

Connecticut



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

President's Message

~ Bard Fuller

From the Office of the President

Kathy and I look back on a wonderful year of travels and camaraderie. With a

record number of camping events this year from New York City to Boston and many places in between, we have been blessed by so many that have made the effort to join in these camping events.

We have some concerns with the unit, as a few of our always faithful caravaners have retired from towing this summer. We wish the Sandalls, Prices, and Olahs well in their new endeavors without their trailers and will always hold a spot in the campfire circle for their lawn chairs. Others have been challenged by medical concerns that have curtailed some of their travels that they have over the years grown accustomed to doing. We hope that these challenges can be resolved and you all will be back for a vigorous 2016 year. As for 2016 Kathy and I are signing on for another year to do the "President-gig thing".

We are thrilled to have welcomed several new Airstreamers to our activities during the past year or two. We hope to see you all often and we hope that you all will find this Airstream life in WBCCI as fulfilling as Kathy and I have over the years. ~ Bard



From the Legislative Desk

October 4th is our fall business meeting

being held during the always popular luncheon at the Manchester Country Club. The agenda will be short as nothing has recently come down from International. We will be discussing and voting on a policy that will utilize the unit treasury to pay for any future unexpected financial shortfall that might be incurred at a unit rally or rendezvous. Most importantly we will install your 2016 officers. A special thanks goes out to Joyce Rousseau who has stepped forward and agreed to be our 2nd Vice President. The slate of officers is as follows:

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| President: Bard Fuller | Corresponding Sec: Kathy Kushman |
| 1 st Vice President: Evelyn Watts | Director: Marie Lupien |
| 2 nd Vice President: Joyce Rousseau | Director: Val Galasyn |
| Treasurer: Sandy Sasuta | Director: John Bachar |
| Recording Sec: Lynn Blackwell | Director: Kathy Fuller |

At this meeting we will have a special recognition of those who are receiving their 5 year stars including star #9 for Roger and Ruth Crockett! I will also be introducing the 2016 schedule at this time. ~ Bard

Question

Two men are in a desert. They both have packs on. One of the guys is dead. The guy who is alive has his pack open, the guy who is dead has his pack closed. What is in the pack?

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October 4

Installation Dinner Meeting
Manchester Country Club
Manchester, CT
Bob & Helen Sandall

October 15-18

Croton-on-Hudson Rally
Rally with the Metro New York Unit

December 6

Gingerbread Village &
Christmas Party Luncheon
Junipers Restaurant, Middlebury, CT

Rally, Rendezvous and Special Events

Thanks to the Kushmans and Sasutas for a wonderful weekend on the Milford coastline. Please look through this issue for information on the October Metro New York Unit's Croton on Hudson Rally and Edward Tufte's open house at his Woodbury, CT, landscape sculpture park with the most remarkable soaring Airstream 80 foot lawn sculpture. Don't forget the holiday luncheon combined with a visit to the impressive gingerbread house village in Middlebury, CT. The flier and coupon are enclosed.

~ Bard



Welcome new members **KEN HANKINSON & PAM FORSYTH** from Tolland, CT. We look forward to meeting you. Thanks to **GUY & LAURA WEIK**, who met them while camping in Maine, and encouraged them to join Charter Oak CT.

WAYNE & SUSAN RUTTY recently celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 11th....Congratulations!

Please keep the following members in mind with cards/calls as they

had recent surgeries/procedures:

RAYMOND RICHARD, JOYCE ROUSSEAU, ROSE TAVARAS & RICH WALBRIDGE....we send great big get well wishes!

The Walnut Beach Rendezvous in Milford, CT, was not only a unique area to camp, but very enjoyable with the demonstration of police dog **ZEUS** and our favorite Milford Canine Police officer **EMILY COVELLI**.

MARK & MARIE LUPIEN are in Ohio at the Sugarcreek Rally. Have fun! If you have not attended, put this rally on your "TO DO" list, as it is filled with activities and sightseeing.

