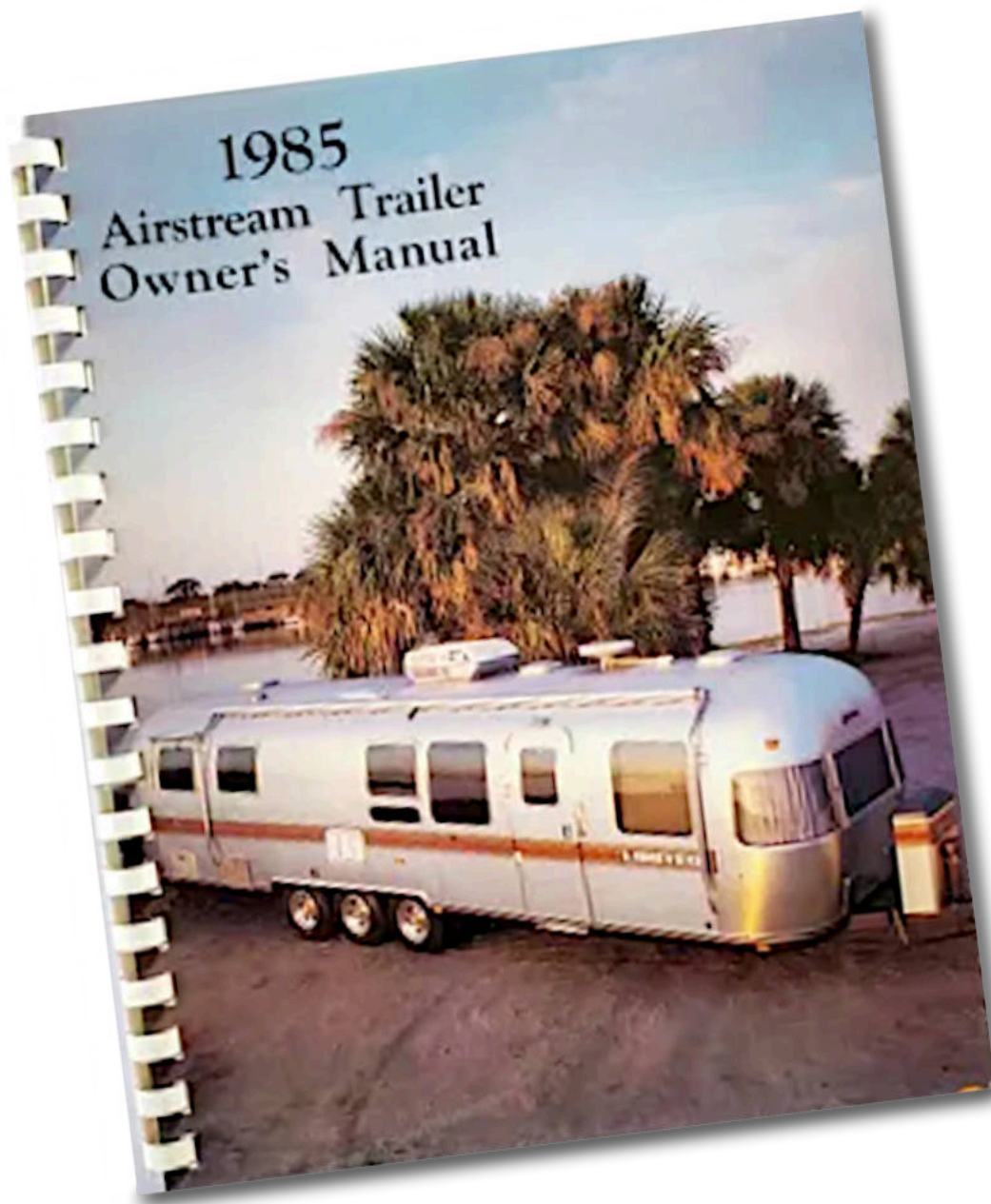




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Indulge yourself.

Discover why Airstream defies comparison.

Airstream's prestige leaders - the Excella and the Limited - are the ultimate travel experience in today's age of lowered expectations and embarrassment at excellence. They are for those whose vision drives them beyond the commonplace.

Go visit your nearest Airstream dealer. See for yourself all the reasons why Airstream represents the crowning achievement in quality, luxury and prestige. With the amenities you demand for the comfort you deserve.

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When you purchase Airstream's prestige leaders the Excella and Limited (or the price leader - Sovereign) you have the assurance that your investment is solid. You can expect a full measure of dividends in not only quality - but also investment potential. More than one-third of recently sold Airstream trailers sold for more than the original purchase price.

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Imagine. Travelling to faraway places and retaining all of the luxuries of a well-appointed home. Rich hickory hard-

Over a half century of innovative engineering and aerodynamic design constantly safeguard your mobility. In roadworthiness, towing ease and fuel economy, Airstream outperforms the competition.

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Available in 31' and 34' lengths with seven floorplans including choice of center or rear bath; twin or double bed. Excella ... unequalled comfort.

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Truly the best money can buy. The Limited is the luxury standard of the industry. 31' and 34' lengths with choice of center or rear bath; twin or double bed; handcrafted and incomparable.

- Please send me your new 16-page color Airstream trailer brochure. Enclosed is \$1.00 for postage and handling. Please send me FREE information on:
- Airstream trailers and specifications.
- Name of the dealer nearest me.
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1985 RALLY SCHEDULE

March 3 Charlie & Sandy Eglise	Chello Oyster House Guilford, Ct.
April 14 Joe & Helen Gatavaski	Phils Restaurant Waterbury, Ct.
May 3,4,5 Fred Koontz	Ponderosa Campground East Lyme, Ct.
June 7,8,9 Nelsons & Kuehns	Strawberry Park Norwich, Ct.
July 12,13,14 Crocketts & Fayals	Crocketts Ranch Harwinton, Ct.
July 19,20,21 Cape Cod Unit (Charter Oak Unit are guests)	Jewett City, Ct.
Aug. 2,3,4 Herpichs & Henschels (Cape Cod Unit are guests)	Laurel Ridge Farm East Otis, Mass.
Sept. 6,7,8 Nelsons & Sikes	Hammonasset State Park Madison, Ct.
Oct. 4,5,6 Clarks & Rosenbecks	To Be Announced (After this Rally a caravan will be leaving for a Fall Foliage trip thru New England)
Nov. 3 Installation of Officers Mike & Sandy Sasuta	Biagetti's Restaurant West Haven, Ct.
Dec. 8 Christmas Party Bloomers, Nelsons and Herpichs	Bloomers Home Brewster, New York



CHARTER OAK *Chatter*

JANUARY 17, 1985

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, we would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy 1985.

