



Connecticut

Chatter

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Club No: 25

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

November 2022

Presidents Message

by Carol Dubrowski



Carol & Chris Dubrowski enjoying the Canada Caravan.

As your incoming president for the 2022-2023 COCAC year, I am grateful for all that Russ and our fellow members have done to leave our club in great shape. We continue to get new members who are attending our events and are eager to volunteer. This is a busy and friendly group; we enjoy a full schedule of activities. Our calendar for this year is already looking good with a variety of luncheons, parties and rallies. Thank you to those that will be hosting these events. We are certainly open to other activities and rally ideas. Please remember that they can be as simple or complicated as you want. So, if you have something that you are contemplating doing, please feel free to reach out and I will be happy to help make it happen.

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A new take on motorized



Though Airstream had experimented with motorhomes in the past, the launch of the Interstate Touring Coach in 2004 was the beginning of a truly inspired collaboration with Mercedes-Benz®. The Class B RVs were built on Sprinter van chassis with capacity to seat several people, yet still feel like a motorhome with a full kitchen and bath. Those first Interstate coaches were the basis for today's touring coach lineup.



What Do You Think

According to Americans, what's the best part of Thanksgiving?

What do May flowers bring if April showers bring May flowers?

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Link of the Month



Thanksgiving Airstream Style



Presidents Message

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Speaking of volunteers, I was a little apprehensive to take on the position of club president but I have to say that our club is filled with enthusiastic members who are always willing to help. Russ's initial help got me off to a good start and Don Allers, Sandy Sasuta and Rich Kushman continue to offer their expertise. We have a solid board this year that I look forward to working with. Thank you to the members that continue to serve, to our two new directors, Alex Porven and Carl Davis and a special thanks to Julie Steers for taking on the second VP position. We have a few projects this year that already have volunteers signed up and ready to help. We will be reviewing the by-laws and constitution, because there are few things that need to be revised due to some changes at the club's international level. We also have a group that is looking into a potential name change for our Connecticut club, to make our Connecticut connection more visible.

Our season-closing event was a rendezvous hosted by Russ and Rhona at Brook-N-Wood Campground. Take a look at this year's calendar of activities, there is much to look forward to starting with our holiday party at the Allers' house in Wilton on December 17th. Last year's party there was cozy with delicious food and warm companionship.

Please reach out to me anytime with comments, thoughts and creative ideas for our club. I am looking forward to a year of adventure and fun! ~

Event Schedule			
December	Sat, Dec 17, 2022	Holiday Party 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Sign Up On Line
	Wilton, CT	Don & Eileen Allers	
February	Sun, Feb 12, 2023	Souper Bowl Luncheon North	Flyer On Line
	Southbury, CT	Gilles & Joyce Rousseau	
February	Sun, Feb 12, 2023	Souper Bowl Luncheon South	
	Travelers Rest Resort - Dade City, FL	Kathy Kushman & Sandy Sasuta	
March	Sun, Mar 12, 2023	St Patrick's Day Luncheon	
	Southington, CT	Russ & Rhona Fuller	
May	May 19 - 21, 2023	Maintenance Rally and Spring Meeting	
	Riverside Marina, Portland, CT	Russ & Bard Fuller	
June	Jun 2 - 4, 2023	Explore the Monadnock Region	
	Shir-Roy Campground, Richmond, NH	Lessigs & Steers	
June	Jun 15 - 18, 2023	Region 1 Rally Flocking the Cape	
	Barnstable County Fairground, Falmouth, MA	Cape Cod Unit	
June	Jun 23 - 31, 2023	ACI International Rally	
	Rock Springs, WY	ACI	
July	Jul 14 - 16, 2023	Rally, Christmas in July	
	Crown Point, Vermont	Watts/French	
August	Aug 11 - 13, 2023	Rally	
	Grand View Campground, Moodus, CT	Wiley & Gail Downing	
September	Sep 22 - 24, 2023	Rally - Fall Meeting	
	Traveler's Wood, Bernardstown, MA	Sasuta/Dubrowski	



The 2022 Last Rendezvous

A small, but as always, friendly, fun loving group celebrated the fall colors at Brook-N-Wood Campground during the Charter Oak Rendezvous.

