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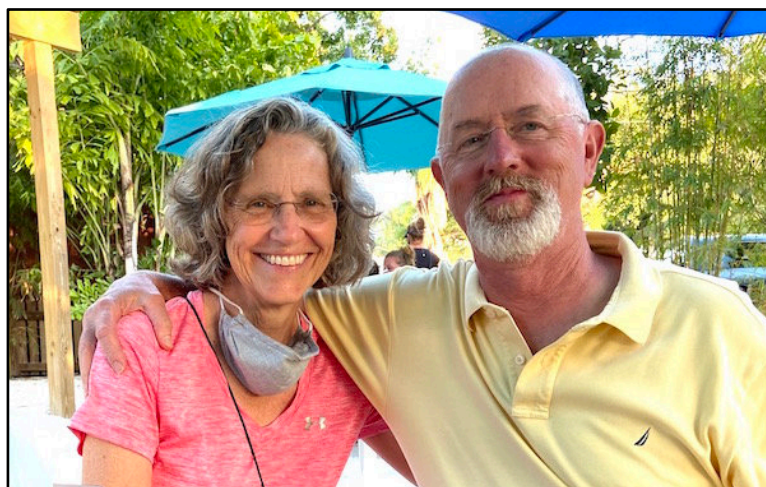
Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

April 2021

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

President's Message

by Glen Lessig



Christine & Glen still pictured enjoying Florida - is that a Tiki Bar?

For close to two months this winter Christine and I enjoyed relaxing and exploring the southeastern states and Florida. We were able to visit with many friends (particularly in Travelers Rest), explore some of the many outstanding Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia state parks, bike new trails and enjoy several outstanding outside restaurants/tiki bars. Our 19' International was a great home base for us and allowed us to explore, relax and stay safe..

Now that we're home in Connecticut our schedule is looking fairly busy with some great Charter Oak rallies planned, be sure to sign up soon.

04/30-05/02 KEEP CALM and RALLY ON - Eastford, CT - Chili Cook-Off contest, cornhole, biking, should be great fun. Only two spots left, contact me soon. glessig@gmail.com

05/21-05/23 Travelers Wood Rally - Bernardston, MA - Small Taste of Germany, biking and lots of fun.

[REGISTER ONLINE HERE](#)

06/17-06/20 Oh The Places We'll Go! Region 1 Rally - Northampton, MA - Bard and Kathy are working hard to provide us with a great Region 1 Rally, will be a lot of fun with plenty to do in western MA.

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Trailers boom – then bust



When Wally Byam opened the first Airstream factory in California, there were fewer than 50 trailer manufacturers registered for business. In the next five years, demand for the trailer lifestyle exploded and the industry followed suit – by 1937, there were around 400 manufacturers competing for customers. Unfortunately for many of those daring entrepreneurs, the Great Depression and World War II took a toll, and today, only Airstream remains.

What Do You Think?

What do you call a group of giraffes?

If a man has a bee in his hand what's in his eye?

Link of the Month



[Airstream Office Project](#)

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Presidents Message Continued

There are also many additional rallies planned for this year, check out the listing below. Unfortunately our Québec rally this fall will not be possible due to Covid restrictions. Gilles, Joyce, Christine and I are excited about this caravan/rally and are committed to attempting in 2022, so stay tuned. Plans are already underway for a fall rally and meeting in Vermont. Watch for details in the Chatter.

Last fall we encouraged all who were interested to submit designs for a new club logo. We now have three new designs and of course our current logo for you to consider. Please take a few moments to review and contact Christine to enter your choice.

See all of you down the road.

Glen

2021 Rally and Event Schedule

Date	Event	Host	Location	Description
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 Click Here - Sign Up On Line	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 Northampton, 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	Delayed - Watch for future date. 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



Debbie and Bob Hendrick, Grace Fuller, Rona Fuller, Sally Kerr, Joyce Rousseau, Bill and Evie Watts gathered for the green and enjoying a fine dessert as you can see below.



Rally Raffle Update



by Joyce Rousseau

The Region One Rally is around the corner, and I'm still collecting raffle items. Sally Kerr donated 2 Longerberger baskets and 2 small display units and some plastic picnic supplies. Keep looking for small items that would be great in our raffle. We have many, but as Bard says, this is the major fund raising event at the rally and everyone's donations are a help. Thanks again for participating!



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LOOKING BACK to FIFTY YEARS AGO

by Bard Fuller



Fifty years ago this month twenty nine members of the Charter Oak Unit attended a club business meeting at the White Turkey Inn in Brookfield, CT. Among the topics of discussion was deciding on the unit's first emblem/logo. Jeri Strew took the lead and presented four sketches. The one with the Charter Oak tree was approved unanimously. The only alteration in the original sketch was that "Connecticut" was to be spelled out. We have used that logo for the last fifty years.

