

Connecticut chatter **Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club** 



Club No: 25

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

Presidents Message

### by Carol Dubrowski



Looking forward to getting back in the van for summer camping and rallies.

<sup>•</sup> amping season is finally here! We have dewinterized our Interstate, endured the Mercedes Sprinter service call and are ready to see all our Airstream Club friends in person again.

The venue for our first rally of the season has changed. Thank you to Russ for scrambling and finding a new campground with the short notice that the Riverside campground was closing before the season opened. The Maintenance Rally and spring meeting will now be held at Moose Meadow Camping Resort in Willington, CT. Experts Russ and Bard have a full schedule of maintenance activities for us to learn about and perform on our campers. We will have also our annual club spring business meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. If you aren't able to camp with us, you are welcome to attend the meeting only and the club will cover the visitor fee for you. We will be voting on our club's revised constitution and bylaws.

The Executive Committee met on April 30th and approved some constitution/bylaws revisions. A big

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### رکھر What Do You Think?

In two years, Tom will be twice as old as he was five years ago. How old is Tom?

Forward I am heavy backward I am not.

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thank you is in order for those that helped on the Constitution/Bylaw review committee. The brilliance of Don Allers with Google Docs and the dedication of committee members Christine Lessig, Bard Fuller, Joyce Rousseau and Julie Steers made the whole process run efficiently. Our club membership will vote on the changes at the spring business meeting. Absentee voting will be offered via email. Additionally, our club's name change survey results were presented to the Executive Committee. Look for results in this newsletter. It looks like the majority would like a name change and two names were strongly preferred: Connecticut Charter Oak Airstream Club and Connecticut Airstream Club. The results will also be sent out in an email from the club. A formal vote will take place in the future.

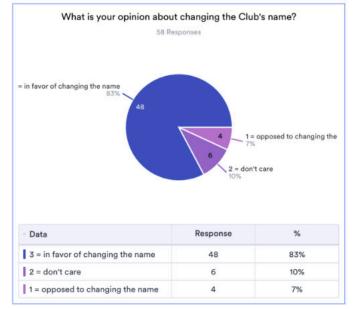
Region President Bard presided over his first Region 1 Zoom meeting where representatives from each region club discussed a variety of issues. You should be watching for a couple of emails, one from our friend Eddie Carll, who is looking for volunteers to host a seminar at the Region 1 rally on Cape Cod in June. A seminar can be anything from sharing a craft, hosting a discussion group, or running an educational/informational session. You don't have to be an expert to host. These seminars are meant to bring together Airstream people with common interests. You will also soon be receiving emails from our parent club, ACI regarding the upcoming elections of the officers for the new International Executive Council. There are 30 candidates applying for nine positions. You can read about these candidates on the ACI website. Additionally, a You Tube video is also being produced where each candidate will have a few minutes to introduce themselves. The vote will take place electronically from June 1- June 14.

Our friend, Dave Jensen is still in the hospital after a car accident. I have talked to him a few times. He is recovering from surgery and is anxious to get better in time for the camping season.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at the rallies this summer. We have missed you!

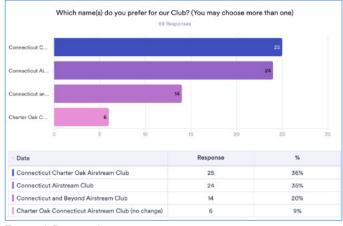


#### Club Name Change Survey Results - Question 1 Regular Member Responses Only





#### Club Name Change Survey Results - Question 2 Regular Member Responses Only



From 58 Respondents

Names were ordered randomly on survey for each respondent





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to our other homes. Safe travels to everyone. Now we invite you all to

Welcome Tino & Kristyn Candullo 8987

join us for a great camping season. Look over the schedule and be sure to sign up.

Reminder: Memorial Service for VAL GALASYN on May 28,

by Sandy Sasuta 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Finnish American Society Hall, 76 N Canterbury Road (Rte 169), Canterbury, CT. Everyone is warmly welcome and a meal will follow the service.

As many of you know, **DAVE JENSEN** had a horrific car accident with multiple injuries. Then on April 11, 2023 his dear wife, Paulette, passed away after a lengthy illness. We send our sincere sympathy and wishes for a smooth healing.

Also sending our condolences to LYDIA ROSENBECK on the passing of her husband **NIELS** on April 13, 2023. They had been long time members since 1978, almost from when the club started in 1971, with Niels being President in 1985. In the past they were very active, doing rallies and even printing and mailing the club's newsletter. Niels was an excellent wood carver and taught many over the years. He is really going to be missed.



