

Connecticut Airstream Club

Club No: 25

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

March 2023

Presidents Message

by Carol Dubrowski



Enjoying conversation with Toni Nolder while overlooking the Fortress of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Here we are in March already, and I can feel the camping season approaching. Here in Arizona, Chris and I have been reflecting on last summer's Airstream club activities. Parking together as a club at the International Rally in Maine gave us a great chance to socialize and get to know some of our club members better. Many of us then went on to the wonderful Canada caravan and had several more weeks together. We spent time exploring new places in Canada, and made new friends from different Airstream clubs that joined us on this adventure. Side trips with fellow campers allowed for extended conversations and opportunities to learn more about each other. It is always interesting for me to see what people's different life experiences have been. Of course, we heard a lot about places they had travelled in their campers, but we also discovered many things about them that were interesting, funny, and sometimes even sad. All these experiences contribute to who they are today. As I told my children as they were growing up, life is an accumulation of experiences; take advantage of as

Seventy-five years on the road



In the year 2006 Airstream itself had its 75th birthday. The silver bullet design has stood the test of time, and so has the riveted-aluminum construction. company's longevity is reflected in the products we build - in 2006, 65% of the Airstreams that had been built since Wally Byam's first trailer were still on the road. In fact, some of those aged warriors included some of the ones built from the five-dollar plans Wally sold before the first factory was even open.



What Do You Think

It's impossible to hum while holding your nose.

What are the next three letters in this combination? OTTFFSS

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many as you can and you will learn a lot about the world and the diversity of people in it.

We had an opportunity to Facetime in on the "Souper Bowl" party at Joyce and Gilles Rousseau's home. It was exciting to see some of our new Airstream family members there, including some kids! Just a couple more months and we will be back at the campgrounds together. In the meantime, we have another opportunity to get together at Rhona and Russ Fuller's home for the St. Patrick's Day party. Thank you to Russ and Rhona as well as Joyce and Gilles, Eileen and Don Allers and Gail and Wiley Downing (in Traveler's Rest) for hosting our club's winter parties. It was wonderful to see so many of our friends attending these events.



Jovce Russeau and Carol share a silly moment on the dock in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada.

These last few months of our off season will see us putting together two committees; one to address the changes to our club constitution that are required by International as a result of procedural changes at their level, the other to discuss a potential name change to our Connecticut club. Members will have a chance to vote on any of these changes. ~



Souper Bowl Sunday South

The Charter Oak South gang gathered together at Travelers Rest Resort in Dade City, FL, on Sunday, February 12. It was the annual pre-Super Bowl Sunday gathering of members and guests to sample amazing homemade bowls of deliciousness. Gail and Wiley Downing were the hosts of this social and culinary event. The invocation was given by Richard Kushman and allowed all attendees to pause, reflect and give gratitude for all we have been given including the



Soup was super!

friendships we have made as well as the beautiful meal we were about to partake. What occurred next was a consistent back and forth to the buffet table to sample all the homemade soups made by the attendees.

Good turnout at Travelers Rest Resort.

Some of these soups included Chicken Corn Chowder, Carrot Ginger soup and Peanut soup. Additionally, diners enjoyed Mushroom soup, Mulligatawny soup and Moong Bean soup. There were many other soups enjoyed at this fun event. Bread and dessert were provided by our hosts. Surely, some individuals went home to take a well deserved nap, on a full belly, to get ready to watch the Super Bowl broadcast that same evening!! Photos by Bert Contractor



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Souper Bowl was a Success

by Joyce Rousseau-8988

It might have been the middle of February, but the weather dawned warm and bright for the 22 members of Charter Oak who attended the Souper Bowl of the North gathering. Those in attendance were: new or almost new members: the Goodwin family- Jason, Sherry, Austin, Riley and Hazel, newly transplanted from Texas, Hally Schoen and Steve Seitz, Kathryn and Mark Collins, along with "old" members, Evie and Bill Watts, Dave Jensen, Russ and Rhona Fuller, Billy and Julie Steers, Sally Kerr, Moe and Jason Pershinsky, Don Allers and hosts, Joyce and Gilles Rousseau.



Gathered around the appetizer table, from left to right: Jason Goodwin, Evie Watts, Don Allers, Jason and Moe Pershinsky, Bill Watts hidden behind Rhona Fuller, and Kathryn and Mark Collins surrounding Russ Fuller.

Everyone arrived in a timely fashion, took a look at our new barn, and then put their soups on the counter or stove to warm. They wandered around greeting each other and eating appetizers. The rooms were filled with happy noise as we caught up with old and new friends' activities and travels. It was fun having the three Goodwin children ducking between the adults and making themselves at home.



Photos by Gilles Rousseau From left: Steve Seitz, Hally Schoen, Sally Kerr and Julie Steers enjoying appetizers and getting to know

new friends.

