



Connecticut

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

Club No: 25

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

August 2022

President's Message

by Russ Fuller



Russ and Rhona hosted a delicious 50+1 luncheon in Fryeburg with an abundance of food. Obviously Kathy K brought some extra ham!

Hello all Charter Oakers?! I sit here at the 65th International Rally writing this monthly letter just sweltering. With the heat index near 100 degrees and the smell of the honey wagon pumping us out – why am I here?

- The camaraderie of all the Airstreamers
- Excellent seminars on so many differing topics
- Delicious food
- Happy hours under the new pop-ups or someone's awning almost every day
- Celebrating the Rousseau's purchase of a new 27 foot Globetrotter nicknamed "Great Mountain"
- Sharing a moment with Alex Porven as he adds another year of wisdom to his life
- Delegate meeting – done!
- Music for all included a evening of 70's music with the Starlite Honeys, Motor Booty Affair Band and the WBCCI band.
- Meeting new friends
- Site seeing this wonderful part of the world!!!

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In with the old



With the quality and longevity of Airstream and our trailers, often an individual trailer can still find great use for decades or even longer. In the late 80s and early 1990s, interest in older Airstreams began to grow, including restoring them to their original glory and renovating them to mix vintage and modern styles. To meet this demand, in 1993 a new chapter within the Wally Byam Caravan Club International was formed, appropriately named the Vintage Airstream Club. To join, owners have to have a trailer that's at least 25 years old.



What Do You Think

What do you call a group of sharks?

Tom was asked to paint the apartment number on plates for 100 apartments which means he will have to paint numbers 1 through 100. How many times will he paint the number 8?

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Link of the Month



[Airstream Heritage Center](#)



Presidents Message

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The opening ceremonies were simple yet moving as I carried the club flag in along with the other 103 clubs attending,

A group of over seventy members from the Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club celebrated our 50th Anniversary a year late due to covid,

I hope that everyone has a safe summer and enjoy the roads you travel. Enjoy the pictures and captions of the many experiences at International and the Lobster Fest Rally on the Connecticut River.

See you down the road for Fun, Friendship and Adventure! ~

Kangamagus 5 Star

by Rhona Fuller

As we celebrated our 50+covid1 anniversary, a big shout out goes to our caterer "112 Market" in Conway, NH. The owners John and Stephanie Vacchino went beyond our expectations with their amazing food. Everything was prepared fresh, the pasta and potato salads were outstanding. The array of roast beef, veggie rolls and chicken salad wraps truly amazing. The green salads with fresh fruit simply wow...

They are a small local market, with eclectic merchandise from antiques to homemade sandwiches. If you are in the Conway area and want a wonderful lunch I highly recommend you visit the "112 Market" on the Kangamagus Highway. ~



John and Stephanie at the 112 Market

Delegates Summary 7-27-22 Fryeburg, ME

by Russ Fuller

As delegate I was requested to attend a delegates seminar meeting on 7/26, which was poorly attended by the other delegates from Region 1 (one alternate and myself). For about two hours the club parliamentarian and chairperson of constitution and bylaws review spoke about the voting process to be conducted the following day.

Delegates were requested to check in an hour before the meeting that was scheduled for 9 a.m. Again, three of the five delegates were not there until 9am or later. The club parliamentarian and chairperson of constitution and bylaws reviewed all the voting terms and processes again during the first hour of the meeting. Once the meeting got underway there was some misunderstandings as to how the voting was progressing, even after three hours of previous discussion.

The first motion passed 2765 to 800 eliminating future delegates meetings and moving to an electronic polling of all members for constitutional changes.

The second motion passed 2557 to 1009 creating a new 15-person Executive Board that any member can run for with a six year maximum term, and selection of the President will be done by the Board. This vote was taken without the opportunity to have any discussion as the question was called immediately. The previous day I heard of a proposed amendment that would have allowed all members a vote for our international officers, that amendment was never allowed to be presented.

No other issues were brought to the delegates. Finished before noon!