Niels

The KUSHMAN'S had a great Charter Oak CT "Going to Alaska" party for BARD



Mike Sasuta, Bert Contractor, Ken Hankinson, Pam Forsyth, Kathy Fuller, Gail & Wiley Downing, Susan Stahley, Bard Fuller

& KATHY FULLER. It was a fun time eating and mingling (see photos). Surprisingly, JULIE STEERS met our neighbor, Kay Blunda, who turns out to have gone to high school with Julie's mother and uncle. We all saw the photos in Kay's year book; what a small world!

Before heading home, some of us went to a local Mexican restaurant, while the KUSHMAN'S met up with the STEER'S at Disney's Fort Wilderness.

Next event: See you at the May 19th Maintenance Rally & Spring Meeting!



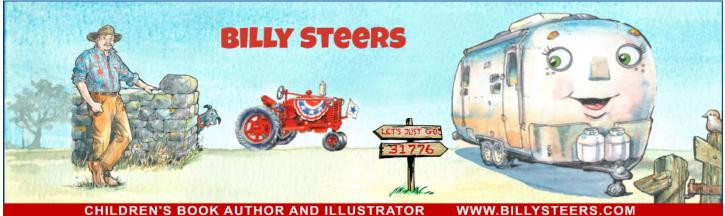
Guy & Laura Weik with Julie Steers

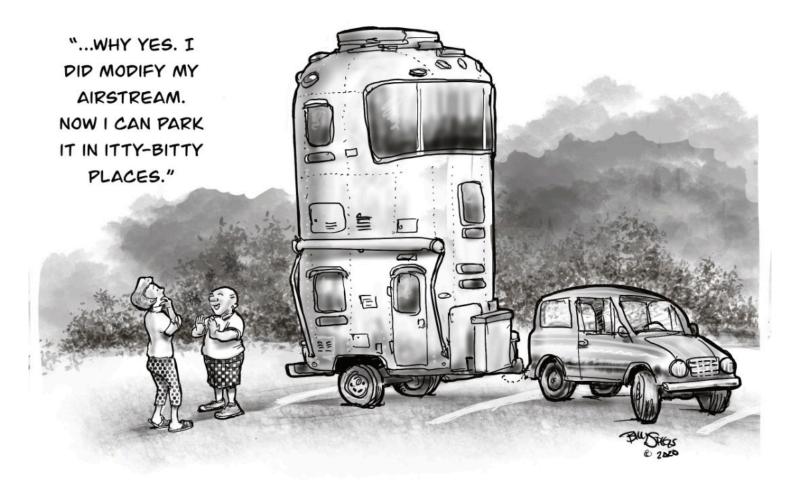


Marie & Mark Lupien, Sandy & Michael Sasuta, Lois & Ted Price, Wiley & Gail Downing, Beth & Rick Petrie enjoying Mexican.



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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



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Loooking to borrow a gas sniffer for the Maintenance Rally. Contact Bard.

Bard and Kathy Fuller recently pulled into a PA rest stop next to a semi monocoque built vehicle and it was not an Airstream.



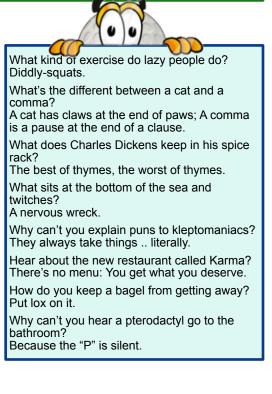
### Airstream Club Int. Leadership Elections

June 1-14

- You will receive an e-ballot from HQ
- 30 Candidates, you will be picking 9
- May issue of BB will have resumes. Become familiar!

Connecticut still has the Top Dog!

Upcoming Events				
May	May 19 - 21, 2023 M	aintenance	e Rally and Spring Meeting	
Moose Mea	dow Camping Resort, Wil	lington, CT	Russ & Bard Fuller	
June	Jun 2 - 4, 2023	Streamin' on the Rox		
Roxbury,	CT, at Village Green - Boo	ndocking	Lessigs & Steers	
June	Jun 15 - 18, 2023	Region 1	Rally Flocking the Cape	
Barnstable	e County Fairground, Falm	nouth, 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	Gran	ndview by the Lake	
Grand	View Campground, Moodu	us, CT	Downings, Porvens and Fletch-	
September	Sep 22 - 24, 2023	Tall Tal	es Rally - Fall Meeting	
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#### 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.





