



Connecticut

Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club



October 2020

President's Message

by Kathy Fuller

M-M-M-M. Ready. Sing. Happy anniversary to us. Happy anniversary to us. Happy anniversary Charter Oak CT. Happy anniversary to us...and many more! Yes, it's been 50 years this October since Charter Oak set in motion its separation from the original New England Unit. We've come a long way, Baby!

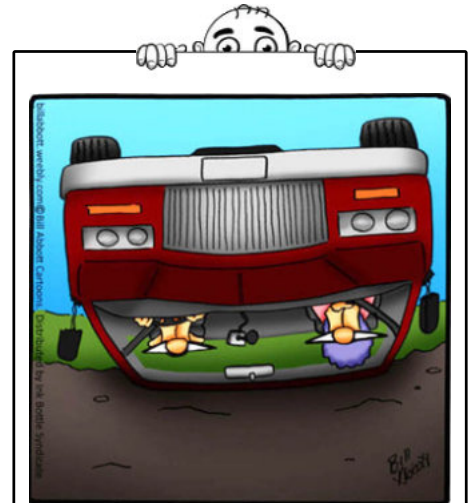


Although 2020 was not as golden as we might have hoped, it was a year of many good memories. Gathering together through rallies, rendezvous, meals and ZOOM has kept us a friendly cohesive group. Did you know we had more rallies than any other club in Region 1? We can be very proud of our club!

Personally, 2020 gave me a greater appreciation for Bard, my "consigliere", and the members of COCAC's Executive Board. We've looked out for each other with words of encouragement, kindness and guidance. Rich Kushman has shown extreme patience with my lack of tech skills and last-minute contributions to the Chatter.

For those of you who have stepped up for 2021 to host a rally, caravan, luncheon or hold office, "Thank You." You will be in good hands with Glen Lessig and his slate. ~

Sincerely,
Kathy



"Recalculating."



Possibly Important information about a "Home Covid Test" - Page 4

What do you think?

What do you call a group of Jellyfish?

What word in the English language does the following:

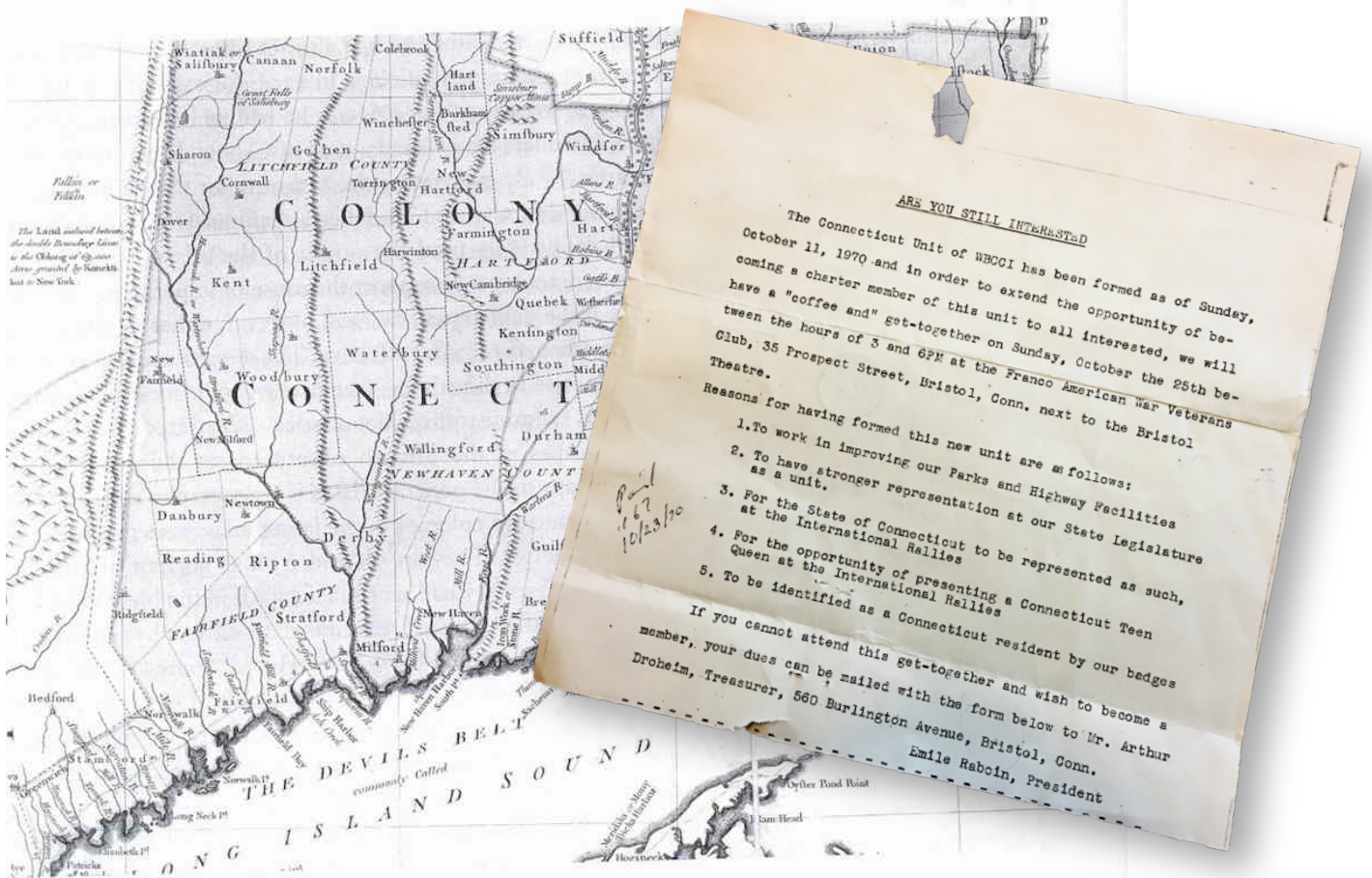
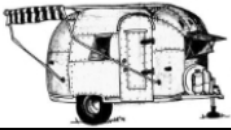
The first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great man, while the entire word signifies a great woman. What is the word?

