

# Connecticut

Freedom



Charter Oak Chatter

November 2016

## President's Message ~ Evelyn Watts

Fellow Airstreamers - It is my pleasure to introduce our newest Airstream friends from Edinburg, Texas. Jim and B Bailey courtesy parked two nights with us and we enjoyed many hours sharing stories about our Airstream adventures. We have hosted a number of courtesy parkers and we have used it ourselves. The biggest obstacle has been that Airstreamers are so busy and active that they are hardly ever home, so it is hard to connect.



*B and I enjoyed our visit with you. Your farm is a beautiful part of Connecticut history and your thoughtfulness of us was so welcoming. We will long remember our evening together. Best wishes, "see you down the road".*

Speaking of busy Airstreamers – I just spoke with Toni Nolder and she is at a Free Event Rally in Quanah, Texas . She said that there are over 100 Airstreams parked on the streets and around the Courthouse Square. It sounds like something that would be fun to do. Aside from telling me about her adventures, she asked me to remind everyone that the reservation deadline for the Holiday Celebration at the Gelston House is November 22.

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## Question

Tall I am young, Short I am old, While with life I glow, Wind is my foe. What am I?

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Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed — else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

## 2017 COCU Installation Luncheon

Manchester Country Club – 10/16/16

~ Lynn Blackwell

Who would have believed that in mid-October in Connecticut the weather would be perfect for golf and the annual COCU Installation luncheon. The Florida heat-seekers missed out on a beautiful day next to the lake, which was graced by the most beautiful fall colors imaginable.



*Per makes it official - President Evie.*

Around 20 rigs were represented, as COCU members turned out for the installation of Evelyn and Bill Watts as President and Prince Consort. The luncheon was organized by Jim and Corinne Burnham, who did a great job taking over for Bob and Helen Sandall; which seems ironic, since the Burnhams also purchased the Sandall's Airstream last year. Jim reported that Helen is recovering nicely from her injury, and she and Bob sent their greetings to those gathered.

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## LINK OF THE MONTH

[JUNE BUG JOURNEYS](#)

<http://junebugjourneys.com>

Presidents Message from page 1

Per Hamqvist assisted by his lovely wife Lilli inducted our new officers at the Manchester Country Club on October 16. The weather was absolutely gorgeous, clear blue sky and colorful leaves. Our dining room overlooked the lake and was perfect for the group. Thank you Per and Lilli for traveling all the way from New Hampshire to preside and thank you Jim and Corinne for arranging the luncheon. Rousseau's granddog, Troy, also says thank you. He feasted for three days on the scraps that our table collected for him.

Past President Bard deserves a gold medal for all he has done to keep COCU going for the past two years, and former First Mate earned one as well. Thank you sounds insignificant, but it expresses our appreciation in a simple and sincere manner.

Continue to take pictures of your Airstream adventures and send them to Newsletter Editor Rich Kushman. Remember to save the tabs from soda and beer cans. The larger tabs on pet food cans, soup cans and such are also OK. The money raised from the sale of these tabs is given to the Ronald McDonald House, which provides free housing for families of hospitalized children.

The photo of Bill and I next to our Texas friends brings to mind the saying "We may be small, but we are mighty!" That describes the two of us and COCU perfectly!

I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

*Your New President, Evie*



*The perfect gift - Priceless!*

Installation from page 1

Bard ran a tight meeting, with Bill Watts seconding more motions than the previous International record of 20 seconds during one Installation meeting. The Secretary (also the undersigned) wishes to thank President Bard Fuller, not only for his service for two full terms as President of COCU, but also for providing a cheat sheet, I mean, agenda, for the meeting. It is our hope that becomes a tradition as well.



*The gavel is passed and both are smiling.*

Both of the motions offered were adopted – one to offer a \$15 incentive per rig to offset the cost of attending any single COCU rally during 2017 and the other to reimburse any member who is a walk-in to attend a business meeting at a rally should they have to pay a guest fee. Good ideas! More welcome.

Members received their new five-year "Stars" to adorn their Airstream. As



the Landmans received theirs, Barbara spoke eloquently about their love of the WBCCI, and how often she and Ray served the club as officers, and hosted both rallies and caravans. She said the club has been a second family for them. She emphasized that while they got a lot out of the club, they gave back too. Wise counsel for how to be a good member of any community group.

We saluted John Fuller for his long run of membership and support of the WBCCI. He received his 11<sup>th</sup> Star, denoting his 55 years, and exhorted COCU to reach out to new members to ensure the future of the club.