As we head into our deep-freeze weather, let's give some thought to our coming dinners and rallies. We have a very nice summer ahead of us, - think about it as you watch the snow fly and plan to join us. It will make "Old Man Winter" more bearable. The International, at Lake Placid sounds wonderful. This rally will be close for most of us - let's get out and really represent Charter Oak in large numbers. I would also like to mention that the Region I rally in Canada will be great, but don't miss all the many wonderful dinners and rally's we'll have amongst our own friends in Charter Oak.

In the next month or so, the Eglise's will be working on our 1985 Directory. I hope to pass them out at the March meeting.

Stay warm ! Of course our snowbirds can laugh as we freeze and they're enjoying the warmth, but I'm sure they all have earned their nice warm place. Perhaps one day we will have the chance too!

Hope to see some of you that are left here at the winter Pot Luck at the Crockett's.

Niels



January, 1985

CHARTER OAK CONN. UNIT

CHATTER

Rallies and Dinners -Past and Future:

Our Christmas party held the 9th of December at the Yankee Silversmith Inn was a great success. Our thanks to our hosts, Barbara and Al Alfano, and Lil and Bill Herpich. The Christmas present game was a huge success, good company, good food, who could ask for more?

On February 10th an informal pot-luck supper will be held at the home of Roger and Ruth Crockett. Bring your snow suits and get out in the snow (we are planning on having some), bring your skis, sleds, or whatever - and don't forget your pot-luck dish. After all that fun in the snow we will all have good appetites!!!

Notes from Here and There:

We had a wonderful long letter from Rud and Hazel Bloomer. They were as of Dec. 10th on the Mexican Caravan and having a wonderful time. The Barnes and Currys from COCU were on this trip with them, also, Jack and Elaine Shabeck from the Cape Cod Unit. The weather had been cool at night, warm in the day, they report no accidents as yet, and an excellent recreation director. It sounds like a great trip!!!

Paul and Bobbie Brissette are well and busy at their condo in Florida. We hope they will be able to be at our May Rally.

Mary and Bob Lobb send their best to all from their comfy, warm spot in Florida!

Emma and Caddy Freeman tell us that things are looking up and they have hopes of getting to some of the Rallies in '85. We hope so, too.

Percy and Hattie Hulbert also hope to get out to some of our rallies in the coming year. We miss them....

Maggie and Mike Kuehn send "New Year Greetings" to everyone from Travelers Rest.

For those of us left behind here in Connecticut, it is nice to hear from our traveling friends.

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE 1985

<u>Date</u>	<u>ACTIVITY and HOSTS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
March 3	Dinner Meeting - Charlie Eglise	Chello Oyster House Guilford, CT
April 14	Dinner Meeting - Joe Gatavaski	Phil's Restaurant Waterbury, CT
May 3-5	Rally - Koontz	Ponderosa Campground East Lyme, CT
June 7-9	Rally - Kuehns and Nelsons	Strawberry Park Norwich, CT
July 12-14	Rally - Crocketts and Fayals	Crockett's Ranch Harwinton, CT
July 19-21	Joint Rally by Cape Cod Charter Oak Guests	Jewett City, CT
Aug 2-4	Joint Rally by Charter Oak Cape Cod Guests	Laurel Ridge Farm East Otis, MA
Sept. 6-8	Rally - Nelsons and Sikes	To be announced
Oct. 4-6	Rally and fall Foliage Caravan Clarks and Rosenbecks	Rondezvous to be announced
Nov. 3-	Dinner and Installation of Officers Sarutas	Biagetti's Restaurant West Haven, CT
Dec. 8	Christmas Party Bloomers - Nelsons - Herpichs	Bloomer's Home Brewster, New York

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT - 1985

President - Neils Rosenbeck 324 Albrecht Road Torrington, CT 06790	Tel. #482-2430
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Corresponding Secretary - Elsie Nelson (as above)	

Recording Secretary - Lil Herpich
Norfolk Road
Litchfield, CT 06759

Tel. # 567-9661

Treasurer - Bill Herpich
(as above)

DIRECTORS: Paul Good, Bob Henschel, Mike Sasuta, and Audrey Clark

CLIP AND MAIL TO: Charles Eglise, 405 Green Hill Rd., Madison, CT 06443

We are interested in being included in the Caravan to the International to Lake Placid. _____

Name and trailer #

We are going to the International, but will not be able to be included in the Caravan. _____

Name and trailer #

These can be hand-delivered to Charlie at his March 3rd Dinner.

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE:

From Bennie and Tracy Felton - The Fayal's and Felton's are in California planning to attend the Hobo Rally in Blythe, CA, and from there to head slowly back to Florida, sight seeing along the way. We wish them a safe and happy trip - look forward to hearing all about it in the Spring!

From Margaret and Joe Spellman - They are well and happy and spending th winter at Apache Junction, Arizona. They hope to attend the International, leaving Arizona around the middle of May. Happy trailering!

The Nelson's and Herpich's are as this writing on their way south. We wish them a happy, safe trip. We felt saddened to hear of Bill's mishap in his yard with the trailer - good luck on the repairs!

BEAUTIFUL CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT PINS are now available from Jim Hegeman at a low cost of \$1.00 each. These are great to have for exchanging with other units at the International and the Region I Rally.

It was wonderful to see PERC AND ANITIE HULBERT at our February Potluck supper - they looked well and Perc is still as full of fun as ever! We hope they will be able to make some of our Rallies this year!

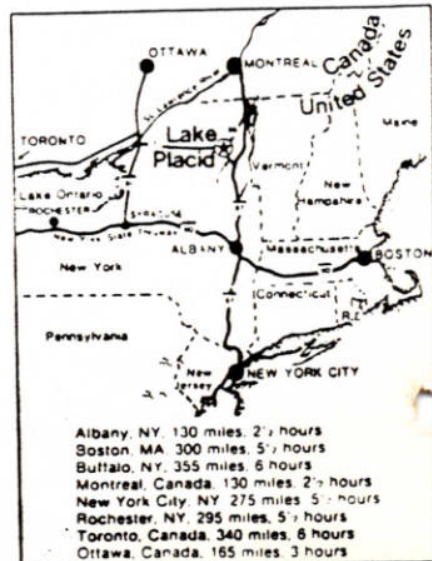


WBCCI INTERNATIONAL RALLY
LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK
JUNE 28 THRU JULY 4, 1985

PLAN TO ATTEND AND TO ENJOY YOURSELVES.

