

# Connecticut



Charter Oak Chatter

October 2017

## President's Message ~ Evelyn Watts



The EZZY BREEZY RENDEZVOUS could not have been nicer. Walnut Beach was a premier location. The weather was warm and sunny, the water was a comfortable temperature for those who wanted to take a dip and the boardwalk was a wonderful place to take a stroll. Everyone enjoyed the baked potatoes with tasty toppings and the yummy ice cream sundaes rounded out the meal (as well as our tummies). Thank you Sandy and Mike Sasuta and Joyce and Gilles Rousseau for hosting and taking such good care of us.

The last rally of the season is just around the corner. COCU is joining forces with the New England Unit at the Melville Ponds Campground in Newport, RI, from September 29 to October 1. Unfortunately, that Rally is on a wait list only.

First VP Joyce Rousseau is ready to step into my shoes on October 15. She has been busy planning next year's activities and will share those with us at her installation. The Manchester Country Club is a beautiful spot to

spend an October afternoon. Reserve today!

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their support during my time as President. I am uneasy mentioning individual names because I do not want to overlook or offend anyone. So many of you pitched in, on the front lines, the side lines, and the back lines. Your help and support enabled me to enjoy my presidency. I am grateful for your help and friendship.~



*Rendezvous at the beach - Milford Connecticut*



*Sandy Sasuta with grandson Trent and Fuller Dalmatian.*

### Question

Is an older one-hundred dollar bill worth more than a newer one? *Answer page 6*

"No man who ever held the office of president would congratulate a friend on obtaining it."  
— John Adams

### LINK OF THE MONTH

[Man In The Maze](http://maze.airstreamlife.com/)

<http://maze.airstreamlife.com/>





### Easy - Not Too Breezy

What a wonderful location for a rendezvous, on the beach. We had 11 trailers parked in the parking lot, the Fuller brothers, Michael & Sandy Sasuta, Rich & Kathy Kushman, Gabrielle Horwitz & Joseph Migliore, Wiley & Gail Downing, John & Serafina Bachar, Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould, Bill & Evelyn Watts, Sally Kerr and Gilles & Joyce Rousseau. We also had some day guests who were so



*Russ & Rhona easy breezy smiles.*

nice to see, Ted & Lois Price with daughters Alison and Lisa, Valerie Sasuta, Natalie Sasuta with Mark and Trent. Toni Nolder, John & Grace Fuller and Rick & Beth Petrie. We also had quite a few of our "fur family" along with a total of 10 dogs, all were very well behaved.

As always the happy hours were a lot of fun with a " food for thought game " that Sandy made up, and it did make you think...like " if the professor on Gillian's Island could make a phone out of a coconut, why couldn't he fix a hole in the boat"... mmm.

The Saturday meal was fantastic. Baked potato with all the fixings, chili, broccoli, cheese sauce, bacon, sour cream and it was yummy. Then we had make your own sundaes with ice cream and brownies. Nobody left the table hungry, and I think eating outside always makes it taste so much better.

There was a lot to see in the area, the Pez Factory and of course the beach, it was a perfect beach weekend.

Joyce gave a quick run down for next years events, with a couple of spots to be filled. Thank you to all who made this event a success, see you down the road. ~



*While Toni Nolder was away Sandy and Alison Price play.*



*Joyce and Evie with new affiliates Gabrielle Horwitz and Joseph Migliore from New England Unit.*



*John Bachar getting some help rolling up his troublesome awning.*



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*Hey - everyone look at the camera and smile.*



*Happy hour, Happy camper - Happy wife, Happy life!*



Welcome to new members **SUSAN FREIMUTH & DESIREE JERRICK** from Andover, CT, membership #26817. Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

We had 11 units at the Walnut Beach Rendezvous in Milford, CT. Weather was great, no rain. Glad to see **JOYCE ROUSSEAU** there, as she recently had surgery and is doing well...must be because of the brownie sundaes she made.

