

Connecticut



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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

~ Mark Lupien

As incoming COCU President I'd like to thank, Fran Ingallinera for her tireless efforts during the past year as president and my mentor. She completed her duties admirably, always with a smile on her face and a friendly joke or two. We had a great year with many wonderful activities. I'm sure, Fran appreciated her parting gifts especially the, **Lion Golf Club Cover** that she promptly named "Wally".

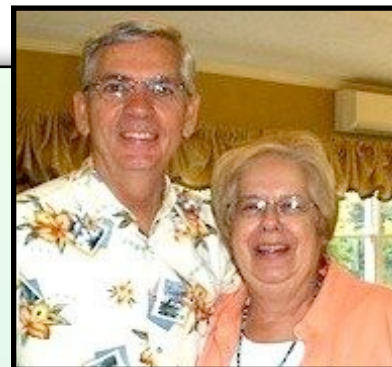
I have just completed and submitted two forms to WBCCI Corporate Headquarters. The New Officer Reporting form and the 2014 COCU Activities List. I want to thank all of the members that volunteered to hold office during the upcoming year. It was certainly a pleasure to submit a complete list of

officers with no open positions which clearly showed the support I've received from our group and I am also pleased to announce that our 2014 event schedule looks very good. Thanks to our dedicated members and the joint rallies with the Cape Cod Unit we have a fun filled year ahead of us with 12 activities planned. I'll cover the highlights in a moment.

As a side note, July of 2014 is open if anyone or a team would like to hold a Rally or rendezvous and if so, please contact me or any club officer.

The complete list of COCU activities can be seen in this month's Chatter as well as online at our website. To summarize our activities for 2014, we have six luncheons planned, including one at, Lynn Blackwell's home, that should be a great time for all. The Cape Cod unit is hosting the Region One Rally in May. The COCU Spring Business meeting will be held during the Region One Rally and Bard Fuller is hosting two outings, a rendezvous at Lake Waramaug State Park with Co-Hosts Lois and Ted Price and a second rally jointly with the Cape Cod Unit, the "Hudson River Valley Holiday". A heartfelt thanks to Bard and Kathy for pulling these two rallies together. Another joint Rally hosted by the Cape Cod Unit will be held in September at Travelers Woods of New England Family Campground. In October, Michael and Sandy Sasuta will host the "Fall Business Meeting and Installation Rally" at the Charlie Brown Camp Ground. Sign up for the rallies as early as possible to support your hosts efforts.

Once again, my thanks to all of our members that make our club a success. ~



Future

December 1st

Holiday Party - Dakota Steak House
Ted & Lois Price tedprice73@gmail.com

February 2, 2014

Luncheon at the, Nutmeg Restaurant
Jim Burnham
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Question

When the day after tomorrow is yesterday, today will be as far from Wednesday as today was from Wednesday when the day before yesterday was tomorrow. What is tomorrow? Answer: Page 5



Ladies and Gentlemen - The wheel has left the building...

~ Richard Kushman

OK - before I explain the title of this essay a short update of our western trip.

The closing of the National Parks had little effect on our western journey. Death Valley was closed during our visit but we stayed at Furnace Creek Ranch which is on private land within the park so we easily viewed all the miles and miles of gravel. We could not tour the inside of Scotty's Castle but we walked around the outside - good enough for me, then after a thorough scan and finding no lurking ranger (in fact no living thing) we snuck around a barrier and drove to Ubehebe Crater, where they staged the moon landing - only rumored but it had that kind of look.

Yosemite remained closed so serendipitously we had time for Lone Pine, California and the Alabama Hills. Our view encompassed Mount Whitney, the camping was free, and the annual Film Festival was in full swing. This made the favorites list.

Next on to Mono Lake, which is interesting, and Bodie Ghost Town north of the lake.

(Visit Blog: silverhike.wordpress.com)

On Wednesday, October 16th we headed west on the Tioga Road (RT120) into Yosemite.