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE - BOATING, SCENIC CRUISES, GOLF, CRAFTS ENTERTAINMENT, MEETINGS, SHOPPING, SEMINAR RESTAURANTS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE.

IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH FUN THE INTERANTIONAL CAN BE UNTIL YOU HAVE ATTENDED ONE TO SEE AND ENJOY FOR YOURSELF.





CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT
INORMAL WINTER POT-LUCK SUPPER
at the home of
ROGER AND RUTH CROCKETT
Wildcat Hill Road
Harwinton, CT Tel. #485-0185

DATE: February 10, 1985

TIME: 2:00

COST: \$1.00 per family for coffee, tea, paper plates, etc.

Bring a pot-luck dish, and cross country skis, tobaggan,
snow shoes, sleds, etc.

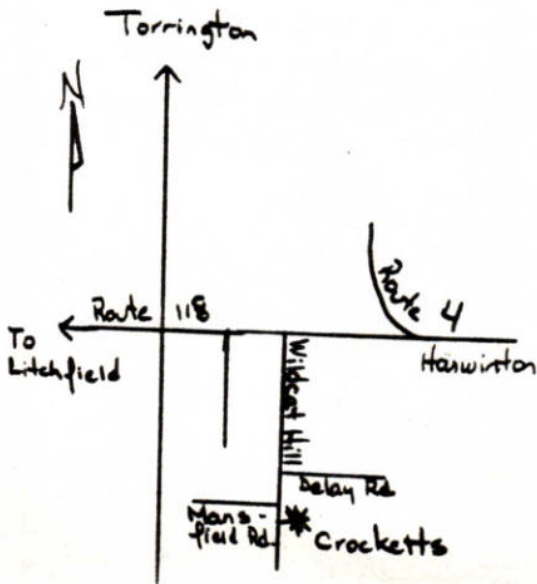
Directions:

Clip and return to:

Roger Crockett
Wildcat Hill Road
Harwinton, CT 06791

Name _____

Trailer # _____





CHARTER OAK
Chatter

NIELS H. ROSENBECK P.O. BOX 417 TORRINGTON CT. 06790



Mr. & Mrs. Freddy Fayel
R.D. #1 Box 94
Harborview Terrace
Stonington, CT 06378





CHARTER OAK *Chatter*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 1985

As I write this short message, the first robin was seen. The temperature is hitting 40 degrees today. Hopefully Spring is not far away.

I think we can safely start thinking about readying our Airstreams for another fun-filled season.

Our first dinner meeting will be March 3rd at the Chello Oyster House hosted by the Eglise's. We are looking forward to seeing our friends. I hope all our members, wherever they may be, are considering their attendance at the International Rally at Lake Placid. This rally will never be this close to us again, so let's take advantage.

We hope this Chatter finds all our members well, and that everyone here in the cold country enjoyed the winter so far. Also we will be looking forward to the return of our snowbirds in a few months.

SEE YOU AT THE CHELLO HOUSE!!!

RALLIES AND DINNERS - PAST AND FUTURE

Our February 10th Potluck Dinner at the lovely home of Roger and Ruth Crockett was enjoyed by all who were able to attend. The Herschel girls and Jim Hegeman's Ellen enjoyed the sleigh riding, as did Bob and Sharon. We had lovely weather, after a bitter cold spell - many thanks, Roger and Ruth!

Our March 3, 1985 Dinner Meeting flyer is enclosed. Charlie and Sandy will once again be hosting a dinner at the Chello Oyster House, in Guilford, CT. This is a lovely place to enjoy a meal, see old friends, and meet some new ones - send in your reservation NOW!!

Cape Cod has invited all Charter Oak members who would like to attend to their St. Patrick's Party on March 16th at Rom's in Sturbridge, Mass. To make your reservations send a check to:

Lee Bradley
RD #2
Putnam, CT 06260 Tel #203-928-5115

Place: Rom's, Sturbridge, Mass. Date: March 16, 1985 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Choice of: Roast turkey, etc., \$12.95
Roast Prime Rib, etc., \$16.95

Local Motels: Colonial Motel - \$34.00 and up 1-617-347-3306
Sturbridge Motor Coach Lodge - \$40.00 and up 1-617-347-7327
Sheraton Sturbridge Inn - \$76.00 and up 1-617-347-7393

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

LAKE PLACID INTERNATIONAL RALLY - Our unit is planning a Caravan to this important even, probably leaving Connecticut on June 25th. If you are planning to attend this year's International (there will never be one closer) and are interested in going with a Caravan, please fill out and send to Charlie Egliere (He will be the Caravan leader, we hope!), as soon as possible (preferably by March 15th) the form at the end of this report.

REGION I RALLY - August 30th to September 2nd, 1985 in Montreal, Canada. Let's save this time now for the nicest spot on the whole Montreal Island. There will be guided tours, breakfasts, lunches, etc. etc.!!!! MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS ON YOUR 1985 AGENDA!

CHARTER OAK CONN UNIT

DINNER MEETING

TO BE HELD

MARCH-3rd 1985

The Chello Oyster House, Rt. 1, Guilford, Ct.

Board Meeting at 4:00
 Happy Hour at 4:30
 Dinner at 5:30

Appetizers-----Tomato Juice
 Clam Chowder
 Lobster Pisque
 Fruit Cocktail

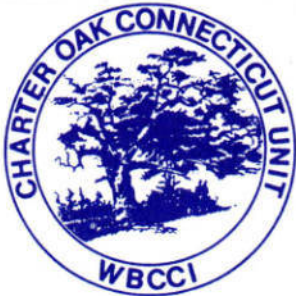
Dinners:	Baked Stuff Chickeen	\$12.50
	Seafood Newburg	12.50
	Prime Rib of Beef	14.50

All dinners served with potato, vegetable, bread & butter, salad, dessert & beverage. Appetizers & dessert (probably a spring pie) to be chosen at the restaurant.

The Chello Oyster Hoise is located on Rt. 1 between I-95 Exits 58 & 59.

Please send your reservations with your payment to Charlie Eglise, 405 Green Hill Rd. Madison, Ct. 06443 by 2/27 or call us at 245--7696.

Name	Quantity	Trailer #
Baked Stuffed Chicken	_____	@\$12.50=== _____
Seafood Newburg	_____	@ 12.50=== _____
Prime Rib of Beef	_____	@ 14.50=== _____
		<hr/> Total



CHARTER OAK *Chatter*

APRIL 1985

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SPRING IS NOW OFFICIALLY HERE AND WE HAVE TO START FIXING OUR TRAILERS AFTER A LONG WINTER REST AND HIT THE ROAD ONCE MORE. PERHAPS THERE WILL HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND SOLVED THAT WE COULD DISCUSS AT OUR NEXT MEETING. IT MAY BE OF HELP TO THOSE OF US WHO HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED A PARTICULAR PROBLEM.