Heard that **DICK BARTRAM** sold his trailer...and now **JOHN FULLER** has a newer trailer and one for sale.

On a sad note, former member **LILLIAN HERPICH** has passed away. For those of you who remember her, she was a special person that we all enjoyed being around. She was married for 72 years, and her husband Bill passed away 4 years ago to the day. We send our condolences to the family.

As a reminder, **now is the time to send me your dues** if you want to be included in the 2016 WBCCI Membership directory. There has been a change through WBCCI regarding dues payments. You can now pay your dues electronically through your bank, Paypal or send a check to me. Please let me know if you would like more information on this. ~ [Click here to renew on line.](#)

Holiday Luncheon & Gingerbread Village



Nothing says it's holiday time than to be immersed in the aroma of gingerbread. What is probably the oldest annual gingerbread village presentation in the state is that of the St. George's Episcopal Church in Middlebury, CT. Each year their church members bake off hundreds of pounds of gingerbread to build a village of forty plus houses. Come and be amazed at the craftsmanship and grandeur of this holiday event. We

will have our Holiday/Christmas Party at Juniper's Restaurant down the road from St. George's Episcopal Church. See the attached flier and coupon. The date is December 6. Come all to herald in the holiday season! ~



*Hey Trent!
Did you have fun at Walnut Beach?*



The Challenge

Last month Evie Watts sent in a Rhinebeck article for publication in the Chatter and then quickly followed it up with a corrected copy replacing the word "Rheinbeck" with the proper "Rhinebeck" in the body of the piece. I then used the wrong version which prompted an apology to Evie and an offer to send a new copy to all members, or have a contest, or commit suicide. With great relief she agreed with the contest idea rather than hara-kiri and generously offered a Dunkin' Donuts coupon.



Gene Hickey found "hangers" - should be "hangars", Bob or Ruth Scott found the apostrophe possessive in "Presidents Message" missing, Lois Price found "Desert" instead of "Dessert" in an event flyer, but no one found the target mistake.

Evie and Bill decided to award the prize anyway and have picked the winner. The three contestants names were engraved on Gala apples which were then placed into a large tub of icy cold water and Billy, after his evening bourbon, was blindfolded and spun six times before bobbing, dare I say dunking, for the winning apple. True or not wouldn't it be fun to see?

Now when it's time to check the Chatter and I call, Kathleen, my trusty proof reader, locks herself in a closet, inserts her index fingers into each ear and hums "When the Saints Go Marching In". True or not wouldn't it be fun to see?

Billy, sans blindfold, and Evie holding a wet towel have declared the winner to be [Lois Price](#). They have assured me the prize (a \$5.00 Dunkin' Donut coupon) will, in a timely fashion, be placed in an appropriate envelope, suitably addressed, adorned with the proper postage, and hand delivered to the nearest United States Post Office. True or not wouldn't it be fun to see? ~ RK

The Survey

During a conversation which included some patter regarding the rate of participation in COCU events, the lack of electricity at a rendezvous or rally was mentioned. Could that in fact be the reason for low attendance at the Walnut Beach rendezvous?

So I presented a completely unscientific survey to all our members with an email address and received 29 responses. The results below.

How important is electricity for you to attend an event?

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| A - Not important - not the deciding factor. | 18 |
| B - Very important - will not attend without power. | 3 |
| C - Somewhat important - will not attend during hot weather. | 8 |

