



Connecticut



Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

February 2021

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

President's Message

by Glen Lessig



Christine & Glen at Natural Bridge

This past year has certainly been a challenge. For many of us, our 2020 plans were dramatically altered. The canceled Region One and Loveland International Rallies as well as numerous Charter Oak events and our personal camping adventures including a planned three month Alaska tour. With the light at the end of the tunnel things are looking somewhat brighter for the 2021 season so we have much to be thankful for as we go forward.

In many ways, we are indeed fortunate, being able to enjoy sharing fun adventures with good friends in our aluminum self contained homes on wheels. Included in this Chatter are flyers for several upcoming rallies, with several more planned that are just waiting for confirmations from campgrounds and approvals of travel from the Canadian and Quebec governments.

Our first rally of the season is appropriately named KEEP CALM AND RALLY ON! This rally is planned to kick off on May 2nd in Eastford, CT, at the Charlie Brown Campground. Many of you have rallied here in years past, for some of us newer members, this will be our first time. We have many fun (and safe) activities planned. Campfires in our covered pavilion, a corn hole tournament, bike riding on the Airline Trail, (where the 1890's "Ghost Train" made the Boston to New York trip in under 6 hours) and our first-ever chili cook-off competition. Make your reservations early to guarantee your spot.

There are many more exciting rallies planned for the season, I plan to share many great adventures this season with all of our COCAC friends, "See you down the Road".

Torpedo



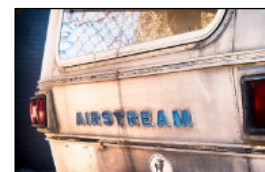
In 1931, Wally Byam opened a factory to produce the Torpedo Car Cruiser, a tear-drop-shaped trailer which he had previously been making for friends as well as selling kits so that others could build the model themselves. This model, made of plywood, was advertised for its streamlined design, and a floor plan with plenty of "walking space," a stove, sink, ice box, and storage.

What Do You Think?

What do you call a group of flies?

A is the brother of B. B is the brother of C. C is the father of D. So how is D related to A?

Link of the Month



[Airstream Pictures on Flickr](#)

Answers Page 8



Dave Morrison #6481

Colebrook, CT

Debbie & Bob Hendrick #22714

Seymour, CT

Franklin & Jane Sanders #273

Asheville, NC - now a COCAC Member

by **Sandy Sasuta**

Certainly, 2020 has been a difficult year for many, but now it's behind us. Hang in there and remember what is important in your life.

Congratulations to **GUY & LAURA WEIK** on the purchase of a park model home at Travelers Rest in Dade City, FL. **RAYMOND & CYNTHIA RICHARD** have moved to a new home in Ocala, FL. We wish you all many happy years in your new location.

Nice to see **TONI NOLDER** as she stopped by at Travelers Rest on her return from the IBT Meeting in Sarasota, FL. **MARIE LUPIEN** has been keeping herself busy by doing bead art...look for her colorful framed picture which she has donated for the upcoming Region 1 Raffle. Big Thank You to all of you who have already donated your treasures.

Sending sincere sympathy to **CAROL & CHRIS DUBROWSKI** on the passing of Carol's father, and **BOB SCOTT** on the passing of his wife **RUTH**; such a sad time to go through.

Cooking Tip: No need to chop walnuts, just put them in a plastic zip lock bag and pound them with a rolling pin.

Thank you to **RICH & KATHLEEN KUSHMAN, MICHAEL & SANDY SASUTA** for producing a wonderful 2021 CT Directory...truly a work of art. (Soon to be delivered in the mail) Thank you also to **TED & LOIS PRICE** and **BARD & KATHY FULLER** for their help dreaming up words and clues for the crossword puzzles. Enjoy the puzzles and hope you make it through the maze.

Wherever you are, hope you are snug as a bug in a rug, safe from the virus, keeping warm with plenty to eat! ~

Family Tree of Vincent Van Gogh

submitted by **Sandy Sasuta**

His dizzy aunt	Verti Gogh	The constipated uncle	Can't Gogh
The brother who ate prunes	Gotta Gogh	The ballroom dancing aunt	Tang Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store	Stop N Gogh	The bird lover uncle	Fla ming Gogh
The grandfather from Yugoslavia	U Gogh	An aunt who taught positive thinking	Way-to-Gogh
His magician uncle	Where-diddy Gogh	The little bouncy nephew	Poe Gogh
His Mexican cousin	A Mee Gogh	A sister who loved disco	Go Gogh
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother	Gring Gogh	The brother with low back pain	Lum Bay Gogh
The nephew who drove a stage coach	Wells far Gogh	And his niece who travels the country in an RV	Winnie Bay Gogh



