



Connecticut

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

Club No: 25

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

June 2022

President's Message

by Russ Fuller



Russ with granddaughter Sara

May has been quite busy for Rhona and I with multiple birthday parties in the family, including Grace turning 90! Our grandson graduated from high school and our granddaughters first communion was on the same day.

Rhona's family from Long Island came to join all the celebrations after not

seeing each other for four years, a wonderful reunion.

I have been busy with students finishing projects at school, working on Prom Promise at school and the general wind down toward the end of the year. Changes in the school technology platform were just announced that require all teachers to complete 15 hours of on-line training that needs to be completed before June 15. I had a tooth that broke – needing extraction. Last minute repairs on Grace's B-Van, upgrades on both our trailers as well as a friend's rig. Yard work abounds as the grass grows faster than I can mow it also gardens need to be tended and I do not have a green thumb.

It was good to get back to camping with our club at Charlie Brown Campground and get our season started off with a great rally. The Dubrowskis and the Lessigs did a wonderful job of presenting a great Chili Cook-Off Rally! We had a fantastic turnout, with MANY new members coming to their first rally! I think it is safe to say a good time was had by all. Several rousing games of corn hole were played and thanks to both Glen and Dave for the pointers!

The Business Meeting went well considering the many varied topics that were on the agenda. Thanks to those members who were able to attend and participate in the business of our club.

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Under new management



Airstream leadership had been in flux for years after the passing of Wally Byam, with control of the company changing hands several times in the next few decades. In 1980, stability came once again. Wade Thompson and Peter Orthwein, owners of Hi-Lo Trailers, saw the market starting to pick up and moved to form a new company, Thor Industries, and acquire Airstream. And that association continues to this day, over thirty years later.



What Do You Think

What do you call a group of ferrets?

What is it that no one wants, but no one wants to lose?

Answers Page 7!!!!

Link of the Month



Road Trip Tips



Presidents Message Continued

The summer ahead is full of opportunities to meet with friends and explore the northeast with our Airstreams. In June we will gather (rally) at Waters Edge Campground – I understand we have met the requirements to get the discount on our sites and I believe there are still sites available, if interested sign up at Jotoforms. I will be demonstrating how a SealTech leak finder operates and locates those unwanted leaks. The rally hosts will provide Friday's supper, apple pie on Saturday and a continental breakfast on Sunday. They ask that you contribute to Friday's light happy hour, Saturday's potluck breakfast and Saturday's heavy happy hour.

July is looking very busy as well, with the Lobster Fest on the Connecticut River (waiting list, sign up on line – we are working on getting more sites). International Rally in Fryeburg, ME, starts July 22nd. We have made the arrangements to caravan in together as a group on July 20th so we can camp together. Then off to Nova Scotia for our first large scale 17 day caravan.

Look for and sign up for the upcoming fall rallies, announcements are found later in this newsletter. See you down the road for Fun, Friendship and Adventure! ~Russ



by Sandy Sasuta

Jim McConnon 4497
Colleen Murphy
Westport, CT



A few days old pony at Assateague decided to take a nap right outside our neighbor's door providing fun happy hour entertainment.

Returning to CT, we found it cold, rainy & windy, the opposite of Florida weather, but it's good to be back. We were excited to attend the first rally of the year at Charlie Brown Campground and give a great big THANK YOU to the hosts **GLEN & CHRISTINE LESSIG/CHRIS & CAROL DUBROWSKI**. They planned well in advance and did a super job! It was great to see 3 new couples attending as well and helping them to understand the Airstream way of life.

Looking forward to the next rally June 10th at Water's Edge Campground in Lebanon, CT, hosted by Bard & Kathy Fuller and Dave Jensen. Hope to see you there. ~

A little horse sense?

by Richard Kushman

Don't be fooled by the picture above, this blurb is actually a special laundry tip I discovered while traveling north this spring. Our trip this year is a leisurely three week journey with a first stop in Savannah and dinner with our granddaughter Emma. Then after several state parks we will attend our grandson Max's graduation in New Hampshire before arriving at our summer cottage in New York.

Kathleen reminded me to pack enough clothing, especially shirts and underwear, to avoid the dreaded laundromat.

Laundry Tip - Don't change your cloths.

This requires behavioral rules be followed like - don't get obvious grease or dirt on your shirt while trailering - don't slobber food on your shirt while eating (this could be tough) and of course use plenty of deodorant. Just don't even think about your pants. I used only two shirts during the first nine days of travel, leaving lots of room in our laundry basket. Please note - I did follow a routine of daily showers and fresh undies.

