



# Charter Oak Connecticut *History*

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## 1970



**Group at 1970 Christmas Meeting at Village Restaurant, Wolcott**



## Connecticut Airstream Club

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Dec 6, 2011

Charter Oat CT Unit WBCCI

A little history:

On June 21, 1971 the Charter Oak CT Unit was welcomed into WBCCI and our club was Chartered. Region 1 President John Engel presented the Charter to President Emile Raboin.

The first organizational meeting was held on October 11, 1970 with 23 couples attending. Most of these early Airstreamers belonged to Berkshire New York unit, when at WBCCI functions we were asked where in New York we lived. Thus the the forming of COCU. New England was the other unit and it was huge in size. The 1971 International Rally was held in Salem, Oregon, nine trailer from COCU attended, receiving our Charter and a third place in July 4<sup>th</sup> parade for our float for originality, a first time for a :”baby unit”.

Thus was the start of a great unit.

A rally hosted by the Crocketts @ Ross Hill Park, Lisbon, CT in August, 1971, Rally Cost \$1.00, Per Night \$3.50, water & electric.

Each month there was a meeting, rallies were held the first weekend of the month including Friday.

Ruth & Roger Crockett

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CONNECTICUT UNIT  
OF THE W.B.C.C.

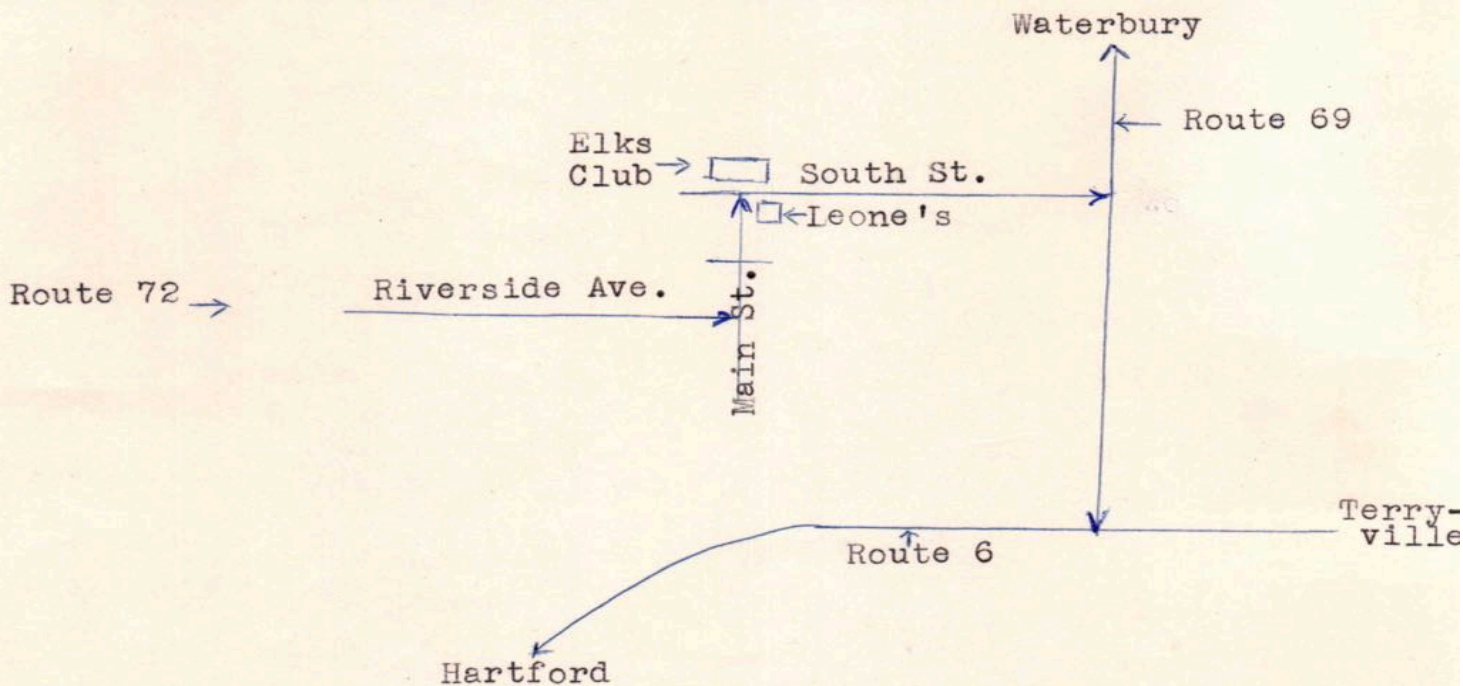
If so, there will be an organization meeting:

When - Sunday, October 11, 1970

Where - Leone's Steak House  
15 Main Street, Bristol, Conn.

Time - 3 P.M.