The park was closed but Pam, a cute young ranger, gave us her instructed spiel:

Pam: What is your destination?

Dick: Some RV park on the other side.

Pam: The road is open but the park is closed – please do not stop or recreate.

Dick: We can't procreate?

Pam: That's r e c r e a t e !

Dick: Oh – what if we have to make a comfort stop?

Pam: Only if it is an emergency.

Dick: Yeah – It will be – can we take a picture in an emergency?

Pam: I can not give you permission to take pictures.

Dick: Do you have to give these instructions to everyone.

Pam: Yes – and it is ridiculous.

Pam was cute and polite and having to spend her time embarrassingly telling formerly "free" Americans and visiting foreign travelers not to recreate made her more victimized than we were.

YOUR HONOR THIS MAN WAS CAUGHT RECREATING.
HANG HIM !!!

The very next day Washington DC vanished - oops sorry, just dreaming - I meant the National Parks opened, and we were able to see beautiful Yosemite - check the blog.



The gravel road leading to gravel viewing has been cleverly blocked.



Camped in the Alabama Hills - Mt. Whitney over our air conditioner.



East entrance to Yosemite.

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WHEEL - from page 2

What happened after leaving Yosemite prompted the title above. After descending on RT120, a steep switchback road, we slowly merged into traffic on RT49. The trailer's front (road side) axle broke and the wheel careened across the road into a field.

Luckily - funny word to use here, don't you think? Luckily the wheel did not hit anything or anyone and caused no damage. Luckily a very nice man ran out of gas and stopped right behind us. He pointed to the location of the tire and helped me retrieve it. Luckily the service truck driver delivering his gas drove over and helped me get the wheel across a very busy road and back to our truck. Although in a mild state of shock we limped about fourteen miles into Marble Quarry RV Park and called it home.

Stay tuned - in the next issue Dick describes the fun of acquiring a new axle and having it installed. ~



OK - what's missing in this picture.

Thoughts & Cares

Marie Lupien - recovering from surgery
Mike Sasuta - recovering from surgery
Cynthia Richard - sprained ankles

Good Book

In nineteenth-century China, in a remote Hunan county, a girl named Lily, at the tender age of seven, is paired with a laotong, "old same," in an emotional match that will last a lifetime. The laotong, Snow Flower, introduces herself by sending Lily a silk fan on which she's painted a poem in nu shu, a unique language that Chinese women created in order to communicate in secret, away from the influence of men. Together, they endure the agony of foot-binding, and reflect upon their arranged marriages, shared loneliness, and the joys and tragedies of motherhood. The two find solace, developing a bond that keeps their spirits alive. But when a misunderstanding arises, their deep friendship suddenly threatens to tear apart.



Hint From Jim

Many have talked to me about home protection and for years I have suggested a fire extinguisher, which will put a person down instantly choking and they also put out fires, all with no permit necessary. Food for thought.

~ Jim Burnham

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of Autumn." ~ John Muir, Our National Parks

REMINDER

Please send in your 2014 dues:

Regular members \$80, Life members \$15.00,
Affiliate members \$15.00

Make check payable to Charter Oak CT and mail to Sandy Sasuta.

No renewal form needed unless you have changes to your information. Thank you.

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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/



Charter Oak Connecticut

2014 Activity Schedule

February 2, 2014

Luncheon at the, Nutmeg Rest Restaurant, 297 S. Main St., E. Windsor, CT
Jim Burnham: 860-463-5251
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March 2, 2014

Luncheon at the, Pond House Grill, 2935 Main St., Glastonbury, CT
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April 6, 2014

Luncheon at The Villa Restaurant, 4 Riverside Rd., Sandy Hook, CT
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evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net

May 11, 2014

Luncheon at, Lynn Blackwell's Home, 994 Main St., South Glastonbury, CT
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May 28 - June 1, 2014

Region One Rally,
Champlain Valley Exposition Center
105 Pearl St. Essex Junction, VT
Tye Mott: 716-866-2503
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May 31, 2014

