



Connecticut

Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

November 2020



<https://airstreamclub.org/charter-oak-connecticut>

President's Message

by Glen Lessig



Greetings from your new President

Notice the huge smile on Kathy's face as she receives the club's appreciation for a job well done. Her calm and knowledgeable leadership was exceptional and helped guide our club through a very unusual and challenging year. Kathy deserves our sincere thanks for a job well done.

As I begin my term, I am pleased to know that there are so many experienced members always willing to support me as president. Knowing that I can call upon so many of you for guidance is most helpful. I also would like to thank the incoming slate of officers. I'm very pleased with the balance of experience and new energy that we have with the Board of Directors. I plan to reach out to them soon with decisions as the year progresses.

The 2020-2021 year will be challenging as our country continues to deal with the coronavirus. Adjustments to our rallies and social gatherings may very well be necessary. We do have a number of rallies planned for the coming year which I am very excited about. Please check out the event schedule included in this Chatter. As the season progresses stay tuned with the Chatter, Club website, Face-Book and weekly Zoom meetings for updated information as our response to COVID evolves.

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Happy Thanksgiving

Big Tom

by Richard Kushman

One gobble, two gobble, three gobble four!
Big Tom, our turkey, rushed through the door.

One gobble, two gobble, three gobble meat!
Tom squawked out a list of what we should eat.

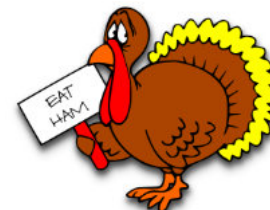
One gobble, two gobble, three gobble bam!
He made himself clear, we should all enjoy ham.

One gobble, two gobble, three gobble pow!
Okay, Okay, what about cow?

One gobble, two gobble, three gobble fish!
Tom even proposed this curious dish.

When Thanksgiving arrived Tom started to shake.
Wondering and dreading what we would bake.

He then calmly smiled as he heard us all whisper.
The dinner time prayer giving thanks for his sister.



What do you think?

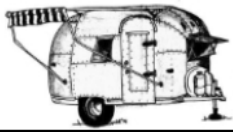
What do you call a group of Turkeys?

What English word has three consecutive double letters?

Link of the Month

Adventures of Trail & Hitch
TWO GEEKS, TWO CATS IN AN AIRSTREAM

Answers Page 7



HAPPY PUMPKIN AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

by Evie Watts

Everything was very nice! Nice campground.....Nice turnout..... Nice weatherNice company.....Nice chicken dinner.....Nice fire.

Our group consisted of 16 Airstreams and one tent (Yasi and Brian Fuller) and made quite an impressive statement grouped on the hilltop. The campground and weather were so nice that many of us chose to stay put and just enjoy the surroundings. We walked, we talked, we read,

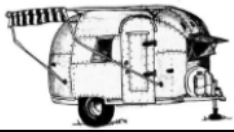
and we relaxed with the on-going thumps of Cornhole Competitions in the background. Others went exploring and visited Norwich and Jewett City to see what there was to see. Joyce and Gilles visited long-time members Aili and Val Galasyn who live in nearby Canterbury. Regretfully, health issues prevented them from joining us. They asked to be remembered and send their regards to everyone.



powder made the flames flicker beautiful shades of blue and green and there were sharp pops whenever a balloon landed in the fire – which they all did eventually. Thank you Billy Steers and Bill Watts for keeping the fires going.

Last, but not least, this was a triple anniversary weekend. Bard and Kathy Fuller celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss, Bill and Evie Watts will soon be celebrating 60 years as Mr. and Mrs. and the Charter Oak Unit was officially formed 50 years ago, one of the inaugural rallies having been held at Ross Hill Campground on Columbus Day weekend in 1971. President Glen hopes to have a Golden Anniversary Rally in 2021 to celebrate this milestone.

Everything was sugar and spice, and very nice. Thank you Kathy and Bard. It was a great time. ~



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Bard, Brian & Kathy Fuller; Larry Lamontagne; Glen & Christine Lessig; Gail Downing; Michael & Sandy Sasuta; Sally Kerr; Julie & Billy Steers; Russ Fuller and Lynn & Carl Davis & puppy dogs.



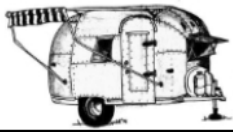
Carol Dubrowski hugging a heart shaped tree stump.