Ken & Maria Volpe, Gilles & Joyce Rousseau and Russ & Rhona Fuller

Airstream Gobbler





by Sandy Sasuta

We were so grateful that our winter location at Travelers Rest, Dade City, FL, was spared from the wrath of hurricane Ian. What a storm! Meanwhile, hope everyone up North is enjoying the fall colors.

As we prepare for the 2023 CT Directory, please review your information and let us know of any changes. Also, if we don't have your photo, please email or text one to me sandysas1001@gmail.com OR Rich Kushman rich.kath@icloud.com, so we can complete the directory by matching names with faces.

Thank you to those who have already paid their dues. Don't forget to turn your clocks back for Daylight savings time on Nov. 6th.

With prices of food being so high now, in the old days, if people could obtain pork, they would feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon, to show it off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "Bring home the bacon". They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around talking and "chew the fat"...sort of what we do at rallies.

Upcoming Event: Holiday Party, December 17, 2023, ALLERS home (see flyer).

“Souper” Bowl of the North Gathering

by Joyce Rousseau 8988

Thinking about 2023 was a challenge, but it is just around the corner calendar-wise! Our first COCAC activity for the past few years has been a gathering to share fun and good food with our club friends here in the North, just like our snow birds members have done in Florida. Super Bowl Sunday is renamed to “Souper” Bowl to highlight our culinary talents which abound! The appetizers and soup have been so good and overly plentiful to warm us up on what is usually a chilly winter day. (Check the flyer for more details.) Get your calendars out now and reserve your space for Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023 at the Rousseau's home. Planning ahead seems to make the time go quicker, so please join us for this event to welcome 2023 with your club friends. You won't go home hungry!



Welcome!

Jared & Heather Lawler

4998 Affiliates

Falmouth, ME

Justin Bonar & Stacey Daveluy

7372

Stamford, CT

Michael & Franny Levesque

7203

Windsor, VT





AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL TO HEAD FOR SEDALIA, MISSOURI IN THE FALL OF 2024

by Bard Fuller

Airstream Club International is booking its International Rallies further out than ever before, and just signed a contract with the Missouri State Fair for its 67th Annual International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri. It's the first time an International Rally will be held in the fall.

JACKSON CENTER, Ohio – The Wally Byam Caravan Club dba Airstream Club International is charting new territory with an announcement of its International Rally scheduled for the fall of 2024. Day one of the week-long rally packed with entertainment, seminars and all things suited to the Airstream lifestyle will be Saturday, October 5, 2024. This will be the first time in the club's 66 years of holding International Rallies throughout the United States and Canada that its largest annual gathering be held in the fall. It will be the club's second time for the rally being held in Sedalia, Missouri, at the Missouri State Fairgrounds.



The Art Deco entrance to the Missouri State Fair was constructed in only 30 days.



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The ice cream cone was invented at the Missouri World's Fair in 1904 when an ice cream vendor ran out of cups and asked a waffle vendor to help by rolling up waffles to hold ice cream.

Worrying squirrels is not tolerated in Missouri.

It is unlawful to throw hard objects by hand in Missouri.

Anyone under the age of 21 who takes out household trash containing even a single

empty alcohol beverage container can be charged with illegal possession of alcohol in Missouri.

Daniel Boone lived longer in Missouri than in any other state and regarded Missouri as his home.

Installation of bathtubs with four legs resembling animal paws is prohibited.

Sedalia has been called the cradle of classical ragtime.

The soft drink Dr. Pepper was introduced at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. 7-Up also was invented in St. Louis.

The state animal is the mule.

A milkman may not run while on duty in Missouri.

Frightening a baby is in violation of the law in Missouri.

It's illegal to sit on the curb of any city street and drink beer from a bucket. **Oh No!**



Trick or Treat time with our past President and First Lady (Russ & Rhona) at the Metro NY fall foliage rally at Croton on Hudson, NY. Rally was hosted by COCAC affiliate members Colleen & Jerry Ahlers. Super location and easy drive from Fairfield county.



"I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself than be crowded on a velvet cushion."