Exciting News from **MIKE & LIANNE RUTTY**: Boy Scouts have kept us very busy the past 10 years. **JAMES & SAM** both earned their Eagle Scout in March. In the summer of 2016, Sam, James & Mike attended Philmont Scout ranch in New Mexico to backpack over 75 miles over the course of 12 days! This past summer both boys attended the National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia; Mike was the Scoutmaster for the Troop and Lianne was on staff for the Jamboree. Next summer Sam & Mike will be returning to Philmont.

Some of us will never forget camping with James & Sam when they were little, their running off and playing in mud puddles...good memories!



Happy News from **BOB & JEAN LANDRY**: Their son **ZACHERY** recently got married on 9/11/17 in San Francisco. Congratulations to Zachery and Lmar as they start their new life living and working in Switzerland. Also Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to **RAYMOND & CYNTHIA RICHARD** on October 10<sup>th</sup>!

Keep in mind the June 1-3, 2018 rally at **Hammonasset Beach State Park**, 203-245-2785 or through [reserveAmerica.com](http://reserveAmerica.com). You should reserve now, as the sites are going rapidly; if not certain you can attend, you can always cancel on line. Try to get in the DOWD section, as the hosts, the Rousseau's, are in site N05. ~





### Calendar Completion and Other Items of Interest

Does this piece of cardboard look familiar? It was unveiled at our wonderful rally sponsored by Bard and Kathy Fuller at Mystic in May and had many empty spaces. Now it looks much healthier and happier with so many spots and questions filled in. It takes a lot of very nice people to volunteer to host an event to make an exciting year for our Charter Oak Connecticut Unit and also agree to be an officer or board member for a term. You might not be able to read all the entries, but that's okay since a schedule will be distributed at our October 15 meeting for all to see. It might not be totally finished by then but maybe you can help by sponsoring an April brunch. I'd love to see something each month so we can gather and share our love of Airstreaming. Notice that the business meetings are in October and May. Keep those dates in mind to share in forming your club's future.

Speaking of the future- I promised to send images of some of the flags I saw in Escanaba from other units as examples of what ours might resemble. (Check out the images found on this page.) Put on your thinking caps and imagine a new one for us. I've talked about this idea for a couple of months and have not received any negative response, so I hope to involve a lot of people. If you can't draw or use a computer a written explanation might be enough for someone to interpret your idea. I'm looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to help select the "winner."

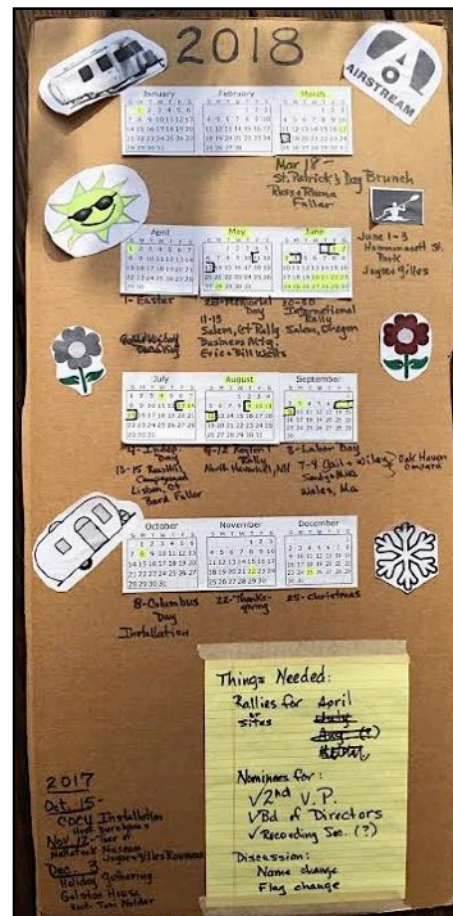


I spoke with Tye Mott, our Region 1 President, last week about a unit name change. He explained that units/clubs that have changed their names to include "Airstream Club" have increased their visibility on line and in public relations articles, gotten new members and found the quick identification of what we are to be to their advantage. (It's not hard to believe that Wally Byam is not widely known- how many times have you had to explain the name?) We will talk about possible changes at the October meeting with ideas being shared. Again, I haven't heard of any negative response to this idea but the meeting is your time to be heard. If you are not able to attend, send your comments to me or another friend so that we can discuss your feelings.