Michael Sasuta, Wiley & Gail Downing and Gale & Trevor Lake



Happy Hour - Sandi Gould & Rick Cipot, Gilles & Joyce Rousseau, Evelyn & Bill Watts, and Carol & Chris Dubrowski.



President's Message Continued

There are several very special rallies planned that I want to mention. Bard and Kathy Fuller are still hard at work planning a "Region 1 Rally" for 2021 (**Thank you** for your tireless efforts), Gilles Rousseau and I are very excited to host our 'Québec Extraordinaire Se rallier', co-hosted with the Quebec Club, and Mike Sasuta and Rich Kushman have a fun "Storytelling Caravan" planned - but wait, there will be more!

One of my goals for this year (along with Rich Kushman's and Russ Fuller's assistance), is to continue improving Club communications with technology. We are very fortunate to have Rich's excellent support with the Chatter, Directory and our website. Rich has done an excellent job throughout the years with the COCAC Website, he has just finished a comprehensive refresh to the new Airstream site <https://airstreamclub.org/charter-oak-connecticut>. If you haven't checked out the new website, please do. Plus we are most fortunate to have Russ Fuller hosting our Thursday, 6 p.m. Zoom meetings, thank you Russ for a job well done. Rich and I will be working with creating online storage of club documents, photos and mailing lists to make it easy for future officers to communicate and access documents. Be on the lookout for correspondence from me arriving from 025president@wbc-ci.net.

Looking forward to an exciting year.

Glen - COCAC President

BRN 2609



President
Glen Lessig

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2020 - 2021

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- Sherry Anderson



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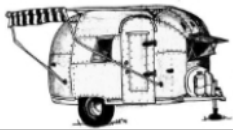
Newsletter-Webmaster
Richard Kushman



Legislative
Mike Sasuta



Is this Good, Bad or Bizarre?



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by Sandy Sasuta

It was wonderful to see 17 Airstreams and their owners at the Pumpkin & Spice Rally...thank you to the **FULLERS** for hosting and arranging everything, including the great weather. Here is some Pumpkin Trivia: Going back to colonial days, New England blue laws once dictated that men's hair be cut round in a bowl-cut; when no bowl was available a pumpkin often served the purpose, thus "pumpkin heads". The Installation went very smoothly and we congratulated the new slate of officers, giving them our support for 2021.

Congratulations to **WILEY & GAIL DOWNING** on the purchase of their new home at Travelers Rest in Dade City, FL, which now makes 11 COCAC couples living in the Village area, one couple in the Cabana section and 3 in RV South. We welcome any visitors during the winter season.



Helen Sandall

EVELYN WATTS shared an iPhone tip, you can just ask your phone "Siri, turn on my flashlight"; but, don't forget to ask her to turn it off.

We send our sincere sympathy to former Past President **BOB SANDALL** on the passing of his wife **HELEN**. She was a sweet, kind and gentle person that will be greatly missed.

For your information, the December Holiday Party at Dakota Steak House has been cancelled due to COVID. Remember to pay your dues before the end of the year. (see instructions page 7) Stay Safe!

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Virtual Lemonade (Holiday) Party Dec. 6, - Zoom

by Glen Lessig

The coronavirus is continuing to give us Lemons, so let's make **Lemonade!** Considering that we already have club members in FL, SC, and AZ plus of course MA, NY and CT, we have the unique opportunity to have a Holiday celebration together this year! Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our traditional dinner meeting due to COVID concerns, but we can still have a fun party!

Russ Fuller has agreed to handle the technical set up, while our board will be planning the party. Be on the lookout for additional information and please save the date, on Dec. 6, 12:30 (tentative) for our party. ~



Larry Lamontagne #9705
Holland, MA...Affiliate

Blaise & Sally Pascale #5829
Windsor Locks, CT

Watson & Beth Ann Collins
#12385
West Hartford, CT

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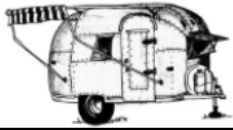
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We Do More Together!