Menu - Enclosed



Please return reservations before October 7th

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Menu # \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

Will attend \_\_\_\_\_

How many \_\_\_\_\_

Interested but cannot attend \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

ARE YOU STILL INTERESTED

The Connecticut Unit of WBCCI has been formed as of Sunday, October 11, 1970 and in order to extend the opportunity of becoming a charter member of this unit to all interested, we will have a "coffee and" get-together on Sunday, October the 25th between the hours of 3 and 6PM at the Franco American War Veterans Club, 35 Prospect Street, Bristol, Conn. next to the Bristol Theatre.

Reasons for having formed this new unit are as follows:

1. To work in improving our Parks and Highway Facilities
2. To have stronger representation at our State Legislature as a unit.
3. For the State of Connecticut to be represented as such, at the International Rallies
4. For the opportunity of presenting a Connecticut Teen Queen at the International Rallies
5. To be identified as a Connecticut resident by our badges

If you cannot attend this get-together and wish to become a member, your dues can be mailed with the form below to Mr. Arthur Droheim, Treasurer, 560 Burlington Avenue, Bristol, Conn.

Emile Raboin, President

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NAME _____	TRAILER NUMBER _____
ADDRESS _____	_____
_____	

INTERNATIONAL DUES	\$5.00
UNIT DUES	<u>3.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8.00

To All Connecticut Unit Members;

There will be a "coffee and" get-together on Sunday, October 25, 1970 between the hours of 3 and 6 PM at the Franco American War Veterans Club, 35 Prospect Street, Bristol, Conn. next to the Bristol Theatre. The purpose is to extend the opportunity of becoming members of the Connecticut Unit to all those who were interested but were unable to attend for the organization of this new unit. Hope you can join us in welcoming any new members.

Emile Raboin, President

MEETING MINUTES FOR ORGANIZATION OF A  
NEW CONNECTICUT UNIT OF  
WBCCI  
October 11, 1970

The first meeting of the new Connecticut unit of Airstreams was called to order at 3:30 P.M., October 11, 1970, at Leone's Restaurant, Bristol, Conn. by Emile Raboin.

Emile stated his reasons for trying to form a new Connecticut unit. They were for the reasons that at the International Rally at Hershey there was no Connecticut flag flying, there was no Connecticut Teen Queen entered in the contest and he felt that with a Connecticut unit of Airstreams we may be able to do something about the trailer parks and rest areas in Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Engels, the President of Region I, were the guests of honor. Mr. Engels told the group what would have to be done to get a new unit started. There would have to be 20 paying International members to get a temporary charter. These names would be submitted to International headquarters and the charter would be accepted or rejected. It would formally be presented at the International rally in Oregon in July 1971.

The temporary slate of officers was the first business. Hully Bunn suggested that Emile Raboin be made President and a motion was made by Mr. Coote and seconded by Mr. Rogers.

Emile Raboin asked how the group wanted to have nominations - from the floor or by a nominating committee. Bette Arquette made a motion to have the nominations from the floor and it was seconded by Jack Dirga. Hully Bunn stated he had a suggested slate of officers which he read as follows:

President:	Emile Raboin
1st V.P.	Lester Fields
2nd V.P.	Tom Brennan
Corresp. Sec.	Rae Brennan
Rec. Sec.	Kathy Dirga
Treasurer	Bette Arquette
Directors:	1 yr. Benjamin Fusco Bill Arquette
	2 yr. Mr. Gifford Dave Clarke

Mr. Coote asked to have the officers stand and be recognized. They individually stood up and accepted their nomination except Bette Arquette who declined the nomination of Treasurer and Bill Arquette declined the nomination of Director. Mr. Gifford also declined the nomination of Director. Dick Strew was

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asked to be a Director and he declined. Hully Bunn and Jack Dirga were asked and they accepted. Art Droheim was asked to be Treasurer and he accepted. The revisions in the slate of officers are as follows:

Treasurer            Art Droheim  
Director - 1 yr.    Hully Bunn  
Director - 2 yr.    Jack Dirga

A motion was made to accept the slate of officers as read.

The name of the new unit was the next business. Four suggestions were brought from the floor. They are:

Connecticut Valley Unit  
Charter Oak Unit  
Connecticut Nutmeg Unit  
Connecticut Blue Trail Unit

These names will be submitted to International and they will pick one name for the club.

A motion was made to accept the bylaws as they now stand and they will be modified to our new unit.

The first weekend of the month was made the meeting date for the unit. This was so as not to conflict with the dates of the New England and Berkshire Unit rallies.

The dues will be \$5.00 for the International fee and \$3.00 for club dues. The rally fee, which covers the coffee and, will be established at a later date.

