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Charter Oak Connecticut Airstream Club

Chatter

Club No: 25

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December 2023

Presidents Message

by Don Allers

Although our club is about Airstream enthusiasm on the surface, our off-season events prove it is really about camaraderie. Last weekend's festive 2023 COCAC Holiday Party drove that point home. The only Airstreams in sight were ornaments on the tree and prints on Rhona and Russ Fullers' matching Christmas sweaters, but spirits were soaring and the conversation was boisterous! Our newcomers that joined us, Brian and Maureen Hunter, might think they accidentally joined a Holiday Party Club.



Don and Frida at her Nutcracker performance.

Rain was a recurring theme for our club events in 2023, but we were blessed with clear skies and dry pavement on the day of our party. Good thing too since we had guests traveling from every corner of Connecticut and beyond. Lynn and Carl Davis get the prize for farthest traveled coming from Putnam, but honorable mention goes to Sally Kerr for crossing state lines to join us from Poughkeepsie. Our guests drove some 1,500 combined miles to join us for lunch and return home!

It was heartwarming to see our guests coming down the walk at noon with big smiles, hearty greetings and arms full of contributions to our feast. Christine and Glen Lessig and Julie and Billy Steers had converged on Joyce and Gilles Rousseaus' home to carpool down to Wilton. Our club gingerbread artist Bard and Kathy Fuller arrived with trays of perfectly decorated Airstream cookies complete with double-axled M&M wheels. And we were thrilled to welcome and spend the afternoon with dear

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What happens every time a bell rings in the film "It's a Wonderful Life"?

1. What did Adam say the day before Christmas?
2. If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?
3. What is a snowman's favorite breakfast?
4. What is Fezziwigs?

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Link of the Month Home for the Holidays



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“Fezziwigs” Style Holiday Party



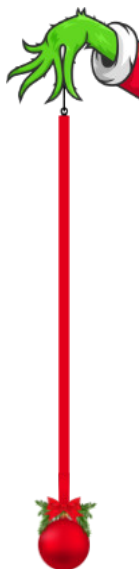
A Beautiful setting and Gracious Hosts - Don and Eileen Allers



Eileen, Nicole and Don Allers presented with a special “surprise” package illustrated by Billy Steers.



Delicious Food



Don Allers, Moe Pershinsky and fabulous butternut squash.



Airstream Cookies created by Bard Fuller.





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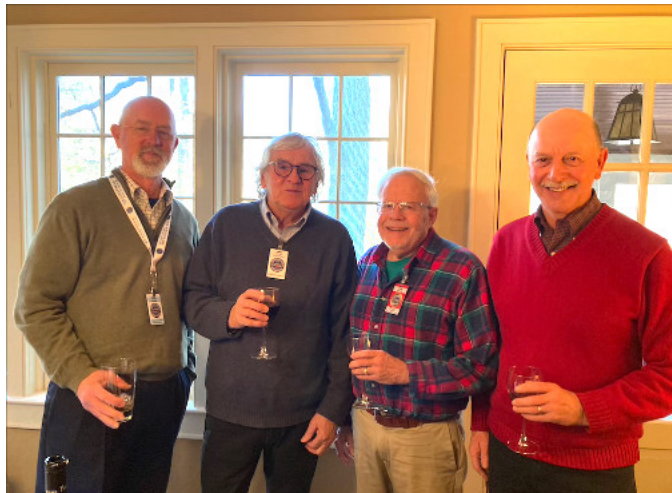


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Christine Lessig, Lynn & Carl Davis.



Glen Lessig, Gilles Rousseau, Bard Fuller and Guy Weik.



Maureen Hunter, Laura Weik, Bard Fuller and Brian Hunter.



Michael Sasuta, Sally Kerr, Dave Jensen and Rhona Fuller.



Glen Lessig, Guy Weik, Julie & Billy Steers, Russ Fuller, Don Allers, Laura Weik and Gilles Rousseau.



Carl Davis, Christine Lessig, Lynn Davis, Gilles & Joyce Rousseau.



*Sandy's
scuttlebutt*



by **Sandy Sasuta**

unwrapped, much to our happy surprise, it was the Musical Organ from the July Yankee Swap rally, a gift that keeps on giving!