COCU Spring Business Meeting @ Region One Rally
Champlain Valley Exposition Center
105 Pearl St. Essex Junction, VT
Mark Lupien: 978-261-5180
mlupien60@comcast.net

June 20, 2014

Rendezvous at, Lake Waramaug State Park, 30 Lake Waramaug Rd., New Preston, CT
Bard Fuller: 860-621-9246
bardfuller@hotmail.com

August 21-24, 2014

Rally: Hudson River Valley Holiday
Joint Rally with Cape Cod unit, Hosted by the Charter Oak Unit
Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz, NY
Bard Fuller: 860-621-9246
bardFuller@hotmail.com

September 19-21, 2014

Joint Rally with Charter Oak Unit, Hosted by Cape Cod Mass. Unit
Travelers Woods of New England Family Campground
152 River St., Bernardston, MA
Rich & Dottie Walbridge: 781-254-6399
WBCCI3371@gmail.com

October 3-5, 2014

COCU Fall Business Meeting & Installation
Charlie Brown Camp Ground, 98 Chaplin Rd., Eastford, CT.
Michael Sasuta: 352-588-4257
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November 2, 2014

Luncheon at the, Manchester Country Club, 305 South Main Street, Manchester, CT
Bob Sandall: 860-649-0408
rjsandall@snet.net

December 7, 2014

Luncheon at the, Dakota Restaurant, 1489 Silas Dean Highway, Rocky Hill, CT
Lois Price: 860-841-2604
tedprice73@gmail.com








November 2013

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■ Birthday COCU
■ Anniversary COCU

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Bob Landry Michael Rutty	28	29	30	31	1 Sandy Sasuta	2 Gilles & Joyce Rousseau 
3	4 Bill Korb	5	6	7	8 Bette Lou Pease	9 Clarence Gould
10 Paul Good Beth Petrie	11 Ronald & Brenda Nicholas 	12	13 Parker Boylan	14	15	16 Winnie Mangano
17	18 Jeff Blackwell	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Larry & Pat Larson	27	28 Helen Sandall Cynthia Melocik Gail Billings 	29 Charlie & Sandy Eglise	30

December 2013

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holiday Dinner	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Susan Johnson	11	12 Charlotte LaRocca	13 Sandra Flood	14
15 Gale Lake	16	17 Raymond Jefferson Parker & Lorraine Boylan	18	19 Robert Moyer	20	21 Kris Fletcher
22 Pat Larson	23 Ray & Barbara Landman	24	25 Merry Christmas 	26 Philip & Frances Simmons	27 Larry Larson	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Answer from page one: Thursday

A HUG is a great gift - Free, One size fits all, and easy to exchange.



CHARTER OAK HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: **DECEMBER 1, 2013**
TIME: **12:30 PM FOR SUNDAY BUFFET**
LOCATION: **DAKOTA STEAK HOUSE**
1489 Silas Deane Highway
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
860-257-7752

DONATIONS WELCOME
CASH OR CHECK
Checks Made to: Children's Home of Cromwell
ALL FOR THE
CROMWELL CHILDREN'S HOME

RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 25th

Please Join Us!



