



Connecticut

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

Club No: 25

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

February 2023

Presidents Message

by Carol Dubrowski



Carol and maybe a photographer named Chris on AZ trail.

Family. They are often on our minds, for me especially now. We often don't appreciate how important our families are, or how far they extend. We sometimes think of family narrowly, but our family group goes way beyond our relatives. We have work families, sports families, neighborhood families, church families and for us, our Airstream family.

Ever since we attended our first Charter Oak rally in Mystic in 2017, we have been part of a great new family. Our Charter Oak family is a group of interesting and diverse people with a shared love of fellowship and the outdoors (and aluminum). We share regular family events, during the winter like the happy hours at Travelers Rest or our Super Bowl parties, and the summer rallies and

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A half-century of community



In 2005, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International celebrated its 50th anniversary. From the first Central American caravan Wally led to his adventures across Europe with Neil Vanderbilt, from tours of the United States to trips to Africa and China, the WBCCI has spent half a century helping Airstreamers meet each other, form lasting bonds and memories, and travel the world safely and enjoyably.



What Do You Think

Spelled forwards I'm what you do everyday, spelled backwards I'm something you hate. What am I?

Who once owned an Airstream with a Stripper Pole?

Answers Page 8

Link of the Month



What's new for Airstream 2023



Presidents Message

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caravans that our Airstreams give us the ability to enjoy together. We don't always agree, but we love spending time together and helping each other out. My family is like that, and I imagine yours is, too.

Chris and I continue to find ourselves spending most of our time here in Arizona helping my mom settle into her new senior living community and empty out the family home with 60 years of accumulated treasures. We are grateful that we had so many months to spend with my dad and reminisce with him about so many fun family memories. We look forward to getting back to Connecticut to begin the Charter Oak camping season. Luckily for me as President, our members have readily volunteered to organize a full year of great events. This month offers the Souper Bowl North Luncheon at Joyce and Gilles Rousseau's home and the Souper Bowl South Luncheon hosted by the Gail Downing this year. Gail has graciously stepped in to help as the Kushmans and Sasutas are not able to host right now. Nothing beats a warm bowl of soup (and maybe a little football) to be enjoyed with friends. ~

The Allers set a beautiful table for the Connecticut 2022 Holiday Dinner



Christmas greeting at the top of the Allers driveway.



Terrific hosts Don & Eileen Allers.



Connecticut Holiday Dinner 2022



The Welcome chalk board - Glenn Lessig, Michael Sasuta, Christine Lessig, Joyce Rousseau, Billy Steers.



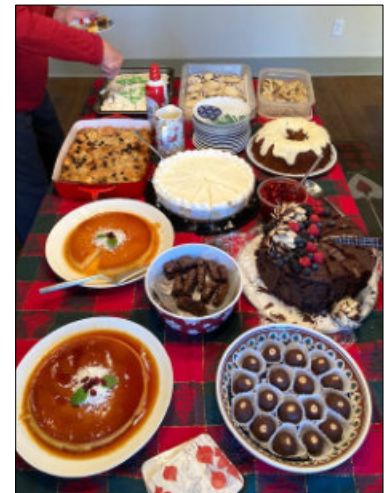
Evelyn Watts, Julie Steers, Eddie Carll and Sally Kerr



Julie Steers, Jason & Moe Pershinsky and Billy Steers



Delicious dinner..



Delicious dessert.



Joyce Rousseau, Michael Sasuta, Gilles Rousseau and Sandy Sasuta



Mike Sasuta and Kathy Fuller



Lessig Northwest Roadtrip - Part 2

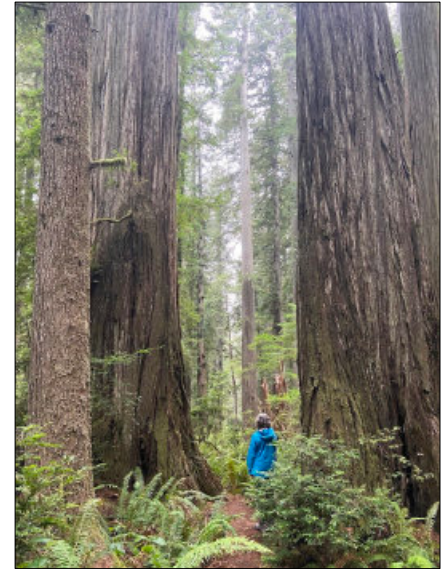
Our Northwest Roadtrip continued along the Pacific coast into Oregon and California. The attached photos illustrate a few of the many beautiful places we visited, experienced and enjoyed. Our National Parks are a treasure and as one of our friends observed, “the best reason to pay taxes”! We loved every minute - the adventure, the beautiful drives, exploring unexpected and planned attractions, and meeting many new friends along the way. Looking forward to our next adventure - Alaska!



