



Connecticut

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter 

50 Years

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December 2021

President's Message



by Russ Fuller

Happy Holidays! With winter and the holidays in full swing and the Connecticut Unit split with some of us in the *cool* northeast while others are in the warmer parts of the south. It is my hope that the time is spent enjoying family and rejuvenating oneself as we are headed into an exciting and event filled 2022. I want to thank the Allers for their incredible hospitality in hosting the recent holiday party.

I am excited to announce a few changes in the events schedule, first that we have identified a new site for the June rally - White Pines Campground in Barkhamsted, CT, hosted by Dave Morrison and Bard Fuller.

Secondly, we are adding a past favorite the Lobster Fest Rally at the Riverside Marina and Campground in Portland, CT, overlooking the Connecticut River - *Location, Location, Location* and great food too! The Fall is in the Air Rally in early September will now be held in Wales, MA, just down the road from the Brimfield Flee Market.

There are many additional awesome events planned for 2022. Starting with a region luncheon in Zephyrhills Florida, January 12th. Then on Feb.13th root for your favorite team at Soup-R-Bowls in both Florida and Con-

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Refining the shape



In 1969, the Airstream trailer had its first major redesign in over 30 years, with an internal facelift as well as exterior and structural changes. The end result was an Airstream with rounder edges that further enhanced the distinctive "silver bullet" shape. It even added a foot of length and four inches of width. It was a big step on the path from Wally's first trailer to the one you see on the road today.

What Do You Think

What do you call a group of Partridges?

Christmas was just around the corner, and a sincerely honest politician, a lovely and genuinely kind lawyer, and Santa Claus were sharing the elevator in an expensive 5-star hotel. They all saw a \$100 bill on the floor of the elevator. Who do you think picked up the bill?

Link of the Month



Have an Airstream Christmas

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necticut. March brings us to the St Patrick’s Luncheon Mar. 13th in Connecticut. April starts the Northern camping season in Massachusetts at the Pets and Paws ACI National Events Rally. May brings the Chili Cook-Off II Rally and Meeting featuring many exciting recipes using beef, chicken or even vegetarian. Continuing into the summer, as I indicated earlier, we travel to Barkhamsted, CT, in June and Portland, CT, in early July.

The International Rally in July will be in Maine with a thousand Airstream friends. During this event we will have a 50th + Covid 1 COCAC Anniversary Luncheon in the Fryberg, ME, area details to be announced.

The Nova Scotia Caravan will depart from the International Rally for 17 days of adventure continuing into August. Please note there is one opening available.

Two rallies in September, Fall is in the Air Rally in Wales, MA, and Old Time Fiesta Rally and Meeting in Townsend, VT. Lastly in Elizaville, NY, from Oct. 14-16, come and relax in the fresh air and enjoy the Fall Foliage Rendezvous. The entire schedule is printed in this newsletter.

Rhona and I along with Axe and Snoopy wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! ~



How big is your Christmas tree Bill?



by Russ Fuller

The Allers hosted our northern holiday party Dec. 4th with ten people in attendance. Lunch was Don’s special beef tenderloin and his freshly baked breads. That aromatic and delicious art of baking was mastered by Don while spending more time at home during Covid. An amazing charcuterie board and various beverages also graced the table. Other items were contributed by the members including salad, baked beans, Hasselback potatoes, lemon meringue pie and apple cake. The home was beautifully adorned on the outside by fun holiday themed inflatables and inside was impeccable. Fun stories, memories and enjoyable music (vinyl records) filled the afternoon. Attendees included our gracious hosts Don and Eileen Allers, Glen and Christine Lessig, Russ and Rhona Fuller, Bill and Evie Watts and Gilles and Joyce Rousseau.



Sandy's Scuttlebutt



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome New Members



Timothy Darsney

4625

Nashua, NH

Cheryl & Allen Racette

9753

Waterford, WI

Glad to leave 2021 behind and looking forward to a better 2022 with many exciting gatherings. Look over the 2022 schedule of events and plan to attend. The Hosts work hard to give you an enjoyable time, don't miss out!

SALLY KERR is going through some rough times; she returned home from a summer caravan and discovered devastating damage in her home from a mold problem as a result of the heavy rains. Last I heard, she was temporarily living in her Interstate van. Sending our support to Sally for a happy outcome.

If you are unable to pay your 2022 dues on line, you can either mail your check to Jackson Center, Ohio, or give them a call. Let me know if you have any questions.

Here are a few things to think about which make you feel good: Getting out of bed every morning and being grateful for another beautiful day, watching the sunrise, family & friends, road trips with friends, hot chocolate, finding a 20 dollar bill in your coat pocket from last winter, taking a drive on a pretty road, the beach, fresh sheets, hot towels, no lines at the store, etc. Wishing you a healthy, happy new year!