Enjoy a Full Buffet, Salad Bar, and Dessert - Cash Bar

Name: _____

Phone: _____ WBCCI#: _____

Number In Party: _____ X \$28.00 Total: _____

Price Includes Tax and Gratuity

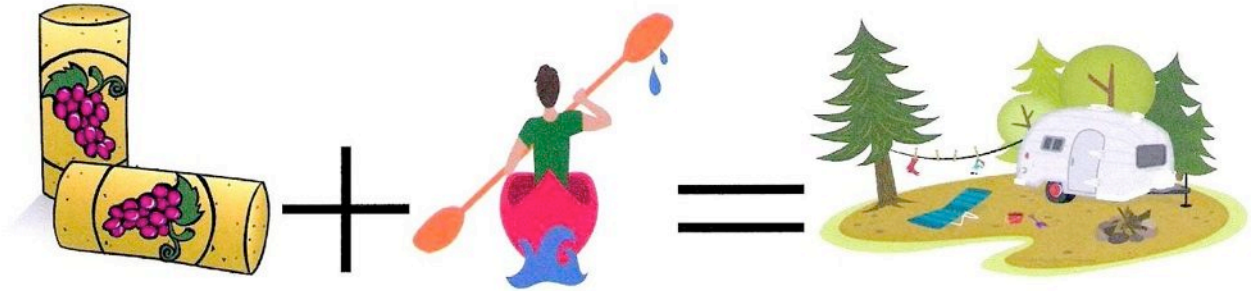
Please make check to Lois and mail to:

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Wethersfield, CT 0109
Home: 860-529-9393
Cell: 860-841-2604



Corks and Kayaks at Lake Waramaug

early sign up needed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



June 20 – 22, 2014 New Preston, CT at Lake Waramaug State Park
Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller with Ted & Lois Price

This is a rendezvous with all the attractions of the area plus the greatest happy hours at the Price's trailer overlooking the magnificent Lake Waramaug; yet little of the hoop la of a big rally. Ranked as the most picturesque lake in Connecticut it provides great calm water kayaking and canoeing to checkout all the stunning waterfront properties. Canoe rentals 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 antiquing available.

Friday arrive after 1pm, Happy Hour at 4:30 Campfire in the evening

Saturday Coffee and breakfast are available at the campground food concession, check out the lake and winery, 4:30 Happy Hour followed by a pot luck supper.

URGENT URGENT URGENT Read entire page!!!

*Since we are staying at a Connecticut 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(+ booking charge), sellout fast. Go to Reserveamerica.com, establish an account (if you haven't already), and book a site close to your hosts who are on sites **24** and **25**. Use the campground map feature to locate sites. As this is a state park it is dry camping yet a dump station is available. There is a no pet policy along with firewood restrictions. All sites are well shaded. Once you have booked your site please **notify Bard Fuller of your location** either by mail or email(bardfuller@hotmail.com). At this time there will be little or no rally fee (to be discussed at the Happy Hour).*

Note: Bard has visited the location and has evaluated the wooded sites for accessibility of our trailers. Please review list in the following table for desirability before booking.



Lake Waramaug Campsite Review

(*)= Most desirable sites

L= Best accommodates 28'-34' trailers

M= Best accommodates 27' or less

S= Best accommodates 21' or less

PT= Pull Through site

X= Sites that are not for trailers or have been considered not desirable

Site	Length	Notes	Site	Length	Notes	Site	Length	Notes
1	L	Flat gravel, easy park	26	L*		51	M	Uneven ground
2	L	Flat gravel, easy park	27	L*		52	M	Less desirable
3	L	Flat gravel, easy park	28	L	Encroaching tree	53	L	
4	L	Flat gravel, easy park	29	L*		54	X	
5	M	Flat gravel, easy park	30	L*		55	M	Less desirable
6	PT	Close to Rd. less desirable	31	L	Park from main road	56	S	Less desirable
7	X		32	L	OK but many roots	57	L	Less desirable
8	X		33	X		58	M	Uneven ground
9	X		34	S		59	L	
10	X		35	X		60	S	Less desirable
11	L		36	L		61	X	
12	M		37	X		62	L	
13	M		38	M		63	M	
14	L		39	L		64	M	
15	L	Short back down Rd. to site	40	M		65	L	
16	M	Difficult approach to site	41	S	Less desirable	66	L	
17	L		42	L		67	M	
18	L*		43	M		68	X	
19	L*		44	M		69	X	
20	L*		45	L		70	X	
21	L*		46	L		71	X	
22	L*		47	L	Less desirable	72	X	
23	L*		48	M		73	X	
24	L*		49	S	Less desirable	74	X	
25	S	Uneven ground	50	L		75	X	

Getting There.

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.

Note: Both Bard and Ted will be arriving on Thursday afternoon should anyone desire to come a day early you will have some company.

