

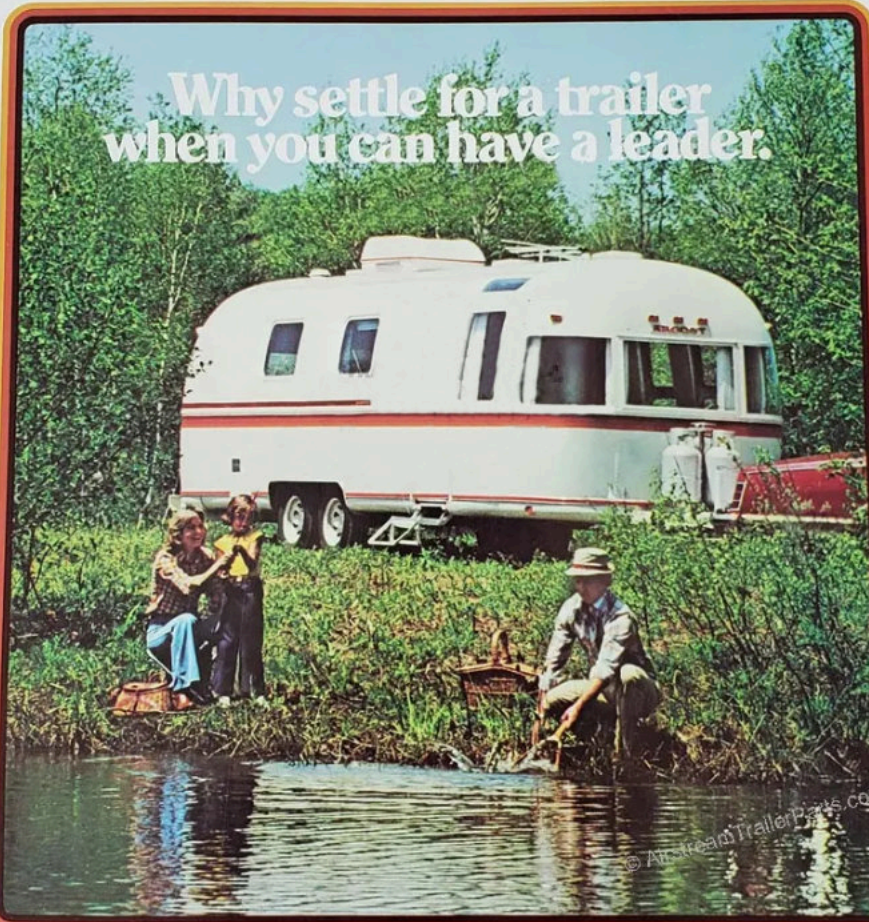


# Charter Oak Connecticut *History*

1979

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CHARTER OAK CONN. UNIT

1979

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Mary Lobb

## CHARTER OAK CHATTER

January 1979

Time flies by rapidly, and although 1979 is almost one month old as I write this, I would still like to wish all our members, near and far, a most Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

The Charter Oak 1978 activities came to a close with a lovely Christmas dinner on December 3 at the Yankee Silversmith in Wallingford, Connecticut. Dave and Audrey Clark did a superb job of planning and hosting the party. The table decorations were most festive, and Hazel Bloomer helped Audrey in making Christmas favors for each couple. During and after dinner we were entertained by an electric piano player who provided music for dancing. Marvin Kolhoff led some group singing of Christmas Carols and was persuaded to sing some solos, which were beautiful and enjoyed by all. An evening with good friends was a memorable way to start the Christmas season. In fact, even the weather cooperated that day with some snow to decorate the landscape.

We snowbirds left in the North often think of all you sunbirds in the warmer climates. As I look out the window at our silver home, it seems so barren and lonely and uninviting. Although it is very early, I'm sure many others in New England join me in wishing for the first signs of spring so we can start our travels again. Meanwhile, we will look forward to gathering around the fireplace at Pine Meadow on February 11 to swap stories of the past and plans for the future. We hope many will be able to attend the informal get-together. The Sheffields remind us that the firehouse may not be as warm as our living rooms so be sure to wear warm clothing. Fortunately there is a stove and oven to warm those casseroles so we'll have our usual excellent potluck supper.

Our first official meeting of 1979 will take place on March 4 at the Clam Box in Wethersfield, as outlined in the enclosed flyer. The Kuehns have worked out a real special deal with those prices so we are hoping for a big turnout. Do get your reservation slips in just as soon as possible.

The Kolhoffs again volunteered to put the Charter Oak Directory together and worked very hard at it. When updating the information to make the Directory as complete as possible, we found many items missing. We have checked several sources and hope that all items are correct. However, I would like to make a card file of current data on each member. I would very much appreciate it if you would complete the enclosed card and forward it to me so I can get started. Thanks in advance for your help.

## NEWS FROM AFAR

A card was received the end of November from Angie and Bill Curry from San Francisco. They have certainly covered many miles since leaving Connecticut in October and were enjoying beautiful weather along with the scenery. At that time they were preparing to join a Mexican Caravan--and assured us that they would not miss the New England snow.

CHARTER OAK CHATTER (Cont'd)

January 1979

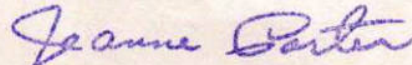
Barbara and Claude Lacouture have transferred their membership to the Florida Sun Coast Unit since they are now permanent residents of Florida. We hope they will attend a summer rally when visiting in Connecticut.

Sandy and Charles Eglise send greetings from "the land of sunshine and warm weather." They are all settled now, enjoying life down there and were planning to attend the New England Unit rally the end of this month. They hoped to see some Charter Oak members there.

Hazel and Rud Bloomer are now among the temporarily transplanted sunbirds and have a nice site at Travellers Rest in Dade City. They are located right next to Everett and Florence Graham and have been visited by Jim and Laura Edmondson. Reading about 80<sup>0</sup> days, cycling, playing shuffleboard, and all those other wonderful outdoor activities. make us think even more of our Airstream weekends. Sounds like the Charter Oak members could have a rally in Florida with so many down there. How about it, temporary Floridians? We would enjoy some first-hand news notes to send with the next Chatter.

As February draws nearer and the days are getting a little longer, we are looking forward to seeing many of you next month and hope those of you too far away will send us cards or notes that we might share with all our members.

Happy, safe trailering to all,.



Jeanne Porter  
Corresponding Secretary

CHARTER OAK CHATTER

MARCH 1979

As I sit typing and looking out the window at another gray day which promises to get even grayer with the raindrops starting again, it's hard to believe that spring is "just around the corner." However, I'm reminded of when our boys were little and I used to tell them that Mother Nature was up there among the clouds using her watering can to help the spring flowers get strong enough to grow. If we all have enough Faith, I'm sure that day will come; and soon we might even see enough blue sky to make a pair of those Dutchman's britches!

Our winter get-together at Pine Meadow in February was enjoyed by everyone. Although the temperature outside couldn't decide whether to stay above or below zero, it didn't hinder the fun of being together. The Sheffields and Crocketts hosted another successful potluck supper followed by movies of Cape Breton, Skiing in Colorado, and then a real old-timer with W. C. Fields. Although we know all of you couldn't be there because of distance, the Hulberts said they were also representing Ray and Jan Page. It seems that the Pinto beans which Hattie baked had been given to them by the Pages when the Hulberts were visiting in Arizona last year. We are so glad that Airstreamers do get around!

It is nice to start each new month with a Charter Oak meeting, and our "Wearing of the Green" dinner meeting on March 4 was no exception. The table decorations were very spring-like with the green carnations, and many of our members were dressed in green for the occasion. In fact, I'm not sure, but with the tie that Mike Kuehn sported, 'tis possible that his name is really McKuehn. During dinner we had a phone call from Rud Bloomer in Florida to say that a mini CCOU meeting was being held down there by five snow birds. He added that they had all just climbed out of the pool a half hour earlier! The Alaskan Caraventure program presented by the Brocketts was a real treat for all. Of course the gasoline situation was a big topic of discussion during the evening, so perhaps the closest that many of us will come to Alaska is seeing it through another's eyes. However, I for one am going to think POSITIVE and hope that we will all be able to enjoy our far-away travels in the future.