Let me thank all the COCAC members for participating in the vote as we had one of the largest percentages of members voting. Some clubs had no votes at all and overall the clubs averaged only 22% voting. Charter Oak had a 44.7% voting rate – THANK YOU!!!

Based on attending the "Let's Talk! Open Club Chat" the facilitator seemed to have a pre-determined agenda and talked over members and also limited conversation. Much of what happened at the delegates meeting did not surprise me – it was all pre-determined.

I'm happy for all future potential delegates that the meeting has been eliminated, yet I also feel much of our say in the club happenings has vanished as well. ~



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by Sandy Sasuta

Jenifer Rinehart
Joe Furlong
13137
Harswell, Maine



Hope everyone had a good time at the International Rally in Fryeburg, ME. It was wonderful catching up with old friends, some that we haven't seen in 3 years because of Covid. Also got to meet and take pictures of our newer members for our Club's directory: Jim Phelan & Melanie Newell, Cheryl & Allen Racette, Scott & Raquel Remy and Jesus & Fresolina Villegas. Great to see many First Timers, as identified by their yellow ribbons.

All that planning made for a successful rally even though it was very HOT. Congratulations to **GILLES & JOYCE ROUSSEAU**...they arrived with their current Airstream and left with a brand new Globetrotter.

Thank you to **RUSS & RHONA FULLER** for organizing the mini caravan and arranging the 50+1 Charter Oak CT Anniversary gathering...we all appreciated it! Now the Nor-East Nova Scotia Caravan is on the road until August 17th...what a great adventure to be on.

Please note, we have TWO rallies in September (see flyers); if you can't make both, at least try for one and sign up now...we plan to be there and look forward to seeing you. The summers sure fly by. Guess who got a lot done today. Not me, but congratulations to someone out there who did. Gas prices are so high that I went to the car dealership and test drove 3 cars to run my errands. Stay tuned for more money saving tips. ~



Brand spanking new - very exciting.



FRYEBURG, ME JULY 23RD TO JULY 29TH

2022

65th International Rally





65th International Rally – Fryeburg, ME

Vintage Parade

There was a wonderful vintage Airstream parade and Connecticut members could not wait to cheer for our own vintage gurus Bard and Kathy Fuller. So we lined the parade path and patiently waited for their arrival.



Russ Carries Our Flag



Russ Fuller carries in the Charter Oak Connecticut flag during opening ceremonies. The rally begins.

You can see the excitement and proud anticipation as the Charter Oak community sits along the parade route just waiting, cheering and, I dare say, boasting a bit for their gurus.



Connecticut says Bard and Kathy Fuller are the best you bet!



65th International Rally – Fryeburg, ME

Parade Rest



Suddenly the surprising news reached us and additional signs were crafted. Alas our vintage gurus could not strut their stuff. The picture below tells the story. The time consuming duties of region president and all around important guy must be met. We still cheered them on!

Bard Installed



Here we see a picture full of Fullers! Notice Russ and Nancy at rigid attention and Kathy with a “what me worry” grin as they pay tribute to Bard Fuller our new Region One President. Bard while firmly gripping the region flag happily dreams about his coming reign. Congratulations Bard!

Shopping



Shopping in North Conway was on the menu. Here Kathy Kushman, Gail Downing and Eileen Allers check the leather.



Toni Nolder and Kathy Kushman put their tickets in the tub and brought home the goodies.

Winning





65th International Rally – Fryeburg, ME

Celebrating



Joyce and Gilles Rousseau poured the Champagne to celebrate their brand new 2022 Globetrotter. It is a beautiful Airstream and last we heard, everything works!



Plenty of room for our members to share some time and enjoy the food.



