

Connecticut



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

Future

September 19 - 21, 2014

Joint Rally with Cape Cod
Traveler's Woods Campground
Bernardston, MA
Rich & Dottie Walbridge

October 3 - 5, 2014

Charter Oak CT Rally & Installation
Charlie Brown Campground,
Eastford, CT
Mike & Sandy Sasuta

November 2, 2014

FALL DINNER MEETING
Manchester Country Club
Bob Sandall

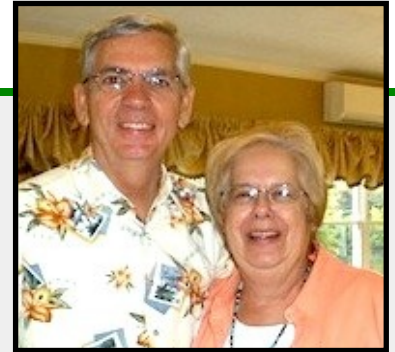
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

~ Mark Lupien

The Mid Hudson Rally Hosted by, Kathy and Bard Fuller was an "Amazing Success". All the Airstream participants had a busy and fun filled weekend. The New Paltz, NY area held treasure chest of activities for everyone to enjoy. Thanks Kathy and Bard for a wonderful weekend.

We have made excellent progress toward filling the Slate of Officers for the upcoming year. There are only two positions open, 1st Year Director and Membership. The slate of officers for election are as follows:

Bard Fuller	President
Aili Galasyn	1st Vice President
Evelyn Watts	2nd Vice President
Sandy Sasuta	Treasurer
Kathleen Kushman	Corresponding Secretary
Lynn Blackwell	Recording Secretary
Richard Kushman	Newsletter Editor
Joyce Rousseau	2nd Year Director
Ray Landman	2nd Year Director
Marie Lupien	1st year Director
Jerry Ingallinera	Legislative



The COCU Fall Business Meeting and Installation is being hosted by, Sandy and Michael Sasuta at the, Charlie Brown Camp Ground in Eastford, CT.. The COCU Business meeting starts at 10:30 AM Saturday morning. ~

See you at the Business Meeting. ~ Mark

**Send Your
Dues
To Sandy**

Mid Hudson Historical Holiday- Aug. 21 – 24.



~ by Joyce Rousseau #8988

It took a bit of trust to sign up for a Rally at a new venue with 3 different groups involved. But since it was in the able hands of Bard and Kathy Fuller you go ahead anyway and wait for a great experience. Bard kept us well informed and itching to get started by his multiple emails leading to the event. You will excuse my personal items in this article, but sometimes volunteers take liberties and I am a volunteer of sorts. About 20 units attended from both Region 1 and Region 2 for what was to be a very enjoyable time. There was so much to see and do in the area and many new people to get to know and make into friends.

Things got going on Thursday with those arriving before noon being greeted at the gate of the Ulster County Fairgrounds by Kathy and Bard and Bill and Evelyn Watts. We were promised a printed info booklet and a cookie after parking and setting up. The parking was ably handled with the help of Gary and David Levinson. The sites were on level grass for the most part and under beautiful trees for many, a lovely setting. We got the promised schedule and reward of a cookie, ate lunch and then headed out for the Walkway Over

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Question

What grows up and down at the same time?

What tastes better than it smells?

What is harder to catch the faster you run?

~ Answers Page 4



Mark Hammer 2nd VP Reg 2 shows a unique leveling device - not watermelon.



Billy was speaking softly while describing his big pipe.



Bard demonstrated tricks with his pole.

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the Hudson with the Sasutas and Kushmans. We walked the world's longest pedestrian bridge, enjoyed the views and learned some of its history as told by a Walkway Ambassador we met. We made all 1.6 miles one way and returned chatting as we went and joking about how John Fuller would be racing along with his little walker. The joke was on us when we found him, Grace, and the Lupiens at the halfway point. They too, enjoyed the views but decided to return from there. We made it back for Happy Hour, of course, and after dinner relived some of the Nor' By Nor'east caravan through the pictures and narrative of Dottie and Rich Walbridge. It was a nice way to end our first day.