WE ALSO HAVE TO THINK OF OUR CARAVAN, TIME IS GETTING SHORT. CHARLEY EGLISE IS WORKING OUT THE DETAILS, PLEASE LET HIM KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE A HOST AT THE INTERNATIONAL, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT THE NEXT MEETING. WE ALSO HAVE TO WORK OUT OUR PLANS FOR OUR FLOAT AND BULLETIN BOARD. DOES ANYONE HAVE IDEAS AND OR TIME TO DONATE? IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER THE JOB WILL BE EASY AND FUN.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT NEXT YEARS RALLIES. JIM HAGEMAN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VOLUNTEERS. REMEMBER, NO ONE HAS TO DO A RALLY ALONE, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE WILLING TO CO-HOST. "TRY IT - YOU'LL LIKE IT!"

I WISH YOU ALL GOOD LUCK IN GETTING YOUR TRAILERS READY FOR THE ROAD. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT PHIL'S STEAK & LOBSTER HOUSE.

Nels

*Happy
Easter*

RALLIES AND DINNERS - PAST FUTURE

Many thanks to Sandy and Charlie Eglise for the lovely dinner held at Chello Oyster House in Guilford on March 3rd. A good time was had by all.

The flyer for the next dinner to be held on April 14th is enclosed. Joe and Helen Gatavaski have planned a very nice dinner at Phil's Steak and Lobster House Restaurant in Waterbury. COME AND SEE THE PLANS FOR THIS YEAR'S RALLIES!

We would like at this time to mention the Fall Foliage Caravan being planned by the Rosenbeck's and Clark's. This Caravan will start at Sturbridge Village on the week-end of October 4 - 6, leaving on Sunday for New Hampshire and then on to Vermont. We are planning dinners, etc., and would like to have some idea of those interested in joining us. If you cannot do the entire Caravan, you can, of course, just attend the week-end Rally.

PLEASE - let Charlie Eglise know of your interest in the Caravan to the International leaving Connecticut on June 25th. He is busy making tentative plans for this Caravan and it will be most helpful to know the approximate number going.

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Thanks to the dedicated work of Charlie and Sandy Eglise in compiling the list for the new directory, and Neils Rosenbeck for printing them, our 1985 Directories are now ready. These great people have done the directories for many years, and in so doing have saved the club many hundreds of dollars -----
THANK YOU!

Jim Hegeman will be bringing items for sale from the COCU store. He is our storekeeper. He is also in charge of selling the beautiful COCU tie tac pins. SEE HIM! These are a truly nice item.

Jim and Dot McLain want to be remembered to all members. I hope they will be able to attend a meeting in the near future.

CLIP AND MAIL TO: Charles Eglise, 405 Green Hill Rd., Madison, CT 06443

We are interested in being included in the Caravan to the International to Lake Placid. _____

Name and trailer #

We are going to the International, but will not be able to be included in the Caravan. _____

Name and trailer #

DIRECTIONS to Phil's Steaks & Lobster House
1815 WATERTOWN AVE
WATERBURY, Conn. (756-3575)

From New Haven, Bridgeport & Southern Connecticut:

ROUTE 8 NORTH
EXIT #35 (left exit) (Watertown Ave.)
Stay straight this becomes Watertown Avenue
Restaurant is on left approx. 1 1/2-2 mi from exit

From Torrington & Northern Conn.:

ROUTE 8 SOUTH
EXIT #36 - Colonial Ave
Left at end of ramp
Thru traffic light
Then stay to right and follow road
to end 2-3 miles
Turn right onto Watertown Avenue
Approx. 1/4-1/2 mile to Phil's ON LEFT

From Danbury and Western Conn.:

ROUTE 84 EAST
EXIT #20 to ROUTE 8 NORTH
STAY TO YOUR LEFT
EXIT #35 (Watertown Ave.)
APPROX. 1 1/2-2 miles from exit to Phil's
on left.

From Hartford & Eastern Conn.:

ROUTE 84 WEST TO WATERBURY
EXIT #20 on RIGHT to
ROUTE 8 NORTH
EXIT #35 (WATERTOWN AVE) LEFT HAND EXIT
From exit Phil's is approx. 1 1/2-2 miles on left

CHARTER VAN COND. UNIT - W/BCLT

DINNER MEETINGS - SUNDAY APRIL 14, 1985

PHIL'S STEAK & LOBSTER HOUSE
1815 WATERTOWN AVENUE
WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT
Phone (203) 756-3575

BOARD MEETING - 4:00 pm HAPPY HOUR - 4:30 pm

DINNER at 5:30 pm

All dinners served with potato, soup & salad bar,
dessert and beverage

\$16.00 per person (includes tax & tip)

Please indicate your choice of menu below:

NAME _____ TRAILER # _____

	# dinners		
PRIME RIB	_____	@ \$16.00 =	_____
FILET MIGNON	_____	@ \$16.00 =	_____
SEA SCALLOPS	_____	@ \$16.00 =	_____
BAKED STUFFED SHRIMP	_____	@ 16.00 =	_____

TOTAL Amount enclosed _____

Please send reservations with your payment no
later than April 7, 1985 to:

JOE GATAVASKI
52 BEACON MANOR CIRCLE
Nauvataek, Conn. 06770

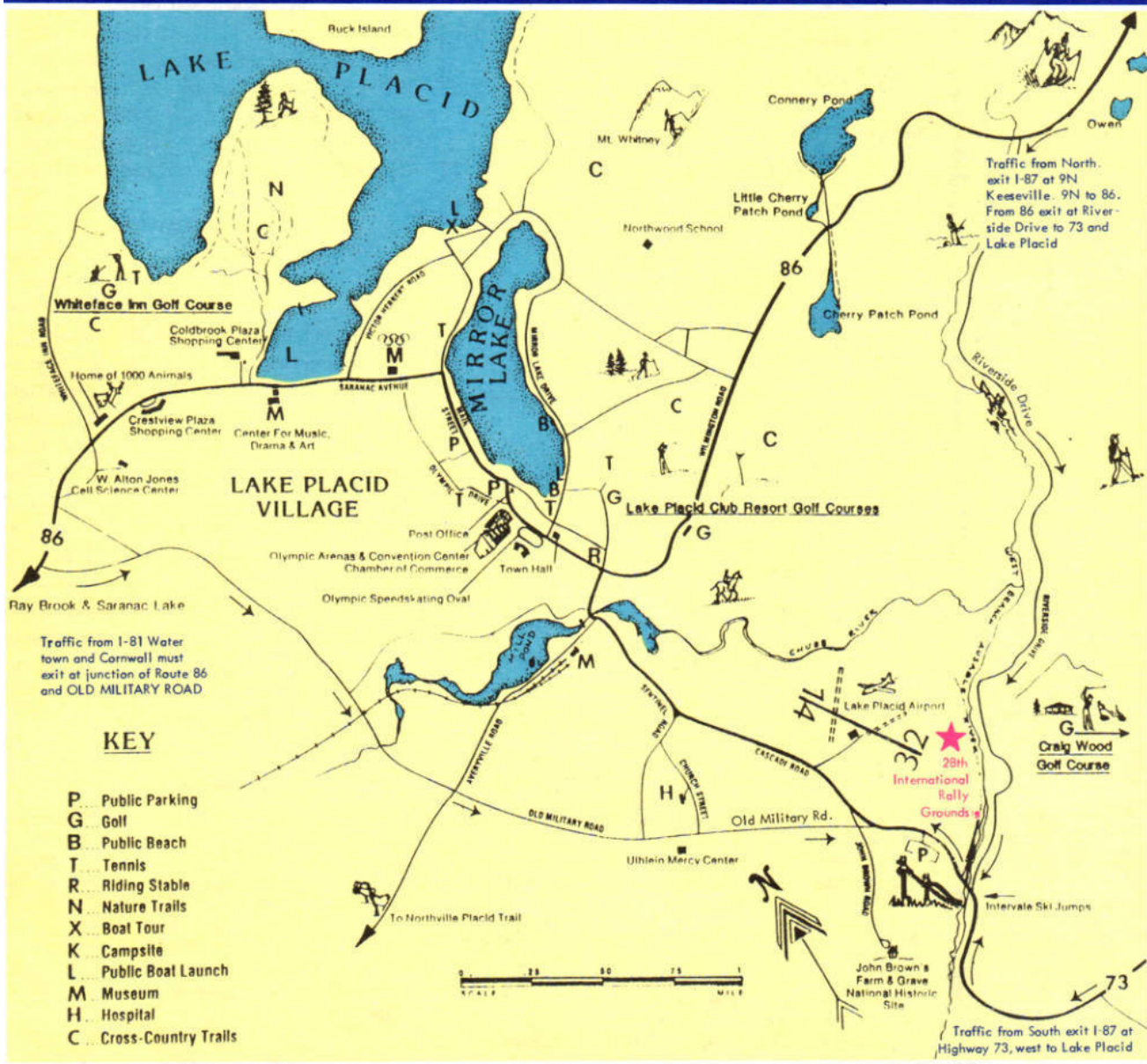
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Lake Placid Map



CHARTER OAK *Chatter*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MAY 1985

THE PONDEROSA RALLY WAS GREAT, THE WEATHER TURNED OUT REAL NICE AND WE HAD A GOOD GROUP. WE ENJOYED VISITING WITH OUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM THE WARM CLIMATE. WELCOME BACK!

HOWARD KNIGHT ATTENDED THIS RALLY AND WAS VERY HELPFUL TO US ON A FEW MATTERS.

TIME IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY AT LAKE PLACID. WE WILL BE LEAVING ON JUNE 25TH WITH THE CHARTER OAK CARAVAN, WHO WILL BE PICKING UP OUR MEMBERS AT APPOINTED PLACES. CHARLES EGLISE WILL BE OUR WAGON MASTER. HOPE YOU ALL HAVE SENT IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS. IT SHOULD BE A GOOD TIME. THANKS TO ALL OUR HARD WORKERS, OUR FLOAT IS ALMOST COMPLETED.

ALSO, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE BREAKFAST AT LAKE PLACID, COUPON IS INCLUDED IN THIS CHATTER.

AT OUR JUNE BUSINESS MEETING WE WILL ELECT OUR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES FOR LAKE PLACID. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT OUR NEXT RALLY AT STRAWBERRY PARK. SEE YOU THERE!!!!!

Niels.

RALLIES - PAST AND FUTURE:

MANY THANKS to Fred Koontz, his mother Dorothy, and Rip and Elsie Nelson for a beautiful week-end at Ponderosa Campground in East Lyme over May 3 - 5. Thanks also to all who helped, Bobbie and Paul Brissette, Neils and Lydia, etc. etc. The float is coming along very well thanks to the many men who participated, and we can't tell you what a beautiful job Joe and Helen Gatavaski did on the bulletin board!

The flyer for our next Rally is attached. It will be at Strawberry Park in Preston, CT; hosted by Rip and Elsie Nelson and Mike and Maggie Kuehn. This sounds like a very special week-end. Strawberry Park is supposed to be the most beautiful campground in Connecticut - GET OUT THOSE TRAILERS. There is more work to do on the float, and more plans to be discussed for the Lake Placid International Rally! The Rally will be on June 7 to the 9. NOTE: the reservation needs to be in to Rip by MAY 24th!

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE:

Louise Fayal, who has most graciously accepted the job of caretaker of our History Books, asks that any pictures of Rallies or Dinners be given to her as soon as possible.

THE AMEMNDMENTS TO THE COCU CONSTITUTION will be voted on at the June Rally.

Our Region I Second Vice President Howard Knight attended the May Rally. It was wonderful to have him with us, and he had a great deal of information for us including -

The new square Argosy is going to be produced by Airstream in the near future.

At this time Airstream parts must be ordered through an Airstream dealer. He has made Airstream aware of the problem in Connecticut where there is no dealer.

Howard will send more Lake Placid ribbons to our club as some of our members do not have them.

The International next year will be held at Boise, Idaho, and there is a strong possibility that the following year it may be held at Montreal, Canada!

Howard reminds us that seat belts are compulsory in both New York State and Canada - so ----buckle up!

INTERNATIONAL RALLY AT LAKE PLACID:

CODE OF DRESS for all who wish to participate in the July 4th Parade is to be white sweatshirts, and either red or white shorts or pants, white sneakers. It was voted on at the May meeting that our Charter Oak Connecticut emblem will be sewed on to the white sweatshirt. It was also voted that there be no charge for the emblem for people marching in the Parade. Please see Jim in June if you need an emblem.

COCU BREAKFAST will be held at Mirror Lake on July 1st at 8:00 A.M. - to be a buffet breakfast. All those interested in attending this breakfast send Bill Herpich, Norfolk Road, Litchfield, CT 06759 a check for \$5.00 per person. Bill, as you know, is our Treasurer, and will be taking care of the check. You could pay him also, at the June Rally. A coupon to clip and send to him is in this month's Chatter.

