



Connecticut



Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

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

June 2021

President's Message



No masks, now you can see their smiles! Wonderful!

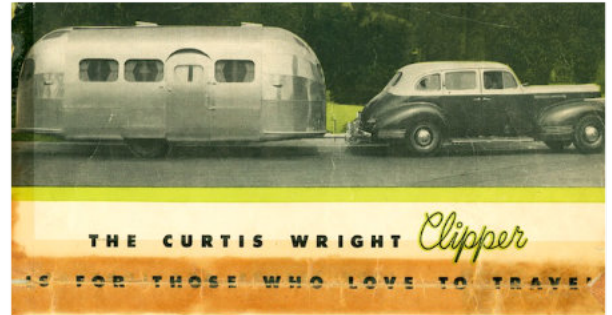
by Glen Lessig

Wow, the beginning of June, and we have already had two great Rallies with several more fun opportunities planned for this camping season. Christine and I both enjoy our great old friendships (we have been COCAC members for five years!) and our new friends we meet at every Rally. The above photo represents the opportunities our club provides to relax and get to know each other. Dave Jensen brought his sister Maren. Bob and Debbie Hendrick's attended their second rally and seasoned COCAC members Sandy and Mike Sasuta and Gail and Wiley Downing have returned to the Connecticut cool weather along with their strong food service crew. The Travelers Woods Revisited was a great rally expertly hosted by Gail and Wiley Downing in beautiful western Massachusetts.

Many of you will be attending the "Seussical" Region One Rally coming up this month, hosted by our Charter Oak club and led by Bard and Kathy Fuller who have been working very hard to pull together all of the many final details to create a roaring success. Please check out the flyers in this chatter or the Charter Oak <https://airstreamclub.org/charter-oak-connecticut> or Region 1 <https://airstreamclub.org/region-1> websites for more information.

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The Curtis Wright Clipper



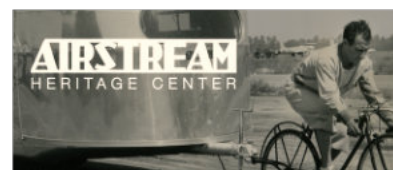
As World War II drew to a close, Wally Byam was working as a certified manufacturing engineer and production supervisor at Curtis Wright Industries. When the war ended in 1945, Wally persuaded the management at Curtis Wright Industries to let him manufacture a line of travel trailers called the Curtis Wright Clipper, similar to the Airstream Clipper in many ways, but improved with Wally's new manufacturing know-how.

What Do You Think?

What do you call a group of Hyenas?

I drift forever with the current down these long canals they've made. Tame, yet wild, I run elusive, multitasking to your aid. Before I came, the world was darker. Colder, sometimes, rougher, true. But though I might make living easy, I'm good at killing people too. What am I?

Link of the Month



[Airstream Heritage Center](#)

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You Shoulda Been There!

by Kathy Fuller

If you didn't attend you missed another fabulous rally hosted by Jim and Gail Downing. The weekend of May 21-23 found 19 Charter Oakians and one guest living the good life at Travelers Woods Campground in Bernardston, MA.

A champagne toast in honor of Bill Watts' birthday was the kick-off. After supper we all enjoyed Gilles and Joyce Rousseau's new SO-LO-STOVE fire-ring. It's a self-contained, nearly smokeless, fire contraption that impressed the campground hosts as well.

There was an informational meeting after Saturday's continental breakfast when Bard Fuller brought the group up to speed regarding the region rally and what we'll be voting on for at the International Rally. Later, the Sasutas, Lessigs and Bard Fullers went to the site of the region rally to consider parking options. Others took advantage of the beautiful weather and went sight-seeing or biking in the area.

Supper on Saturday was grilled bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, macaroni salad, tossed salad and cookies. Russ Fuller grilled the sausages to perfection and there was A LOT of very tasty food. During supper clean-up Gail and Jim both spilled scalding water on their legs. Fortunately, Carol Dubrowski, a nurse for years, jumped into action and further tissue damage was avoided. Our hosts were up and walking about Sunday morning.

New members, Bob and Debbie Hendrick are the front runners among our 10 new members for the most rallies attended in 2021. We've also had the pleasure of the company of David Jensen and his sister, Maren, more often this year. Whenever help was needed they were right there to help out.

Good food. Good location. Good people. Good times. And a crisis avoided...like I said, another fabulous rally by Gail and Jim Downing. ~



Bard Fuller, Glen Lessig, Joyce Rousseau, Christine Lessig, Kathy Fuller and Gilles Rousseau



Russ Fuller, Gail & Wiley Downing, Bob & Debbie Hendrick and Dave Jensen



Chris Dubrowski, Michael Sasuta and Carol Dubrowski



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Enjoying a "Solo Fire Pit"



Glen & Christine Lessig, Carol & Chris Dubrowski with Dave Jensen and his sister Maren



Debbie Hendrick, Bard Fuller, Dick Bartram, Kathy Fuller and Bob Hendrick - way in the back - Michael Sasuta, Wiley Downing, Rhona Fuller, Russ Fuller, Gail Downing,



Joyce Rousseau, Evelyn Watts, Bill Watts and Gilles Rousseau

Photos by: Sandy Sasuta and Bard Fuller



Gilles Rousseau perhaps singing Solo!



