



Connecticut

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

Club No: 25

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

July 2022

President's Message

by Russ Fuller



A familiar task for Russ!

I can't believe it is July already! COCAC has had two excellent rallies this year already and many of us have crashed a rally with some other group as well or gone off on our own. The latest rally was held at Waters Edge CG. Based on the bubbles coming from our demonstration trailer during the leak testing of the shell demonstration the camp-

ground may want to be renamed "Lawrence Welk" CG. Thank you - Jensens and Fullers for providing a relaxing & fun weekend.

With summer arriving the calendar ahead is full of exciting opportunities for us all to use our Airstreams. Our next rally is the Lobster Fest on the Connecticut River in Portland, CT. The "Real Short" (1.2 mile) caravan to the International Rally will make it possible for us to camp together as a group at "Many Airstreams In New England - MAINE" International Rally in Fryeburg, ME, July 20 - 29. If you are interested in the Real Short Caravan to International please contact me before July 7th to get added to the group. August brings the Nor'East to Novia Scotia Caravan where the Atlantic Maritimes will be home for over two weeks of fun, adventure, and friendship. (Caravan introduction meeting Friday July 29 Natural Resources Building 2:30pm - get your drivers manual and meet the others)

COCAC turned 50 years old last summer, but due to Covid we put off the celebration to this year. The "50 + Covid 1 Anniversary" celebration will be held at "MAINE" International Rally.

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Becoming an icon



The design and beauty of the Airstream trailer have gained it many admirers, and after decades of touring the roads and campsites of America (and the world), it's gone from being an oddity to a true American icon. One example? In 1987, Money magazine chose the Airstream travel trailer as one of "99 Things That, Yes, Americans Make Best" alongside titans of American industry like Coca-Cola and Heinz ketchup.



What Do You Think

What do you call a group of leopards?

Using eight eights and addition only, can you make 1000?

Answers Page 10

Link of the Month



[Adventure - Inspiration - Renovation](#)



Presidents Message Continued

It will be held in the Specialty Foods Pavilion on Sunday July 24th from 5:00 – 6:30pm. There is no cost for regular and affiliate COCAC members at this celebration as the club voted to fund the event at our recent business meetings. We are asking that you sign up on JotForms <https://form.jotform.com/221775884240158> in order to get a count for catering purposes.

June kept me busy with various Airstream projects prior to the summer events. Some notable projects were to change out 20-year-old axles for a pair of new 32 degree Dexters on my 30ft slide Airstream along with new TV antenna and amplifier. Changed out a set of brakes (new backer plates and all new bearings) and repaired the water inlet on a close friend's trailer. Got the '84 ready for her new life in Texas with her new owners as "Ruby Maye". ~



Hey COCAC members,
Let's Celebrate!

50+ Covid1 Anniversary Celebration

July 24, 2022

5—6:30 Specialty Foods Pavilion
International Rally Fryeburg ME

RSVP- <https://form.jotform.com/221775884240158>

Prior to July 11, 2022

No cost to regular and affiliate
COCAC members



Menu:

- Various cool sub sandwiches and wraps
- Salads: chef, pasta, potato, spicy pasta
- Chips, Deviled Eggs, Fruit, Iced Tea & Lemonade
- Anniversary Cake!!!!

REGION ONE BREAKFAST

Are you attending the International Rally at Fryeburg, Maine?

Join with our greater New England and Canadian friends!

New England, Charter Oak Connecticut, Cape Cod, Quebec and the Northeast Mountaineers.

Biggest Breakfast Buffet on the fairgrounds - \$25.00 pp!

Friday, July 29

- Scrambled Eggs
- French Toast & Syrup
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Fruit
- Home Fries
- Baked Beans
- Coffee, Tea, Juice
- VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE

Register on-line for the Region One Big Breakfast!!!!

<https://form.jotform.com/221435700706044>

Deadline is coming soon!
July 14



by Sandy Sasuta



Kathy Fuller's Whiskey Pudding

(published by popular request)

I found the original recipe online and altered it.

3.5-ounce box of instant pudding. I used vanilla. Follow directions on the box but **DO NOT USE ALL THE MILK CALLED FOR**

If the box calls for 2 cups of milk consider using 1 and 2/3c. Milk can be 1% or whole...whatever you have in the frig.

Add whiskey or bourbon to bring liquid (milk) up to amount recommended in pudding directions. Beat together with whisk or blender for at least a minute.

In a smaller bowl blend 1/4-1/3c of whiskey or bourbon into 1c of whipped topping (Cool Whip).* Slowly fold the whipped topping mix into the pudding.

Place pudding mixture into a zip-top bag.

Set pudding mixture into refrigerator to set.

When time to serve, snip off one corner of the zip-top bag and pipe into 3-ounce cups

Serve with a dollop of whipped topping atop.

