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Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

March 2021

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

President's Message

by Glen Lessig



Christine & Glen enjoying Florida.

Ahh March! We are definitely looking forward to spring and summer adventures. I will be honest, Christine and I have escaped the brutal winter weather of Connecticut for warmer relaxation. Our friends in Charter Oak South (aka Travelers Rest), have been very welcoming, many fun social events even a friendly game of croquet. We have been exploring bike trails in northern and western Florida, discovered Honeymoon State Park with its beautiful white beaches on the gulf and a long nature trail with multiple osprey's and an eagle's nests.

With Rich Kushman's assistance, we are making progress on several digital/online fronts. You may have noticed that you are now receiving emails from both Rich and me using the clubs 025 gmail accounts. The goggle platform allows us to store resources, manage surveys and easily pass on digital data to the next set of officers.

Rich has done a remarkable job with our [website](#), a great place to find all of our club information and a map with our rallies to plan your next adventure. The ACI site also allows easy searching with a constantly updated map for other clubs and Region 1 events. A second website you may find interesting is the Region1 site.

<https://airstreamclub.org/region-1>

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From hobby to business



After building his own travel trailer, Wally published a DIY guide in *Popular Mechanics* for others to do the same. Soon his neighbors started asking him to build trailers for them like the one in his front yard, and he obliged. Noise complaints quickly followed, so Wally rented a building and opened a small trailer factory in Culver City, California in 1931 – Airstream's first factory. They soon relocated, but the Airstream dream was born.

What Do You Think?

What do you call a group of toads?

I never was but always will be. No one ever saw me but everyone knows I exist. I give people the motivation to better themselves every day. What am I?

Link of the Month



[A Streaming Life](#)

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Presidents Message Continued

Online registration is an experiment we are trying with the “Travelers Woods Revisited” rally. Saves the need for a registration form, and creates an convenient listing of attending members for the sponsor.

Our 2021 stunning printed and digital directory should have been received by all. Thanks again to Rich and his dedicated team for a job well done. The digital copy is easy to save on your iPhone or Droid (ask Rich or me for help if needed).

Check page 6 for results from the recently completed directory survey, the response was good, 27 of our 76 memberships for a 36% return. The club will continue to review directory distribution and decide on the appropriate method for our 2022 directory. At first blush, it appears that we may be able to reduce the printing workload by only printing and charging for those members who want a printed copy and providing digital to all.

The summer Charter Oak camping season is shaping up to be busy and fun. First, up will be the KEEP CALM AND RALLY ON event, this should be a great small rally to kick off our season, if you haven't registered please do so soon as we are near to capacity.

Gail and Wiley are planning Travelers Woods Revisited a fun rally in northwestern, MA, in May and of course, we have the Region 1 Rally that our club is hosting. Thanks to Bard and Kathy for their excellent preparations for planning this fun region rally. Be sure to check out the 2021 Rally and Event Schedule for additional events. Our rally schedule is coming together though some of the details of the Quebec Rally are tentative due to the current Canadian Covid concerns. Stay tuned.

See all of you down the road.

Glen



Region 1 Rally Important Update

Times are Changing:

Response to COVID concerns March 1, 2021

- **New revised Rally Refund Policy**
Full refund extended to June 2, 2021
Partial refund (\$160) extended from 6/2/21 until 6/16/21
- Rally programming to be outside, under open air pavilion or tent
- Revised happy hour and food delivery to be consistent with June 2021 guidelines
- We are seeking approval of our operating plan from Northampton Board of Health
- Bring your own chairs to programs and portable tables for meals

Let's gather together! - Let's have fun!

Let's be safe!

* *Afternoon activities in the local area abound - many outdoor*

* *Discount fee (\$320) if postmarked before **May 1, 2021***

* **Note:** *Should the rally need to be cancelled, it will be done so by **June 2, 2021** and a full refund will be issued.*



REGION ONE RALLY – NORTHAMPTON

WHY would you *NOT* want to attend the *Region One Rally*?

Attractions abound in the Northampton area.

How about the *Beer Can Museum* just blocks from the rally site? Remember we will be having no onsite programming in afternoons so you can tour the local area.

Bring your bike and join Glen & Christine and others on the Norwottock Rail Trail.

Join us on *Facebook “WBCCI Region 1”* for information and attractions in and around Northampton. Always updating with new pictures & posts every 5 days or so. Registration forms attached to this newsletter. Registration is limited to be in compliance with anticipated COVID guidelines.



Region One

Click →



Send in your reservation soon.

Come rally with us and share your smile.

Should rally have to be canceled a full refund will be issued.

