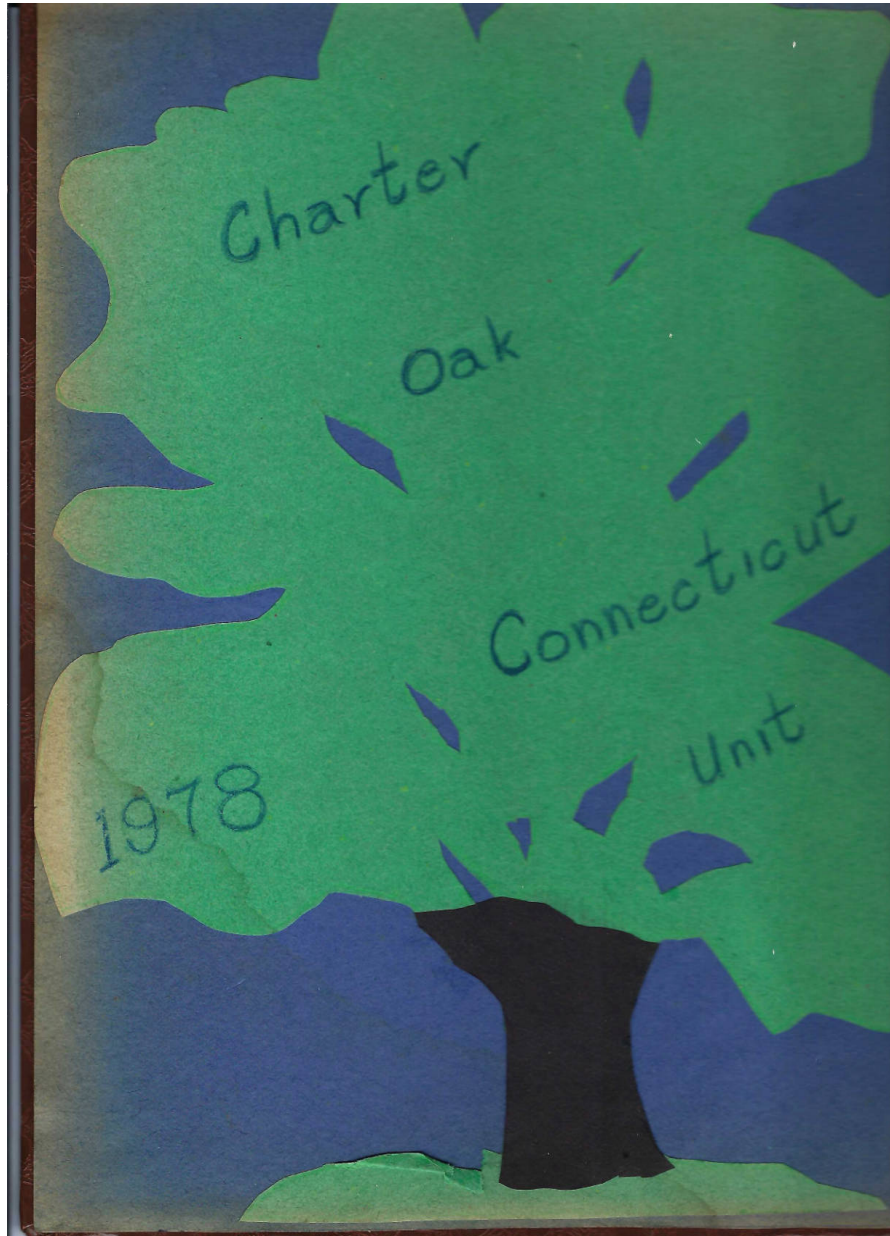




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WINTER GET-TOGETHER

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 1978

PLACE: PINE MEADOW FIRE HOUSE
ROUTE 44
PINE MEADOW, CONN.

TIME: 3:30 P.M. Gathering time and stay as long as you would like to.

POT LUCK SUPPER: 5:30 P.M.

FEE: \$4.00 per family. Friends and Children welcome, bring them if you can.

Fee will provide the following:

Hall
Coffee, Tea and Punch
Breads
Dessert

YOU MUST BRING:

Your own place settings, same as we do for our regular camping pot-luck suppers.

POT-LUCK CASSEROLE or SALAD or WHATEVER

If you desire: BYOB and MIX

No reservations necessary, we are planning on all to be present if the weather permits.

HOSTS AND HOSTESSES:

Ed and Doris Sheffield
&
Roger and Ruth Crockett

DIRECTIONS:

From Waterbury: Route 8 North to Winsted, turn East on Route 44 thru to Pine Meadow. Fire house is on the left just beyond the traffic light. Stay on Route 44, there are no turn offs.

From I-84 take the Farmington Exit, Route 4 to Unionville, Route 179 to Collinsville thru to Route 44, then left on Route 44 to Pine Meadow. Fire House is on the right, just past Waring Products, and before the next light.

NO MEETINGS--just a CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT get-together.

WELCOME ONE AND ALL

FEBRUARY CHATTER

1978

On Sunday, Feb. 5, about thirty members of the Charter Oak Conn. Unit and their friends gathered together at the Pine Meadow Fire House and had a most enjoyable time. Doris and Ed Sheffield and Ruth and Roger Crockett hosted the mid-winter get-together. We sat around the large fieldstone fireplace and enjoyed the warm, crackling fire. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all. Everyone joined in to play a penny quiz that was won by Jim McLain. An exceptionally good pot-luck supper was served. The variety and quality of the various dishes was exceptional. Perce Hulbert showed two films on Canada that delighted everyone there. The presentation showed the vastness and beauty of the country and people everywhere enjoying the great out-of-doors.

Greetings have been received from many of our COCU members who wish to be remembered to all of our members. They are enjoying the winter in warmer climates, but are missing all this beautiful snow.

George and Judy Atherholt have been on the road for 16 months and have covered 42,000 miles--Mexico, Canada, Alaska and 31 states. Wonderful.

Now that they are retired, Florence and Andrew Higgins are spending the winter at Land Yacht Port O'Call, 1300 So. Airport Blvd., Melbourne, Florida, 32907. They left Conn. on Oct. 31, and have spent most of the summer months visiting their children in Germany, Baltic, Conn., Salem, Mass. and Pt. Lee, Virginia. They hope to see us in the Spring.

A letter was received from Peg and Ernie Rolland who wrote that they have been moving around the country. Have stayed in Louisiana, Maine, Florida, West Virginia, and are now living in Safari Trailer Park, off I-95 in Georgia. Good hearing from you.

Ingrid and Harry Multin sent a letter so that all their Charter Oak Unit friends can keep posted on their whereabouts. They spent sometime in at least 15 cities in Florida, then moved on to Mobile, Alabama, across the coastline of Mississippi, and are now at the Live Oakes Land Yacht Harbor just north of New Orleans, Louisiana. Said they would be back sometime in April.

We have a change of address for Pat and Dennis Glow. Said they enjoyed the trip across the country going to his new station. Their new address is: 1223 Calle Santiago, Chula Vista, California, 92010.

Rebecca Marquis wrote a nice note saying that she has transferred to the Northern Virginia Unit. Hopes to see us down the road.

Barbara and Claude Lacouture have become permanent residents of Florida and are looking for a Unit to join there.

Joe and Liz Bazzano have also become permanent residents of Florida, and have joined the Florida Treasure Coast Unit. Said to let the gang know that they look forward to seeing us all next summer. Asked for anyone traveling nearby to attend a Treasure Coast Unit Rally, or to stop by and visit with them.

We are happy to report that Charles Eglise's recent eye operation, at this writing, has every mark of being a success. The Eglise family left for a Florida vacation on Feb. 15. Enjoy yourselves.

The first Charter Oak Conn Unit meeting of the new year will be held at the Burlington Inn, Route 4, Burlington, Conn., and will be hosted by Roger and Ruth Crockett. Hope to see you there.

R. A. W.
Ruth A. Weston

March 5, 1978

Burlington Inn

Route 4, Burlington, Ct.

Friendship and : 3:30

Meeting: 4:00 P.M.

Dinner: 5:30 P.M.

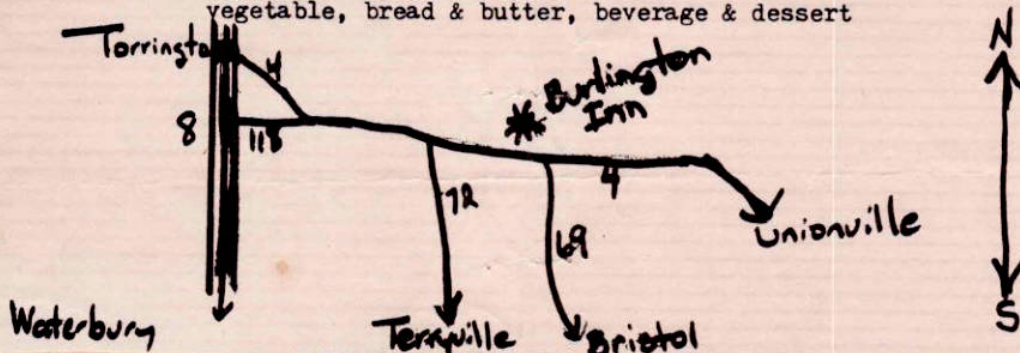
After Dinner: Slides of South Africa presented by Hazel & Rud Bloomer
(First Showing)

With winter coming to a close let's hope all our members who are home will join with us for our first meeting of 1978. We promise you a friendly welcome, good fellowship, a fine dinner and an interesting slide presentation by Hazel & Rud.

Choice of Entrees

<i>Bill</i>	Surf & Turf.....	10.37	<i>Roger Crockett</i>
<i>Angie</i>	Stuffed Jumbo Shrimp, drawn butter.....	9.15	<i>Torrington East St.</i>
	Roast Prime Ribs of Beef, Au Jus.....	10.92	<i>Torrington 06790</i>
	Veal Parm.....	8.24	<i>203-482-2012</i>

Each entree includes appetizer, salad, potato, vegetable, bread & butter, beverage & dessert



REGION 1
CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT
By Lee Good

In spite of a threatening winter storm, the February Charter Oak Potluck given by the Sheffields and Crocketts at the Pine Meadow Fire House had a successful turnout. The evening was spent playing a penny quiz (won by Jim McLain) and viewing two films about Canada shown by Perce Hulbert.

The March 5 meeting was hosted by Ruth and Roger Crockett at the Burlington Inn in Burlington, Connecticut. Hazel and Rud Bloomer showed slides of their recent trip to South Africa.



Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

March 5, 1978

Dinner Meeting

Howard & Marguerite Kuehn

Bob & Amelia La joie

Percy & Harriett Hulbut

Ed. & Doris Sheffield

Clarence & Elsie Nelson

Richard & Janice Bartlett

Robert & Wilma Evans

Bill & Angie Curry

Roger & Ruth Crockett

Henry & Arlene Letterstrom

Mervin & Ardis Kolhoff

Emile & Fern Roboin

David & Hartensia Roger

Jim & Pat. Mc Lain

Dick & Jeanne Porter

Jim & Laura Edmondson

Bob. & Mary Lobb

Richard & Dud. Brockett

Chas & Sandy Eglise

Bub & Ruth Weston

MARCH CHATTER 1, 78

Past President Roger Crockett and Former First Lady Ruth Crockett were the very capable hosts of the well attended first dinner meeting of 1978. The meeting was held at the Burlington Inn, Burlington, Conn. on March 5, 1978.

Forty-one members of Charter Oak Conn Unit attended the dinner and meeting. Everyone enjoyed seeing Perce Hulburt's movies of trips that he and Harriett have taken over a period of years. The beauty of the country that he photographed and the quality of the pictures were exceptional. All who attended were so glad he shared them with us.

Marvin and Ardis Kolhoff have again supplied us with the 1978 Charter Oak Conn Unit Directories. A very outstanding job was done and COCU is fortunate to have these competent people as members.

When you receive your COCU directory, look up the 1978 Meetings and Rallies that are listed on page 2. Make a note of these dates and locations and plan to attend as many as you possibly can. The new directories also list Airstream Land Yacht Harbors for your convenience.

Dick Brockett has extended an invitation from the Cape Cod Mass Unit to attend an out-of-doors Rally, May 27-28, Memorial Weekend. More details next time.

Bill Curry, President, would like to know how many members would be interested in joining a caravan to the 21st International Rally to be held at Ames, Iowa from June 28 to July 4, 1978. Those interested contact Bill Curry so that departure dates and travel plans can be discussed.

Just a reminder that May 1, 1978 is the dead-line to pay your advanced rally fees for the International Rally. There is an application form in the February 1978 Blue Beret.

For the families who will be attending the 21st International Rally, a call for a Teen Queen has been received. Any daughter or granddaughter of a member, in her teens is eligible.

The Battle of Rhode Island Rally sponsored by the new Cape Cod Mass Unit will be held on Aug. 16--22, 1978. Brian and Linda Vaill are the Chairpersons. Be sure to get your reservations in soon to avoid disappointment. Interest is growing in the Charter Oak Conn Unit membership for a caravan to travel to the Newport Rally site.

The Nominating Committee of Region I selected the Slate of Officers for the 1978-1979 term, and it was submitted to our membership for approval. Nominee for President, Claude Nichols, New England Unit, was approved. Nominee for Vice-President, Jessie Walker, White Mountain Unit, was approved. There were three nominees for the office of Second Vice-President. They were: Paul Brotherton, New England Unit; Robert Lawson, New England Unit; and Conrad Carlson, White Mountain Unit. Conrad Carlson was selected as the candidate for office by our membership. Results will be forwarded to the Region I Nominating Committee.

MARCH CHATTER 1978

Soon many of our members who migrated to the south for the winter, will be returning to our area with many interesting stories to tell.