Loved the Redwood National and State Parks, what a treasure! Great hikes in the coastal redwoods and the campgrounds were full but very comfortable. While hiking we were primarily alone; incredibly peaceful hiking among the ancient trees.



Mature Coastal Sequoia, awesome..



Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park trails through the old-growth redwoods were spectacular! Many opportunities to hike, bike, and even visit some local breweries.



Red Canyon National Forest, UT boondocked here - great experience. Beautiful scenery and hikes, outstanding rock formations like these incredible hoo-dos.



Crater Lake is unbelievably deep blue, cold, beautiful, and is 1943 feet deep. We enjoyed several cool days exploring the lake and hiked down the very steep Cleetwood trail 1 mile down to the lake, a fun hike.



Lessig Northwest Roadtrip - Part 2



Thank goodness to visionaries like John Muir, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and others to protect our national park treasures.



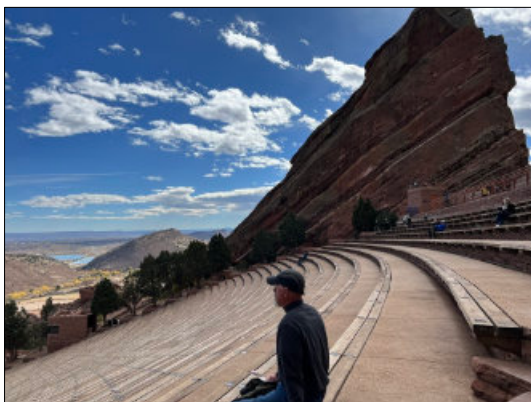
Our daughter Liz and partner Dinesh met us at Wawona Campground in Yosemite. This hike is at the top of Glacier Point Trail, 10 miles 3,200 ft. elevation gain hike. We were all tired but definitely worth the effort, Gorgeous views!



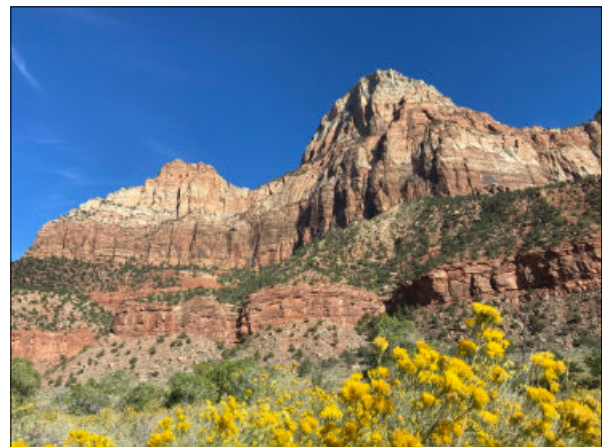
Crescent City CA, beautiful lighthouse that you can stay in for a month at a time in exchange for groundskeeping, what an opportunity!



Zion NP, stunning.



Red Rocks Amphitheater outside of Denver. Developed by the CCC late 1930's, gorgeous venue - sorry I missed the Beatles when they played here.



Zion National Park has incredible views, and good hiking although we were not able to camp in the NP.



Lessig Northwest Roadtrip - Part 2



Visited our friend Dave in Denver, and camped at a very nice Golden City park, very cute town, worth a visit.