Tye also told me that motions for any change in name and/or flag must be submitted by January 1, 2018 to the IBT- our governing body. Constitutional changes are also in order so there's a few things to do. I'm not experienced in all of this, but know that help is just a phone call/email away when needed. It would be

great to have all changes completed by the next International in June 2018 but progress is what needs to happen and there's no rush. (Personal note- I would love to carry our new flag at this rally in Salem, Oregon!) If you want to help in any or all phases of these potential changes, please talk with me. More hands make less work!

Looking forward to seeing you in October and all our scheduled gatherings. Don't forget the "Midday at the Matt" in Waterbury on November 12 and our holiday gathering on December 3 in Haddam. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to sponsor/host an event. ~





### Proposed Official Slate of Officers - 2017-2018

It is with a great deal of gratitude that I present the Proposed Slate of Officers for the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit of WBCCI. These people have responded to the call for volunteers to lead your local unit.

**President – Joyce Rousseau**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Gail Downing**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Kathy Fuller**

**Recording Secretary – Lynn Blackwell**

**Corresponding Secretary – Kathleen Kushman**

**Treasurer – Sandy Sasuta**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director- Sebastian Pestretto**

**2<sup>nd</sup> year Director- Roger Crockett**

**1<sup>st</sup> year Director- Wiley “Jim” Downing**

**1<sup>st</sup> year Director- Gilles Rousseau**

**Newsletter- Richard Kushman**

**Membership- Kathy Fuller**

**Legislative- Michael Sasuta**

Installation of this group of officers will be at the **October 15** fall business meeting scheduled at the **Manchester Country Club**, Manchester, Ct. It will begin at **12:00** with a social hour, luncheon, and business meeting to follow. Please be sure to send your reservation to Jim Burnham **ASAP!** This is a lovely venue with delicious food, good service, and the chance to see friends from the unit. Business items will include the possibility of changing our unit name and a new flag design contest. (Volunteers needed to serve on the flag selection committee) Your presence is important to our functioning as a group so I hope to see you then! ~



### Egg Yolk Cookies

~ Rick Petrie

#### Ingredients:

2 sticks of softened butter  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
6 hard boiled egg yolks  
2 1/2 cups of flour  
2 tsp salt  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 tsp baking soda

In a large bowl, cream 2 sticks of butter, add 1 1/2 cups of sugar and 1 tsp vanilla extract, mix well.

Add 6 hard boiled egg yolks that you have broken and crumbled (mashed) with a fork. Mix well into mixture. Sift 2 1/2 cups of flour together with the 2 tsp of salt and 1 tsp baking soda. Add flour/salt mixture to the margarine/egg yolk mixture and mix well. Optional (refrigerate mixture 24 hours) Roll out mixture and cut into desired shapes using cookie cutter. bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 10 minutes.



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## OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

10/03 Dan & Karen Olah  
 10/03 Bard & Kathy Fuller  
 10/04 Eileen Allers  
 10/04 Wiley Downing  
 10/05 Fran Ingallinera  
 10/07 Bill Flood  
 10/08 Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca  
 10/08 Mark Lupien  
 10/09 Serafina M. Bachar  
 10/10 Eddie Carll  
 10/10 Raymond & Cynthia Richard  
 10/12 Niels Rosenbeck  
 10/12 Dick Bartram  
 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  
 11/09 Clarence (Bud) Gould  
 11/10 Beth Petrie  
 11/10 Paul Good  
 11/11 Ronald & Brenda Nicholas  
 11/18 Jeff Blackwell  
 11/28 Cynthia Melocik  
 11/28 Helen Sandall  
 11/28 Gail Billings

## FOR SALE

**NEW**, in box, Dometic Penguin air conditioner Shroud - grey.  
 Item #3308046.022. Cost from Dometic \$118.79.  
 Asking \$60.00.  
 Fred McGoldrick  
[freddalem@aol.com](mailto:freddalem@aol.com)

