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Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

50 Years

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November 2021

President's Message



*New Charter Oak Board
Christine Lessig, Sandy Sasuta, Glen Lessig, Russ Fuller,
Carol Dubrowski, Dave Jensen, and Wiley Downing*

by Russ Fuller

As I begin this term as president with the COCAC, I am so pleased to know that there are many members always willing to support this volunteer run club. Knowing that I can call upon these many volunteers is most helpful. I also would like to thank the incoming slate of officers, the eleven returning familiar faces and so important the three new faces on the board including Don Allers, Dave Jensen and Wylie Downing. I'm very pleased with the balance of experience and new energy that we have with this Board of Directors.

I want to give special thanks to Glen Lessig for his commitment to the club as president during 2021 as the year was challenged as our country continues to deal with the coronavirus, rallies and caravans adjusted and changed. Glen as one of our technology gurus had set his goal for last year, along with Rich Kushman's assistance, to continue improving club communications with technology. They did and continue to meet this goal unlike any other club. We continue to be very fortunate to have Rich's excellent support with the Chatter, Directory and our website.

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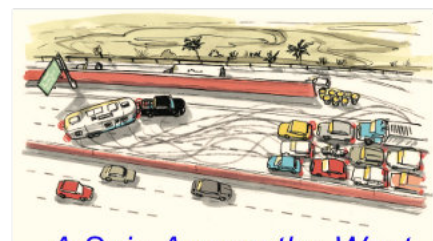
After battling cancer with his trademark tenacity, Wally Byam passed away on July 22, 1962. He left behind an Airstream company at its peak, working to meet the demand that Wally's dreams and hard work had created for travel, adventure, and experiencing the world first-hand. As for a successor, Art Costello was formerly the President of Airstream Trailers, Inc. of California and Andy Charles was formerly the President of Airstream Trailers, Inc. of Ohio. After Art became Airstream's President, Andy was voted Chairman of Airstream's board.

What Do You Think

What do you call a group of Bobolinks?

This is a most unusual paragraph. How quickly can you find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so ordinary you'd think nothing was wrong with it – and in fact, nothing is wrong with it. It is unusual though. Why? Study it, think about it, and you may find out. Try to do it without coaching. If you work at it for a bit it will dawn on you. So jump to it and try your skill at figuring it out. Good luck – don't blow your cool!

Link of the Month



A Spin Across the West

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Presidents Message

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I am hoping 2022 will have us back to a more normal (new normal) group of events. Starting in December with a Holiday Party, more information to follow. We do have several rallies and a caravan planned for the coming year including participation at the 65th International Rally being held in Fryburg, Maine. Please check out the event schedule included in the Chatter and on the club website.

As a member of a family that has over sixty years of WBCCI experience I just realized what the meaning of WBCCoA is "Watching Backing Campers Crash on Arrival" I bet most of you thought it was "Wally Byam Caravan Club of America". The past couple years Rhona and I were fortunate enough to arrive early ourselves. This is a list of some of the crash entertainment we have witnessed:

Crash Upon arrival while backing:

- Picnic table – a fellow Airstreamer.
- Trees – same tree three times.
- Utility pole.
- Power stanchion (*electrical sparks included*).
- Someone else's camper.
- Fence.
- Road sign.
- Partners verbal directions ##**!!



While setting up camp...

- Slide-out into a tree – remember the tree that was hit three times while backing. *Most Airstreamer's do not worry about slideouts.*
- Slipping of the blocks.
- Hitch going airborne (*when stepping into camper and not hooked up*).
- Bikes and shrubs bumped.
- Decorations-like a plastic flamingo RIP.

While departing.

- Fifth wheel into tailgate.
- Bent stabilizers (*not retracted before jacking the tongue*).
- Step left down plows into the dirt.
- Antenna left up brushes into a tree.
- Road sign encounter.
- Dragging the electrical cord.



Russ surfing and waiting for the entertainment.

So, get out and camp, arrive early, set up the chair, grab a drink and enjoy the adventure. ~



Stars

by Kathy Fuller

The Charter Oak members listed here have just received their first or additional 5 year membership star. Congratulations!