After reacquainting with each other I announced that the soups were ready and assured everyone that we really did have 22 chairs around our two large tables. We all fit with no problem and claimed one small bowl after another of the delicious soups. As usual, there was more than enough to feed twice the crowd, but Don's homemade bread and honey butter might have won the prize had there been a contest. Thanks to all for making very unique and tasty recipes for our annual event.

Before deserts were served, I asked for rally chairs to give a short talk on our coming season. Russ and Rhona (whose beloved Axe had recently passed to doggie heaven) spoke about the St. Patrick's Day Brunch next month and the Maintenance Rally and Spring Meeting in May. Julie and Billy Steers talked about the Streamin' on the Rox Rally, a boondocking opportunity in June. I also mentioned the Region 1 Rally in Barnstable, Ma. We were pleasantly interrupted by a call from President Carol Dubrowski who checked in with us from Arizona. It was nice speaking with and waving to her via

Facetime. Russ added some information about business items at the spring meeting including a possible name change (I explained to the new members the simple "Why" for this item, i.e. to find our club more easily in the directory.) and announced that he is involved with running a caravan touring the state of New York in 2024. Then we cleared the tables and shared in desserts and coffee.

I can happily say that all in attendance had a great time and found new friends. By the time you read this, hopefully someone will claim the nice black Columbia vest that remained after all left.



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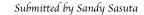
Welcome

Melanie Ho and Darren Smith 27299 East Hartford, CT David Ruggles 1741 East Hampton, CT

The Souper Bowl Luncheons in the North & South were well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the hosts. Glad to hear that RUSS & RHONA FULLER visited at Travelers Rest here in Florida. We always enjoy seeing members from up North to share our little slice of paradise.

BARD & KATHY FULLER hosted a COCAC gathering at there home (pictures below) and also hosted the annual New England Day luncheon on Sunday, February 26th and it was a hit...lots of good food and a "Guess what's in the bag" game. Even though all from New England were invited, most in attendance were from CT.

Many are looking forward to spring; we're okay here, as it already feels like summer. The next event is the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon with the Fullers, always a good time. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. \sim



DUST IF YOU MUST

by Rose Milligan

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better to paint a picture, or write a letter, bake a cake, or plant a seed; Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time, with rivers to swim, and mountains to climb; music to hear, and books to read; friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there with the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair; a flutter of snow, a shower of rain, this day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind, old age will come and it's not kind. And when you go (and go you must) You, yourself, will make more dust.



Ohoh, Ted and Mark are planning something...

Photos by Bard Fuller Silly captions by Rich Kushman



Pam, don't move, Glenn is watching very



Just where else would Russ be...

Our hearts are broken...our beautiful Axe crossed the bridge on 2-8-23 at home, in his bed. He chose the time and the place, he did it his way. Axe was a rescue from Atlanta Ga., thru Chesapeake Adopt a Spot, he was 6 years old when we got him, and lived to a ripe old age of 13^{1/2} years.

He loved to travel in our Airstream and made the Nova Scotia caravan with us last year and many many rallies in the past. He loved everyone he met and everyone loved him. He is missed by his brother Snoopy, who is constantly looking for him.

RIP our sweet boy. * ~ Russ and Rhona Fuller



Axe



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Editorial: Support a Name Change

by Bard Fuller

One of the topics of conversation among Charter Oakians in Travelers Rest has been a name change for our club. There is a strong preference for "Connecticut" to be the first word in the club's name so that new Airstreamers can more easily identify a local club that is based in CT.

It is thought that since our club's constitution will need to be changed this year, to agree with international club changes, that this would be a good time to make a name change. It would also be timely since in the spring our Recording Secretary needs to register our club with the State.

I would support an effort for a name change to be established at the Spring Business Meeting in May. ~

Food for thought and beyond

by Richard Kushman

Renaming our club by dropping *Charter Oak* and adding *and Beyond* to *Connecticut* has gained some favor. When traveling and meeting fellow Airstreamers who ask Kathleen and I, "are you in the club and which unit?", we generally answer the *Connecticut Unit*. We do not, at first, use the words *Charter Oak*. Fair to say we would answer the same and not include *and Beyond* at first, although it may lead to an interesting conversation about where we actually came from. Our club is the Connecticut Airstream Club so putting the name Connecticut first does in fact feel right.

What if our members do decide to include the phrase and Beyond? Couldn't it be used as a slogan or motto which could appear in our logo, online, in the newsletter anywhere the club is represented but the legal name of the club simply be Connecticut Airstream Club? Would presenting ourselves using this motto convey our true reach and welcome new members from outside Connecticut? That's all food for thought certainly so let's go beyond for a moment.