Link of the Month

[Airstreams on Etsy](#)

Fun artistic Airstream paraphernalia.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT AIRSTREAM CLUB OCTOBER 11, 1970

by Bard Fuller

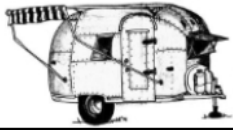
During the past several months of COVID shut down I've had an opportunity to review my late father's files. Many of our local club will remember John Fuller as "Mr. Airstream" as he proudly drove around with his "WBCCI" license plates. He was always the one with a wealth of knowledge about our club's history.

Among the paper files was a letter to all prospective members from October 1970. It invited all to a Meet and Greet coffee hour in Bristol, CT for the sole purpose of establishing the Charter Oak CT Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

A few thoughts that I have taken away from this invitation:

1. How ambitious and lofty were the goals, or mission statement, of the club! When was the last time that we connected with the State of CT legislature?
2. It is interesting to me that having a Connecticut representative in the Teen Queen contest was so important to our founders. The Teen Queen competition was a highlight of the early International Rallies. A Miss America-like pageant of talent and beauty for Airstream caravanner daughters.
3. I checked out the Franco-American Veterans Club at 35 Prospect St in Bristol. It is a parking lot today.

Through all the years our club's demographics and interests may have changed but the friendship and camaraderie remain unchanged and thriving. ~



FALL BASICS RENDEZVOUS

by Kathy Fuller

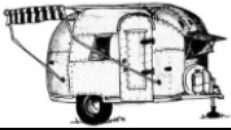
The wonderful weather on the weekend of September 11-13 was enjoyed by 15 happy campers and their furry friends. The dogs were an inspiration as several rigs were greeted by a “doggie welcome”... grown adults wagging their “tails” in pure joy. This new welcome may just catch on since it’s fun, good exercise and involves no physical contact. Several of us did get a “treat” later when pizza was ordered for those who wanted to participate. Respecting social distancing and other restrictions was no problem as people just made the circle around the campfire bigger and bigger.

Toni Nolder, Sally Kerr, Eddie Carll, Bard and Kathy Fuller and Joyce and Gilles Rousseau all stretched our legs on the bridge for Walkover the Hudson. Billy and Julie Steers went biking. Russ, Rhona, Bard and Kathy helped the economy at nearby Robibero Winery. Some enjoyed The Gilded Otter restaurant/brewery. Gail and Wiley Downing successfully pursued a quest to find a house that Gail often visited growing up. Rick Cipot and Sandy just seemed glad to get away from work and relax. Billy Steers sighted an owl in the treetops who seemed to be chaperoning our group for quite a while. ~



Guess who?





by Sandy Sasuta

Happy Autumn, however, I'm thinking of not turning my clock back on November 1st because seriously none of us need an extra hour of 2020. Hoping that you and your families are healthy and managing okay.

