 2
Bill Korb	November 4
Clarence Gould	November 9
Beth Petrie	November 10
Paul Good	November 10
Ronald & Brenda Nicholas	November 11
Parker Boylan	November 13
Winnie Mangano	November 16
Jeff Blackwell	November 18
Helen Sandall	November 28
Gail Billings	November 28
Cynthia Melocik	November 28
Charlie & Sandy Eglise	November 29

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Susan Johnson	December 10
Charlotte LaRocca	December 12
Sandra Flood	December 13
Gale Lake	December 15
Parker & Lorraine Boylan	December 17
Robert Moyer	December 19
Kris Fletcher	December 21
Ray & Barbara Landman	December 23
Philip & Frances Simmons	December 26

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself.
~ Mark Twain

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An Hour Glass.

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This Months Airstream Link



Two little old ladies were attending a rather long church service. One leaned over and whispered, "My butt is going to sleep." "I know," replied her companion, "I heard it snore three times!"

Larry watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, mommy?' he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter, asked Larry 'Giving up?'

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- Airstream Life:.....<http://airstreamlife.com/>
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***Women's Basketball
Tailgating Potluck
January 18 at 12:30pm***
(Tip time is 1pm)

UCONN vs. University of South Florida

Host: Bard & Kathy Fuller

(860) 621-9246 bardfuller@hotmail.com

Come with a potluck item to share

Host will provide soda, beer and coffee

**Come with your UCONN Apparel
& plenty of *SPIRIT!!***

***Location: The Fuller's Home
36 Panorama Drive
Southington, CT***



Directions: From I-691(Cheshire or Meriden) go West towards Southington on Meriden-Waterbury Rd. (CT 332) for 1/3mile. Take a right onto Meriden Ave. (CT 120) for 2/3 mile. Take a right onto Savage St. for .03 mile. Take a right onto Blue Hills Dr. for .03 Mile. Panorama Drive is the 2nd left and 36 Panorama Dr. is a Tan house on the left.