A motion was made by Mr. Coote at 5 P.M. to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Kathy Dirga*

Mrs. Kathy Dirga

Accepted: November 8, 1970

By *Eric Robison Pres.*





The Organization Meeting for a Connecticut Unit was held Sunday, Oct. 11, 1970 at Leone's Steak House, Bristol, Conn. and it was unanimously agreed to make application to formulate said unit with the assistance of our Region I President and his wife. The following is a list of those making our eligible quota for membership:

William and Bette Arquett  
Thomas and Rae Brennan  
Hully and Helen Bunn  
David and Audrey Clark  
Harold and Ilene Coburn  
Charles and Claire Coote  
Jack and Kathy Dirga  
Arthur and Ann Droheim  
John and Elizabeth Engel  
Lester and Irene Fields  
John and Marion Fuller  
Randall and Dorothy Gifford  
John and Phyllis Hall  
Walter C. Kelley  
Edward and Rosemarie Klimkiewicz  
Harold and Georgiana Malerbo  
Peter and Jane Maxim  
Emile and Fernande Raboin  
David and M. Louise Roger  
Donald and Margaret Ryan  
Stan and Lee Spector  
Richard and Jeri Strew  
Edward and Betty Withington





**Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.**

October 29, 1970

ALEX CHRISTIANSEN  
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Mr. Emile Raboin, President  
CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT  
328 Emmett Street  
Bristol, Connecticut 06010

Dear Emile:

We are happy to welcome you and the members of  
the CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT into the WALLY  
BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.

I am sure that you and the members of your newly  
activated Unit will enjoy the association of the  
Wally Byam Caravan Club.

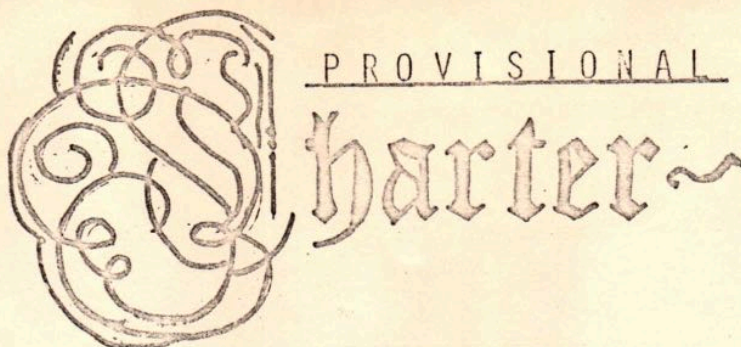
Sincerely,

*Alex Christiansen*

ALEX CHRISTIANSEN  
President  
WBCCI

cc: John N. Engel, President  
Region 1, WBCCI

AC:WBS:mr



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

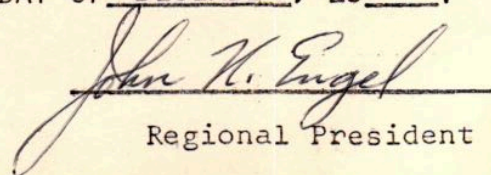
WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.,  
A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER  
THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO BY VIRTUE OF CHARTER FILED  
AS NUMBER 26430 ON JUNE 21, 1957, WITH THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND RECORDED IN VOLUME 771 ON  
PAGE 224 OF THE RECORDS OF INCORPORATION OF SAID STATE  
DOES HEREBY GRANT AND ISSUE UNTO

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT

A PROVISIONAL UNIT CHARTER AS AN AFFILIATE MEMBER OF THE  
WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.

SAID UNIT PROVISIONAL CHARTER IS ISSUED PURSUANT  
TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, RULES, CODE  
OF REGULATIONS, CONSTITUTIONS AND BYLAWS OF WALLY BYAM CARAVAN  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC., AND SUBJECT THERETO.

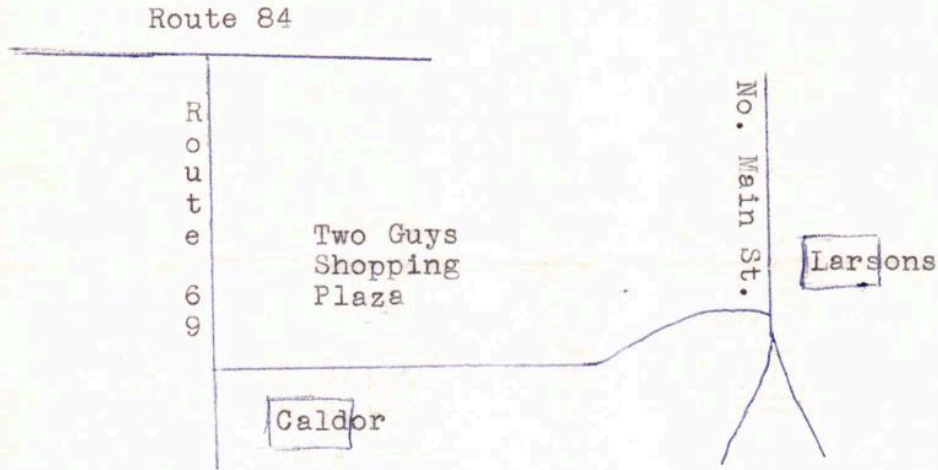
THE UNIT HEREBY PROVISIONALLY CHARTERED SHALL BE  
DEEMED, AND IS, A DIVISION OR BRANCH OF THE WALLY BYAM CARAVAN  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC., DULY QUALIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES THEREOF, THIS 6 DAY OF DECEMBER, 1970.