Club members, some day beyond in the future, may decide they want to eliminate or modify the club motto. They could easily do so without having to change the legal name of the club. Perhaps a few board members might sympathize with that thought.

Below is a first draft of a possible logo should the membership decide to change the name of our club. Clearly, you can see, it conveys the same message for either of the two choices discussed here *and beyond*. ~

Side Note:

Hi Lori.

Do you have opinion or educated guess or perhaps first hand knowledge of just how or why people pick their first home club?

Hi Richard

Yes, geographical is typically the first choice. Members seem to choose a club closest to their home.

Have a great day!

Lori Plummer Corporate Manager Airstream Club International 803 E. Pike Street Jackson Center, OH 45334

Note: The location pin indicating the New England Club on the ACI Website is only a little over 20 miles from the Connecticut boarder.





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by Bard Fuller

I wanted to draw your attention to the newest ACI video that will be used as a future recruiting tool.

Welcome to Airstream Club International We Rally Together!

"When you meet up any place, you just have a really good time, it's like a big family... "You always have people to go camping with. It's opened so many adventures...this great community that goes across the country. "The friends you meet - the experiences you have - there's nothing like it." Wally Byam's dream belongs to all of you.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXQ1UVsNiSg



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.

Connecticut Chatter

Editor: Richard Kushman Info & Pictures: Sandy Sasuta Printing: Joyce Rousseau Proof Reader: Kathleen Kushman

All Chatters are available on the club website.

Amy: Can we get a kitten? Dad: I'm allergic. We can't be in the same house.

Amy: You could sleep outside

Amy: Why do bad guys always try to take over?
Dad: They want to be in charge and make all the rules.
Amy: Why don't they be-

Dad: "come on, you guys are LATE!!!!"

come moms?

Amy: "you should have started YELLING at us earlier!"



Connecticut members at Porch Time in Florida

Back: Christine Lessig, Bard Fuller, Glenn Lessig, Kathy Fuller, Kathy Kushman Middle: Mike & Sandy Sasuta, Marie Lupien, Ted & Lois Price Front: Rich Kushman. Mark Lupien



Birthdays - Anniversaries

March		April	
03/01	Douglas Hart	04/02	Ken Hankinson
03/04	Dave Morrison	04/03	Cynthia Richard
03/06	Joseph Rigoglioso	04/04	Barbara Bondar
03/07	Larry Lamontagne	04/05	Jack Blandford
03/09	Lilli Hamnqvist	04/10	Karen Olah
03/13	Pat Flanagan	04/13	Dan Olah
03/15	Bob Beaumont	04/19	Charlie Wilson
03/17	Rhona Fuller	04/20	Andrea Curran
03/23	Bob Curran	04/21	Roland St. Laurent
03/23	Carl Amick	04/22	Catherine Racz
03/26	Laura Weik	04/24	Bert Contractor
03/31	Christoph Gerger	04/25	Carl & Evelyn Amick
		04/28	Sherry Porven
		04/29	Charles "Rick" Petrie

What did you think?

E N T (Each letter represents the first letter in the written numbers: One, Two, Three, Four, Five, etc.).

You just tried it, didn't you? Normally, when you hum, the air is able to escape through your nose to create the sound, and of course, it can't do that when you're holding it shut.



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 SodaBread, Muffins & Bagels

Traditional & not so traditional Desert Selection Various Beverages including Irish Coffee

Cost \$15/person when you arrive

RSVPto https://form.jotform.com/230024687556156

prior to March 5th

Important:

Waiting List - Attempting more campsites

You are welcome to attend the meeting Saturday 9 a.m. - no visitor fee.



SPRING MAINTENANCE

"Tanks & Valves - A Straight Flush is better

than a Full House"

"The Trailer to Tow Vehicle

Bucked, Popped or Olympic a

Love Connection or Not"

Riveting Experience"

RALLY

May 19-21, 2023 **Riverside Marina**

Versiae...

Portland, CT

And Gets Fidgets

Fadgets Fidgets

Hosts: Russ& Rhona Fuller / Bard & Kathy Fuller

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bardfuller@hotmail.com

We all wanted the finest RV on the road, the Airstream, now we need to nourishit for it to live up to its potenZal. Learn how to do your own maintenance with our mulZ-staZon checkupsystem, with instrucZons, to perform your own rouZne maintenance. Come prepared to have acZve discussions about hitches, riveZng, waste systems and AC performance.

Fridayarrive any Zme aler Noon. 5pm Light Snacky Hour

6pm Baked Potato Dinner Bar with all the fixings' provided by the hosts.

PossibleMaintenance DiscussionasZme and weather permits

Saturday

Potluck Breakfast with Coffeeavailable earlier 8am

9am Spring BusinessMeeZng

10ish Maintenance discussionsandour self-help maintenance bucket systemwill allow us all to share

general maintenance equipment, supplies and experiences.