Howard Knight was pleased to announce at the May meeting that pre-registration for the Lake Placid Rally already exceeds all expectations with 3,200 trailers registered, and that they anticipate a total of 4,000 trailers.

THE COCU LAKE PLACID CARAVAN has 23 trailers signed up to go at this time. Wagon Master Charlie Eglise reminds us that there will be water at the Rally, but you must have a Y with no shut-offs and a white 5/8" hose. The Caravan leaves Connecticut on the 25th of June and will meet with the Region I Caravan at the Whiteface Mountain Ski Area.

KEEP IN MIND - the Labor Day week-end, August 30 to Sept 2nd, where the Region I Rally will take place in MONTREAL.

FOR SALE - 1 (one) Skyliner manual antenna used 2 months \$40.00 also, an electric charbecue barbecue grill - slightly used \$30.00. Contact Jim Hegeman at 243-0081

COCU BREAKFAST on July 1st, 1985 at the Mirror Lake Inn, Lake Placid at 8:00 A.M.

Clip and Mail to: Bill Herpich, Norfolk Road, Litchfield, CT 06759

Please reserve _____ breakfasts @\$5.00 each - total _____
Enclosed

FROM _____

TRAILER NUMBER _____

JUNE RALLY

Rally will be held at STRAWBERRY PARK IN PRESTON, CONN.

Date: June 7,8,9, 1985

Hosts: Nelsons & Kuehns

Program: Strawberry Harvest Weekend
A very special weekend IF the strawberries cooperate.
Friday evening: Coffee and.
Saturday morning breakfast: Pan cakes.
Saturday evening Pot Luck Supper.
Sunday morning breakfast: Egg in a basket.

Camping fee: \$13.50 per night for 2 people.
\$16.50 per night for 3 to 5 people.

Note: Campers arriving on Saturday before 3:00 PM and who are staying for one (1) night only will pay an early check-in fee of \$2.50 in addition to the camping fee for Saturday night. Club members visiting the campground will pay Day Visitor Fee. We must have your reservation in by May 24th so that the campground can be notified.

Rally fee: \$5.00 per trailer.

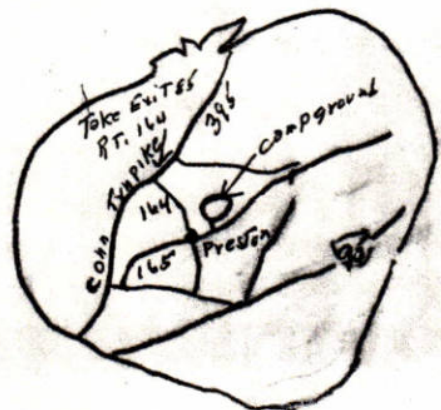
Reservations: C. R. Nelson 111 Duncaster Rd. Bloomfield, Ct. 06002

Name:	Trailer Number:
Number of nights for camping	\$5.00
Rally fee	
Total	

HOW TO GET THERE

Strawberry Park is located on Pierce Road off Route 165 in Preston.
From I-395 (Conn. Turnpike) exit 85.
From I-95 Exit 90. For those campers exiting I-95 at Mystic, follow signs to Tourist Information Center for easiest access to Strawberry Park.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO has slides to bring five of your favorites - they can be family pictures, trips, Airstream Rallies, etc.





Front to back,
left side, Niels Rosenbeck, Paul
Brissette, Dewe Clark.
right side, Bobbie Brissette, Lydia
Rosenbeck, Audrey Clark



Facing camera left to right
Paul Freed, Sandy Sasota,
Mike Sasota, Dorothy Freed

Couple next to window
Jan & Jim Hezeman



Charlotte Vail, Lil Herpick,
Hubert Vail, Bill Herpick,
Dorothy Freed, back to camera



Front to Back
Left side, Sandy Eglise, Maggie
Kevhn, Elsie Nelson.
Rightside, Charlie Eglise, Mike
John, R.P. Nelson





Left Side: Mary & Bob Hobbs
Right Side: The Fred Faye's



Helen & Joe Gatavaski

Dear Louise -

Sorry it took me so long to send these pictures over from the May Rally when we had the brunch.

Got everyone on record so you can do whatever you wish with them.

Had a good rally - lots of rain at Lake Placid but fun regardless. Had our grandson with us and he kept us moving! Our float was great - didn't win any awards, but it was worth it - too bad I wasn't a judge!!

Hope you're having a
good summer.

Shall we see you in
Montreal for the
Region I rally on
Labour Day?

Best to Fred -
Bobbe

Charter Oak Ct. Unit

Revisions to Constitution

Article 11 - Objectives

Section 1.

Delete: The objects of this non-profit organization shall be to furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Unit to afford fraternization for Airstream Trailer owners; to assist in improving the general welfare of the trailering public through assistance and active participation of all its members in building a strong organization for the betterment of good will wherever we travel; to coordinate with and participate in the Region; to cooperate with other organizations and units within our sphere which are seeking to elevate the standards and ethics of the various groups; to disseminate information of an advisory and educational nature which will be of value to its members and the public; to study, advise and recommend legislation which is in the interest of the trailering public and oppose all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the trailering public; to encourage County, State and Federal Government Agencies to provide more trailer parks and improve existing trailer parking areas at reasonable fees.

Revision: The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be to furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Unit and thus afford fraternization of Airstream trailer and motorhome owners; to encourage safe driving and assist in improving the general welfare of the recreational-vehicle public through assistance and active participation of all its members in building a strong organization for the betterment of goodwill toward trailer and motorhome travel; to coordinate with and participate in the interests and activities of the International and the Region; to cooperate with other organizations and units within our sphere which are seeking to elevate the standards and ethics of the various groups; to disseminate information of an advisory and educational nature which will be of value to its members and the public; to study, advise and recommend legislation which is in the interest of the trailering and motoring public and oppose all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the trailering and motoring public; and to encourage government and private agencies to provide more and better trailer and motorhome parks and facilities..

Article 111 - Membership Qualifications

Section 1.

Delete: Adult ownership of an Airstream trailer is a prerequisite for application for membership in the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit.

Revision: Adult ownership of an Airstream trailer or Airstream motorhome is a prerequisite for application for membership in the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit.

Section 2.

Delete: All application for membership in the Unit will be reviewed by the Executive Board at its regular meeting and if found valid, will be presented to the Unit membership for acceptance or rejection.