It was great to see everyone again, and we all look forward to the Christmas luncheon at the Gelston House! ~



*Before the installation.*



*After the installation - Hamnqvistized*



*Thank you Per & Lilli as Bard exits a remarkable two years at the helm.*



*You know who you are. Charter Oak Connecticut installation luncheon.*

**THANK YOU BARD** for guiding our club, lifting our spirits, and filling the Chatter! ~ RK

**2017 CHARTER OAK CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Feb 9 ..... **Region One Florida West Coast Luncheon**
- March 17 ..... **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** - Home of Gilles and Joyce Rousseau, Southbury, CT
- May 5-7 ..... **Region One Meeting**, Fryeburg, Maine, Ty Mott
- May 19-21 ..... **A Whale of a Time Rally and Spring Business Meeting** - Mystic, CT KOA, Kathy and Bard Fuller
- June 8-11 ..... **N.Y. City Base Camp**, Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ, Per Hamnqvist
- July 7-9 ..... **Green Mountain Getaway Rendezvous** - Bald Mountain Campground, Townsend, VT, Gail and Wiley Downing
- July 22-29 ..... **International WBCC Rally**, Escanaba, MI
- TBA ..... **Region One Luncheon**, Escanaba, MI, Ty Mott
- Aug 17-20 ..... **Who's on first...WATTS on second...I don't know's on third** - Cooperstown, NY KOA, Evie and Bill Watts
- Sept 8-10 ..... **Easy Breezy Rendezvous** - Milford, CT beach, Sandy Sasuta and Joyce Rousseau
- Sept 29-Oct 1 **Experience Newport Rally** - Melville Ponds Campground, Portsmouth, RI, Joint rally with NEU, Bard Fuller (COCU) and Eddie Carll (NEU)
- Oct. 15 ..... **Installation Banquet and Fall Business Meeting** - Manchester Country Club, Corinne and Jim Burnham
- Dec. 3 ..... **Christmas Party**, location TBA, leader TBA



**W**elcome to new members **ALEX YUKNAT** from Haddam, CT, **GAIL RICH** from Guilford, CT (previous affiliate) and affiliates **GABRIELLE HORWITZ & JOSEPH MIGLIORE** from Closter, NJ. Hope to see you all at future events.

Michael & I enjoyed a great 3 day weekend at the Storytelling Rally in Jonesborough, TN, October 7-9, along with the **KUSHMANS, LUPIENS** and Marie's sister **LOUISE**. It is such a unique, enjoyable experience as the storytellers are "keepers of the trunk of memories, reminding us of who we are and where we came from". Be sure to add this rally to your bucket list.

Good to hear that **JOHN TAVARES** is back home. Please keep **ROGER CROCKETT** in mind as he had surgery November 1<sup>st</sup> for a torn rotator cuff.

**DUES:** Please remember to send me your dues by November 15, 2016 to ensure your being included in the annual WBCCI 2017 Membership Directory. Pay on line at: [wbcci.org](http://wbcci.org) or mail a check payable to Charter Oak CT for \$80.00 for regular members, or \$15.00 for Life Members and Affiliates. Send to Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460. Thank you.~

**TIP:** Fill a clean, empty 2 liter soda bottle with dimes...you should have \$700.00 when it is filled. ~

**THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A 'PAINLESS' DENTIST!!**

~ Lois Price

There are "some" reasons why getting older is a good thing. Appreciation for what you have and what each day may bring.

However, on the downside, your doctors also grow old And no longer "practice", so I'm told.

After 50 years our friend and dentist, Dr. "G" threw in the towel, or should I say, his drill), Leaving us all with big shoes and teeth to fill.

He gave us all his last good-by's, But gave us the name of "another" for us to try.

So off to Dr. "B", the new guy, I went. Quite a bit of time with him I spent.

The new place was large with lots of "stuff". I said to myself - this could really get rough!

Everything was shiny and clean; I'm sure the office was a dentist's dream.

A friendly staff including pretty gals. Dr. "B" was handsome and neat (could these become my new "tooth" pals?)

The doctor seemed very pleasant and kind - And, not too hard to take when you get in a "toothy" bind!

X-rays and paperwork up the "Wa-zoo" Regarding things hard to understand, I can tell you.

Finally, we began to proceed With work it was decided I need.

Back and forth for several days  
 And the taking of "mucho" X-rays.

I never realized so much stuff could fit in my mouth  
 Trying to swallow and talk became really tough.