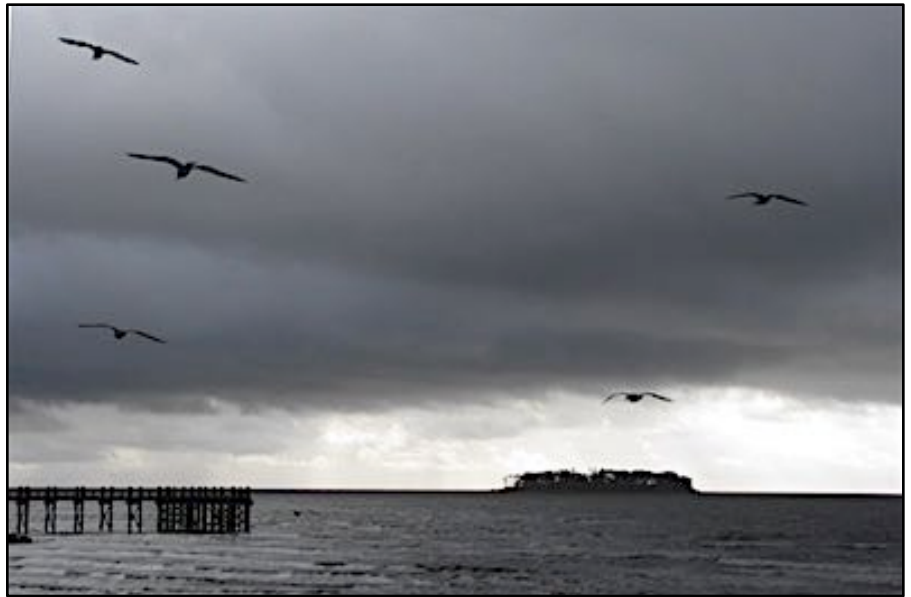
Obviously there can be many reasons someone can not attend a COCU event but at least lack of electricity does not seem to be an overwhelming obstacle.

Anyone who has yet to plan a rally or rendezvous put on your creative thinking caps and help us find a new location or a fresh theme. Breathe new life into our common love of Airstream adventure. ~ RK



The Price daughters Allison & Lisa make Bard an offer he better refuse, quite the guilty smile - just kidding, they are getting a tour.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.



Walnut Beach Rendezvous



Room for many more.



Some rain came but Trent was ready.



Delicious selection of soups just before the rain.



Happy hour at the beach.



Zeus is a special \$8,000 dog and even has a bullet proof vest.



Everyone gives Emily their attention, especially Zeus.



We presented Emily with a \$25.00 gift of Mexican food and Zeus with dog treats.



*Officer Emily Covelli
Milford, CT*



Emily and Zeus demonstrate tracking and pursuit as Ted runs for his life - just kidding Ted can't run.

BIG THANKS to Michael & Sandy Sasuta, Paul Piscitelli from Milford Parks & Rec, and Emily Covelli for helping to make this event happen! ~ Rich & Kathy Kushman



Bard's Good, Bad, and Bizarre Airstreams



Once a year Edward Tufte opens his vast private landscape sculpture park to the public. This year the date is Saturday October 17 in Woodbury, CT. The flyer is attached. The centerpiece is the Interplanetary Airstream Explorer rising 20 feet above ground. Edward Tufte is a Professor Emeritus from Yale University. His expertise had been visual information systems. He is highly respected in the academic world in both



political science and statistics. He is noted for challenging some of the premises of Microsoft's Powerpoint system. Tufte has also held a consulting position with President Obama's administration concerning the delivering of information about Obamacare. Since retiring from Yale he has taken up an

interest in the art world, showing some of his smaller works at his studio in New York City until the studio's recent closure. Now his emphasis is on his mega-sculptures on his property in Woodbury, CT. Come and be awed by the immensity and prolific works of this great man. ~





ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
EDWARD TUFTE'S LANDSCAPE SCULPTURE PARK
HOGPEN HILL FARMS IN WOODBURY, CONNECTICUT
SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 11:00 - 5:00



"North America's best sculpture park: Edward Tufte's Hogpen Hill Farms" PHILIP GREENSPUN

The fifth annual open house at Edward Tufte's 234 acre outdoor landscape sculpture park and tree farm, 80 monumental ET artworks. New pieces = stainless steel Feynman diagrams, a maze bambouseaie, walking walls, ~20 works in progress. Studio tag sale.

Saturday October 17 11.00 to 5.00 Hogpen Hill Farms 100 Weekeepeemee Road Woodbury, CT 06798

For directions use Google maps or similar. Hogpen Hill Farms is in Litchfield County in northwest Connecticut.

