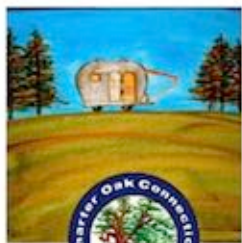


# Connecticut



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## President's Message ~ Bard Fuller



From our window we have seen a lot of southern New England, and more, over my term as president. We started two years ago in New Bedford,

MA., the Whaling Capital of the World, and have just wound up outside of Stockbridge, MA. in the heart of the Berkshires. Along the way we have been to the top of One World Trade Center in Manhattan, sailed around the Boston Harbor Islands, had a couple of clambakes/lobster fests on the Connecticut River, toured mansions in Newport, RI, and so much more.

The best part of being president however, has been working along with and enjoying the company of a great group of individuals who have made this club so special for Kathy and me over the years. A HUGE thanks goes out to all the club members who took on leadership roles in hosting rallies, rendezvous and luncheons. Read through the list here in the Chatter and know that it was because of you that the unit has flourished over the last couple of years. As I look out from the trailer I am looking forward to Evie Watts's presidency. Her team of unit members will take the helm at our unit's Installation Luncheon on October 16. Make it a point to be there and learn about the exciting 2017 schedule that Evie has in store for us all.

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the Charter Oak CT Unit. ~ **Bard**

## AIRSTREAM ALERT

Installation Dinner - October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Holiday Luncheon - December 4<sup>th</sup>

See Attached Flyer - Fill It Out - Join Us!

### The Elysian Fields Caravan...

The Walbridge family, along with my daughter Lisa, her husband Kris, our granddaughter Hadley, my son Rick, Jr., and I wish to express our deep appreciation for the wonderful tribute you gave to Richard in the August issue of the Chatter. We sincerely thank you for all the kind expressions of sympathy you have shown us during this most difficult time. Our loss of Richard is sometimes overwhelming, but we know we will make it through the tough times ahead. It is the support, love, and prayers of all our wonderful WBCCI friends that have gotten us through so far.



*Richard was the ultimate organizer and enjoyed every minute of every day he traveled through this great country pulling his Airstream. Happy hours, cooking pancakes, helping new and old Airstreamers, and organizing caravans were only some of the things he loved to do. I don't doubt he's up there now organizing some kind of caravan or rally. As I'm sure he'd say to all of you, "See you down the road."*

*Love to you all,  
Dottie*

## Question

You can't keep this until you have given it away.

Answer page 10

If a picture wasn't going very well, I'd put a puppy in it.

~ Norman Rockwell

See Oliver...

## LINK OF THE MONTH

[TAKE THAT EXIT](http://www.takethatexit.com)

<http://www.takethatexit.com>





## NORMAN ROCKWELL RENDEZVOUS



*COCU Airstreamers through the rear window.*



*Bill & Evie planned a "Pot Luck Breakfast" and it was wonderful.*



*Price trademark Cheese Balls - thank you Lois!*





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*Do Mike & Rich look like Shakers?*



*Bard & Kathy warm in the sun during a delicious and chilly breakfast.*



*Wiley, Gilles, and Joyce on a beautiful afternoon.*



## Rockwell Rendezvous ~ John J. Bachar (3089)

A great weekend with good weather, good friends, and an assortment of places to visit was held at the Woodland Hills Campground in Austerlitz, New York. Eleven Airstreams filled the safari field at the campground. Visits were made to the Norman Rockwell Museum, Hancock Shaker Village, Crane Museum of paper making, author Edith Warton's Home named The Mount, and several other interesting places.

Friday evening robust happy hour was held with an assortment of food dishes which concluded with marshmallow toasting on an open fire. Saturday potluck breakfast was served then all attendees departed for places to visit. When everyone returned, conversations of the areas visited were exchanged at the happy hour, good time had by all.

Many thanks go to Evelyn and Bill Watts for hosting and selecting an excellent campground and the following members for attending, Gail & Wiley Downing, Juanita & Seb Pestretto, Kathy & Bard Fuller, Sandy & Mike Sasuta, Joyce & Gilles Rousseau, Christine & Glen Lessig, Kathy & Rich Kushman, Sally Kerr, Serafina & John Bachar, Ali & Val Galasyn, Evelyn & Bill Watts, and Ted, Lois, Alison, and Lisa Price. ~

## OPINION

Something completely impossible for me to imagine is an Airstreamer showing disrespect to the National Anthem or American Flag. There are many issues worthy of protest and many methods to opine, but showing disdain for the very country that grants the freedom to dissent certainly demonstrates a troubling level of ignorance. ~ RK







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*Joyce & Gilles selfie before the Hancock Shaker Village round stone barn in Pittsfield, Ma during our Austerlitz adventure.*



*Eddie & Nancy Carll tour of Les Menchins on the Gaspé Peninsula, Quebec.*



*The Fullers & Pestrettos both visited "The Mount" the gracious newly restored home of Edith Wharton. She was a very successful and versatile writer from the early 20th century.*



*"It's a dogs life " Cute Oliver does not look very comfortable - precious!*



*Happy smiles at happy hour... Austerlitz New York.*



*Bard and Kathy Fuller at the Greenbank WV radio telescope*





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Welcome to new members **GARY & SYBIL WILLIAMS** from Plantsville, CT, who purchased Bard & Kathy Fuller's B Van. Hope to see you soon.