Mike Sasuta, Carol Dubrowski and Christine Lessig having S'more.



Christine Lessig and Carol Dubrowski definitely concentrating.



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This clearly promises to be a great rally. Christine and I biked around Northampton, a beautiful town with many restaurants, gardens, shops, and breweries to enjoy and all within walking or biking distance from the campground.



A big thank you to all who presented designs for our new Charter Oak logo. The winner was announced in last month's Chatter, but in case you missed it the clear winner was the #4 entry. The logo will look great on our website and Chatter. Again thanks to the designers and all who voted.

Please check out the rally schedule and flyers here in the Chatter for the fun rallies, - local, regional and national that are available this summer. And for all of you with inquiring minds our annual meeting and installation dinner will be held at the Victorian House Restaurant, Cheshire, CT, on Oct. 24. More information to follow.

NOTE: There will be a meeting at the Region Rally on Saturday 6/19 - 8:45 a.m. to vote on the ACI issues.

See all of you down the road.

Glen



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

New Members

Daniel & Bettejane Hopkins

9456 Deep River, CT

William Hannis & Barbara Bondar

3788 Woodstock, NY

We traveled from Travelers Rest, Dade City, FL, (hot, humid and 90 degrees) to the mother ship, the Airstream Factory in Jackson Center, Ohio, (33 degrees). What a shock in temperature after living through the winter with Florida heat. Having repair work done at Jackson Center was like waiting in the doctors' office for a procedure to be completed. Our technician would do one repair after another throughout the day. Finally the procedure(s) was over and successful, we have the bill to prove it. On our way back to CT we stopped at Penn Wood; it was below freezing that night.

The **DOWING** rally was a huge success, especially with that delicious German meal they provided. It was great to see **DICK BARTRAM** who visited on Saturday. As an added attraction, the **ROUSSEAU**s brought their Solo Stove Bonfire for the campfire each night (look it up on line). The stove was very efficient, burned at a high temperature with no smoke in your eyes. Weather was hot Saturday, but who cares when you are having fun.

After all this time, the Region 1 Rally is almost upon us (June 17th). We are looking forward to seeing all of you, because it has been waaaay too long. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure you read all of Bard Fuller's Region 1 emails so that you will be prepared to have a good time. ~

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](#)

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[Passport America](#)

[Region One ACI](#)

[Reserve America](#)

[RV Park Reviews](#)

[State Park Guide](#)

[Tin Can Tourists](#)

["Let's Just Go"](#)



50 Years Ago



by Kathy Fuller

An Excerpt from “The Chatter” describing the First Charter Oak Rally, Year:1971

“With the rain falling Friday, sixteen brave souls still hooked up their trailers and headed for Bethel (CT) and were so glad they went.....had a real nice time and Saturday was just beautiful. Coffee and donuts were on hand for both early and late risers. Gabfests were in order, bike riding, some baseball, airplane flying, fishing, frisbee and a real “noisy” game of Michigan Rummy; which ran incidentally, from Friday night through Sunday. Hey! It’s your deal Mary!! Several of the fellows were seen heading for Camperama (the local Airstream dealership) Saturday. Told the gals they were going to put in their order for Excellas. How about that campfire, folks, wasn’t that a real cozy group. Those in attendance: Crocketts, Kings, Sheffields, Metzlers, Hulberts, Sheehans, Raboins, Freemans, Sectors, Arquetts, Clarks, Gallahers, Fields, Withingtons, Dirgas and Fuscus.” ~



We Almost Made it to Quebec Rally



by Joyce Rousseau #8988

Our original plans for a caravan to join the Quebec Airstream Club at their fall meeting had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions and border closure. We changed our focus and are having a rally instead which will keep the French theme in its food and activity. Check the flyer in this Chatter to learn some French vocabulary (most of which you might already know) and see what the menu will include. We look forward to enjoying the scenic landscape and sharing good times with friends. Please try to join us in this final rally of the 2020 season.

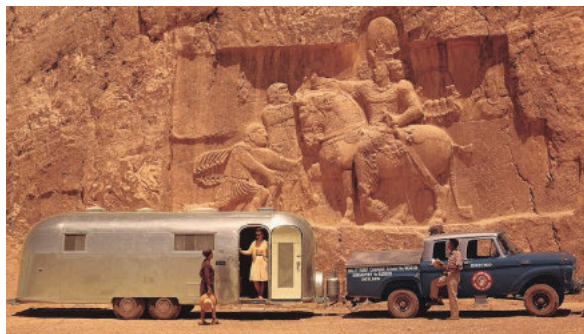
We Do More, and Enjoy it more, Together!