Another discussion at that meeting was that the group going to the International Rally in Oregon proposed a float for use in the Wally Byam Birthday/Fourth of July parade. This float eventually took the form of a covered wagon mounted on the front of a flatbed truck and a modern Connecticut beach scene positioned on the back of the flatbed. The theme of the float was "The Hardships of Yesterday for the Fun of Today". It's remarkable that so much preparation went into a parade float that would be constructed on the west coast. Just imagine how much material would be required to cover a full flatbed truck and then that the materials would have been transported in members' trailers across the country!



by Sandy Sasuta

The Region 1 Rally at The Three County Fairgrounds in Northampton, MA, June 17, 2021, is moving along. Those of us who have registered are all in eager anticipation to start camping again and safely socialize, especially after most of us have received our vaccinations. More information is included in this Chatter regarding the rally, with updates to be forthcoming as they unfold.

Sending get well wishes to **ROSE TAVARES** on recent hip replacement surgery. Also, **KATHY KUSHMAN** is recovering from foot surgery. Now we understand the expression for others to "wait on them hand and foot". Feel better soon!

Who doesn't enjoy seeing the full moon, especially while camping? Well, this year features four "super-moons", meaning the moon is closer than average to the earth and will appear bigger and brighter. March 28th was the first one, with the remainder being on April 27th, May 26 and June 24th.

We are looking forward to the April 30th rally hosted by the **LESSIG'S & DUBROWSKI'S** and the May 21st rally hosted by the **DOWNING'S**. See flyers in this Chatter.

I've heard that old age comes at a bad time...you finally know everything just in time to forget it.

Two little boys were at a wedding when one of them leaned over to the other and asked "how many wives can a man have". His friend thought and answered "16...four better, four worse, four richer and four poorer". ~

Welcome
New Members

Mark & Deni Van der Voort
#1396, Woodstock, CT
Karen Hoyack
#9688, Newtown, CT

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"](#)



Region 1 Update April 1

by Bard Fuller

One thing that we have all seen during these pandemic times is that the guidelines change frequently. Some can be very challenging.

March 22 was a significant day in Massachusetts as Governor Baker moved the state reopening forward to Phase IV Step I by increasing the outdoor limits from 25 to 150 individuals. This move enabled us to continue with the region rally. The state requirement



to quarantine out-of-state residents for 14 days, or produce a negative COVID test, was moved from an order to a recommendation. Since the recommendation is not enforceable, it has essentially opened the state to out-of-state visitors.

The fairgrounds are under enormous restraints as they are to work with local boards of health and state regulators to open their facilities to groups like ours. Food preparation for our group will be treated as if we are a restaurant and would need a series of inspections and licenses making onsite food preparation unrealistic. So, we will be hiring caterers to provide meals. We will not be able to sponsor a large group Happy Hour. Required sanitation of chairs and tables will be eliminated if we use our own personal tables and chairs.

Live entertainment needs to comply with the Massachusetts Theater and Performance Venue guidelines. Compliance with social distancing and mask-wearing are part of the mandates. Performers are to be separated onstage unless they are from the same household and we have complied by hiring performers who are husband and wife.

Camping at the fairground falls under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Their guidelines are the most challenging for our rally situation. Basically, 20' separation between Airstreams means that many of the previously planned sites with electric and water will no longer be viable. This will impact our attendance and income.

All these regulations will keep us safe yet will impose significant logistical and financial challenges. As we adhere to these regulations, we ask for your understanding and compliance so that we can move forward with our long-awaited Region 1 Rally.

WAITING LIST

By the third week in March the region rally maxed out the number of trailers the fairgrounds could accept under the compliance of the Massachusetts Executive Office on Environmental Affairs. We have established a wait list and have our fingers crossed that with time, and changing guidelines, we will be able to accommodate more participants. If you are interested to be placed on the wait list, we are accepting applications. We will notify you as soon as we have sites available, at which time payment will be due.

Great Entertainment Planned



Doc and Donna Probes

Announcing! "Oh! The Places You'll Go!" Region Rally featured performers will be Doc and Donna Probes from Traverse City, MI. As resident performers at Travelers Rest in Dade City, FL, they are well known and admired by all WBCCI members who have passed through this winter. Both Doc and Donna have roots in country music but today they perform folk, gospel, classical, soft rock and more. They are most known for their fabulous harmonies and are sure to be a major highlight of the rally.



Below are the logo designs submitted for consideration.
Please vote for your favorite.



#1 Current Logo



#2



#3



#4

How to vote: Email or call Christine Lessig with your selection. Make certain you select your choice by indicating the logo number and include your full name in the body of the email.
cjohnstonlessig@gmail.com - (860) 617-4346

Who can vote: All Charter Oak Connecticut members, affiliate members **can not** vote.

The logo is currently used in the club newsletter, directory and website. The following page shows examples of the newsletter heading with each logo.