Artwork by Billy Steers

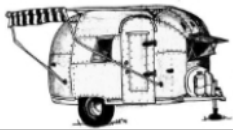
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2021 Rally and Event Schedule

Month	Event	Dates	Host	Location	Description
February	Souper Bowl - North	Feb. 7	Joyce/Gilles Rousseau (Tentative within COVID restrictions)	Southbury, CT	Cheer on your favorite team with Charter Oak friends in warm CT.
March	St. Patricks Day Gathering	Mar. 13	Rhona/Russ Fuller (Tentative within COVID restrictions)	Southington, CT	Celebrate the Green with friends and Russ's great food.
April	Quiet Corner Kick - Off Rally	Apr 30 - May 2	Christine/Glen Lessig and Carol/Chris Dubrowski	Charlie Brown Campground, Eastford, CT	Tour Northeast CT, Putnam antiques, Sharp Hill Winery, Airline Trail.
May	Downing Rally	May 21-23	Gail/Wiley Downing		Always a fun and tasty Rally with Gail and Wiley.
June	Region 1 Rally Oh the Places We'll Go!	June 10-13	Bard/Kathy Fuller	Hebron Fairgrounds, Hebron, CT	Region 1 Rally hosted by Charter Oak
July	International Rally Lebanon 2021	July 17-24	WBCCI	Lebanon, TN	Airstream Club International Rally
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August	Mystic Rally	Aug 13-15	Bard Fuller/Tess McShane	Seaport RV Resort	Co-Host with the New England Club
September	Québec Extraordinaire Se rallier	Sept 16-19	Joyce/Gilles Rousseau and Christine/Glen Lessig	Domaine Des Cantons, St-Étienne-de-Bolton, QC and Pastures Campground Orford, NH	Co-Host with the Quebec Club. Stop at Crown Point Campground, Perlinville, VT on route north.
September	Storytelling Rally Caravan	Sept 25 - Oct 3	Kathy/RichKushman and Sandy/Mike Sasuta	Appalachian Fairground, Gray, TN	Come enjoy the national Storytelling Festival
October	TBD				Installation and Fall Business Meeting
December	Holiday Party				

Other Local Club 2021 Rally's

April	Pets and Paws	April 9-11	R.J. Domenic - CCAC	Provincetown, RI	
June	NYC Base Camp Rally	June 3-6		Liberty Harbor RV Park, New Jersey City, NJ	
July	Pastures Rally	Jul 9-11	Eddie Carll - CCAC	Pastures Camp Ground, Orford, NH	Possible start point for caravan to International Rally in Lebanon, TN
October	Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving Day Rally	Oct 8-11	R.J. Domenic - CCAC	Green Mountain Family Campground, Bristol, VT	



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Submitting Pictures

For the Website Gallery or for the Chatter.

What to send: Fun pictures, people, smiles!

Size: at least 800 X nnn

Type: jpg or tiff

Send to: 025info@wbcci.net

Subject line: Event name.

Pictures for the Chatter: Please include names of all people pictured and any desired caption in the body of the email.

[COCAC Online Picture Gallery](#)

Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

November

11/01 Sandy Sasuta

11/02 Gilles & Joyce Rousseau

11/09 Clarence (Bud) Gould

11/10 Beth Petrie

11/27 Ken Hankinson & Pam Forsyth

December

12/05 Cynthia Brodeur

12/07 Dyann Calder

12/12 Charlotte LaRocca

12/13 Sandra Flood

12/15 Gale Lake

12/18 Diane Jackson

12/20 Christine Lessig

12/21 Kris Fletcher

12/28 Fred & Susan Newman

12/29 Chris Dubrowski

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Visit ACI: [Click Here to Renew](#)

Renew on line: Complete the form and have your credit card ready.

Regular member: ACI \$75.00 + \$15.00 COCAC Total \$90.00

Lifetime or affiliate member: Only unit dues: \$15.00

If you are unable to renew on line or you are an affiliate member please send a check before December 31st payable to COCAC with a note about any changes to your information.

Mail dues to:
Sandy Sasuta
476 Milford Point Road
Milford, CT 06460

[Check here for International Dues Joining Guidelines](#)



Did you get a Trick or a Treat?

Visit the New Websites



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ACI the new WBCCI web experience.



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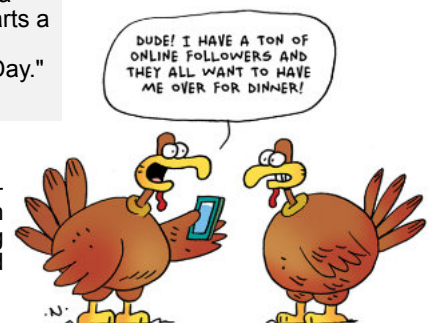


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"Let's Just Go!" is a wonderful children's storybook, written by Billy Steers, that follows Snug the Airstream travel trailer and her adventures.

