



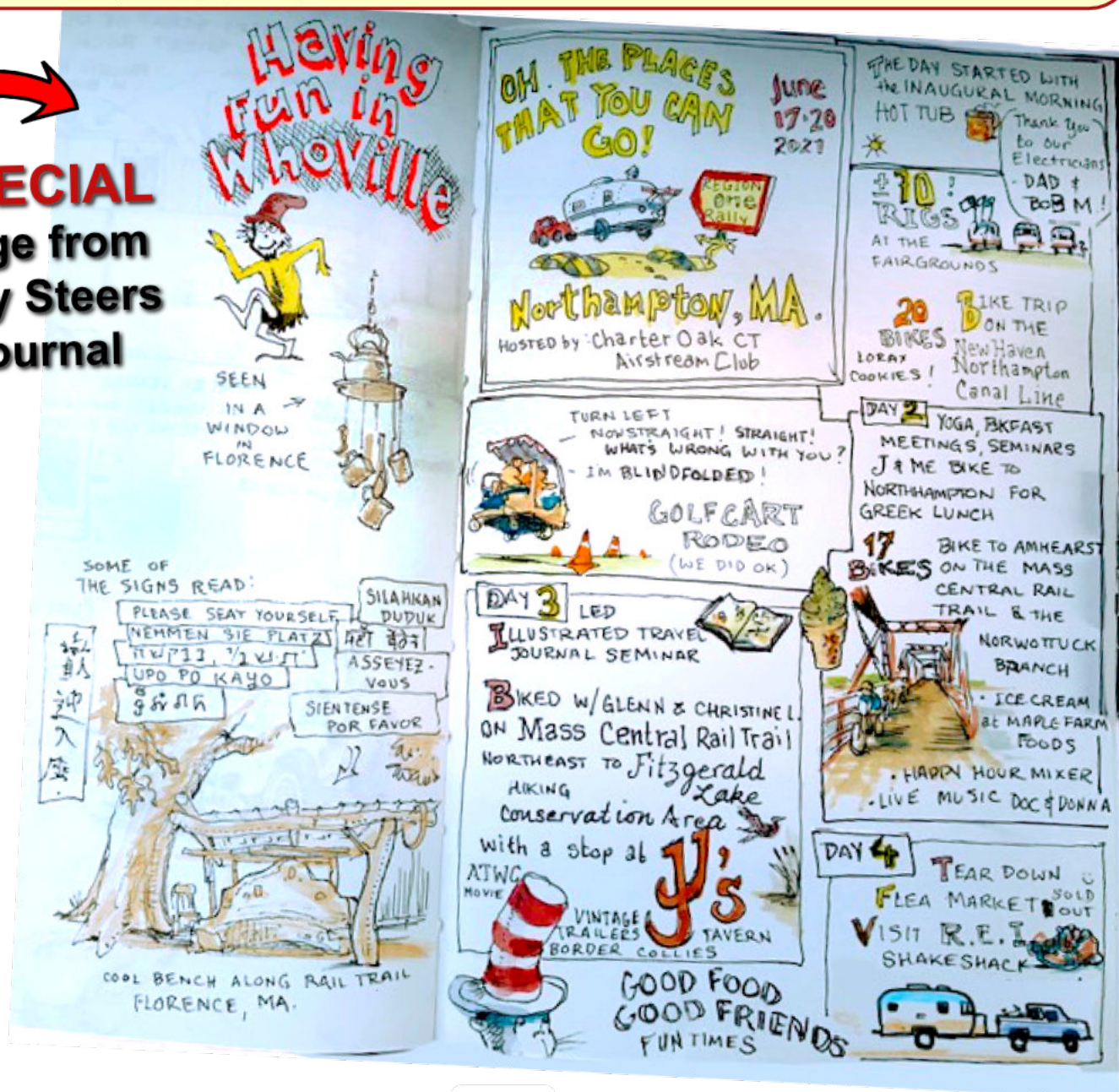
SUCCESS

Region One Rally a huge triumph!