Welcome to **DAVID & GARY LEVINSON**, former affiliates, who now have become our regular members. They have transferred from the Berkshire New York Unit which, unfortunately, is dissolving. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you to **EVELYN & BILL WATTS** for hosting the Norman Rockwell Museum Rendezvous. It was a great time and a great location for sightseeing. The Pot Luck

Breakfast was yummy. Also nice to have the **PRICE** family joining us.

Congratulations to **REGGIE & JACKIE BROWN**, former members, who celebrated their 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary!!!!

Thank you to **HOWARD & CAROLYN KNIGHT** for your generous donation to the Club. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Please keep **JOHN & ROSE TAVARES** in your thoughts and prayers as they are going through difficult times with health problems.

**Don't forget to pay your dues** if you want to be included in the WBCCI 2017 Membership Directory....pay on line at [www.wbcci.org](http://www.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. ~



*The Lessig rig after ferry crossing Englishtown, NS.*



*Glen and Christine Lessig, July 10, 2016 Fundy National Park, beginning of 2 week adventure exploring Nova Scotia.*



*Cute little kitty "Gizmo" climbing the walls in Wiley & Gail Downing's trailer. You may be able to adopt Gizmo - call Gail.*



*Fullers & Lupiens at Sugarcreek Rally*



*Sally Kerr somewhere along the Blue Ridge.*





*Fred & Dale McGoldrick attend Marine Corps League Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. August 8, 2016 - one spiffy Marine!*



*Guy & Laura Weik at Skidaway Island State Park, outside Savannah, GA*



*Kathy Fuller, Crocketts, & Pestrettos another Thanksgiving at Plymouth.*



*Laura & Guy biking at Hunting Island State Park, South Carolina*

## "Fun to the Rock Rally"

~ by Kathy Fuller

The weekend of September 9-11 Bard and I joined the New England Unit in Plymouth, MA. Since we had already seen "Plimoth Plantation", Plymouth Rock, and the Mayflower we went to the Pilgrim Hall Museum. Pictures, artifacts, videos, history and a gift shop were all there for us to enjoy. Crockett's and Pestretto's took a cruise around Plymouth Bay. The sunny weather and sparse number of passengers added to their fun.

The rally hosts were Eddie and Nanci Carll, affiliate members of Charter Oak, and their puppy, Oliver. They did a great job and gave each family our own "Plymouth Rock" with our trailer and number painted on it. Cute idea.

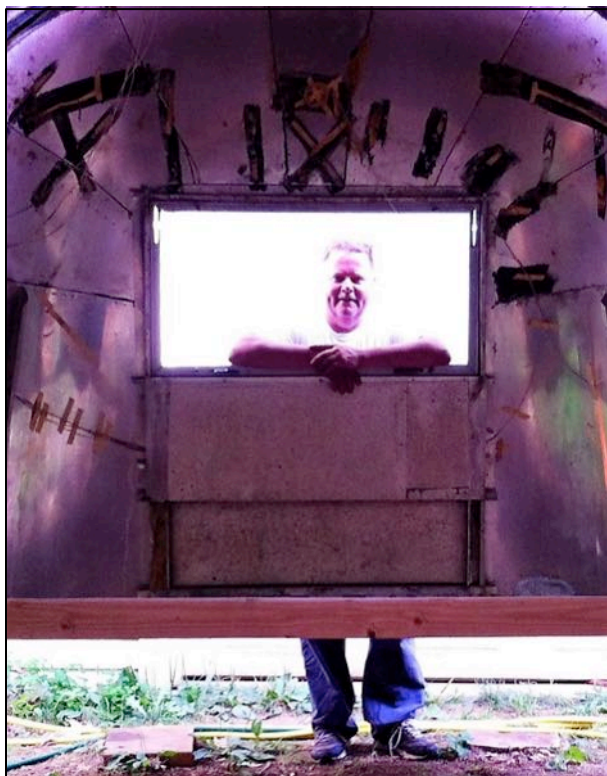
On Sunday we drove home on backroads and took a slower pace. It took an extra hour but that was OK ...we were pretending we were retired. ~





### “The Falcon Will Fly Again”

#### New Window Segment



Russ Fuller continues to work on his 1959 Airstream Falcon. He's giving it a new life.

