

Connecticut **Connecticut Airstream Club**

CTAC Club No: 25

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

June 2024

<u>Presidents</u> Message

by Don Allers



Don possibly mezmerised in a silent Rave.

1 t's official - Welcome to the Connecticut Airstream Club (CTAC)! On May 23, the Airstream Club International (ACI) Board of Trustees unanimously approved our petition to update our club's name. Special thanks to Bard Fuller for navigating this process with the mothership on our behalf. We have a new, streamlined name. But it's the same club with the same awesome events with the same awesome friends.

We announced this news and discussed next steps at the Club's Spring Business Meeting at the Southwest Fiesta Rally on June 1. Most follow-ups are administrative tasks for our individual officers like updating the club constitution with ACI, recording the name change with government registrations and updating the account name on the club bank account.

We did vote at the meeting to use CTAC as our official acronym and to adopt an interim club logo, which is the same graphic as our current logo but with the lettering of the name changed. Our executive board will meet in the coming weeks to make a plan for everyone to participate in the design and selection of both a new logo and a new flag for the club. One widely shared perspective is a desire to preserve the Charter Oak somehow as an emblem of the club to honor its historical significance in our name. In any case, be on the lookout for more communications on that front.

Other noteworthy topics discussed at the meeting included: Continued page 2

Historic First Airstream Clipper Model Now on Display at the Airstream **Heritage Center**



"Clipper #1" is a landmark addition to Airstream's vintage collection: What is believed to be the first riveted, aluminum Airstream travel trailer ever produced. This historic model joins the distinguished lineup of vintage units on display at the Airstream Heritage Center, located within the company's headquarters in Jackson Center, Ohio.



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What Do You Think?

Which English word is the odd one out: Stun, Ton, Evil, Letter, Mood, Bad, Strap, Snap, and Straw?

Is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?

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Airstream Tips & Tricks For New



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Welcome

Richelle & BJ Formento 9251 Stamford, CT David & Diane Odorski 4956 Woodstock, CT

by Sandy Sasuta

We all were excited to attend the first rally of the year and renew friendships again. The Southwest Fiesta Rally at the Charley Brown Campground was a huge success thanks to the hosts the **LESSIGS, DUBROWSKIS and JENSEN.** The food, decorations and games were fantastic. Plus, we created lovely succulent arrangements to take home along with Carol Dubrowski's handmade crocheted cactus plants. Great rally!

We saw a fantastic play "The Addams Family" at the Wilton High School Clune Center. One of the leading

performances was by our own **NICOLE ALLERS** (proud parents Don & Eileen). She was amazing along with a highly talented cast. We're looking forward to more.

Sending get well wishes to **RICK CIPOT** after a horrible accident. Wishing him a smooth recovery.

Trivia: I'm reading a book about anti-gravity, I can't put it down.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

Did you know lemons float but limes sink. Limes are more dense. Try it.

Get those trailers ready and let's go camping!



Don, Nicole & Eileen Allers

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- (1) Club Directory. Although we did not print a club directory this year, the topic is still alive. The Executive Board will pick the discussion back up and try to find a practical and economical way to provide printed directories.
- (2) Financial Balance. After some discussion about our club's relatively strong financial position, we agreed the Executive Board will lead some discussion about an appropriate reserve level for the club.
- (3) Club History. The Downings brought two bins of club documents out of storage including meeting minutes, old Chatters and photos. That sparked a discussion about digitizing and preserving this history and a small group of interested members including me will organize around that.
- (4) Region Rally Frequency. Following overwhelming demand at this year's limited Region One Gathering, a movement is gaining speed to increase the frequency of full-blown Region One Rallies to an annual event. That would mean more work for the host clubs like ours, so stay tuned to that topic.
- (5) Club Equipment. Bard and Kathy Fuller can no longer store several bins of club equipment (mostly catering equipment like coffee pots). Please let us know if you can help provide a new home for these.

Bard also gave an excellent overview of the upcoming ACI Constitutional Vote regarding the financial Director Position at the meeting. Please see his Region One update memo and the many communications you have been receiving from ACI for more information. I would just like to add my encouragement for all of you to participate in the vote. The process requires a high participation hurdle across membership, so please take a few minutes to review and make your vote count!

And finally, I would like to thank our rally Dream Team, the Dubrowski's the Lessig's and Dave Jensen, for hosting such an awesome weekend at Charlie Brown Campground where we held our business meeting. The campfires, the fajita feast, the Sonora lasso game, the decorations, the succulent gardening, the weather, the attendance and camaraderie were all top notch. And the photo above is me enjoying the Silent Rave (yes, it's a thing!) they threw in the pavilion Saturday night to celebrate our new name. This rally had something for everyone!



