



Connecticut

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

Club No: 25

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

March 2022

President's Message

~ Russ Fuller



Russ checking tire pressure, even in the snow.

Spring made an appearance at the end of February with record temperatures in Hartford of over 70 degrees, bright sun with robins around attacking the still frozen ground in search of food. However, two days later it was 10 degrees in the morning and wind chills below zero. The saying “Wait a minute and the weather will change” is so true this winter. After a cold winter we grasp at the hints that camping season will arrive. Our

Charter Oak season started with a Soup-er Bowl Luncheon at the Rousseau’s home in February, what a wonderful and tasty event.

March will bring the St Patrick Day’s brunch at our home on March 13. Reservations are due soon so call or email right now! I believe it has been stated that with my culinary skills it should be a delicious gathering.

A dedicated group of volunteers have been working on setting up an on-line registration and payment platform for our various events. I want to thank Rich, Glen, Don, Chris and Sandy for their efforts on the project. Many of you have already found the new on-line registration system.

Our 2022 stunning printed and digital directory should have been received by all. Thanks again to Rich and his dedicated team for a job well done.

Two Region events this April – Pets and Paws Rally and the Region One Gathering, flyers attached in this newsletter.

The May Chili Cook-Off Rally in Eastford, CT is our Spring Business Meeting (and the return of our snowbirds)

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Spreading out



For the first four decades or so of Airstream’s life, we were exclusively a travel trailer company – Wally Byam had thought several times about diversifying and producing a motorhome, but each time decided against it. In 1974 that all changed. With leadership wanting to avoid being entirely dependent on one product for revenue, the Argosy motorhome debuted. Sales were modest, and the Argosy line would be discontinued in 1979. But the will to innovate would live on in later models like the Classic motorhome, the Land Yacht motorhome, and the Interstate touring coach.



What Do You Think

What do you call a group of turtles?

What English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take away four of its five letters?

Link of the Month



[Airstream Freedom](#)

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and registration is nearing capacity so if you haven't registered please do so soon on-line.

June brings us to White Pines CG in Barkhamsted, CT, (watch for more information).

The July Lobsterfest Rally is open for on-line registration with only a few sites left.

July also brings the first International Rally here in New England in almost two decades (First in Maine), has just hit 1000 registrations. Remember to sign up soon to get a spot.

August brings us the caravan to Nova Scotia then September has two events Wales, MA, and Townsend, VT. (watch for more information).

With the camping season just around the corner let's get out and do the spring opening, cleaning and maintenance. Check the appliances, reinstall the batteries, pull the wheels – check the bearings, brakes and tires, clean the AC coils, wash the exterior including the roof, lubricate the windows and pressure leak test the rig. See you down the road – for Fun, Friendship and Adventure. ~

Souper Bowl North

by **Joyce Rousseau 8988**

The day dawned sunny and beautiful- OOPS- that was the day before- sorry! We awoke to snow on Sunday- a gorgeous New England gentle winter snow fall which they promised would depart by noon. I emailed all the night before that a little snow would not stop our celebration and it didn't! Thirteen hearty and hungry souls gathered at our home: the Allers- Eileen, Don, Nicole and Frida, Russ and Rhona Fuller, Billy and Julie Steers, Sandi Gould and Rick Cipot, Dave Jensen and Gilles and me. The amount and quality of food was as good, if not better, than ever. We had abundant appetizers and did our best to save room for the main course- a delightful selection of yummy soups. There was Dave's thick New England clam chowder, Don and Eileen's taco soup, Sandi's sausage and veggie soup, Julie's spinach and bean soup, Russ and Rhona's thick and rich roasted butter nut squash soup and Joyce's tomato, greens and white bean soup. (I was going to ask for recipes to put in the Chatter, but decided that would be a bit too much. If you contact the makers, I'm sure they'll share recipes with you.) We tasted as many as we could and participated in lively conversations both before and while eating. Dessert choices of chunky oatmeal cookies, brownies or lemon pound cake were available and tasted by some or else sent home to be enjoyed later. Gilles shared his coffee making skills by catering to the desired type. Oh, I forgot the entertainment- the new pantry in the Rousseau home. We made sure everyone saw it and have the Allers to thank for our upgrade!

A fun time was enjoyed by all at the first 2022 gathering of COCAC in the cold north! We all look forward to a season full of camping and good times with friends! ~



Joyce with Nicole, Eileen and Don tasting the appetizers. (With remodeled pantry in the back of Don.)



The luncheon group, clockwise from right- Frida, Nicole, Rhona, Russ, Julie, Billy, Gilles, Don, Rick, Sandi, Dave and Eileen. Happy and no longer hungry!