- Donald & Eileen Allers
- Glen & Christine Lessig
- Gene Hickey & Charlotte LaRocca
- Steve Pestretto
- Barbara Landman
- Bard & Kathy Fuller



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Sandy's Scuttlebutt



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome
New Members

Andrew Fowlie & Carolyn Collins

1823

Danvers, MA

Teresa McShane & Todd Brink

9564

Mystic, CT

We are enjoying sunny Florida (see photo), and hope everyone up North is enjoying the fall colors. Thank you to those who have already paid their dues...the deadline is December 31, 2021. As we prepare for the 2022 Club's Directory, please review your information and let us know if there are any changes or additions, such as a new picture, new email or address, remove home phone, etc.

Sending our sincere sympathy to **DON & EILEEN ALLERS** on the passing of Don's father. Also, please keep **NIELS & LYDIA ROSENBECK** in mind as they are going through some health problems. Enjoy the little things in life because one day you'll look back and realize they were the big things. ~



Why was the turkey arrested? The police suspected fowl play.
What role do green beans play in Thanksgiving dinner? The casse-rolé.
What did the turkey say to the computer? Google, google.
If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims!



Charter Oak Connecticut Event Schedule

	Dates	Event	Location	Host
December	Sat, Dec 4, 2021	Holiday Party	Allers' Home	Don & Eileen Allers
February	Sun, Feb 13, 2022	Soup-R-Bowl Luncheon	Rousseau's Home	Gilles & Joyce Rousseau
February	Sun, Feb 13, 2022	Charter Oak Soup Day	Travelers Rest Resort Florida	Kushman & Sasuta
March	Sun, Mar 13, 2022	St Patrick's Day Luncheon	R Fuller's Home	Russ & Rhona Fuller
April	Fri, Apr 15, 2022 to Sun, Apr 17, 2022	Pets-N-Paws - ACI National Events Rally	Provincetown, MA	
May	Fri, May 20, 2022 to Sun, May 22, 2022	Chili Cook-Off X 2 Rally and Meeting	Charlie Brown CG Eastford, CT	Lessig & Dubrowski
June	Fri, Jun 10, 2022 to Sun, Jun 12, 2022	Lobsterfest Rally	Location TBD	The Fuller Families
July	Sat, Jul 23, 2022 to Fri, Jul 29, 2022	ACI International Rally (early parking for some 7-17)	Fryberg, ME	
July	Sat, Jul 30, 2022 to Wed, Aug 17, 2022	Nor-east Nova Scotia Caravan		Lake & R Fuller
September	Fri, Sep 9, 2022 to Sun, Sep 11, 2022	Fall is in the Air Rally	Austerlitz, NY	Wiley & Gail Downing
September	Fri, Sep 23, 2022 to Sun, Sep 25, 2022	Old Time Fiesta Rally and Meeting	Bald Mountain CG Townshend, VT	Bill & Evie Watts
October	Fri, Oct 7, 2022 to Mon, Oct 10, 2022	Halloween Rendezvous	Brook N Wood CG Elizaville, NY	Russ & Rhona Fuller
December	Sun, Dec 11, 2022	Holiday Party	TBD	

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'
'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'



Columbus Day Weekend Rally

by Bard Fuller

The grandeur of the New England autumnal foliage was enjoyed by over 20 of our Charter Oak members and affiliates as we made the trek to the north country Columbus Day weekend for the annual National Special Event Rally in Leicester, VT.

Known as the Canadian Thanksgiving/Columbus Day Rally, it lived up to its hype with an unending Thanksgiving feast featuring 96 pounds of smoked turkey. Our affiliate member, Larry Lamontagne's French-Canadian ancestry taught him well to provide the perfect additives of fruitwood and herbs to his smokers to create the moistest turkeys that anyone could imagine. RJ Dominic provided a generous supply of delicious turkey stuffing that was his French-Canadian mother's recipe. Delicious!



Larry Lamontagne and RJ Dominic



Christine Lessig finding it easy to fill a plate.