Warning - When traveling on an Airstream Caravan with many new friends you may want to modify this procedure somewhat. Also expect fewer hugs from your spouse. ~



Good Grief Charlie Brown! It's the Great Chili Cook-off!

by Chris Dubrowski

The Charlie Brown Campground in Eastford, Connecticut, welcomed us for our first 2022 club rally on May 13-15. We literally circled the wagons (14) around a nice pavilion and enjoyed great weather this year. Hosts Christine and Glen Lessig and Carol and Chris Dubrowski put together a full weekend of activities, including a ride/walk on the Airline Trail and a visit to a local winery.

There was lots of Cornhole, Ladder Toss and Jenga. Pretty flowers on the tables. The highlight, as it was last year, was the chili cook-off, featuring 12 variations on the basic dish. Prizes went to Sharon and Alex Porven (first time rally participants!) for sweet and savory chili; surprisingly, I detected nutmeg in their offering, which was confirmed, nice tribute to the Nutmeg State. Also winning were Debbie and Robert Hedrick for Spiciest Chili. Overall winner was, for the second year in a row, and to no surprise, the offering by Deni and Mark Van der Voort. Yummy!

Joining us at the rally were the usual folks, like the Sasutas, Downings, Allers (Don spent the weekend helping us on club IT matters), Rousseaus, both Fuller families, and Dave Jensen. But we also welcomed new faces, the Porvens, the Ostrowskis (Jennifer and Matt), and from the New England Unit, the Lussiers (Brigette and Kevin). We were also happy to get a drop-in from Lynn and Carl Davis (their Airstream is in the ICU in Maine undergoing a window bypass surgery) and another new couple, Mo and Jason Pershinsky, who were camping nearby. Oh, and lots of wonderful pups. And a business meeting. The campground was great and we all celebrated the new camping season. ~



Would you like to try the chili?



Chris & Glen Lessig, Russ Fuller and Carol & Chris Dubrowski



A fine looking group!!



Giles & Joyce Rousseau, Dave Jensen and Sharon & Alex Porven



Good Grief Charlie Brown! CONTINUED



Kathy Fuller with her tasting tool.



Bard Fuller with his learning tool.



Don Allers with a tumble tool.



Glen watches Don Allers and Dave Jensen play Jenga.



Bard & Kathy Fuller, Mark & Deni Van Der Voortrekker



Gilles Rousseau and Carol Dubrowski...Jenga time.



The "electric" bikers - well, a few!



Historic National Road

Continued

Dick & Kit Wheatley's journey on the Historic National Road

Our caravan has totaled 13 rigs on the central and west segments. There are a variety of backgrounds from attorney, to astrophysicist, to chemist, to helicopter pilot, engineers, teachers, nurses, electrician, etc. (all retired). Our leaders, Tom & Vicki Ketchum enjoy cooking, so they have prepared several meals similar to that which the early travelers on the National Road might have eaten. We have had Cincinnati Chili, Indiana Pork Tenderloins, Sugar Cream Pie, Iron Kettle Cobblers, local ice cream, square donuts and sampled local beer, wine and bourbon. We plan to cut back on our meals when this is finished.



Showing the route of the road, it was planned to go farther west, but federal funding stopped because it was costing too much and taking too long.

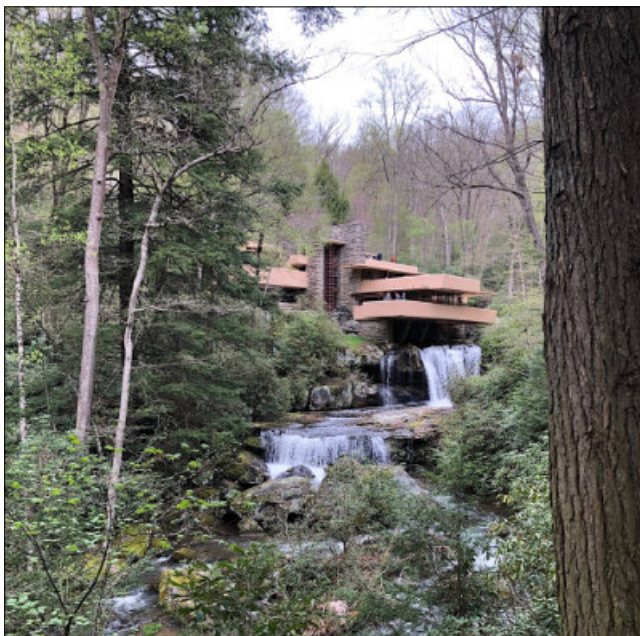
A few of our stops, these would be a good choice for Airstreamers traveling through the region.