WBCCI MID-WINTER IBT

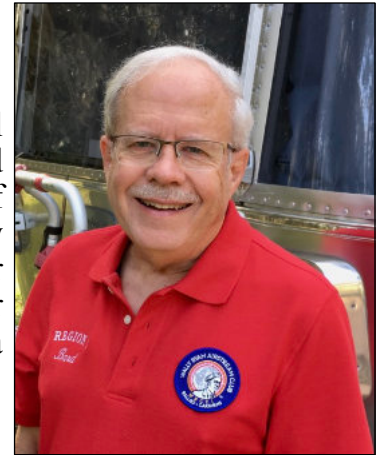
by Bard Fuller

Regional leaders meet with all the International and other Regional officers three times a year. This year, Doug Hart (NEAC), Bard Fuller (COCAC) and RJ Dominic (CCAC) are your officers. At the end of January, a meeting was held in Sarasota, FL. Fortunately, this was very close to my winter home allowing for my onsite presence. This past year WBCCI experimented with hybrid ZOOM meetings, allowing for a smaller onsite presence yet with greater officer participation. The following is a summary of some of our mid-winter meeting efforts.

Much of the work of the International Board of Trustees (IBT) involved a revamping of the constitution, bylaws and policies. Using the principle that our constitution should state “who we are” and the bylaws stating “how we do it” was applied to our governing rules. A sizable portion of our constitution, bylaws and policies had become clouded in their distinction. At the end of our meeting we now have a better-defined rule of governance.

Here are some highlights of new additions that were made to our governing rules:

- Voting for international officers will now be done by all individual members either electronically or by mail not by delegates to the international delegate meeting.
- Delegate meetings will only be held on years that there are constitutional amendments.
- Your governing leadership of the Executive Committee and IBT will now be able to meet electronically and vote either by mail or electronically.
- Regional officers will be able to hold local club offices up to the point that they become a Region President.
- Annual membership of WBCCI will be changing for all **NEW** members from a calendar year to their anniversary year (date that they joined WBCCI).
- Lifetime membership fee table will be revised to reflect recent dues increase.
- *Note, this is a great opportunity to join lifetime status at the old rates up until August 1, 2021 when the new fee schedule becomes effective.*
- Standardization of our new, more cost effective, badges were defined. New badges can be ordered by members through the WBCCI website/Current members/Club Store.
- Badges and some flags will have the option of using any of the approved logos.
- A new staff member will be added to the corporate office to help in marketing and communication.
- Commitments were made to two future International rally sites:
 - 2022 - Fryeburg, Maine July
 - 2023 - Yakima, Washington June 23- July 2
- 2021 Delegates meeting will be done electronically due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions at the time of the meeting.
- Members-at-large will have representation on International voting through the Region presidents.
- Indie Streamers (those traveling solo in their RV's) became officially accepted as an intra-club.
- Caravans without volunteer leaders will have the opportunity to be run by professional contractors. *This will open the opportunities for more caravans through Mexico and other foreign lands.*
- The minimal official national or regional caravan will be shortening from 10 days to 9 days. *This will allow more working people to participate in a caravan.*
- Future caravan applications will have a nonrefundable \$25 administration fee as well as a temporary \$100 surcharge. *This will help replenish the Caravan Emergency Fund that was severely depleted this year from refunds issued after COVID cancellations. ~*



Bard Fuller



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Region One Rally

June 17-20, 2021

Northampton, Massachusetts

Seussfully hosted by the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Fairground

30amp electric & water
Dump Station on site
Dedicated WIFI
Open Air Pavilion
Socially Responsible Facility



Rally

Food
Seminars
Dedicated WIFI
Region One Meeting
3 Nights of Activities / Entertainment
Socially Responsible Gatherings



Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Attractions and Activities Abound in the Local Area