Past President and First Lady Rud and Hazel Bloomer left for Florida on Feb. 10, having had enough of the snow. They had a weeks wait to get into Travellers Rest at Dade City. On March 2 they took their rig (along with about 1,000 other rigs) to the Airstream Co. Rally at Tampa and had a wonderful time. They have met many acquaintances from other rallies and caravans. Some of Charter Oak Conn Unit members that were at Tampa were: Alexanders #3062, Butterfields #23777 Lockwoods #16156, Droheims #23191, Higgins #28496, Smiths #23188 and Harrisons #28078. Marie Harrison took a blue ribbon for an excellent thimble exhibit. So that's where they've all been hiding out. Rud wants to apologize for not being able to show his slides on South Africa but hopes he can show them some time later. Sure hope so. They send their love to all, and expect to be home about April 10.

Charter member, Dave Rogers has recovered from his recent operation. It was good to see him and Hortensia at the March Dinner Meeting.

We missed Jeanne Porter at the last meeting. She is vacationing at St. Simons Island with a group of close friends. Hope you have a wonderful time.

Charles and Sandy Eglise and family returned Saturday March 4, from a Florida vacation. From all reports they had a good time. Their son David Eglise will be confirmed April 2, at the Christ Church in Hartford, Conn. Congratulations David!

A card was received from Harry and Ingrid Multin from Corpus Christi, Texas. They said Corpus Christi is the prettiest place they have visited. Harry and Ingrid will go as far west as San Antonio and then head toward the Northeast. We're happy that all went well. See you soon.

We are very happy to accept Robert and Beverly Ritchie into the Unit. Their address is: 107 Sunset St. Windsor Locks, Conn. 06096.

Please correct Bob and Mary Lobb's address in your new directories. The city should be Wallingford and not Waterford.

The smile on Audrey Clark's face these days is broader because Mary Lobb volunteered to take on the responsibility of ordering and distributing Unit and member supplies from International Headquarters. Many thanks to Audrey for the fine job she has performed for so long. Our compliments, Mary!

The April Dinner Meeting will be hosted by Bud and Ruth Weston on April 2, 1978. It will be held at the Hawthorne Inn, Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, Conn. The entertainment feature will be slides shown by Howard Kuehn of a recent trip to India. Hope you can be present.

R.A.W.

Ruth A. Weston

CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT
REGULAR MEETING
BURLINGTON INN
BURLINGTON, CONN.

MARCH 5, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 P.M. with President Bill Curry, presiding. Vice-President Charles Eglise led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll-Call found two officers absent. They were Ruf Bloomer and Mark Good.

A motion was made and seconded by Ed Sheffield and Bob Lobb to accept the minutes of the December meeting as read. Motion was carried.

Sandy Eglise, Treasurer reported that the full computation could not be made because the Eglise family had just arrived home from a Florida vacation the night before. Check book balance was \$619.59. Emile Raboin and Mary Lobb moved that the report be accepted.

The Treasurers records were audited on Jan. 29, by Bill Curry, Ed Sheffield and Charles Eglise, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, and they were found to be correct.

Bill Curry, President, would like to get a caravan of Charter Oak Conn Unit members together to travel to Ames, Iowa, to the 21st International Rally. Dates for the rally are June 28-July 4, 1978. For the families who will be attending the 21st International Rally there will be a Teen Queen contest. Any daughter or grand-daughter of a member, in her teens is eligible.

Correspondence:

The Board of Trustees of the International Headquarters need ideas and suggestions for the agenda of the 1978 International Directory. Should Land Yacht Harbors or Port O'Calls be included in the listing? Any recommendations should be in by April 24, 1978.

Committees:

Ed Sheffield, Chairman of the By-Laws Study Committee, reported that International Headquarters directed the Committee to change a few words in the By-Laws revisions that had been submitted for approval. The suggested changes will be made.

Bill Curry suggested that the formation of a Membership Committee be deferred and discussed at the April Dinner Meeting.

The COGU's equipment inventory report was also deferred until the next meeting.

The Nominating Committee of Region I selected the Slate of Officers for the 1978-1979 term, and it was submitted to the membership for approval. Nominee for President, Claude Nichols, New England Unit, was approved. Nominee for Vice-President, Jessie Walker, White Mountain Unit, was approved. There were three nominees for the office of Second Vice-President. They were Paul Brotherton, New England Unit, Robert Lawson, New England Unit and Conrad Carlson, White Mountain Unit. Conrad Carlson was selected as the candidate for office by our membership. Results will be forwarded to the Region I Nominating Committee.

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 1978

A motion was passed that when deposits for rally sites and dinner meetings are required, that they be considered on an individual basis.

Dick Porter, Director, expressed our grateful appreciation to Marvin and Ardis Kolhoff for furnishing the 1978 Charter Oak Conn Unit Directories again this year.

Robert and Beverly Ritchie of Windsor Locks, Conn. have been accepted as members into the Unit.

Announcements:

Dick Brockett reported that Cape Cod Mass Unit has been issued its first permanent charter and has a 200 trailer membership. He extended an invitation to an out-door rally over the Memorial week-end given by the Cape Cod Unit. Dick also reminded us that the New Port Rally will be from Aug. 16-22, and to get reservations in to avoid disappointment.

Members of the meeting were informed that Wilbur McIntire, a member of both the New England Unit and the Cape Cod Mass Unit has suffered a very serious heart attack while spending the winter in Florida.

It was reported that Jack Shabeck, Cape Cod Mass Unit will be forming a caravan to Ames, Iowa and hopes to get at least 25 to 30 trailers to take part. An invitation was extended to any of Charter Oak Conn Unit members to travel with the caravan. Reservation forms must be returned to Jack Shabeck by April 5, for those wishing to take part.

Dave Rogers suggested that we go to the New Port Rally in a caravan. This suggestion will be continued to be discussed at future rallies.

Dave Rogers and Dick Brockett both offered to show some of their own slides at some future rally.

The April Dinner Meeting will be hosted by Bud and Ruth Weston on April 2, 1978. It will be held at the Hawthorne Inn, Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, Conn. Howard Kuehn will show slides of a recent trip to India.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Weston
Recording Secretary

CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT
 DIRECTOR'S MEETING
 BURLINGTON INN
 BURLINGTON, CONN.

MARCH 5, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. with President Bill Curry, presiding.

The Roll-Call found two officers absent.

A motion was made by Charles Eglise, First Vice-President, and seconded by Jim McLain, Director, to accept the minutes of the December meeting as read.

The Treasurers report as given by Sandy Eglise was incomplete as the Eglise family had just arrived home from a Florida vacation the night before. The check book balance was \$619.59.

The Treasurers records were audited on Jan. 29, by Bill Curry, Ed Sheffield and Charles Eglise, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, and they were found to be correct.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received from International Headquarters requesting that Charter Oak Conn Unit supply any information regarding improvements in services and communications between Regional Units and International Headquarters.

Committees:

Sandy Eglise reported that she was notified by Brian Vaill, Chairman, that receipts covering the Americas Cup Rally were sent to Rud Bloomer and unfortunately were lost in the mail.

Chairman of the Auditing Committee, Charles Eglise requested permission from the officers of the Charter Oak Conn Unit to send a letter to the bank in Rhode Island that handled the Americas Cup Rally at Newport, Aug. 1977, asking them to supply copies of all transactions connected with the rally. It was voted to grant permission. This information would be needed in case of an I.R.S. audit. Carbon copies of the letter will be sent to Brian Vaill, Dick Porter and Bud Weston.

Ed Sheffield, Chairman of the By-Laws Study Committee, reported that International Headquarters directed the Committee to change a few words in the By-Laws revisions that had been submitted for approval. The suggested changes will be made.

Bill Curry suggested that the formation of a Membership Committee be deferred and discussed at the April Dinner Meeting.

In the absence of Mark Good, the Charter Oak Conn Unit's equipment inventory report was deferred until a later date.

The Nominating Committee of Region I selected the Slate of Officers for the 1978--1979 term. Nominee for President, Claude Nichols, New England Unit, Nominee for Vice-President, Jessie Walker, White Mountain Unit, and for the office of Second Vice-President, there were three nominees. A motion was made and passed that the slate be presented to the COCU membership for voting.

New Business:

Bill Curry made a motion and it was seconded by Charles Eglise, that the Charter Oak Conn Unit consider entering the History Book contest

DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MARCH 5, 1978

to be held at the 21st International Rally in Ames, Iowa. Angie Curry and Hazel Bloomer have been asked to prepare our entry. Motion was passed.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Charles Eglise that when deposits for rally sites and dinner meetings are required, that they be considered on an individual basis. Jim McLain seconded the motion and it was passed.

A motion was made by Charles Eglise and seconded by Dick Porter, Director, to furnish the necessary deposit required by Mark and Lee Good for the Fall Foliage Rally to be held on Oct. 1978, in New Hampshire, and to furnish the deposit for the November Dinner Meeting to be hosted by Dick and Jeanne Porter. A deposit to hold the site in North Stonington, Conn. for our August Rally was made.

A motion was made and passed to accept Robert and Beverly Ritchie into the Unit.

The April Dinner Meeting will be hosted by Bud and Ruth Weston on April 2, 1978. It will be held at the Hawthorne Inn, Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, Conn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Weston
Recording Secretary

OFFICERS PRESENT:

William Curry
Charles Eglise
Elliott Weston

Sandra Eglise
Ruth Weston
Amelia LaJoie

Robert LaJoie
Richard Porter
James McLain

B.C.G.I.

APRIL DINNER MEETING
THE CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT

THE HAWTHORNE INN

Directors Meeting: 3:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting: 4:30 P.M.
Dinner: 5:30 P.M.

April 2, 1978

MENU (Including Tax & Tip)

Entrees:

- (1) Prime Ribs of Beef Au Jus-----\$11.00
- (2) Baked Stuffed Jumbo Shrimp--Drawn Butter-----\$11.00
- (3) Baked Filet of Sole--Parsley Butter-----\$ 8.55

Appetizers:

Fresh Fruit Cup Onion Soup Au Gratin

Potato-----Oven Roast
Vegetables Du Jour--Served family style
Tossed Salad-----Choice of Dressing

Dessert:

Peach Cobbler

THE HAWTHORNE INN 2421 Wilbur Cross Highway
Routes 5 & 15
Berlin, Connecticut
Telephone New Britain 203-828-3571

Hosts Elliott and Ruth Weston
116 Miller Ave.
Meriden, Conn. 06450
Phone 203-237-1585

Clip and return with your check

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

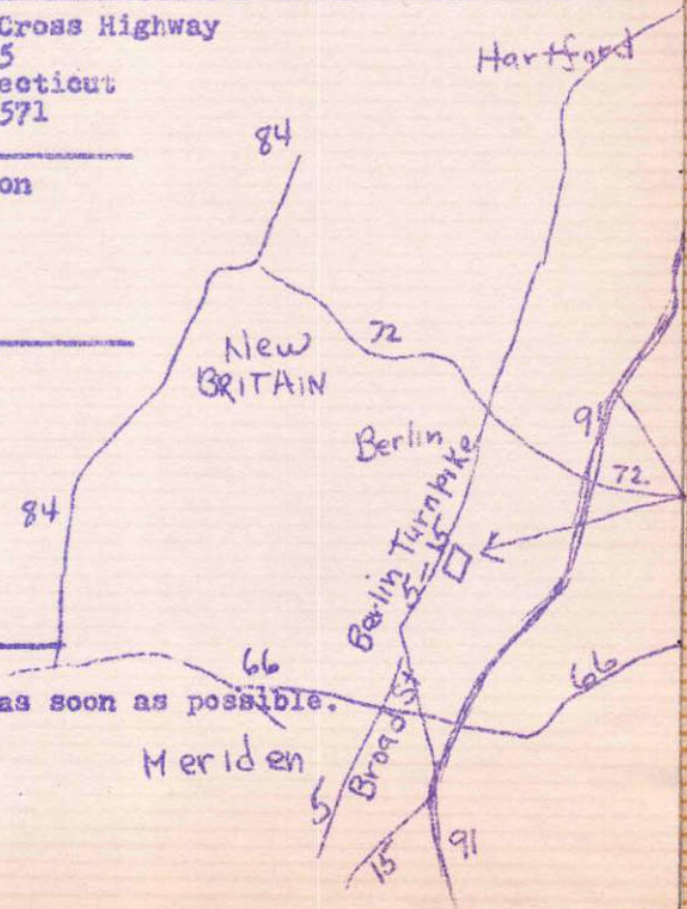
Prime Ribs \$ _____

Stuffed Shrimp \$ _____

Filet of Sole \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please return your reservation as soon as possible.



R.A.W.



Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

April 2, 1978

Roger, Ruth, Crockett
 Paul, Barbara, Brussiete
 Bob. x Betty Ritchie
 Laura x Jim Edmondson
 Catherine x Harrison, Landon
 Marquinte x Howard Tuehn
 Dot, Jim Mc Lain
 Hank x Arlene Setterstrom
 Percy x Harriett Hulbert
 Bob, x Mary Lobb
 Bob x Amelia La Jaire
 Jeanne x Dick Parter
 Bud x Ruth, Weston
 Angie x Bill Curry
 Celia x Jacobs, Hyster

REGION 1

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT
 By Lee Good

Past President Roger Crockett and Former First Lady Ruth Crockett hosted the first dinner meeting of 1978 at the Burlington Inn, Burlington, Connecticut, on March 5. Harriet and Perce Hulbert showed movies of their many trips across this wide country of ours. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ardis and Marvin Kolhoff for, again, supplying us with the 1978 Charter Oak Connecticut Unit Directories. An outstanding job, thank you.

The April dinner meeting was held at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, Connecticut, April 2, hosted by Ruth and Bud Weston.

The first trailer rally heralded the summer at the Book and Wood Campground in Livingston, New York, May 5-7. Rally hosts were Hazel and Rud Bloomer and Mary and Robert Lobb.

APRIL CHATTER

1978

The April Dinner Meeting held in the executive room at the Hawthorne Inn was hosted by Bud and Ruth Neston. We had excellent food and drink and a wonderfully entertaining evening.

After our Regular Meeting, Howard Kuehn presented a most interesting and educational presentation along with many treasured artifacts that he brought back from India.

