

Connecticut



Charter Oak Chatter

September 2017

President's Message ~ Evelyn Watts



Wiley said "8 a.m. is too early for breakfast", Joyce said "8:30 is too late", Gill suggested "8:12 a.m.", -- that sounded good, so we settled on that for the time to start our day at the "Who's on First Rally" in Cooperstown, New York.

Sharing the area with our COCU friends has been Bill's desire since we became members, and we finally did it! The KOA campground was perfect and owners Kaaren and Kate were the best. The magnificent hill-top location is nestled between pastures and cornfields. The mooing of 300 cattle grazing nearby greeted us each morning, and lulled to sleep us in the evening. Cooperstown, on the shores of Otsego Lake, is a beautiful village with numerous activities and points of interest to visit.

The Easy Breezy Rendezvous is next on the calendar. Its location is beachside on the Long Island Sound in Milford, complete with a



boardwalk for taking a stroll in the morning or evening hours. Saturday is free to explore the many attractions in our home state. Send in your reservation to Sandy Sasuta today.

Our last rally is a joint gathering with the New England Unit from September 29 – October 1 in Newport, Rhode Island. The available sites are all taken and the rally is on a standby basis. Then COCU's fall membership meeting and Installation of unit officers and Staff will follow on October 15, at the Manchester Country Club. Send your reservation to Jim Burnham today.

Our summer is drifting to a close and incoming President Joyce is busy planning the coming season and lining up the Executive Board. Do not wait to be asked to pitch in – STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND VOLUNTEER! Being involved is fun and "many hands make light work." ~ President Evie

Bill delighted in sharing his knowledge of the Cooperstown area and the many local breweries.

Question

Number 8549176320 is so unique. Why?

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You can observe a lot by just watching.

~ Yogi Berra

LINK OF THE MONTH

[AL13 AIRSTREAM](http://AL13.AIRSTREAM)

<https://al13airstream.com>



Ballad of the Blue Beret

Sightseeing ones on the road,
mighty ones who hitch and go,
we who mean just what we say,
the brave ones of the Blue Beret.

Silver dome behind a truck,
on the road, we are in luck.
All of us who tow today,
we all wear the Blue Beret.

Passing up those SOBs,
paying only Airstream fees.
We must have those silver domes,
though in hock we've put our homes.

Those strange numbers way up high,
and what's "WBCCI"?
Go on rallies, caravans,
just to live inside a can.

Snug and warm, tonight we sleep
on those special fitted sheets,
and just try to get them flat...
Off they flip and cause a flap.

Trained to level and unhitch,
hook up lines without a glitch,
trained to live off nature's land,
trained in dumping, wash your hands.

Ninety miles from the last site,
seems I've made some oversight.
I blame last night's campfire foray:
Where the heck's my Blue Beret?

-Jonathan D. Schau

COOPERSTOWN A HOME RUN

~ Ruth Crockett

A wonderful rally was enjoyed by all, it was an outstanding location. The weather could have been more co-operative, but the rain did not dampen our spirit.

We arrived Thursday, August 7th, to a very welcoming KOA and rally attendants. Happy hours, pot luck breakfast, hot dog supper with Friendly sundaes for dessert were enjoyed by all.

There was so much to do - here are several attraction:

- National Baseball Museum
- Farmers Museum
- Fenimore Art Museum
- Fly Creek Cider Mill
- Local Distilleries & Breweries

We invited fellow Airstream campers, Jonathan & Melissa Schau, to our happy hours. Jonathan is the author of "Ballad of the Blue Beret" which is sung to the Barry Sadler classic "Balad of the Green Berets" - give it try. ~



Duh duh duh, duh duh duh duh - everyone hummed along while Rich Kushman presented Jonathan's famous Ballad of the Blue Beret.



Airstream lyricist Jonathan Schau with Melissa and Jonathan not wearing his Blue Beret!

If you don't know where you are going,
you might wind up someplace else.

~ Yogi Berra

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The very friendly KOA hosts and staff come waving by.



With his wiener in hand Billy served up a true Cooperstown dinner.



Good dogs!!!



One of our hosts, Kaaren, giving Billy a very special tour.



Put the 3 things Billy loves in the correct order.



Close attention by all as Bill Watts expounds on beer, baseball, and Cooperstown.



Watts for Dinner

~ Bill Watts

COOPERSTOWN DINER has been a landmark on Main Street since 1926. From a business standpoint, it was a struggling landmark. That changed very quickly when my parents, who were experienced short-order cooks and had previously owned a diner, took over the management in 1948.