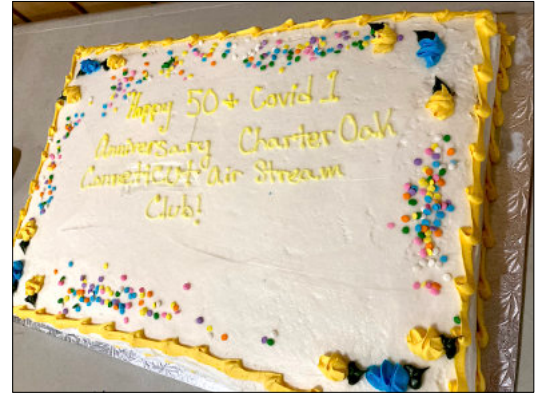
Jeremy Vigneault in the right line.



Some of our members enjoying the birthday bash.
Back: Kris & Bruce Fletcher, Tim Darsney, Dave Jensen
Front: Larry Lamontagne, Sandie St.Laurent

Note: This issue does not contain all the happy hour action photos taken of our members. Please be assured they were all happy and for many hours. ~ed.

50+1 Anniversary Lunch



Charter Oak Connecticut 50+1 Anniversary Cake. The delicious luncheon was hosted by Russ & Rhona Fuller



During the celebratory luncheon Bard presented a copy of the original charter for our unit. John Fuller, Russ & Bard's father was at the first meeting in Bristol. CT.

Birthday



With left over food from the 50+1 luncheon we celebrated Alex Porven's birthday and Sherry brought a cake.



65th International Rally – Fryeburg, ME



*Dame Kathy Fuller
Ready for afternoon tea!*

Maine Derby Day Tea



ACI President Tye Mott knows who to rub elbows with - the ladies of Charter Oak Connecticut. They all look lovely and fantastical.

Derby Day Waiters and one Serveur



*Here are six of the hard working members who satisfied all the ladies at the Derby Day Tea.
Eddie Carl, Don Allers, Billy Steers, Roland St. Laurent, Bruce Fletcher and (serveur) Gilles Rousseau*



Billy Steers - Let's Just Go!

More Winners Photo Snapshot Contest Bards Entry →

- Children First Place - **Susan Stanley**
- Signs Third Place - **Susan Stanley**
- Food Third Place - **Bard Fuller**
- Black & White Second Place - **Bert Contractor**
- Sunrise/Sunset Second Place - **Bert Contractor**





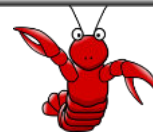
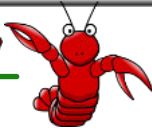
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Lobster Fest Rally



by Candle French 10055

Greetings my new friends, friends I haven't met yet and hopefully one day my "old" friends (NOT "old" as in age!) My husband, Tom, and I attended the Marine/Lobster Rally. Bard, Kathy, Russ and Rhona, the "wonderful Fuller family" hosted this incredible event. This was our very first rally and one that we feared would never happen. A HUGE thank you to Russ Fuller aka "Airstream God"; his help enabled us to make the short drive to attend.

We arrived Friday evening not knowing what to expect or even how to hook up. We were greeted immediately and surrounded by people willing to get us settled. The weekend started with a happy hour that included delicious appetizers while sitting along the Connecticut River. Our first "Glow" was at 8 p.m., enhancing our welcome. Sadly, Jason and Moe Pershinsky had to leave unexpectedly but they didn't leave alone...many thoughts and prayers went with them. I was introduced to my very first "interloper", Rebecca Glick who joined us from New Jersey! Becca immediately fit right in and became fast friends with the Charter Oak group. Perhaps one day we can become an interloper and join one of her rallies!

Beautiful green lights blanketed the trees above our nightly fire pit, courtesy of Gilles and Joyce Rousseau. The next morning began with a potluck breakfast along the beautiful river. Delicious yummys provided by everyone. Don Allers is the "King of Hash-browns" and we all hope it will become a regular breakfast item. (I may even rise early just for them!).

David Jensen rolled in with his 1969 Rolling Renovation. Our Belle is only 9 years younger and it was comforting to share some of the same "labors of love" that come with giving an old girl a new look.

At 12:30 we were off to have lunch prepared and served from a vintage Airstream converted into a hotdog cart! It was just a short walk up the street. NOT! More likely down a street, onto another street and up a steep hill onto yet another street. Sally Kerr became my idol and inspiration. We won't mention ages but I am a good 20 years younger and when Toni Nolder arrived and offered her a ride, Sally politely



Do we really need a caption here?