Our president, Bud Weston, has been receiving much literature about the forthcoming 22nd International Rally at Las Cruces, New Mexico, from June 27-July 4. A Regional Caravan to be headed by Paul L. Worthley will be organized at Great Barrington, Mass., and will start for Las Cruces on June 11. "It will pass through Binghamton and Corning, NY, down the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania, across Southeastern Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle arriving at Las Cruces on June 25. Club members along the route will rendezvous with the caravan as it passes their area. The caravan will travel 150-175 miles per day with two possible layovers enroute. A mini caravan of Region 1 snow birds from Florida will join the caravan at Bardstown. The caravan will be limited to 30 trailers. Kitty fee deposit \$25. The caravan will be known as the LAS CRUCES TRAIL CARAVAN R-19. It is recommended that those planning to go on the caravan reserve a space by registering before it is announced in the Blue Beret (March?). To register for the caravan, your rally fee (\$25) must be paid in advance. On the rally coupon, in the blank space for caravan name, write in: LAS CRUCES TRAIL CARAVAN R-19, make advance rally fee payment to: Paul L. Worthley, P.O. Box 247, Strong, Maine 04983. Also enclose a caravan kitty fee deposit of \$25 made payable to LAS CRUCES TRAIL CARAVAN R-19. Advance rally fee payments will continue to be processed through the caravan leader until the coupon is published in the Blue Beret."

Dick Brockett, president of the Cape Cod Unit, announced that a caravan was being organized by some of the Cape Cod members to attend the Las Cruces Rally, and they would be happy to have anyone from Charter Oak join them. For further information, contact Brian Vaill.

There are many interesting and exciting events at the Rally. Dick and I are looking forward to attending our second International, and we hope that many of you will be joining us. If you have never attended an International Rally, it is an experience to be long remembered and one which every Airstreamer should share. There is an opportunity to do many fun things as well as learning informative, helpful tips on trailering. In addition to the many meetings, there will be competitions covering many areas. Whether or not you wish to participate or be a spectator in the events is up to you. However, enthusiasm is contagious; and I'm sure that all who attend the rally will find the theme of "FIESTA FUN" will be brought to life. If you wish to enter any of the competitions listed below, please drop me a line and I'll see that you get further guides pertaining to entry information:

- Fourth of July Parade - Entries judged on conception and execution of theme
- Driving Contest - Limited to one entry per unit, to be judged on ability to back into a parking site through a prescribed course
- Skits - Limited to 15 minutes which includes skit, setting up and removal of scenery--directed to theme of Rally.
- Costume Contest - Limited to one contestant or one man and one woman per unit
- Unit Publications Contest
- Unit History Book Display and Contest

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#### NEWS FROM AFAR

It has been great to hear from so many of you this past month. To all those who have returned the file cards -- THANK YOU. If those who put them aside in the "Things to Do" file can take a moment to send them in, we'll soon beat the national average on percentage returns. A few errors in the Directory have been brought to my attention. If you would make the following changes, then your Directory will be current.

- EGLISE -- have moved permanently to Maitland, FL, and the Madison, CT, address should be deleted
- LOBB --- live in Wallingford, not Waterford
- POPE --- address listed in Cromwell is from June through September. They are currently building a permanent home at 1344 Heritage Terr., Deltona, FL 32725
- ROSENBECK - telephone number is 482-2430
- SQUIER - address change to 1809 Brickwell Ave., Apt. 1017, Miami FL 33129

Hazel and Rud Bloomer - write that they are really enjoying the activities, companionship, and weather at Dade City and see many Charter Oakers. They are thrilled with their newest acquisition, which will add another Excella to the CCOU rallies. Meanwhile, their 1975 27' Overlander, which has received an abundance of TLC, is looking for some new owners who will enjoy it as much as the Bloomers have.

Lillian and Ralph Goodrich - are enjoying living in San Diego, and they are planning to attend the Rally at Las Cruces. They wrote of spending four days at Death Valley and hearing of an annual meeting in November which numbers 35,000 RV's of all kinds. They send their greetings to all their friends.

Gladys and Ernest Miller - spent two months last fall on a trip to the Southwest, met Ray and Jan Page in Arizona, and after being home for the holidays, are now in Florida. They are looking forward to meeting the CCOU membership in April.

Bob and Betty Ritchie - have been in Tucson since October but had cold, wet weather in December and January. However, February brought back the warm sunshine. They are returning to Connecticut in May and looking forward to the rallies.

David Roger - is enjoying a stay at Port O'Call (his 10th). He enclosed a weekly newsletter which lists enough activities to keep everyone busy. Dave has put on some slide shows and would be happy to do some here in the summer months.

Adam and Markie Savage - with their inimitable enthusiasm report life is great at Fort Myers Beach and their park beautiful. They want to be remembered to all their dear WBCCI friends.

#### CLASSIFIED SECTION

Wanted - New owners who will inherit the memories of many miles of good times and reap the benefits of TLC given to a 1975 27-foot Overlander, rear bath, double. For specific information contact Rud Bloomer, 1200 Johnston Road, Dade City, FL 33525, Site 7-8

Wanted - Information leading to the whereabouts of any equipment or articles owned by the Charter Oak Unit. A recent inventory list seems quite lacking. Our rallies can be bigger and better with the aid of our supplies. Please send a card listing any equipment which you may be caring for to:  
 Bud Weston  
 116 Miller Avenue  
 Meriden, CT 06450  
 Tel. No. (203) 237-1585

Wanted - An abundant supply of warm weather, sunshine, and WBCCI members to join us in all our activities.

Happy trailering to all,

*Jeanne Porter*  
 Jeanne Porter  
 Corresponding Secretary



WBCCI-CHARTER OAK UNITApril Meeting

Place -- MY DAD'S STEAK HOUSE  
 (Jacoby's Restaurant)  
 1388 E. Main Street  
 Meriden, CT 06450  
 (203) 634-3222

Time -- Sunday, April 1, 1979  
 3:30 Executive Committee  
 4:15 Business Meeting  
 5:00 Dinner

Directions: From Rte #15 or 91 take the East Main St. Exit East. This is Rte 66. The Restaurant, which bears both names, is on the left-hand side approximately one mile east of the intersection of Rte 66 and 15/91 in Meriden. There is a parking lot in the rear of the building and people can enter through the rear door.

Hosts -- Ruth and Bud Weston

Program -- Clarence Nelson will present a slide and exhibit show on

## HERKIMER DIAMONDS AND MONTANA SAPPHIRES

MENU -- All entrees include Famous Salad Bar, Baked Potato, Beverage, and Ice Cream

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|---|---------|
| 1. Prime Rib Dinner (Our famous Rib served without the Bone)<br>Highly recommended by hostess Ruth              | \$12.25 |
| 2. Sirloin Dinner (Eleven ounces of our most flavorful steak)   | 10.35   |
| 3. Teriyaki Dinner (Ten ounce Sirloin Steak with a touch of Orient)   | 11.60   |
| 4. NY Strip Dinner (Eleven ounces of tender and Flavorful Steak)  | 11.60   |
| 5. Filet Mignon Dinner (Ten ounces of our most tender steak)<br>Highly recommended by host Bud                  | 11.60   |
| 6. Boneless Chicken Dinner (One 8 oz. chicken breast marinated in<br>our special barbecue sauce)                | 6.50    |
| 7. Baked Scallops Dinner (Ten ounces of Sea Fresh Scallops baked in<br>butter-wine sauce with seasoned topping) | 9.85    |
| 8. Baked Scrod Dinner (Ten ounces of Fresh Scrod baked in butter-<br>wine sauce with seasoned topping)          | 9.15    |

Reservations -- THE WESTONS  
 116 Miller Avenue  
 Meriden, CT 06450

Reservations should be made by  
 March 23. However, if you cannot  
 get a reply back in time, feel  
 free to attend.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice(s) Please indicate by number and name of selection(s)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CHARTER OAK CHATTER

APRIL 1979

**WELCOME SPRING!** The almanacs, weathermen, newscasters, and calendars tell us that we have survived another winter, and spring has officially arrived. Daffodils are blooming, forsythia is trying hard, and the dandelions and onion grass are looking healthy in our yard--a sure sign. April showers keep coming, but there are enough sunny days to keep our spirits up. We have ventured out to our silver beauty and even have been able to open the door a few days to let the mustiness air out. I've read about unthawing, dethawing, dewinterizing, and many other terms, all meaning the same thing -- the anti-freeze can be drained, the checkist gone over, and we will be ready to resume our outdoor schedule.