Helpful

Links

Make them a favorite!

- [Airstream Club International](#)
- [Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club](#)
- [Airstream Supply](#)
- [ACI Resource Center](#)
- [Blue Beret Magazine](#)
- [Charter Oak on Facebook](#)
- [Courtesy Parking](#)
- [Airstream USA](#)
- [Air Forums](#)

- [AllStays Camping](#)
- [Campsite Photos](#)
- [Exits & Highways](#)
- [Passport America](#)
- [Region One ACI](#)
- [Reserve America](#)
- [RV Park Reviews](#)
- [State Park Guide](#)
- [Tin Can Tourists](#)
- [“Let’s Just Go”](#)



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A different COVID atmosphere at TR this winter as more outdoor social distancing at our smaller gatherings.

Photos by:
Bard Fuller
Guy Weik



Gail & Wiley Downing, Mike & Cindy Brodeur and Ken Hankinson



Pam Forsyth, Laura Weik, Christine Lessig



Wiley & Gail Downing with Toni Nolder



Glen & Christine Lessig, Bard & Kathy Fuller



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

New Members

Michael & Patricia Rollo #1161
Newtown, CT

Nineteen days until spring; looking forward to spring flowers and happy times ahead. Most of us have had our first Covid-19 vaccination and soon to have the second. Hope everyone gets their turn.

It was good to see President & First Lady **GLEN & CHRISTINE LESSIG** here at Travelers Rest. Would you believe they made reservations over a year ago, and when they arrived and set up, who was parked right next to them but their friends from CT...what a small world.

Our very own **GUY WEIK** has volunteered for a new job, he is now the Activity Coordinator at Travelers Rest Resort, Dade City, FL. We wish him the very best in his new position.

How many miles per gallon do you get: The average person walks 913 miles per year, drinks 556 glasses of wine per year (27.8 gallons), which is 33 miles per gallon...pretty good.

Don't forget to sign up for the Region One Rally before May 1, 2021 for a discounted fee. Let's get back to Airstreaming! ~



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Photo by Bard Fuller

Mark & Marie Lupien, Kathleen & Richard Kushman and Mike & Sandy Sasuta enjoying another Florida 5 - 6 p.m. porch time.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

by Bard Fuller

Membership continues to grow for the new Charter Oak Connecticut unit over the winter of 1970-71. Acting under a provisional charter, they capped the "charter membership" to the 46 family/couples that had signed up for the new unit as of January 3, 1971. The following is a list of our pioneer members from the 1971 directory which was likely published in the spring of 1971:



Adams	New Milford	Freeman	Marlborough	Morettini	Durham
Alexander	Stratford	Fuller	Kensington	Natorski	Brooklyn
Arquett	Wolcott	Fusco	Danbury	Pederson	Gaylordsville
Baldwin	Norwich	Gifford	Bristol	Raboin	Bristol
Bismack	Wallingford	Hall	Unionville	Roger	New Milford
Bobalski	Bridgeport	Hennig	Niantic	Ryan	Wethersfield
Bourgeois	Plantsville	Herbert	Summers	Sheehan	Stamford
Brennan	Wolcott	Howard	Salisbury	Sheffield	New Hartford
Butterfield	Trumbull	Hulbert	East Hampton	Spector	Williamantic
Clark	Norwalk	Hultin	Ansonia	Squier	Clinton
Coburn	Simsbury	Johnston	Vernon	Stachkunas	Forestville
Cogan	Wilton	Kelly	West Hartford	Steucek	Guilford
Coote	New Milford	King	Orange	Strew	Orange
Crockett	Torrington	Klimkiewicz	Bristol	Sturchio	Strafford
Cruise	New London	Malerbo	Bristol	Sweeney	Oakville
Dirga	Bristol	Marquis	Norwich	Taylor	New Milford
Droheim	Bristol	Maxim	Danbury	Withington	Bethany
Engel	Concord, NH	Metzler	Milford	Wyckoff	Suffield
Fields	Meriden	Mitchell	Norwich		

Of all of the original charter members we believe only Roger Crockett remains. We salute Roger and his late wife, Ruth, for being the guiding source of inspiration for our club for the past 50 years.