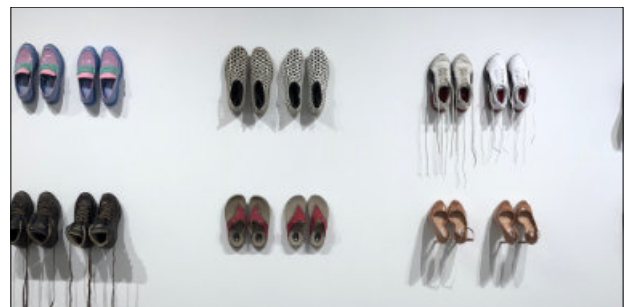
Ramblin Pines Campground, Woodbine, MD



Hidden Springs Campground, Clearville, PA



Falling Water - house designed by the architect Frank Lloyd Wright in 1935 in the Laurel Highlands of southwest Pennsylvania.



Artwork by Andy Warhol (hundreds) of shoes covered three walls at his museum in Pittsburgh, one new pair, one very used, side by side.



Historic National Road Caravan *Continued*



The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum near Washington, PA, several miles of track recreated for electrical trolley operation.



The Wheeling, WV suspension bridge, completed in 1849, could have been used by Civil War troops, currently under renovation.



Gale Halderman's private collection in Tripp City, OH. He was the designer of the original Ford Mustang. Although now deceased, his daughter told us of her family's association with Lee Iacocca and Henry Ford II.



At the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH, home to presidential aircraft used by Presidents Roosevelt thru Clinton.



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Helpful LINKS

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



Upcoming... Birthdays - Anniversaries

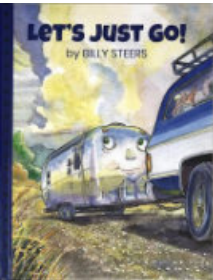
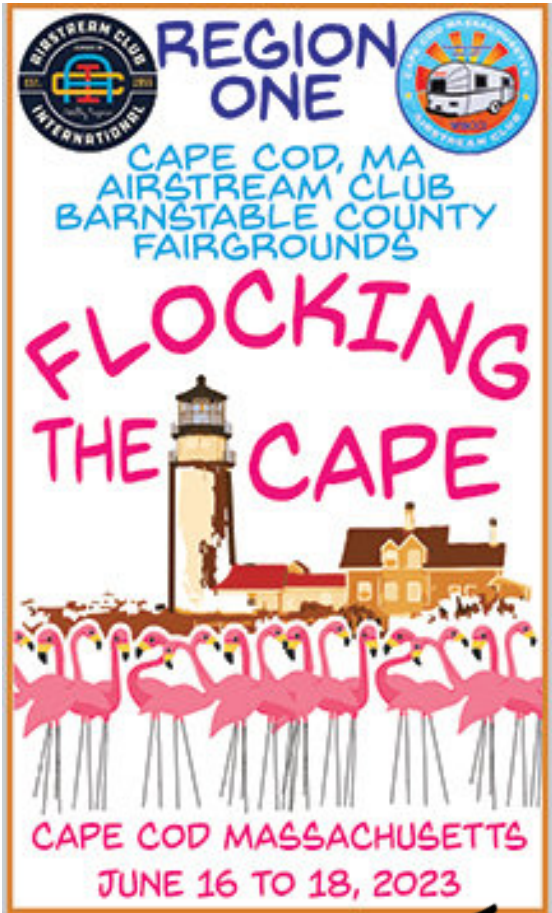
June
06/01 Fred & Dale McGoldrick
06/02 J. Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould
06/04 Dyann & Robert Calder
06/07 Per & Lilli Hamnqvist
06/08 Russ & Rhona Fuller
06/09 Kenneth Volpe
06/12 Jack & Jeanne Blandford
06/17 Sally Pascale
06/18 Evelyn Amick
06/18 Chris & Carol Dubrowski
06/20 Russ Fuller
06/24 Betsy Flanagan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

July
07/02 Val & Aili Galasyn
07/02 Sally Kerr
07/03 Bruce Fletcher
07/03 Ted Price
07/05 Kathleen Kushman
07/06 Cecile Lemaire
07/06 Dale McGoldrick
07/09 Julie Steers
07/25 Alex Porven
07/26 Lois Price
07/29 Kathy Fuller

The Cape Cod MA Airstream Club is proud to be sponsoring the 2023 Region 1 Rally. I would appreciate your help to spread the word to your membership. The attached postcard has all the details. We will be releasing the rally flyer soon.