[Available here.](#)

"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day."
~ Irv Kupcinet



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Answer

The word is:
Bookkeeper.

What did you think?

A group of Turkeys is called a Rafter or Gang. Are you having a gang over for Thanksgiving.

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New Virtual Rally?



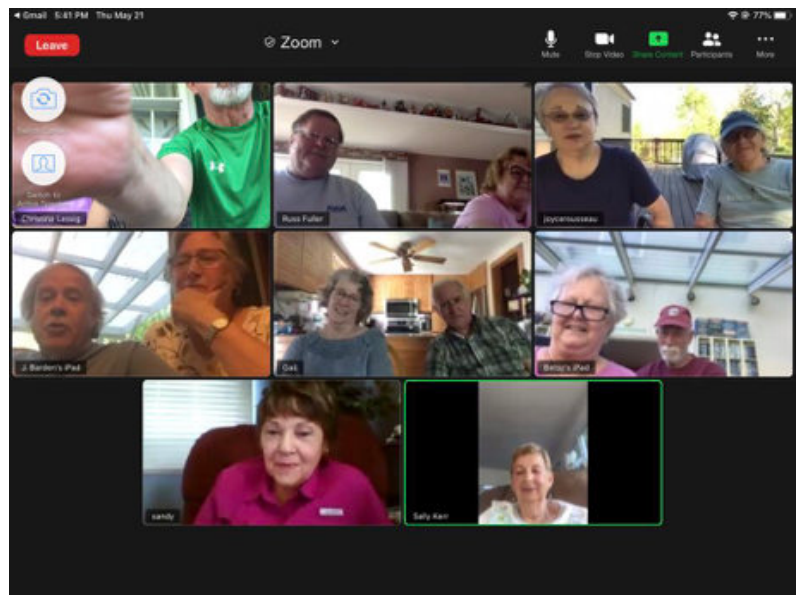
The Cask, The Flask and The Mask Stay at Home Rally

Join Us

Art work by Billy Steers



Joyce and Gilles Zooming...



Zoom virtual happy hours watch for emails announcing time.

No Rallies and missing your Airstream friends join us on Zoom every Thursday at 6 pm with the beverage of your choice. No mask needed. Missing the ID or Password contact [Russ Fuller](#).

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- Hosted by Russ Fuller
- Meet and Greet NEW MEMBERS
- Chat with old friends
- Charter Oak Trivia Games with Prizes
- Members from North and South campsites

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2021 PRELIMINARY



STORYTELLING RALLY

Early Signup Opportunity

CARAVAN

Early Signup Opportunity

Jonesborough, TN - Rally Dates, Wednesday 09/29/2021 - Sunday 10/03/2021

The Storytelling Rally at Appalachian Fairground in Gray, TN, is very popular and a wonderful way to enjoy the National Storytelling Festival. Tickets for the Storytelling Festival are to be purchased separately. The caravan itinerary may include meeting on Wednesday 09/22/2021 arriving at the fairground on Sunday (early parking) 09/26/2021. Caravan with us to the 2021 festival and enjoy a wonderful show. Caravan limited to 10 units.

Name _____

Phone _____ **BRN** _____ Unit Length _____

Email _____

Street _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

To reserve a rally camp site and your spot on the caravan fill out the form and include \$140.00.

Make check to Richard Kushman and send to:

Richard Kushman
29129 Johnston Rd
lot 2622
Dade City, FL 33523

Caravan hosts: Rich & Kathy Kushman and Mike & Sandy Sasuta

rich.kath@icloud.com sandysas1001@gmail.com

Please Note: Current rally fee for 5 nights is \$140.00 and early parking fee is \$28.00 per night - final fairground rally fee and early parking fee for 2021 TBD. The fee of \$140.00 represents only a deposit for your 5 night rally reservation and will also hold a spot on the caravan. Caravan limited to 10 units. The caravan itinerary, camping fees and kitty are not yet established. This early signup is to assure a rally site for the entire caravan. Rally site cancellations or changes must be handled directly with the rally host - Harry Herrmann.

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