Happy 60th anniversary to **BILL & EVELYN WATTS** on October 22nd. What an accomplishment!



New Members

Dyann & Robert Calder
#8129 Brookfield, CT

DICK BARTRAM & BETTY CASTONGUAY recently had a wonderful visit with **BUD & DORIS GOULD**. (see photo)

We are looking forward to the Pumpkin & Spice Rally and the installation of Officers on Oct. 2-4. See you there! ~

Submitting Pictures

For the Website Gallery or for the Chatter.

What to send: Fun pictures, people, smiles!

Size: at least 800 X nnn

Type: jpg or tiff

Send to: 025info@wbcci.net

Subject line: Event name.

Pictures for the Chatter: Please include names of all people pictured and any desired caption in the body of the email.

New COCAC Online Picture Gallery

Helpful Links

Make them a favorite!

[Airstream Club International](#)

[Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club](#)

[Airstream Supply](#)

[ACI Resource Center](#)

[Blue Beret Magazine](#)

[Charter Oak on Facebook](#)

[Courtesy Parking](#)

[Airstream USA](#)

[Air Forums](#)

[AllStays Camping](#)

[Campsite Photos](#)

[Exits & Highways](#)

[Passport America](#)

[Region One ACI](#)

[Reserve America](#)

[RV Park Reviews](#)

[State Park Guide](#)

[Tin Can Tourists](#)

Do you have a great Airstream link to share? Please send to the editor for possible inclusion.

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HOME COVID TEST **Possibly Important**

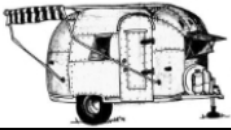
1. Pour a large glass of red wine, try to smell it.
2. If you can smell the wine then drink it & see if you can taste it.
3. If you can taste & smell it confirms you don't have Covid.

Last night I did the test 19 times, & all were negative, thank God.

Tonight I am going to do the test again, because this morning I woke with a headache & feel like I am coming down with something.

I am so nervous!

Anonymous but trusted source!



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Location- Ross Hill Campground, Lisbon, CT

Date- October 3, 2020

Time- Scheduled for 9:30 AM

Inclement weather may prompt a delay due to need to move meeting inside. Use of building is not available until 10 AM

Because CT state law does not permit campgrounds to have guests, those not attending the Pumpkin and Spice Rally will have the option of tuning in on GoogleMeet shortly before the meeting starts. Note THIS IS NOT A ZOOM MEETING because the Zoom account available to us only permits 40 minutes. To get an invitation to GoogleMeet please contact Russ Fuller at rfuller1745@att.net at least 48 hours before the meeting. Another option for those only interested in voting on Motion 1 and the Slate of Officers, email Glen Lessig at glessig@gmail.com least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Agenda for October 3, 2020 Business Meeting Charter Oak CT Airstream Club

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Minutes from October 2019 meeting
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Membership Report
8. Other Officer or Committee Reports
9. Old Business

Storage of club's equipment

2nd VP to keep running inventory- Vote

Club flags

Where are minutes to be kept?

Region 1 Rally

10. New Business

Introduction of logo revision- straw vote

2020-2021 Slate of Officers – Vote

11. Membership 5 Year Stars

12. Adjournment

Note: New officer induction and 2021 rally schedule presentation TBA

VOTING ISSUES FOR OCTOBER 3, 2020 BUSINESS MEETING

Motion 1

The 2nd Vice President will be responsible for the equipment inventory by keeping documentation of the location of equipment.

Rationale- Currently this is the practice since our Executive Board Meeting in June of 2020. It is due to expire October 2020. Prior to June there was no responsible person to maintain the equipment inventory.

Financial Implication- Maintaining an equipment inventory can eliminate purchases of duplicate equipment and supplies. There is no financial investment necessary.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

President- Glen Lessig

1st VP- Russ Fuller

2nd VP- Carol Dubrowski

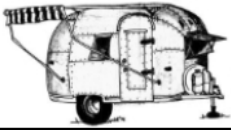
Treasurer- Sandra Sasuta

Recording Secretary- Christine Lessig

Corresponding Secretary- Kathy Kushman

2nd year Directors- Michael Sasuta and Chris Dubrowski

1st year Directors- Julie Steers and Bard Fuller



LOGO UPDATE?

by Bard Fuller

Our online presence is often influencing how new potential members find us through search engines. For the uninformed, the words “Airstream Club” is how we are found. The words “Wally Byam” is seldom thought to be the primary way of locating information about our club. As a result, the International Club continues to move forward with its new branding. We will hear less and less of the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International and more of the Airstream Club, International. We will be using less of the Wally silhouette logo and more of the ACI overlay letters.