Any questions please let me know.

Regards,
Eddie Carll
BRN 30924
Chairman 2023 Region 1 Rally Committee



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.](#)

Upcoming Events



Month	Dates	Event Name	Location	Organizer
June	Jun 10 - 12, 2022	Summer Fun Rally	Water's Edge Campground, Lebanon, CT	Bard Fuller & Dave Jensen
July	Jul 8 - 10, 2022	Lobsterfest	Riverside Marina CG, Portland, CT	The Fuller Families
July	Jul 23 - 29, 2022	ACI International Rally	Fryberg, ME (early parking for some 7-17)	ACI
July	Jul 30 - 8/17, 2022	Nor-east Nova Scotia Caravan	Explore the North East	Lake & R Fuller
September	Sep 9 - 11, 2022	Fall is in the Air Rally	Oak Haven Campground, Wales Mass	Wiley & Gail Downing
September	Sep 23 - 25, 2022	Old Time Fiesta Rally and Meeting	Bald Mountain CG, Townshend, VT	Bill & Evie Watts
October	Oct 14 - 16, 2022	Fall Foliage Rendezvous	Brook N Wood CG, Elizaville, NY	Russ & Rhona Fuller
December	Sun, Dec 11, 2022	Holiday Party		TBD

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What do you call?

A group of ferrets is called a business.

What did you think?

A lawsuit

COCAC Summer Fun Rally

June 10 -12, 2022



Water's Edge Campground Lebanon, CT

Enjoy a campsite on the ten-acre, spring fed lake, and join the activities in the pavilion or at the lake. All campsites are equipped with water and 30 amp electric, and the lake is well stocked with fish. In addition to swimming and fishing, there's plenty of opportunity to go hiking, pitch horseshoes, or just sit back and relax. Planned activities include:

Friday 5pm light happy hour followed by sloppy joes and coleslaw provided by hosts.

Saturday 8am potluck breakfast
5pm bring a heavy appetizer for happy hour
Later enjoy apple pie a la mode - hosts will provide.
Campfire weather permitting.

Sunday continental breakfast provided
Come with your Airstream but stay to share fellowship and stories with fellow club members.

SealTech Test demonstration on Saturday

Reservations Online [https://
form.jotform.com/221157049771154](https://form.jotform.com/221157049771154)

Campsite fee is \$60/night

Kitty fee is \$8.00 /Adult (under 18 free).
(for a couple this will be \$136.00)

There will be a 10% rebate if we get more than 10 trailers



Water's Edge Campground, 271 Leonard Bridge Road, Lebanon, CT, provides 30 amp electric, water & cable. There is a dump station as you leave. Arrival is after 3pm on Friday (early check in \$2/hr or any portion of an hour, payable on check-in. Checkout out Sunday is 2pm. If you are intending to use electric heat or run AC a surcharge is collected at check-in. Pet friendly if on a leash. Dog park is also available on site. Cancellation policy: No refund on campsite cancellation within 2 weeks of rally. Refund minus \$5 fee charged on campsite cancellations more than 2 weeks out. Hosts have reserved 15 sites in Safari field for our rally. Please last day of reserving with our group is May 26.

Rally Hosts

Bard & Kathy Fuller and Dave Jensen

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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>

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OUTDOOR MYSTIC ART FESTIVAL RALLY

AUGUST 12-15, 2022

NEAC-SPONSORED RALLY



Location: **Sun Outdoors Mystic RV Resort and Campground**

45 Camp Ground Rd., Old Mystic, CT 06372

<https://www.sunoutdoors.com/connecticut/sun-outdoors-mystic>

Rally schedule:

- Friday 4:30 pm BYOB happy hour with heavy appetizer potluck
- Sat 7:30 am coffee and hot beverages, 8:30 am full breakfast will be served (bring your own set up)
- The Mystic Outdoor Art Festival Saturday 10 am – 6 pm, and Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm
- Sat pm dinner on your own at one of the many wonderful restaurants in and around downtown Mystic, then gather around the bonfire starting at 7 pm
- Sun 8 am, coffee, hot beverages, and products from local bakeries.
- Sun pm, for those staying overnight, a group dinner at a local restaurant is likely – details tbd

Information about the art festival, including map: [Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce - Mystic Outdoor Art Festival \(google.com\)](#). Also, lots to see and do while in Mystic, CT! Seaport, Aquarium, kayaking, bicycling, hiking trails, pool at the campground, restaurants, shopping, microbreweries, wineries, and more!