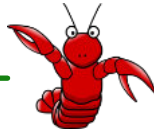
Rhona about to begin.

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Lobster Fest Rally

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declined saying that she needed the walk! Well then, if Sally can do it, I can do it! And the end result were delicious hotdogs from a vintage Airstream. Eileen Allers met up with us at the hotdog cart. Perfect timing for all, especially Don whom received a hotdog and a kiss!

The afternoon was spent along the river relaxing and sharing stories. A lively conversation was had with Wiley (Jim) and Gail (Bug) Downing about nicknames followed by a very informative discussion with Russ Fuller about “poopmache”. We were all enlightened for sure. Matthew and Jennifer Ostrowski brought delightful entertainment; Victor and Hugo, two of the cutest French bulldogs EVER, kept everyone enthralled with their adorable antics.

Finally, time to prepare for the feast! All hands-on deck with Mike and Cynthia Brodeur leading the way. The engine that coordinated the whole unbelievable process was organized efficiently by Bard and Kathy Fuller. Kathy you are my mentor in so many ways. Dinner was expertly timed and deliciously prepared by Russ Fuller. (Is there anything you can't do?). Glen and Christine Lessig joined in completing a perfect event.

I could not end without mentioning two of the sweetest and most humble people I have ever met, Bill and Evie Watts! You both are the salt of the earth and simply seeing you brought us much joy and endless smiles.

I know that I have rambled on...I write as I talk. But in all honesty, when Kathy asked for a first time “newbie” perspective on this amazing group of people/rally I could go on and on.

This weekend was truly a dream come true for me and it never would have been if not for the invaluable help, advice and support we received from the wonderful Fuller family; Bard, my Airstream Wizard, Kathy, my all-around mentor and inspiration, Rhona, your sweet soul has left a forever footprint and Russ, my Airstream God. I cannot thank you enough! Tom and I drove away with full heads, fuller hearts and overwhelming excitement for the next time that we roll again. ~



Joyce Rousseau, Evie Watts and Sally Kerr sitting on the bank of the Connecticut river in front of the rally tent.



Dave Jensen, Gilles & Joyce Rousseau and Eileen Allers sit victoriously on the Connecticut river.



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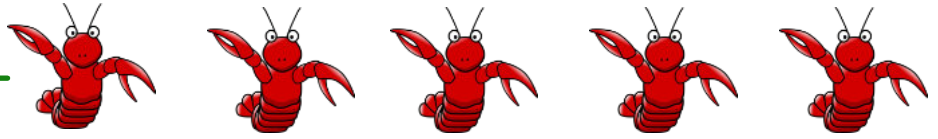
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The famous Airstream hot dog stand - Top Dog.
If I may quote Bard here: "Ta Daaaa".



Eileen Allers struttin' with the lob!



Above: We see Tom French and Candle French
Below: Jennifer Ostrowski and Kathy Fuller
and all with big lobster smiles!



Russ Fuller, Christine Lessig, Tom French and Glen Lessig - come and get those lobster!



Gilles Rousseau, Kathy Fuller, Rebecca Glick with Gail Downing and Don Allers around the chat table.