Noon-ish Customarywalk to the "TopDog" Airstream food trailer for lunch. ConZnue your maintenance project using one of the project buckets. A]ernoon

Enjoythe water views or even get your kayak into the river.

5pm Light SnackyHour bring a light appeZzer

1/2 ChickenDinner, Potatoes, Gravy and Salad provided by the hosts. 6pm

SZckaround for another maintenance discussion

Dark Campfire weather permii ng.

Join us

Sundaymorning Coffeeand donuts breakfast, at 8am, provided by your hosts

Maintenance discussion 9am

We will conclude with a Zme 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.

"Don't Get Heated by your AC" **********Must departbyNoonorpayfeeforextraZme**********

Portland Riverside Marina Campgroundis limited to the first 14 registraZons. Everyonewill get 20-amp service and water. There is no dump staZon on-site The grounds are pet friendly with dogs on leashes and away from food areas.

The club'stent will be set up on the waterfront for all to gather and enjoy the ConnecZcutRiver.

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

https://form.jotform.com/230023319006137 Register Today:

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Share Your Smile



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)
- 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 <u>juliesteers@gmail.com</u> or cjohnstonlessig@gmail.com

Rally Registration:

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

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

JULY 21 - 23- 2023

CROWN POINT CAMPING AREA

131 Bishop Camp Road, Perkinsville, VT 05151

Hosts -- Evie and Bill Watts, Candle and Tom French

So it's warm. Go Swimming



FRIDAY: Check in - 12 noon

Chips and Dip Happy Hour, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY: 8:15 a.m. - Continental breakfast furnished by hosts

4:30 p.m. - Light Happy Hour

6:00 p.m. - Holiday Dinner, Main course furnished by hosts

Desert, Christmas cookies

7:30 p.m. - White Elephant Gift Swap. Bring a nicely wrapped gift.

It can be new, used, funny, awful. Use your imagination.

9:00 p.m. - Traditional campground bonfire

SUNDAY: 8:15 a.m.- Potluck breakfast. Hosts provide beverages

12 noon - checkout



AREA ATTRACTIONS:

Hike Mt. Ascutney, American Precision Museum, Calvin Coolldge Homestead, Vermont Country Store, King Arthur Flour, Harpoon Brewery, Simon Pearce Glassblowers, Montshire Museum of Science, Sugarbush Farm, Woodstock, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park

Camping fee and reservations: \$46.00/night. Reserve directly with the campground 802-263-5555. One night deposit required with reservation. Deposit is fully refundable up to seven days prior the rally. Kitty fee payable at rally \$15 per person. Pay at the rally.



Reserve Jot Form

https://form.jotform.com/230438091938158

Questions: Evie 203-426-5532 evelynwatts@sbcglobal.net



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 AS ASAP - FEW SITES LEFT

I realize this is a bit different but it seems to be getting more common. This is a small campground with limited 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

Questions please feel free to contact Gail Downing 203-241-2537

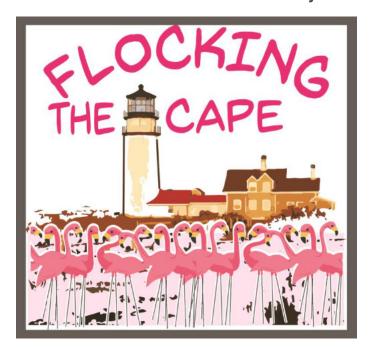
Reserve your Campsite then sign up online.

https://form.jotform.com/223624711988161 ctnanabug@comcast.net



2023 Region 1 Rally June 15-18,2023

sponsored by the Cape CodMA Airsteam Club @the Barnstable County Fairground 1220 Nathan Ellis Hyw Rte 151 East Falmouth, MA



Rally Contact: Eddie Carll ecarll62@ gmail.com

Activities/ Entertainment

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

Arrival June15th after 12 noon Depart June18th by 11am

Thursday June15th dinner on your own Friday & Saturday Dinner will be provided Continental Breakfast on Friday & Saturday morning

Comeenjoy 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

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Airstream Model:	RigSize:_	State/Pla	te	
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Any Significant Dietary Concerns?	W	Will you Require Handicap Parking?		
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Please make your Saturday C Breast X Or New England Clam Chowder & Steamers SlicedWatermelon	xor	X Include	des all the classicclambake sides:	
Old School Way Please make your check payable to CCMAC Mail to: Eddie Carll 12 River Street Plymouth, MA 02360 New School Online Registration https://form.jotform.com/	*After 4/15/2023 *Guest and children ov Add \$65 each *Single in RV Deduct \$	\$385.00 rer 12 +	Cancellation Policy Before 4/15: full refund 4/15 - 6/1 \$180 After 6/1 \$100 Technical Issues with J Please contact Don All don.allers@mac.com	