The manner of doing business and the methods of manufacturing in India are so different from what we are used to. Their transportation system is remarkable. It should make us much more appreciative of what we have in our life-style. Some of the items displayed were: an ivory inlaid table, pure silks, beautiful bells, ornate silver boxes and many other items.

We are very grateful to the Kuehn's for a most fascinating program.

Bill Curry reminds us that there will be an Airstream Company Rally from May 10-15, at York Fairgrounds, York, Pa. Hope some of you can make it.

In the event that any of our members might want to run a Special Events Rally, there is a set of slides available from the Regional President to show how a committee can administer one.

Bill Curry will be leaving for Penn Wood Park in Limestone, Pa. on Friday June 23, on his way to the 21st International Rally at Ames, Iowa. He will lead a caravan leaving Penn Wood Park on the morning of the 24th. Those interested in being part of the caravan contact Bill for details. Please be sure to have a full tank of gas. The park is at the intersection of I-80 and Rt. 147 Pennsylvania.

Just a reminder that May 1, 1978 is the dead-line to pay your advanced rally fees for the International Rally for those who wish to do so. For the members going, a good time is insured.

It was called to our attention that under 'Unit Activities' in the 1978 V.B.C.C.I. Directory, the White Memorial Rally, July 7-9, Litchfield, Mass. should read Litchfield, Conn.

The Memorial Day Weekend Rally, May 26-29, given by the Cape Cod Mass Unit will be held in Deep River, Conn. Dick Brockett extended an invitation to us all.

Please be sure to get your reservations in for the Battle of Rhode Island Rally, Newport, R.I. if you wish to attend. Send your reservations to Earle M. Brown, 107 Main Street, Coventry, R.I. 02816.

We are very happy to welcome into the Unit three trailering families. Please add their names and address to your directories.

Carlton and June Hartman 197 Orchard Street White Plains, N.Y. 10604 Phone 914-466-6251	Celia and David A. Tyler, Jr. 1 E Talcott Glen Farmington, Conn. 06032
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Paul and Barbara Brissette
Route 1, Box 100
Bethlehem, Conn. 06751

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APRIL CHAPTER

1978

Mary Lobb wants to remind our members to please order badges, name tags, flags and all member supplies through her.

Bud Weston, Chairman of the 1977 Meetings and Rallies, said that all the Meetings and Rallies are open for 1979 except April. The meetings usually fall on the first week-end in the month except for the months of July and Sept. These meetings come on the second week-end because of the International Rally in July and Labor Day in Sept.

He also suggested that new members become active as hosts and hostesses for rallies and dinner meetings or volunteer to co-host to gain experience.

Bud Weston showed us a map put out by Conn. Campground Owners Asso. located in Woodstock, Conn. 06281. The map contained all kinds of information pertaining to facilities available. About 40 out of the 50 camping areas have safari areas for rallies. These maps can be picked up at Conn. information stations across the state, or write to Conn. Campground Owners Asso., Candace Boniface, Sec'y, Woodstock, Conn. 06281.

Our next meeting will be held at Brook-N-Wood Campground, Livingston, N.Y. Rud and Hazel Bloomer and Bob and Mary Lobb will co-host the rally.

Let's Swing into Spring by attending this first rally of the new season. Hope to see you there!

R.A.W.

Ruth A. Weston

CHAMBER OAK GOLF UNIT
REGULAR MEETING
HA/THORNE INN
BERLIN, CONN.

APRIL 2, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. with President Bill Curry, presiding. Second Vice-President Bud Weston led the meeting in reciting the Pledge to the Flag.

The Roll-Call found four officers absent. They were Charles Eglise, Sandy Eglise, Mark Good and Rud Bloomer.

A motion was made by Jeanne Porter and seconded by Bob LaJoie to accept the minutes of the March meeting as read. Motion was carried.

The Treasurers Report as read by Bill Curry reported a Bal-on-Hand of \$874.41 as of March 29, 1978. Receipts totaled \$15.50, and disbursements were \$82.57. Dick Porter made a motion to accept the report as read and Jim McLain seconded the motion. It will be filed subject to audit.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received by Bill Curry reminding the Unit that there will be an Airstream Company Rally, May 10-15, at York Fairgrounds York, Pa.

Bill Curry received a letter stating that a set of slides for a 35 MM projector is available from the Regional President, to guide committees in administering Special Events Rallies. Bill Curry will look into it.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M. until after dinner.

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Curry at 7:05 P.M.

Committees:

The By-Laws Study Report was tabled until next meeting.

The Equipment inventory information was put off until next meeting.

Forming a Membership Committee was deferred until a later date.

Unfinished Business:

Bill Curry will lead a caravan going to the 21st International Rally at Ames, Iowa. He will make up the caravan at Penn Wood, Pa. on June 23, to leave on the morning of June 24.

New Business:

Celia and David Tyler, Jr. and Barbara and Paul Brissette have been accepted into the Unit.

Announcements:

Bud Weston presented a map of privately owned Conn. campgrounds, with a chart of the facilities available. The map and information is put out by Conn. Campground Owners Asso., located in Woodstock, Conn. 06281.

Bud Weston, Chairman of the 1979 Rally and Dinner Meetings, said that all the Meetings and Rallies are open except the April 1979 one. It was suggested that the new members become active as hosts and hostesses for Rally or Dinner Meetings or volunteer to co-host to gain experience.

REGULAR MEETING

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APRIL 2, 1978

Our next meeting will be held at Brook-N-Wood Campground, Livingston, New York. Rud and Hazel Bloomer and Bob and Mary Lobb will co-host the rally.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Weston
Recording Secretary

CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT
DIRECTOR'S MEETING
HAWTHORNE INN
BERLIN, CONN.

APRIL 2, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 P.M. with President Bill Curry, presiding.

The Roll-Call found four officers absent.

The Treasurers Report as read by Bill Curry reported a Bal-on-Hand of \$874.41 as of March 29, 1978. Receipts totaled \$15.50, and disbursements were \$82.57. Dick Porter made a motion to accept the report as read and Jim McLain seconded the motion. It will be filed subject to audit.

It was called to our attention that under 'Unit Activities' in the 1978 W.B.C.C.I. Directory, the White Memorial Rally, July 7-9, Litchfield, Mass. should read Litchfield, Conn.

Correspondence:

The Charter Oak Conn Unit has received notice from International Headquarters that Lt. Col. Alfred and Constance Steinberger have been expelled from the W.B.C.C.I., Inc. and are not to be admitted into any Unit. Their address is: 4143 Hillswind, San Antonio, Texas 78217. Their trailer number is: 13883.

Bill Curry received a letter stating that a set of slides for a 35 MM projector is available from the Regional President, to guide committees in administering Special Events Rallies. Bill Curry will look into the matter.

Correspondence was received by Bill Curry reminding the Unit that there will be an Airstream Company Rally, May 10-15, at York Fairgrounds York, Pa.

A motion was made to present the applications for membership of Celia and David Tyler, Jr. and Barbara and Paul Brissette to the membership for approval.

Jim McLain made a motion that whenever financial information is transferred from the Rally Chairman to the Treasurer of Charter Oak Conn Unit that it should be sent by registered mail or certified with a return receipt requested. Bud Weston seconded the motion and it was passed.

Bill Curry is willing to lead a caravan going to the 21st International Rally at Ames, Iowa. He will make up the caravan at Penn Wood, Pa. on the evening of the 23rd of June to leave on the morning of the 24th.

Jim McLain asked if a caravan is being considered to go to the Newport Rally. Details and plans will be discussed at a later meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Weston
Recording Secretary

OFFICERS PRESENT:
Bill Curry
Amelia LaJoie
Jim McLain

Elliott Weston
Robert LaJoie

Ruth Weston
Richard Porter

Bill

April 30, 1978

TREASURERS REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND (date) 3/29/78	CHECKING \$	<u>652.52</u>
	SAVINGS \$	<u>221.89</u>
	TOTAL \$	<u>874.41</u>

RECEIPTS

2 new Fall members at 7.50 ea = 15.00
 2 new Unit members @ 5.00 ea = 10.00
 4 patches @ 1.50 ea = 6.00
 Interest = 2.79

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	<u>33.79</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>908.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

4/3/78 - check # 74 - U.B.C.T. - for flag, badges, inserts, stationery + envelopes } 22.93

4/4/78 check # 75 - Paul Brissette - patch refund - 3.00

" check # 76 David Tyler - " " - 3.00

check # 77 - U.B.C.T. - 2 new members @ 7.50 ea = 15.00

4/9/78 " # 78 - Ruth Weston - stamps - 15.84

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	<u>59.77</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND (date) 4/30/78	CHECKING \$	<u>623.75</u>
	SAVINGS \$	<u>224.68</u>
	TOTAL \$	<u>848.43</u>



Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

9317 Millen
Montréal
H2M 1X1

Regional Office
Region 1

TO: Tex Barker Executive secretary
assistant to the president WBCCI
FROM: Jean-Guy Deschênes President Region 1
SUBJECT : Election of region 1 officers.
DATE: April 22, 1978

All the ballots for the election of region 1
officers are in now. The results are as follows:

President: Claude E. Nichols (Claire)
43 Sanborn Drive
Nashua, N. H. 03060

1st Vice President: Jesse Walker (Stella)
Box 278
Champlain, N.Y. 12919

2nd Vice President: Robert Lawson (Calista)
P.O. Box 782
Lyndonville, VT. 05851

cc: Unit Presidents Region 1 ✓
All the candidates

JGD/rm

W.B.C.C.I.
 CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT
 SWING INTO SPRING RALLY
 BROOK-N-WOOD CAMPGROUND
 MAY 5-7 1978

HOSTS: Rundle & Hazel Bloomer
 Robert & Mary Lobb

FRIDAY P.M. Coffee and---

SATURDAY Seavenger Hunt, Games, & Contests

P.M. Pot-luck Supper, Bingo or Whatever

SUNDAY A.M. Coffee and---

DIRECTIONS:

Suggested Best Route to Brook-N-Wood. (It is approximately 66 miles from the Brewster interchange on I-84)
 Leaving Conn on 84, go west on 84 to Fishkill. leave 84 at Holiday Motel exit, turning North on Route 9. Just above Clermont a sign will point out the Columbia-Dutchess County line. Approx. 2 miles beyond, at Blue Stores, you turn Right on Co. Rd. 8 for about 2 miles.
 Just before the campground, you will cross an intersection at a church. Brook-N-Wood is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of the church.
 A map and brochure will be enclosed.

<u>RALLY FEE</u>	\$3.00
<u>SITE</u>	
2 sites	
Full hook-ups	\$11.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$14.00

Please send reservations to:

R. J. Bloomer
 Carmel Ave.
 Brewster, N.Y. 10509 Phone 914-279-2144

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____

TRAILER NO. _____
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Join us
 SWING INTO SPRING

R.A.W.



Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

May 5, 1978

La Jais Bob & Millie
 Eglise & Chas. & Sandy
 Sheffield Ed & Doris, and Isabelle Cawington
 Clark Dan & Audrey
 Crockett Roger & Ruth
 Evans, Bob & Wilna
 Lobb, Bob & Mary
 Halovaski Joe & Helen
 Raboin Emile & Fern
 Brissette Paul & Barbara
 Bloomer, Hazel & Rud
 Kuehn Howard & Marguerite
 Mc Lain H.C. Dorothy
 Curry Bill Curry



The Judges evaluate
the scavenger items



Alas, the crucial
decision of the Judges



The champion of the 1978
Scavenger Hunt
David Clark Jr.



MAY CHATTER 1978

The week-end started with the normal Connecticut Rally Rain, ending Friday evening so we could enjoy our 'coffee and' that night.

Thirteen trailering families arrived during the week-end to enjoy the beautiful Brook-N-Wood Campground.

Saturday presented a good day for horseshoes, walking, and travel for the ladies. A scavenger hunt began early in the day, ending in the afternoon. It was necessary to gather a tremendous variety of articles. One person even arrived with an X rated rock.

Upon conclusion of the hunt, a tough pair of judges were selected. Roger Crockett and Ed Sheffield spent much time in determining the winners. David Clark, Jr. won first prize, a jar of candy. Bob Ritchie and Angie Curry received some very nice Mexican doilies, in a tie for second place. The losers suffered the agony of defeat in good spirits.

Rud Bloomer was presented his Past President's Flag by all of the Past Presidents present. Pictures of the presentation were taken for the history book.

Following the delicious pot-luck supper, Rud Bloomer and his motley crew of Bob Ritchie and Howard Kuehn presented us with a very nice slide show of the Newport Rally and the Bloomer's trip through Africa. This was narrated by Hazel and Rud.

We were very pleased to welcome new members into the Unit. Please add their names and address to your directories.

Helen and Joseph Gatavaski
52 Beacon Manor Circle
Naugatuck, Conn. 06770

There was a little down-pour Saturday night, but Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day to relax and visit prior to the disbursement of the trailers in all directions. It was a very interesting rally.

A letter was received from Region #1 President, Jean-Guy Deschenes with the results of the election as follows:

President, Claude Nichols
First Vice-President, Jesse Walker
Second Vice-President, Robert Lawson.

A card was received from the Savages who are well and they expect to return from Florida in time for the June Rally. It will be good to see them again.

Those people wishing to join the caravan to Ames, Iowa for the International Rally which will rendezvous at Penn Wood Park, Pennsylvania June 23, contact Bill Curry as early as possible.

Jim McLain will lead a caravan to the Newport Rally. More instructions on this at the August Rally.

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MAY CHATTER 1978

Hazel and Rud Bloomer informed me that they are leaving for the International Rally early and will not be able to attend the June or July rallies. Have a wonderful time!

Had word from Perce and Harriet Hulbert that their little cottage in Boothbay, Maine took a real beating from gale force winds and tides 4 to 6 feet above record, tremendous seas that demolished all docks and landings in the area. Shingles were torn off the roof and ceilings were ruined by water.