REGION 1 RALLY - JUNE 17-20 - UPDATE

Region Rally Programs

We have a wonderful entertainment package that will include two nights of singing by Doc and Donna Probes. One night the focus will be country music and another night will feature folk-rock of the 60's, 70's and 80's. These veteran performers based out of Michigan have been thrilling audiences for years with their harmonies as the principals in the Cherry Blossom Ramblers.



We will be showing the rarely seen, historical movie "Around the World Caravan". An epic Airstream caravan that covered 30,000 miles and 31 countries in 1963 through 1964. This was Wally Byam's ultimate dream. The saga of these 47 trailers and 105 people will be an adventure none of the participants will ever forget.

Released from Airstream Inc.'s historical collection.

There is a variety of morning discussion groups that include:

Airstream Blunders with Rich Kushman, leader of a local caravan to Alaska in 2006

ACI Website Insight with Glenn Lessig, Region 1 Web Master

E-bikes with Nancy Phillips, E-bike owner

Travel Organization with Rich and Cindy Collins, Airstream YouTubers

Traveling with Pets with Tess McShane, veterinarian

Travel Journaling and Illustrations with Billy Steers, author and illustrator

Planning for Fryeburg, Maine and its many nearby attractions with Marty Womer.

Other rally activities include:

- **Bike rides** (2) on the wonderful Northampton area rail trail system.
- **Blindfold-driver golf cart agility race**, 2 member teams
- **Cornhole games**
- **Dr. Seuss pet parade** Come to show off our pets in their best Dr. Seuss garb.
- **Flea & craft marketplace**
- **Morning yoga** lead by our own Carol Dubrowski
- **Bowl cozy stitching with Betsy Flanagan** - Bring your sewing machines
- **Bid often at the colossal raffle – Many thanks for all your wonderful donations!**

ALL THIS AND MORE.....

A FEW MORE SITES ARE STILL AVAILABLE (at the time of this printing) **SEE ATTACHED FLYER**



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Upcoming...

Birthdays - Anniversaries

June

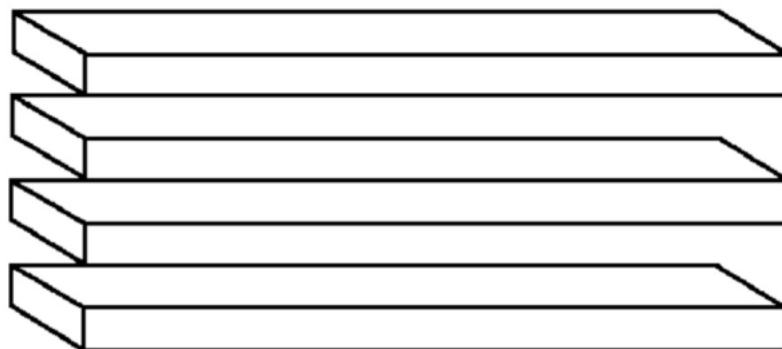
06/01 Fred & Dale McGoldrick
 06/02 J. Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould
 06/04 Dyann & Robert Calder
 06/07 Per & Lilli Hamnqvist
 06/08 Russ & Rhona Fuller
 06/09 Kenneth Volpe
 06/12 Jack & Jeanne Blandford
 06/17 Jim & Corinne Burnham
 06/17 Sally Pascale
 06/18 Howard & Mari-Jo Jones
 06/18 Chris & Carol Dubrowski
 06/18 Evelyn Amick
 06/18 Franklin & Jane Sanders
 06/20 Russ Fuller
 06/24 Betsy Flanagan
 06/25 Trevor & Gale Lake
 06/25 Guy & Laura Weik
 06/25 Bob & Jean Landry
 06/27 Toni Nolder
 06/27 Evelyn Watts
 06/27 Kenneth & Maria Volpe
 06/28 Roland & Sandie St. Laurent
 06/30 Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck

July

07/01 Jim Burnham
 07/02 Sally Kerr
 07/02 Val & Aili Galasyn
 07/03 Bruce Fletcher
 07/03 Ted Price
 07/05 Kathleen Kushman
 07/06 Dale McGoldrick
 07/06 Cecile Lemaire
 07/09 Julie Steers
 07/20 Clarence (Bud) & Doris Gould
 07/26 Lois Price
 07/29 Kathy Fuller

2021 Rally and Event Schedule

| Date | Event | Host | Location | Description |
|------------------|--|---|--|--|
| 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 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 17-19 | We almost made it to Québec rally! | Joyce/Gilles Rousseau and Christine/Glen Lessig | Crown Point Campground in Perkinsville, Vt | The French theme will be continued. There are breweries, museums and hiking trails to enjoy in the general area. |
| October | Fall Business meeting to be announced. | | | |
| Revised 05/20/21 | | | | |



Are there 3 boards or 4 boards?