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SOUTHWEST



by Gail Downing

It was yet another wonderful rally run by the team of Dubrowski, Lessig and Jensen Trailers began to arrive Friday afternoon to Charlie Brown Campground, which was doing some grounds work. BUT not a problem as we were all successfully parked around the pavilions and ready to start the festivities on Friday evening.

It was so good to see so many friends that we might not have seen since last season, and some new friends were present as well. Brian and Maureen Hunter. Ken and Maria Volpe. Jim and Stacy Reck and Faith. All were given a warm Charter Oak welcome. The pavilion was nicely decorated in the southwestern theme, right down to the handmade cactus plants on the tables, lovingly made by Carol Dubrowski.

Dave Jensen created and built a new ring toss game. It was a lot of fun, and we thank Dave for all his hard work to help make or rally so much fun. After Happy Hour there was a campfire in the pavilion. Gilles Rousseau and Billy Steers brought out their laser light devices. And as the smoke rose from the fire it created quite a light show.

Huevos Rancheros Breakfast was delicious! Then we had a brief business meeting. Because the name of the club is now Connecticut Airstream Club it was decided we will be using CTAC as our acronym. We all agreed it sounds better than CAC. Christine Lessig will send the minutes out with all the other discussions that happened it much better detail than I can.

The afternoon was ours to go explore, hike, walk, or bike ride. Some stayed closed and caught up with friends. Dinner preparations were made, games were played. Carol Dubrowski had all the necessary things to help those interested In creating a succulent planter.



Airstreams around the pavilion at Charlie Brown.



Carol's cactus cookies.



Southwest decorations over the range.

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Our delicious Fajitas dinner was expertly prepared and served! We all seemed to have our fill. There is ALWAYS plenty of great food when Charter Oak has a rally!

Thank you to the Grill Masters, Glen Lessig, Russ Fuller, and Wiley Downing for working those grills!

Everyone started hooking up and packing up, saying our goodbyes until the next time we are together.

Thank you again to the hosts and hostesses. Glen, Christine, Chris, Carol, and Dave for a job WELL DONE!



Rhona Fuller, Glen Lessig, Carol Dubrowski and Brian Hunter making succulent arrangements.



Wiley Downing, Don Allers, Michael Sasuta

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Rhona Fuller, Sherry Porven, Maria Volpe, Maureen & Brian Hunter, Billy Steers, Dave Jensen



Carol Dubrowski, Diane Jackson, Kathy & Bard Fuller.



Joyce Rousseau all aglow.



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Christine Lessig, Gail Downing & Carol Dubrowski chopping peppers and onions.



Wiley Downing, Bill Watt's, Gilles Rousseau, Carl & Lynn Davis, Joyce Rousseau, Brian & Maureen Hunter, Gail Downing, Michael Sasuta



Billy Steers and Carol Dubrowski playing the cactus toss game.



Wiley Downing, Russ Fuller, Glen Lessig and Chris Dubrowski grilling.



Yee Ow! don't prick your finger Kath.



Crochet cactus.



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Region One Gathering Wales, Ma-



Bard congratulates Michael as Region President-elect.



Eddie, Bard and Todd laying out sites in rain.



Vintage row.



Joyce presents gift to Bard for his service to the Region.



Bard presenting program on "What's new in our Airstream Club".



Drone view at Oak Haven



On first night rain/windstorm topples our planned kitchen.



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Happy hour that was a feast.



Super sized hotdog opening supper.



Entertainer songwriter Tom Callinan entertains at happy hour.



Thursday evening Connecticut serving crew.



Road trip to Airstream of Southern New England.



Collins.



Audience at Saturday evening entertainment.



Welcome campfire on a chilly night.



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2024 Florida Treasure Coast Caravan

by Dick Wheatley

his new caravan was conceived and lead by two couples from Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club who live along the route the caravan traveled. The trip began April 10th in St. Augustine, FL, and went down the East coast, stopping in Daytona, Cape Canaveral, Stuart, then crossed over to Everglades City on the west coast, from where it proceeded down to Key West, then came back up to Key Largo, finally Saw many gators on a trip into the Everglades, this one was at the Shark Valley Visitor Center. ending in Jensen Beach



on May 12th. It consisted of 15 rigs and two leaders. The stops were primarily upscale campground resorts with full hookups, WI-FI, large pool areas (some with poolside bars) or beach access. The participants came from as far away as CO, NM, TX, MI, and VA. This was a good one!