They have been working hard to repair the damage and hope to see everyone at our next rally. Sure sorry to hear about your troubles.

Art and Ann Droheim wrote saying they will be attending the International Rally at Ames and hope to find many from our Unit there. Art and Ann would like to be relieved of the responsibility of the Xmas Party this year and asked if we might find new people with new ideas to take charge.

The Droheims and the Raboins have been planning and hosting the Xmas parties for the last five years and have done an out-standing job. Many thanks for making them so enjoyable.

Is there anyone who might like to take on the challenge? Here is an opening for some of our new members to assist in a transition-like takeover of this job, along with some more experienced members.

Art Droheim has purchased a new trailer and wishes to sell his 1970 29 foot twin with rear bath for \$6800.00.

Rud and Hazel Bloomer, and Bob and Mary Lobb were thanked for hosting the enjoyable rally at Brock-N-Wood campground. Thanks again!

The next rally will be a Buddy Rally, The Golden Horseshoes Tournament Rally and be held at Boulder Park, Granville, Mass. Ed and Doris Sheffield and Ed and Stella Kacypenski will be your hosts and hostesses. Hope to see you there.

We also need volunteers to become active as hosts and hostesses for rally and dinner meeting in 1979. The March and April meetings are taken. Please let Bud Weston, Chairman of the Rally and Dinner meetings for 1979, know if you can host a meeting.

The May 1978 Blue Beret is full of information pertaining to the International Rally at Ames, Iowa, June 28-July 4. Make sure you read it. Some rallies our members might be interested in are:
 Swiss Festival National Rally in East-Central Ohio Sept 24-Oct. 1.
 Airstream Eastern Fall Rally at Nashville, Tenn. Oct. 12-15.
 Battle of Rhode Island Rally at Newport, R.I. Aug. 16-22.
 Pendleton Round-Up National Rally in Pendleton, Oregon Sept. 8-17.

Bill Curry sent me the minutes of the meeting held at the Brook-N-Wood. He also helped with part of the 'Chatter'. Sure did appreciate it, Bill.

That's all for now.

R.A.W.

Ruth A. Weston

Host for Christmas

CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT
REGULAR MEETING
BROOK-N-WOOD CAMPGROUND
ELIZAVILLE, NEW YORK

May 6, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. with President Bill Curry, Presiding. First Vice-President Charles Eglise led the group in reciting the Pledge to the Flag.

The Roll-Call found four officers absent. They were; Bud Weston, Ruth Weston, Mark Good and Dick Porter.

A motion was made by Jim McLain and seconded by Ed Sheffield to accept the minutes of the April meeting as read.

The Treasurer's Report as presented by Sandra Eglise reported a Balance-on-Hand of \$848.43 as of April 30, 1978. Receipts totaled \$33.79 and disbursements were \$59.77. Angie Curry made a motion that the report be accepted subject to audit and it was seconded by Mary Lobb.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from Region #1 President, Jean-Guy Deschenes with the results of the election as follows:

President: Claude Nichols
First Vice-President: Jesse Walker
Second Vice-President: Robert Lawson.

A card was received from the Savages who are well and expect to return from Florida in time for the June Rally.

Committee Reports:

A vote of the Unit delegated Ed Sheffield to make the minor adjustments requested in the By-laws and mail them to International.

The Equipment Inventory Committee Report was shelved awaiting the presence of Mark Good, Chairman.

A Membership Committee was appointed consisting of Rud Bloomer, Camperana representative and Bill Curry, Arlington Trailer Sales representative. We are in need of a contact with A-I Trailer Sales.

Unfinished Business:

Jim McLain reported that he could purchase patches from New Haven Embroidery at \$1.40 each, with a minimum of 220 which would result in a \$308.00 expenditure from our treasury. Roger Crockett made a motion we purchase 220 and it was seconded by Jim McLain.

Those people wishing to join the caravan to Ames, Iowa for the International Rally which will rendezvous at Penn Wood Park, Pennsylvania June 23, 1978, contact Bill Curry as early as possible.

Jim McLain will lead a caravan to the Newport Rally. More instructions on this at the August Rally.

CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT
DIRECTOR'S MEETING
BROOK-N-WOOD CAMPGROUND
ELIZAVILLE, NEW YORK

May 6, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M. with President Bill Curry, presiding.

The Roll-Call found four officers absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Bob Lajoie made a motion to accept the minutes as read, and Charles Eglise seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sandra Eglise, reporting a Balance-on-Hand of \$848.43 as of April 30, 1978. Receipts totaled \$33.79 and disbursements were \$59.77. Bob Lajoie made a motion the report be accepted subject to audit and Charles Eglise seconded the motion.

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Bill Curry received the cancelled checks of the Newport Rally from Brian Vaill. Jim McLain volunteered to make copies of the checks. Sandra Eglise will return the originals by registered mail to Brian. The Audit Committee will audit the checks and report at the June meeting.

New Business:

An application was received from Ruth Weston for Joseph and Helen Gatavaski to join the Unit. Rud Bloomer made a motion they be accepted and Charles Eglise seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Bob Lajoie that we adjourn, seconded by Charles Eglise.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Weston
Recording Secretary

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Bill Curry
Charles Eglise
Rud Bloomer, Cha. of Board of Directors

Sandra Eglise
Amelia Lajoie

Robert Lajoie
Jim McLain

Bill Curry

May 28, 1978

TREASURERS REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND (date) <i>4/30/78</i>	CHECKING \$ <u><i>623.75</i></u>
	SAVINGS \$ <u><i>224.68</i></u>
	TOTAL \$ <u><i>848.13</i></u>

RECEIPTS

one new member - init'l dues - 7.50
" " " unit dues - 5.00
May rally refund - 41.31

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ <u><i>53.81</i></u>
TOTAL	\$ <u><i>902.24</i></u>

DISBURSEMENTS

5/2/78 - Check #79 - Jakes Restaurant - Nov. dinner deposit - \$100.00
5/8/78 - " #80 - (New Haven Embroidery } 100.00
deposit for patches - 184 cost)
5/8/78 - check #81 - Ruth Weston - phone bill, Xerox + stamps - 14.40
" check #82 - W.B.C.I - one new member ^{dues} - 7.50

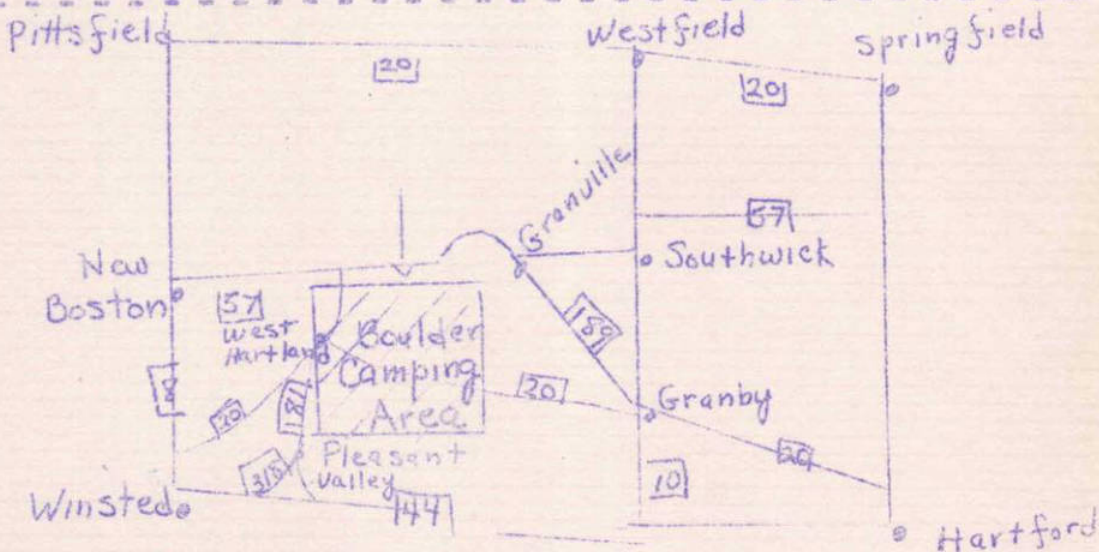
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ <u><i>226.90</i></u>
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BALANCE ON HAND (date) <i>5/28/78</i>	CHECKING \$ <u><i>455.66</i></u>
	SAVINGS \$ <u><i>224.68</i></u>
	TOTAL \$ <u><i>680.34</i></u>

THE GOLDEN HORSESHOES TOURNAMENT RALLY
"BUDDY RALLY"

HOSTED BY: Ed & Doris Sheffield and Ed & Stella Kaczypenski.
 DATE: June 2--3--4 GRINDER SALE-----Saturday noon \$1.25.
 PLACE: Boulder Park, Route 57, Granville, Mass.
 FEE: \$5.50 Per Night PHONES: 413-357-6494
 RALLY FEE: \$3.00 413-568-7226

- WOODED CAMPSITES
- LARGE TABLES
- FIREPLACES
- ELECTRIC & WATER HOOKUPS
- NO MOTORCYCLES OR MINI-BIKES ALLOWED.
- DUMP STATION
- ICE-WOOD-SUPPLIES
- SWIMMING POOL
- PLAYGROUND
- RECREATIONAL HALL
- HIKING TRAILS
- FLUSH TOILETS
- HOT SHOWERS---FEE
- HORESHOES CONTEST



R.S.V.P. To Ed. Sheffield
 36 Church St.
 New Hartford, Conn 06057
 Home Phone: 379-3555

Remember this is a
 "Buddy Rally".
 Come and bring a friend.
 If not able to make a
 Reservation, you will be
 most welcome. There is
 plenty of room for all.

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 TRAILER # _____

RALLY FEE _____
 CAMPING FEE _____
 TOTAL _____

R.A.W.



Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

JUNE 4, 1978

Maggie and Mike Kuehn
 Peru and Hattie Hulbut
 Bob & Millie Lajie
 Adam & Maxine Savage
 Pamela Covington Niece of Edward Sheffield
 Isabelle & Covington Sister of " "
 Doug & Phyllis Krom
 Joy & Charles Andersen
 Mary & Werner Zimmerman
 Ed & Stella Kaczyponski
 Ruth and Bud Weston
 Robert & Mary Lott
 Bob & Betty Ritchie
 Ed & Doris Sheffield
 Lynn & Janice Sheffield + Tracy + Chris
 Angie & Bill Curry



A day in the Country

Ed Sheffield, Chef & his overseers



Good hotcakes Ed





The horse shoe Kabitzers

man, That is a Long way



Pressure, Pressure



Hah, This is easy



and the winners are

JUNE CHATTER 1978

Whenever the Sheffields and the Kaczypenskis get together to host a rally you can make up your mind that it will be an enjoyable one. The Golden Horseshoes Tournament Rally was no exception.

Fourteen families camped and two additional families visited the rally. There was fishing and swimming for those who were interested. We had rain Saturday afternoon and evening, but used the recreation hall for our excellent pot-luck supper and meeting. Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day.

Ed Sheffield presented Adam Savage and Bob Lajoie the, "Golden Horseshoes" as first prize in the horseshoe pitching contest, and Bill Curry and Bob Ritchie teamed up to receive the second prize the, "Silver Horseshoes." Pictures were taken of the lucky winners.

Thank you Ed & Doris and Ed & Stella for arranging the rally and for being so hospitable.

Bill Curry wishes to apologize to Bob Evans. Bob worked very diligently collecting items for the scavenger hunt and then Bill gave all the credit to Bob Ritchie in the May Chatter. That's life Bob, those who do the work seldom get the glory.

Bill and Angie Curry will lead a caravan going to the International Rally at Ames, Iowa. Any members interested may meet the Currys at these points. Penn-Wood Airstream Park, Limestone, Pa. on the evening of the 23rd. (363 miles from Hartford, Conn.) Will leave on Saturday morning, June 24, at 8:00 A.M. from the park.

Meet at Forest Ridge Park, Tarwill, Ind. Saturday evening. (343 miles)

Meet at Kampgrounds of Iowa, West Liberty, Iowa on the evening of June 25. (319 miles) Will stay the night unless the campground is too full, in which case members could continue on the 136 miles to Ames, or anything else that would be best for them.

Here's wishing you all a safe journey and a gratifying experience.

Delegates to the International Rally are Dick and Jeanne Porter.

We were saddened to learn about the death of Charter member, Janice Pederson. Albert Pederson wrote that he had fond memories of the Charter Oak Conn Unit and would keep in touch. We extend our sincere sympathy.

We have been asked by W.B.C.G.I. headquarters to begin collecting 1979 dues on July 1, (no later than Nov. 15, 1978) in an attempt to eliminate the extremely heavy workload of processing the entire membership between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. If you have paid your 1978 dues, you are paid up until Dec. 31. The dues now due and payable will pay your dues through 1979.

So that the Charter Oak Conn Unit can get its directory up to date, please fill out the following coupon and mail along with your check made payable to W.B.C.G.I., Charter Oak Conn Unit.

(cont.)

NAME	TELEPHONE NO.	TRAILER NO.
ADDRESS	C.B. CALL LETTERS	COURTESY PARKING
	UNIT DUES \$5.00	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
	INT'L DUES \$7.50	

Please mail to Sandra B. Eglise, Treasurer, 4 Copperstone Lane,
Madison, Ct. 06443.

Word was received that Janet and Ray Page are in the area. Hope they
can attend one of our rallies.

Any member who has equipment belonging to the Charter Oak Conn Unit,
please send a listing to Mark and Lee Good.

The Unit is looking for a volunteer to plan and host the Christmas
party. Several members could combine their talents.

Jim McLain will lead a caravan to the Battle of Rhode Island Rally,
Aug. 16--22, sponsored by Cape Cod Mass Unit. Plans will be form-
ulated at our August rally.

We were most happy to welcome Charles and Joy Andersen, 13 Pinney
Road, Bloomfield, Conn. 06002, and Werner and Mary Zimmerman, Sunset
Ridge, Norfolk, Conn. 06058, into the membership.