- Don't think whipped cream in an aerosol can (Reddi Whip) would work but if that's what you have, give it a try and let me know

What a wonderful time we had at the June 10, 2022 rally at Water's Edge Campground in Lebanon, CT. Thank you to the hosts **BARD & KATHY FULLER** and **DAVE JENSEN**. From delicious Sloppy Joe's to apple pie ala mode, we all were well fed. Also, it was impressive to see Russ Fuller complete a Seal Tech test demonstration for leaks on Bard & Kathy Fuller's trailer...so many bubbles.

IMPORTANT: If you have not set up an account on the WBCCI website (<https://airstreamclub.org>), please be sure to do so. Each member should enter their individual email address. Among other things, it gives you access to the membership directory, courtesy parking map, and your membership renewal history. If you need help, email membership@airstreamclub.org or call Amanda at 937-596-5211.

FYI, our town of Milford, CT, has opened one of the largest exclusive non-alcoholic breweries in the world...Athletic Brewing Company. It will eventually produce 6 million cases annually.

I have discovered things I am no longer interested in doing: Driving at night, Driving in winter, Getting on a scale, Arguing with idiots, Being fashionable, Going to the gym, Kale, Wearing clothes that don't stretch, Counting carbs and Caring about what other people think of me.

The long awaited International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine, is almost here! Deadline to register for Region One Breakfast is July 14, sign up on line - link on page 2. Hope to see all of your smiling faces. ~

So I invented a new beef and vegetable recipe, but it wasn't so great...It was meaty-okra.

Apparently you cannot use 'beef stew' as a password it's not Stroganoff

Why did the Irish woman only put 239 beans in her stew? Because just one more would be too farty.



The Not-Quite Summer Yet Summer Fun Days Rally



Great turn out at Water's Edge Campground.

by **Chris Dubrowski**

Technically it wasn't summer, but we had absolutely perfect summer weather at Water's Edge Campground in Lebanon, CT. It sure was nice to set up camp and not have to work up a sweat. Friday evening included a "light" happy hour and Sloppy (Joe/Josephines) presented by hosts **Dave Jensen** and **Bard and Kathy Fuller**. After dinner Bard gave us a slide show of their trip in his dad's 1998 Airstream B Van to Jackson Center for the opening of the Heritage Center at the Airstream factory. The classic van, along with numerous other examples of Airstream products from over the years, were on display for the many Airstream groupies attending the festivities.



Thanks, Paul & Pam for the firewood!

Saturday morning we had a potluck breakfast where our creative cooks showed off their talents. After a day of serious relaxation and activities like a bike ride on the Airline Trail we visited neighboring towns which included the Textile Museum in Willimantic.

Russ Fuller demonstrated his new trailer leak detection device. This involves a ducted fan that introduces positive air pressure inside the unit and then uses a spray of soapy water on the outside to detect leaks which show up as telling soap bubbles. It was fascinating and for the rest of the day I had the Hawaiian singer Don Ho in my head singing his 1966 hit "Tiny Bubbles." We then had a very heavy happy hour dinner topped off with apple pie and ice cream.

The rally field hosted campers **Russ and Rhonda Fuller**, the **Lessigs, Dubrowskis, Watts, Porvens, Sally Kerr, St. Laurents, Flanagans, Harmans, Sasutas, Dubes** and **Brodeurs**. ~



Evie is experiencing "Art of Yum".



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The Not-Quite Summer Yet Summer Fun Days Rally *continued*



President Russ leading seminar on Airstream water leaks



Potluck Breakfast being enjoyed by Sharon, Alex, Michael, Dave, Carol & Glen.



Some of us travelled to nearby Willimantic, CT, the "Thread City" to view the Windham Textile and History Museum. Here are Kathy and Carol are viewing wedding gowns through the ages.

Photos by:
Sandy Sasuta
and
Bard Fuller



The town legend of their frogs is immortalized by cast bronze frogs sitting on a spool of thread adorning the local bridge abutments over the Willimantic River. Evidentially the legend goes back to the outbreak of the French and Indian War. The story has it that one night the towns people were all awoken by a loud commotion and a perceived attack on the town by the Native Americans leading mass hysteria and the towns people taking up arms. The commotion was later found to have been loud croaking and mass die off of mating bull frogs in a local pond.



Bard & Kathy in front of a spinning frame machine that pulls and twists cotton fibers into threads.



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Bard Fuller, Chris & Carol Dubrowski, Bill Watts, Paul Dube enjoying the "grumpy" tractor fire ring.



Sally Kerr, Chris & Carol Dubrowski, Michael Sasuta, Glen & Christine Lessig all with smiles, no grumps.



Kathy Fuller, Glen Lessig, Carol Dubrowski, Bard Fuller, Alex Porven



Betsy Flanagan, Kathy Fuller, Sandie St. Laurent, Maren Callihan, Dave Jensen, and Bard Fuller on the balance beam.