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by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

Phyllis Rosello Mercurio **11108**
West Hartford, CT 06105

Jim Phelan & Melanie Newell **9754**
East Lyme, CT 06333

It was nice to see visitors **STEVE PESTRETTO** and daughter **MICHAELA** at Travelers Rest here in Florida. Went to a Mexican restaurant for lunch. Other visitors this month were **GLEN & CHRISTINE LESSIG** and **CYNTHIA & MICHAEL BRODE**. Traveler's Rest Resort celebrated their 50th anniversary on February 5th. Although the weather did not cooperate, we all had a great time; kudos to **GUY WEIK** as TR's Activity Director.

We had a good turnout for the "New England Day Luncheon" here at TR hosted by **BARD & KATHY FULLER**. I said to Michael that's the 4th time you've gone back for dessert, doesn't it embarrass you? He said, why should it, I keep telling them it's for you. We went to a seafood restaurant and I asked for a lobster *tale*. The waitress smiled and said, once upon a time there was this handsome lobster. As of this writing, there is 20 days until spring...looking forward to the spring flowers and the next gathering at the Fuller home. ~

Charter Oak Connecticut in Florida



Michael Sasuta, Michaela & Steve Pestretto, Lois & Ted Price



Wiley Downing, Ken Hankinson, Pam Forsyth and Gail Downing enjoy the New England gathering.



Michael & Cynthia Brodeur visiting Florida and creating some lovely stained glass art.



Gail & Wiley Downing, Rick & Beth Petrie, Kathleen & Rich Kushman, Dick Bartram, Michael & Sandy Sasuta, Ted Price, John & Karen Freed and Kathy Fuller with Bard Fuller standing on a golf cart taking picture of Porch Time in Florida.



Gail & Wiley Downing touring the Tin Cans.



Gail Downing and Kathy Fuller immersed in a fun interior décor.

Tin Can Tourist 103rd Convention

by Kathy Fuller

With the advent of the car at the beginning of the 1900's the desire to wander and explore the world was inevitable. Soon after, the auto camping cars, predecessors of today's motor homes, were developed and by the early 1930's the trailer camper craze was sweeping the nation. Camping clubs, like the Wally Byam Caravan Club, were organized in the 1950's to gather like-minded camping enthusiasts. The oldest RV camping club dates back to 1919 when the Tin Can tourist Club was started in central Florida. Today they continue to meet annually and feature the most intriguing vintage recreational vehicles. Conveniently, they descend on the Sertoma Youth Ranch in Brooksville FL, just a few miles down the road from Travelers Rest Resort. Many of us here at TR will attend the open house and enjoy the array of vintage campers. Here are a few of the vintage RV's being enjoyed by Bard & Kathy Fuller along with Wiley & Gail Downing.



The Argosy, the "medium priced" Airstream.



J. Paul Getty's luxury Spartan Trailer. [Check out this interesting trailer here.](#)



Photos and note by Bard Fuller

This is a superbly restored 1960 "18 Footer" that is badged as a Caravel. In 1960 only the Ohio built 18 Footers had a nameplate. The California built 18 Footers had no name plate but were referred to as the "Traveler".



Helpful LINKS

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

Upcoming...

Birthdays - Anniversaries

March

03/01	Douglas Hart
03/04	Dave Morrison
03/07	Larry Lamontagne
03/08	Lydia Rosenbeck
03/09	Lilli Hamnqvist
03/13	Pat Flanagan
03/17	Rhona Fuller
03/23	Carl Amick
03/26	Laura Weik

April

04/02	Ken Hankinson
04/03	Cynthia Richard
04/04	Barbara Bondar
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	Mary Harman
04/25	Carl & Evelyn Amick
04/29	Charles "Rick" Petrie



Kathy Fuller recently donated a large box of card stock and envelopes to Charter Oak. We print our own cards and our Corresponding Secretary sends them as needed. Thank you Kathy for keeping us well stocked with cards. ~Ed.



Kathy Kushman, our corresponding secretary, with a big Thank You Card.

Airstream FOR SALE

See flyer below

Connecticut Chatter

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What do you call?

A group of turtles is called a bale or nest.

What did you think?