We saw some amazing sunsets across the water, this one appears to be melting into the sea.

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The color of the water in the Key's surprised many who had never been there before



Sealife viewed on the reef during a snorkeling trip.

The story of the Treasure Coast began over 300 years ago when a fleet of 11 Spanish ships wrecked offshore between the St. Lucie River and Cape Canaveral. These ships were sent to collect new wealth from the American possessions of the Spanish Empire and bring it to Spain.



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2024 Florida Treasure Coast Caravan





Touring Daytona International Speedway.

Group photo in front of the assembly building at Kennedy Space Center.



At the Sugarloaf campground they furnished the poolside bar with an Airstream salvaged from Hurricane Irma.



Happy hour on the beach.



A popular lunch stop in Key West, great fish tacos!



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This is likely my last communication to you all as Region 1 President. It has been quite a positive experience over the last 6 years serving as a Region 1 officer and being part of our Airstream Club International's transition to a more progressive leadership model. "Just Camping" may be our Airstream motto but behind that simplicity is a needed structure for our diverse club to maintain organization and sustainability. Hopefully, my efforts of communicating ACI changes and membership responsibilities in our transforming and more complex club have been beneficial and appreciated.

The volunteerism from all 5 of our region clubs was evident at our recent Region 1 Gathering in Wales, MA.



Despite being in and out of rain for a good portion of the Gathering we managed to keep smiles on our faces. Most of us got over to the incredible Brimfield Flea Market, the new Airstream dealership and participated in the club's business and informational meetings.

Some important takes from the annual business meeting were:

- 1) The desire to hold a true Region 1 Rally annually and disband from the smaller Gatherings. This would require that each local club take the lead role in organizing such an event every 5 years. Tentatively, the schedule would look like this: 2025 Quebec and the Maritimes hosting in Nova Scotia, 2026 Northeast Mountaineers, 2027 New England club, 2028 Connecticut club and 2029 Cape Cod club. All local club presidents or representatives were in favor of this idea but wanted to discuss ramifications with their local club membership.
- 2) The Region 1 logo was further discussed, and all present agreed of the need for a change. Two preliminary alternatives were put forward. (Thank you, Rick Cipot and Billy Steers.). It was agreed to continue to solicit additional alternatives and get more discussion before making a change.

- 3) The International club is holding a club wide vote on June 20-26 for a change in its constitution. This change is concerning the role of the Treasurer/Financial Director and how we choose that person. Voting will be initiated by ACI headquarters through an email to be sent out on June 20. The process is easy with just a click or two to indicate your vote on this amendment.
- 4) Results from the recent voting for region officers was announced. President is Michael Giunta from the Northeast Mountaineers. First VP is Rich Collins from the New England club. Diane Maillet from the Quebec and Maritimes club is the 2nd VP. Their terms will be from August 2024 through July 2026.

My thoughts on the constitutional amendment vote referred to at our business meeting follow:

I encourage all members to vote since a quorum is needed for this very important issue.



The present practice of selecting a Treasurer from only the 9-member Executive Council is much to limiting to get the financial expertise that I feel this position requires. The amendment will provide for a club wide search for the best qualified individual. This person would be in an advisory position to the Council and Board. The position would be a non-voting Board member as they are not voted in by membership. The term limits of the present Treasurer's position would no longer apply. Instead, this individual could retain the position for multiple years pending full Board affirmation every 2 years. This would provide continuity, something that does not presently exist. The title would change from Treasurer to Financial Director. For more information and details see https://airstreamclub.org/2024SpecialElection



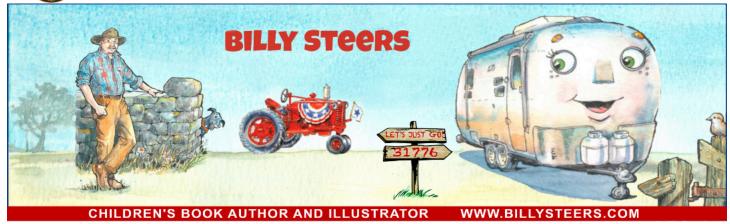
In closing, I would like to congratulate the new incoming Region officers, knowing that Region 1 is in good hands as I pass the baton to Michael and his Region 1 leadership team. **Congratulations to all!**

I hope to see you all down the road and in particular at the Region 1 Rally in Nova Scotia September 2025.