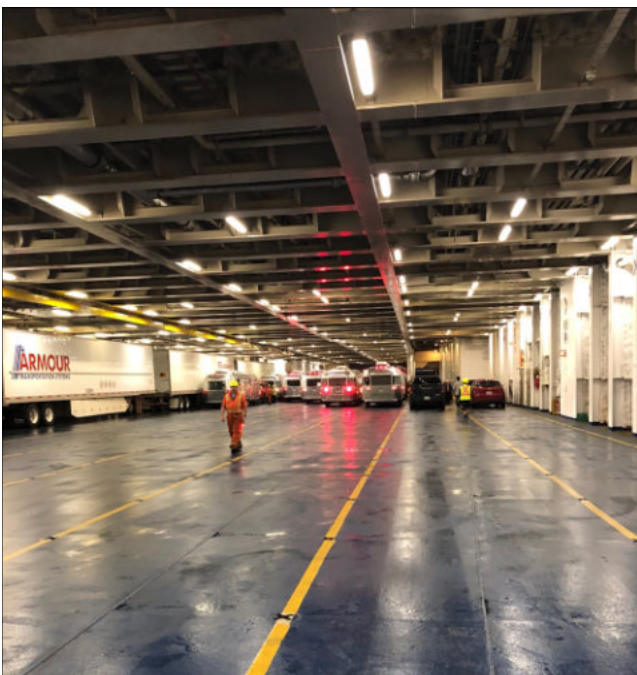
Dick & Kit Wheatley's Newfoundland Adventure

We have finished our first week on the Viking Caravan, after meeting up in North Sidney, Nova Scotia. We are accompanied by three other couples from TR. Newfoundland reminds us of visiting our son and his family in Norway, except we can take the trailer. The weather seems to change on the half hour, but people are extremely friendly and the campgrounds have been good.

There are 30 rigs traveling together, we hear one other couple that was on the waiting list is following at a distance in the event a couple has to drop out for some reason.



Our group beginning to board the ferry on June 24th. The ferry can carry 1,000 persons, 425 cars, 177 drop trailers or 90 tractor trailers.



We were parked on deck 3, then took the elevator up to deck 7, it was similar to first class airline seating. There are 10 decks on the ferry.



Approaching the Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland harbor after almost 10 hours on the ferry, there was a delay upon departure from Nova Scotia due to a life boat malfunction.



Historic National Road Caravan

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Views from a boat ride on the Western Brook Pond Fjord. We are amazed at the large bodies of water they call ponds, this one has almost 27 miles of shoreline.



One of the few places on earth where you can see the Earth's mantle is at the Tablelands in Newfoundland's Gros Morne National Park. This was caused by the collision of ancient continents. This site was used to prove plate tectonic theory.

Help Us Plan

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2022 Holiday Party Date

Help us choose a date when most members are available! Take the online survey.

Saturday - December 3

Saturday - December 17

Saturday - December 28

TAKE ACTION NOW!



Enter your choice.

<https://form.jotform.com/222086939439165>



Waterfalls are numerous, falling from hundreds of feet (kilometers as they say here).



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Helpful LINKS

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

~ William A. Mitchell

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

Upcoming...

Birthdays - Anniversaries

For Sale

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

September	
09/01	Sandie St. Laurent
09/07	Lynn Davis
09/12	R J Dominic
09/15	Cynthia & Michael Brodeur
09/17	Jeanne Blandford
09/20	Mary Rosenbach
09/22	Debbie & Bob Hendrick
09/23	Mark & Marie Lupien
09/23	Pam Forsyth
09/28	Gail Rich
09/28	Michael & Lianne Rutty
09/29	Dick Wheatley
09/30	Per Hamnqvist



TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered North America?

CLASS: Maria.

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

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

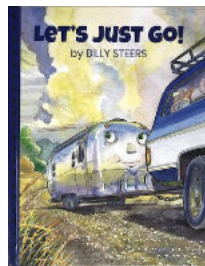
HAROLD: A teacher.

All Chatters are available on the club website.

Visit [Airstream Supply](#)

"Let's Just Go!" is a wonderful children's story-book, written by Billy Steers, that follows Snug the Airstream travel trailer and her adventures.

[Available here.](#)



What did you think?

20 times (8, 18, 28, 38, 48, 58, 68, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 98)

What do you call?

A group of sharks is called a shiver.