by Richard Kushman

When John Barden Fuller, Jr was born into this time space continuum he entered Whoville for the very first time. Whether it was long, long ago, as some suspect, or two years ago remains uncertain. We do know that Bard and Kathy Fuller as the official **First Couple** of Whoville finally and joyously welcomed all Whos to the **Whoville Region One Rally**. *Continued a bunch*

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50 Years

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

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President's Message



by Glen Lessig

Wow, the Region 1 Rally was a grand success with fun times enjoyed by all. Our Charter Oak Club can certainly be proud to have sponsored this excellent event. Of course we owe a big thank you to Bard and Kathy Fuller for their dedication to planning, and follow through on the myriad of details that had to be planned

and implemented to successfully produce an event of this size, THANK YOU. I started trying to record the many items that the Fuller's needed to deal with, I'm sure these are just a few but, whow, what a lot of work - theme development, venue selection, catered meal planning and purchase, signs and backdrop creation, logo and brochure development, parking plans, the list goes on and on - a monumental job with two hard working volunteers orchestrating it all. Thank You, Thank You Bard and Kathy.

Looking forward to the balance of this camping season and 2022 we have several exciting rallies for all Charter Oakians (I was assured that as President I could create this name, at least for a few months) to enjoy.

- The International Rally in Lebanon TN, July 17-24, a few of us will be attending. I'm certainly looking forward to enjoying the Nashville area and some entertaining country music.

- Next up is our Mystic Rally planned for Aug 13-15, this rally should be great fun with the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival planned for the same weekend. The Mystic Rally is co-hosted by the Charter Oak and New England clubs, with our tireless Bard and Kathy at the helm.

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Battle-testing on the road



In 1947, Wally left Curtis Wright Industries and began manufacturing the Airstream Liner. The next year, Wally went to Europe with his friend Cornelius "Neil" Vanderbilt, Jr. to tour the war-ravaged land. Neil's goal was to film postwar Europe for lecture tours, but Wally's was all for Airstream. They traveled the continent in an Airstream trailer, and Wally wanted to road test the trailer to find weaknesses that needed fixing, as well as improvements that could be made. This may not have been the plan at the time, but the trip would end up as a precursor to the Airstream caravans that would follow in later years.



What Do You Think

What do you call a group of Cats?

What is a cat's favorite breakfast?

Link of the Month



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Who are these people? They are the Charter Oak Connecticut Hosting Whos. That's Who!

by Kathy Fuller

As we browse the many pictures from the Region 1 Rally several constants emerge; Dr. Seuss (duh), smiles, community and of course - Texas Roadhouse rolls and peanuts.



Everyone who attended helped enable Bard's dream to come true. The members of Charter Oak stepped up for 2020's "un"rally and stayed involved for 2021. That's a long time to be focused on a rally! You were behind the scenes and in the front lines wearing Seuss hats and smiles. We were very grateful for the opportunity to sit down at the end of the day and enjoy the evening's program knowing that a group of Charter Oakians were doing whatever needed to be done. Thank you to all who made a dream come true. ~



You made it Airstreamers! - Bard Fuller, Christine Lessig, Kathy Fuller and Carol Dubrowski welcome all Whos to Whoville.

When Whos arrived an experienced Whoville parking crew brought them home. Mike Sasuta with the masterful help of Wiley Downing organized the Whoville Village.





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Some of the Working Whoville Whos were busy setting up the stage, pitching tents, setting up tables but there were a couple of Whoville Whos just clowning around...



The working Whos like Ken Hankinson with Russ Fuller doing signs and Glen Lessig with a hammer or two ladies and a gent with arms and Don Allers setting up a table, they sure worked hard.

A couple of giggling Whos were escorted by Barbara Skelton and Stephen McPheters to a Whoville safe space.





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Many many Whos donated many many Who Gifts for the giant Who Raffle. So Bill Watts, Eileen Allers, Chris Dubrowski, Evie Watts and Sandy Sasuta are working in the Who Raffle Tent to record the Who Winners so Whos would know Who won.