Puzzled?

Below are links to the puzzles in the 2021 Directory?

[State Park Word Search Solution](#)
[Members Names Solution](#)
[Airstream Crossword](#)
[Connecticut Crossword](#)

What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists? In that case, I definitely overpaid for my carpet. ~ Woody Allen



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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What do you call?

A group of Hyenas is called a Cackle. No laughing matter!

What did you think?

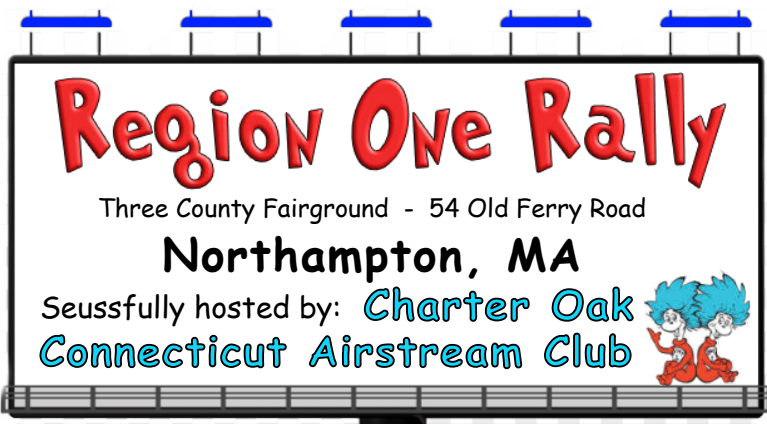
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Region One Rally
Three County Fairground - 54 Old Ferry Road
Northampton, MA
Seussfully hosted by: **Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club**




**June 17-20
2021**

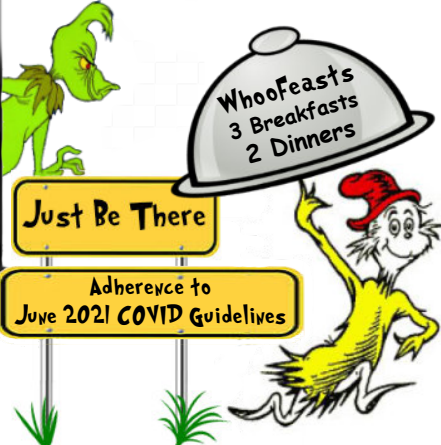
Blindfolded Golf Cart Race
Seuss Pet Parade
Flea Market

Region One Meeting
Informative Seminars

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



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



Whoofeasts
3 Breakfasts
2 Dinners

Just Be There

Adherence to
June 2021 COVID Guidelines

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

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

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: Until 6/2 full refund, after 6/2 \$160 refund.

HURRY
Space Available

(3 nights camping / 2 Adults)

Electric & Water \$320.00

Without Electric & Water \$280.00

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 concerns: 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://952ws4ayphb1p6hy8v3gfr-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 key 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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We Almost Made it to Quebec Rally

Sept. 17-19

Crown Point Campground

131 Bishop Camp Rd

Perkinsville, Vt



Come join us (the Rousseaus and Lessigs) for a fun fall rally.

It's a beautiful campground in a lovely area of Vermont.

Friday- Arrive after 2 pm.

5:00 Hearty Happy Hour- French Crudite and Charcuterie platter supplied. Other foods brought by participants.

Saturday- 7:30 Coffee/tea provided

8:00 Assorted quiches and croissants chaudes (quiche and hot croissants)

avec beurre et confitures (with butter and jam) et fruit.

Spend the day discovering new places but return at 3:00 if you want to learn how to play Petanque. It's a fun game played around the world.

5:00 Gather for conversation and sharing. Light snacks and une salade verte (a green salad) to be enjoyed, provided by your hosts.

6:00 Souper (supper) boeuf bourguignon (beef stew), baguettes et beurre (bread and butter) Pour desert (for dessert)- les crepes fameux de Gilles- (Gilles' famous crepes) avec confitures, crème frappe and sucre poudre. (with jam, whipped cream and powdered sugar)

Sunday- 7:30 Coffee/tea provided

8:00 Pot luck breakfast. Departure by noon.

Please make arrangements (\$45/night) with the campground (802-263-5555) on your own but **email Joyce (joycezr68@gmail.com) or Christine (cjohnstonlessig@gmail.com) of your reservation.** Tell the the office that you're with the Airstream group. Kitty fee of \$15 per person will be collected at the campground. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Laissez le bon temps rouler! (Let the good times roll!)