## 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

## 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.



*Airstreaming!*

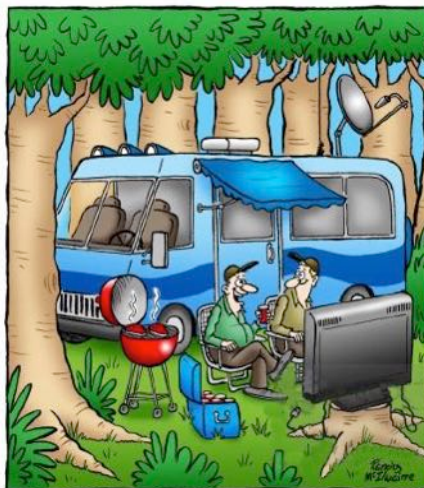
### 2017 Charter Oak Member \$15.00 Coupon

- Incentive Coupon to get all members camping in 2017 with your WBCCI Connecticut Unit.
- Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Can be used for: (Pick one) \_\_\_\_\_ May: Mystic, CT Rally  
 \_\_\_\_\_ August: Cooperstown, NY Rally \_\_\_\_\_ Sept.: Millford, CT Rendezvous  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sept.: Newport, RI Rally
- Print and attach to Rally/Rendezvous flier coupon. Deduct up to \$15 from rally "Kitty fee" and mail to host.
- Must have paid your 2017 Charter Oak dues. Can be Regular or Associate member to qualify. To be used only once in 2017 season. Not for campground payment.



## 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

Of course it is. A \$100 bill is worth more than a newer \$1 bill.

Editor: ..... Richard Kushman  
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## Installation Dinner

Sunday, October 15, 2017

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: -----

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## Midday at the Matt

Join us on Sunday, **Nov. 12**

Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury

144 West Main St. - Parking behind the Museum

12:30-1:30 Guided Docent tour

1:45-2:45 Luncheon in the café

(Prepared by Joyce)

The museum offers a variety of exhibits telling the history of Waterbury and featuring other special items. It's an enjoyable and enriching way to spend the afternoon. Participants may remain after lunch to continue visiting the museum.

Cost - \$9 (admission) plus \$6 for lunch and beverage totaling \$15.

Sponsored by Joyce and Gilles Rousseau

*Reserve by Nov. 1 by emailing [joycezr68@gmail.com](mailto:joycezr68@gmail.com) or calling 203-264-5372.*





## **Columbus Day *and* Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally**

*in Bristol, Vermont*

at the Green Mountain Family Campground, 4817 South 116 Rd Bristol, VT 05443

A three night stay for **\$160.00** hosted by  
The Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit of the WBCCI

limited to 20 sites, with a waiting list, more sites may open up..

\*This rally in the past has sold out very quick\*

October 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

*Hosted by: RJ Dominic*

co-hosted by Tye Mott

**Thursday, October 5** Early arrival (Please see additional fee's below)

**Friday, October 6** Arrival at the campground  
4:00pm - Happy hour, meet and greet

**Saturday, October 7** 8:00am - Breakfast desert pot luck, Bring your favorite breakfast desert! Coffee, Tea  
9:30am - CCMU business meeting  
4:00pm - Happy hour.. Wine and Cheese happy hour, We will supply the cheeses, you bring your favorite bottle of wine to share, and if you have a special appetizer, bring that also..

**Sunday, October 9** 8:00am - Bagels/cream cheese, muffins, yogurt, and fruit breakfast, coffee, tea, juice  
3:00pm - 'Smoked' Turkey Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings. If you would like to contribute a dish please let us know. There will be a sign up sheet.  
Please speak to Tye or RJ  
5:00pm - Happy hour, bring your favorite fall beverage and enjoy the campfire.

**Monday, October 10** 8:00am - Coffee  
Departure: See You Down The Road

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

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

## **GELSTON HOUSE**



**Sunday, December 3, 2017 12:00 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 November 22, 2017**

Mail coupon and check to : Toni Nolder  
61 Mohican Rd.  
Westbrook, CT 06498  
(860) 304-4149