One towering Who and former Region One president Raymond Richard carried the Stars & Stripes and opened the Whoville Region One Rally.



Even Whoville had its bureaucracy. Arriving Whos had to register, pickup ordered shirts, get entered for the door prize drawing, get their program and a Seussific Whoville cookie. Visiting Whos sure had a lot to do... Busy Whos Chris Dubrowski, Gail Downing, Kathy Kushman and Sandy Sasuta taking care of Whoville business.



Some Whos spent most of the day trying to put Who Flags up. Who do we see here but Kathy Fuller and Glen Lessig with Who Poles.



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There was a special **Whoville Vintage** area where **Old Who Homes** were parked and many **Whos** visited to admire the **Old Who handy work**.



Betsy Flanagan like many **Whos** brought her **Who Dogs**. **Who Dogs** really loved **Whoville**. Some even put on a pretty **Who Parade** like Evie Amick's Tug & Loki.



Many **Whoville Whos** like to go biking - **Who knew?** Glen & Christine Lessig guided the **Whos** along the **Whotrail**, which wasn't far from **Whoville**.



In **Whoville** there was a big raffle with a bunch of prizes and Ken Hankinson with Pam Forsyth sold lots of tickets to **Whos** so **Whos** could put the tickets in a **Who Cup** and maybe win a **Who Prize**. Well, there was a **Who Winner** of a very heavy tower of candy that only a very strong **Who Mom** could carry. Eileen Allers is a very strong **Who Mom** and Nicole is definitely a **Who Winner!**





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This is where the **Who Host & Hostess** lived in **Whoville**, right next to the **Whoville Co-Host & Hostess**. You really should know **who** by now! The big **Whoville VIPs** like Region One President **Doug Hart** and International VP **Tye Mott** were parked in the special **Who's Who** section.

Poem

The **Whos** all ate peanuts
They sure do love feasts
Fresh buttered rolls
And a plate of roast beast
They gobbled up dinner
And breakfast quite fast
The **Whos** knew the vittles
Might not indeed last
Some **Whos** were nervous
Of Barden's first plan
But the fare was quite tasty
No Green Eggs and Ham



All around **Whoville** the **Whos** gathered for mixed up happy hours and ate **Who Peanuts** and sipped **Who Knows**.

Who Helpers Joyce Rousseau, Gail Downing and Christine Lessig started the **Who Mornings**. That's Kathy Fuller carving the **beast** with Kathy Kushman, Laura Weeks, Pam Forsyth and Nicole Allers serving the **Feast**.





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There was a bunch of **Whoville** stuff going on all during the rally. Billy Steers gave a fun presentation on how **Whos** can do a creative travel journal. (see the special first page).

There was a "Travel Organization" session with **Rich & Cindy Collins**. Rich & Cindy did a bunch of filming of **Who knows**. Watch for their upcoming presentation "**Gone with the Whos**", (working title?)



Can you believe there was even a seminar on "**Airstream Blunders**" (by this "familiar with the subject" author).

There was not enough time for **ALL** the **Who Blunders** to be shared, however, Billy Steers shared an entry from one of his past **Who Journals**. hint hint



Whoville's Mayor & Mayoress managed a Golf Cart Rodeo where several **Who Couples** tested whether the blind really could lead the blind. This did lead to the squishing of several **Whoville Orange Coves**. Bard coaches Sandie & Roland St. Laurent while Julie & Billy Steers aim for a **Who cove**.

A **Whomungus** event space was great for music and movies and meetings and **Who stuff**.





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Who knows good music? Whos do! Region Rally Whos enjoyed wonderful wonderful wonderful music by Doc & Donna Probes Friday and Saturday evening - and that's no Hooey!