~ Henry David Thoreau

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

Pumpkin Pi.



Hear Tell



by Dick & Kit Wheatley

We attended the National Storytelling Festival again in Jonesboro, TN, in early October. In addition to the well know tellers such as Donald Davis and Bill Lepp, there were some new faces that were just as good. One young couple was 20 year old Bridget Reedy (Montana fiddle) and her 16 year old brother Johnny (Guitar), storyteller, songwriter, poet and musicians. This is world class entertainment for three days in a picture perfect small Tennessee town. The organizers asked attendees to get the word out. After being shut down for two years due to Covid, they are working to rebuild attendance. It is easy to attend as part of an Airstream Special Events National Rally with parking at the Appalachian Fairgrounds in Gray, TN, with full hookups. Watch the Blue Beret for details. ~



Macedonia Brook State Park

by Bruce Hawley 26573



Macedonia Book is a rustic campground with no hookups and narrow gravel roads. Most sites are next to the brook. Lots of hilly trails and shade. It's beautiful! We rent at least two contiguous sites for maneuverability and elbow room. ~

Grace Fuller Gets 12th Star

She has so many stars they are calling her B-190 van "The Constellation".





Good, Bad and Bizarre Bard's AIRSTREAMS

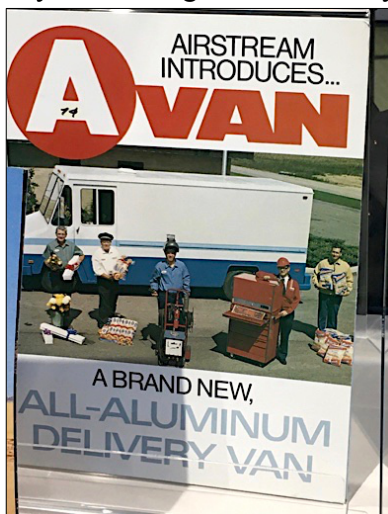
How many at Fryeburg noticed this often-forgotten piece of Airstream history?



Parked next to the Mountain View Pavilion, a bit forlorn looking, with a for sale sign propped up on its dashboard, it lured in those that were curious about this seemingly ordinary step van. Yes, it was an example of the Airstream A-Vans that were built in 1976 and 1977. These were an all-aluminum bodied Airstream delivery truck that became Airstream's short venture into the light weight truck market.

Let me set the stage historically, Beatrice Foods, a large corporate conglomerate, had purchased Airstream six years prior and had brought in a large amount of corporate cash to expand on the Airstream pedigree. Airstream was now producing the Argosy fleet of mid-priced travel trailers and was introducing the first motorhomes under the Argosy name badge. Affluent retirees were purchasing the longer high-end Airstreams in record numbers.

The oil embargo of 1973 Yom Kipper War had brought an awareness to the American public that the heavy steel based structures dominating the construction in the RV & truck industry were undesirable with the higher oil (fuel) cost that OPEC was demanding. Aluminum was proving to be very desirable and when you think of aluminum you think of Airstream. Airstream trailers were light-weight in those days benefiting from the heavy use of aluminum and plastic throughout their interiors.



Needless to say, aluminum was king and Airstream ventured into the lightweight truck industry in 1976. These all aluminum-welded body trucks were fitted with either a Ford or Chevy/GMC chassis. The largest contract was with the United States Postal Service. Unfortunately, the



price point that Airstream needed to sell them for was considerably higher than their heavier steel-based competition. Overall sales were disappointing and, with only about 500 produced, little is remembered about these Airstream A-Vans today.



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Helpful LINKS

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

~ William A. Mitchell

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| 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

November

- 11/01 Sandy Sasuta
- 11/02 Gilles & Joyce Rousseau
- 11/04 Deborah Hawley
- 11/10 Beth Petrie
- 11/27 Ken Hankinson & Pam Forsyth

December

- 12/05 Cynthia Brodeur
- 12/07 Dyann Calder
- 12/12 Charlotte LaRocca
- 12/15 Gale Lake
- 12/16 Blaise & Sally Pascale
- 12/18 Diane Jackson
- 12/19 Alex & Sharon Porven
- 12/20 Christine Lessig
- 12/21 Kris Fletcher
- 12/29 Chris Dubrowski

What did the turkey say to the computer?