Queue

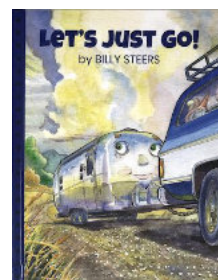
Event Schedule

March	Sun, Mar 13, 2022	St Patrick's Day Luncheon
		Russ & Rhona Fuller
April	Apr 08 - 10, 2022	Pets-N-Paws - ACI National Events Rally
		Provincetown, MA
April	Apr 29 - 5/3, 2022	Region 1 Gathering
		Sandwich, NH
May	May 13 - 15, 2022	Chili Cook-Off X 2 Rally and Meeting
		Charlie Brown CG, Eastford, CT
June	Jun 10 - 12, 2022	Watch for more information.
		White Pines CG Barkhamsted CT
July	Jul 8 - 10, 2022	Lobsterfest
		Riverside Marina CG, Portland, CT
July	Jul 23 - 29, 2022	ACI International Rally
		Fryberg, ME (early parking for some 7-17)
July	Jul 30 - 8/17, 2022	Nor-east Nova Scotia Caravan
		Explore the North East
September	Sep 9 - 11, 2022	Fall is in the Air Rally
		Oak Haven Campground, Wales Mass
September	Sep 23 - 25, 2022	Old Time Fiesta Rally and Meeting
		Bald Mountain CG, Townshend, VT
October	Oct 14 - 16, 2022	Fall Foliage Rendezvous
		Brook N Wood CG, Elizaville, NY
December	Sun, Dec 11, 2022	Holiday Party
		TBD

According to unofficial sources, a new simplified income-tax form contains only four lines:

1. What was your income for the year?
2. What were your expenses?
3. How much have you left?
4. Send it in.

"Worried about an IRS audit? Avoid what's called a red flag. That's something the IRS always looks for. For example, say you have some money left in your bank account after paying taxes. That's a red flag." — Jay Leno



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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1984 Limited 34ft Airstream – Asking \$27,000.00



34'7" LOA 9'6" Height

Title weight 6,400 lbs

Hitch weight 770 lbs

GVW 9,000 pounds

Sleeps 6

33-gal Fresh water tank

28-gal Gray water tank

28-gal Black water tank

(2) 40-pound LPG tanks

Dual AGM batteries

50-a converter / battery wizard

32,000 btu ducted furnace

12,500 btu air conditioner

6-gal hot water heater dual fuel

10 cu ft dual fuel refrigerator

4 burner range w/ full oven

160-watt Go-Solar power panel

24' Patio & roadside awnings

Front & rear panoramic window

12" Dexter electric drum brakes

Forged aluminum wheels

Bluetooth sound system

Power tongue jack

New - LED 12v lighting int & exterior

New - Vinyl plank floor

New - Dinette upholstery

Clean Title - Very Well Maintained - Ready to go camping!!!

Contact Russ Fuller- 860-747-1193 rfuller1745@att.net

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WBCCI COCAC St. Patrick's Brunch

Sunday March 13, 2022
12:30 – 2:30pm

Southington, CT 06489

Menu:

Assorted Irish themed Appetizers

Corned Beef

Cabbage

Boiled Potatoes

Carrots

Irish Soda Bread

Traditional & not so traditional Dessert Selection

Various Beverages

Cost \$15/person when you arrive

RSVP to rfuller1745@att.net or

860-747-1193 for directions

prior to March 7th



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PETS & PAWS RALLY

APRIL 8 - 9 - 10, 2022

Coastal Acres • Provincetown, MA

Season opener Joint Rally - Extremely Pet Friendly

Cape Cod Massachusetts Airstream Club & New England Airstream Club

Your Hosts: Sandi Gould - Lilli Hamnqvist
& Rick Cipot



PETS & PAWS RALLY

2022

NATIONAL EVENT



Arrive Friday - Settle in - 5:30 Happy Dinner -

Bring over-sized appetizers in lieu of Dinner.

Saturday 8:00 - Hot Breakfast followed by a **Walk in the Park** & downtown.

3:00 - Pet Art Class / Art Show 4:30 - Pet Friendly Happy Hour - bring snacks to share

Dinner on your own with your new friends!

Sunday 8:00 - Coffee and Light Continental Breakfast

No Pet - No Problem - We Love People Too!



First ever Pet Art Class and Art Exhibit!

Camping Season Opener - Come join us out on the Cape for the first rally of the year honoring our camping buddies - our pets. Our Tenth Anniversary Celebration.

We have 35 sites with full hook-ups of varying sizes - first come first assigned.



Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Cell: (_____) - _____ Email: _____

WBAC #: _____ Motor Home Trailer Length: _____ Plate #: _____ State: _____

Tow Vehicle Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

Plate Number: _____ State: _____ This information is required by Coastal Acres for all guests, thank you!

Type of Pet Number of Dog(s): _____ Names: _____

Number of Cat(s): _____ Names: _____

Other Pet(s): _____ Type: _____ Names: _____

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Rally Fee: \$170.00 covers 2 nights for two, breakfast, Rally Goodies and a good time.

