

Connecticut



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

Future

November 2, 2014

Fall Dinner Meeting
Manchester Country Club
Bob Sandall

December 7, 2014

Holiday Dinner
Dakota Restaurant
Ted & Lois Price

June 4 - 7, 2015

New York Rally
Per Hamnqvist

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

~ Mark Lupien



This is my final President's message, I was pleased to hand the COCU gavel to Bard Fuller, our new President and his capable slate of officers. Bard has a great deal of experience with WBCCI and is planning many interesting and exciting activities for the upcoming year. Please give him your support to make next year a memorable one. My thanks to Sandy and Mike Sasuta our Hosts for the Installation and Business meeting at the Charley Brown Campground. Their efforts and planning made the rally relaxing and very enjoyable despite the weather. John Fuller, accompanied by his wife Grace, did a great job conducting the installation ceremony. John took great pride swearing in his son as president along with our new officers. I want to thank my officers and everyone that hosted a luncheon or rally over the past year for their support. The Charter Oak Unit remains strong because of the dedication and hard work of its members.

Congratulations to Kathy and Bard Fuller 34 years and Karen and Dan Olah 50 years, celebrating their wedding anniversaries with us on [Presidents Message Page 2](#)

Send Your Dues To Sandy

September Rally

in Bernardston, Massachusetts

~ by Bard Fuller

What a surprise to find so many attractions in the northern part of Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley. Barbara and Ray Landman were one of the first to arrive on Friday and scouted out the Mohawk Trail all the way to Williamstown and back to report on their favorite findings. By evening we had 16 units in place with a good split between the Cape Cod and Charter Oak members. The winter jackets came out as the sun went down. Those who were the most hardy kept up a good conversation around the campfire. Larry Lamontagne was the hardest of us all and was relegated to putting out the fire.



With a hint of frost around at breakfast we all were comparing our stories of turning on our furnaces for the first time this year. None could match new members Jack and Barbara Renner's experience of [September Page 2](#)

Charlie Brown Campground Rally

Eastford, CT - October 3-5, 2014

~ by Sally Kerr

Eight units attended the rally this weekend hosted by Michael and Sandy Sasuta. In attendance were:

Mark and Marie Lupien, John and Grace Fuller, Bard and Kathy Fuller, Dan and Karen Olah, Val and Aili Galasyn, Seb and Juanita Pestretto, and Sally Kerr.



All of the units had a beautiful drive getting to the campground. Parking so near to the spacious pavilion was a real convenience to everyone. All activities were held in the pavilion starting with Happy Hour where we got up-dates on everyone there, as well as others who were not with us. The Sasutas provided a delicious supper with sloppy joes, coleslaw and chips. John mysteriously left before supper and [Charlie Brown Page 3](#)

Question

What do a divorce in Alabama, a tornado in Kansas, and a hurricane in Florida have in common?

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chasing a mouse around the trailer after starting up their furnace. The mouse won and the Renners moved out into a motel for the night. Veteran breakfast chefs, Rich Walbridge and Trevor Lake had pancakes and sausage ready and waiting. The Cape Cod Unit held their Fall Business Meeting Saturday morning. Dottie Walbridge was dubbed as "Dottie Byam" as she has done so much for holding the club together for the past many years.

Most of the Charter Oak members went off exploring the area.



John and Fina Bacher made it over the the Kringle Candle Company show room as other others traveled to the Yankee Candle megastore in Deerfield. With the

Landman's high praise of Shelburne Falls, Bill and Evie Watts brought Val and Aili Galasyn and me to see the sights of the beautiful Bridge of Flowers and the dramatic glacial potholes. After lunch in Shelburne Falls we headed off to Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center to see the museum and get a greater understanding of Northeast Utilities' original quick demand turbine power plant and its unique pumping system to provide an on demand hydroelectric burst into the power grid. Across the majestic French King Bridge we set out to find the picturesque Barton Cove camping area (for the tenting types) along the shores of the Connecticut River.

The usual Happy Hour was the backdrop highlighting Mary Rosenbach as she

was inducted in as President of the Cape Cod Mass Unit. We also celebrated her birthday with a sheet cake decorated with dalmatian spots to reflect the new love of her life..a dalmatian puppy named "RJ". This was followed by a filling ham and potato dinner provided by the campground.