2021 Rally and Event Schedule

Date	Event	Host	Location	Description
February 7 th	Souper Bowl	Joyce/Gilles Rousseau <i>(Tentative within COVID restrictions)</i>	Southbury, CT	Cheer on your favorite team with Charter Oak friends in warm CT.
March 13 th	St. Patricks Day Gathering	Rhona/Russ Fuller <i>(Tentative within COVID restrictions)</i>	Southington, CT	Celebrate the Green with friends and Russ's great food.
April 30 to May 2	KEEP CALM AND RALLY ON	Christine/Glen Lessig and Carol/Chris Dubrowski	Charlie Brown Campground, Eastford, CT	Tour Northeast CT, Putnam antiques, Sharp Hill Winery, Bike the Airline Trail, Chili Cook-Off, Corn Hole Tournament
May 21-23	Travelers Woods Revisited	Gail/Wiley Downing	Travelers Woods Bernardston, MA	Enjoy beautiful Shelburne Falls, MA and Brattleboro VT from one great campground.
June 17-20	Region 1 Rally Oh the Places We'll Go!	Bard/Kathy Fuller	Fairgrounds Northhampton, MA	Region 1 Rally hosted by Charter Oak
July 17-24	International Rally Lebanon 2021	ACI WBCCI	Lebanon, TN	Airstream Club International Rally
August 13-15	Mystic Rally	Bard Fuller/Tess McShane	Seaport RV Resort	Co-Host with the New England Club
September 16-19	Québec Extraordinaire Se rallier	Joyce/Gilles Rousseau and Christine/Glen Lessig	Domaine Des Cantons, St-Étienne-de-Bolton, QC	Co-Host with the Quebec Club. Stop at Crown Point Campground, Perkinsville, VT on route north.
September 25 to October 3	Storytelling Rally Caravan	Kathy/RichKushman and Sandy/Mike Sasuta	Appalachian Fairground Gray, TN	Come enjoy the national Storytelling Festival



Attention: Mystic Rally Action Needed

by Bard Fuller

Our scheduled rally for August 13-15 has had a few new developments.

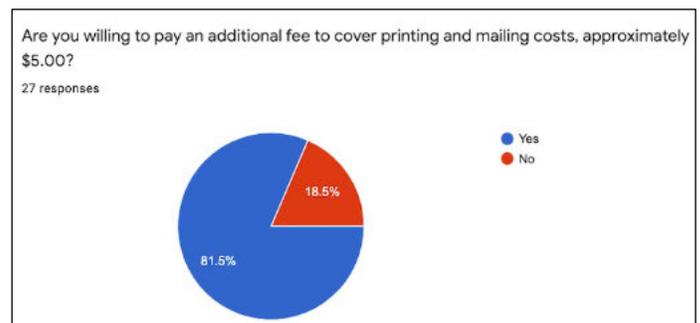
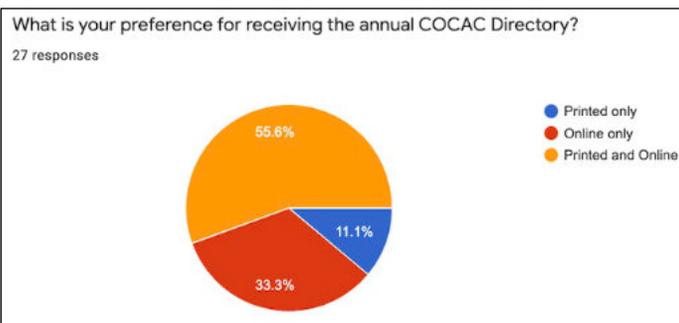
We were to be joining the New England Airstream Club (NEAC) for this rally which was to be held in conjunction with the Mystic Art Festival in downtown Mystic that weekend. Note this rally is **not** on the Mystic Seaport property. Tess McShane from NEAC has notified me that the Festival is questionable whether it will be held. The campground fees at the Seaport RV resort & Campground which are now over \$100 a night can only be discounted to \$88 per night for group camping with a deposit needed very soon. With this in mind I am requesting those interested to please email me of your interest ASAP so I can coordinate with the NEAC club our club's level of participation.

Latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population.

~ Stephen Hawking

Survey Results

Please note the pie graphs regarding our club directory.





Good, Bad and Bizarre amAZing **Bard's** **AIRSTREAMS**



The Brick Airstream

by Bard Fuller

In 1989 US Brick Inc of Owosso, MI, promoted their new innovative ½ inch thick brick panels by displaying them on the only known brick Airstream. By laminating their thin brick product, they showed how it could be used on curved surfaces.