Upcoming Events

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 C.G., Townshend, VT	Bill & Evie Watts
October	Oct 14 - 16, 2022	Fall Foliage Rendezvous
	Brook N Wood CG, Elizaville, NY	Russ & Rhona Fuller
December	Help Choose Date	Holiday Party
	TBD	

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



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

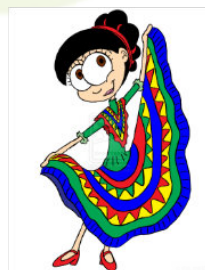


BALD MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND
1760 State Forest Road, Townshend, VT



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

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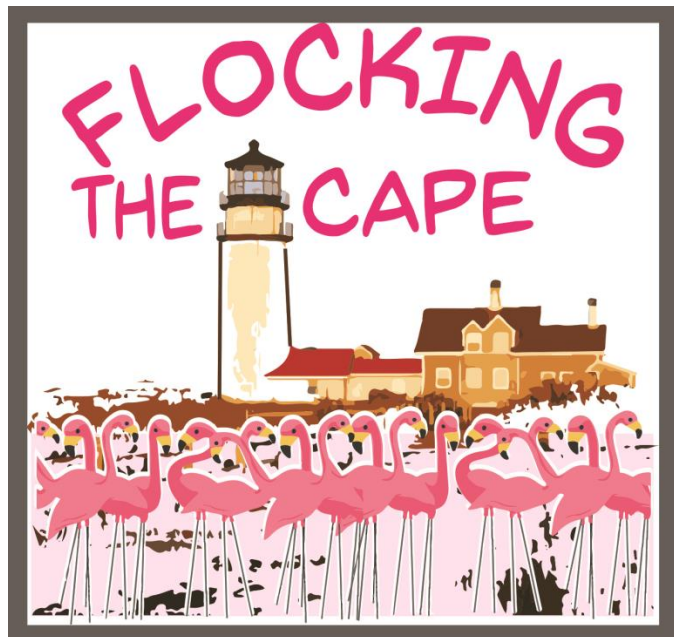
For information: evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net

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2023 Region 1 Rally June 15-18, 2023

sponsored by the **Cape Cod MA Airstream Club** @the Barnstable County Fairground
1220 Nathan Ellis HWY Rte 151 East Falmouth, MA



Activities / Entertainment

20 Amp Service (bring extra cord) & water (bring extra hose and y connection) Dump Station. Pet friendly (on leash)

Arrival June 15th after 12 noon

Depart June 18th by 11am

Thursday June 15th dinner on your own

Friday & Saturday Dinner will be provided

Continental Breakfast on Friday & Saturday morning

Come enjoy all the beautiful places the Cape has to offer

Hyannis, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Provincetown, Plymouth, Woods Hole... Sea to Shining Sea Bike Trail, etc.!

- Canal Sunset Cruises
- Plymouth Harbor and Whale Watches
- Plimoth Pautuxet (formally Plimoth Plantation)
- Day trip to Martha's Vineyard

Rally Contact: Eddie Carll ecarll62@ gmail.com

Names: _____ Unit: _____ **BRN #** _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

Airstream Model: _____ Rig Size: _____ State/Plate _____

#Kids 0-12(Free) _____ #Kids 13-17(\$65) _____ #Guests (\$65) _____ Will you have pet? _____

Any Significant Dietary Concerns? _____ Will you Require Handicap Parking? _____

Is your Airstream Vintage (25 yrs. or older)? _____ Year _____

Please make your Saturday Clambake choice(s): 1 1/4 Lobster, 10 Oz Angus Sirloin Steak or BBQ Bone-in Chicken

Breast



X _____

Or



X _____

Or



X _____

Includes all the classic clambake sides:

New England Clam Chowder & Steamers, Mussels, Linguica & Red Bliss Potatoes, Corn on the cob, homemade coleslaw & Fresh Sliced Watermelon

Please make your check

payable to CCMAC

Mail to: Eddie Carll 12 River Street Plymouth, MA 02360

Save Early Discounted rate US \$ 365.00

(Includes 3 nights camping /2 adults)

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Add \$65 each + _____

*Single in RV Deduct \$65 - _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Cancellation Policy

Before 4/15: full refund

4/15 -6/1 \$180

After 6/1 \$100

Come join the Flock and enjoy Fun, Fellowship

Join us Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Share Your Smile