Our April meeting at MY DAD'S STEAK HOUSE in Meriden was a fitting finale to our indoor dinner meetings. The food was excellent, and the companionship the greatest. Bud and Ruth Weston again hosted a most interesting and successful event. Rip Nelson showed beautiful slides of trips which he and Elsie have taken while pursuing their rockhounding hobby. To those of us who know nothing about gems that do not come out of the jewelry store, it was a most enlightening presentation. The Herkimer Diamonds and Montana Sapphires which they mined and had on display were lovely. Bobbi Brisette and Hank Setterstrom were the lucky recipients of two door prizes made from Herkimer Diamonds--a beautiful pendant on a silver chain and a striking tie tac.

President Bud Weston announced that a communication has been received from WCCCI Headquarters requesting that a vote be taken by each Unit membership regarding the changing of the WCCCI Constitution to include the new Airstream motorhomes. Many informal discussions have been held ever since Airstream announced the decision to manufacture a motor home. The question was voted by the COCU members to accept Airstream motor home owners as full members of WCCCI. There may be an opportunity to see one of the motor homes at our May Rally. Since the basic design of our Airstreams does not change drastically from year to year, it will be most interesting to view the similarities and changes which have been incorporated into the new design.

WILLIAM and HAZEL SYLVESTER were voted in and welcomed as new members of COCU. We hope they will enjoy their association with our unit as much as we have. Their address is 48 Flanders Road, Mystic, CT 06355. Telephone No. 536-8956. Would you please add their names to your Unit Directory.

Audrey Clark announced that the first outdoor rally of the season will be held May 4-6 at Wolf's Den Campground in East Haddam, CT. Niels and Lydia Rosenbeck and Dick and I will be working with Audrey and Dave to co-host the rally. We have decided to initiate the camping season with a LESS WORK FOR MOTHER WEEKEND. The campground is in a most delightful and picturesque part of Connecticut with many area attractions. The planning is nearing the completion stage for a real vacation from meal preparation for Mother. Details are on the attached flyer. Do join us and send in your reservations early!

## NEWS FROM AFAR

BILL AND ARGIE CURRY, our immediate past president and first lady, have written telling of their most eventful and enjoyable two-month caravan to Mexico. Their weather was excellent and prices and quality of fresh fruit unbelievable. They will be continuing their travels for another year before returning to Connecticut.

MARK AND TEE GOOD are settled in San Diego after many rapid changes issued by the U. S. Navy last fall. They are making plans to attend the International and are hoping to be able to park near the Charter Oak Unit. Lee said they love to get lots and lots of letters and would be delighted to act as tour guides for any COCU members who may be visiting the San Diego area. Their address is 4220 Del Monte Avenue, San Diego, CA 92107 Telephone (714) 234-1898.

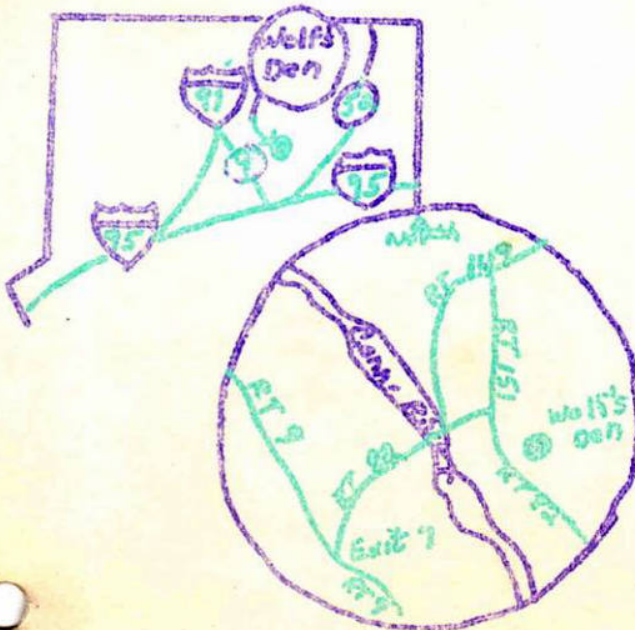
ADAM AND MARKEE SAVAGE will be returning to their Connecticut home next month and making preparations to sell it and spend a good portion of the year in Florida. They are most excited about having purchased a mobile home at Indian Creek Park in Fort Myers Beach where they will maintain permanent residency. It is hard to imagine summer rallies without their enthusiasm and Markie's spontaneous accordion renditions, but they hope many COCU members will be passing through Fort Myers and stop to visit them.

As the winter leaves us and spring enters, we are looking forward to welcoming all the temporary Florida seabirds back to the Nutmeg State. It will be good to see you all again at our rallies.

Brush out the cobwebs, check the tires, water lines, batteries, etc., etc., etc., replenish the pantry, and let's get on the move again. See you all in May.

Happy trailering,

*Jeanne Porter*  
 Jeanne Porter  
 Corresponding Secretary



Directions for May 1979 Rally at  
 Wolf's Den, East Haddam, CT

Going NORTH from I 95: Exit 69 to Route 9, Exit 7 to Route 82 for 4 miles, follow signs to Gillette Castle State Park. Wolf's Den is on left before Park entrance.

Going SOUTH from I 91: Exit 22 South to Route 9. Exit 7 to Route 82.

Going WEST from Route 52: Exit 80 to Route 82 for 20 miles.

Going EAST from Route 2: Exit 16 to Moodus, left on Route 151 to Route 82 for 1 mile

LESS WORK FOR MOTHER WEEKEND

May 4, 5, 6

PLACE: Wolf's Den, East Haddam, CT 06423 Phone (203) 873-9681  
 HOSTS: Audrey and Dave Clark; Lydia and Niels Rosenbeck; Jeanne and Dick Porter  
 FEES: Camping \$7.50 per night W/E Rally: \$7.00 per trailer family

Rally fee includes the following:

- Friday p.m. Homemade soups, hot breads, beverage after your arrival
- Saturday a.m. Coffee and coffeecakes
- Saturday p.m. Baked ham dinner prepared and served by the three Queens above to allow all the other Queens a night out
- Sunday a.m. Pancake breakfast prepared and served by the three Kings of the three Queens

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

- Saturday a.m. COCU meeting following "Coffee and"
- Saturday p.m. Game night following dinner

AREA ATTRACTIONS:

Gillette Castle State Park	Hadlyme Ferry Ride
Steam Train and Riverboat Ride	Nathan Hale Schoolhouse
Goodspeed Opera House - "BABES IN ARMS"	A Rodgers and Hart Musical
	Performances Friday evening at 8:30 p.m.
	Saturday Twilight at 5 p.m.
	Saturday evening at 9 p.m.

Since a great deal of food must be purchased and prepared, please send in your reservations as early as possible. The cooks request you let them know by April 28. We don't want anyone to go hungry!

Although this is not a Buddy Rally, you are welcome to bring guests. If you do, we request an additional \$7.00 for each couple.

RESERVATIONS: The Richard Porters  
 79 Easton Road  
 Westport, CT 06880

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fees: Camping \$7.50 per night \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rally \$7.00 per family \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. in party \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \$7.00 per couple \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## CHARTER OAK CHATTER

May 1979

It was good to see so many old friends and make many new friends at our first outdoor rally. Although the winds blew and the temperature could have been warmer, as I have tried to make my way between the raindrops this past weekend, we were mighty lucky. Twenty-seven trailers made up the group at Wolf's Den in East Haddam, and 71 people enjoyed the LESS WORK FOR MOTHER WEEKEND. From the abundance of food at each meal, it would appear that no one went hungry from Friday evening to departure time on Sunday. An unexpected added surprise was the real maple syrup which the Landons donated for our pancake breakfast Sunday. What a treat to have the real thing! Saturday evening the Hultins and Clarks organized a Pokeno party. There were big winners, little winners, and no winners; but all had a good time. After Pokeno some of the more stalwart members sat around a blazing campfire and joined in an old-fashioned sing-a-long led by Willie Evans with her guitar. Some of us had to rotate as the fronts got roasted while the backs froze. All in all, it was a wonderful weekend--one which even the cooks enjoyed. The Clarks, Rosenbecks, and Porters were given a standing ovation for getting the Charter Oak Unit off to a good start for the trailer season.

George and Janet Theroux, friends of the Nelsons and owners of a new Airstream motorhome, were most gracious inviting all to come and see their newest home. For those of us who had only seen pictures, it was a great opportunity.

At our meeting Saturday, Clair and Leland Bradley were introduced and voted into membership of the Charter Oak Unit. They are friends of the Landons, and we are pleased to add them to the membership roster. Their home address is RD #2 Killingly Ave., Putnam, CT 06260 Tel. No. 928-5115.