With warmer weather on Sunday morning and a bit of a showery mist in the air five of the Charter Oak Unit members enjoyed the Connecticut River cruise on the "Quinnetukut II" riverboat. The narration by our interpretive naturalist on board was very insightful. The highlight may have been spotting two bald eagles! Bill Watts then found a road side fruit stand with the most wonderful fall harvest produce at very reasonable prices. We literally filled the cargo area of his pick up with pumpkins, cabbage, eggplant, squash, corn and gourds.

We all then bid farewell to the community of Bernardston promising we will be back to this area for more exploration. A big thank you to our hosts Rich and Dottie Walbridge!! ~



Presidents Message from Page 1

Friday evening around the camp fire with cake and ice cream. Thanks to John and Grace for bringing the delicious cake for all to enjoy.

See you down the road, Mark ~

Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

It is enough that the people know there was an election. The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything.

~ Joseph Stalin



Charlie Brown from Page 1

drove all the way back home to pick up the cake for Bard and Kathy's 34th Anniversary. Not only were they celebrating their anniversary, but we learned that Dan and Karen were also celebrating their 50th year together. We all enjoyed the cake and ice cream with them.

The middle of the pavilion has a large kettle for building a fire. The comfort of the warm fire was welcome as the fall chill set in. The evening was spent around the fire hearing more stories from all.

As we got up on Saturday, we were "greeted" with cloudy and cool weather, later turning to off and on rain. The breakfast of blueberry pancakes, sausage, and juice was enjoyed by everyone on this dreary day. The warmth of all the friendly members eating and talking together made up for the weather.



Before the meeting and Installation of officers, others arrived by car: Lynn Blackwell, Roger and Ruth Crockett, Bob and Helen Sandall, and Gilles & Joyce Rousseau. The annual business meeting was held followed by John Fuller performing the honor of installing the new officers. Our new president, Bard Fuller gave an overview of the



influential people who helped prepare him for this position and all who help in so many ways. The new rally schedule was presented with a few additions to come.

The "soup to share" meal was perfect for this cool evening meal. Everyone enjoyed sampling the variety of soups that were made. Pumpkin pie was later served around the blazing fire.

The sun greeted us on a crisp Sunday morning. Ham and egg sandwiches were ready as people arrived for breakfast. Another special treat was crumb cake.

Gradually people prepared for their trip home. A few of us were still around to have a short visit with Bob and Jean Landry who drove over to say "hello". Everyone had a beautiful day to enjoy viewing the beautiful fall foliage.

We thank Michael and Sandy for a job well done. ~





On the way to the rally this past weekend, we saw the beautiful fall colors on the trees and saw even more on the way back. Fall is such a unique time of year, but we sure don't look forward to raking all those leaves. For those of you that attended the rally and still have your leaf questionnaire, here are the answers: 1. Red Maple 2. Dogwood 3. White Oak 4. Ginkgo 5. Hickory 6. Sassafras 7. Paper Birch 8. Aspen 9. Live Oak 10. Japanese Maple

Thank you to Past President **MARK LUPIEN** and Past First Lady **MARIE** for their year of service. Looking forward to President **BARD FULLER'S** and First Lady

KATHY'S term. They have an amazing schedule of upcoming rallies for 2015.

JOHN TAVARES must be feeling better as he was seen outside playing with his trailer; also heard he now has a new Ford EcoBoost truck...enjoy your smooth ride.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - TIMOTHY CURT & DONA BISSONNETTE from New Canaan, CT also **FRED & SUSAN NEWMAN** have rejoined the club - BIG WELCOME BACK.

EILEEN BARTRAM was recently in the hospital.....hope you are feeling much better.

Wishing **DOTTIE WALBRIDGE** and **NIELS ROSENBECK** a smooth recovery from cataract surgery.....everything is brighter now and colors are more vivid....which means new grandchild "Hadley" will look even cuter now, and Niels' carving more splendid.

TED PRICE is on the mend.....hope you aren't lifting those heavy moving boxes to your new home...put them on wheels.

50th Wedding anniversary congratulations to **DAN & KAREN OLAH**....October 3rd...seems like yesterday. Also October 3rd we celebrated **KATHY & BARD FULLER'S** 34th anniversary.

BOB LANDRY said his last day of work is October 30, 2014. Congratulations on your upcoming retirement!

2015 DUES: If you would like to be included in the 2015 WBCCI Membership Directory, please send me your dues by November 1st. The dues slip and mailing envelope were mailed to you in Jan. 2014 with the last directory insert. ~

Remember The Editor Challenge?