Activities:	Hike to summit of Mt. Tom & Mt. Holyoke Bike or walk the scenic Norwottuck Rail Trail Tour Botanic Garden of Smith College	Lady Bea River Cruises Auto Road to Summit House Kayak on Connecticut River
Nearby Attractions:	Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory Springfield Armory National Historic Site Yankee Candle flagship store	Basketball Hall of Fame MGM Springfield Casino Volleyball Hall of Fame
Historic Interests:	Coolidge Presidential Museum & Library Historic Northampton (museum) Amherst College of Natural History	Emily Dickinson Museum Historic Deerfield Village Hadley Farm Museum
Arts:	Smith College Museum of Art Mead Art Museum / Amherst College D'Amour Museum of Fine Art / Springfield	R. Michelson Galleries UMass Fine Arts Center Mt. Holyoke Art Museum
Kids:	Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art Dinosaur Footprints in Holyoke	Six Flag of New England Amazing World of Dr. Seuss
Quirky Fun Things:	Dr. Seuss Museum & Sculpture Garden Sylvester's - home of the Graham Cracker The King Candle – World's Largest Candle	Beer Can Museum Florence Pie Bar Giant Foot of Amherst
Beverages:	Northampton Brewery Progression Brewing Company Fort Hill Brewery	Glendale Ridge Vineyard Mineral Hills Winery Black Birch Vineyard

Registration is Open - Please Sign-Up Early
Limited Sites Available



Pictures submitted by
Bard Fuller



Come to the Rally

Pictured here:
Bard & Kathy Fuller - Russ &
Rhona Fuller - Glen & Christine
Lessig - Howie & Mari-Jo Jones
Join then this coming June at
the Region One Rally!



Visit the Region One Facebook page for posts with pictures and information about the Northampton area and rally.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wbcciregion1>



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Airstream Club
International:



Heritage Wally Byam
Caravan Club International:



Wally Byam
Airstream Club:

WBCCI Lifetime Memberships

Rates will be going up in a few months. If you have ever wanted to explore whether a one-time payment could be beneficial to provide you with a lifetime membership in the WBCCI check the WBCCI website/Current Member/Lifetime Membership. A rate comparison chart is attached. The proposed rates have been approved at the last IBT.

Benefits of a Lifetime Membership include:

- Special designations for the listing of Lifetime Member(s) in the Annual Membership Directory.
- Special Lifetime Membership logo, used on member badges and trailer endocarp decal. The Lifetime Membership logo is a duplicate of the membership logo surrounded by a 1" gold strip imprinted in large black letters with the words "Life" at the top center and "Member" at the bottom center.
- A \$20.00 discount on the International Rally Fee
- A ten percent (10%) discount on goods purchased from the Airstream Club International club store.
- Other discounts that may be offered by Airstream Club International Sponsors.
- As a Club member, you can now have the choice of one of three approved Club logos to be used on your name badge and the decal optionally affixed to your Airstream. ~



Congratulations to Bard Fuller who won second place and a VISA gift card in the 2020 Dade City Gingerbread House World competition held at The Dade City Heritage and Cultural Museum this past December. The annual contest celebrates local talent and creativity with business sponsorship funds going toward Dade City local arts and community.

The competition's gingerbread houses were distributed to local nursing homes. ~Ed.