Then there were DOZENS of side dishes brought in by the attendees that seemed unending when one's plate was only so large. This scrumptious Saturday evening feast was only overshadowed by the mouth-watering annual dessert contest that had to be postponed until Sunday because there was no more room in our bellies!

Many of our members found time to explore the Vermont countryside. The Lessigs made quite a bike trip along the coast of Lake Champlain north of Burlington. The B Fullers and Downings were blending in with the parents at Middlebury College for Parents' Weekend to catch the sites of many collegiate activities. The Rousseaus also made it a point to enjoy the area. Mike and Cindy Brodeur were nursing Cindy's recent surgery as she was using a knee scooter over the campground terrain. Hiking along Silver Lake and Mt. Killington were activities enjoyed by others to help burn some calories from all the food consumed over the weekend.



Watching the turkeys smoke.

Some 40 plus Airstreams filled the campground. It was great to see so many affiliate members such as the Amicks, Hamnqvists, Hermans, Jacksons, Lakes, Remys as well as RJ Dominic, Larry Lamontagne, and Eddie Carll along with the above-mentioned Charter Oakians. It was one fabulous weekend. Hats off to our hosts RJ and Tye! ~



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Who needs solar if you can fly enough flags for a wind farm?



Larry, Larry, "Turkey Master Extraordinaire"



Have masks, will whack veggies!



Hey Gail. Save space. There is a lot more food ahead!



Question - how many turkeys are in this photo?



So, why do we have to pose for this photo?

Photos and captions by Bard Fuller



Fryeburg, ME July 23rd to July 29th

65th International Rally

Charter Oak expects to have a large contingent going to Rally!

Sign up now for the FRYEBURG MAINE event! Six days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the 65th Airstream Club International Rally.

There will be six days of fun-filled events, seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Fryeburg is located between North Conway, New Hampshire, and Bridgton, Maine, on the west side of the state. Fryeburg also offers a variety of recreational opportunities. Including the White Mountains National Forest, the Saco River, and numerous ponds and lakes nearby. Other sites of interest include Jockey Cap Rock, Fryeburg Farm Museum, and the Fryeburg Historical Society and Museum.

Conway, New Hampshire is a short drive with outlet stores, many restaurants, museums, golf courses all with the friendliness of a small town. Fryeburg also offers restaurants and shopping opportunities that include farm stands with local produce and products, craft beers, wines, and locally made crafts. ~



Region One News

Your Region One Officers, Doug Hart, Bard Fuller and RJ Dominic, meet monthly to discuss how we can improve our Airstream club experience. Should you have any questions or comments on how we can serve you better please contact any one of us. By the way, Doug will be completing his term of office next summer and over the next month or two we will be looking for other enthusiastic club members to be considered in guiding the region over the next several years. Please consider “throwing your name in to the ring” or suggest a fellow Airstreamer from your local club to be a potential region officer. ~



Helpful LINKS

Upcoming...

Birthdays - Anniversaries

November

11/01	Sandy Sasuta
11/02	Gilles & Joyce Rousseau
11/04	Deborah Hawley
11/09	Clarence (Bud) Gould
11/10	Beth Petrie
11/27	Ken Hankinson & Pam Forsyth

December

12/05	Cynthia Brodeur
12/07	Dyann Calder
12/12	Charlotte LaRocca
12/13	Sandra Flood
12/15	Gale Lake
12/16	Blaise & Sally Pascale
12/18	Diane Jackson
12/20	Christine Lessig
12/21	Kris Fletcher
12/29	Chris Dubrowski

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Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often. ~ Johnny Carson



The ACI 2022 Membership Renewal season has started

International dues are \$75.00

Charter Oak CT dues are \$15.00

Renew on line:

airstreamclub.org

The primary member MUST be logged into the Member-Only portal. This also applies to Lifetime Members and you can now renew your affiliate dues on line through the Member-Only portal.

The deadline to be included in the Annual Printed Membership Directory is December 31, 2021.

Follow directions on last page.



"Honestly Madam, do you expect this court to believe that *all* of your husbands mysteriously disappeared at this same time in November?"

"If you wish to make an apple pie truly from scratch, you must first invent the universe."

~ Carl Sagan



A Bobolink

What do you call?