(Note: it is 100 Weekeepeemee in Woodbury, CT 06798, *not* in nearby Bethlehem, CT)

Wear walking shoes to walk 1.5 mile main diagonal of artworks.

No RSVP necessary. Optional \$20 donation per car. Check website edwardtufte.com for last-minute questions.

**OCTOBER****BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES**

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|-------|---------------------------------|
| 10/01 | Barbara Moyer |
| 10/03 | Bard & Kathy Fuller |
| 10/03 | Dan & Karen Olah |
| 10/05 | Fran Ingallinera |
| 10/05 | Frank White |
| 10/06 | Dottie Walbridge |
| 10/07 | Bill Flood |
| 10/08 | Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca |
| 10/08 | Mark Lupien |
| 10/09 | Serafina M. Bachar |
| 10/10 | Raymond & Cynthia Richard |
| 10/12 | Dick Bartram |
| 10/12 | Niels Rosenbeck |
| 10/16 | Roger & Ruth Crockett |
| 10/21 | Susan Rutty |
| 10/22 | William & Evelyn Watts |
| 10/27 | Bob Landry |
| 10/27 | Michael Rutty |
| 10/29 | Fred Newman |

NOVEMBER**BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES**

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|-------|--------------------------|
| 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 | Cynthia Melocik |
| 11/28 | Helen Sandall |
| 11/28 | Gail Billings |
| 11/29 | Charlie & Sandy Eglise |

**FOR SALE**

1970 Airstream 25' Caravanner,
Exterior refinished by P&S in Ohio.
Rock guards, awning, Fantastic Fan,
Catalytic Heater, A/C, and
Microwave....includes all trailering
equipment. Contact Bob Henschel
860-274-3768

DID YOU KNOW?

A group of Giraffes is called a tower.
A group of Otters isn called a romp.
A group of Bobolinks is called a chain.
A group of Buzzards is called a wake.
A group of Porcupines is called a prickle.

CHECK OUT THE DISNEY
FLYER!
and
Croton on the Hudson

**LINK OF
THE MONTH**

[Airstream Passion](http://www.airstreampassion.com)

FOR SALE

'86 AIRSTREAM 31' twin
New Dometic electric/gas fridge
(2014)
New shocks (2015)
New axles (2011)
Fantastic Fan
2 alum 30 lb LP gas with cover
New electric Sensor HDTV
antenna (2011)
NO smoking or pets
Garaged when not in use

Great buy @ \$12500.
John Fuller 860-828-4387

Also For Sale
Hensley-arrow hitch \$1200

**FOR
SALE**

1999 34'
Limited
with Hensley
hitch.

Call Ted
(860)
841-2604

**LINKS**

Connecticut Unit Website:.....<http://connecticut.wbcci.net/>
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I want my children to have all the
things I couldn't afford. Then I
want to move in with them.

The reason the golf pro tells you
to keep your head down is so you
can't see him laughing.

-Phyllis Diller

Answer from page One: A parachute.



Installation Dinner

October 4, 2015

Manchester Country Club

305 South Main Street
Manchester, Ct., 06040

Social Hour 12 P.M. to 1 P.M. (Cash Bar)

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|-----------------------|---------|
| English Cut Prime Rib | \$27.50 |
| Stuffed Sole | \$26.00 |
| Chicken Marsala | \$26.00 |

All entrees include a garden salad with house dressing, potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee and dessert.

Send check and coupon to Bob Sandall, 114 Hollister Street, Manchester, Ct., 06042 **by September 27, 2015**

Prime Rib _____

Sole _____

Chicken _____

Total: _____

Name : _____

WBCCI No: -----



Croton-on-Hudson Rally

Invitational Rally with the Metro New York Unit

October 15 to 18, 2015

(Thursday Check in - Sunday Check out)

If you are interested in attending the rally, contact Jerry and Colleen first, either by phone or e-mail with your name and the length of your Airstream. They'll respond with an assigned site number. After you receive a site number, contact the Croton Point Park Campground office and book the site for the 2 or 3 nights. You need to pay in full at that time.