Age	Current	Proposed	Increase	Increase	Payoff (Years)	Age at Payoff	Age	Current	Proposed	Increase	Increase	Payoff (Years)	Age at Payoff
19	\$3,300	\$4,140	\$840	25%	55	74	51	\$1,700	\$2,220	\$520	31%	30	81
20	\$3,250	\$4,080	\$830	26%	54	74	52	\$1,650	\$2,160	\$510	31%	29	81
21	\$3,200	\$4,020	\$820	26%	54	75	53	\$1,600	\$2,100	\$500	31%	28	81
22	\$3,150	\$3,960	\$810	26%	53	75	54	\$1,550	\$2,040	\$490	32%	27	81
23	\$3,100	\$3,900	\$800	26%	52	75	55	\$1,500	\$1,980	\$480	32%	26	81
24	\$3,050	\$3,840	\$790	26%	51	75	56	\$1,450	\$1,920	\$470	32%	26	82
25	\$3,000	\$3,780	\$780	26%	50	75	57	\$1,400	\$1,860	\$460	33%	25	82
26	\$2,950	\$3,720	\$770	26%	50	76	58	\$1,350	\$1,800	\$450	33%	24	82
27	\$2,900	\$3,660	\$760	26%	49	76	59	\$1,300	\$1,740	\$440	34%	23	82
28	\$2,850	\$3,600	\$750	26%	48	76	60	\$1,250	\$1,680	\$430	34%	22	82
29	\$2,800	\$3,540	\$740	26%	47	76	61	\$1,200	\$1,620	\$420	35%	22	83
30	\$2,750	\$3,480	\$730	27%	46	76	62	\$1,150	\$1,560	\$410	36%	21	83
31	\$2,700	\$3,420	\$720	27%	46	77	63	\$1,100	\$1,500	\$400	36%	20	83
32	\$2,650	\$3,360	\$710	27%	45	77	64	\$1,050	\$1,440	\$390	37%	19	83
33	\$2,600	\$3,300	\$700	27%	44	77	65	\$1,000	\$1,380	\$380	38%	18	83
34	\$2,550	\$3,240	\$690	27%	43	77	66	\$950	\$1,320	\$370	39%	18	84
35	\$2,500	\$3,180	\$680	27%	42	77	67	\$900	\$1,260	\$360	40%	17	84
36	\$2,450	\$3,120	\$670	27%	42	78	68	\$850	\$1,200	\$350	41%	16	84
37	\$2,400	\$3,060	\$660	28%	41	78	69	\$800	\$1,140	\$340	43%	15	84
38	\$2,350	\$3,000	\$650	28%	40	78	70	\$750	\$1,080	\$330	44%	14	84
39	\$2,300	\$2,940	\$640	28%	39	78	71	\$700	\$1,020	\$320	46%	14	85
40	\$2,250	\$2,880	\$630	28%	38	78	72	\$650	\$960	\$310	48%	13	85
41	\$2,200	\$2,820	\$620	28%	38	79	73	\$600	\$900	\$300	50%	12	85
42	\$2,150	\$2,760	\$610	28%	37	79	74	\$550	\$840	\$290	53%	11	85
43	\$2,100	\$2,700	\$600	29%	36	79	75	\$500	\$780	\$280	56%	10	85
44	\$2,050	\$2,640	\$590	29%	35	79	76	\$450	\$720	\$270	60%	10	86
45	\$2,000	\$2,580	\$580	29%	34	79	77	\$400	\$660	\$260	65%	9	86
46	\$1,950	\$2,520	\$570	29%	34	80	78	\$350	\$600	\$250	71%	8	86
47	\$1,900	\$2,460	\$560	29%	33	80	79	\$300	\$540	\$240	80%	7	86
48	\$1,850	\$2,400	\$550	30%	32	80	80	\$250	\$480	\$230	92%	6	86
49	\$1,800	\$2,340	\$540	30%	31	80							
50	\$1,750	\$2,280	\$530	30%	30	80							



State of Airstream Inc.

by Bard Fuller

During the Mid-winter WBCCI Meeting Justin Humphreys, VP of Sales of Airstream, spoke to the health of Airstream Inc.. In 2018 Airstream Inc. invested \$40 million towards upgrading their facilities. Just prior to COVID they became fully integrated into the new travel trailer 750,000 sq. ft. facility. This building is nearly triple the square footage of the previous travel trailer building. The touring coach production then moved into the old travel trailer building which provided a facility six times larger than their previous facility.



During COVID the increased space has been well appreciated as it has allowed for better social distancing of employees. At the height of the COVID shut down they had only 600 employees. Today they are up to 1,092 employees and anticipate hiring another 200 employees by July. The new building has provided a new training center and an on-site medical clinic which provides a benefit to employees and a cost savings to the company. This week they will be opening a cafeteria on site for both breakfast and lunch. The Heritage Center Museum is expected to open in September of 2021.

Sales have been through the roof since mid-summer. Airstream Inc. and their dealers like to have 3,500 units in stock for available sale worldwide. With such great demand, today there are only 200 unsold Airstreams. Dealers are complaining they have no Airstreams to show potential customers and delivery times are backed up for months. This shortage is throughout the RV industry. The supply chain of components is not able to keep up with the demand which compounds the problem. Efforts are being focused to address this problem. ~

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by Bard Fuller

Fifty years ago, the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit was working on a provisional charter yet had a full 12-month schedule of dinner meetings and campouts.

Reset your clock to the year 1971.

January	Cabin Restaurant	Meriden
February	Silo Restaurant	Farmington
March	Silvermine Tavern	Norwalk
April	White Turkey Inn	Brookfield
May	Four H Grounds	Bethel
June	Skyview Campground	Washington, MA
July	Durham	Durham
August	Ross Hill Park	Jewett City
September	Region Rally	New Hampshire
October	Four H Grounds	Bethel
November	Leone's Restaurant	Bristol
December	Pine Valley C Club	Southington

Can bald people get a hairline fracture?

"Doctor, there is a man here who thinks he's invisible."
The doctor says, "Tell him I can't see him!"

"Doctor, I think I'm a bell." The doctor says, "Take these pills, if they don't work, give me a ring."