Friday was a day to go off on our own and Gilles and I took our bikes in the truck to visit New Paltz. Others ventured to Hyde Park, the Culinary Institute, wineries or toured the general area by bike or car. We rode on Huguenot St. but were too early for the official tours so we kept going. We discovered monuments at a former slave cemetery and another of the Eltin family, one of the "patentees" who settled the original town. We later learned some of the history of this and several other founding families on the tour. We also had a special treat in viewing some vintage cars courtesy of a very nice woman whose husband had designed and built a garage to house his 30+ incredible collection.

We returned to the visitor's center to start the tour, being the only ones on it that early. We learned a bit about the Huguenot religious history at the church, visited two homes where we were magically transported to the appropriate time period, either the early 17th or 18th century. The tour finished with two final homes, one of which was where the Eltin family had started a store. The guides did a good job for the most part and the homes were well reconstructed where needed.

While we were in New Paltz, others went to the Culinary Institute – definitely a "clean plate" experience or Hyde Park to view the FDR home and library- a 2 day ticket which, according to Bard, needed at least one more. The Paulishens, new members, were thrilled to find the Madeline Albright pin collection on display- Jack's a history teacher and Jackie has a replica of one of her pins. Several members discovered some delicious restaurants - both German or Italian. Ask the Landmans about their great deal!

Friday night we got to visit our Great West through the pictures taken by Kathy and Rich Kushman last year. It was a patriotic journey showing us many wonderful sights of our great country.

Saturday we had a delicious breakfast of blueberry pancakes and all the fixings cooked by David and Gary Levinson. We all thank them for providing the needed equipment and being so willing to help on many facets of this rally. They made it seem easy.

After eating, almost all of us went to Kingston to take the riverboat cruise. It was a nice relaxing way to see the Hudson River and the sights along the way. The weather was fine and all had an enjoyable time. Many of us had a late lunch at a riverside restaurant and then some went to the Maritime Museum or back to Hyde Park.

Our dinner that night was a tasty catered meal with more food than we could eat. During our evening session, George Hernandez of Classic RV told stories about his experiences fixing AirStreams and answered lots of individual questions. He was very knowledgeable and does an expert job on repairs.

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Walking over the Hudson.



John Fuller - 306,481 Airstream meals and still smiling.



Hudson from Page 2 Early Sunday morning we awoke to find a foggy campground. However, as the sun rose higher a beautifully eerie sight of rays reflecting off the aluminum campers gave way to a clear sunny day. Some participants stayed another day but most of us headed home. It was three days of great fun and camaraderie- and too much food! The weather didn't quite cooperate all the time, but never stopped us from doing our activities.

Our deepest thanks go to Bard and Kathy Fuller for their extensive planning and hard work on our behalf. Kathy said that Bard loves to do this type of event and needless to say- IT WAS AMAZING!!!!!!!!!!

I asked those attending to express what they enjoyed or thought about the event. Here are the results: supercolossal * fantastic * friendships * bike ride * awesome * Mark's improved health to attend * Hudson River Cruise * the great venue * relaxing * pleasant * handcuffs * Canada geese * CIA lunch * wine tasting * peaches * astounding * early breakfast duty for Larry L. Ask one of the attendees if you need clarification! We look forward to returning to this area again. ~



John with sons Russ and Bard represent about 400 years of Airstreaming , or there about.



Rare shot of Trevor and Gail having wine.



They all went, they all cruised, they all came back.



sandy's scuttlebutt



We still have a few more weeks of summer remaining, and the weather has been great. Enjoy it while you can.

60th Wedding Anniversary congratulations to **Roger & Ruth Crockett** - October 16th. Time sure goes by fast when you're having fun.

While shopping, I ran into **Debi Cocco**, a past member. She is doing fine and tells everyone "Hello" and that she misses her dear friends.

Everyone had a great time at the Mid Hudson NY Joint Rally on August 21-24. Never knew about the 1.28 mile walking bridge (was an old railroad bridge) across the Hudson River. It was a wonderful view plus we got to exercise. We had lunch at the Culinary Institute....what a delicious meal. It is a great area to revisit with so much to do. Thank you to **Bard & Kathy Fuller**.