  
Regional President

WBCCI

The first monthly dinner meeting of the new Connecticut Unit will be held at Larson's Restaurant, 1805 North Main Street, Waterbury, Conn. on November 8, 1970.

Hosted by Bill and Betty Arquette



Short meeting at 2:30PM  
Dinner to follow

- Choice of following:
- 1. Chicken \$4.80
  - 2. Baked Stuffed Shrimp \$5.70
  - 3. Steak \$6.50

(Tax and tip included)

Reservations must be made by Nov. 4, Wednesday

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Menu# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How many \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail reservations to:

Bill and Betty Arquette, 224 Todd Rd., Wolcott, Conn. 06716  
Telephone 879-0421

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C H A R T E R O A K C H A T T E R

The November 8th meeting of the new Charter Oak Connecticut Unit was held at Larson's Restaurant, Waterbury, Conn. The meeting was hosted by Bill and Bette Arquett.

President Raboin opened the meeting at 3:00 P.M. with the pledge of allegiance. A guest list signed by members was read by the Corresponding Secretary and as each name was called, they stood to be acknowledged giving everyone an opportunity to know all present.

A motion to charge \$1.00 per trailer rally fee was so voted.

A motion was made to continue our winter meetings on Sundays. The meeting will be held at 4:00 P.M. with dinner to follow.

A question was raised from the floor as to who should be qualified to vote and President Raboin explained that any trailer owner paying either international or unit dues shall be eligible.

The following Committees were appointed by Pres. Raboin:

Historian, Reporter & Publicity

Bette Arquett, Chairman  
Helen Bunn  
Fern Raboin

Youth

Jack Dirga, Chairman  
John Fuller, Director of  
Activities

Social Activities

Mrs. John Hall  
Roger Crockett  
Anita Sweeney  
Lee Spector  
Mr.&Mrs. E. Klimkiewicz  
Hully Bunn, Chairman  
John Hall

Reception

Audrey Clark  
Ruth Crockett

Cheer

Mr.&Mrs. H. Malerbo  
Mr.&Mrs. E. Withington  
Mrs. B. Fusco, Chairman  
Irene Fields

Wagon Masters

Dave Clark, Chairman  
Bill Arquett  
Charles Coote

Meeting & Rally Planning

Tom Brennan, Chairman  
Ben Fusco  
Dave Clark  
Stan Spector  
Ann Droheim

Purchasing Agent

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Walter Kelley, West Hartford, presented "Photo Concerto", his own version of "slides put to music". They included views of flowers, seasons, nature and scenery and were just too beautiful to describe. A delightful treat to all who had the privilege of viewing them.

Dinner was served at 6:00 P.M.

Happy Thanksgiving To All ! MERRY CHRISTMAS to all who will not be with us at our Christmas Party.

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## CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT

Contact: Bette Arquett, 224 Todd Road, Wolcott, Conn. 06716

Thank you President Christiansen for your "hearty welcome" in the last issue of the Blue Beret. We are so grateful to be 115 (proposed).

We are growing by leaps and bounds and our membership now stands at 43 trailer owners.

Our new officers were installed by our Region I President, John Engel, at our Christmas meeting.

Our Youth Committee is real "gung ho" and are looking forward to doing a great job with our young people. At our Christmas Party personal donations in the amount of \$10.00 were realized to aid the Committee in their endeavor. We're off to a good start and hope to be able to increase this amount at each winter meeting so as to afford them a substantial working fund for the summer.

Our February meeting will be held at Farmington and hosted by Helen & Hully Bunn. There will be a Penny Auction and everyone is reminded to bring articles for this.



FIRST MEETING OF THE CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT OF WBCCI  
 NOVEMBER 8, 1970 LARSONS RESTAURANT, WATERBURY, CONN.

