



Connecticut

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

Club No: 25

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

June 2023

Presidents Message

by Carol Dubrowski



Happy to be camping with our Airstream friends again.

We had a wonderful kick off to our rally season with the Maintenance Rally run by both Fuller families. A little rain did not keep us from enjoying good food and listening to informative and interactive seminars. The maintenance activity buckets kept the campers busy working on their rigs. Bard also had an information session on the candidates for the new international executive council.

You can find information about the candidates on the ACI website and the May Blue Beret. Please look for the email from ACI with a link to vote from June 1-14th. We welcomed several new members at the rally: David Ruggles, Hally Schoen and Steve Seitz, and we even had representation from Region 2 with Saskia Schmidt and Brian Stein. It was especially nice to have Dave Jensen able to join us. It is great to be camping again with our Airstream family!

Our Spring meeting went well. The constitution and bylaws were voted in and the club name change survey results were discussed. It was decided that we will have a vote on the top two names before August so the results will be ready for the fall annual meeting. We are looking forward to our upcoming "Streamin' on the Rox" boon docking rally and the Region 1 Rally which both take place in June. There are many fun activities planned for both of these rallies. Eddie is still looking for volunteers to help with the Region 1 event and has room for more seminars so please let him know if you can help. He is also collecting items for the raffle. Betsy and Pat Flanagan will be representing our club at the International Rally in Rock Springs, WY and will be carrying our flag in the ceremonies there. Be sure to check the fliers for other upcoming rallies. There is much more camping fun to be had! ~

A new headquarters



In 2018, we broke ground on our first new plant in more than 50 years. Our new 750,000-square-foot headquarters will stay right here in Jackson Center, Ohio. The new facilities will give us more space, more tools, and more storage, prioritizing the quality and craftsmanship we're known for. Plus, it'll create jobs and boost the economy in a community we know and love. Read more about the new headquarters - [click here](#).



What Do You Think?

What two words, added together, contain the most letters?

What five letter word stays the same when you take away the first, third, and last letter?

[Answers Page 7](#)

Link of the Month



[Silver Song ...](#)



Don't Rain on our Parade!

by **Betsy Flanagan**

This rally almost didn't happen except for the quick thinking and regrouping of the Fullers! The campground we were scheduled to go to decided, without much notice, to close. Russ, Bard, Kathy and Rhona scrambled to find a replacement. They were successful! Even those on the waiting list were able to come to the Moose Meadow Campground in Willington, CT, on May 17th to 20th. It was a beautiful campground, and the owners went overboard to accommodate us. We asked about a bonfire—they bought a ring, assembled it, and invited us to use it! When the power went haywire on Saturday night, the owners were out in the dark and rain to fix it. All in all, this might surely be a come-back place for rallies.

Friday afternoon was so exciting to see the silver caravan entering the areas! It had been a long time seeing each other, so there were lots of hugs for old friends and lots of handshakes for new friends. It was beautiful to see so many new people!

We got together in the pavilion for a great happy hour and dinner. The hosts supplied us with huge baked potatoes and all the conceivable fixin's as well as a delicious green salad.

Bard introduced us to the "buckets" for information and tools to learn how to maintain our rigs. Some people took advantage of the time to use them; others chose to hunker down in their campers as it got much colder and windier; still others enjoyed the huge, warm bonfire.

Then the heavens opened up! The rain came down in buckets—not Bard's buckets, thankfully. During the night, some people lost power. Yikes! The owners were right on target to come out and take care of the problem. Power was restored, and everyone was relieved and happy. The rain was a pitter-patter for some and they slept well. For me, it sounded like the hose sprung out of the fitting and was pummeling the roof! It wasn't calming—it only urged me to use the bathroom very often! The power of suggestion!

Saturday morning we woke up to sunshine. We were welcomed to the aroma of coffee and a potluck breakfast. So many amazing foods! Filling and delicious! The business meeting was brought to order. Quite a few

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Silver at Moose Meadow Campground.



Glen Lessig, Carol & Chris Dubrowski, Joyce Rousseau, Bob Hendrick, Gail Downing and Dave Jensen.



Lynn Davis, Toni Nolder, Maria & Kenneth Volpe, Carol Dubrowski & Sandy Sasuta



Pat & Betsy Flanagan, Christoph Gerger & Joseph Rigoglioso



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changes in the bylaws. We'll have to read over them to make sure we're all on the same page. It was exciting for all to see Dave Jensen arrive! He got lots of hugs and smiles! Buckets for maintenance were made available. Grateful to our hosts for making these up to help us keep our campers in tip-top shape.

Some people went to check out the local area. We were well out in the boondocks, but everybody was just enjoying being camping again no matter what they chose to do.

Before we knew it, it was dinnertime! Our hosts gave us a feast of a half chicken each, mashed potatoes, gravy, and salad! Wow! Then they offered us cupcakes! Wow again! After dinner, the campground needed the pavilion for Bingo. Many of our Airstreamers joined the fun. I didn't hear of any of our people getting rich, but I'm sure everybody enjoyed it.