Ingrid Hultin called me to say they wouldn't be able to attend the
next few rallies as Harry is recovering from surgery. Wish you a
full and speedy recovery.

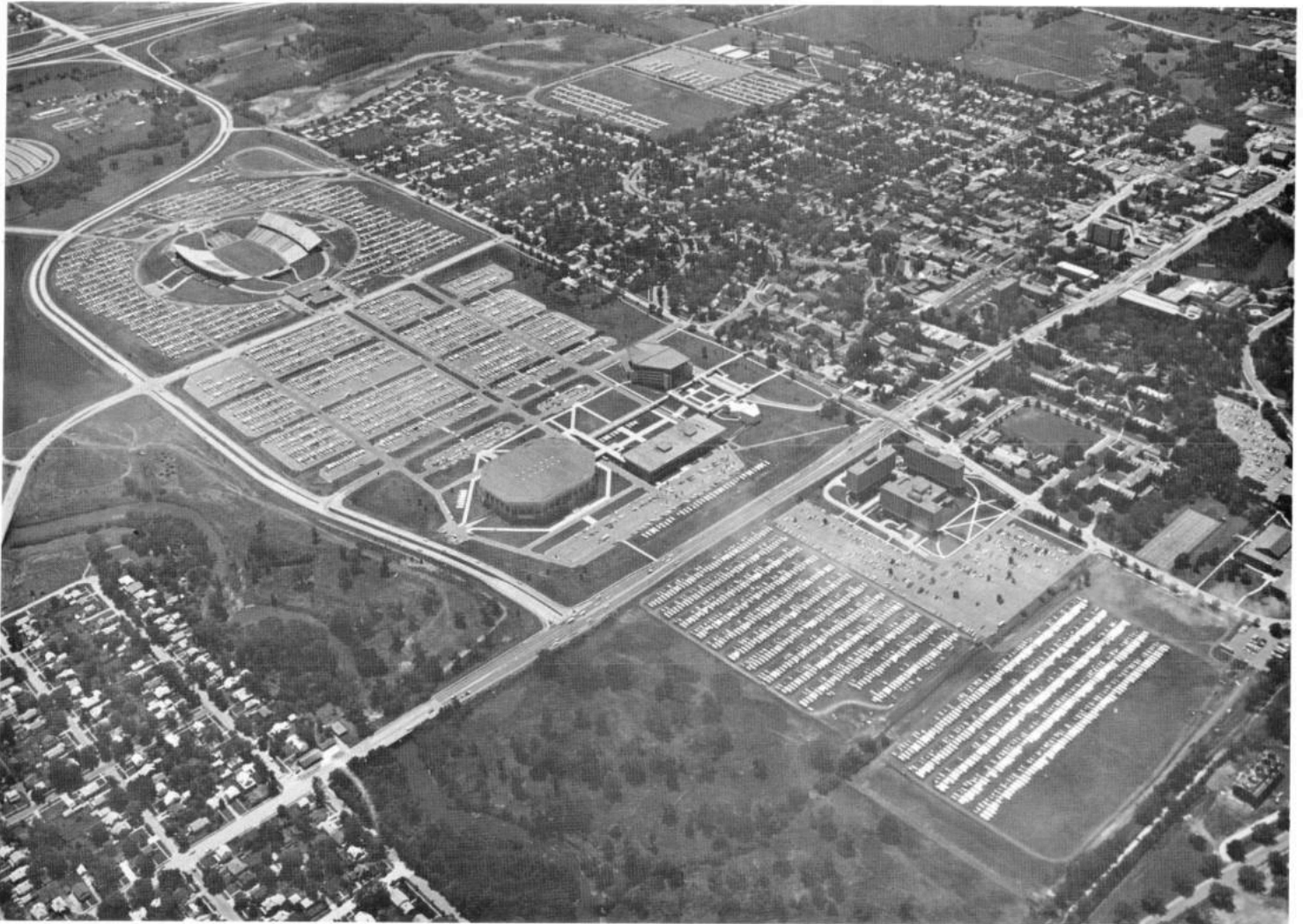
Bud Weston is looking for volunteers to host out-of-doors rallies
for the 1979 season. Anyone interested, contact him.

Received a note from Joe and Rosemary Augusta stating that his
Company transferred him to Jefferson City, Missouri and they must
bid us farewell. They send the very best of luck to the friends
of the Charter Oak Unit. Much success, Joe and Rosemary.

Charles and Sandy Eglise will host the next rally to be held at
White Memorial Foundation, Litchfield, Conn. July 7, 8 and 9.
Hope to see you there.

R.A.W.

Ruth A. Weston



21st INTERNATIONAL RALLY
WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL

AMES, IOWA, 1978
"BIG COUNTRY FESTIVAL"



Ames International Banner



all dressed up for the fair



the upper echelon



Iowa Railway bus

International Parade



Host Unit





Ohio UNIT FLOAT

Who is Next in the back house



Michigan's automated Float



ART DRoheim hunting

ART DRoheim's PREY



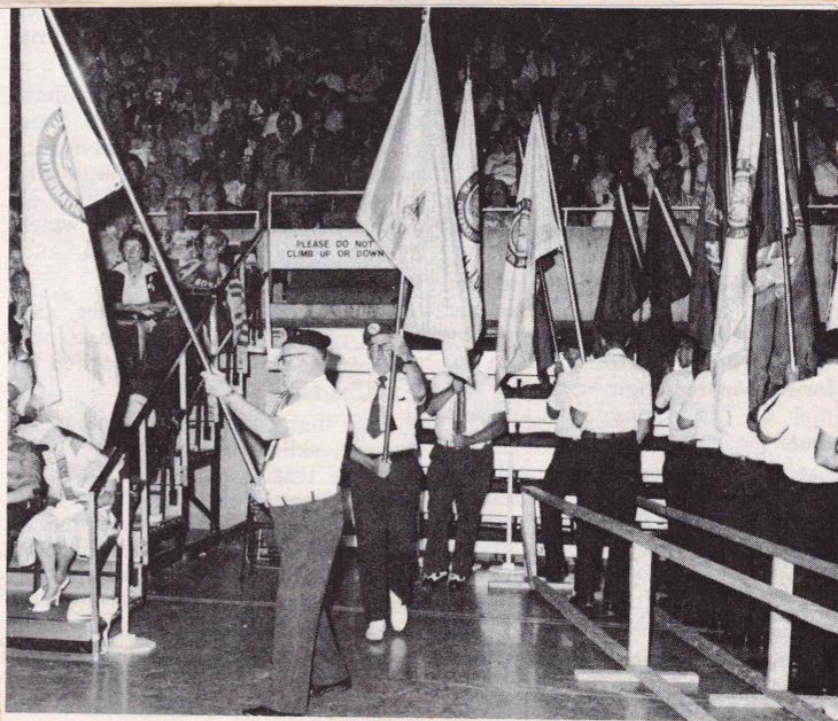
Looks Like another TORNADO to me ma



WBCCI International officers and their wives lead the Grand March during the President's Ball. From left to right are: Bea and Andy Kaiser (treasurer), Nell and Carl Lochner (second vice president), Pearl and Neal Horsman (first vice president), and Vivian and Keith Tyler (president).



(TOP) Celebrity Art Linkletter (left) chats with International President Keith Tyler. (RIGHT) Traditional flag ceremony kicks off opening day.



Blue Beret Presents 1978-79 WBCCI International Officers



NEAL HORSMAN, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



CARL LOCHNER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT



ANDREW KAISER 2ND VICE PRESIDENT



HARMON VAUGHN, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
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PAUL DEMAREST, TREASURER



OLIVE LITTLE, RECORDING SECRETARY



CHARTER

July 7, 8 & 9

OAK

CONNECTICUT

UNIT

WHITE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION RALLY

HOSTS: Charles and Sandra Eglise

PROGRAM: Friday evening--Coffee and Donuts

Saturday A.M.--Craft and Hobby Show--Please bring scraps of yarn.

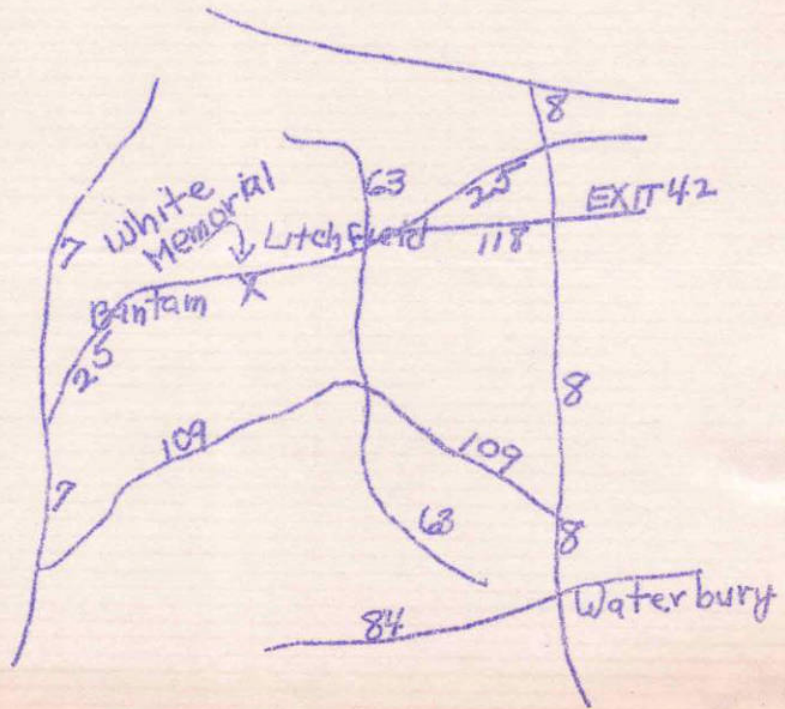
Saturday P.M.--Swimming--Pot-Luck Supper--Meeting following dinner.

FACILITIES: This is a good campground for children as there is swimming close-by and a nature center and museum on the campground.

Canoeing and Sailing on the river and Bantam Lake. Those interested, bring your own boats.

There are no hookups--Come with a full water tank and an empty holding tank. Dump station available.

FEES: Rally fee--\$3.00
Per Night--\$3.50 Family of 5--\$.50 per person over that.



Reservation to:
Charles Eglise
4 Copperstone Lane
Madison, Ct. 06443

R.A.W.

JULY CHATTER 1978

We had a fine turn-out at the White Memorial Rally given by Charles and Sandy Eglise. We were happy to see so many of the new members attending as well as lots of our regular members. We were pleased to see Ray and Janet Page here from Arizona on vacation. Cass and Emma Freeman stopped by for a visit. Bud and I had three grandchildren with us, the Clarks had their daughters and families with them, and the Savages were visited by her niece and husband, and a granddaughter.

We accepted into membership two new trailering families. They are:

John and Harriett Blackwell	Robert S. and Marjorie Wakeman
1 Hickory Drive	115 Hollister Way N.
Stamford, Ct. 06902	Glastonbury, Ct. 06033

Welcome to our Unit. It is gratifying to watch the Charter Oak Conn Unit grow and with each new member comes new ideas and invigoration.

Craft instructions was held on Saturday morning. Markie Savage showed a group how to make place-mats out of toweling and yarn. She also made some whirl-a-gigs in short order. Markie you make everything look so easy and you have given us many hours of pleasure with your accordian. We appreciate it.

We all sat around a large campfire both evenings. Markie played the accordian and we all sang on Friday, and Ed and Doris Sheffield along with Sandy and Diane Eglise made hobo pies for the group on Saturday evening. Some of us went swimming in the afternoon, while others attended the Art and Craft Show sponsored by the Jr. Women's Club of Litchfield that was held at White Memorial. After getting back we put together a fabulous pot-luck supper. There was a lot of good conversation and fellowship. The meeting followed.

Thank you Charles and Sandy Eglise for the time and effort that went into making the White Memorial Rally the success it was.

Audrey and Dave Clark said they would accept the challenge of hosting the Christmas Party. Jack and Harriett Blackwell expressed the willingness to help the Clarks. Those of us who stay in Conn during the winter look forward to the party and I know any one of us would be glad to help out. We're all behind you, Audrey and Dave.

Make plans to attend the Fun Night Square Dance Rally to be hosted by the McLains and the Setterstroms at Indianfield Campground, Gardner Lake in Salem, Ct. It will be the week-end of Sept. 8, 9 and 10, and will be a Buddy Rally. Note: It will be the weekend after Labor Day.

So that the Charter Oak Conn Unit can get its directory up to date, please fill out the following coupon and mail along with your check for the 1979 dues made payable to W.B.C.C.I., Charter Oak Conn Unit.

NAME AND ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	TRAILER NO.
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JULY CHATTER 1978

Please mail to Sandra B. Eglise, 4 Copperstone Lane, Madison, Ct. 06443.

Amalia Lajoie is home from the hospital following surgery. She had expected to go to the International Rally, but was distressed to be told by her doctor that she had to have an operation. I was glad to find that she is slowly recovering and hopes to be able to get to the Newport Rally. Get well soon, Millie.

Had word from Donald Cruise that Cornelia had been in Boston hospitals for five weeks and came home June 10. The tests indicated that she had had a stroke. They are resigning from the Unit because of her health. Don said that they had pleasant memories of the Charter Oak Unit. We all have very pleasant memories of Donald and Cornelia, too! Our very best wishes for complete recovery, Cornelia and good health to both of you.

Received a card from Dot and Jim McLain in Oregon. They said that Yellowstone was delightful and it was so unusual to see all the snow in the high altitudes. They expect to see us at the August rally. Enjoy yourselves!

Ruth and Guilford Butterfield sent word that they have been busy painting the house and taking care of damage done by wind, Jan. 25. Said they were leaving for Northern Maine the second week of July and will not be back until the Newport Rally. Glad to hear from you. Have a good time!