NAME	ADDRESS	TRAILER NUMBER
Lee + Stan Spector	31 Carey St Hillmantec, Conn.	#5228
Dave + Audrey Clark	6 Lookout Rd. Norwalk	23041
Tom + Rae Brennan	648 Bound Line Rd Wolcott	21715
Emile + Fern Raboin	328 Emmett St Bristol	23040
Walter + Kelley	172 Webster Hill Blvd. West Hartford	
Les + June Fields	223 Swain Ave	4748
Art + Ann Droheim	560 Burlington Ave Bristol	23191
Mrs + Mrs Louis P. Leveque	111 Shelter Hill Oakville Conn. Tr. # 2559.	One Oakville
Peter and Jane Maxim	Old State Road Barkfield 06804	
Jack + Kathy Derga	135 Robertson Rd. Bristol	10573
Roger + Ruth Crockett	Torrington East St. Torrington, Ct.	8627
Bette + Bud Arquette	224 Ind Rd. Weth.	7760
after 15 - 3 Dan Farrow	17 Cross St Danbury Conn.	15868

MEETING MINUTESCHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNITNovember 8, 1970

The second meeting of the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit was held November 8, 1970 at Larson's Restaurant, Waterbury, Conn. with 24 members present. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by President Emile Raboin.

President Raboin read a letter from WBCCI President, Alex Christiansen, welcoming us as members into the new Charter Oak Connecticut Unit.

Rae Brennan was asked to read the names of members present and have them stand so that the new members could become better acquainted.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Recording Secretary. The motion was made to accept the minutes by Bette Arquette and seconded by Art Droheim.

The Treasurers report was read by Art Droheim. It stated that we now have 38 members, 30 of which were paid International members. The balance on hand in the treasury is \$264.00. A motion was made to accept the report by Tom Brennan and seconded by Rae Brennan.

Under new business the subject of whether to have the indoor winter meetings on a Saturday or Sunday was brought up for discussion. After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken and the majority voted for Sundays. Ben Fusco made a motion for a Sunday meeting and it was seconded by Tom Brennan.

The topic of voting rights by a unit member who has paid International dues in another unit was brought up by Lou Sweeney. He asked the chair for clarification of the matter and was told by President Raboin that any member paying dues, whether unit or International, has a right to vote in the Charter Oak Conn. Unit as per by-laws of WBCCI which we are following. Lou Sweeney then stated that in the Berkshire Unit, members that do not pay International dues in that unit are not eligible to vote and are classified as associate members. The associate member was then clarified by President Raboin as being only members that have been widowed or incapacitated through illness and wish to retain their membership in WBCCI. They also cannot own another make of trailer, buty they have all the rights and privileges of unit functions by paying both International and unit dues.

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Then there was a discussion on whether or not to have a later dinner meeting. Roger Crockett made a motion to have the meeting start at 4:00 and the dinner to follow and it was seconded by Lou Sweeney.

President Raboin brought up the subject of the January meeting as it falls a few days after New Years. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed upon to have the January meeting.

President Raboin then read a list of his appointed committees which are as follows:

HISTORIAN & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Bette Arquett  
Fern Raboin  
Helen Bunn

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Jack Dirga - Chairman  
John Fuller - Director of Activities  
Mrs. John Hall  
Roger Crockett  
Mrs. Sweeney  
Mrs. Spector  
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Klimkiewicz

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Hully Bunn - Chairman  
John Hall  
Audrey Clark  
Ruth Crockett

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Mr. & Mrs. Hank Malerbo  
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Withington

CHEER COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ben Fusco  
Mrs. Lester Fields

WAGONMASTERS

Dave Clark  
Bill Arquett  
Charles Coote

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MEETING AND RALLY PLANNING

Tom Brennan, Chairman  
Ben Fusco  
Stan Spector  
Dave Clark

PURCHASING AGENT

Mrs. Art Droheim

The subject of rally fees was brought up for discussion. Rae Brennan suggested that a \$1.00 fee was adequate for coffee and, anything other than that at a rally could be paid for separately by each family. It was suggested by Ben Fusco that each person be assessed a certain fee and that children be free. After much discussion Rae Brennan made a motion to have a \$1.00 rally fee which could be amended at a later date if needed. It was seconded by Ruth Crockett.

Rae Brennan suggested that when we order supplies we add another \$.50 to the price. This money would be put in the treasury to help with expenses. Ben Fusco suggested that everyone be assessed a certain fee to help to cover the expenses. This way the money would be there in the spring when needed. President Raboin stated that if we do need money in the spring we could have a raffle or auction to help to raise the money, rather than assess every family with a fee.

Rae Brennan asked the question if we could have a "Buddy Rally". It was then brought up that International states we could have one buddy rally a year. Mr. Fields made a motion to have a buddy rally and it was seconded by Roger Crockett.

At 5:00 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lester Fields and it was seconded by Mrs. Droheim.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathryn Dirga*

Kathryn Dirga  
135 Robertson Rd.  
Bristol, Conn.

Accepted: December 6, 1970

By: *Emile Raboin Pres.*

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CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT  
WBCCI

CHRISTMAS MEETING

December 6, 1970

Village Restaurant

RT. 69 Wolcott, Conn.