Jack & Michelle Paulishen had a wonderful family vacation out west. Nice to see them at the Mid Hudson Rally, along with Gary and Dave Levinson.

Welcome back **Sally Kerr**.....good to have you as a Charter Oak regular member.

Sending get well wishes to **Phil Simmons** who is back in Arizona, recovering, and doing much better.

Keep in mind the **Oct 3-5 Installation Rally**. The campground wants to know the final count 30 days before the rally, so let me know by Sept 3rd, as we don't want to lose any of our reserved sites. If unable to attend with your trailer, you can join us for the day on Saturday for the 10:30 AM installation of officers, and stay for the Soup Pot Luck Supper. Please let me know if you will be stopping by.

I heard that the Treasurer is going to Florida soon. Please help her out by sending in your **2015 dues** in September. Members...\$80.00, Affiliates...\$15.00, and Life \$15.00, payable to Charter Oak CT. Please mail to **Sandy Sasuta**, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460. For Your Information, International no longer prints dues receipts. Your cleared check will be proof that you paid.

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.
- 2 - All entries will be published in the next Chatter.
- 3 - Author's name will be published unless anonymity has been requested.
- 4 - The winner gets nothing.
- 5 - Off the cuff comments are welcome. (I couldn't resist.)

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."



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



Extra Day - Extra Nice

~ Kathleen Kushman

While most of our rally group departed on Sunday, a few of us decided to stay one more night to relax, enjoy the beautiful surroundings, and avoid the usual summer Sunday traffic tie ups. As trailers began to pull out and head for home, we exchanged hugs, said our good byes, and looked forward to a quiet afternoon. Our little group consisted of Walbridges, who left to visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Watts, who left for a visit with Bill's sister, and us - the Kushman's along with Larry Lamantagne, we just hung around minding the store so to speak. But, surprise surprise the return of Fina and John Bacher for the night and maybe more.

We got together for a late afternoon happy hour when a bicyclist stopped by hoping to camp with us. Now - being accommodating Airstreamers we welcomed him into our fold even though we had no connection to the fairgrounds therefore we had no legitimate right to say, 'Come camp with us!' Steven, the bicyclist had just peddled across country from Seattle to Gloucester and was now biking home to Florida. He was a most welcomed happy hour guest who told of his travels and adventures while we all sipped wine and other spirits. He even gave us a demonstration of how to peel corn without leaving any corn silks behind. However, the demonstration failed miserably providing us with lots hearty belly laughs.

Five of us went to supper at the Mountain Brauhaus for a tasty German treat. It being super crowded we decided to while away the time on the porch, with our wine, beer, and such. Actually we stayed on the porch and had a lite fare which proved very tasty and very adequate.

On our return to camp we found John and our new friend Steve chatting away the evening. After goodnights all around we repaired to our own trailers and Steve to his tent which was pitched near Larry's trailer. In the morning there was no trace of Steve....he was all packed up and headed out without a sound. Shortly after, several of us also went on our way leaving. Larry said he would stay with Fina and John, no matter how long 'it' took but that's their story and I'll leave it to them to tell it. ~

Those are the Brakes

~ Sarafina Bachar

We had a great time at the Mid Hudson Rally held at the Ulster County Fairgrounds. We enjoyed food at a German Restaurant, visited a winery, immensely enjoyed the boat ride on the Hudson, had a great lunch along the shore with good friends and even squeaked in a Museum visit. This was Friday and Saturday.

On Sunday, we hitched-up after breakfast and started for home. Coming out of the Fairgrounds, John noticed that the brake pedal went down to the floor but we still stopped. Heading towards the main highway, he noticed that the brakes had to be pumped to stop at a STOP sign. I wanted to stop at the fruit and vegetable stand to get some corn for home. When we came out of the market, I said to John "Boy, that air conditioner is really pumping this morning. Look at the puddle by the rear tire." He said "Honey, the air conditioner drips in the front, that might be brake fluid."