Bob Evans wrote that he was sorry they missed the fun rallies, but they are in the Adirondacks for the summer and enjoyed hearing about all the "happenings" in the Charter Oak Unit. He said they recently met a group of 19 from the New England Unit who stayed overnight at Long Lake, enroute to Ames, Iowa. Many knew personalities from the Charter Oak Unit and Bob and Wilma enjoyed hearing about them. If any member passes through Long Lake, Bob would like to be contacted. Tel: 518-624-2971. Thanks for the correspondence.

Received a note from Lillian and Ralph Goodrich to tell us that they miss us, but they are finding a new life-style out there that they are thoroughly enjoying. They have not been very active with the Air-stream as yet, because they are caught up in so many other things to do and see out in the beautiful Southwest. They want to give their best regards to all the Charter Oak people and to ask Ray and Janet Page to look them up this coming winter. Good to hear from you.

Plans will be completed at the Fishing Rally for the caravan that Jim McLain will lead to the Battle of Rhode Island Rally, Aug. 16--22.

The next rally will be a Fishing Rally to be hosted by Bob and Mary Lobb. It will be an invitational rally with participation of members from the Cape Cod Mass Unit. The Cape Cod Unit will bring their large tent for the convenience of all members attending. Be sure to bring your badges as the host and hostess have made arrangements for discounts at some of the area attractions, one of which is a lobster dinner for \$4.95. Bob and Millie Lajoie were to co-host the rally, but because of her health will not be able to attend. Sorry you'll miss it.

Hope to see you all there!

R.A.W.

Ruth A. Weston



Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

White Memorial Foundation

Charlie x Sandy Eglise
 Jim x Laura Edmondson
 Done x Audrey Clark
 Bob x Beverly Ritchie
 Charles x Joy Anderson
 Percy x Harriet Hulbert
 Adam x Markie Savage
 Werner x Mary Zimmerman
 Ed x Doris Sheffield
 Bud x Ruth Weston
 Joe x Helen Galavaski
 Howard x Peg Kuehn
 Roger x Ruth Crockett
 { John x Harriet Blackwell }
 { Robert Marjorie Wakeman }

July 7, 8 and 9

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UNIT

"FISHING RALLY"

DON'T MISS IT

Highland Orchards Travel Park Inc.
 North Stonington, Ct.
 Aug. 4-6, 1978



Hosts: Bob & Mary Lobb --

Send reservations to: Bob & Mary Lobb

32 Ridgewood Circle

Wallingford, Ct. 06492 (203-269-5513)

Facilities: Water & Electricity

Rally Fee: Parking \$6.00 per night--Kitty Fee: \$1.50 per adult

Fishing: Bring light rod, reel & bob---bait provided

Area Attractions: Mystic Seaport, Mystic Marinelife Aquarium,
 Mystic Village, Beaches, good eating places, swim in lovely
 campground pool, etc.

Sat. Night: Pot Luck Supper-----"Surprises"

Directions: From the North, I-95 take Exit 92 at Route 49. Go
 right & take first driveway on right.

From the South: I-95 Take exit 92 at Route 2, turn left under I-95
 turn right on service road to Route 49, turn left, take first
 driveway on right.

Be sure to bring your badges.

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Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

Aug. 4 to 6, 1978

Highland Orchards

Walter Isabelle Jambura
 Dick x Dud Brockett
 George x Chris Cunliffe
 John x Marge Chapman
 Carl x Ruth Brown
 Percy x Harriet Hulbert
 Charles x Joy Andersen
 Dave x Cushey x Son
 Charlie x Sandy Eglise x family
 Shorty x Bert x Luicks
 John x Mary Troy
 Bill x Angie Curry
 Bob. x Mary Lobb
 Ed. Stella Kacyzenski
 Ernest x Julie Comtari
 Rud x Hazel Bloomer
 Ed. Davis Sheffield and Sister daughter
 Bernie x Tracy Felton
 Chie x Rita Vanasse
 Vity x Liv Kandest
 Whit x Betty Bradley
 Fanny x Jo. Dismaris
 Vasco x Pilar Abreu
 Phil x Hazel Kehoe

Ollie x Delores Oswald
 Craig x Jane Edwards
 Paul x Dorothy Freed
 Bob x Betty Ritchie
 Jim x Dorothy Mc Lane
 Cass x Emma Freeman
 Dr Bob. x Phillis De Jardy
 Bud x Ruth Weston
 Everett x Luckenbock
 Joe x Helen Galoraski
 Bill x Olga Morrow
 Alfred x Mary Anderson
 Everett x Harrington
 John Blackwell
 Ken x Theda Mc Grath

Visit's

Everett x Flance Graham
 Margi x Bob. Wakeman

AUGUST CHATTER 1978

At the top I want to congratulate Bob and Mary Lobb on the very successful rally they hosted at North Stonington, Ct., Aug. 4-6. On Friday night we were served clam chowder that was the very best I've ever tasted, probably because they both went digging for clams during the day, then went to work to make and serve the freshest and greatest clam chowder in these parts. The Charter Oak Unit invited the Cape Cod Unit to participate in the rally. They provided a large tent that was the focal point for all activities. There was a feeling of comradeship and unity.

There are many points of interest in the area. Some members fished at Stonington's town pier, while others went to Mystic Village and Seaport. Bud and I walked the streets of Stonington and came upon an Arts and Craft show at the village square. It was fun looking through all the articles for sale.

Slides of the Gaspé Peninsula were presented by Oliver Dennison of the Cape Cod Unit, Director of Mystic Seaport, that showed some of the best photography possible. Later movies were shown by Ralph Oswald of the Cape Cod Unit that were exceptional. We had forty-one trailers at the camping area plus two couples interested in joining the Unit. Pot-luck supper as usual with a wide variety of goodies. After supper we gathered around a campfire and 'surprises' were given out to those whose trailer numbers were picked out of a hat. The prizes were lovely gifts of silver made at the International Silver Co. Some were silver baskets for flowers, others candy dishes and etc. Dick Brockett donated a hand crafted cane that was most unusual. The person who won it didn't put it down once after that. I don't blame him. All and all we had a marvelous time. A wonderful blueberry pancake breakfast was served on Sunday morning. Bob and Mary said they had good help from members of both Units. Thank you both for the work and effort that went into it. I also want to thank all members who helped out to make it a success. A special thanks to several members that supplied home-made cakes and pastries.

Corn may grow tall in Iowa, but during the W.B.C.C.I. 21st International Rally I'm sure no grass grew under the participating member's feet. Angie and Bill Curry said it was the best International Rally that they had ever attended. Just reading about it in the Blue Beret left me breathless because I've attended a few and found the pace was fast. The activities are all enjoyable and worth-while and through participation many new friends are made. Naturally there are no friends like W.B.C.C.I. friends, are there?

We were told that COCU was represented at the Int. delegates meeting by Art and Ann Droheim as the Porters were unable to attend at the last moment. The new Slate of Officers that were nominated and elected to office for the next year are as follows: Int. President Neal Horsman; First Vice-President Carl H. Lochner, Jr.; Second Vice-President Andrew Kaiser; Third Vice-President Harmon Vaughn; Treasurer Paul W. Demarest; Recording Secretary Ollie Little.

International First Vice-President Carl Lochner and Nell have promised Bill Curry that they will attend the COCU Square Dance and Buddy Rally at Gardner Lake, Sept. 8,9 and 10. The rally will be hosted by Hank and Arlene Setterstrom and Dot and Jim McLain. This will be the first

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Int. officer to attend a Charter Oak Conn Rally that I know of. Let's all make them feel welcome. Hope you can attend.

Our Unit has been invited by Gerry Dennis Lord to a Regional Rally to be held from Aug. 31, 1979 to Sept. 3, 1979 at the Expo site in Montreal, Canada. This is a year away, not this month.

We accepted two new families into the Unit. They are:

Everett V. Graham and Florence A. Graham
231 Gilead St. Hebron, Conn. 06248

Paul and Dorothy Freed
840 B Heritage Village Southbury, Conn. 06488
Welcome and happy trailering.

Our special thanks to Ed and Doris Sheffield and Dorothy and Paul Freed who volunteered to host the fall foliage rally in Oct. The rally was unsettled because Mark and Lee Good have been transferred to the West Coast for the better part of two years. Lee said they are sorry they have to leave and will miss us but they are only renting their house and Mark may even get orders to return to this area after that time. We're all sorry to see you go. Our 'Best Wishes' go with you.

Of course Lee's going left us without a Blue Beret reporter, but Audrey Clark has graciously volunteered to fill that position. We are indebted to Audrey again. Because of Mark Good's absence, any member who has equipment belonging to the Charter Oak Unit can send a listing to Bud Weston, 116 Miller Ave. Meriden, Conn. 06450.

All Charter Oak Conn Unit members who are going to Newport, R.I. for the Battle of Rhode Island Rally, Aug. 16--22, are invited to go in a caravan leaving the Mystic Aquarium on Thursday morning Aug. 17 at 10 A.M. so we can be parked together. Jim McLain will lead the caravan. Friday morning COCU members will have a get-together at 10:00 A.M. Watch the bulletin board for location.

We were happy to see both Perce and Harriett Hulbert and Cass and Emma Freeman at the Fishing Rally. Perce and Harriett will be going out West again on vacation if everything goes right. Enjoy yourselves! Emma said she is feeling better than she has for the last few months. Hope you continue your improvement.

I just talked with Millie Lajoie and she said she was gaining strengt and they hope to attend the Newport Rally.

The Charter Oak Unit received a card a few weeks ago from Rud and Hazel Bloomer from Scotland. They wrote that they were enjoying themselves and had visited several palaces and distilleries. They were present at the Fishing Rally and Rud said that he would be happy to show some slides of their trip at a future date. He also has slides of South Africa, and for those of us who missed seeing them, he will show them if he's asked. Good to see Rud and Hazel again.

I received a letter from Harry and Ingrid Multin last week that expressed the hope that they will be able to attend the Sept. Buddy Rally. They have encountered some unfortunate experiences this summer. Things have turned around now and on a brighter note their daughter Karen gave birth to a 9 lb 13½ oz baby boy. Ingrid helped her for a while. Congratulations to the new parents and grandparents! We'll be

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looking for you at the Square Dance and Buddy Rally at Gardner Lake.

Had word from Ernest and Peg Rolland who wish to say "Hello" to all our members. They were returning from Louisiana after 5 months and were involved in an accident with an 18 wheeler. Luckily they are alive and well. One of these days our paths may cross. Glad to hear from you.

The 1979 Dues are payable now. For those of you who have not paid, will you please fill out the following coupon and mail it along with your check to Sandra Eglise, Treasurer, 4 Copperstone Lane, Madison, Ct. 06443. Thank you.

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Hope to see you at Newport, R.I. and then Indianfield Campground, Salem, Ct. Sept. 8,9 and 10.

R.A.W.

Ruth A. Weston

THE LABOR DAY FUN NIGHT SQUARE DANCE RALLY
"BUDDY RALLY"

HOSTED BY: HANK & ARLENE SETTERSTROM AND DOT & JIM McLAIN

DATE: September 8, 9 and 10th (Weekend following Labor Day)

PLACE: Indianfield Campground on beautiful Gardner Lake in Salem, Connecticut

FEE: \$6.00 per Night

RALLY FEE: \$3.00

PHONE: (203) 859-1320

Saturday Night is Fun Night - Square Dancing Room

Swimming in crystal clear Gardner Lake

- Boating
- Fishing
- Playground
- Ice
- Propane Gas
- Firewood
- Dumping Station
- Public Telephone
- 60 X 40 Campsites
- Large Tables

Saturday Night Pot Luck Supper

Area Attractions

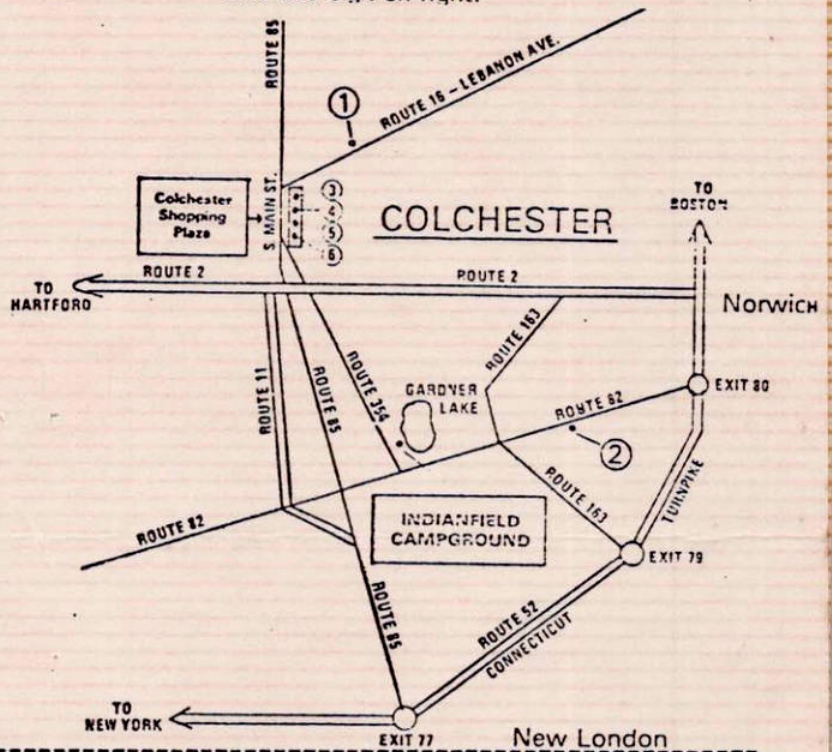
Mystic Seaport, Mystic Aquarium, U.S. Sub Base, Coast Guard Academy, Gillette Castle, Indian Museum, Summer Theater, Art Shows, Leffingwell Inn, Antique Shops, County Fairs, Plainfield Greyhound Race Track, Colchester Drag Strip Raceway.

Indianfield is located in New London County.

HOW TO GET THERE:

From N.Y., N.J. and I.I. I-95 when approaching New London, bear left onto Rt. 52, Conn. Tpke. to Exit 77, North on Rt. 85, to Salem Four Corners. Right on Rt. 82, East for 2 miles, turn left onto Rt. 354, one mile see sign on right. From Hartford Rt. 2, and 11, into Colchester, South on Rt. 354, 4 miles see sign on left.