Meeting and Installation of  
Officers at 4:00 P.M.

Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Choice of

Club Steak . . . \$4.50

or

Stuffed Shrimp . . \$4.50

A Noel Fun Christmas Party  
with grab bag will follow

Please bring 3-4 small gifts -  
marked man or woman

Hosts RAE & TOM BRENNAN

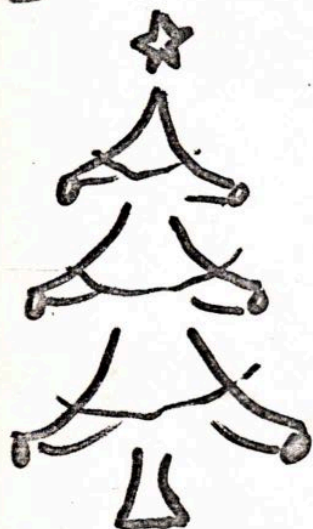
RESERVATIONS must be made no  
later than Dec 1st accompanied  
by check

Club Steak \_\_\_\_\_

Stuffed Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_

No. persons \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tom Brennan  
648 Boundhine Rd.,  
Wolcott, Conn 06716



TAX & TIP  
included

C H A R T E R   O A K   C H A T T E R

Our Unit Christmas Party was held at the Village Restaurant, Wolcott, on December 6th, with Rae and Tom Brennan as hosts.

Emile called the meeting to order and asked Hal King to lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed and deepest sympathy was extended to the Arquett Family on the loss of Bill's father by Emile on his behalf and that of the Charter Oak Unit.

The Engels announced that their property in New Hampshire could accomodate a rally if we so desired and we are looking forward to making use of this invitation.

Emile asked for a motion to dispense with any further business so as to allow time for installation of officers and the Christmas Party.

Mr. John Engel, Region I President, conducted installation of officers and so to all you "Big Wigs", CONGRATS! By the way, did you all see the very nice congratulatory note in the Blue Beret from our International President, Alex Christiansen? Real nice, Huh?

And just another note to increase our hat size...John Engel toasted our group on Sunday, Quote.. A Ball of Fire..End of Quote.

Walter Kelley showed slides on Thailand and India. If you saw his "photo concerto" you can well imagine the pleasure gained from this presentation. GREAT, Walter, BUT GREAT! Keep 'em comin!

During the course of the evening and without any formal motion, it was realized there would be a need for money for the Youth Committee to purchase equipment for the children's games, prizes, etc.. Without hesitation, personal donations in the amount of \$10.00 were realized. We're off to a good start and hope to be able to assist the committee, financially, whenever they have the need.

After dinner -- watch out -- the gifts flew back and forth and guess what -- The "Bloomin Idiot" was the life of the party.

Birthday Wishes to Bette Arquett, January 3rd and Georgie Malerbo, January 21st.

Attached is a questionnaire for those who have not yet filled one out. Please return to Fern Raboin, P.O. Box 592, Bristol, 06010 as soon as possible. This will bring our birthday and anniversary list up to date... THANKS

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNITOFFICERS

PRESIDENT --		Emile Raboin
1ST VICE PRESIDENT		Lester Fields
2ND VICE PRESIDENT		Thomas Brennan
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY		Rae Brennan
RECORDING SECRETARY		Kathy Dirga
TREASURER		Arthur Droheim
DIRECTORS	1 YR.	Hully Bunn Ben Fusco
	2 YR.	Dave Clark Jack Dirga



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MEETING OF CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT HELD AT VILLAGE RESTAURANT, WOICOTT  
CONN. ON December 6, 1970

NAME	ADDRESS
Mr. + Mrs. Joseph Sheehan	36 Mac Arthur Lane - Stamford
Lee + Stan Spector	31 Carey St. Willimantic, Conn.
Mr. + Mrs. Donald Ryan	140 Eastern Dr. Wethersfield
Hal + Marion King	737 Orange Center Rd Orange
Keeper + Ruth Crockett	Torrington East St, Torrington, Conn.
Art + Ann Droheim	560 Burlington Ave Bristol
David + Georgie Malerba	1039 Jerome Ave Bristol
Hully + Helen Summ	62 Mini Rd. Bristol
Hully + Ronnie Summ	
Dave and Audrey Clark	6 Lookout Rd. Norwalk
Tom and Rae Brennan	648 Bound Lane Rd Wolcott
Mr. Lester + Irene Fields + Carol	223 Swain Ave Meriden Ch.
John + Betty Engle	416 No STATE ST Concord N.H.
Emile + Fun Rabain	328 Emmett St. Bristol
Jack + Kathy Dirga	135 Robertson Rd. Bristol
Walter C. Kelley	172 Webster Hill Blvd. West Hartford

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CHARTER OAK UNITMEETING MINUTESDecember 6, 1970

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by President Raboin. The meeting was held at the Village Restaurant in Wolcott with 30 members present.