Wrapped up our adventure with a hike with Glen's brother Alan in McCormicks Creek and Bloomington, IN.



by Sandy Sasuta

Welcome

Kevin & Valerie Chop	5585	Bethel, CT	<i>Affiliates</i>
Kathryn & Mark Collins	4322	Cheshire, CT	<i>Affiliates</i>
Timothy & Karen Vadney	8892	Merrimack, NH	<i>Affiliates</i>
Stephen Seitz	1437	Chester, CT	
Grace Fuller	318	Southington, CT	<i>Now a regular member.</i>

BIG THANK YOU to the **ALLERS** for hosting the holiday gathering at their home in December...it was a huge success. See photos. While at the gathering, I overheard two members talking about their grandchildren. Mary said each year she sends her grandchildren a card with a generous check inside. She never hears from them...never receives a thank you message. Kathy replied, she also does the same thing but hears from them within a week, in fact each pay her a personal visit. Wow, how come? Very simple solution...she doesn't sign the check.

The 2023 CT Directory is in the mail, or you may have received it already. Thank you to **RICH KUSHMAN** for spending countless hours creating the high quality directory (he is priceless). Also thank you to **BARD & KATHY FULLER** for handling the mailing of the directory. Please note the exciting Event Schedule on Page 3; so let's get back to camping and doing the things we enjoy.



Val Galasyn



Raymond Richard

SAD NEWS: As many already know, **VAL GALASYN** passed away on December 2, 2022 and now another dear member **RAYMOND RICHARD** has passed on January 30, 2023. Raymond served as president for Charter Oak CT in 2009, and also served as Region One President. We send our sincere sympathy to **AILI GALASYN** and **CYNTHIA RICHARD**. Also we send our sincere condolences to **CAROL & CHRIS DUBROWSKI** on the passing of her father Al Peters on January 16, 2023, at the age of 93, in Scottsdale, AZ. Our thoughts are with all of you.

Wishing you all health & happiness in 2023.



Region One News

Bard Fuller
Region One President

Region 1 has two significant rallies this spring that should be of interest outside of your individual local club activities.

The **Pets and Paws Rally, April 7-9**, held in Provincetown Mass, is a longstanding favorite rally with our pet owners. It will be our region wide first rally of the year. Always exciting with a twist of quirkiness. This year's theme is "What a Drag." A feature on Friday night will be a heavy happy hour when all are encouraged to dress for the occasion, feathers and all, for a flamin' good time. Saturday will be the Pet Parade in downtown P-town.

This will be a time to dress your four-legged friend in a costume and be a part of the parade festivities that only P-town can inspire. Don't forget the Easter egg coloring contest at the rally site. So much fun to start off the rally season! Sign-ups are currently taking place at website.



2023 Pets & Paws Rally

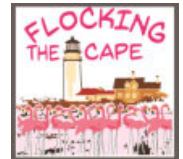
WHAT A DRAG
Wear your Best Flamingo Outfit
Feathers & All. And Let The Fun Begin!

<https://airstreamclub.org/2023-pets-paws-rally>

This year the Cape Cod Mass Airstream Club will host the **Region One Rally**, the largest Airstream gathering of 2023 in the New England states on one of the most iconic picturesque locations in New England, that being Cape Cod. This 4-day event will kick off Thursday, **June 15th** and will feature all the great activities, entertainment and food that has become expected at these regional rallies. Located on the Barnstable Fairgrounds in East Falmouth, MA this is a great central location to take in all the sites of the Cape and Islands. Eddie Carl will be your rally coordinator and is planning on 2 dinner meals and 2 continental breakfasts. The featured Saturday feast has a choice of Lobster, Steak or Chicken with all of the great sides of a clambake. New England clam chowder, steamers, mussels, red bliss potatoes, corn on the cob, homemade coleslaw and fresh sliced watermelon. This is a must for all Region One club members! Registration Flyer can be found at website. Take advantage of a \$20.00 savings by placing your reservations early!

2023 Region 1 Rally

June 15-18, 2023



<https://airstreamclub.org/region-1-rally-2023>

Editorial

by Kathy Fuller

There has been talk for a while now about changing the name of our local club. Perhaps now is the time to bring this conversation out from behind the campfire.

What is a "Charter Oak"? Most people, especially those outside of Connecticut, don't know and therefore scroll past it on the ACI website when trying to select a local club. Do YOU know what the charter oak is?

One suggestion for a name change is "Connecticut and Beyond". It provides a focus word for members searching for a home/affiliate club yet is welcoming to those who live outside of CT. It also hints at our travels outside of the state. Let's face it, our CT club ventures all over New England, New York state and even into Canada, so why not embrace our adventures and welcome others to join us?

Give the name change "**CONNECTICUT AND BEYOND AIRSTREAM CLUB**" some thought.