**Birthdays - Anniversaries** 

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# IMPORTANT CHANGE OF LOCATION!!!! **RIVERSIDE CAMPGROUND CLOSED!!!!**



Hosts: Russ & Rhona Fuller / Bard & Kathy Fuller rfuller1745@att.net bardfuller@hotmail.com

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 straight Flush is better routine maintenance. Come prepared to have active discussions about hitches, riveting, waste systems and AC - A "Tanks & Valvi performance.

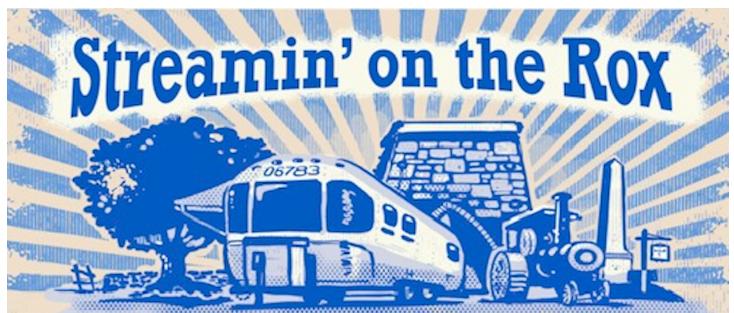
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5pm	Light Snacky Hour	than
6pm	Baked Potato Dinner Bar with all the fixings' provided by the hosts.	
	Possible Maintenance Discussion as time and weather permits	"The Trailer to Tow Vehicle Love connection or Not"
Saturday		ove Color to Ta
8am	Potluck Breakfast with Coffee available earlier	mection Vehicle
9am	Spring Business Meeting	Not"
10ish	Maintenance discussions and our self-help maintenance bucket system v	will allow us all to share
	general maintenance equipment, supplies and experiences.	"Burn
Afternoon	Continue your maintenance project using one of the project buckets.	"Bucked, Popped or Olympic A Riveting Experience"
5pm	Light Snacky Hour bring a light appetizer.	veting Experience Olympic
6pm	1/2 Chicken Dinner, Potatoes, Gravy and Salad provided by the hosts.	perience"
	Stick around for another maintenance discussion.	~ AC"
Dark	Campfire weather permitting.	"Don't Get Heated by your AC"
Sunday n	norning Coffee and donuts breakfast, at 8am, provided by your hosts	+ Get Hearen
9am	Maintenance discussion	"Dow o
We will con	clude with a time set aside for all to show and tell of some of your favorite go	
have helped	l you enjoy your Airstream that might benefit others.	
	****************Must depart by 3PM **********	****
New ca	mping fee is \$132.00 (\$61/night plus tax) for 2	nights camping

and a kitty fee of \$19.00/person (children 12 and under are free).

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

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### 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 <u>https://www.roxburylandtrust.org/preserves/</u>
- 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

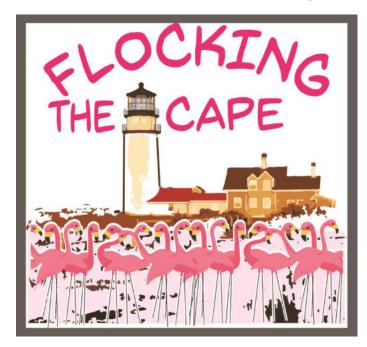
### Rally Registration:

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

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2023 Region1 Rally June 15-18, 2023

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



Plan

Activities/ Entertainment

20 Amp Service (bring extra cord) & water (bring extra hose and y connection) Dump Station. Petfriendly (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

Rally Contact: Eddie Carll ecarll62@ gmail.com 

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Old School Way Please make your check payable to CCMAC Mail to: Eddie Carll 12 River Street Plymouth, MA 02360	Save Early Discounted rate (Includes 3 nights camping/2 a *After 4/15/2023 \$385.00 *Guest and children over 12 Add \$65 each +	dults) Before 4/15: 1 refund 4/15 -6/1 \$13 After 6/1 \$10	full 80
New School Online Registration https://form.jotform.com/ 221935991401154	*Single in RV Deduct \$65 Total Amount \$	Technical Issues	Don All ers

### Comejoin the Flock and enjoy Fun, Fellowship

Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club Share Your Smile Join US

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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



Reserve your Campsite then sign up online.

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

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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



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