Then came the part that was really rough.  
 Just when I thought I'd had enough -

A bill that could be paid by cash, check, credit card, "on time" or my first born!  
 So many choices and decisions - I was truly torn.

And Ted almost hit the roof-  
 All this for just saving a tooth!

He sadly said, "It's either your smile  
 or the new car I'd hoped to buy in a short while!

This story is not really over - I can again eat and smile  
 And hope to do so for a long, long while.

So, when you meet me on the street  
 And I give you a smile that is friendly and sweet

Don't be surprised if you hear a strange ring!  
 It's just my wallet going Ka-Ching, Ka-Ching!

But, I'm eternally thankful that the doctor didn't have to be  
 A gynecologist or a proctologist that I had to see!!

## Bard's Good, Bad & Bizarre Airstreams

Here are some of my favorite animal Airstreams:



The "Bubble Bee" found outside of Homer, Alaska.



The "Pig" found in Nashville, Tennessee.



The "Zebra" formerly from Tennessee, now recently acquired by a family in the Carolinas.



### Secret Recipe

Juanita Pestretto's  
 Peanut Butter Bars

Line 11x7x2" pan with foil for easy removal. Combine 1/2 cup white sugar, 1/2 cup light corn syrup and a dash of salt. Cook and stir until sugar is dissolved. Blend in 1 cup peanut butter. Stir in 2 cups crisp rice cereal. Pat evenly into prepared pan.

FROSTING: In small pot, melt 4 tbsp. butter and 1/4 cup packed brown sugar. Remove from heat and add 1 tbsp. milk and 1/2 tsp vanilla. Stir in 1-1/4 cup sifted powdered sugar. Beat smooth and spread on top of bars. Chill. Cut in small pieces. Makes 4 dozen. ~



Sister Mary Kathleen Kushman & Amish Farmer Bob Landry - "THINK HALLOWEEN"

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/01 Sandy Sasuta
- 11/02 Gilles & Joyce Rousseau
- 11/04 Bill Korb
- 11/09 Clarence Gould
- 11/10 Paul Good
- 11/10 Beth Petrie
- 11/11 Ronald & Brenda Nicholas
- 11/18 Jeff Blackwell
- 11/28 Gail Billings
- 11/28 Cynthia Melocik
- 11/28 Helen Sandall

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/12 Charlotte LaRocca
- 12/13 Sandra Flood
- 12/15 Gale Lake
- 12/19 Robert Moyer
- 12/19 Debra Vieira
- 12/20 Christine Lessig
- 12/21 Kris Fletcher
- 12/23 Ray & Barbara Landman

Contribute Pictures to the Charter Oak Website  
 Visit the gallery <http://connecticut.wbcci.net>  
 Do you have pictures for the Gallery?  
 Send them to [rich.kath@icloud.com](mailto:rich.kath@icloud.com)  
 The small print: image should be no smaller than 800x600 px - sending from phone use Large size not original, and will be approved by the editor before posting.

FOR SALE

AIRSTREAM

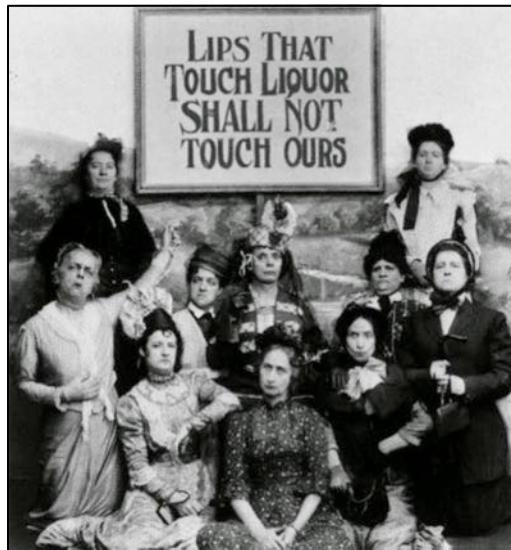
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WANTED

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 860-489-9566  
[ruthcrockett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ruthcrockett@sbcglobal.net)

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same. ~ Ronald Reagan



Get ready for next season, come to a rally or rendezvous and enjoy happy hour with Evie & Bill. Pop that cork Billy!



Laughter is the closest distance between two people. ~ Victor Borge

What light is to the eyes - what air is to the lungs - what love is to the heart, liberty is to the soul of man. ~ Robert Green Ingersoll

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.

LINKS

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

Answer  
 A candle.

Give me liberty or give me death.  
 ~ Patrick Henry

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed Green Salad / Choice of Entree / Dessert / Coffee or Tea

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