Father believed in serving generous, high quality meals, starting the day with large, farm-fresh, golden-yolk eggs. The aroma of fresh-brewed coffee and Mother's warm clover-leaf rolls greeted the locals as they entered. As the morning progressed, fresh-baked pies came out of the oven accompanied by hearty, home-made soups. Business prospered.

The diner was a gathering place for townspeople and local officials who came in regularly and discussed what was happening in the community and local area. It was a great way to grow up.

My parents ran Cooperstown Diner for a number years, moving on to manage the refreshment stand at the Farmer's Museum until their retirement. ~



Still in operation the cute little diner where Billy toiled.



News from Joyce Rousseau

"I returned home from our Cooperstown trip to get some very upsetting news from my breast surgeon. Cancer has been discovered again and surgery will be Sept 6. I know that all of you care, and I thank you for that, and ask for your strength and prayers for a complete and rapid recovery. I have a goal of not missing any COCU activity, so I'll see you at Walnut Beach and the installation in Oct. I might need to do a bit less and move a bit slower, but I'll be there if at all possible." ~



Welcome new members

MAARTEN & JILL

NEDERLOF from Westport, CT, membership number

7078.....hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Thank you to **EVELYN & BILL WATTS** for a fun rally at Cooperstown, NY, July 17-20. We saw the Baseball Hall of Fame, the Brewery and the Inn on the Lake....so much to do in a scenic area. Our hosts did a great job, including beer sampling and hot dogs with 10 different toppings!

Get well wishes to **ROSE TAVARES** who had major back surgery on August 30th. Happy 69th Wedding Anniversary to former members **REGGIE & JACKIE BROWN** September 18th, and Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to **MARK & MARIE LUPIEN** September 23rd.

Don't forget to pay your dues by October, if you want to be included in the WBCCI 2018 Membership Directory.

Our next event is the Easy, Breezy, Walnut Beach Rendezvous in Milford, CT on Sept 15-17, 2017. Hope to see you there. ~



Things to Ponder- Continued...

(Joyce Rousseau- 1st VP with the Pres's permission)

Time is fast approaching (October 1) when our 2018 schedule is due to headquarters. We've made progress but there are still some months without an activity and a very important office to fill. You might be anxious about volunteering for 2nd Vice President but it's an office that leads to knowing the club members better and stretching beyond our local unit. There are many people to lend a hand with the job, but we need one person to accept the position and lead us in 2019-2020. Won't you consider accepting this challenge and volunteering or saying "Yes" when asked? All of your friends in Charter Oak will be appreciative!

The months of April, July and September need a rally location and/or sponsor. Again- your club needs **volunteers** to fill these vacancies. You don't need to do anything elaborate. We have fun together almost anywhere doing lots or little. There's always something to visit and food to share! (August could fit in a Charter Oak activity after the Region 1 Rally, so add that to the list.) I am confident that volunteers will appear soon.

The Installation of Officers is Oct. 15. It is also our fall business meeting. You've probably heard about a potential name change to incorporate "Airstream" into our unit/club name as recommended by headquarters. We'll talk about the issue and perhaps come up with a few suggestions so please try to be there. Along with that comes another idea-how about a club flag that is more colorful and reflective of our great unit. In the next Chatter I will have examples of what other states have as their flags and perhaps a design or two to consider for us. If you have some input please send it to me and it'll go in the Chatter along with the others. We will not vote on either of these topics at this meeting but I'd like input to set our direction as a club.

Having said all that - *have a wonderful end of summer.* I'm looking forward to more adventures and good times with friends during my year in office. Hoping to see you there! ~



JALAPENO POPPER DIP

~ Sandy Sasuta

- 8 oz. Cream Cheese Softened
- ½ cup mayo
- 2 oz. chopped chilies (Small can)
- 2 oz. diced jalapeños (fresh or canned)
- ½ cup panko bread crumbs
- ½ cup parmesan cheese

Blend cream cheese and mayo with electric mixer, then add chilies & jalapeños. Pour into 8x8" or 9" pie pan. Combine panko & parmesan cheese and sprinkle on top. Bake @ 350, 15 to 20 minutes until lightly browned. ~

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SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

- 09/03 Bob & Ruth Scott
- 09/04 John & Rose Tavares
- 09/06 Sharon Henschel
- 09/06 Bob & Helen Sandall
- 09/11 Wayne & Susan Rutty
- 09/11 Carolyn L. Knight
- 09/15 Paul & Judy Good
- 09/22 Bill & Sandra Flood
- 09/23 Mark & Marie Lupien
- 09/25 Nanci Carll
- 09/25 John Stoddard
- 09/26 Bob Scott
- 09/28 Michael & Lianne Rutty