Bard Fuller and sister Nancy have started working on this years entries into the Dade City, FL, Gingerbread World contest. Their finished projects will be on display for judging Dec. 21 - 23 at the First Baptist Church. Bard's creation last year won second place.

Charter Oak Connecticut Event Schedule				
	Dates	Event	Location	Host
December	Sat, Dec 4, 2021	Holiday Party	Wilton, CT	Don & Eileen Allers
January	Wed, Jan 12, 2022	Golden Corral - 12:30 pm	Zephyrhills, FL	Sandy Sasuta
February	Sun, Feb 13, 2022	Soup-R-Bowl Luncheon	Southbury, CT	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	Southington, CT	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 13, 2022 to Sun, May 15, 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	Watch for more information.	White Pines CG Barkhamsted CT	Bard Fuller & Dave Morrison
July	Fri, Jul 8, 2022 to Sun, Jul 10, 2022	Lobsterfest	Riverside Marina CG Portland, CT	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 - Oak Haven Campground	Wales Mass	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 14, 2022 to Sun, Oct 16, 2022	Fall Foliage Rendezvous	Brook N Wood CG Elizaville, NY	Russ & Rhona Fuller
December	Sun, Dec 11, 2022	Holiday Party	TBD	



Happy Florida Charter Oak Connecticut Thanksgiving



On left: Our grand children Jake & Gabby, daughter in-law Jen with son Matt DeAngelis, John & Karen Freed
On right: COCAC members Lois & Ted Price, Frank & Kay Blunda fellow Airstreamers

Twenty seven family and friends shared Thanksgiving dinner together at the Kushman's. Rich and Kathy prepared the dressing and spatchcocked turkeys. Everyone brought a delicious dish or dessert - the weather was gorgeous and the American spirit alive and well.

In back: Rich Kushman, Kathy Fuller, Ken Hankinson, Pam Forsyth, Mark Lupien, Kit Wheatley, Guy Weiks and Dick Wheatley
Front: Bard Fuller, Kathy Kushman, Marie Lupien and Laura Weiks



The marvelous turkey fruit creation pictured here, just before being devoured, was a wonderful addition to a beautiful day. Another brilliant Bard Fuller creation.



About to begin!



Kathy & Bard Fuller

Bard and Kathy Fuller hosted a Florida holiday get together at the end of November. You see that group pictured above, well they were all there as well as Ted & Lois Price and New England unit members Titu & Gail Amed. Everyone helped consume yet another Fuller food creation.

The vegetable Christmas Tree! →





Helpful

LINKS

Upcoming...

Birthdays - Anniversaries

Airstream Club International	Campsite Photos
Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club	Exits & Highways
Airstream Supply	Passport America
ACI Resource Center	Region One ACI
Blue Beret Magazine	Reserve America
Charter Oak on Facebook	RV Park Reviews
Courtesy Parking	State Park Guide
Airstream USA	Tin Can Tourists
Air Forums	"Let's Just Go"
AllStays Camping	

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

January	
01/07	Bruce Hawley
01/09	Mary & Matt Harman
01/13	Charles "Rick" & Beth Petrie
01/14	Donald Allers
01/18	Jane Sanders
01/21	Guy Weik
01/23	Robert Calder
01/24	Lianne Ruddy

February	
02/04	John J. Bachar
02/13	Gene Hickey
02/16	Leila Clark
02/20	Dick & Kit Wheatley
02/21	Michael Sasuta
02/22	Matt Harman
02/25	Val Galasyn
02/27	Sandi Gould

Let's be naughty and save Santa the trip. ~ Gary Allan

Puzzled?

Below are links to the puzzles in the 2021 Directory?

[State Park Word Search Solution](#)

[Members Names Solution](#)

[Airstream Crossword](#)

[Connecticut Crossword](#)

A Wonderful Gift



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.](#)

Merry Christmas

What do donkeys send out near Christmas? *Mule-tide greetings.*

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? *Tinsillitis.*

I got a Christmas card full of rice in the post today. *It was from my Uncle Ben.*

I got a universal remote control for Christmas. *It changes everything.*

I bought my son a fridge for Christmas. *I can't wait to see his face light up when he opens it.*

The only Christmas present that I got this year was a deck of sticky playing cards. *I find that very hard to deal with.*

"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present." ~ Bill Keane

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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.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart." ~ Helen Keller

Next Chatter February 2022

What did you think?

Santa Claus - the other two don't exist!