Announcements of two new rallies were also made at the meeting. Paul and Bobbie Brissette will co-host the Barnum Festival Rally with the Cape Cod Unit on June 29 to July 4. It will be held at a rally site in Stratford and more details will be forthcoming.

Rud Bloomer told about making plans for a rally in the Kingston area the middle of July. The Bishops have generously offered the use of part of their estate for 12 trailers; other trailers will be accommodated at a nearby campground. Rud and Hazel have done all the groundwork in planning a most unusual rally, and flyers will be received shortly with details.

Bill Sylvester, one of our new members who joined last month, made a suggestion which is a most valuable one. He feels it would be a definite asset for the club to have a list of all of the special qualifications of any members. Hopefully we will never have to use the emergency capabilities, but we most certainly should have information available instantaneously. Bill has been trained in First Aid, is an ambulance driver, and is also an auto mechanic. We would like to make a list of all who have had special training in any field. On the lighter side, we would like

to know of those members who can help with entertainment such as Willie Evans. We hope she enjoyed our "singing" as much as we appreciated her leadership. When our group gets together, we have many very special talents and are strong together. Please let us hear from you in your particular strengths and interests.

We were all sorry to hear that Stella Kaczypenski was stricken with a heart attack after returning home to Bristol following their winter in Florida. She is in Bristol Hospital, Bristol, Conn. We hope our wishes for a speedy recovery will help to shorten her hospital stay.

The Westons heard from CHARLIE AND SANDY EGLISE who are still loving their Florida living. They have had a great deal of company this winter, and they are planning to visit Connecticut in August.

RUTH AND GIL BUTTERFIELD have just returned from wintering on Lon Gleason's farm in Florida. Lon Gleason is in the process of building an all Airstream Park there (about 25 miles east of Punta Gorda) and the Butterfields are looking forward to returning. They also joined the Sun Coast Unit on a mini caravan across the Panhandle to Mobile and Back to White Springs, Florida.

The KOLHOFFS retired the end of April and are in the midst of pursuing relocation plans near Tallahassee. Although they are moving, they are not planning to give up trailering as they have recently purchased a new tow vehicle. They would like to see their Chrysler transferred to a new trailering family because it is so well equipped and in such fine condition. Pertinent facts are listed below:

- 1975 Chrysler 4-door Newport Custom
- 440 engine, heavy duty hitch, air booster springs
- solid state brake controller and battery isolator
- air conditioning, reclining seat
- 4 brand new radial tires
- excellent condition at 52,000 miles
- price \$3,000

LARRY AND SHIRLEY GRAYSON enjoyed their four months in Florida so much that they have decided to spend all future winters there. They have traded their Airstream for a large Park Model so are resigning from WBCCI. If the gasoline situation abates, they may purchase another Airstream at some time in the future.

We are always sorry to have our members leave us because we feel Airstreaming is such a wonderful way of life, but we wish good fortune to all in future endeavors.

As the end of the school year is drawing close, Dick and I are again planning to be away for the summer. We will miss the COCU rallies but will hope to make some of them as our travels will necessarily be more limited than in the past. Elsie Nelson has volunteered to take over the correspondence duties for the summer months, and she will keep you informed of all the activities and special news and events.

Happy trailering to all this summer,

*Jeanne Porter*  
 Jeanne Porter  
 Corresponding Secretary





Facing Camera  
Ruth Crockett  
Bud Weston

Percy Hulbert



Clad & Emma Freeman



JUNE RALLY/BUDDY RALLY (Bring a friend)

Sunrise Campground  
(formerly Boulder Park)  
Granville, Mass. Rte. 57

June 1, 2, 3

Hosts: The Sheffields and the Zimmermans

Fees: Campground \$6 per night W/E  
Minimum 2 nights  
Rally \$3

Friday p.m. -- Coffee "and"

Saturday a.m. -- Coffee "and"

A grinder sale will be held before noon for anyone wishing to purchase them. Price \$1.50 made to order.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. -- Horseshoe Tournament -- Men  
Craft or Hobby Show -- Men and Ladies

Saturday afternoon -- Free Time . . . . Places of interest if gas is available  
Granville Cheese Store  
Riverton - Hitchcock Museum  
Granby - Old Newgate Prison

Regular meeting and Directors' meeting to be announced

Saturday 6:00 p.m. -- Potluck Supper

Sunday a.m. -- French Toast

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Directions

From New Hartford

Rte 44 to 181  
181 to 20  
20 to Granville State Park to 57  
Right on 57 to Sunrise Park

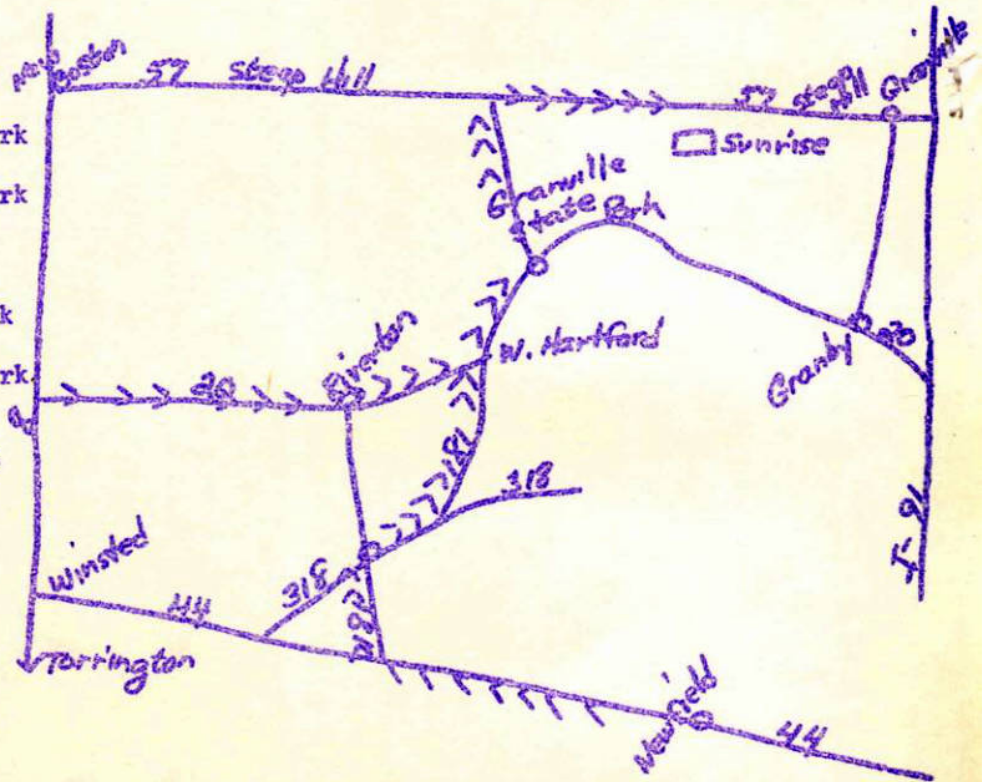
From Winsted

Rte 8 to 20  
20 to Granville State Park to 57  
Right on 57 to Sunrise Park

From I-91

Bradley Field Exit to Rte 20  
20 to 189  
189 to 57 (Granville)  
57 up very steep hill to Sunrise Park

RSVP Edward H. Sheffield  
36 Church St.  
New Hartford, CT 06057  
Tel. 379-3555



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rally Fee \$ 3  
 . in party \_\_\_\_\_ No. of trailers \_\_\_\_\_ Campground Fee 12 (per trailer) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHARTER OAK CHATTER

June 1979

Edward and Doris Sheffield and Werner and Mary Zimmerman hosted a very good rally at Sunrise Campground, Granville, Mass. The weather cooperated with us. Although mostly cloudy, it was a rain free week-end. Saturday got off to a good start with coffee "and". Orders were taken for ham and meatball grinders for lunch. The hobby show and horseshoe tournament went on as scheduled.

In the afternoon we had a very pleasant surprise. Stella Kaczypenski came to spend a couple of hours with us. everyone was very happy to see her. She is looking forward to joining a rally before the summer is over.

The evening started off with an excellent potluck supper followed by the meeting. George and Janet Theroux, who graciously let us see their new motorhome, were voted into membership of the Charter Oak Unit and added to the membership roster. Their home address is 5 Mills Lane, Collensville, Conn. 06022. Telephone number 693-4159.