Hal King lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Raboin then asked everyone for a moment of silence and deepest sympathy was extended to the Arquett family on the loss of Bill's father.

President Raboin welcomed Mr. Engle, the President of Region I, and his wife. Mrs. Engle offered her farm in Concord, New Hampshire for a rally. She was thanked by President Raboin and the members.

President Raboin then asked to have a motion made to dispense with the business meeting and go on with the installation of officers and the Christmas party. Rae Brennan made the motion and it was seconded by Dave Clark.

President Raboin thanked Mr. Engle for his help. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Engle for the installation of officers.

Roger Crockett made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dave Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathryn Dirga*

Kathryn Dirga  
135 Robertson Rd.  
Bristol, Conn.

Accepted: January 3, 1970

By: *Emile Raboin Pres.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORSMEETING

11/8/70

1. President Raboin suggested that the Charter Oak Unit use his post office box in order to save the cost until our treasury has been increased. It was agreed upon.
2. Checking account - Will be with the North Side Bank and Trust Co. Checks will be in the name of Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. Two signatures will be authorized - President Emile Raboin or Art Droheim.
3. President Raboin stated he will announce the members of his committees for the year.
4. Rally fees - President Raboin stated that a rally fee should be established at the meeting so as not to cause dissention in the future.









## CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT

Contact: Bette Arquett, 224 Todd Road, Wolcott, Conn. 06716

With great pride we offer our first news as The Charter Oak Connecticut Unit.

On Oct. 11th, an organizational meeting was held at Leone's Steak House, Bristol, Conn., with Fernande & Emile Raboin as hosts. All present were in favor of a new unit. A slate of officers were voted upon as follows: Pres., Emile Raboin, Bristol, First V.P., Lester Fields, Meriden, Second V.P., Thomas Brennan, Wolcott, Rec. Secy., Kathy Dirga, Bristol, Cor. Secy., Rae Brennan, Wolcott, Treas., Arthur Droheim, Bristol, Directors, 2 yrs., Dave Clark, Norwalk, Jack Dirga, Bristol, Directors 1 yr., Hully Bunn, Bristol, Benjamin Fusco, Danbury. Mr. John Engel, Region I Pres. and his wife, Betty, were guests at this meeting and gave their best wishes to the group. A delicious dinner and a social hour followed the meeting.

The Nov. 8th meeting of the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit was held at Larson's Restaurant, Waterbury. Pres. Raboin read a letter from our International Pres., Alex Christiansen, informing members that our application to form anew unit had been received and accepted and was to be known as the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. Mr. Walter Kelley presented "Photo Concerto", his own version of "slides put to music". They included views of flowers, seasons, nature & scenery. A delightful treat to all who had the privilege of viewing them. Hosts for the meeting were Bill & Bette Arquett.

The Dec. 6th meeting was held at the Village Restaurant, Wolcott. Hosts for the meeting were Tom & Rae Brennan. The beautiful Christmas decorations put everyone in the "Holiday Spirit" and right in the mood for the "Noel Fun Grab Bag".

The Jan. 3rd meeting will be held at the Cabin Restaurant, Colony Street, Meriden. The meeting will be called at 4:00 P.M., dinner at 5:00 P.M. A smorgasbord will be served hosted by Lester & Irene Fields.

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Thank you President Christiansen for your "hearty welcome" in the last issue of the Blue Beret. We are so grateful to be 115 (proposed).

We are growing by leaps and bounds and our membership now stands at 43 trailer owners.

Our new officers were installed by our Region I President, John Engel, at our Christmas meeting.

Our Youth Committee is real "gung ho" and are looking forward to doing a great job with our young people. At our Christmas Party personal donations in the amount of \$10.00 were realized to aid the Committee in their endeavor. We're off to a good start and hope to be able to increase this amount at each winter meeting so as to afford them a substantial working fund for the summer.

Our February meeting will be held at Farmington and hosted by Helen & Hully Bunn. There will be a Penny Auction and everyone is reminded to bring articles for this.