The Fuller Brother and Sister Gingerbread Dynasty



From Central Connecticut
Bard Fuller
winner of the Berlin, CT,
Library Gingerbread
Contest.



From Central Florida
Nancy Fuller Clemmons
winner of the Dade City
Gingerbread World
Contest.



Helpful LINKS

- [Airstream Club International](#)
- [Connecticut Airstream Club](#)
- [Russ's Spring Checklist](#)
- [Airstream Supply](#)
- [ACI Resource Center](#)
- [Blue Beret Magazine](#)
- [Charter Oak on Facebook](#)
- [Courtesy Parking](#)
- [Airstream USA](#)
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- ["Let's Just Go"](#)

Upcoming

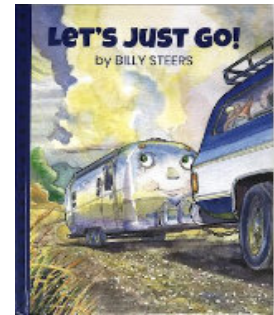
Birthdays - Anniversaries

February

02/04	John J. Bachar
02/13	Gene Hickey
02/16	Leila Clark
02/20	Dick & Kit Wheatley
02/21	Michael Sasuta
02/27	Sandi Gould

March

03/01	Douglas Hart
03/04	Dave Morrison
03/06	Joseph Rigoglioso
03/07	Larry Lamontagne
03/09	Lilli Hamnqvist
03/13	Pat Flanagan
03/15	Bob Beaumont
03/17	Rhona Fuller
03/23	Bob Curran
03/23	Carl Amick
03/26	Laura Weik
03/31	Christoph Gerger



Great Gift

"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.](#)

All Chatters are available on the club website.

"You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred."
- Woody Allen

"A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure."
- Unknown

What did you think?

Pamela Anderson once owned an Airstream equipped with a stripper pole. Dubbed the "Lovestream," this all-white Airstream was a gift from Hugh Hefner in 2001. The trailer contains Playboy logos on the couch, mirrored ceilings, white shag carpeting, and a circular vibrating bed.



Want to see it? Click Here

You are the word "Live".

Event Schedule			
February	Sun, Feb 12, 2023	Souper Bowl Luncheon North	Sign Up On Line
		Southbury, CT	Gilles & Joyce Rousseau
February	Sun, Feb 12, 2023	Souper Bowl Luncheon South	
		Travelers Rest Resort - Dade City, FL	Gail Downing
March	Sun, Mar 12, 2023	St Patrick's Day Luncheon	Sign Up On Line
		Southington, CT	Russ & Rhona Fuller
May	May 19 - 21, 2023	Maintenance Rally and Spring Meeting	Sign Up On Line
		Riverside Marina, Portland, CT	Russ & Bard Fuller
June	Jun 2 - 4, 2023	Streamin on the Rox	Sign Up On Line
		Roxbury, CT, at Village Green Boondocking	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 21 - 23, 2023	Rally, Christmas in July	
		Crown Point, Vermont	Watts/French
August	Aug 11 - 13, 2023	Grandview by the Lake	
		Grand View Campground, Moodus, CT	Downings, Porvens and Fletchers
September	Sep 22 - 24, 2023	Rally - Fall Meeting	
		Traveler's Woods, Bernardston, MA	Sasuta/Dubrowski

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It's nevertooearly to plan getting together. Mark your calendars now for this February event.

Charter Oak activities of 2023 start off with the

“Sou per” Bowl North Gathering*
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Gilles and JoyceRousseau'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 before February 5, 2023 at

<https://form.jotform.com/223644610520143>

Sign up
online

You will be notified by 2/1/23 if cancellation due to weather is necessary.