Editor Challenge:

This photo of Jack represents a unique moment at an Airstream Rally. Taken during a "Show & Tell" happy hour when members share a hint, trick, suggestion, or any fetish with the happy hour crowd, it cries out for a proper comment. Although, as editor, I could certainly insert my own caption why not solicit club participation. So here is the dare:

- 1 - Send me your caption for the picture of Jack. **(None were sent in.)**
- 2 - All entries will be published in the next Chatter. **(What entries?)**
- 3 - Author's name will be published unless anonymity has been requested. **(What names?)**
- 4 - The winner gets nothing. **(That's for sure.)**

So ... if I may, a little licentia poetica from the editor.

- 10 - It's not what you think - really.
- 9 - Hands behind your back - you are all under arrest.
- 8 - My Great Grandfather knew King Kong.
- 7 - I do magic escapes - really.
- 6 - Anyone see my two big dogs.
- 5 - No one steals *my* rally chairs.
- 4 - Honey, did you remember the whips?
- 3 - These are my new safety chains - really.
- 2 - You see, I use two generators and ...really...
and number one...
- 1 - OH OH!!! ... She escaped!!



Jack Paulishen offers his show and tell at the Hudson Rally.



OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Moyer	October 1
Bard & Kathy Fuller	October 3
Dan & Karen Olah	October 3
Fran Ingallinera	October 5
Dottie Walbridge	October 6
Bill Flood	October 7
Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca	October 8
Mark Lupien	October 8
Serafina M. Bachar	October 9
Raymond & Cynthia Richard	October 10
Niels Rosenbeck	October 12
Dick Bartram	October 12
David & Susan Johnson	October 15
Roger & Ruth Crockett	October 16
Brian Brosnahan	October 17
Susan Rutty	October 21
William & Evelyn Watts	October 22
Michael Rutty	October 27
Bob Landry	October 27

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy Sasuta	November 1
Gilles & Joyce Rousseau	November 2
Bill Korb	November 4
Clarence Gould	November 9
Beth Petrie	November 10
Paul Good	November 10
Ronald & Brenda Nicholas	November 11
Parker Boylan	November 13
Winnie Mangano	November 16
Jeff Blackwell	November 18
Helen Sandall	November 28
Gail Billings	November 28
Cynthia Melocik	November 28
Charlie & Sandy Eglise	November 29

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

~ Abraham Lincoln

If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these acceptance speeches there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven.

~ Will Rogers

To announce that there must be no criticism of the president... is morally treasonable to the American public.

~ Theodore Roosevelt

Answer from page one:

"Somebody's fixin' to lose them a trailer."

Bard Fuller - President	T h e B o a r d
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- 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/>



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November 2, 2014

Manchester Country Club
305 South Main Street
Manchester, Ct., 06040

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

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 desert.

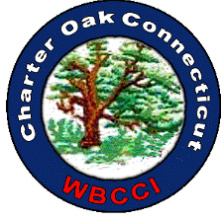
Send check and coupon to Bob Sandall, 114 Hollister Street, Manchester, Ct., 06042 by October 26, 2014

Prime Rib _____
 Sole _____
 Chicken _____

Name _____ WBCCI No. _____



3rd New York City Base Camp Liberty Harbor Marina, Jersey City, NJ Thu 6/4/15 – Sun 6/7/15



Come and join us for another long weekend of fun New York City exploration! No need to list everything you can do - there is something for everyone in NYC. Our base camp is very close to the city, providing convenient access to the subway (NJ PATH) as well as ferries to Manhattan.

More units = More fun: Not only have Charter Oak and Mahoning Valley Ohio re-joined us for this event, but we'll be joined by the Ontario Unit and Metro New York as well!

Do it yourself program: This rally does not have a formal program, other than when we serve coffee in the morning and when we gather for happy hour in the late afternoon. We'll help you coordinate your interests and excursions with others that are attending by fanning out emails. **This worked really well the last times we held this event.** Everyone ended up doing something they wanted to do, at their pace, often sharing those experiences with old and new Airstream friends.



A few things to keep in mind:

- **Sites are limited – reserve before 1st week of December 2014** or risk not getting a spot
- We cannot guarantee that we can give you a refund, but we'll do our best
- Extra nights are possible – see next page for details

Name: _____ WBCCI #: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell phone: _____ Length (ft): _____

WBCCI Unit: _____ Arrival: _____ Nights: _____ Total USD: _____

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