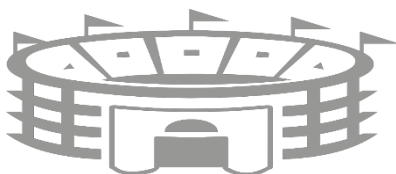
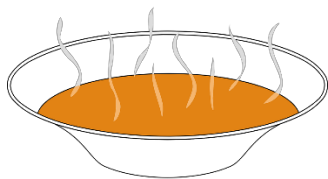
What do you call?

A group of Partridges is called a covey.

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

It's never too early to plan getting together. Mark your calendars now for this February event.

What does this rebus bring to mind?



“Souper” Bowl North Gathering

Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Gilles and Joyce Rousseau’s home

Contact host for directions.

What to bring?

An **appetizer** to share.

Your **favorite soup** for about 10 people to sample.

(Let Joyce know what kind you’ll make when you reserve.)

Your **favorite beverage** to drink.

Bread and dessert will be provided at no cost by your hosts.

RSVP to Joyce at 203-217-0503 or joycezr68@gmail.com before February 6, 2022.

You will be notified early of cancellation due to weather or Covid restrictions.

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Friday May 13 - Sunday May 15
Charlie Brown Campground

2nd Annual - Chili Cook Off Rally

Visit New and Old Charter Oak Friends

Bike the Connecticut Airline Trail

Hike in Natchaug State Forest

Explore "The Last Green Valley"

Compete in the Chili Cook-Off Contest

Corn Hole Tournament

Enjoy our covered Pavilion with campfire ring

Hosted by: Carol & Chris Dubrowski / Christine & Glen Lessig

Join us for our first Rally of the season - 2nd Annual **CHILI COOK OFF RALLY!** This Rally will be held in the beautiful Natchaug Forest at the Charlie Brown campground in northeastern Connecticut. We will have exclusive use of one of the Charlie Brown pavilion 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 - Full Breakfast

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

Two nights \$126.00/unit (Water, 30 A.) Kitty Fee \$10/adult.
Mail Checks to: Chris Dubrowski, 79 Borglum Rd. Wilton, CT 0697

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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 \$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

1 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



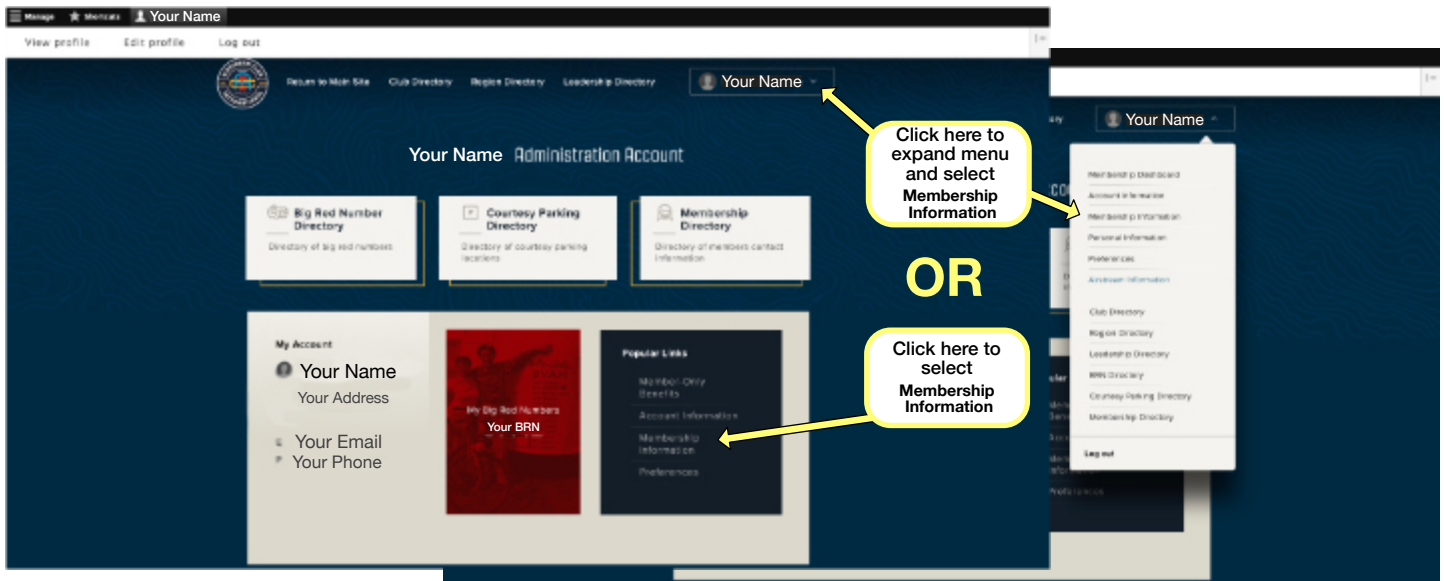
Renew Your Membership

<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