Jerry and Colleen Ahlers: harleyjerry03@aol.com

Preliminary Itinerary:

Thursday, 10/15:

Check in

Happy Hour

Pitch in for Pizza delivery. (if you wish) The Pizza night is NOT part of the rally fee.

Friday, 10/16:

Breakfast will be provided

A Day of fun on your own or coordinate an activity with friends (plenty to do).

Happy Hour

Dinner: Hamburgers will be provided. Bring a Side Dish to Share

Fire

Saturday, 10/17:

Breakfast will be provided

Coordinated group activity (more to come)

Happy Hour

Dinner: Pot Luck

Fire (looking for entertainment--If someone has an idea, let me know)

Sunday, 10/18:

Breakfast will be provided

Check out

Activities:

Check out the web site below for further information, date/time details as well as to buy tickets or by calling 914-366-6900.

Hudsonvalley.org/halloweenfun

The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze More than 7,000 hand-carved pumpkins. Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Horseman's Hollow The Legend of Sleepy Hollow taken to its darkest extremes at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow, NY

Irving's Legend Master storyteller, Jonathan Kurk brings the tale of life at Old Dutch Church, Sleepy Hollow, NY

The Legend Behind the Legend Learn about Washington Irving, the literary legend behind the story at Washington Irving's Sunnyside in Tarrytown, NY



Nothing says Holiday Time like Gingerbread

Happy Holidays!!!

Sunday, December 6, 2015



48th Annual Gingerbread Village

St. George's Episcopal Church, Middlebury CT.

12noon -12:30pm At the intersection of Tuckerhill Rd. & Whittemore Rd.(Route 188)

Directions from Hartford, Points East Follow **I-84 West** toward Waterbury.

Take **Exit 17** to merge onto **Chase Pkwy/CT-64** toward CT-63/Watertown/Middlebury.

Continue to follow **CT-64**. Turn left at Regan Rd. with immediate Right on Tuckerhill Rd

Holiday Luncheon

to follow at

Juniper's Restaurant

1383 Whittemore Rd. (Rt. 188), Middlebury, CT

Next door to the Middlebury Consignment Store & ~ mile north on Rt.188 from St. George's Church

Garden Salad / Starch / Entree choice / Cheesecake / Coffee & Tea

☐ Yankee Pot Roast ☐ Poached Atlantic Salmon ☐ Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast

\$30 per person

Payable to: Bard Fuller
36 Panorama Dr.
Southington, CT. 06489

Reservation deadline: November 25

bardfuller@hotmail.com



New England Unit Florida Caravan 2015

Join the New England Unit as we Caravan to sunny Florida and The Walt Disney World Resort! Join your Rally hosts as we experience all the attractions of Central Florida including the EPCOT International Food and Wine Festival!

- The caravan will launch from a point in Northern Virginia (Winchester off I-81) on Saturday, October 3, 2015.
- We will travel to Colleton State Park in South Carolina (off I-95) on Sunday, October 4, 2015
- Monday is arrival day at Disney's Fort Wilderness Campground.
 - We have arranged group rates for Premium sites.
 - Discounted tickets to the Walt Disney Resort (not included in caravan cost).
 - All Disney resort transportation is included.
 - Optional "Party for the Senses" at EPCOT Friday night.
- For those that want to head back to New England, we'll leave on Sunday October 11, 2015 stopping for the night in Charleston, South Carolina.
- Monday will be for touring Charleston.
- Tuesday (Oct 13) and Wednesday (Oct 14) will be travel days back to New England.
- Approximate cost (6 nights at Ft Wilderness and campground fees on the way down) is \$795.00. Cost for just Disney is \$570.00 (we can customize other parts as well). Make check out to Rich Collins

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

email Address: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

RIG SIZE: _____ Mail to: Rich Collins 227 Duffy Dr, Bennington VT 05201