Following the meeting Howard and Maggie Kuehn entertained us by displaying and talking about different kinds of bells used by animals. There were bells for camels and bells made of wood.

I hope Dick and Jeanne Porter are enjoying the start of their summer.

*Elsie Nelson*

Elsie Nelson  
Substituting for Jeanne Portor

## BARNUM FESTIVAL RALLY

June 29 thru July 4, 1979

Sikorski Memorial Airport  
Stratford, Conn.

Cape Cod Mass Unit-----Co Sponsors-----Charter Oak Unit

ScheduleBreakfast--two mornings  
Pot Luck Supper--one evening

Barnum Festival events include:

Senior Citizens Dance  
\* Jenny Lind Concert  
Barnum Lawn Bowling  
Stratford Day  
\* Champions on Parade  
\* Antique Auto Show  
Arts and Crafts Show  
Trumbull Day  
Fireworks  
\* Parade (stadium)

\* Paid events

We will be parked on an enclosed grassy field opposite the airport, close to beautiful Stratford with the world famous Shakespeare Theater about a mile away.

## Committee

Dunc and Muriel Watt  
Tom and Antoinette PetrilloPaul and Barb Brissette  
Dick and Dud Brockett

## Directions:

Southbound on I 95-take Exit #30  
Turn L at end of ramp  
Follow signs to Bridgeport or Sikorski  
Memorial Airport

Northbound on I 95-take Exit #30  
Turn R at end of ramp  
Follow signs to Airport

Southbound on Rt 113 thru Stratford; then  
follow signs to airport

Parking fee---\$1.50 per trailer per night (No facilities. Come self-contained.)

Rally fee--- \$5.00 per trailer

Send reservations to: Duncan and Muriel Watt  
155 Pepper Ridge Rd.  
Stamford, CT 06905  
Phone (203) 322-7878



Some scenes from the International Rally, Las Cruces, New Mexico





*We just couldn't bypass your names, even tho we know you'll be at Los Cruces. Thanks for sending the address labels promptly. Have a great time - you great people!  
Rud and Hazel.*

CHARTER OAK CONN. UNIT WBCC1 INVITES YOU TO A UNIQUE RALLY JULY 13 - 15, TO BE CALLED THE STONE HOUSE - COVERED BRIDGE RALLY. THE FIRST 12 TRAILERS TO SEND IN REGISTRATION FEE (\$ 15.00 per trailer, \$ 1.00 extra for each person over 2 per trailer) WILL BE HOSTED AT THE DON BISHOP HOME, WEST SHOKAN, NEW YORK; THE BALANCE (over 12 trailers) WILL BE, OF NECESSITY, AT SLEEPY HOLLOW CAMPSITE ON THE ESOPUS CREEK, NEAR PHOENICIA, NEW YORK. WE STRONGLY SUGGEST YOUR REGISTRATION BE SENT IN BY MAY 31st FOR US TO HOLD THE COMMITMENT AT SLEEPY HOLLOW AS THIS IS THE PEAK OF THEIR SEASON.

THERE'LL BE COFFEE, AND, ON ARRIVAL FRIDAY AFTERNOON. AGAIN WE STRONGLY SUGGEST ARRIVAL BEFORE DARK - OTHERWISE, THE BULL PEN AND EARLY ARISING ON SATURDAY A.M. TO GET PARKED IN TIME SO AS NOT TO DELAY OUR PROGRAM FOR THE DAY.

SATURDAY, WE GO TO HURLEY STONE HOUSE TOUR, A MOST UNIQUE AFFAIR RUN BY REFORMED CHURCH OF HURLEY - CHARGE IS \$ 3.00 PER PERSON, \$ 1.00 FOR CHILDREN. THIS COVERS ADMISSION TO ALL THE HOMES THAT ARE OPEN. THE CHURCH HAS A NICE CAFETERIA WHERE SANDWICHES, HOT DOGS, DELICIOUS DESSERTS AND HOT AND COLD DRINKS MAY BE OBTAINED. THIS IS HIGHLY POPULAR. THE HOUSES OPEN AT 11:00 A.M. AND THERE WILL BE FREE BUS SERVICE TO THE MORE DISTANT OF THE HOUSES.

LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WE WILL RETURN TO OUR AIRSTREAMS TO PREPARE OUR DISHES FOR A COVERED DISH SUPPER AT 5:30 P.M., COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE THE MEAT. BRING SALAD, VEGETABLE OR DESSERT. AFTERWARDS WE EXPECT A BRIEF MEETING TO BE FOLLOWED BY A TALK ON COVERED BRIDGES, WHICH WE'LL BE SEEING ON SUNDAY.

PLEASE MAKE A PROMPT DECISION TO PARTICIPATE; OTHERWISE IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO INFORM YOU THE RALLY IS FILLED TO CAPACITY. THE FIRST 12 TRAILERS TO SEND IN THEIR REGISTRATION WILL BE HOSTED AT THE BISHOPS AND THE BALANCE AT SLEEPY HOLLOW, A NICE CAMP GROUND ON THE ESOPUS. FULL FACILITIES AT BISHOPS, ONLY WATER AND A DUMP STATION AT SLEEPY HOLLOW WITH NO ELECTRICITY. DISTANCE TO HURLEY AND TO THE COVERED BRIDGE AREA ARE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME. WE WERE LUCKY TO GET SLEEPY HOLLOW BUT EARLY CONFIRMATION IS A "MUST" TO HOLD IT.

WILL MONITOR CHANNEL 13 ON FRIDAY P.M. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CB RADIOS.

CHECKS TO-  
RUD BLOOMER, CARMEL AVENUE, BREWSTER, NEW YORK 10509; 914/279-2144

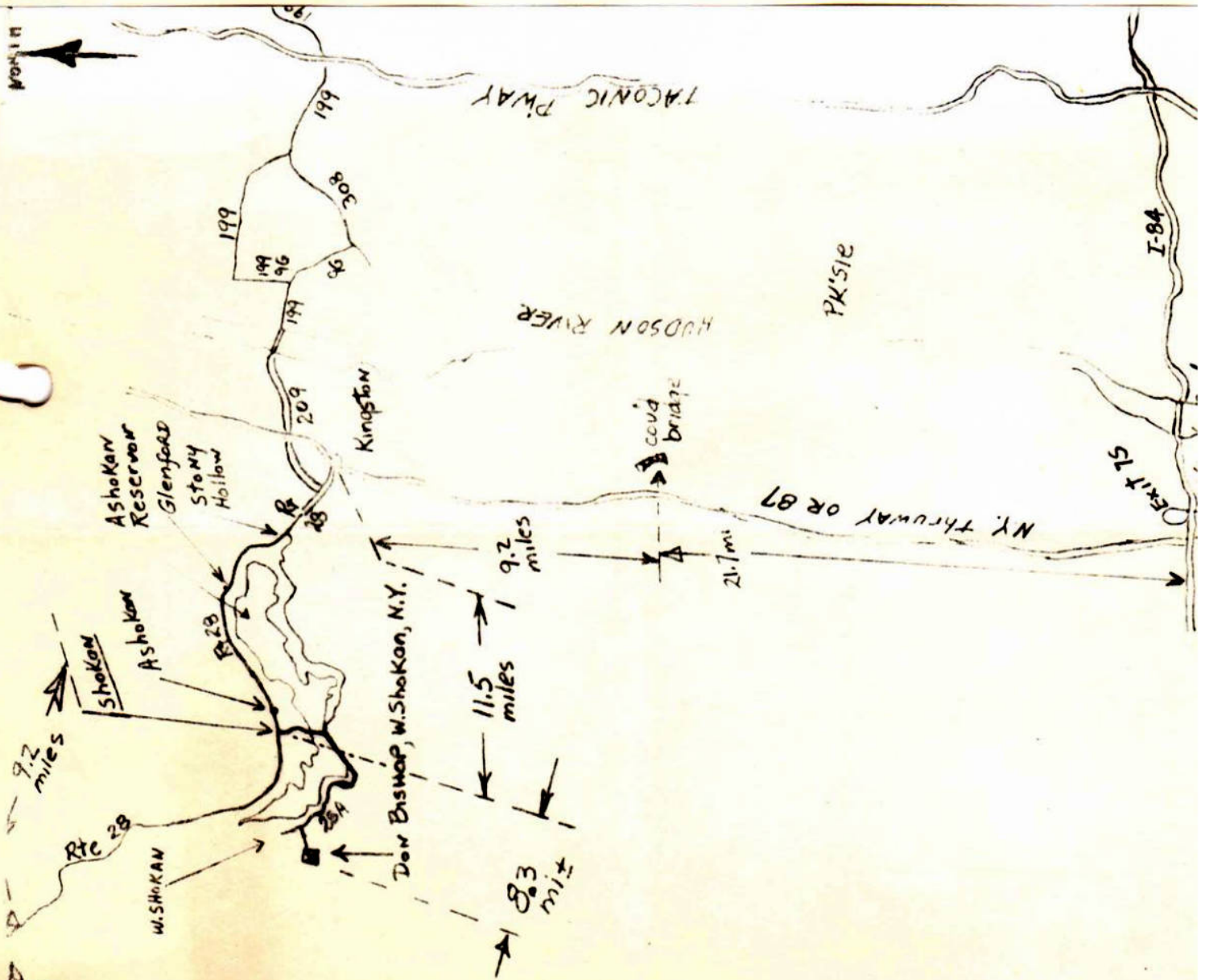
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Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ No. Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer No. \_\_\_\_\_