A group of Bobolinks is called a chain.

Connecticut Chatter

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What did you think?

The most common letter in the English language, the letter e, is not found in the entire paragraph.

"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them." ~ Thomas Jefferson

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.](#)

Puzzled?

Below are links to the puzzles in the 2021 Directory?

[State Park Word Search Solution](#)

[Members Names Solution](#)

[Airstream Crossword](#)

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Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club *Holiday Party*



Saturday December 4, 2021
Noon - 3

Allers Home

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share

Main dish and beverages provided

RSVP by November 26, 2021

Don Allers don.allers@mac.com

Contact host for detailed information and directions.

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



Nor' East to Nova Scotia Caravan

July 31 – Aug 16, 2022

17 days

Camping and Kitty fee: \$1950.00 USD

Deposit required \$200.00

Balance will be required May 1, 2022

23 RV's maximum

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Caravan Leader Gale & Trevor Lake CoHost Rhona & Russ Fuller

Fryeburg, ME to Cornwall, PEI Canada 7 stops

**Space
Available**

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:

Contact Russ Fuller for sign up details.

fuller1745@att.net



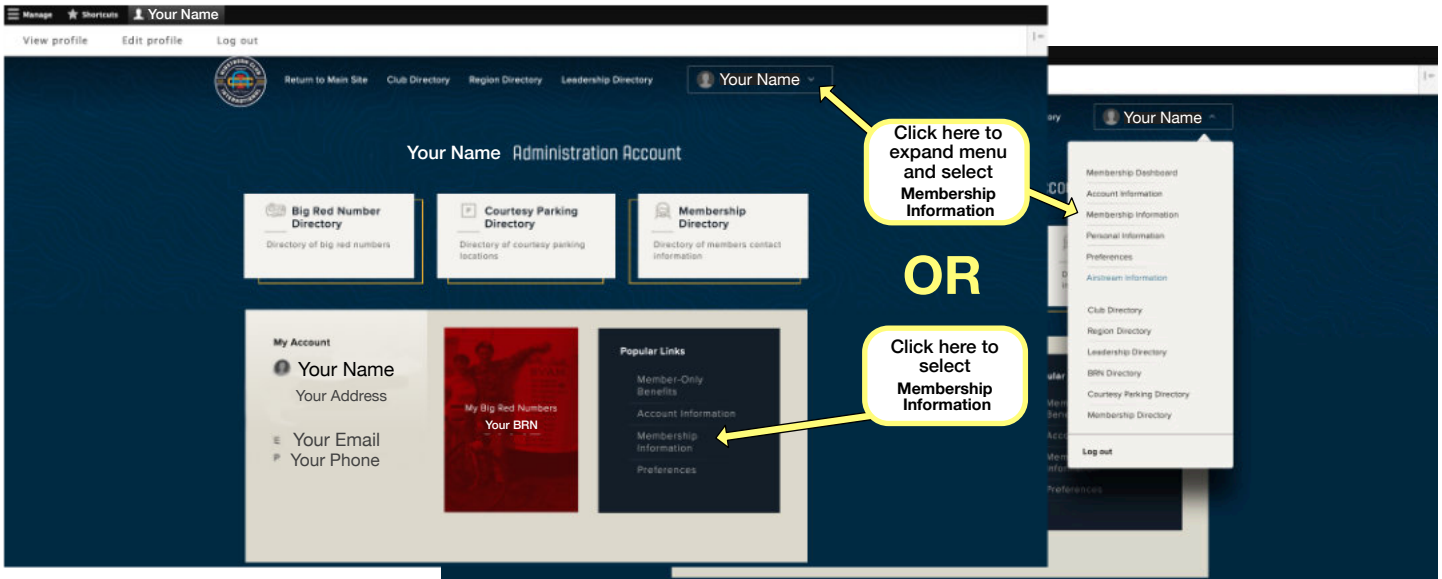
Renew Your Membership

<https://airstreamclub.org>

1: Log in to your account

You will then be in Members Only Portal

2: Click on [Membership Information]



On Membership Information Page

3: Click to expand [Membership Information] menu.

4: Click [Renew Membership] Then follow Instructions