Sorry, no Early Birds, if you wish to extend your stay you may do so directly with Coast Acres.



Please mail your check made out to: Cape Code Massachusetts Airstream Club (CCMAC) and mail to:

J. Rick Cipot - 44 Walnut Hill Road, Bethel, CT 06801 * email: mrjrick@aim.com * Cell: 203.241.4801

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What : Region One 2022 Gathering

Where: Sandwich New Hampshire Fairgrounds

When: Thursday, April 28 - Sunday, May 1

Hike, Bike, Paddle, Shop, eat and mingle with friends and so much more! Sandwich is the gateway to the White Mountains and is 35 miles from Fryeburg, the site of the 2022 WBCCI International Rally

30 and 50 Amps.

Limited water available as you arrive. Arrive with water if at all possible. Water at fairgrounds is still off for the season. Further information is available. Email Doug.hart352@gmail.com

Breakfast will be served each morning. Lunch on your own. Dinners will be potluck if conditions allow. More information to follow.

\$25.00 per rig per night.	# of nights	_____	X \$25.00	_____
\$20.00 Kitty Fee Person	# of campers	_____	X \$20.00	_____
\$10.00 Dump Fee	Dump Fee	_____	X \$10.00	_____
TOTAL	Check Enclosed			_____

Payable to: WBCCI Region One

Mail to: Douglas Hart PO Box 1678, Duxbury, MA 02331

Name _____ WBCCI Number _____

Email _____

Address _____

Questions? Doug.hart352@gmail.com 617-548-6155

Full refund until April 16. After, all but the kitty fee.

7 Wentworth Hill Rd. Sandwich, NH 03227

Sponsored by The Foothills Café and Curio, Center Sandwich

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Friday May 13 - Sunday May 15

Charlie Brown Campground
98 Chaplin Rd. , Eastford, CT

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 pavilions with covered picnic tables and a center fireplace.

Two nights \$126.00/unit (Water, 30 A.) Kitty Fee \$10/adult.

- 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

Online Registration

[Click here to join the rally.](#)

Payment details will be forwarded prior to the Rally. If you have questions contact chrisdubrowski@gmail.com

Online Registration now available

Join us Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Share Your Smile

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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

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

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

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Lobsters at the Marina Rally



July 8-10, 2022

Riverside Marina, Portland, CT

Hosts: “The Fuller Brothers”: Bard & Russ along with Kathy & Rhona

Back by popular demand - rally of the year. This site is a great location, right on the Connecticut River at an active marina. All the sites are under large shade trees and many have water views. All sites have water and electric (minimum of 20 amp). The unit tent will be on the waterfront. Rest rooms and showers are available at the marina office. Great location for kayaking or canoeing. Pet friendly!

Note, No dump station available.

Limited to only 13 sites.

Friday - Arrive after 1:30 pm, 4:30 Happy hour, Dinner on your own, 8:00 Campfire.

Saturday – Coffee on at 7:00, Breakfast potluck starts at 8:00, 4:30 Happy hour,

Russ’s Awesome Lobster Bake or Chicken dinners 6:00pm, 8:00 Campfire

Sunday – Coffee on at 7:00, Continental Breakfast starts at 8:00. Depart by Noon

Directions: From Hartford or Old Saybrook take Rt. 9 to Middletown then Rt 66 East over the Arrigoni Bridge. At the Intersection of 17A turn Right and continue on Rt 66 for 0.8 mile (4th traffic light). Take Right onto Grove St.. Go 0.4 mile. Right on Riverview Rd.. Go 0.2 mile. On your left is the “Riverside Marina” (there are several marinas make sure you are at “Riverside Marina”). Go through marina, look for silver. From Rt 2 in Marlborough, Ct. travel Rt 66 West 11.9 miles to Grove St. Take a left then follow above.

Name _____	WBCCI # _____	Example: 2 persons/ camping rig
Email for updates _____		Camping = \$80.00
Camping Fee for 2 night weekend with water & electric	\$80.00 _____	2 X \$7.50 = \$15.00
Kitty fee \$7.50 per adult (< 12 free) Number of adults _____	X \$7.50 = _____	2 X 30.00 = \$60.00
Number of Saturday evening Lobster Bakes _____	X \$30.00= _____	0 X \$8.00 = _____
Number of Saturday evening Chicken Dinners _____	X \$8.00 = _____	Total = \$155.00
	Total = _____	



Please contact Bard Fuller at bardfuller@hotmail.com or Russ Fuller at rfuller1745@att.net for information.

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/220163273559153>