To reserve your RV site, CALL or email DIRECTLY and mention you are part of the Airstream Club Rally.

Mikayla Grier, Asst Resort Manager

(207)245-6911

mgrier@suncommunities.com

They will honor a 20% discount off listed rates between August 12-15, 2022 for our rally attendees. **Twenty campsites (15 pull through and 5 back in) are being held for this rally until April 15th**, after which time they become open the public and you can take a chance getting one.

Map of sites: <https://www.sunoutdoors.com/resourcefiles/resortmapimages/seaport-spo-site-map.jpg>

A **\$5 per adult** kitty fee will be collected **upon arrival** as your contribution to one full breakfast, morning beverages each day, local bakery pastries/donuts on Sunday am, firewood, and ice for happy hour beverages.

Rally registration: As soon as you have reserved your site, please send Tess an email with your name(s), mobile phone #, site #, BigRedNumber, and days you are staying. Questions? **Tess McShane at (860) 536-4113, suzzypoi@gmail.com**

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Fall Is In The Air

Fall Is In The Air Rally Sept 9 - 11 2022

Oak Haven Family Campground in Wales, MA

Hosted by: Wiley and Gail Downing & Jerry and Colleen Ahlers

30 amp electric, water, dump station

Tell them you are part of the Airstream Group in Pratt Safari Field

Rate is \$52 per night a 10% discount taken if more than 10 trailers attend.

No deposit required but reservations must be made no later than Aug 31st, payment in full is due upon check-in.

Check in time is 2:00 pm. A \$15 card fee will be taken at check in but returned at check out with key return.

Kitty Fee is \$13.00 per person over 12—Will be collected at the rally

Friday: Arrive anytime after 2:00 PM - Happy Hour 5:00PM

Saturday:

8:15 am Breakfast - Ahlers (MNYAC) Potluck Breakfast. Host supplies coffee, tea, and juice.

5:00 Happy Hour— Beverage only no appetizers - large meal to follow

6:00 Dinner— Downing's (COCAC) Italian night - Salad, pasta, meatballs, sausage, bread and butter, topped off with ice cream around the campfire.

Sunday:

8:15 am - Continental breakfast. Hosts will supply, coffee, tea and juice.

Register for the rally via JotForms <https://form.jotform.com/220793838151157>

once you have made your camping reservations with the campground.

Campground Reservations made directly with the campground 413-245-7148.

Remind them you are part of the Airstream Group

The well known Brimfield Flea Market is just 5 miles up the road. If you collect something they will have something for everyone. Old Sturbridge Village is a living museum of life in New England village in the 1830's, St. Anne's Shrine, Basketball Hall of Fame, and the US Armory Museum are also close by.



MEXICAN MARDI GRAS IN THE MOUNTAINS

SEPTEMBER 23 – 25, 2022

BALD MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND

1760 State Forest Road, Townshend, VT

Hosts: Bill and Evie Watts

The family-run campground is situated on 160 secluded acres surrounded by the peaked hills of southern Vermont. They have reserved the Safari Field for our group and are not requiring reservations. Register and pay on arrival. Sites have electric and water and are pet friendly. Price \$31.50 plus VT tax

Friday – arrive after 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Theme based Hearty Happy Hour

Saturday – 7 a.m. coffee, 8 p.m. continental breakfast, 4:30 Happy Hour – Margaritas, Rum Punch and light snacks (provided by hosts), Theme Pot Luck Supper –

Sunday – 7 a.m. coffee, 8 a.m. Clean out the “frig” pot luck breakfast

Things to do – Hike in Townshend State Forest, Barn and Bridge driving tour, Antique RV Show and Whetstone Brewery in Brattleboro, Vermont Country Store, Bromley chair lift and fun park, Hildene and shopping in Manchester, Grandma Moses and Bennington Monument, or relax, rest, and read.

Kitty Fee \$8 per person. Pay at the rally.

Sign up by email to evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net or 203-426-5532. Be sure to give contact information and your **Big Red Numbers**