Bard Fuller, Region 1 President



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STREAM LINES by Billy Steers



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



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For Sale

1998 Airstream B190 Van



Not perfect but in very good condition All systems in functional order 142,000 original miles/V-10/\$15,500



Bard Fuller (860)302-1365

Executive Board Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. Standing Committee Chairs Richard Kushman

Helpful LINKS

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Event Schedule 2024



December Sat, Dec 16, 2023

Noon-3pm: Holiday Party hosted by Allers in Wilton, CT Very Festive

Sun, Feb 11, 2024

Souper Bowl Party hosted by Dave Jensen in Brooklyn, CT

February Sun, Feb 11, 2024

Florida Souper Bowl Party hosted by Sandy Sasuta & Kathy Kushman

Sun, Mar 17, 2024

St. Patrick's Day Party hosted by Rousseaus in Southbury, CT

Grand

April

Rendezvous at the CAMA Spring Power Up hosted by Russ & Rhona Fuller in Kent, CT A great start for the season

May 16-19 May

Region 1 Gathering in Brimfield, MA

Sold Out

May 31-June 2

Spring Business Meeting Rally, hosted by Dubrowski's and Dave Jensen at Charlie Brown Campground in Eastford, CT

June 21-23

Adirondack Rendezvous at Scaroon Manor Campground, Pottersville, NY, hosted by Lynn and Carl Davis

Joint Rally with Cape Cod AC, hosted by Eddie Carll and Russ Fuller at the Pastures Campground in Orford, NH

August 9-11

Mystic Arts Festival Joint Rally with New England AC, hosted by Bard Fuller and Tess McShane in Mystic, CT

September September 20-22

Fall Business Meeting Rally, hosted by Sasutas, Travelers Woods of New England, Bernardston, MA

October October 5-10

International Rally, Sedalia, MO

What did you think?

Connecticut Chatter

Editor: Richard Kushman Info & Pictures: Sandy Sasuta Printing: Joyce Rousseau Proof Reader: Kathleen Kushman Letter - it is the only one that does not spell a word backwords.

If we only knew.

All Chatters are available on the club website.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. — Sherry Anderson



ADIRONDACK RENDEZVOUS JUNE 21 - 23, 2024

JUST CAMPING

This is just a rendezvous, meaning no planned meals or activities...just a fun way to explore a new place with Airstream friends. Who knows what impromptu happenings might occur?

This area of the Adirondacks has amazing hiking trails, biking, and water sport opportunities. Great small towns nearby for groceries and casual dining. Less than one hour to Fort Ticonderoga, for history buffs. Easy access from I-87.

* Scaroon Manor Campground is managed by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. It is NOT a State Park



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Lynn and Carl Davis BRN# 17566

We're on site #26,

Taylor Point Loop RESERVE NOW!

The Pastures Campground Rally

Co-Hosted by Cape Cod Mass & Charter Oak Ct Airstream Clubs Friday July 12-14, 2024

The Pastures Campground, 499 NH Rte. 10, Orford, NH 03777

Rally Hosts: Eddie Carll & Russ Fuller

Come join us for a mid-summer weekend in the greater Orford area to kick back and enjoy friends, food and the local area.

Enjoy.....

Pasture's Annual Christmas in July Celebration.

Special tour of the Post Mills Airport and Brian Boland's Ballooning Experimental Balloon and Airship Museum and the Vermontasaurus with Rick Cipot

Kayaking, Hiking or Biking

Joining in with the campground Christmas decorating of your trailer Joint Club and Campground Residents Barbeque.

Live music on The Common on Saturday evening in Orford.

Kayak and Pontoon Boat rental are available for those who want to enjoy close to 40 miles of our beautiful section of the Connecticut River.

- **z** 5 pm Friday Social hour-Bring your own drinks and simple/Light appetizers.
- **a** 6 pm Friday Baked Potato Dinner with all the fixings. 8pm Campfire with Ice Cream.
- **¤** 7 am Saturday Early Bird Coffee Hour
- m 8am Saturday Ham egg and cheese sandwich breakfast, home fries and assorted fruit.
- ¤ 5 pm Joint Summer Barbeque with Pastures Summer Folks (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Corn) co-hosted by Kim and Doug Robinson you might bring your favorite Christmas themed summer desert. 8 pm Campfire
- m 7am Sunday Early Coffee Hour.
- **x** 8 am Sunday Continental Breakfast.
- 5pm Sunday Cleanout your fridge dinner if you stay Sunday Night

Rally fee \$20.00 per person, which includes firewood and a kitty fee.