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome
New Members

Robert & Meg DeRidder #3481
Southbury, CT

Jane & Elizabeth Layman #2778
New York, NY

Carol Ann & Thomas French #10055,
Glastonbury, CT

Eric & Carin Joy Hoffman
, Glastonbury, CT

After YEARS of planning, the Charter Oak CT Region 1 Rally is finally over and was a huge success. It was wonderful getting back into Airstreaming again, and seeing so many friends from the past along with new members. Thank you to the Chairpersons, **BARD & KATHY FULLER**, and the many, many, many helpers who gave their support to make this event possible. From decorations, food, activities and entertainment, this event was well planned. The Seussical Cookies were so impressive; thank you to **EVELYN, JOHN & SERAFINA BACHAR'S** daughter, who expertly designed, baked and decorated all those delicious cookies.

Congratulations to **NIELS & LYDIA ROSENBECK** on their 65th wedding anniversary June 30th and **SUSAN STAHLEY & BERT CONTRACTOR** on the birth of their granddaughter, two happy events. On a sad note, we send our sincere sympathy to **LAURA & GUY WEIK** on the recent passing of Laura's mother, a difficult time to go through.

We are officially into summer and the months will fly by. Please sign up for a future rally or you will be missing out.

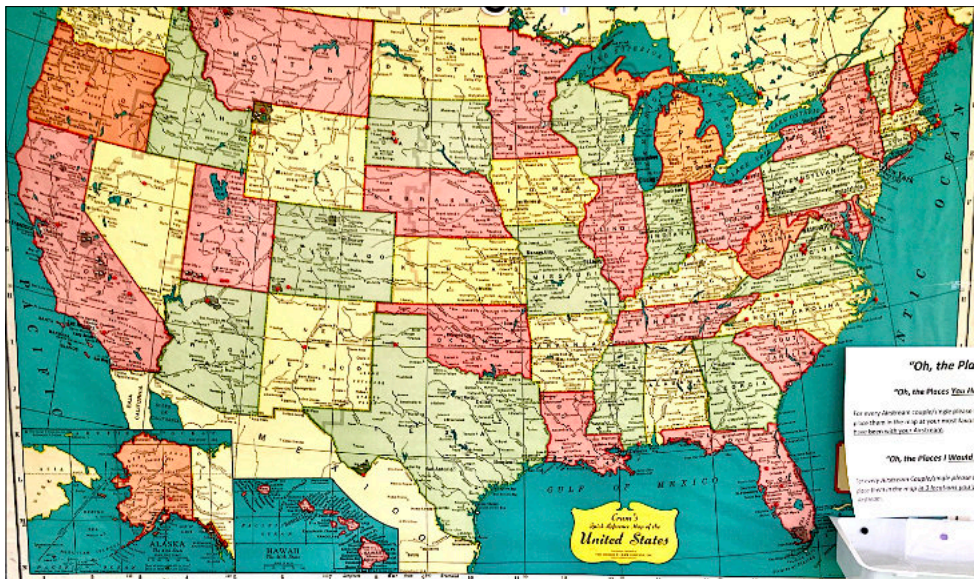
Things that used to hurt my back: jumping off of garages, crashing my bike, falling out of a tree, diving in the shallow end, contact sports. Things that hurt my back now: sneezing, washing the dishes, brushing my teeth, tying my shoes, rolling over in bed. ~



Delightful and delicious Seussical Cookies by Evelyn



OH, The Places You'll Go!



by Bard Fuller

The “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!” map that was displayed at the Region 1 Rally asked two questions: 1) Where are 3 memorable locations that you have travelled to in your Airstream. 2) Where are 3 locations that you would love to travel to in your Airstream?

The state of Maine had the most numerous memorable Airstream destinations followed by a tie between California and Florida. The states that

had the most desired destinations were California and Utah and nearly all the pinned destinations were national parks in these two states.

Other interesting revelations from the pin map included that Iowa was a state that had no pins, indicating that no one had a desire to travel there nor had a memorable visit there. Juneau, Alaska had a pin for a desirable location to travel to with an Airstream. The last time that I checked there are no roads to Juneau; curious situation there. And then there was the pin in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as a most desired destination which leads to the question, WHY?

by Bard Fuller

The concept of a local club hosting a region rally is very unusual and is rarely seen outside of Region One. I am so proud to be part of the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club as we came together as a unit and set the standard for our region and the country to emanate. It took a village of all our members contributing to pull off such a great memorable weekend!