From R.I., Conn. Tpke. 52, to Exit 80, West on Rt. 82, 8 miles to Rt. 354, turn right 1 mile see sign on right.



R.S.V.P. TO: HANK SETTERSTROM
P. O. Box 116
Colchester, Conn. 06415
Home Phone: (203) 537-2929

Remember this is a "Buddy Rally".
Come and bring a friend.
If not able to make a Reservation,
you will be most welcome.
There is plenty of room for all.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
TRAILER # _____

RALLY FEE _____
CAMPING FEE _____
TOTAL _____


Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

Charter Oak Conn Unit

Indianfield Campground Sept. 8, 9, 10

 Mary + Werner Zimmerman
 Sunset Ridge
 Norfolk Ct 06058

 David & Alice
 South Rd
 Norwalk 06850

 Bob & Nancy & Kids
 Red Rd. Brewster Md, 0509

 Harry + Ingrid Hultin
 P.O. Box 459
 Ansonia, Ct. 06401

 Richard + Ida Scaife
 106 Hawthorne Ave.

Derby, Ct 06418

 Alice + Mel Huppard
 324 Ridge Rd (guests)
 Orange - Conn

 Charlie + Sandy, Elyse + family
 4 Copperstone Ln.
 Madison, Ct. 06443

 Brad + Lois Fleming
 113 Hunter Road
 Norwich, Ct 06360

 Elliott + Ruth Weston
 116 Miller Ave.
 Meriden, Ct. 06450

 Amelia + Robert Lajoie
 235 Flinders St
 Southington Ct 06489

Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

Charter Oak Conn. Unit Sept. 9, 1978

Indianfield Campground
Salmon, Conn.Rosa & Ruth Crockett
Torringford East St
Torrington ConnMr + Mrs Claude E. Muelis
43 Sanborn Cir.
Nashua N.H. 03060Carlton + June Hartman
197 Orchard St.
White Plains, N.Y. 10604Carl + Nell Lochner
6709 Tamarind Court
Louisville, Ky 40219Adam & Markie Savage
194 Popot St
Broad Brook, Conn 06016Anne + Bill Pope
4 Redwood Cr.
Cromwell, Conn. 06416Dot + Jim M. Linn
851 Shagbark Dr
Orange, Conn. 06477Elsie + Rip Nelson
111 Dunwoody Rd.
Blomfield, Conn.Arlene + Hank Letterstrom
P.O. Box 116
Colechester, Conn. 06415Janne + Dick Carter
77 Easton Rd.
Westport, CT 06880Stella + Edward Kacypenski
Jerome Ave RFD #3
Burlington Conn.Bob + Mary Lobb
32 Ridgebrook Circle
Wallingford, Ct 06492Doris + Ed Sheffield
36 Church St.
New Hartford, Conn.
06057Mike & Maggie Kuehn
436 Wildwood Dr.
Orange, Conn. 06477Hazel + Bud Bloomer
Carnel Ave.
Brewster, N.Y.

SEPTEMBER CHATTER 1978

Jim & Dot McLain and Hank & Arlene Setterstrom did a beautiful job of co-hosting the Indianfield Campground Buddy Rally, Sept. 8, 9 and 10. Twenty-five trailering families enjoyed a fun-filled week-end. The weather was clear and sunny, albeit Saturday was windy and cool. A large campfire was built Friday night where everyone enjoyed the conversation. Saturday night activities included our usual excellent pot-luck supper, with some super combinations, then a business meeting and later square dancing for beginners and club level dancers as well, in a large recreational hall. The "caller" was a resident caller and did an excellent job. Sunday morning we were treated to a wonderful blueberry pancake breakfast. Jim, Dot, Hank and Arlene were thanked by the members for doing such a fine job. I want to add my own appreciation for the time and effort that went into it. They have agreed to co-host another rally next year.

We were fortunate to have as guests Carl Lochner, Jr., First Vice-President of the W.B.C.C.I. and Claude Nichols, President of Region I. We were happy to meet Nell Lochner and Claire Nichols. Carl Lochner, Jr. brought with him greetings from W.B.C.C.I. President Neal Horsman. Some of the remarks made by Carl Lochner were that there are 1400 W.B.C.C.I. activities during the year. The officers split up and try to get to all National and Regional Rallies and to as many others as is possible. The Int. Board of Trustees is the governing body and only Regional Presidents express problems to the Board. If the Unit needs help, they are to communicate with their Regional President. Tex Barker, Ex. Sec'y assistant to W.B.C.C.I. President, is paid by the Airstream Co. One half the cost of publishing the Blue Beret and the yearly Int. Directory is also paid by the Airstream Co. International Headquarters pays all the postage. Claude Nichols out-lined some of the programs for the coming year and stated that there will be a Regional Rally at Montreal, Canada next year from Aug. 31, 1979 to Sept. 3, 1979 at the Expo site. He also asked the Charter Oak Conn Unit to sponsor or co-sponsor a Regional Rally over the Labor Day weekend in 1980 in this area. Something to think about.

Bill Curry, President, was operated upon for the removal of a disc in his back about Sept 7, at the Danbury, Ct. hospital. I imagine he will be home by the time this news reaches you. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope he can attend the next rally. Angie and Bill plan to leave on an extended trip for a year or more in their Excella and they promise to visit the C.O.C.U. meetings when they are in this area.

The Battle of Rhode Island Rally, Aug. 16--22 at Newport, R.I. and sponsored by the Cape Cod Mass Unit was attended by over three hundred and fifty W.B.C.C.I. members. The weather was bright and sunny making the visit just as pleasant as could be. The view overlooking the water with its yachts and sailboats was just as breath-taking as ever. Several couples from the Charter Oak Conn Unit sponsored a breakfast during the Rhode Island Rally for C.O.C.U. members that was attended by over 36 members. We had a pleasant time. Rhode Island Governor Joseph Garraghy visited the site again this year, coming in by helicopter. The entertainment each evening was excellent. The proficiency of the Newport Concert Orchestra was apparent as usual and I know it moved everyone attending. Congratulations to Brian and Linda Vaill and all the committees and volunteers that made the rally a great success.

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SEPTEMBER CHATTER 1978

The Charter Oak Conn Unit is very pleased to accept two new trailer-ing families to our Unit. They are:

Ernest E. and Gladys Miller
218 Pickett Dist. Rd.
New Milford, Ct. 06776

William and Anne Pope
4 Redwood Ct. Cromwell Hill
Cromwell, Ct. 06416

The Nominating Committee headed by Rud Bloomer, have completed the Slate of Nominees for office in the Charter Oak Conn Unit for 1979.

They are:

President:	Charles Eglise	Corr. Sec'y:	Jeanne Porter
Ist V.P.:	Elliott Weston	1 yr. Dir.:	Dick Porter
2nd V.P.:	Bob Lajoie	1 yr. Dir.:	Jim McLain
Rec. Sec'y:	Ruth Weston	2 yr. Dir.:	Bob Lobb
Treasurer:	Howard Kuehn	2 yr. Dir.:	Hank Setterstrom

The Slate of Nominees will be voted upon at our November Dinner Meet-ing, which will be held at Jake's Restaurant, Stratford, Ct.

Charles Eglise, First Vice-President put together a questionnaire that the Charter Oak Unit has sent out to our members to find out how they feel about rallies and dinner meetings. Please fill them out and return just as soon as possible so we can be responsive to what the majority of the membership enjoy. Here's hoping more of you are able to get out with the group and become more active.

Jim McLain told the meeting that the C.O.C.U. arm patches are avail-able and will sell for \$1.50 per person.

We have been told that Marvin and Ardis Kolhoff have again offered to prepare and supply our 1979 Membership Directory. We are very grateful for this important service performed by these generous members. The note said they have been doing a lot of traveling.

I also have more good news for our members. It has been voted upon by our executive officers and the vote was unanimously upheld by C.O.C.U. members to purchase a 20' by 30' by 7' high tent with side curtains to use at our out-door rallies. It will provide a central and gathering place to meet and hold meeting, dinners and/or show slides and many rally functions. That's great!

Bud Weston would like all notices and locations of Dinner Meetings and Rallies for 1979 sent to him by Nov. 15, 1978 if possible as he has to send the information on to International Headquarters by Dec. 1, 1978. The May--July--1979 Christmas Party are still open. Won't some club members get together and volunteer to host these rallies. We'll all help any way we can.

FOR SALE

1971--27' AIRSTREAM Land Yacht
Has all extras. Excellent condition inside and outside.

Asking \$7,500. Reply to Carlton Hartman
197 Orchard St.
Tel. 914-946-6251 White Plains, N.Y. 10604

Harriett Metzler, 12806 Mia Circle, Largo, Florida 33540. has her trailer up for sale. It's a 72 in very good condition. If you want more details write to her.

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SEPTEMBER CHATTER 1978

Had word from C. Hubert and Charlotte Vail that they attended the 21st International Rally and since have been visiting their son in the Mid-West. Enjoy yourselves!

Had a letter from Paul S. Gibson who has been vacationing in Northern Michigan this summer and will be returning to Florida in October. Said he hoped to make some of our meetings next summer. Thanks for the news.

Pat and Dennis Glow wrote from Chula Vista, Cal. that they are adjusting to California nicely, but miss Ct. and the trailering group. They hope to do some touring this winter. Said that if any of you are going out that way to let them know. Nice to here from you.

Judy and George Atherholt have been full-timers for two years and still enjoying it. They went to Ames, Iowa for the Int. Rally then on to Manitoba, headed East across Canada toward the Maritimes and will continue on to the Carolinas and Georgia during the winter. They hope to visit Mexico this year also. It's nice to hear from you.

Jan and Ray Page said they enjoyed seeing all the members again. They have just returned to their home after visiting Banff and Jasper. Said the trip was beautiful. Glad you could come to one of our rallies.

Ethel and Leslie Andrew wrote that they are away seven months of the year living in the trailer and haven't had the time to visit us. Will leave in Oct. and head for Arizona and stay there until April or May. Nice hearing from you.

Last month Adam and Markie Savage sent us a beautiful card from New Brunswick, Canada on their way home. Since then they attended the Indianfield Campground Rally and Adam, Markie and their daughter entertained us during intermission at the square dance. Seems to me she said they will be leaving soon for the Nashville, Tenn. Rally, and then on to Florida for the winter. We enjoyed the entertainment, and we'll miss you.

Just recently had a card from Perce and Mattie Hulbert from Squaw Flats, Canyonlands National Park. Said they had perfect photography weather so far. Will leave Sept. 16, for Monument Valley then on to Scottsdale to see Ray and Jan Page. Happy things are going well.

Joseph and Helen Sheehan's address has been changed to 1300 S. Airport Blvd. Port O'Call--Box 502, Melbourne, Fla. 32901.

Received word from Florence Graham of the sudden death of Robert Wakeman, a new transfer to our Unit. Our most sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Marjorie Wakeman, 115 Hollister Way N., Glastonbury, Ct. 06033.

This information has just come through. Charles Eglise was picked for the position in the Telephone Co. that he wanted in Florida. This is dramatic news to us as Charles and Sandy will not be able to function as officers in our Unit, so we will have to revise the Slate of Nominees at our next rally in Camp Overflow, Otis, Mass. Charles and Sandy have both devoted many hours of their time and expertise for the good of C.O.C.U. and have earned the right to be top officers. It is our loss and the Unit will have to work harder to keep up. New qualified members will have to work hard to bring out the best for the Unit. Our congratulations and our heart-felt thanks to you both.

Ruth A. Weston R.A.W.

FALL FOLIAGE RALLY

OCT. 6,7,8 & 9

PLACE: Camp Overflow: Folland Road: Otis, Mass. Phone (413) 269-4036

HOSTED BY: The Sheffield's and the Freed's.

FEES: Camping \$6.00 per night w/E RALLY \$3.00 per trailer

DIRECTIONS: Before you enter Otis, and just a short way past Cold Spring Campground, turn Right at Tolland State Park sign (Reservoir Rd.) to another State Park and Camp Overflow sign at (Tolland Rd.) Turn right on Tolland Rd. and just across the dam take the first left. Camp Overflow is on the right just down the road a way. Total mileage from Rt. 8 is exactly 4 miles.

Friday P.M. Campfire, Coffee and Goodies

Saturday A.M. Coffee and left over Goodies
Rest of the day is free time. Boating, Fishing, Attractions will be listed. (if no Mass. license Meetings will be listed also. Colebrook Res. is close by.)

P.M. 5:00 o'clock Pot-Luck Supper
We are planning to have Rud Bloomer show us some slides. Campfire and Hobo-Pies. (Please bring your irons, if you have any.)

SATURDAY: GRINDER SALE--Grinders will be made to your own directions. \$1.50 each

Sunday A.M. French Toast & Coffee
P.M. No plans have been made until we know how many will stay until Monday.

Please send reservations to:
Edward H. Sheffield
36 Church St.
New Hartford, Ct. 06057 Phone: 379-3555

NAME: _____

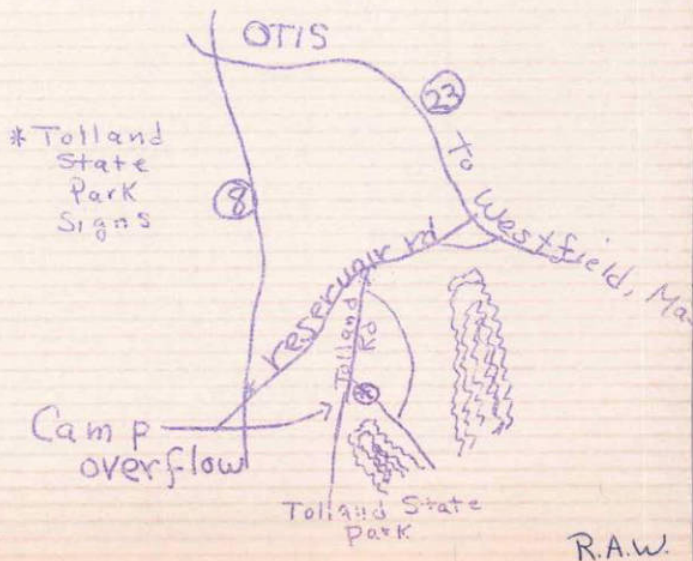
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Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

Camp Overflow Oct 8, 1978

Roger & Ruth Crockett

Werner & Mary Zimmerman

Blank & Arlene Setterstrom

Edward & Stella Kaczypenski

Leslie & Jim McLean

Dave & Audrey Clark - David Jr.