With our modified 50-year-old local club logo there is a potential need for updating.



Joyce Rousseau spearheaded the flag update with a more colorful vibrant flag design. Rich Kushman has been looking at the potential of bringing the old logo into our more modern times. Recently Bard Fuller and Rich got together to brainstorm some designs and are liking the following.

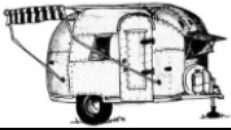


Do you agree that the logo could use some updating?

Do you have ideas that you would like to see in the logo?

It is hoped that this will spark some interest and will be reviewed at our Oct 3rd business meeting for your feedback.

It will not be voted in this October, however, the executive board may do so over the winter months if there is a consensus at the fall business meeting. ~



Good, Bad and Bizarre AMAZING Bard's AIRSTREAMS

One of the most bizarre Airstream adaptations, and probably the costliest that I am aware of, is in our backyard. It is a hidden jewel on private property in Woodbury, CT. Acclaimed as one of Connecticut's top 30 hidden gems by Connecticut Magazine the massive sculptures on this property are centered by the flying Airstream art known as "Airstream Interplanetary Explorer".

It has not been available to be seen by the public for the last 5 years. A rare opportunity will be available this month as the artist is opening the massive 200+ acre sculpture park to the public on extended weekends through the month of October 2020. The opportunity is not cheap as the cost to enter the property is \$80.00 per car.

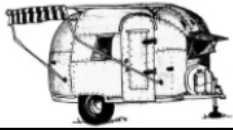
The Airstream, a mid 1970's 28 foot Ambassador, was shortened by about 4 feet and altered with additional windows. At night it is lit internally along with LED running lights giving a very eerie look 20 plus feet off the ground. The entire structure is 84 feet long and was assembled in 2011. The high-flying structure also features rotating TV and radio antennas, a vinyl folding web chair and cosmic designs attached to the side for comic outlandishness.



The artist, Edward Tufte, is a bit eccentric yet a well-respected professor emeritus from Yale University teaching political science, statistics and computer science with a specialty of data visualization.

Kathy and I had the chance to meet Dr. Tufte on his Woodbury Sculpture Park in 2013. For ticket information see: <https://www.edwardtufte.com/tufte/hogpen-hill-farms>





FOR SALE

Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

October

- 10/02 Howard Jones
- 10/03 Bard & Kathy Fuller
- 10/03 Dan & Karen Olah
- 10/04 Wiley Downing
- 10/04 Eileen Allers
- 10/07 Bill Flood
- 10/08 Mark Lupien
- 10/08 Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca
- 10/09 Serafina M. Bachar
- 10/10 Eddie Carl
- 10/10 Raymond & Cynthia Richard
- 10/10 Billy & Julie Steers
- 10/11 Jim & Stacy Reck
- 10/12 Dick Bartram
- 10/12 Niels Rosenbeck
- 10/18 Billy Steers
- 10/21 Susan Rutty
- 10/22 William & Evelyn Watts
- 10/24 Gail Downing
- 10/27 Bob Landry
- 10/27 Michael Rutty
- 10/29 Fred Newman
- 10/29 Paulette Jensen

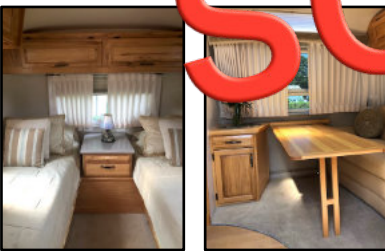
November

- 11/01 Sandy Sasuta
- 11/02 Gilles & Joyce Rousseau
- 11/09 Clarence (Bud) Gould
- 11/10 Beth Petrie
- 11/27 Ken Hankinson & Pam Forsyth



2007 Classic 25 ft. Airstream
 75th Anniversary Edition.
 One owner, excellent
 condition, Hensley Arrow
 hitch, awning all around,
 twin beds. \$45,000 or best
 offer. Contact info Sharon -
 860-339-4066 e-mail:
sharon_s_kinsbourgirl@yahoo.com
 or Susan - 310-339-6113 E-
 mail: kcsuki@yahoo.com
 Sharon and Susan are Rose
 Tavares's daughters.

SALE



DUES RENEWALS

Visit ACI: [Current Members/Renew Your Membership](#)

Renew on line: Complete the form and have your credit card ready.