Inclusive Rally Fee -  
\$ 15.00 + \$ 1.00/guest

JULY 13 - 15  
THE STONE HOUSE TOUR - COVERED BRIDGE  
RALLY IN THE BEAUTIFUL CATSKILL MT.  
RESORT AREA

FIRST 12 applications received will be at DON BISHOP PLACE, West Shokan; BALANCE at SLEEPY HOLLOW CAMP GROUND, Phoenicia on Esopus River (water only, no electricity but with a dump station). A MUST - register BEFORE MAY 31st; otherwise CAMP GROUND WILL NOT GUARANTEE our sites. Bishops host us with all three utilities.



Sleepy Hollow  
Camp Ground



Stone House  
The Don H. ...





## CHARTER OAK CHATTER

July 1979

I'm sorry that we were unable to attend the Barnum Festival Rally, but I am pleased to say that Bobbie Brissette gave me the following account:

Despite the gas crunch, 11 trailers caravanned across from the Sikorsky Airport (two more arrived on Sat. A.M.) to enjoy the weekend with the Cape Cod Unit the weekend of June 29th. The annual Baraum Festival was in full swing with an assortment of activities to choose from. The committee, made up of Dick and Dud Brockett, Muriel and Duncan Watt, Tom and Antoinette Petrillo and Paul and Bobbie Brissette served coffee with delicious goodies Friday evening.

Saturday morning french toast and coffee was provided. Sunday morning eggs and muffins (along with Dud's homemade strawberry jam!). Pot-luck Saturday night was super-licious. We joined forces Saturday evening to trek over to Kennedy Stadium in Bridgeport to observe the competition of five drum corps. Such pomp, ceremony and splendid performances they provided. It was thoroughly enjoyable despite our drenching from a sudden downpour!

Some of us ventured forth on Sunday for a tour of the airport by the local police (especially for us), an antique car show and a handicraft show in the town of Bridgeport.

Carl and Marion Commander from South Carolina enroute from Florida spent the weekend with us to describe both verbally and with slides a new Airstream Park named "Aloha", being built in Fort Myers, Florida. Anyone interested in details may contact us (the Brissettes) for a brochure.

Ruth Weston called and gave the following account of the International:

The Member's from the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit who attended the Inebernational Rally at Las Cruces, N. M. had a very enjoyable time. The weather was fair even though it was hot. All the scheduled events were well attended and entertaining. Many were educational and helpful. We thought the parade demonstrated a great deal of originality on the part of the participants.

The members who attended the rally were Bob and Ruth Weston, Dick and Jeanie Porter, Jim and Dot McLain, Brain Vaill and his son Scot, Ralph and Lillian Goodrich and Mark and Lee Good.

The Stone House and Covered Bridge Rally held at Don and Ester Bishop of South Shokan, N. Y. Rud and Hazel Bloomer was the host and Dick and Janice Bartlett and Rip and I co-host the rally. We had 14 trailers, all in the most beautiful setting, thanks to the Bishops opening thier place to us.

Unexpectedly it turned out to be a buddy rally. Late Friday night a motorhome arrived with Manny and Jan Dagerberg and their daughter Miranda and two sons Ronald and Arnoud from Holland. they arrived in the states on Thursday, picked up the motorhome on Friday and started a month long tour of the east coast by coming to the Bishops for thier first stop. We all hope it is a most sucessful vacation.

Saturday morning we all drove down to Hurley to take the tour of the stone houses. Our new friends went with us. All the home opened to the public, except for two were within walking distant. The other two were reached by scuttle bus. It was a very hot day but this did not deter us.

Saturday evening we had a pot-luck supper made up of many delicious dishes and a wonderful ham prepared by Hazel Bloomer. Afterwards Don Bishop opened his workshop so we could all view his wonderful rock and mineral collection. Ester Bishop then invited us into thier home to see thier shell collection. It was a most wonderful evening.

Sunday some of us went on a tour to see several covered bridges that are in the area. We took a picnic lunch and ate it by one of the bridges. Others remained at camp and relaxed. It all came to an end to soon.

*Elsie Nelson*

COOKOUT AND FUN NIGHT SQUARE DANCE RALLY  
"BUDDY RALLY"

HOSTED BY: HANK & ARLENE SETTERSTROM, DOT & JIM McLAIN AND HAZEL & RUD BLOOMER

DATE: August 3, 4 and 5th

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

FEE: \$7.00 per Night RALLY FEE: \$7.00/Family PHONE: (203) 859-1320

Saturday Night is Fun Night - Square Dancing

Swimming in crystal clear Gardner Lake

- Boating
- Fishing
- Playground
- Electric & Water Hook-ups
- Dumping Station

Friday Night - Coffee & Breads

Saturday Morning - Coffee And

Saturday Evening - Cook-out furnished and cooked by Hosts and Hostesses

Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Salads, Coffee and Dessert

### Area Attractions

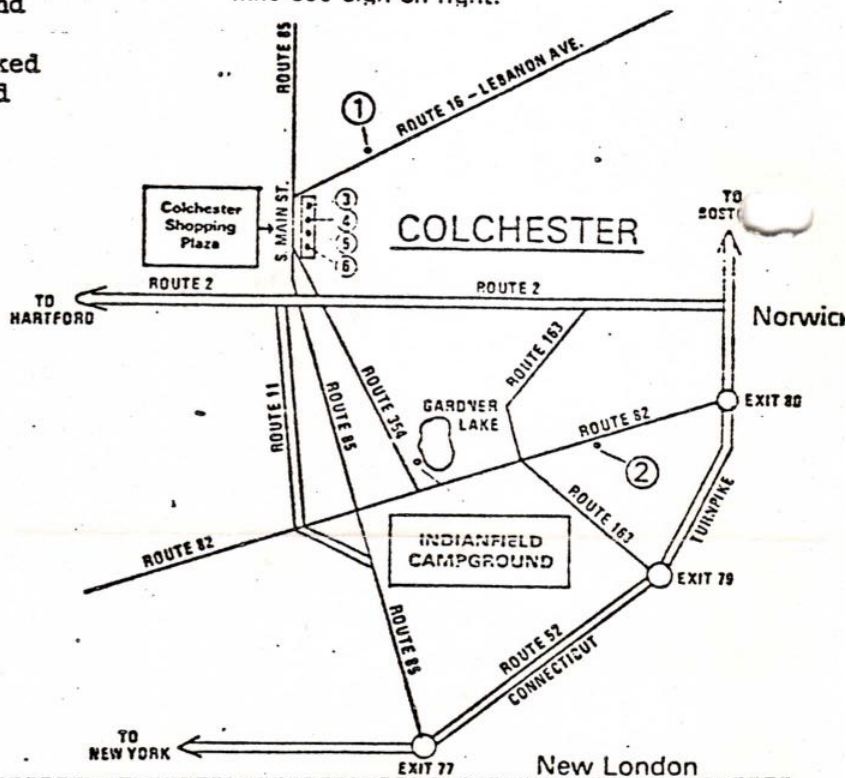
Mystic Seaport, Mystic Aquarium, U.S. Sub Base, Coast Guard Academy, Gillette Castle, Indian Museum, Summer Theater, Art Shows, Leffingwell Inn, Antique Shops, County Fairs, Plainfield Greyhound Race Track, Colchester Drag Strip Raceway.