Google, google, google!

What is a pumpkin's favorite sport?

Squash.

What was the turkey suspected of?

Fowl play.

If pilgrims traveled on the Mayflower, what do college students travel on?

Scholar ships.

What role do green beans play in Thanksgiving dinner?

The casse-role.

Who scared the cranberry?

The booberry.

My family told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes ... but I told them I couldn't quit "cold turkey."

What kind of key can't open doors?

A tur-key.

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?

Plymouth Rock.

What does Miley Cyrus eat for Thanksgiving?

Twerk-ey!



For many it is time to renew your ACI Membership. How to renew your membership.

[Click Here](#)

Are these your brackets?

Found after the rally at Oak Haven Campground - Wales, MA



Contact Joyce Rousseau joycezr68@gmail.com

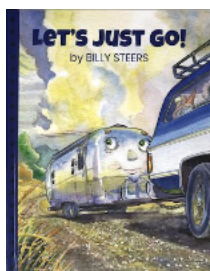


What did you think?

The leftovers.

Pilgrims

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.](#)



"... 'Will feed a family of 4 to 6.' What the heck does that mean?"

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Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Holiday Party



Saturday, December 17

Noon - 3

At the Allers Home in
Wilton, CT

Main dish and beverages provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

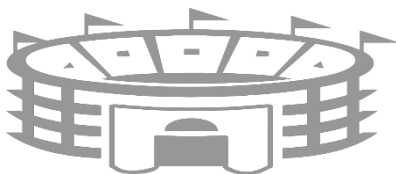
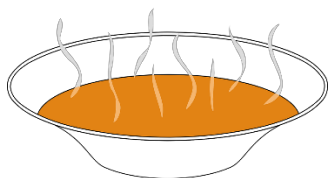
RSVP by December 7 online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/222384879573168>

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

What does this rebus bring to mind?



“Souper” Bowl North Gathering

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Gilles and Joyce Rousseau’s home

What to bring?

An **appetizer** to share.

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

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

Your **favorite beverage** to drink.

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

RSVP to Joyce at 203-217-0503 or joycezr68@gmail.com before February 5, 2023.

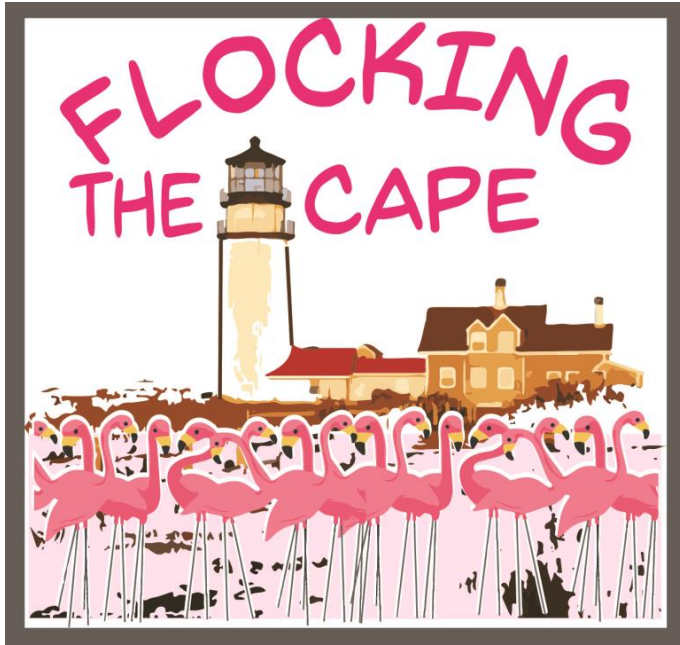
You will be notified by 2/11/23 if cancellation due to weather is necessary.

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2023 Region 1 Rally June 15-18, 2023

sponsored by the Cape Cod MA Airsteam 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 a 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

OLD SCHOOL WAY

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



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(Includes 3 nights camping /2 adults)

*After 4/15/2023 \$385.00

*Guest and children over 12

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

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