All applicants will be notified of the location of the Unit meeting and should be present at said meeting for acceptance into the Unit. In the event that an applicant cannot be present at said meeting, the Unit President, First or Second Vice President or any past president may meet with the applicant, and, if appropriate, may recommend the applicant to the Executive Board for acceptance into the Unit.

Revision: There are three classes of membership in this Unit; Regular Member, Unit Member and Associate Member.

Section 3.

Delete: In case of multiple ownership of a single Airstream trailer; the rights and privileges of membership in the unit are extended to the individual households having a Unit membership in good standing.

Revision: To become a Regular Member of the Unit the applicant must apply through and be sponsored by a Regular Member, Unit Member or Associate Member in good standing. The applicant is required to attend one meeting, or be visited by a member of the Membership Committee or by a member appointed by the President for that purpose.

Section 4.

Delete: Applicants for Unit membership must submit dues and join the International Club simultaneously or show evidence of membership in the International Club through another duly chartered unit.

Revision Regular Members of another unit may become a Unit Member in this Unit by an application to the Membership Committee and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of the Unit, except the right to vote in the selection or election of Unit, Region or International Officers or any amendment to the International Constitution.

Section 5.

Delete: Dues received from a new member after October 1 shall entitle such new member to full membership privileges for the remainder of the calendar year as well as for the coming year.

Revision: Regular or Unit members who become incapacitated may become Associate Members as provided in the Constitution of the International Club.

Section 6.

Delete: Failure to pay either Unit or International dues will automatically terminate membership in the Unit.

Revision: Applicants for membership in this Unit must submit dues and join the International Club simultaneously or show evidence of membership in the International Club through another duly chartered unit.

Section 7.

Delete: Members who become incapacitated may become associate members as provided in the Constitution of the International Club.

Revision: Dues received from a new member after July 1 shall entitle such new member to full membership privileges for the remainder of the calendar year and the succeeding year.

Section 8. Failure to pay either Unit or International dues will automatically terminate membership in the Unit.

Section 9. In those cases of multiple ownership of an Airstream trailer or Airstream motorhome the rights and privileges of membership shall be deemed to include the spouses of such owners but collectively such multiple owners shall possess one vote only.

Article IV - Officers and Their Election

Section 1.

Delete: (a) All past presidents, upon completion of their term as chairman of the Board of Directors shall become honorary members of the Executive Board in an advisory capacity only.

Section 2.

Delete: The Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall assume office at the time that they are duly installed and shall hold office until the next installation. The President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President cannot succeed themselves in the same office. All other officers can succeed themselves.

Revision: The Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall be installed and shall assume office at that time and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualifies. No officer shall succeed themselves in any office, except the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer if duly elected and installed. An officer who succeeds to an office pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of this Article, shall not be deemed as succeeding themselves, unless they shall have served in such office for a period greater than six (6) months.

Section 4.

Delete: All other vacancies of the Executive Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board at a meeting held for that purpose.

Revision: All other vacancies on the Executive Board, except that of Immediate Past President, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board.

Article VI - Business Meetings:

Section 1.

Delete: The annual business meeting of the members of this organization shall be held on the first weekend of November of each calendar year. Such a meeting shall be announced by written notice and delivered to the members not less than twenty days prior to the meeting. The notice shall indicate the time, location and purpose of the meeting.

Revision: The annual business meeting of the members of this organization shall be held during the month of November in each calendar year. Such a meeting shall be announced by written notice and delivered to the members not less than fifteen days prior to the meeting. The notice shall indicate the date, time and location of the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at the annual meeting, or at any additional business meeting, shall not be less than ten (10) percent of members.

Delete: A quorum shall consist of 15% of the voting members.

Revision: All Regular, Associate and Unit members, as listed with the International Club membership and with the Unit Membership shall be eligible to vote at the annual or additional business meetings with the exception of the election of officers and directors of the Charter Oak CT Unit and the election of Region 1 officers, the privilege of voting will be for Regular Members, only.

Article VIII - By-Laws

Section 1.

Delete: By-Laws not inconsistent with the Constitution and the International Constitution and By-Laws embodying additional provisions for the government of the Unit may be adopted by the Executive Board.

Revision: Bylaws not inconsistent with this Constitution, and with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., embodying additional provisions for the government of the Unit may be adopted by the Executive Board.

Article VIII - Amendments.

Section 2.

Delete: Any Article or Section of the Constitution may be amended, replaced or repealed by a two-thirds majority of the Unit's International dues paying members present and voting at a regular business meeting of the Unit or a special meeting called for that purpose, providing in either case that a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been mailed first class mail to each member of the Unit at least twenty days prior to such a meeting.

Revision: Any Article or Section of the Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regular Members present and voting at a business meeting of the Unit or a special meeting called for that purpose, providing in either case, a notice containing the proposed amendment or amendments has been mailed first-class to each member of the Unit at least fifteen (15) days prior to such a meeting.

Section 3.

Delete: All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption unless otherwise stated.

Revision: All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption



CHARTER OAK *Chatter*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MAY 1985

THE TIME IS FINALLY HERE WHEN I CAN SAY, "SEE YOU AT THE RALLY NEXT MONTH." IT'S BEEN A LONG WINTER. ALTHOUGH, I'M SURE WE ALL ENJOYED OUR DINNER MEETINGS, SINCE THERE IS NOTHING AS ENJOYABLE AS OUR RALLY'S IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS.

OUR SNOWBIRDS ARE ALMOST ALL BACK AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR NEWS AND STORIES OF THE WARM COUNTRY.

I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT SOME OF YOUR CHATTERS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THE WRONG ADDRESS. I AM SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE AND WILL TRY TO CORRECT THIS. PLEASE SEND A CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO ME AS SOON AS YOU ARE AWARE OF IT, AND INFORM ME RIGHT AWAY IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING ONE AT ALL.

IT'S SWEATSHIRT SEASON AGAIN, AND IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ONE OF OUR CLUB SWEATSHIRTS, PLEASE CONTACT AUDREY CLARK.

LET'S ALL TRY AND GET TO THE INTERNATIONAL RALLY. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT AND TO LET OTHERS KNOW THAT CHARTER OAK IS WELL AND THRIVING.

HOPE ALL TRAILERS ARE READY TO ROLL TO OUR NEXT RALLY.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Niels.

NIELS

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE FLOAT AT THE International.
 At our May Rally, all those who are intersted in participating in the float should try to attend. We need ideas, and HELP!

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT BRUNCH AT LAKE PLACID - We have reserved a Buffet brunch for unit members and friends at the Minnor Lake Inn on July 1st at 8:00 A.M. The cost will be \$4.00 per person. All interested members should contact Audrey Clark so we may give an exact count upon arriving at Lake Placid. We hope all Unit members who are in attendance at the International will try to attend!