NAME & ADDRESS	<i>Annex 1-1-71</i>	INTERNATIONAL DUES
ADAMS, E. Raymond & Mary 10 South Ave., New Milford, Conn. 06776	#21349	yes
ARQUETT, William & Bette 224 Todd Rd., Wolcott, Conn. 06716	#7760	yes
BOURGEOIS, Vincent & Agatha 1054 Old Turnpike Rd., Plantsville, Conn. 06479	#7351	yes
BRENNAN, Thomas & Rae 648 Bound Line Rd., Wolcott, Conn. 06716	#21715	yes
BUNN, Hully & Helen 62 Mine Rd., Bristol, Conn. 06010	#22620	yes
CLARK, David & Audrey 6 Lookout Rd., Norwalk, Conn. 06850	#23041	yes
COBURN, Harold & Ilene 41 Ichabod Rd., Simsbury, Conn. 06070	#16931	yes
COOTE, Charles & Claire 20 So. Main St., New Milford, Conn. 06776	#12678	yes
CROCKETT, Roger & Ruth Torrington East, Torrington, Conn. 06790	#8627	yes
CRUISE, Donald & Cornelia 580 Colman St., New London, Conn. 06320		yes
<del>DIRGA, Jack &amp; Kathy</del> <del>135 Robertsen Rd., Bristol, Conn. 06010</del> <i>6 Preston St., Forestville " "</i>	#10573	yes
DROHEIM, Arthur & Ann 560 Burlington Ave., Bristol, Conn. 06010	#23191	yes
FIELDS, Lester & Irene 223 Swain Ave., Meriden, Conn. 06450	#4748	yes
FULLER, John & Marion 29 Blue Ridge Rd., Kensington, Conn. 06037	#1745	yes
FUSCO, Benjamin & Mary 17 Cross St., Danbury, Conn. 06810	#15868	yes
GIFFORD, Randall & Dorothy 477 Shrub Rd., Bristol, Conn. 06010	#10231	yes
HILL, John & Phyllis 148 Coppermine Rd., Unionville, Conn. 06085		yes

<u>NAME &amp; ADDRESS</u>	<u>TRAILER NUMBER</u>	<u>INTERNATIONAL DUE</u>
HENNIG, Fred & Dorothy 44 Seaview Ave., Niantic, Conn. 06357	#1363	yes
HERBERT, Earle & Isabel P. O. Box 158, Somers, Conn. 06071	#9501	yes
HOWARD, Fred & Ruth Box 87, Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, Conn. 06068	#22353	yes
JOHNSTON, Earl & Marion <i>PO Box 223</i> 82 Seneca Dr., Vernon, Conn. 06086		yes
KELLEY, Walter C. <del>172 Webster Hill Blvd., W. Hartford, Conn.</del> c/o King 29 Grey Stone Rd. 06107	#23642	yes
KLIMKIEWICZ, Edward & Rosemarie 58 Jerome Ave., Bristol, Conn. 06010		yes
MAIERBO, Harold & Georgiana 1039 Jerome Ave., Bristol, Conn. 06010	#6886	yes
MAXIM, Peter & c/o Camperama, Mill Plain, Danbury, Conn. 06810	Dealer	yes
MITCHELL, William & Beatrice 16 Fowler Ave., Norwich, Conn. 06360	#9408	yes
RABOIN, Emile & Fernande 328 Emmett St., Bristol, Conn. 06010	#23040	yes
ROGER, David & M. Louise <del>40 Taylor Terrace, New Milford, Conn.</del> 49 Taylor Terr. 06776	#9039	yes
SPECTOR, Stan & Lee 31 Corey St., Willimantic, Conn. 06226	#5228	yes
STACHKUNAS, Mathew & Antoinette 692 Pine St., Forestville, Conn. 06010	#13874	yes
STREW, Richard & Jeri <del>48 Rockwell Ave., Bristol, Conn. 06010</del>	#21350	yes
STURCHIO, Frank & Kathryn <i>Orange Grove Mobil Village PO Box 759</i> <i>1009 1/2 Harbor Blvd. Anaheim, Calif. 92805</i> <i>Orange 92666</i> 190 Fox Hill Rd., Stratford, Conn. 06497	#18124	yes
WITHINGTON, Edward & Betty Northrop Rd., Bethany, Conn. 06525		yes
SHERHAN, Joseph & Helen 36 MacArthur Lane, Stamford, Conn. 06902		yes

<u>NAME &amp; ADDRESS</u>	<u>TRAILER NUMBER</u>	<u>INTERNATIONAL</u>
BOBALSKI, Alex & Ann 107 Shelton St., Bridgeport, Conn. 06608	#2903	no
BUTTERFIELD, Daniel M. 9 Brookhedge Rd., Trumbull, Conn. 06611		no
ENGEL, John Sr. & Elizabeth 416 No. State St., Concord, N. H.	#4862	no
KING, Halbert & Marion 737 Orange Center Rd., Orange Conn. 06477	#13499	no
MARQUIS, Frank & Rebecca R.F.D. #3, Box 266, Norwich, Conn. 06360	#14803	no
PEDERSON, Albert & Janice Box 431, R.R.#2, Lake Worth, Florida 33460 <i>101 Gaylordsville, Conn 06755</i>	#6204	no
RYAN, Donald & Margaret 140 Eastern Dr., Wethersfield, Conn. 06109	#15139	no
SWEENEY, Louis & Anita 11 Shelter Ave., Oakville, Conn. 06779		no