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**Vote for your
favorite logo.**

If voting made any difference they
wouldn't let us do it. ~ Mark Twain

**2020 Classic 31 Airstream Trailer
MUST SELL - ONLY USED ONCE - FULLY
EQUIPPED**

**Priced to sell quickly
\$19,000.00 OBO**

[Click Here for Complete Details](#)



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Art work by Billy Steers

The Cask, The Flask and The Mask

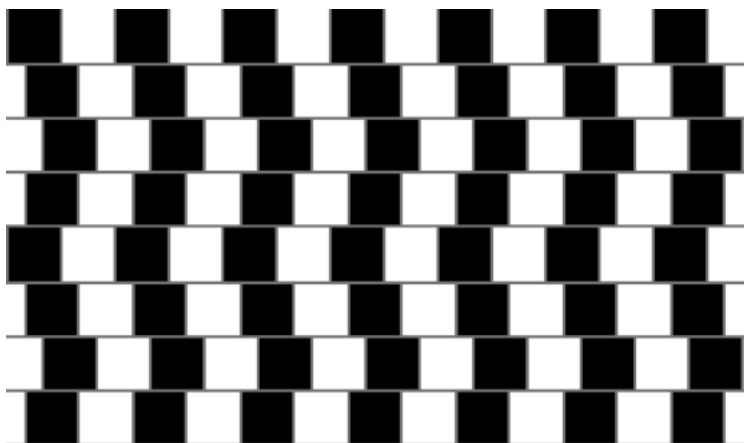
Stay at Home Rally

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](#).

Are the lines below straight or are they curved?



Try putting a straight edge against the lines on your screen to test your conclusion.



Puzzled?

Below are links to two of the puzzles in the 2021 Directory?

You can peek if you like...

[State Park Word Search Solution](#)

[Members Names Solution](#)

Connecticut Chatter

Editor: Richard Kushman
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Answer

"Beauty" - because beauty is in the eye of the "beeholder."

What did you think?

A group of giraffes is called a tower. Who would have thought?

Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

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

May

05/01 Bard Fuller

05/03 Joyce Rousseau

05/04 Susan Stahley

05/05 Elizabeth Turner

05/05 John J. & Serafina M. Bachar

05/06 Gilles Rousseau

05/07 Debbie Hendrick

05/09 Stacy Reck

05/11 Jean Landry

05/14 David & Paulette Jensen

05/15 Michael Brodeur

05/15 Jerry Jackson

05/16 Grace Fuller

05/16 David Jensen

05/17 Raymond Richard

05/20 Donald & Eileen Allers

05/21 William Watts

05/26 Ted & Lois Price

05/26 Bruce & Deborah Hawley

05/26 Richard & Kathleen Kushman

05/28 Wiley & Gail Downing

05/31 Michael & Sandy Sasuta

Covid Health tip: If you hold a can of beer in both hands, you can't touch your face.

~ Anonymous

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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**

Blindfolded Golf Cart Race
Seuss Pet Parade
Flea Market


Region One Meeting
Informative Seminars



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




Just Be There
Adhere to
June 2021 COVID Guidelines



Whoofeasts
3 Breakfasts
2 Dinners

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



**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

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 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.

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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Outdoor Mystic Art Festival Rally

August 13-15, 2021

NEAC & COCAC sponsored rally



Seaport RV Resort and Campground, 45 Camp Ground Rd., Old Mystic, CT 06372

<https://www.sunrvresorts.com/resorts/new-england/connecticut/seaport/>

Please refer to the state of CT travel advisory <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>

COVID-19 contingencies: All gatherings and meal planning will follow CDC guidelines available at that time, so be prepared to wear facemasks and respect social distancing, etc.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

Rally schedule (tentative):

- Friday 4:30 pm happy hour with heavy appetizer potluck (local brews will be provided for tasting).
- Sat 8 am Coffee provided.
- Sat pm dinner on your own at one of the many wonderful restaurants/takeouts in downtown Mystic, bonfire starts at 7 pm.
- Sun 8 am, local bakery donuts/muffins and coffee provided.

Information about the art festival: <https://www.mysticchamber.org/mystic-events-calendar/mystic-outdoor-art-festival> Also, lots to see and do while in Mystic, CT! Seaport, Aquarium, kayaking, bicycling, hiking trails, pool at the campground, restaurants, shopping, microbreweries, and more.

To reserve your site, call the campground and mention you are part of the Airstream Club Rally. For this rally, reservation of sites is on-your-own, and they will honor a 20% discounted rate (\$62-82/night) between August 13-16, 2021 for our rally attendees. Tess will be on site #70. Bard will be on #95A.

Map of sites: <https://952ws4ayphb1pfk6hy8v3gfr-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/seaport-guest-map-2021.pdf>

Charisse Sankow, Resort Manager, Seaport RV Resort and Campground
45 Campground Road – Box 104, Old Mystic, CT 06372
Office: (860)245-6040, Phone: (860)245-6039, CSankow@Suncommunities.com

A **\$5 per adult** kitty fee will be collected **upon arrival** as your contribution to firewood. Hosts will purchase local bakery products and beers, and will appreciate any contributions to help defray the cost.

As soon as you have reserved your site, please send Tess or Bard an email with your names and site #.

Questions? **Tess McShane** at (860) 536-4113, suzzypoi@gmail.com or **Bard Fuller** bardfuller@hotmail.com

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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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