They used a 1975 31' Airstream and adhered 500 sq ft of this brick veneer which added some 3000 pounds to the trailer. The trailer also featured over \$11,000 of oak trim millwork around the windows done by the Precision Millwork Corp of Cherry Hill, NJ. The brick trailer was seen at trade shows in St. Louis, New Orleans and Las Vegas. ~



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Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

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

April

- 04/02 Ken Hankinson
- 04/03 Cynthia Richard
- 04/05 Jack Blandford
- 04/08 Barbara Landman
- 04/10 Karen Olah
- 04/13 Dan Olah
- 04/19 Charlie Wilson
- 04/21 Roland St. Laurent
- 04/24 Franklin Sanders
- 04/24 Bert Contractor
- 04/25 Carl & Evelyn Amick
- 04/26 Mari-Jo Jones
- 04/29 Charles "Rick" Petrie

by Bard Fuller

After 50 years we would like to rejuvenate the club logo. At the last fall business meeting it was decided to ask members for ideas.

Please submit all ideas to 025info@wbcci.net for inclusion in the April Chatter.



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

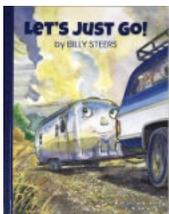
Art work by Billy Steers

Zoom virtual happy hours watch for email information.

Third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

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

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.](#)

"As soon as the hospital made me put on one of those little gowns, I knew the end was in sight."

—Adam Joshua Smargon

Puzzled?

Have you found your name in the word search included in the 2021 Directory?

You can peek if you like...

[Members Names Solution](#)

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Editor: Richard Kushman
Info & Pictures: Sandy Sasuta
Pictures Gilles Rousseau
Printing: Joyce Rousseau
Proof Reader: Kathleen Kushman

Answer

Tomorrow

What did you think?

A group of toads is called a knot. Yes a knot - not kidding.

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Visit us on Facebook

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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



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Friday April 30 - Sunday May 2

**Charlie Brown Campground
98 Chaplin Road
Eastford, CT 06242**

**Visit safely with new and old Charter Oak Friends
Bike the Connecticut Airline Trail
Hike in Natchaug State Forest
Compete in the Chili Cook-Off Contest
Corn Hole Tournament
Enjoy our covered Pavillon with campfire ring**

Join us for our first Rally of the season - KEEP CALM AND RALLY ON! This Rally will be held in the beautiful Natchaug Forest at the Charlie Brown campground in northeastern Connecticut. We will make every effort to host and enjoy a safe rally by following all safety recommendations. We will have exclusive use of one of the Charlie Brown pavilions with covered picnic tables and a center fireplace.

- 6 PM Friday Heavy Happy Hour
- 7:00 PM Friday Campfire
- 8 AM Saturday - Full Breakfast
- 5:30 PM Chili Cook-Off
- 8 PM Campfire
- 8 AM Sunday - Continental Breakfast

Name _____ BRN _____
Phone _____ Unit Length _____
Email _____
Street _____
Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Two nights \$113.50, (Water, 30 A,) Kitty Fee \$10 per adult.
Mail Checks to: Glen Lessig, PO Box 307, East Woodstock, CT 06244

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TRAVELERS WOODS REVISITED RALLY

Places to Go

Shelburne Falls, MA
Brattleboro, VT
Warwick State Forest
Yankee Candle



Fun Activities

Biking
Hiking
Breweries and Wineries
Corn Hole

MAY 21-23, 2021

152 River Street, Bernardston, MA 01337

Water, 30/50 amp electric, 2 dump stations available

Hosts Gail and Wiley Downing

Schedule

Friday

11:00 - Arrive anytime after

Saturday

8:30 - Pot-Luck Breakfast

10:00 - 5:00 - Explore the area

6:00 - Dinner, A small taste of Germany

7:30 - Campfire

Sunday

8:30 - Continental Breakfast

Meals

Saturday

Pot Luck Breakfast - Bring your own setups.
Hosts will provide, coffee, tea and juice.

A Small taste of Germany - Bratwurst (on the grill) and sauerkraut, macaroni salad, green salad cookies for dessert.

Sunday

Continental Breakfast - Coffee, Tea and juice.

Camping fee for two nights \$50. Kitty Fee \$10/person. Please mail checks prior to Rally.
Gail Downing, 8 Old Shelter Road, Danbury, CT 06810

**Sign Up
On Line**



Register [Online here](#) or Mail in your registration form.
Payments for Registrations should be

Name _____
Street Address _____, Town _____
State _____, Zip _____, Cell phone _____
BRN _____

Questions: Contact Gail 203-241-2537 or ctnanabug@comcast.net

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



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



Just Be There
 Adhere to
 June 2021 COVID Guidelines

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 _____

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 _____

Cancellation Policy: Before 6/2 full refund, after 6/2 \$160 refund.
 Should the rally need to be canceled it will be by 6/2/2021 - with full refunds.

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.