Visit Airstream Supply

"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.](#)

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Answer

A is D's uncle.

What did you think?

A group of Flies is called a Business, maybe not an Apothecary business?

Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

February

02/04 John J. Bachar
 02/13 Gene Hickey
 02/16 Leila Clark
 02/20 Dick & Kit Wheatley
 02/21 Michael Sasuta
 02/25 Val Galasyn
 02/27 Sandi Gould

March

03/01 Corinne Burnham
 03/01 Douglas Hart
 03/04 Dave Morrison
 03/07 Larry Lamontagne
 03/08 Lydia Rosenbeck
 03/09 Lilli Hamnqvist
 03/13 Pat Flanagan
 03/17 Rhona Fuller
 03/23 Carl Amick
 03/26 Laura Weik

Ninety two percent of cross-eyed teachers have difficulty controlling their pupils.



The Cask, The Flask and The Mask

Stay at Home Rally

Zoom virtual happy hours watch for email information.

Third Thursday of the month.

Missing the ID or Password contact [Russ Fuller](#).

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Visit us on Facebook

What does this rebus bring to mind?



“Souper” Bowl North Gathering **Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021**

(Whether there is a game or not!)

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Gilles and Joyce Rousseau’s home

67 Horse Fence Hill Rd. Southbury

What to bring?

An **appetizer** to enjoy.

Your **favorite soup** for about 10 people to sample.

(Let Joyce know what kind you’ll make when you reserve.)

Your **favorite beverage** to drink.

Bread and dessert will be provided at no cost by your hosts.

RSVP to Joyce at 203-217-0503 or
joycezc68@gmail.com before January 30.

You will be notified early of cancellation due to weather or Covid restrictions.



WBCCI COCAC St. Patrick's Brunch

Sunday March 14, 2012
12:30 – 2:30pm

At the home of R&R Fuller
26 Luciano Dr.
Southington, CT 06489

Menu:

Assorted Irish themed Appetizers
Corned Beef
Cabbage
Boiled Potatoes
Carrots
Irish Soda Bread

Traditional & not so traditional Dessert Selection
Various Beverages

Cost \$15/person when you arrive
RSVP to rfuller1745@att.net or
860-747-1193
prior to March 7th



Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. — Sherry Anderson

Region One Rally

Three County Fairground - 54 Old Ferry Road
Northampton, MA
Seussfully hosted by: **Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club**

**June 17-20
2021**

Activities/Entertainment
30amp electric & water
Dump Station, WIFI
Pet friendly (on leash)
Arrive after 11am June 17
Depart by 11am June 20

Blindfolded Golf Cart Race
Seuss Pet Parade
Flea Market

Region One Meeting
Informative Seminars

Whoofeasts
3 Breakfasts
2 Dinners

Just Be There

Adherence to
June 2021 COVID Guidelines

**Oh, the Places
You'll Go Rally!**

Activities:
Hike Mt. Tom & Mt. Holyoke
Bike Norwottuck Rail Trail
Kayak Connecticut River

Attractions:
Basketball Hall of Fame
Springfield Armory
Butterfly Conservatory,
Yankee Candle Megastore
Beer Can Museum
Art Museums, MGM Casino
Seuss Sculpture Garden
Wineries & Breweries

Historic:
Coolidge Presidential Museum
Emily Dickinson Museum
Natural History Museum
Historic Deerfield

Rally Contact: Bard Fuller
bardfuller@hotmail.com

I will attend the Airstream Region One Rally June 17-20, 2021 BRN# _____

Names _____ Unit _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Airstream Model: _____ Length _____ State/License _____

#Children 0-12{FREE} _____ #Children 13-17{\$50} _____ #Guests {\$50} _____

Any Significant Dietary Concerns? _____

Will you require Handicap Parking? _____ Will you have a pet? _____

Is your Airstream Vintage(25 years or older)? _____ Year _____

**Cancellation Policy: Before 5/1 full refund;
5/1- 6/10 \$160 refund; after 6/10 \$80 refund**

Save 
Signup Early
Discounted Rate US \$320.00
(3 nights camping / 2 Adults)
After 5/1/2021 \$345.00
Guest and Children over 12
Add \$50.00 ea. + _____
Single in RV Deduct \$50.00 - _____
Arrival after 12 noon Friday
Deduct \$50.00 - _____
Total Amount _____

Checks Payable to: **COCAC**
Mail to: Sandy Sasuta
476 Milford Point Road
Milford, CT 06460

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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.

Join us

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Share Your Smile