Sandie St. Laurent, Kathy, Bard & Rhona Fuller, Sandy Sasuta, Christine Lessig, Russ Fuller, Paul & Pam Dube



Kathy Fuller made Kentucky Bourbon Pudding for happy hour and perhaps tried a few?



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Russ's "Seal Tech" machine being attach to vent opening.



Russ applying the Suds for the test to the interest of all.



Attached and ready to be powered up!



Time to install a new door gasket!



Tiny bubbles
In the wine
Make me feel happy
They make me feel fine (or not)



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



Historic National Road

We finished the caravan on Monday, May 23, and made our way north to the Minnesota Airstream Park. The park is full, a long waiting list for sites. They have installed new 50 amp power and water service for visitors, a new pool and bath house facility opening in the next few weeks.

We stock up on provisions (including tires), wash things up and prepare for our 2,200 mile trip through Canada to Nova Scotia next week for the Newfoundland caravan. ~



Levi Coffin House in Fountain City, IN, often referred to as the Grand Central Station of the Underground Railroad. Renovation funds provided by the Department of Transportation because the grant writer said it qualified as a railroad.



Just think of all of the things you could loose in those drawers. The desk was in the Vigo County Historical Museum in Terre Haute, IN, where they highlighted items made in that area. At one time Terre Haute was considered the "Crossroads of America" along the National Road.



The governor's office in the Indiana statehouse in Indianapolis. All four branches of government under one roof in this huge building.



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Historic National Road Caravan

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Indianapolis Motor Speedway claims to be the largest one day sporting event in the world, over 400,000 in attendance on race day.



The old state house in Vandalia, Illinois, before the capital was moved to Springfield. The townspeople built this in less than a year's time in an attempt to keep the capital in Vandalia. Abraham Lincoln served as a representative from his district in this building and was part of the group that voted to move the capital. Our guide told us the townspeople did not support him in his bid for the presidency because of that.



Vigo County Historical Museum in Terre Haute, IN where the iconic coke bottle came from. It was inspired by the curves and grooves of the gourd-shaped cocoa bean, not easily copied. The Coca-Cola Company wanted a shape that would not be confused with copycat brands



On the Old National Road in Casey, Illinois stands the world's largest rocking chair, bell chimes, comb, golf tee, barber pole, etc., etc.



The dragon in Vandalia. Stop in the hardware store, get a token, put it in the drop box and the dragon breathes fire. The hardware store found another use for it's propane filling station.

Thank you Dick and Kit for sharing your adventure!



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Helpful

LINKS

I am visible to Google. I link therefore I am.

~ William A. Mitchell

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Upcoming...

Birthdays - Anniversaries

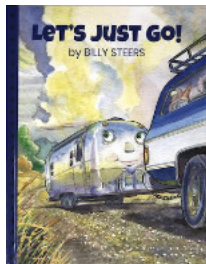
For Sale



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

August	
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	Glen & Christine Lessig
08/20	Carol Dubrowski
08/21	Rose Tavares
08/22	William Hannis
08/22	Bob Hendrick
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

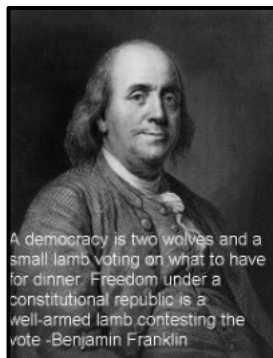
All Chatters are available on the club website.



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.](#)



A democracy is two wolves and a small lamb voting on what to have for dinner. Freedom under a constitutional republic is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote - Benjamin Franklin

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What do you call?

A group of leopards is called a leap.

What did you think?

888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000

For Sale 1995 Sovereign 21ft
Smallest double axel trailer built by Airstream. Dry weight only 3,900 lbs. Many amenities of larger trailers i.e. big refrigerator, large water & holding tanks.
Plainville, CT, Bard **\$19,500**
bardfuller@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

July	Jul 8 - 10, 2022	Lobsterfest	Waiting List
	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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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.

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MEXICAN MARDI GRAS IN THE MOUNTAINS

SEPTEMBER 23 – 25, 2022



BALD MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND
1760 State Forest Road, Townshend, VT

Hosted by: 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.
5p.m. Theme based Hearty Happy Hour
- Saturday:** 7 a.m. coffee - 8 a.m. continental breakfast
4:30 p.m. Happy Hour - Margaritas, Rum Punch and light snacks (provided by hosts),
Theme based Pot Luck Supper
- Sunday:** 7a.m. coffee, 8 a.m. "Clean out the frig" pot luck breakfast

Kitty Fee
\$8 per person
Pay at the rally

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.



Sign Up Online

<https://form.jotform.com/221797917954171>

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