Congratulations to **RUSS & RHONA FULLER** as they now have purchased a beautiful trailer at Travelers Rest in Dade City, FL, which brings us up to approximately 25 members from CT. Glad to have them join in the winter fun. On a sad note, Rhona broke her foot, but is on the mend. Also, wishing a smooth recovery to **CHRIS DUBROWSKI** on his recent knee replacement.

More exciting news: **EDDIE CARLL & PAULA CARDULLO** are engaged! We wish them all the best.

Dear Santa, All I want is a FAT bank account and a skinny body. Please don't mix it up again like last year! Wishing you a healthy, happy new year!

December, the last month of the year, AND (never to be repeated) the last day of December will be "123123".

A BIG thank you to the **ALLER'S** for hosting the Holiday Party at their beautiful home. It was a wonderful event with plenty of food and friendships new & renewed. The **STEERS** presented a beautifully illustrated Santa package to the Allers. (See photo) When

Welcome

Brian and Maureen Hunter **6432**
Sandy Hook, CT
Stephen & Karen Bradley **4545**
Chester, CT 06412

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friends David Jensen, Guy and Laura Weik, Hally Schoen and Steve Seitz, Moe and Jason Pershinsky and Sandy and Michael Sasuta.

Eileen and I were happy to convert our living room on Lovers Lane into the COCAC Holiday clubhouse for the third year running. I had to pull out a slide rule and some advanced geometry to work it out, but we managed to squeeze in seating for 27 and an eight foot beauty of a Christmas tree this year. Our home is happy when it's decorated and full of happy people, and it was positively buzzing.

Our holiday lunch was a bountiful and delectable feast with everyone sharing their culinary skills. There was roast beef tenderloin with horseradish sauce, Russ' Killer Hasselback Potatoes (gluten free, no less!), corn casseroles, stuffed mushrooms, deviled eggs fresh from the henhouse, salads, green beans and roasted butternut squash worthy of a painting (I guess presentation really is everything, Moe!). But wait, there was an equally impressive array of desserts with everything from pecan pie to holiday cookies to buckeyes (I have a personal weakness for those buckeyes, Christine!) to Mini Merry Cheesecakes. It was a spread worthy of the Fezziwigs.

Our neighbors across the lane hosted a holiday gathering the same day as our party. They commented how impressed (jealous) they were by the precise parking on display in our driveway earlier in the day. I explained what our club is about and told them that was nothing. They should really come see us parked in wagon wheel formation around the Charlie Brown Rally Pavillion!

It really won't be that long before we meet up again in our Airstreams for the 2024 camping season. In the meantime, I wish you all the happiest of holidays and best wishes for the New Year!



Bard Fuller again creates a beautiful Gingerbread entry for the Dade City, FL, Gingerbread World Christmas event. Bard and sister Nancy enter and Nancy won last year.



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 of an Airstream travel trailer **Snug** to your library or gift list. Oh, and check out **Tractor Mac**. ~Ed



**June
Needs
a Host**
**Plan a June
event!**

**Run a Rally
or Rendezvous**
Plan an Event
Be a Host
Be a Co-host

Connecticut club resources are available.
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Upcoming

Birthdays - Anniversaries

December

12/05 Cynthia Brodeur
12/04 Nancy & Edward Mellina
12/07 Dyann Calder
12/12 Charlotte LaRocca
12/15 Gale Lake
12/18 Diane Jackson
12/19 Sherry & Alexander Porven
12/20 Christine Lessig
12/21 Kris Fletcher
12/29 Chris Dubrowski

January

01/06 Crystal Beaumont
01/07 Bruce Hawley
01/13 Charles "Rick" & Beth Petrie
01/14 Donald Allers
01/21 Guy Weik
01/23 Robert Calder
01/24 Lianne Rutty

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



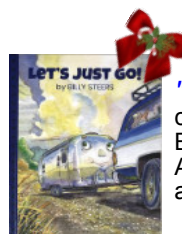
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.
What if Christmas, he thought,
doesn't come from a store.
What if Christmas, perhaps,
means a little bit more."
~ Dr. Seuss

What did you think?

An angel gets its wings.

1. "It's Christmas, Eve."
2. Missiletoe
3. Frosted Flakes
4. Google it.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2024!**



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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