



# Connecticut

Charter Oak Chatter

November 2012



The girls with Bill Lepp one of our favorite story tellers.

## Storytelling Was Special

~ Sandy Sasuta

The 40<sup>th</sup> National Storytelling Festival was an enjoyable experience that we all would attend again (Kushmans, Prices and Sasutas). The rally location was at the fairgrounds in Gray, TN, but the actual

festival took place 7 miles away in Jonesborough, TN, Friday through Sunday, 10 AM to 5 PM, one hour performances, with half hour intermissions. A wide variety of subjects were covered from  
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## Presidents Message



Greetings!, This is my last message as president. I want to again thank everyone who assisted me this past year. Whenever possible I look forward to helping others, as Lynn did for me, with any projects. Please consider taking on a club event or task and if I can be of assistance please contact me. Going forward lets help Fran have a successful year. Best Wishes.

~ Jim Burnham

## Upcoming Events

### November 4<sup>th</sup>

Installation Dinner  
Manchester Country Club  
Bob Sandall  
Flyer attached

### December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Holiday Brunch  
Dakota Steak House  
Fran Ingallinera  
Flyer attached



READY FOR FACTORY TOUR  
see Sugarcreek page 4

## Question

- 1: What can you hold without touching it?
- 2: What have eyes but can't see?
- 3: What are southern fathers called?

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personal experiences in life, unbelievable tales, and musical entertainment. There was seating under 5 huge tents with crowds of approximately 10,000 people. The intermissions allowed time to switch tents if you wanted to hear a favorite storyteller in another tent.

Our mornings started out with all of us piling into Ted's suburban, driving to McD's for a takeout breakfast, and eating it at our seats under the big tent. The time flew by and we laughed for 3 days. One can lose track of time and place when listening to a seasoned storyteller. This is one rally that is overlooked, but highly recommended. There are also many other attractions in the area such as the Biltmore Estate, Andrew Johnson's home (17<sup>th</sup> US President), Gray Fossil Site & Museum, Davy Crockett's log cabin, and Bristol Int'l Speedway, etc.

While shopping through the quaint town of Jonesborough, we happened to see one of our favorite storytellers, Bill Lepp, in a coffee shop getting a cup of coffee. We excitedly approached him and Lois asked if he would pose with her, Bill graciously did and then Kathy asked to pose and gave me her phone so that I could take the picture. In my chaos and trying to hurry, I forgot how to use Kathy's phone.....I had the phone turned the wrong way and was actually taking a picture of myself!!! A little boy nearby exclaimed, "I know how to do it!", so he took the picture and saved the day. Then it was my turn with Bill... what a scene it was, constant interruptions as he was trying to fix his coffee. We then suggested all three of us take a picture with Bill. Well, Bill laughed and said, "I was waiting for you to figure that out!" (See cover) He may even use this skit for one of his storytelling episodes. But, he was a very good sport about it...after all, we were holding one of his CD's that we just purchased.

Skeeter (Bill's imaginary friend) says "Hey"! ~



Waiting for the ladies in Quaint Jonesborough Tennessee



In the tent during a break.



Attended rally - white with black stripes or black with white stripes.



Davy Crockett's Cabin - Hmm.



# International Storytelling Festival Jonesborough Tennessee

~ From the International Storytelling Website <http://www.storytellingcenter.net/festival>

Almost 40 years ago, a high school journalism teacher and a carload of students heard Grand Ole Opry regular Jerry Clower spin a tale over the radio about coon hunting in Mississippi. And the teacher, Jimmy Neil Smith, had a sudden inspiration: Why not have a storytelling festival right here in northeast Tennessee?

On a warm October weekend in 1973 in historic Jonesborough, the first National Storytelling Festival was held. Hay bales and wagons were the stages, and audience and tellers together didn't number more than 60. It was tiny, but something happened that weekend that forever changed our culture, this traditional art form, and the little Tennessee town.

The Festival, now in its 40th year and acclaimed as one of the Top 100 Events in North America, sparked a renaissance of storytelling across the country. To spearhead that revival, Smith and a few other story lovers founded the National Storytelling Association. The founding organization became the center of an ever-widening movement that continues to gain momentum to this day. Storytelling organizations, festivals, and educational events have popped up all over the world. Teachers, healthcare workers, therapists, corporate executives, librarians, spiritual leaders, parents, and others regularly make storytelling a vibrant part of their everyday lives and work.



Donald Davis - one of the most famous and entertaining storytellers.

The story of how it all started is one that many northeast Tennesseans are familiar with. As news of the Festival and of the movement aired on national television and in magazines as diverse as Los Angeles Times Magazine, Reader's Digest, People, and Smithsonian, the story of how a happenstance hearing of a folktale on a car radio ignited a national movement.