The bonfire was lit again. So nice and warm. Personally, I went out and played whiffle ball with Charlie and Maverick as they'd been cooped up while it rained or while we ate. They turned into muddy little messes, but they were happy. They truly love camping with the Airstream!

Coming to our last day, we enjoyed donuts and coffee from the hosts. Yum. Even though we didn't have to depart until 3:00, some people came from New Jersey and New York and had long trips to get home. Unlike when we all arrived and gave hugs and handshakes, there were hugs all around! The leftovers were brought out and we all enjoyed lunch at the picnic tables in the sun. [Continued page 4](#)



Lynn & Carl Davis, Hally Schoen & Steve Seitz



Chicken Dinner prep, Rhona & Russ Fuller, Gail Downing.



Candle French, Rhona Fuller & Christine Lessig



Photos by Sandy Sasuta



Another fine meal for Bill & Evie Watts, Michael Sasuta.



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A multitude of thanks go out to Kathy, Russ, Rhona, and Bard (yes I know I mixed them up a bit for fun) for the extraordinary weekend of camaraderie, learning, fun and love. They went through hell trying to put this weekend together, but despite the weather and the glitches, they pulled off an amazing weekend for the enjoyment of all of us! As for the weather, this club of Airstreamers doesn't let the rain dampen our spirits! ~



Tom & Candle French, Rhona Fuller, Michael Sasuta, Kathy Fuller, Gail Downing & Julie Steers.



Show'N Tell - Russ & Rhona display a gizmo put together to fill all their tire pressures to the same level at the same time.



Obviously taking a break, Gilles Rousseau, Russ Fuller, Michael Sasuta & Wiley Downing.



Apparently Bard Fuller, Michael Sasuta & Eddie Carl are getting to work with their maintenance buckets, or posing.



Russ Fuller, using dry dog food, demonstrates what happens in a black holding tank after using different chemicals. It seems like the brand "Unique" was the best to dissolve matter.

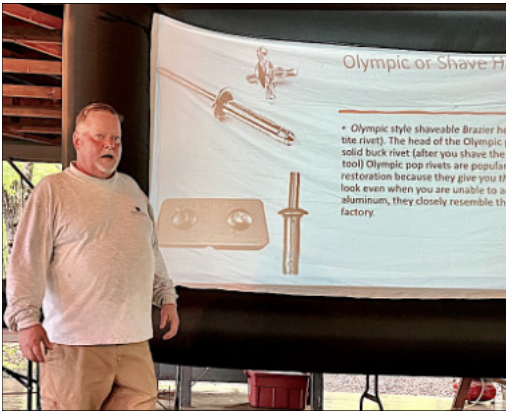


Men, always drawn to an open hood, observing Russ Fuller working on Billy Steer's truck.



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Professor Fuller is clearly fully engaged in an absolutely riveting Power Point presentation.



Professor Fuller has Jason & Moe mesmerized by all the different types of rivets.



Wait, is Eddie Carll complaining that the maintenance bucket system requires you to do all the work?



by Sandy Sasuta

Returning to CT, we stopped at the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio, to have various trailer repairs...we now have a reinforced front end which had a separation issue. We had a monetary separation issue also \$\$\$.

The May Maintenance Rally & Spring Meeting was a success even with the rain on Saturday. It was well attended with approximately 24 Airstreams; thank you to the FULLERS, Russ & Rhona and Bard & Kathy. It was so good to see everyone again, especially DAVE JENSEN, who is recovering from surgery.

Please keep in mind DICK BARTRAM who is having health issues. Calls/cards would be appreciated.

Hope to see many of you at the Region One Rally June 15th. If not then, be sure to make your plans now to attend another rally this season, as the time flies by too fast. Enjoy the summer!

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Welcome

- Gino & Janet Orfiteili 2867 Plainville, CT
- Georgette Muller & John Weissleder 11063 Mahopac, NY Affiliates
- Larry & Lorraine Powers 2990 Wethersfield, CT Affiliates



This is a 1935 Airstream 14' Torpedo trailer. Wally Byam sold these plans by advertising in the back of Popular Mechanics Magazine. Apparently Wally knew how to attract attention.



MAYBE THERE IS SUCH A THING
AS HAVING TOO MANY AWNINGS.



Whenever available be sure to attend Billy's seminar on creating a travel journal - also visit Billy's website and make sure you add a copy of *Let's Just Go*, the adventures an Airstream travel trailer **Snug** to your library or gift list. ~Ed



FOR SALE

Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

2007 30 ft. Airstream Classic, Limited travel trailer,

Queen bed, one owner, meticulously maintained, excellent condition. Always garaged when not in use.