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: H. C. McLAIN (Jim)  
851 Shagbark Drive  
Orange, Conn. 06477

Home Phone: (203) 387-7753

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
TRAILER # \_\_\_\_\_

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.

RALLY FEE \_\_\_\_\_  
CAMPING FEE \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Left to Right  
Mike Kuhn, Harry Hultin  
Roger Crockett, Ella Mae Weston



Breakfast Preparations by the Charter  
Oak Men at the 1979 Newport Rally



Mike Kuhn, Harry Hultin  
Roger Crockett, Ella Mae  
Weston



Newport '79



Dick Porter, Paul Brissette  
Paul Freed



Jean Porter, Tracy Felton

Newport '79



Ruth A. Weston  
116 Miller Ave.  
Meriden, Conn. 06450



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

CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT

AUGUST NEWSLETTER 1979

Bud and I attended the Cookout and Fun Night Square Dance Rally at Indianfield Campground last week-end and had a marvelous time. The lake was crystal clear for swimming or boating. The Unit put up the new yellow and white striped tent and found that we were very comfortable sitting under it. We enjoyed breakfasts of fruit and nut breads, coffee cakes and blueberry pancakes. We had a cookout Saturday night with hot dogs, hamburgers, home baked beans and potato salad. Several large watermelons were served for dessert.

We were pleasantly surprised to see Charles and Sandy Eglise and children. They looked great and are going back to Florida on Thursday with Ed and Doris Sheffield who are planning to make Florida their permanent residence. We'll miss Ed and Doris at our rallies, but wish them much happiness in their new location. Charles and Sandy are talking about a rendezvous in Florida next Jan. or Feb. for Charter Oak Unit members who spend time in Florida over the winter.

Dave and Audrey Clark and Charles and Sandy Eglise stopped by to see Perce and Harriett Hulbert and Cad and Emma Freeman. Audrey said that both Perce and Cad hadn't been well lately. She said that Perce had just come home from the hospital after suffering a heart attack. Hope they both improve soon and can attend one of our rallies.

We were happy that several members brought along buddy friends to the Indianfield Campground. It all added up to a week-end of enjoyment for members and friends. Our thanks go to Jim and Dot McLain, Hank and Arlene Setterstrom and Rud and Hazel Bloomer.

Heard from Elsie and Rip Nelson who are vacationing with their daughter in Scobey, Montana and will stay until Labor Day. Hope you both enjoy yourselves.

Angie and Bill Curry sent the Unit a card from the Land Yacht Harbor, Olympia, Washington. It was dated Aug. 4. Said they would be doing some salmon fishing, then on to the Pendleton Roundup and would start back East for turkey. Said they would see us in the fall. Happy that you are doing so well.

Received a card from Dick and Jeanne Porter who are spending some time in Maine at their "Red Cottage". They will be attending the Newport Rally and said to say, "Hi," to all.

The Cape Cod Mass. Unit is holding its next rally at Newport, R.I., Aug. 15-20. The sparkling waters, sail boats and the magnificent

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## Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT

August 1979

mansions make this rally a very pleasant rally to attend. Pancake breakfasts and evening entertainment is provided. Charter Oak Unit members who wish to go in a caravan are asked to meet at the Aquarium Parking lot in Mystic, Ct. the morning of Thursday, Aug. 16, at 10:00 A.M. The caravan will leave promptly.

Don't forget the "Down by the River" rendezvous given by Jessie and Stella Walker, Champlain, N.Y., Aug. 24-31, 1979. Jessie is First Vice-President of Region I.

Charter Oak Unit has received an invitation to the 1979 Region I Rally that the Quebec, Canada Unit is hosting. It looks like four days of fun starting Aug. 31, 1979. I am enclosing the brochure with this mailing. Our Unit has been asked to co-host the 1980 Region I Rally along with the Cape Cod Unit.

Our next Charter Oak Rally will be the Mystic Fishing Rally at Highland Orchards Trailer Park, No. Stonington, Ct., Sept 7-9. Bob and Mary have worked hard to arrange the rally and have been gathering clams for the clam chowder already. Mary sent the flyers for the rally to Bud and we have enclosed them. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible so plans can be made. Members of the Cape Cod Unit have been invited to participate.

Whenever any rally is planned and reservations are in, be sure to notify the hosts at least 48 hours in advance if circumstances make it impossible to attend the rally, so plans can be changed. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Hope many of our members will take advantage of the Fall Foliage Rally at Goose Hollow, Plymouth, N.H. Sept. 20-23. Charter Oak Unit will co-host the rally along with members of the White Mountain Unit.

Charter Oak Unit members are trying to get together for a Fall Foliage Rally in October. It might be a rendezvous where we can meet and be able to view the surrounding colorful landscape. Let you know more about details next month.

Dues are now due and payable for the year 1980. WBCCI Headquarters would like them in earlier than previous years in order to process them and make sure everyone gets into the 1980 International Directory. WBCCI Int. dues are \$10.00. Charter Oak Unit dues are only \$5.00 as of this writing. Please tear out coupon so you'll have it to send in with your check to Howard Kuehn, Treasurer, 436 Wildwood Drive, Orange, Ct. 06477. Make checks payable to WBCCI Charter Oak Ct. Unit.



## WHITE MOUNTAINS, N. H. UNIT - WBCCI

Rendezvous "Down by the River" at Jesse Walkers, Champlain, N.Y.

August 24 - 31, 1979

Hosts: Jesse & Stella Walker

Directions: From South I-87, take Exit 43, turn right; turn right at Mobil Station, 3/4 mile to WBCCI sign.

From East and West, come in on US Route 11, go north to I-87 exit 43 (next exit) turn right and right at Mobil station, 3/4 mile to WBCCI sign. All trailers turn left into driveway opposite WBCCI sign.

Facilities: water and electricity, dumping station, swimming.

Cost: \$10.00 per trailer ( includes Wiener roast and other refreshments.

Activities: Wiener Roast Wednesday, the 29th  
Arts and Crafts Show and Tell  
African Safari in Hemingford, Quebec  
Tour through Colonial Home  
See Ausable Chasm  
Trip to Lake Placid, site of Winter Olympics  
Trip to Messina and St. Lawrence Seaway Locks  
Buffet dinner served by ladies of United Methodist Church - at noon - Aug. 30th

Send reservations to Jesse & Stella Walker, P.O.Box 278, Champlain N.Y. 12919, to be received by Aug. 23rd.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer # \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet dinner Aug. 30th - how many: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring slides you wish to show.



Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

Unité QUEBEC CANADA Unit

*St-Jérôme July 6/1979*

Welcome to Montreal. Our next door neighbours are very fortunate this year, because here in Canada we have no problem with gasoline and also your dollar is worth at least 16% more. So change your money at your bank before leaving to make sure that you pay the exact rate.

The location of the 1979 Region I Rally will be at Man and His World near la "Cité du Havre". The only way to get there is via the Bonaventure Autoroute and then to follow the Man and His World Signs. If you are approaching the city from the South Shore, you must cross the Champlain bridge. At the toll (cost \$1.00 for car and tandem wheels trailers or .50¢ for car and single axle trailer), say past 500 feet turn right for the Bonaventure Autoroute and then follow the Man and His World Signs. For those approaching from the North or the city, take the Decarie expressway South bound and then the Bonaventure Autoroute and follow the Man and His World Signs.

The parking will commence at noon Friday, August 31, 1979, the kitty fee will be \$20.00 per family. The highlights of the rally are: the enchanting site of Man and His World and La Ronde. In return, you will get the following:

- a) Admission to Man and His World at special price entitles the holder to free entrance to all Pavillion;
- b) Parking rights for car and trailers for 4 days with water and dumping station;
- c) Free coffee and coffee/donuts as scheduled;
- d) Two "Happy Hour" cocktails.

Not included in the Kitty fee are the sightseeing Tours of Montreal and the Olympic installation.

If you wish to make reservation, please sent to: Quebec Canada Unit, Ruth & Raymond Lafortune, 10 775, Sacré Coeur, Montréal, P. Q. H2C 2T2, Canada.

Have a safe journey and we will be seeing you in Montreal.

*Jerry Louk  
President  
Quebec Canada Unit*

MYSTIC FISHING RALLY

Sept. 7-9 1979

PLACE: HIGHLAND ORCHARDS TRAILER PARK  
NO. STONINGTON, CT.

RALLY FEES: Parking \$16.00  
Kitty 3.00

FACILITIES: Water & Electricity

Program: Friday night; New England Clam Chowder,  
Coffee and?????