Names Address City/State/Zip Code				
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WBCCI #Trailer length				
Camping rate is \$35 for RVs under 35 ft.	Nights	X \$35 =	_ over 35' X \$40	
Rally fee \$20.00 per person. \$20 X	=	_ Total Camping	+ Fee	_
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Eddie Carll, 12 River St, Plymouth, MA 0	2360			
For additional information contact Eddie	Carll at 508-45	4-6895 or ecarll62	2@gmail.com	
The Pastures Campground Rally Frida	y July 12-14, 20	024		

Mystic Outdoor Art Festival Rally

AUGUST 9-11, 2024

NEW ENGLAND & CONNECTICUT AIRSTREAM CLUBS
CO-SPONSORED RALLY



Location: **Sun Outdoors Mystic RV Resort and Campground** 45 Camp Ground Rd., Old Mystic, CT 06372

Rally schedule:

- Friday 4:30 pm BYOB happy hour with heavy appetizer potluck
- Sat 7:30 am coffee and hot beverages, 8:30 am full breakfast will be served (bring your own set up)
- The Mystic Outdoor Art Festival Saturday 10 am 6 pm, and Sunday, 10 am 5 pm
- Sat pm dinner on your own at one of the many wonderful restaurants in and around downtown Mystic, then gather around the bonfire starting at 7 pm
- Sun 8 am, coffee, hot beverages, and a light continental breakfast offering
- Sun pm, for those staying overnight, an optional group dinner at a local restaurant is likely details tbd

Information about the art festival will be made available online by organizers <u>HERE</u>. So much to see and do while in Mystic, CT! Seaport, Aquarium, kayaking, bicycling, hiking trails, pool at the campground, restaurants, shopping, microbreweries, wineries, and more!

To reserve your RV site, CALL DIRECTLY and mention you are part of the "Airstream Club Rally".

Jessie Baldwin, Resort Manager, at 860-245-6039. They will honor a 20% discount off listed rates between August 9-12, 2024 for our rally attendees. Twenty campsites (electric/water) are being held for this rally until May 1rst, after which time they become open the public and you can take a chance getting one.

A **\$10** per adult kitty fee will be <u>collected upon arrival</u> as your contribution to one full breakfast, morning beverages each day, local bakery pastries/donuts on Sunday am, and firewood.

<u>Rally registration</u>: Please complete this <u>online jotform</u> for rally hosts once you have reserved your campsite.

Questions? Tess McShane at (860) 536-4113, suzzypoi@gmail.com



Come join your hosts **Michael & Sandy Sasuta** and Co-Hosts **Richard & Karthleen Kushman f**or a fun weekend, along with the Fall Business Meeting and installation of officers. The campground is pet friendly with dogs on leashes but away from food areas.

FRIDAY 5 pm Light Happy Hour (bring something to share)

6 pm Sloppy Joes, coleslaw & chips provided by the hosts.
(Bring your own plates, utensils & drinks to all meals.)
Dessert provided and campfire, weather permitting.

SATURDAY 8 am Pancake & sausage breakfast with coffee/tea/juice.

Followed by the Club Meeting. Afternoon free to tour the area.

5 pm Heavy Appetizer Happy Hour (bring something to share)

Dessert provided and campfire, weather permitting.

SUNDAY 8 am Breakfast sandwich with coffee/tea/juice.

All units must stop at office to sign in, receive vehicle pass, campground rules and show your pets vaccination certificate.

CHECK IN TIME AFTER 2 pm/CHECK OUT TIME BY 1 pm. Early arrivals/late departures to be coordinated directly with Travelers Woods. 413-648-9105

FEE: \$70.00 for 2 nights camping (water & electric) plus a kitty fee of \$15.00 per person. Children 12 and under are free. All the information to register for this rally is on our CT Jotform.

Click here to reserve your site and join the rally. Send a check or pay online.



Directions: On your GPS the address is 152 River STREET, Bernardston, MA. There is a low clearance bridge 10.5 feet in height, but Airstreams will clear. If over 10.5 feet or a motor home, don't follow these directions. From I91 Northbound, take exit #50B, turn right on Route 10. From I91 Southbound, take exit #50, turn right on Route 10. Turn left at Hillside Pizza (just past the river bridge). Travelers Woods is approximately 3/4 mile on the left, just past the overpass.