I called Triple A and made arrangements for a tow for the truck from the Fairgrounds. We limped back to the Fairgrounds using mostly trailer brakes to stop the truck. All went well because the area was nice and flat with no hills or mountains and we were not far away. The truck was towed later that afternoon.

We broke out a bottle of wine and started happy hour at 3:00. We were joined by Larry, Kathy, Rich, Evelyn, and Bill. Later on we were joined by Steve McCarthy, a Cross Country bicycle rider. We killed a few more bottles of wine. John and I retreated to our trailer to finish our left-over German food while the others went to dinner at the same restaurant.

The next morning John made several calls to the repair shop. The truck was ready at 2:00 PM. Many thanks to Evelyn and Bill Watts who stayed to make sure our truck would be ready and to Larry LaMontagne who was adamant about taking John to pick up the truck. We followed Larry out of the Fairgrounds and made

it home safely.

The magnesium sulfate or other compound which the state uses prior to snowstorms is causing brake lines to corrode.

LESSON LEARNED: Have plenty of food - Have plenty of wine - Travel with good friends - Make sure you have good trailer brakes.

You never know when you may have to put the cart before the horse. ~



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

John & Rose Tavares	September 4
William Mangano	September 5
Sharon Henschel	September 6
Bob & Helen Sandall	September 6
Richard & Maryann Jackson	September 9
Wayne & Susan Ruty	September 11
Carolyn L. Knight	September 11
Bill & Candy Korb	September 13
Dan Dureiko	September 14
Paul & Judy Good	September 15
David Johnson	September 19
Bill & Sandra Flood	September 22
Mark & Marie Lupien	September 23
Rich & Dottie Walbridge	September 24
Donna Gauthier	September 28
Michael & Lianne Ruty	September 28
Bob Butler	September 29

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 Ruty	October 21
William & Evelyn Watts	October 22
Michael Ruty	October 27
Bob Landry	October 27

Answers from page one:
A goose.
Your breath.
A tongue.

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.. I would recommend it very highly.' The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?' The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.' 'Do you mean a rose?' 'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Send Dues This Month



Thoughts and Cares
Mark Lupien
Phil Simmons
Bud Gould
Jerry Ingallinera
John Tavares
Ted Price
Paul, Judy and Paulie Good

Link....
of the month
SQUOB
<http://squob.com/featured/the-7->
Do you know a great Airstream Link?
Send it in to share.

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

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Connecticut Unit Website:.....<http://connecticut.wbcci.net/>
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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Charter Oak CT Rally & Installation of Officers

Charlie Brown Campground, Eastford, CT

OCTOBER 3-5, 2014



HOSTS: Michael & Sandy Sasuta

FRIDAY: Arrive after 12 noon (Campground Fee if before 12 noon)
Please bring your own table service to all meals.
4:30 PM Happy Hour-Bring your drink & a snack to share
6:30 PM Sloppy Joes, Coleslaw & Chips
Campfire & Dessert

SATURDAY: 8:00 to 8:30 AM Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Coffee & Tea
10:30 AM Annual Business Meeting, Installation of Officers
and comments from our new president.

4:00 PM Happy Hour - Bring your drink & a snack to share
6:30 PM Soup Pot Luck - Bring your favorite soup to share.
Bread & Butter will be provided. Campfire & Dessert

SUNDAY: 8:00 to 8:30 AM Ham & egg on a hard roll, Juice, Coffee & Tea
Check Out Time: 1 PM

The Campground would like to know the final count 30 DAYS before the rally, so please send in your reservations by SEPT. 3, 2014. Please send check payable to:

Sandy Sasuta at 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460
or call 203-494-7467. Thank you and hope you will join us.

Directions: Junction I84 & Route 74, Exit 69, East 8 miles on Rte 74 to Rte 44, East 3 miles to Rte I98 in Phoenixville, South I mile (L)

Name _____ WBCCI# _____

Camping Site \$45.50 per night x _____ # of nights = \$ _____

Rally fee: \$10.00 each x _____ # of persons = \$ _____
(Children 12 and under free)



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. _____