Thank you to each one of our members! Bard ([see preliminary accounting page 12](#))

by Joyce Rousseau

What a wonderful time was had by all!!! Working hard to get it right was part of the fun with our great group. It was so nice to see old friends after the last year. The bike path was ideal for us seniors and the weather couldn’t have been better. Since the raffle went off without a hitch, I’m extra grateful to all who helped. Thanks to Bard and Kathy for their leadership for a fantastic Region 1 Rally!!!

by Pam Forsyth and Ken Hankinson

With the responsibility of the raffle ticket sales, we were thankful for the generosity of so many who opened up their wallets and bought 20-50 raffle tickets, and in the process we enjoyed meeting many other members from Region 1. Our goal was \$1000, and the final total was \$905.



Presidents Message

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- September 17-19 wraps up the COCAC Rally season with a super fun "We Almost Made it to Quebec" Rally planned by Joyce and Gilles Rousseau, with support from Christine and me. Lots of great French cuisine planned in a beautiful and friendly VT campground.

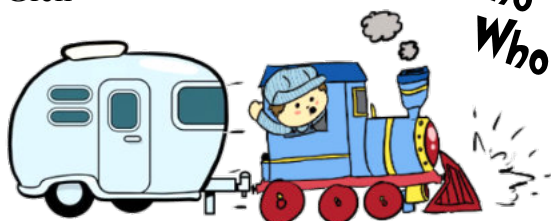
- Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 24, stay tuned for more details.

- And of course Russ is hard at work planning our Holiday Party, so much to look forward to for the balance of 2021.

If you have not signed up for the *Mystic* and the *We Almost Made it to Quebec Rallies*, please do so soon.

See all of you down the road.

Glen



The Final Words about the Raffle

by Joyce Rousseau

It's been a long time, but I can finally say that this is the last article I plan to write about the raffle! Its purpose is obvious- I want to thank all of you who helped the raffle be the success that it was. I apologize for not listing names, but you know who you are and how you helped and I don't want to forget anyone. Some of you belong to more than half of the jobs listed, so an extra hug to you! These jobs include:

-donors -organizers -transporters -set-up helpers -table providers -ticket sellers -tidy uppers -ticket buyers -winning ticket pullers -winning ticket recorders and scribes - reorganizers until the last item was taken - stone and nut separators -cup pilers and - clean uppers.

Without the help of all of these workers we could not have had a successful raffle. Special Thanks to Pam and Ken who pushed those tickets every second they had and to Gilles who had to put up with my raffle related requests for 2 years. Congratulations to all of us!!!!

We Almost Made it to Quebec Rally

September 17 – 19

Crown Point Campground- Perkinsville, Vt

by Joyce Rousseau

September in Central Vermont promises to offer good weather and lovely scenery. The campground is spacious and since Region 1 gave us so much experience with the tent, we may use it that weekend. Evie Watts, who ran a rally there a few years ago, provided me a list of sights to see and things to do. They include: Vermont Country Store, the Industrial Museum in Windsor, King Arthur Flour, President Coolidge State Historical Site, Mt Ascutney Auto Road, many local farms and museums, Quechee Gorge and many more. Stop at the rest area as you enter Vermont to collect the brochures of your choice for Central Vermont.

Remember, the theme remains French in the meals we've planned and the activity we hope to help you learn- petanque. You can find the flyer at the end of this Chatter. Please try to join us in the final COCAC rally of this year.

We Do More and Enjoy it More, Together!!!



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Upcoming...