Did the story get told again and again because people like stories about innocent beginnings, or because they like to marvel at what can happen with the serendipitous timing of a good story and a carload of receptive listeners, or simply because it's a colorful tale? No matter the reason, it's a classic example of how a simple story breathes life into information people want to share with each other. As millions of story lovers all over the world already know, there is no substitute for the power, simplicity, and basic truth of the well-told story. ~



Andrew Johnson's home - do they look presidential?

A good story cannot be devised; it has to be distilled.  
~ Raymond Chandler



What Airstreamers do in Jonesborough...



## SUGAR CREEK 2012

~ Richard Kushman

Our trip, (the Prices, Sasutas, and Kushmans) began with repair appointments for all at Jackson Center. A quarter panel for #1442, new brakes, bearings, etc. for Mike & Sandy, and what turned out to be rather extensive body work for Ted & Lois which took a few extra days and delayed their arrival at Sugarcreek.

After 50 years of Sugarcreek what can be said. Still well organized, well attended, and one of the best rallies available. We caravanned in with Rich Walbridge, parked tight but comfy with water and some electric.

Yes there was some rain, and some mud, but the beans were good and the homemade Amish ice cream delicious, oh - and free popcorn.

There were a few new factory tours which we enjoyed. The Provia Door Factory, the very impressive Kline Lumber Company, and the T@B Teardrop Trailer factory all proved to be fun and interesting. The downtown Sugarcreek Festival parade was a slice of Americana sprinkled with the cutest little tykes imaginable.

If you haven't done Sugarcreek, do it - if you have done it, do it again. ~



Caravan arriving at Sugarcreek.



Sugarcreek rally site.



Even in the rain the bean tradition continues.



Famous hardware store or tourist attraction.

# Unit Dues - Do It



Amish carriage rides were available.



Lois, perhaps planning to downsize at the Tear Drop trailer factory.



Amish? No! Airstream happy hour.



Now that's an Amish sewing machine!!

## Quotes Quotes Quotes

Please send me your favorite quotes or sayings. Famous quotes, spousal quotes, your very own quotes. They can be inspirational or educational or just plain fun. Share **your** quotes (not the editor's) with all Charter Oak members in the next directory. Please include your name in the email and note the author.

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### DO IT



Do we look amish?



When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.

~ Clarence Darrow

There are always too many Democratic congressmen, too many Republican congressmen, and never enough U.S. congressmen.

~Author Unknown



NEW PAINT FOR RICH & DOTTIE

Rich and Dottie Walbridge have sent in a picture of their newly painted trailer. Maybe they are just kidding, who knows?

Laugh Out Loud

Democracy is the only system that persists in asking the powers that be whether they are the powers that ought to be.

~Sydney J. Harris

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said , 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No , I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget..

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?

WITNESS: We both do.

ATTORNEY: Voodoo?

WITNESS: We do..

ATTORNEY: You do?

WITNESS: Yes , voodoo.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor , isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep , he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son , the 20-year-old , how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20 , much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you shitting me?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Getting laid

ATTORNEY: She had three children , right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death..

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor , how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them.. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral , OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral...

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ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?  
 WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM  
 ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?  
 WITNESS: If not , he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?  
 WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?  
 WITNESS: No.  
 ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?  
 WITNESS: No.  
 ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?  
 WITNESS: No..  
 ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?  
 WITNESS: No.  
 ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?  
 WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.  
 ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?  
 WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law. ~

## Thoughts & Cares

**Ted Price** spent some time in a Florida hospital having extensive leg bypass surgery. The term "cutup" now has new meaning to Ted. He is recovering in a rehab center.

**Sharon and Bob Henschel** both recovering from surgery.

**Kathy Fuller** - Kathy is home from the hospital today after having a portion of her parathyroid out. She is loving the all ice cream diet and a week off from work to recuperate. She had the Doc write out a medical order to prohibit her from all yard work just as all the leaves will need to be raked. Sometimes life is unfair. Bard(the leaf raker)

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Interested in taking the one-day Radio Class on Saturday during the Region One 2013 Rally?

I recommend that you buy and read the book "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual: All You Need to Become a Ham Radio Operator" before the class. This is the text book you need to study. **Retail \$29.95 plus sales tax. Your cost just \$27.50**

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- Birthday COCU
- Anniversary COCU
- US Holidays

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Installation Dinner Bill Korb Daylight Savings Time Ends		Election Day		Beth Lou Pease	Claencia Gould	Beth Petre Paul Good
Veteran's Day 	Veteran's Day (observed)	Parker Boylan			Winnie Mangano	
Jeff Blackwell				Thanksgiving 		
	Larry & Pat Larson		Gail Billings Heleen Sandall Cynthia Mallock	Charlie & Sandy Eglise		

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow. ~Edward Sanford Martin

## December 2012

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	Raymond Jefferson Parker & Lorraine Boylan		Robert Moyer			Pat Larson
Ray & Barbara Lindman		Christmas 	Philip & Frances Simmons	Larry Larson		
		New Year's Day				

Answers from page 1: 1: A Conversation, breath, a meeting 2: Needles, storms and potatoes 3: Southpaws