Maggie & Mike Kuehn

Lee & Ralph Moller

Paul & Dorothy Freed

Hazel & Bud Bloomer

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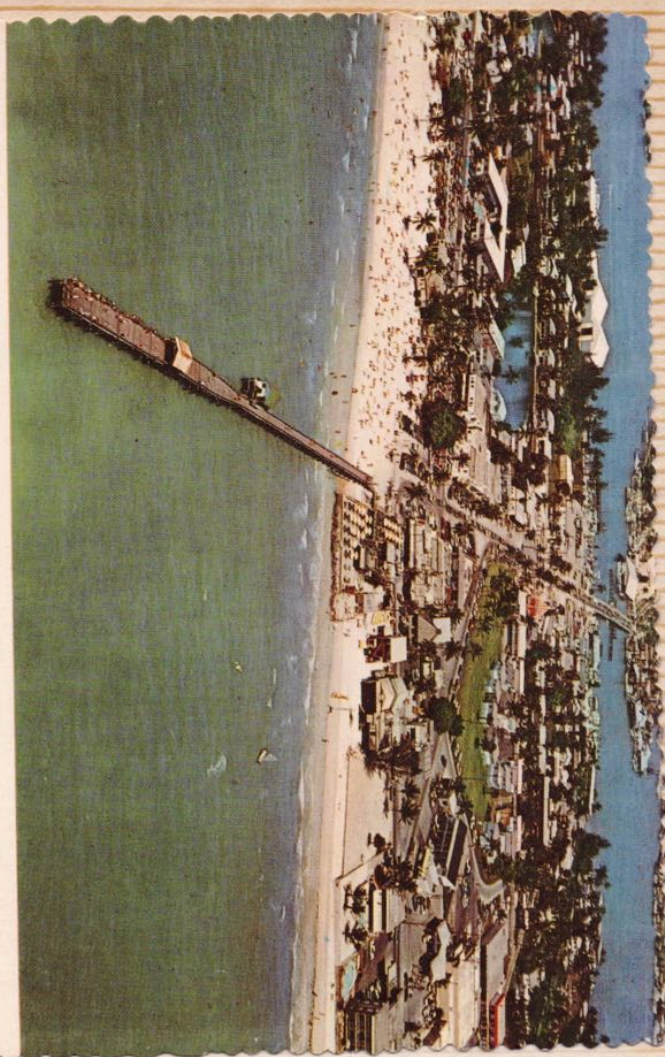
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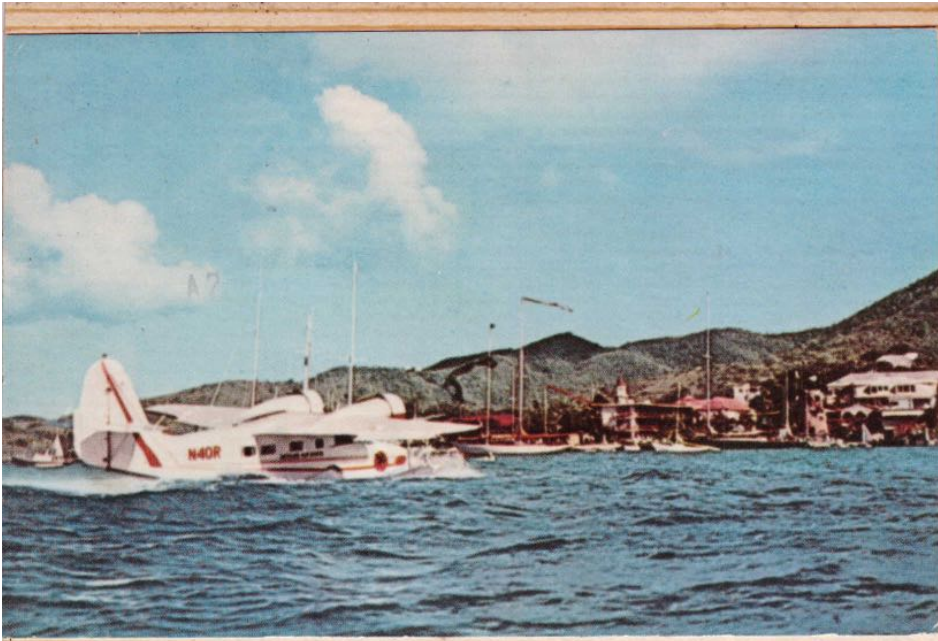
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Tropical Spot Myers Beach, Florida





Colorado River — Fisher Towers — La Sal Mountains

W.B.C.C.I.
 NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING
 THE CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT
 STRATFORD MOTOR INN

DATE: Sunday, November 5.
 PLACE: Jake's Restaurant (Garfield Room) Phone (203) 377-0000
 Stratford Motor Inn (directly at Exit 53 across from
 Sikorsky.)
 Stratford, Conn.
 Merritt Parkway/Wilbur Cross--Exit 53 (Route 110 North)

HOSTS: Dick and Jeanne Porter

TIME: 3:30 P.M. Executive Meeting
 4:00 P.M. Social Hour
 5:00 P.M. Dinner
 6:30 P.M. General Meeting--Election and Installation of
 officers for 1979.
 7:30 P.M. What, When, Who, Where, Why and How.

Please send reservations and menu selection by October 28, to:

Richard C. Porter Phone (203) 227-3580
 79 Easton Road
 Westport, Ct. 06880

PLEASE TEAR OFF

NAME _____	MENU (Price includes tax and gratuity)
ADDRESS _____	APPETIZER (select one)
	Tiny Bay Shrimp Cocktail, Red Sauce or Fresh Melon with Prosciutto
TRAILER NO. _____	ENTREE (select one)
AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____	Filet of Sole, Sauteed with Almonds \$10.75 Stuffed Breast of Capon, Sauce Supreme \$10.75 Roast Prime Ribs of Beef, Au Jus \$12.50

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Ed and Doris Sheffield and Paul and Dorothy Freed hosted the last out-door rally of the season at Camp Overflow, Otis, Mass. The new tent that was ordered last month, arrived and was used to great advantage. It was put to good use each day and proved to be the central point of the rally. Friday night's get-together, Saturday's lunch when grinders were served and enjoyed by all, and the pot-luck supper was enjoyed by all in the comfort of our tent. Saturday afternoon the wind was so strong that we had to move the tent to a more sheltered location. Everyone pitched in to help and got experience putting up a tent in the wind. In the evening for our pleasure and entertainment, Rud and Hazel Bloomer showed slides taken on their recent trip of England and Scotland. They were excellent. The rally site was in a beautiful location high in a mountain meadow. We experienced some snow flurries from time to time Sunday. That afternoon Ed and Doris Sheffield led a group on a foliage tour, and at Jiminy Peak Ski area some members, after viewing the surrounding area from the top, used the alpine slide to come down the mountain. By all accounts they enjoyed the experience. Thank you Ed and Doris and Paul and Dot for the work that went into making the week-end so enjoyable for all of us.

Our next dinner meeting will be held at Jake's Restaurant at Stratford Motor Inn on Nov. 5. Election and installation of officers will take place at this meeting. The dinner meeting will be hosted by Jeanne and Dick Porter. Following is the list of the new Slate of Nominees for office in the Charter Oak Conn Unit for 1979, as completed by Rud Bloomer and the Nominating Committee:

President:	Elliott Weston	Treasurer:	Howard Kuehn
1st V.P.:	Richard Porter	Corr. Sec'y:	Jeanne Porter
2nd V.P.:	James McLain	1 yr. Dir.:	Robert Lobb
Rec. Sec'y:	Ruth Weston	1 yr. Dir.:	Henry Setterstrom

If anyone has any suggestions or if anyone is interested in filling the offices of two, 2 yr. Directors, let us know. Male or female, please consider the challenge. The Unit hopes to have a large attendance for this very important dinner meeting. Hope you can make it.

We welcomed three new trailering families to the Charter Oak Unit at the Fall Foliage Rally and enjoyed visiting with them. Their names and addresses are:

Richard & Florence deKoven, Sr. R.F.D. #5 Kendall Road Norwich, Ct. 06360	Joseph J. & Rose J. McElaney 819 Hartford Road Waterford, Ct. 06385
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Ralph A. & Lillian Moller
895 A Heritage Village
Southbury, Ct. 06488

Bill and Angie Curry will be leaving on Oct. 23, and will travel slowly toward a warmer climate. He said, "Good luck to all, Angie and I will miss you and hope to see you in about two years." Bill left this address: N.A.T.O. Box 1418, Sarasota, Florida, 33578. He said to mail anything that isn't first class to Ray Page and he'd pick it up. We're glad you are feeling stronger, and safe traveling.

Sandy Eglise wrote that Charles is in training in his new position for the next two weeks and he expected to be home the week-end of Oct. 13, and said there was a possibility of her going to Florida the week of the 16th to house hunt. Said to say, "Hello," to every-

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one. We'll miss you both.

Howard Kuehn will take over as treasurer. If there is anyone who has not paid his or her dues, please make payment to Howard, whose address is: 436 Wildwood Drive, Orange, Ct. 06477. Unit and Int. dues must be received by Nov. 15 so they can get to Int. Headquarters by Nov. 30.

We were very pleased to get a large response to the questionnaire form that was sent out. They are being evaluated and the results will be forth-coming at a later date.

Claude and Claire Nichols, Region I Pres. W.B.C.C.I. sent a card to the Unit thanking us for a wonderful time and will be looking forward in the future for fun and fellowship. We enjoyed having them visit.

We were very sorry to learn that Marie Harrison, wife of Robert Harrison and mother of Mary Ellen Honan, died on Aug. 16, 1978. Our very deepest sympathy to you both. Bob Harrison will go to Stuart, Florida and stay with his daughter and son-in-law, Bill and Mary Ellen Honan from Oct. to May. Address is 1304 N.W. Spruce Ridge Drive, Stuart, Fla. 33494.

It was good hearing from T. Gibson and Ruth Smith who wrote that they were the second group to go to South Africa. Said that they have been home only 2½ months this year. They went on an Eurocaravan all summer trailering in eight countries in Europe and will leave Oct. 15, for Florida to be there until May. They hope to be able to attend some of our rallies in the future. Sure sounds like they have been enjoying themselves.

Albert and Michele Larcher wrote that they have been tied up because of work schedules. They have signed up for a seasonal site for next summer at Laurel Lock Campground on Lake Gardner and so think that they won't be able to make too many, or any, rallies next year. We'd be glad to see you whenever you can make it.

A note from Charlotte and Hubert Vail said that circumstances beyond their control have kept them from attending most of the rallies. Charlotte said she will be retiring from a teaching position in 1979, and then hope to be better able to attend more dinner and rallies.

Had a card from Adam and Markie Savage telling that they will leave Nashville, Tenn. on Oct. 16, and then will go on to Alabama. Said that they will miss all of us. We'll miss you too.

Les and Ethel Andrew said that this year will probably be their last trip West, so they may see us at a rally soon. Hope so!

Celia and Dave Tyler, Jr. left on Oct. 5, to take their trailer to Jensen Beach, Florida and leave it there for the winter. They make a few trips back and forth to visit it. Said they may see us at a spring or summer rally. Looking forward to it.

Mike and Nan Coperine wrote that they rent a campground in Vermont for the season. They hope they can attend a winter dinner meeting this year. It would be good to see you.

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Frank and Esther Alexander are leaving for Florida at the end of October and will stay until May. They will be at the Avalon Travel Trailer Park in Clearwater. They hope to see us sometime next summer.

Had a nice letter from Bill and Jane Squier saying they have been members of Charter Oak Unit from just about the second meeting--way back when. They will spend the winter in Arizona, then next spring are planning to visit the North Rim of the Canyon and several National Parks and Monuments in Utah before heading back to Miami. They said that in the last eight years of trailering, they have pulled Ole Betsey over 77,000 miles. Glad you brought us up to date on your travels.

'Greeting to All' from Joy and Charles Andersen who have been visiting the Virgin Islands. Have a safe trip back.

Audrey and Dave Clark have been making plans for the Christmas Party that will be held at the Yankee Silversmith Inn, Wallingford, Ct. on Dec. 3, 1978. There will be a musician playing an electric piano for our listening and dancing pleasure. Hope we can get a large group together.

Bob and Mary Lobb visited us at Camp Overflow. Mary has been ordering and distributing Unit and member supplies from Int. Headquarters. If you need any supplies contact her. Bob said that he is trying to find a gas bottle and regulator for our stoves at a right price.

This will be my last Chatter and Flyer write-up that I will be doing, but I will be passing on the responsibility to very capable hands. Thank you for the expressions of appreciation that I have received from so many of our members. I'll be staying on as Recording Secretary, but will just record the minutes of the meetings.

I wanted to write something profound, but I'll just say, "auf Wiedersehen, a rivederci, adieu, au revoir, farewell. 'Til we meet again."

Ruth A. Weston

Thanks for a Wonderful Time



Region 6 Rally - Decatur, AL 10-5-78
 Thanks for a most enjoyable
 time at your rally at Salem.
 We loved being with your group
 and adding a host of new friends.
 What a thrill owning Charter Oak
 patches - Thank you for giving them
 to us. They are our first & only so
 they'll always be very meaningful to
 us. Thanks again & Happy Trailering,
 Carl & Nell Lockner



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