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

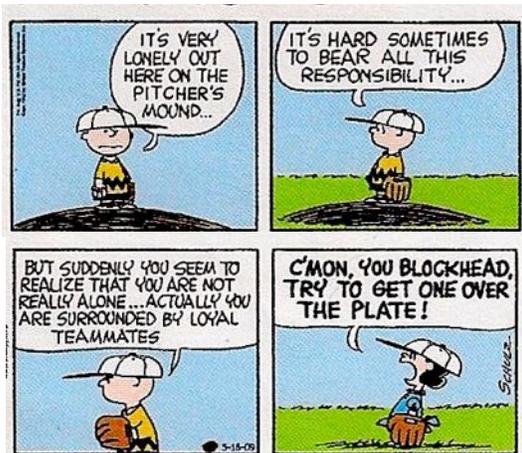
FOR SALE

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

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.



The future ain't what it used to be.
~ Yogi Berra

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.

No one goes there nowadays, it's too crowded.
~ Yogi Berra

You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there. ~ Yogi Berra

LINKS

- 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/>

It's like déjà vu all over again.
~ Yogi Berra

Answer

All numbers(0-9) appears in alphabetical order,

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EASY, BREEZY, WALNUT BEACH RENDEZVOUS ~ MILFORD, CT



SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017

HOSTS: Gilles & Joyce Rousseau ~ Michael & Sandy Sasuta
Questions ~ Email: sandysas1001@gmail.com Phone: 203-494-7467

Arrive after 11 AM Friday – DRY CAMPING ONLY (No water, electric or dump) Come with full tank of water. Limited number of spaces. Walnut Beach is a smoke and tobacco free area.

FRIDAY - 4:00 PM Social Hour
5:00 PM Papa's Pizza. If interested in having pizza, we will discuss on Friday the types to order, and the cost. (See menu on line)

SATURDAY – Explore the Milford Area
5:30 PM Local Restaurant (order from menu) or eat on your own.

SUNDAY - Depart by 2 PM

Take Exit 34 off 95. At bottom of ramp, turn right onto US1. After 2nd traffic light, get over to left lane, going past the Bridgeport Flyer (Diner) on the left. Turn left at 3rd light which will have a green arrow, Naugatuck Avenue. Continue on Naugatuck for a total of 1.1 miles to the STOP SIGN. You MUST turn left at the stop sign onto E. Broadway...keep going .4 miles, then turn right into the entrance to the parking lot.

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Length _____

Total Camping Fee to be donated to Milford Parks & Recreation:
1 Person per Airstream....\$25.00//2 Persons per Airstream....\$30.00
Send Check to Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460

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“America's First Resort”

“Sailing Capital of the World”

“New England's Ultimate Weekend Destination”

September 29 - October 1

New England & Charter Oak Connecticut Units

Hosts: Eddie & Nanci Carll / Bard & Kathy Fuller

Melville Ponds Campground (5 miles to Newport): 181 Bradford Avenue, Portsmouth, Rhode Island
30 Amp Electric, Water & Sewer, Off season rates, Pet friendly (Rabies Certificate Required)

Program: 2 hot breakfasts provided / Saturday Soup Potluck (hosts providing salad, bread & dessert) /
Happy Hours / Campfire (weather permitting) / Experience Newport at your convenience /
New England Unit Fall Business Meeting

Reservations: Book sites with Campground (401) 682-2424. Off season discount rate @ \$42 per night.

Limited Sites Available (25 sites being reserved through June 30th) after that time as space available.
Tell them you are with “The Wally Byam Airstream Club”

Then send coupon below & Kitty fee to Bard Fuller bardfuller@hotmail.com

Directions: Northbound: 4.7 miles north on Route 114 from the intersection of Routes 114 and 138. Then
½ mile west on Stringham Road and ½ mile north on Sullivan Road to entrance.

Southbound: 1.7 miles south on Route 114 from the intersection of Routes 24 and 114. Then ½ mile
west on Stringham Road and ½ mile north on Sullivan Road to entrance.

“Experience Newport Rally”

Name _____ WBCCI # _____ email _____

Site Number (if available) _____ [Kitty Fee = \$9 /person] Number attending _____ X \$9 = _____

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



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 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 6th thru the 9th, 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