Regular member: ACI \$75.00 + \$15.00 COCAC Total \$90.00

Lifetime or affiliate member: Only unit dues: \$15.00

If you are unable to renew on line or you are an affiliate member please send a check before December 31st payable to COCAC with a note about any changes to your information.

Mail dues to:
Sandy Sasuta
 476 Milford Point Road
 Milford, CT 06460

[Check here for International Dues Joining Guidelines](#)

Visit the New Websites



[Airstream Club International](#)
 ACI the new WBCCI web experience.



[Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club](#)



[Region One](#)



Visit Airstream Supply

"Let's Just Go!" is a wonderful children's storybook, written by Billy Steers, that follows Snug the Airstream travel trailer and her adventures. [Available here.](#)

"Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back."

~ Oscar Wilde

Connecticut Chatter

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Answer

The word is - Heroine.

What did you think?

A group of Jellyfish is called "A Smack". Mmmm fried jellyfish, smack your lips!

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New Virtual Rally?



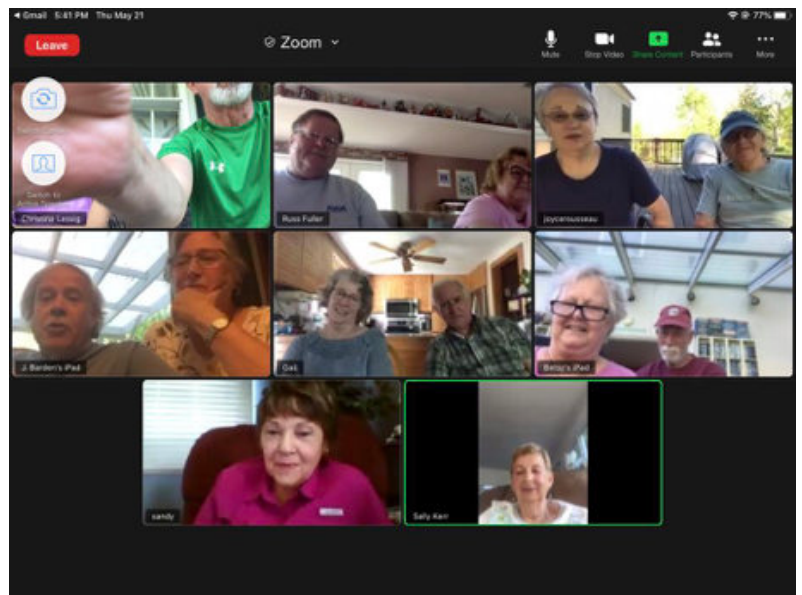
*The Cask, The Flask and The Mask
Stay at Home Rally*

Join Us

Art work by Billy Steers



Joyce and Gilles Zooming...



Zoom virtual happy hours at 5 pm every Thursday.

No Rallies and missing your Airstream friends join us on Zoom every Thursday at 5pm with the beverage of your choice. No mask needed. Missing the ID or Password contact Russ Fuller.

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2021 PRELIMINARY



STORYTELLING RALLY

Early Signup Opportunity

CARAVAN

Early Signup Opportunity

Jonesborough, TN - Rally Dates, Wednesday 09/29/2021 - Sunday 10/03/2021

The Storytelling Rally at Appalachian Fairground in Gray, TN, is very popular and a wonderful way to enjoy the National Storytelling Festival. Tickets for the Storytelling Festival are to be purchased separately. The caravan itinerary may include meeting on Wednesday 09/22/2021 arriving at the fairground on Sunday (early parking) 09/26/2021. Caravan with us to the 2021 festival and enjoy a wonderful show. Caravan limited to 10 units.

Name _____

Phone _____ **BRN** _____ Unit Length _____

Email _____

Street _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

To reserve a rally camp site and your spot on the caravan fill out the form and include \$140.00.

Make check to Richard Kushman and send to:

Richard Kushman
29129 Johnston Rd
lot 2622
Dade City, FL 33523

Caravan hosts: Rich & Kathy Kushman and Mike & Sandy Sasuta

rich.kath@icloud.com sandysas1001@gmail.com

Please Note: Current rally fee for 5 nights is \$140.00 and early parking fee is \$28.00 per night - final fairground rally fee and early parking fee for 2021 TBD. The fee of \$140.00 represents only a deposit for your 5 night rally reservation and will also hold a spot on the caravan. Caravan limited to 10 units. The caravan itinerary, camping fees and kitty are not yet established. This early signup is to assure a rally site for the entire caravan. Rally site cancellations or changes must be handled directly with the rally host - Harry Herrmann.

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