Charter Oak Chatter September 2013

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



Presidents Message

~ Fran Ingallinera

The Region One Rally held August 8th thru August 11th, 2013, was a huge success with a good time enjoyed by all. The Region One Officers, Raymond Richard, Ernie Bauer, and Ty Mott with the help of

their spouses put on a great rally. COCU members did us proud stepping up to take on many of the committees needed to put on a successful rally. The highlight for me was participating in the golf cart obstacle course. Sitting blindfolded in the driver's

seat I was instructed by my backseat driver, Toni Nolder, on how to make my way around the folding chairs that were placed much like a croquet court. Toni and I, as a team, had the distinction of coming in dead last. Probably because I was too busy laughing to drive. We provided great entertainment for the spectators who were watching us struggle through the course.

There were seminars offered Friday afternoon. Jerry was delighted to put on his "How a Jet Engine Works" seminar. He brought in Roger Rippel, a fellow engineer who worked with Continued Page 6

" PUTTIN" on the RITZ" at " PUTTIN' on the AIRS"

~ Lois Price

THE REGION I RALLY IS NOW A PART OF OUR HISTORY

At the fairgrounds in Berlin, Connecticut on AUGUST 8-11, a very special event took place. Borrowing from Irving Berlin's "Puttin' on the Ritz" the theme was carried out by Bard Fuller's backdrop for the stage which was beyond beautiful depicting a carpeted stairway and marble columns. The tables and walls were adorned with top hats, silver sparkles, red flowers as well as lanterns hanging from the ceiling.

The informative and attractive rally booklet, done by Rich Kushman, kept us front and center for all the many activities. Tours of the area were planned, seminars were available. It will be noted that 9 people participated in the Amateur Radio Technician Seminar and 7 received their license.

Many items were generously donated for both the Raffle and for Door Prizes.Happy Hours were a "must" and were not

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UPCOMING

September 13 - 15

Just Camping - Waters Edge Campground Fran Ingallinera

October 6th

Installation Dinner & Meeting Manchester Country Club **Bob Sandall**

Send in Dues by October 1st

I'm a New Yorker; I've paid my dues. ~ Zoe Kravitz



Thank you Raymond & Cynthia

QUESTION

It cannot be seen, it weighs nothing, but when put into a barrel, it makes it lighter. What is it?

Ch:



Puttin On the Airs - Continued

dampened by a sudden rainstorm. No one had to cook as meals were provided.

Let the record show that Bud Gould's famous Tractor Pull changed to a blind driver golf cart with voice directions only, thanks to Bard and Kathy Fuller, and it was a howling success!

Airstream of New England, a new Airstream Dealer in Massachusetts displayed 3 new trailers and had an on'site open house. Technical assistance, by Steve's RV Service.

John Fuller gave us a journey back in time via slides re: early Airstreaming.

Magic by Christopher made us realize that we should hold on to our watches!

A wonderful Big Band played many of the old favorites. "The Night Was Filled with Music" so that we could "Face the Music and Dance" - just perfect for "Puttin' on Airs" and "Puttin' on the Ritz". Many dressed for the occasion wearing Tuxedo "T" shirts or very original festival outfits of their own.

Region I President Raymond Richard conducted a discussion prior to the formal Region I meeting. Of major concern was the realization that membership numbers are down and it is difficult to get leadership; how will this affect future Region Rallies? We were assured that there will be a rally in 2014; in the meantime effort will be made to strengthen our leadership. It goes without saying that Charter Oak will take a major lead in these plans.

So many volunteered and did a tremendous amount of work to give us a rally to remember. I cannot begin to name them all but thank you, thank you, thank you!

It is difficult to find the proper words to express the deep appreciation from us all to Raymond and Cynthia Richard who, as Region I President and First Lady, Chaired this wonderful rally. Not only for the endless hours, days and months of planning but



There was a beginning.



There was a great backdrop...and those shoes and shorts.

for their tireless (or should I say "tired") on-site support from dawn 'til dusk. As Irving Berlin would say, we will remember you, "Always." ~

One does not leave a convivial party before closing time.

~ Winston Churchill



There was a crowd.



There was a meeting.



There was food.



There was magic.



There was wonderment.



There was ice cream.



Ice cream for all.



There was the "Man".



There were announcements.



There were those "Gals".



There was horsing around.



There was control.



There was a poem.



There was dancing.



There was a flea market.



There was posing.

And There Were Smiles





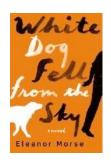


Nominating Committee's Report

President: Mark Lupien Ist V. President: Bard Fuller 2nd V. President: Aili Galasyn Treasurer: Sandy Sasuta Recording Secretary: Lynn Blackwell Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Kushman 2nd Year Directors: Gene Hickey Kathy Fuller Ist Year Director: Raymond Landman

Need another 1st Year Director. Volunteers welcomed and encouraged.





Eleanor Morse's rich and intimate portrait of Botswana, and of three people whose intertwined lives are at once tragic and remarkable, is an absorbing and deeply moving story.

~KK

Did You Know?

A group of Bobolinks is called a chain. (Go ahead ask.)

A group of flies is called a business.

A group of rhinoceroses is called a crash.

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A short saying often

wisdom. ~ Sophocles

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contains much

A hole.

President's Message Continued

him at Pratt & Whitney. The two of them gave an informative talk to about 20 interested Airstreamers.

The magician/comedian Friday night drew us into audience participation. I was called up on stage where he demonstrated how to swallow a 36" balloon and asked if I wanted to give it a try. Seriously! Told him it wasn't going to happen.

We learned during the Region One business meeting that the Canadian Atlantic unit had dissolved. It would have been their turn to put on the Region One Rally next year. There was some discussion about the future of Region One Rallies. A committee of three, Bard Fuller, Rick Cipot and Ty Mott volunteered to meet and study options for future Region One Rallies. The Cape Cod Unit has agreed to host next year's rally at the Essex Junction Fairgrounds in Vermont. It will be held the end of May instead of the first week in August. Stay tuned for more details in future issues of the Chatter.

The Saturday night dance brought out top hats, tuxedo shirts and various costumes. Sandy Sasuta showed up in a flapper dress with fishnet stockings and stole the show. The band included COCU's own Gene Hickey. The music was great.

My term as President is quickly drawing to an end. We have one more camping event in September, a rendezvous at Water's Edge Campground in Lebanon, CT (see flyer in this edition) and then the installation of officers at a dinner meeting on October 6th. Hope to have a good turn out for both of these events.

Be safe, be well, be happy

Fran Ingallinera, President COCO

Send in your dues by October Ist

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/

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