Birthdays - Anniversaries

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

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Region 1 Rally			
Income			Preliminary Accounting
Fees	\$ 19,260.00		
Shirts	\$ 1,390.00		
Raffle	\$ 905.00		
Sponsors	\$ 150.00		
Total Income	\$ 21,705.00	\$ 21,705.00	
Expenses			
Food	\$5,865.16		
Facility	\$6,430.18		
Entertainment	\$2,120.00		
Shirts	\$1,131.46		
Golf Carts	\$505.31		
Signs/decorations	\$418.74		
Misc.	\$1,140.49		
Total Expenses	\$17,611.34	\$17,611.34	
Net profit for rally			\$4,093.66
(This is tentative expectations)			

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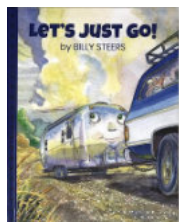
08/03	Blaise Pascale
08/04	Aili Galasyn
08/05	Steve Pestretto
08/06	J. Rick Cipot
08/08	Fred McGoldrick
08/10	Diane & Jerry Jackson
08/15	Maria Volpe
08/19	Jim Reck
08/20	Carol Dubrowski
08/20	Glen & Christine Lessig
08/21	Rose Tavares
08/25	Marie Lupien
08/26	Bruce & Kris Fletcher
08/27	Wayne Rutty
08/27	Trevor Lake
08/29	Richard Kushman
08/31	Glen Lessig

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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.](#)

Puzzled?

Below are links to the puzzles in the 2021 Directory?

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



What did you think?

Mice krispies.

What do you call?

A group of cats is called a clowder or pounce!

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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://952ws4ayphb1p6k6hy8v3gfr-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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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)

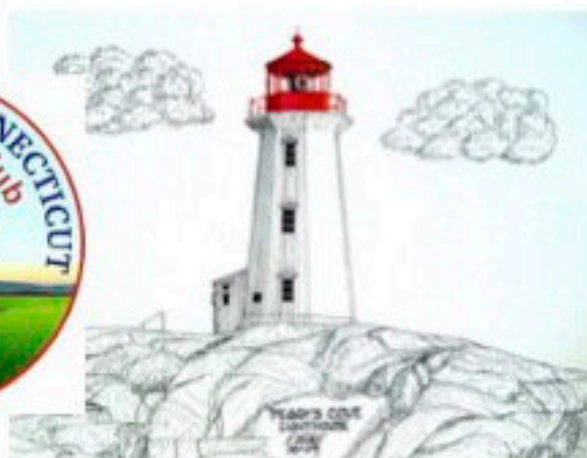
Sunday- 7:30 Coffee/tea provided

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!)


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Nor' East to Nova Scotia Caravan

July 31 – Aug 16, 2022

17 days

Camping and Kitty fee:  \$1950.00 USD

Deposit required before Aug 10, 2021 \$200.00

Balance will be required May 1, 2022

23 RV's maximum

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Caravan Leader Gale & Trevor Lake CoHost Rhona & Russ Fuller

Fryeburg, ME to Cornwall, PEI Canada 7 stops

**PLAN
AHEAD**

Day one we will leave the 2022 International Rally and head north to the FDR's retreat at Campobello Island in NB, Canada and enjoy "Tea with Eleanor". We will then travel to Hopewell Cape and see the exaggerated tides of the Bay of Fundy. Nova Scotia's Peggy's Cove; Halifax; Beggars Banquet in Louisbourg; Baddeck and the Cabot Trail are on the list of places to visit! A short trip across to Prince Edward Island on a ferry and plenty of time for exploring and enjoying some entertainment in Charlottetown, the warm waters of the most beautiful beaches, as well as seafood - Prince Edward Island style including our Farewell Banquet. Plenty of time to socialize and dine with friends – two ice cream socials and five dinners to sample the local fare.

Names _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip Code _____
Phone _____ email _____ WBCCI -BRN# _____
Design of Airstream _____ Model _____ Length _____
(travel trailer, motorhome)
Pets (type / breed / #) _____

Please fill out this form, mail with \$200.00 deposit
COCAC will invoice you for the remainder of the caravan fee in April 2022:

Russ Fuller
26 Luciano Dr
Southington, CT 06489
860-747-1193