What if you don't like the window placement on your trailer? Then just move the windows! That's Russ's solution. With a new floor plan to include a mid-body dinette it would be nifty to have a view window mid-body. One problem is that there are no after-market window frame material available for the 1950's Airstreams.

Russ resolved this problem by removing some of the original windows and resizing them so that he would have enough molding to restructure his new window design. Each window needed to be built from scratch with new corner welds. Then aluminum sheathing was needed to fill in the previous window locations. Quite a project! ~ Bard



## Secret Recipe

**Crack  
CHICKEN DIP**  
by Gail Downing

#### INGREDIENTS

2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken  
(I used Perdue Shortcuts ...one package is exactly 2 cups)  
8 oz. cream cheese softened  
1/2 cup barbecue sauce  
1 Tbsp brown sugar  
Juice of 1/2 lime  
1/4 cup sour cream  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
2 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled  
2 Tbsp chopped chives  
Tortilla chips for serving

#### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
Combine in a medium size bowl: chicken, cream cheese, barbecue sauce, brown sugar, lime juice, sour cream, and cheddar cheese. Mix until evenly combined. Salt and pepper to taste. (I only used pepper, salty enough) transfer to baking dish. Top with bacon and chives. Bake until warmed through and cheese is bubbly. 20-25 minutes ~ **ENJOY**

**Send In Your Secret Recipe To Share**





### Bard's Good, Bad, and Bizarre Airstreams



One of the most unusual Airstream windows is the handy work of Steve and Kevin Ruth from P&S Ruth of Helena, Ohio. Both front and rear windows of this 1961 Caravel are these unusual 3 foot round panoramic windows.

The round window concept was the vision of artist Randy Polumbo. For quite awhile this trailer was seen in Catskill, NY. It has more recently been tricked-out as the "Love Stream" with a multitude of whimsical handblown colorful light bulbs. This Airstream is now often seen in Randy's art exhibits throughout southern Florida.

P&S Ruth has been a long standing Airstream exterior refurbisher who has been polishing Airstreams long before it was fashionable to do so. The Ruth boys, Steve and Kevin, have since gone into all types of Airstream refurbishing including rebuilds and a whole array of upgrades along with their notable polishing.

Interesting to note, Kevin and Steve's father, Paul Ruth, was the general manager of Travelers' Rest



Resort in Florida for 17 years (1973-1990). It was under his guidance that Mirror Lake was created as part of a massive drainage program at the park as well as many other major improvements to the RV resort in its earlier days. ~

I can take a lot of pats on the back. I love it when I get admiring letters from people. And, of course, I'd love it if the critics would notice me, too. ~ *Norman Rockwell*

Some folks think I painted Lincoln from life, but I haven't been around that long. Not quite. ~ *Norman Rockwell*

Travel is like a tonic to me. It's more than just getting away from the studio for a brief rest. I need it to recharge my batteries. ~ *Norman Rockwell*





### Thanks to All of Our 2015-2016 Hosts

John & Sarafina Bachar - Lake Waramaug host  
 Dick Bartram - 2016 Officer Installation  
 Jeff and Lynn Blackwell Glastonbury Luncheon  
 Jim & Corinne Burnham - 2016 Manchester Luncheon  
 John Fuller - 2015 Officer Installation  
 Russ and Rhona Fuller - Lobster Fest hosts  
 Val and Aili Galasyn - Maritime Rally hosts  
 Gene Hicky and Charlotte LaRocca- Glastonbury Luncheon  
 Rich and Kathy Kushman - Milford, CT and New Hampshire hosts  
 Mark and Marie Lupien- Boston Harbor Islands hosts  
 Toni Nolder - 2016 Christmas Luncheon host  
 Gilles and Joyce Rousseau - St. Patrick's Luncheon and Canadian Caravan  
 Bob and Helen Sandall - 2015 Manchester Luncheon  
 Mike and Sandy Sasuta- Milford, CT and Greenfield, MA hosts, Florida Luncheons  
 Bill and Evelyn Watts- Rhinebeck, NY, Spring Luncheon Meeting, and Stockbridge, MA

### GOODWILL ~ by Lois Price (AKA) The "Lois" Price in town !!

Those who know me realize that I like to shop.  
 I love a bargain and the Goodwill Stores are a great place to stop!  
 There is a Goodwill down the road from the grocery store -  
 A big place with many bargains galore!  
 The staff is helpful and nice,  
 And of course you just can't beat the price.  
 It is clean and neatly arranged.  
 Right from the start I felt comfortable, not strange.  
 Many times I go in just for a "fix".  
 The bargains and getting things are a good mix!  
 There are times when I go in for something that I "need"  
 And would you believe "alas", there it is, indeed!  
 I have to admit that my closets are full with "stuff",  
 But that doesn't mean that I really have enough.  
 You might say I'm not a "Fashionista".  
 I only buy what I can't "resista"!  
 Although not a high end fashion plate,  
 I do O.K. with what I can create.  
 A wardrobe with a style all its own.  
 And when the bill is paid - I do't have to moan!  
 So - Kudos to "Goodwill Stores" and their prices, not out of sight  
 Or, as we say in our family, "The Price is Right" ! and  
 A little Goodwill never hurt anybody!!