Saturday: Breakfast, Fishing for snapper  
blues ( bring light rod - bait will be furnished)  
Pot Luck supper

Sunday; Breakfast

AREA ATTRACTIONS: Mystic Marinelife Aquarium,  
Stonington Village, Mystic Village, beaches

DIRECTIONS: From New Haven: Exit I-95 at Rte. 2 (Exit 92)  
Turn left under I-95 then turn right on Service Rd. to  
Rte. 49. Turn left on Rte 49, First drive on right.

From Providence: Exit I-95 at Rte. 49 (Exit 92) Turn  
right to first driveway on right.

RESERVATIONS TO

Robert Lobb  
32 Ridgewood Circle  
Wallingford, Ct. 06492

203-269-5513

DEADLINE August 31, 1979



September 1979 Rally  
Highland Orchards, No. Stonington, CT

CHARTER OAK CHATTER

September 1979

Marg and Bob Lobb with their co-host Millie and Bob Lajoie are to be congratulated on a most successful rally. There were 41 trailers at the Mystic Fishing Rally. Those who were able to be there on Friday night were treated to home made clam chowder. Made with clams Bob dug himself.

Saturday, after a pancake breakfast, the fishermen headed out to the Stonington Pier to try their luck and the fish co-operated. Between the morning and afternoon close to a 100 fish were caught. While others went sight seeing and shopping in Stonington Village and Mystic Villiage and the Aquarium.

The evening began with another table laden pot-luck supper followed by a treat to the movies featuring Charlie Chaplin and W. C. Fields.

Sunday, everyone got up to a breakfast of english muffins and eggs cooked to order. We then spent the remaining time enjoying a beautiful sunny day.

Percy Hulbert came Friday, spent the evening and left Saturday morning. Everyone was happy to see him and wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

Claude and Claire Nichols, regional president, attended the rally. It was a pleasure having them.

A green chair was left at the Indianfield Rally which the McLairs have. If it is yours, contact them.

Our deepest simpathy goes to Florence Dekoven who loss her mother last month.

All of us were sorry to hear of the loss by fire of Dick and Jeanne Porter's home.

For those who have not already done so, remember the dues are due and payable for 1980, WBCCI Int. Dues are \$10.00 and \$5.00 for Charter Oak Unit. Make check payable to WBCCI Charter Oak CT Unit and send to Haward Kuehn, Treasure, 436 Wildwood Drive, Orange, CT 06477.

The Fall Foliage Rally at Goose Hollow, Plymouth, N.H. Sept. 22-23 will be co-host with the White Mountain Unit. If you plan to attend call Ruth and Bud Weston (231-1585). They would like to know by Sept. 20 how many plan to attend.

The next Charter Oak Rally will be Oct. 5 - 7 at Long Vue Campground See the flyer for details.



October 1979 Rally  
Long Vue Campground, Sturbridge, MA

The November meeting will be a dinner meeting and will be held at the University of Bridgeport on November 4th. Dick and Jeanne Porter will host the meeting. This will be the annual meeting with election and installation of new officers. Mark your calendar now. A flyer, with details of the menu, directions and program will be sent out the first part of next month.

*Elsie Nelson*

W.B.C.C.I.

CHARTER OAK UNIT

NOVEMBER 1979 CHATTER

Greetings from Orange, Connecticut and your new Publications Chairman, Dot McLain. The Rosenbecks are doing the printing and mailing so between us we hope you get the Chatter on time.

Our November dinner meeting was held in the Student Union of the University of Bridgeport and was hosted by Jeanne and Dick Porter.

The dinner was a delicious buffet of hot roast beef and baked ham with all the trimmings including strawberry shortcake for dessert.

The tour of the Orient by the Brissettes was enjoyed by all.

Forty Four members and guests attended the dinner and participated in the election of officers for 1980. The slate as recommended by the nominating committee was accepted and voted into office.

We were honored by Claude and Claire Nichols, Region I President and First Lady. Claude introduced his wife Claire and thanked Charter Oak for inviting him to install our officers. He talked a few minutes on Cape Cod and Charter Oak hosting the Region I Rally next September; what a good job our officers were doing and that the "Cooperation between the Region I units was beautiful".

Claire Nichols led us in the "Pledge to the Flag".

Claude did a fine job in installing our new officers. He also gave out past president's pins to Bud Weston, Bill Curry, and Dick Brockett, past president of Cape Cod Unit.

The new officers are:

Dick Porter, President  
Jim McLain, 1st Vice President  
Bob Lobb, 2nd Vice President  
Mike Kuehn, Treasurer  
Mary Lobb and Paul Brissette, 1st Year Directors  
Jeanne Porter, Corresponding Secretary  
Open, Recording Secretary

Standing Committees are:

Dot McLain, Publications  
Niels and Lydia Rosenbeck, Printing of Publications  
Hank Setterstrom, Constitution and By Laws  
Arlene Setterstrom, Historian

We were all happy to see and visit with Angie and Bill Curry.

The Unit received a very nice letter from the "Olive First Aid Unit" thanking us for the \$50.00 contribution from Hazel and Rud Bloomer's July Rally.

We received a note from the Savages giving us their new address: Indian Creek Park, Florida.

The Region I Rally Site at Camperama, Townsend, Vermont has been agreed on and the chairmen are looking for committees. Members of both Cape Cod and Charter Oak Units will be asked to serve on the committees.

The Christmas party will be at the Hawthorne Inn, Berlin Tpke., December 2, hosted by the Landons and the Bradleys. Please bring a gift for either a man or woman or suitable for either. The price of the gift should not exceed \$3.00.

If you haven't paid your International and Unit dues for 1980 send them to Howard Kuehn, 436 Wildwood Drive, Orange, Ct. 06477. Please hurry or you may not get listed in the International Directory. The dead line is November 15, 1979.

"A Happy Thanksgiving to everyone."

Happy Trailering

Dot



## SAVE THIS DATE

Aug. 29 thru Sept. 1, 1980

Region I Rally will be held at Camperama Campground Safari field in Townsend, Vermont over the long Labor Day weekend which is a common holiday for both Canada and the U.S. This rally will be co hosted by the Charter Oak and Cape Cod Units with Presidents Dick Porter and Whit Bradley as co chairmen.

Camperama was chosen over several other sites because it is easily accessible from all directions. Its Safari field bordered by the West River, lends itself to interesting parking patterns. Also one of the few Airstream dealers is at the campground. Airstreamers needing things from the Wally Byam catalog can order them ahead of time, delivered to Camperama, and pick them up there. Hopefully repairs and adjustments to trailers can be prearranged with the dealer for work by appointment preceeding, during, and immediately after the rally.

At this date committee heads have been chosen and are busily planning details and choosing members who will serve with them. There are many interesting places to visit and things to do in the area. These will appear in future news releases. The food committee is planning for appetizing goodies and breakfasts. The entertainment committee is asking each unit in Region I to have a twenty minute program to present Saturday evening. Old time movies will bring back happy memories or have you rolling in the aisles on Sunday evening. A craft show and sale on Sunday afternoon should be interesting.

Labor Day 1980 seems a long way off but we are planning for this rally now. Save the date and come to Townsend, Vt.

Publicity release by Dick Brockett

THE  
AIRSTREAMERS  
AT  
CHRISTMAS

Connecticut charter oak unit  
Dinner  
The Hawthorne Inn  
Routes 5 & 15, 2421 Wilbur Cross Hwy.  
Berlin, Connecticut

Dinner includes the usuals of rolls, salad, baked potato, vegetables du jour, peach cobbler dessert with a choice of:

- Roast top sirloin of beef \$13.25
- Breast of Chicken cordon bleu \$13.00

(full breast stuffed with ham and cheese)

Price includes tax, gratuity and decorations

*Please bring an upcharge gift \$3.00 max*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 192ND

Executive Meeting

Social Hour

Dinner

Followed by a gala evening!!!

3:30 p.m.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

5 p.m.

Let's make this the biggest christmas party ever--SEE YOU THERE!!

Please send in reservations as soon as possible - but NOT LATER THAN NOV. 25th.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Beef @ \$13.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken @ \$13.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send checks to : John London, 325 Loughill Road, Guilford, Ct. 06437  
1-203-453-4164

Hosts: The Londons and the Bradleys



Audrey Clark, Maggie Kuhn  
Willie Evans, Bob Evans, Roger  
Crockett



Christmas Party - 1979  
Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT.  
Willie Evans on the Guitar