Last Chance

***and of the South at TR!**

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WBCCI COCAC St. Patrick's Brunch

Sunday March 12, 2023
11:30 – 2:30pm

R & R Fuller Home
Southington, CT 06489

New Menu:

Homemade Corned Beef Hash

Scrambled Eggs

Cheesy Home Fries

Bacon & Sausage

Irish (French) Toast Casserole

Fruit Salad

Irish Soda Bread, Muffins & Bagels

Traditional & not so traditional Desert Selection

Various Beverages including Irish Coffee

Cost \$15/person when you arrive

RSVP to <https://form.jotform.com/230024687556156>

prior to March 5th

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Almost Sold Out



SPRING MAINTENANCE

RALLY

May 19-21, 2023

Riverside Marina

Portland, CT

Hosts: Russ & Rhona Fuller / Bard & Kathy Fuller

rfuller1745@att.net

bardfuller@hotmail.com

"Widgets - Gidgets and Gadgets"

We all wanted the finest RV on the road, the Airstream, now we need to nourish it for it to live up to its potential. Learn how to do your own maintenance with our multi-station checkup system, with instructions, to perform your own routine maintenance. Come prepared to have active discussions about hitches, riveting, waste systems and AC performance.

Friday arrive any time after Noon.

- 5pm Light Snacky Hour
- 6pm Baked Potato Dinner Bar with all the fixings' provided by the hosts. Possible Maintenance Discussion as time and weather permits

Saturday

- 8am Potluck Breakfast with Coffee available earlier
- 9am Spring Business Meeting
- 10ish Maintenance discussions and our self-help maintenance bucket system will allow us all to share general maintenance equipment, supplies and experiences.
- Noon-ish Customary walk to the "Top Dog" Airstream food trailer for lunch.
- Afternoon Continue your maintenance project using one of the project buckets. Enjoy the water views or even get your kayak into the river.
- 5pm Light Snacky Hour bring a light appetizer
- 6pm 1/2 Chicken Dinner, Potatoes, Gravy and Salad provided by the hosts. Stick around for another maintenance discussion
- Dark Campfire weather permitting.

"Tanks & Valves - A Straight Flush is better than a Full House"

"The Trailer to Tow Vehicle Love Connection or Not"

"Bucked, Popped or Olympic a Riveting Experience"

Sunday morning Coffee and donuts breakfast, at 8am, provided by your hosts

- 9am Maintenance discussion
- We will conclude with a time set aside for all to show and tell of some of your favorite gadgets or experiences that have helped you enjoy your Airstream that might benefit others.

*****Must depart by Noon or pay fee for extra time*****

Portland Riverside Marina Campground is limited to the first 14 registrations. Everyone will get 20-amp service and water. There is no dump station on-site. The grounds are pet friendly with dogs on leashes and away from food areas. The club's tent will be set up on the waterfront for all to gather and enjoy the Connecticut River.

"Don't Get Heated by Your AC"

Fee is \$90.00 for 2 nights camping and a kitty fee of \$17.50/person (children 12 and under are free).

Register Today @ <https://form.jotform.com/230023319006137>

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Streamin' on the Rox



Travel Trailers, Tractors, & Trails June 2-4, 2023 COCAC Rally in Roxbury, Connecticut Hosts : Christine & Glen Lessig, Julie & Billy Steers

Location: Roxbury Village in the town field next to Roxbury Market.

Boondocking Rally - Please arrive with full batteries and freshwater tanks. No hookups, and please no generators - respect for neighbors.

No cost for camping. Please support local Roxbury businesses.

Kitty Fee - Will be collected at the rally for catered meals, and supplies. Exact costs will be provide at a later date.

Rally Schedule:

Friday:

- Arrive anytime after 1 pm
- 5-6 pm Welcome ~ Heavy Happy Hour
- 6-8 pm OPEN HOUSE Community visit our Airstreams (optional)
- 6-9 pm POP-UP-PUB Hodge Memorial Library
- 8 pm Camp Fire at the pit

Saturday

- 8 am Continental breakfast will be served (bring your own set ups) catered by Roxbury Market
- 10 am Mine-Hill Hike-National Historic Landmark <https://www.roxburylandtrust.org/preserves/>
- Mine Hill Distillery Optional visit
- Lunch on own - Roxbury Market has a wonderful Deli - Help Support Local businesses.
- 2 pm Double D Living History Farm Tour (toplandsfarm.com) Restored antique tractors and farm equipment
- 5 pm Catered Dinner
- Ice Cream Social (Local Ferris Acres Ice cream)
- 8 pm Camp Fire at the pit

Sunday

- 8 am Full hot breakfast provided by the hosts.
- 11 am - Guided bike ride and/or walk in the community.
- Enjoy your day by exploring this wonderful area (see the welcome packet).
- 5 pm - Please all trailers off the grounds.

Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash, although there is a dog park close by.

A welcome packet will be sent out to registered campers that will include area activities, walking, biking, and hiking routes, restaurants, flea markets, art, farm stands, breweries, distilleries, and historic sites.

For more information: Contact juliesteers@gmail.com or cjohnstonlessig@gmail.com

Rally Registration:

JotForm Link: <https://form.jotform.com/230164482691154>

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GRANDVIEW BY THE LAKE AUG 11- AUG 13, 2023

Hosts: Downings, Porvens and Fletchers
GRANDVIEW CAMPGROUND. MOODUS CT

Arrive 1:00 - 2:00 Friday August 11, 2023

Friday: Happy Hour 5:00 - Campfire weather permitting.

Saturday: Pot Luck Breakfast 8:30 AM. Coffee, tea and juice supplied by hosts.

Afternoon 11:00 -4:00 pm Fletchers Lake House at Bashan Lake, (appx just 3 miles from campground). Bruce and Kris Fletcher have been kind and generous to host an afternoon at their house on the lake. There will be Pontoon Boat rides around the lake, tubing, waterskiing, fishing, stand up paddle boarding, canoeing, sailing, and swimming are all options, burgers and hot dogs with a side and chips will be served from 12:00 - 1:30 pm.

Dinner will be at 6:00 at campground. Pulled pork, pulled chicken, potato and macaroni salad, green salad, dinner rolls. Campfire after dinner weather permitting

Sunday: Continental breakfast Coffee, tea and juice will be supplied by hosts

Register and place deposit with Grandview Campground. Camping will be water and electric \$55 per night. So weekend will be \$110.

DEPOSIT OF \$60 MUST BE MADE BY JANUARY 30, 2023!!!! I realize this is a bit different but it seems to be getting more common. If we don't have at least 10 trailers booked by that time we will lose our discount as well as our sites. Balance of the cost will be charged to your card on July 11, 2023.

Kitty Fee \$10 per person. Will collect at Rally.

CONTACT TO RESERVE ASAP
Grandview Campground 89 North Moodus Road
860-873-3332

Reserve your Campsite
then sign up online.

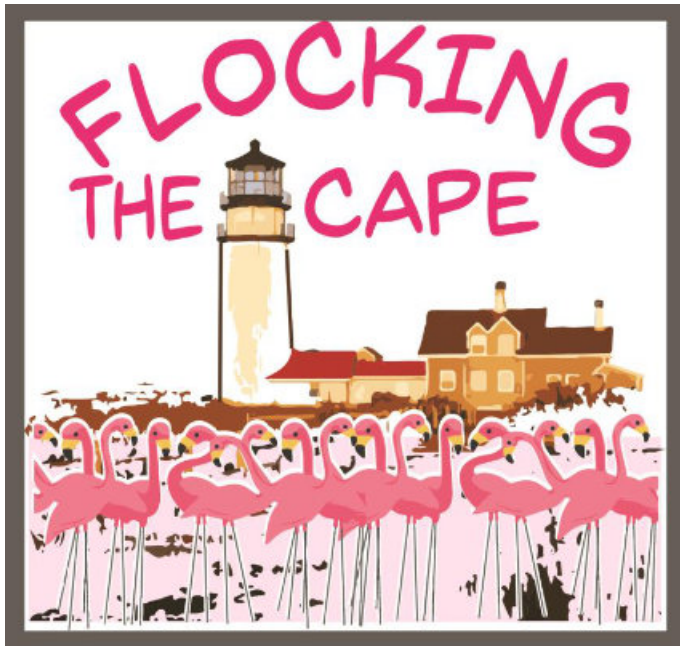
Questions please feel free to contact <https://form.jotform.com/223624711988161>
Gail Downing 203-241-2537

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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 12:00pm

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)

Rally Contact: Eddie Carl ecarl62@gmail.com

- Day trip to Martha's Vineyard

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
Please make your check payable to CCMAC
Mail to: Eddie Carl 12 River Street Plymouth, MA 02360

Save Early Discounted rate US \$ 365.00

(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

New School Online Registration

<https://form.jotform.com/221935991401154>

Technical Issues with Jotform

Please contact Don Allers

don.allers@mac.com

Come join the Flock and enjoy Fun, Fellowship

Join us Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Share Your Smile