### October 16<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting Legislation

#### Proposed 2017 Slate of Officers

<i>President</i>	Evelyn Watts	<i>Treasurer</i>	Sandy Sasuta
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</i>	Joyce Rousseau	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director</i>	Val Galasyn
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</i>	Gail Downing	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director</i>	John Bachar
<i>Corresponding Sec</i>	Kathleen Kushman	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Year Director</i>	Roger Crockett
<i>Recording Sec</i>	Lynn Blackwell	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Year Director</i>	Sebastian Pestretto

### Funding Authorizations:

#### Proposal 1:

Provide a \$15 incentive in the form of a coupon published in the March 2017 Chatter to be redeemed by any COCU membership holder. There will be one coupon per membership number. The coupon may be used for any unit sponsored rally or rendezvous excluding International, Regional and New York City Rally in the year 2017.

#### *Rational:*

To encourage more members to attend unit sponsored rallies and rendezvous.

#### *Financial Implication:*

\$15 times the number of unit memberships that attend a rally/rendezvous event.

#### Proposal 2:

Should a unit business meeting be held at a campground that required a member who was not camping to pay a guest fee in order to attend the unit business meeting the guest fee would be available to be reimbursed by the unit treasury.

#### *Rational:*

More campgrounds are requiring guests to pay a fee. It is unfair to the member to have to pay a fee to attend a business meeting.

#### *Financial Implication:*

Would vary from campground to campground.





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## OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

10/01 Barbara Moyer  
10/03 Dan & Karen Olah  
10/03 Bard & Kathy Fuller  
10/04 Eileen Allers  
10/04 Wiley Downing  
10/05 Frank White  
10/05 Fran Ingallinera  
10/06 Dottie Walbridge  
10/07 Bill Flood  
10/08 Mark Lupien  
10/08 Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca  
10/09 Serafina M. Bachar  
10/10 Eddie Carll  
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  
10/24 Gail Downing  
10/27 Michael Rutty  
10/27 Bob Landry

## 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

### 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

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



### WANTED

Airstream Bambi 16

Contact Ruth Crockett

860-489-9566

[ruthcrockett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ruthcrockett@sbcglobal.net)

### WANTED

Airstream B-Van

Contact Rick & Beth Petrie

203-932-2184

[tprobe47@att.net](mailto:tprobe47@att.net)

### Where have you been this Summer?

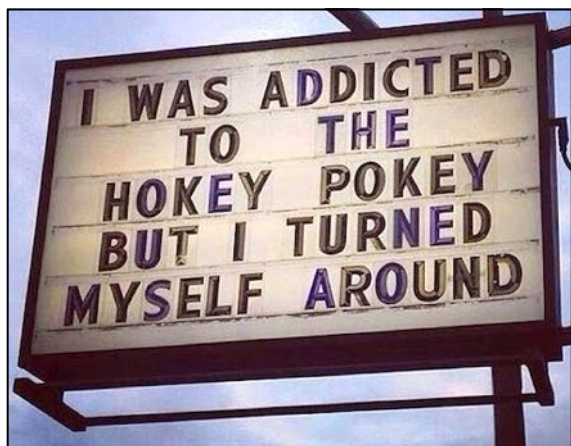
Looking for pictures from everyone that has been camping this summer at a non-rally to be published in the next issue. Please email them to Bard ([bardfuller@hotmail.com](mailto:bardfuller@hotmail.com))

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

**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 promise.

*Tell the truth...  
did you try to hum  
while holding  
your nose?*

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# Installation Dinner

October 16, 2016

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:  
Jim Burnham  
184 Scantic Road  
East Windsor, CT 06088

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_

Sole \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI No: \_\_\_\_\_



# Charter Oak, Connecticut Unit **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

on the Connecticut River  
at one of Connecticut's premiere restaurants

## **GELSTON HOUSE**



*Sunday, December 4, 2016 12 noon*

**8 Main Street, East Haddam , CT 06423**

Directions: Route 9, Exit 7. Left at end of ramp. Right at the 1<sup>st</sup> light. Follow Route 82 over the Swing Bridge. Gelston House is on the right.

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

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

\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Marsala** \_\_\_\_ **Sliced Bistro Steak** \_\_\_\_ **Seared Salmon\***  
(with Bourbon Sauce)\*

\*Gluten free is available - please specify

**\$32 per person** (includes Sales tax & Gratuity)

**Reservation Deadline is November 22, 2016**

Mail coupon and check to : Toni Nolder  
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