All services performed only at the Airstream factory. Asking \$50,000

Elaine and Earl Duesel, Past President NEAU 6404 contact: erduesel@gmail.com

June

- 06/02 J. Rick Cipot & Sandi Gould
- 06/04 Dyann & Robert Calder
- 06/07 Per & Lilli Hamnqvist
- 06/08 Russ & Rhona Fuller
- 06/09 Kenneth Volpe
- 06/12 Jack & Jeanne Blandford
- 06/16 Kathryn & Mark Collins
- 06/18 Evelyn Amick
- 06/18 Chris & Carol Dubrowski
- 06/20 Russ Fuller
- 06/24 Betsy Flanagan
- 06/25 Bob & Jean Landry
- 06/25 Trevor & Gale Lake
- 06/25 Guy & Laura Weik
- 06/27 Evelyn Watts
- 06/27 Kenneth & Maria Volpe
- 06/27 Toni Nolder
- 06/28 Roland & Sandie St. Laurent

July

- 07/02 Sally Kerr
- 07/03 Bruce Fletcher
- 07/03 Ted Price
- 07/05 Kathleen Kushman
- 07/09 Julie Steers
- 07/25 Alexander Porven
- 07/26 Lois Price
- 07/29 Kathy Fuller

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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- [Campsite Photos](#)
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- [RV Park Reviews](#)
- [State Park Guide](#)
- [Tin Can Tourists](#)
- ["Let's Just Go"](#)

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar "Get out of here!" shouts the bartender. "We don't serve your type."

Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

A woman in labour suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!" "Don't worry," said the doctor. "Those are just contractions."

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards? He was just going through a stage.

Why don't scientists trust atoms? Because they make up everything.

Where are average things manufactured? The satis factory.

Why are pirates called pirates? Because they arrgh!

A man tells his doctor, "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!" The doctor replies, "Sorry, I don't follow you..."

Why should the number 288 never be mentioned? It's two gross.

What did the bald man exclaim when he received a comb for a present? Thanks— I'll never part with it!



Check this out ... Click

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.](#)

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What did you think?

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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)
- 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>

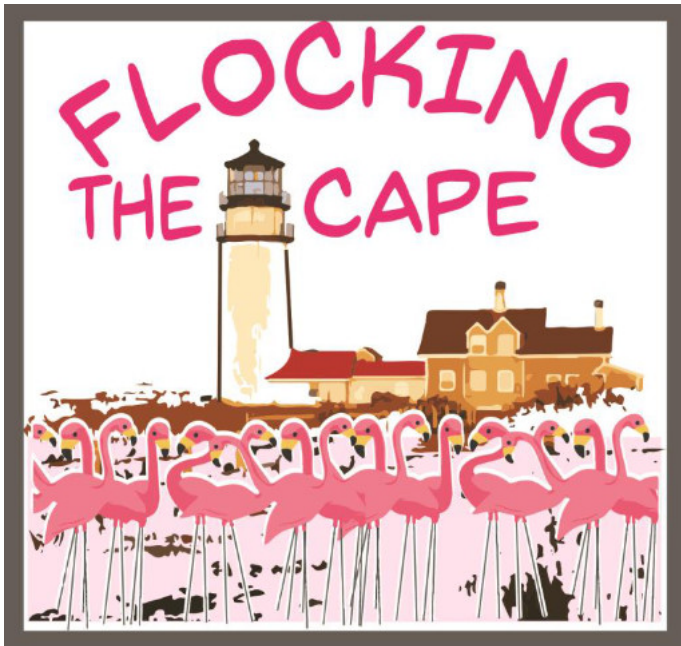


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2023 Region 1 Rally June 15-18, 2023

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 Carl 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): 1/4 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

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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 Coolidge 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

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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 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/223624711988161ctnanabug@comcast.net>

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TALL TALES RALLY and FALL MEETING

September 22-24, 2023 Travelers Woods of New England
152 River Street, Bernardston, MA 01337

Please Join US!

Michael & Sandy Sasuta and Chris & Carol Dubrowski
hosting a fun weekend and planning a real "Happy" Hour.
Come prepared to share an Airstream tale, a few jokes
and your laugh and smile.



The campground is pet friendly with dogs on a leash but away from food areas.

HEY...Did you hear about the big super sale - all new Airstreams are HALF PRICE! HA HA HA

- FRIDAY** 5 p.m. Happy Hour
6 p.m. Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings' provided by the hosts.
- SATURDAY** 8 a.m. Pancake & sausage breakfast with coffee/tea/juice.
9 a.m. Meeting & installation of officers.
Afternoon free to tour the area.
5 p.m. Light Happy Hour
6 p.m. Pot Luck Soup...please bring a pot of your favorite soup to share. The hosts will provide bread, green salad, and dessert.
- SUNDAY** 8 a.m. Ham and egg breakfast sandwich with coffee/tea/juice.

All units must stop at office to sign in, receive vehicle pass and campground rules.

CHECK IN TIME AFTER 2 p.m. - CHECK OUT TIME BY 1 p.m.

Early arrivals/late departures to be coordinated directly with Travelers Woods. 413-648-9105

FEE: \$60.00 for 2 nights camping (water & electric) plus a kitty fee of \$20.00 per person.
Children 12 and under are free. Make check payable to Sandy Sasuta, and mail on or before September 1, 2023, to 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460 OR Venmo @sandra-sasuta; use Tall Tales Rally in memo area.

Contact: Sandy Sasuta 203-494-7467 sandysas1001@gmail.com

Cancellation policy: No refunds can be provided after Sept. 7th.

Sign up online: <https://form.jotform.com/231198035577159>



NAME _____ BIG RED NUMBERS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____