THE UNIT DIRECTORIES have been mailed to all members who did not receive one at the February or March meetings. If you have not received a copy, please let Niels Rosenbeck know and he will see that you get a copy.

RALLIES AND DINNERS FOR 1986 - Let's all help Jim Hegeman get his list for 1986 together. Charter Oak members love new places and if you have any ideas, let Jim know, there is always someone who will help with a Rally or Dinner.

PARADE PARTICIPANTS DRESS: It was voted at the April dinner meeting that all who wish to participate in the July 4th Parade at the International will wear a white short sleeve sweatshirt with either white or red running pants (or shorts). The lettering on the shirts will be in red, and will be decided upon at the May Rally. We would like all our members to participate, if possible. The short sleeve sweatshirts can be purchased at Caldor's Stores, J. C. Penneys, and from Spiegel's catalog. (I'm sure there are many other places, also.)

RALLIES AND DINNERS - PAST AND FUTURE:

Many thanks to Joe Gatavaski for the wonderful dinner at Phil's Restaurant in Waterbury. It was nice to see at least one of our snowbirds back - Rud and Hazel Bloomer, also, to go forward with our plans for the upcoming International at Lake Placid.

Our May rally to be held on the week-end of May 3 to 5 at the Ponderosa Campground in East Lyme, CT. with Fred Koontz and Rip and Elsie Nelson as our hosts. The flyer for this rally is attached. Let's get out those trailers for our first Rally of 1985!!!!

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE:News of our snowbirds

Rud and Hazel Bloomer had a wonderful time on their Mexican Caravan, then flew to San Francisco. They are back north, and will be with the Caravan to Lake Placid. By a strange coincidence they ran into Dick and Jean Porter (a former COCU pres) in Gadymos, Mexico and had a super meal with them at one of the famous sea food places in this area, also, saw their new super Airstream motor home. Later on their return to Florida, they were parked next to Marv and Artis Kolhoff, former members who are now residing in Florida. It's a small world after all!

Jim and Dot McLain will be taking a three week trip to Great Britain in May and June and then coming back to CT. Hopefully they will make a visit to a Rally. Next winter they will be in Arizona and California.

Paul and Dorothy Freed along with the Edmondsons from our unit, will be going to Alaska with their trailers this summer, returning around the middle of October. We wish the four of them a safe and wonderful trip to this northern state of ours.

Bill and Lil Henpich and Rip and Elsie Nelson have had a great winter in Florida. They attended the Sarasota Rally, and the Fort Myers "Festival of Lights" Rally, enjoying both of these very much. Last we heard their trailer was being fixed at Murphy's in Lakeland, Florida. We wish them a safe journey home. We miss you guys!!!!

Maggie and Mike Kuehn were not at Traveler's Rest when we were there. We hope they have enjoyed their travels and we'll see them in the spring.

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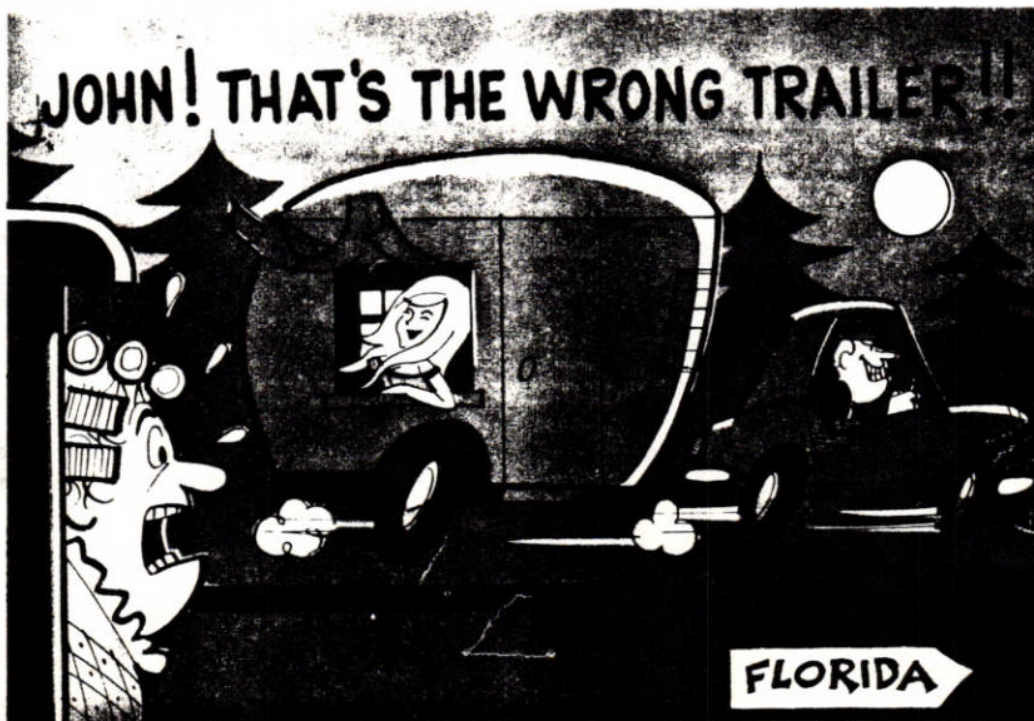
Bobbie and Paul Brissette have had a fine winter at Ormond Beach - they will be heading north in time for the Apple Blossom Rally. They hope to make the COCU May Rally, and will join up with the Lake Placid Caravan.

Dave and I had a wonderful trip South. We loved the Campground at Disney World - Frontierland - it is just great, and enjoyed Epcot more this time than when we were there last. We visited with Paul and Bobbie Brissette at Ormond Beach, went down to Key West, and had a wonderful time at Traveler's Rest (all this in two weeks!). We want to thank our many friends at TR who made us feel so welcome!

Aurey Clark

NEWS OF THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL AT LAKE PLACID:

Charlie Eglise has mailed a Caravan Plan to all who expressed interest in traveling with our COCU group to the International. If you have not received one and are interested in joining the group, get in touch with Charlie at 245-7696. We will be leaving Connecticut on June 25th and will be staying that night with the Region 1 Caravan at Whiteface Mountain Ski Area, Wilmington, N.Y. On June 26 we will fall in behind this Caravan and become a part of it, however, we will try to pull out together so that we will enter the airport together and be parked together.



CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNITMAY 3, 4, AND 5 RALLYatPONDEROSA CAMPGROUND, EAST LYME, CT

Hosts: Fred Koontz, and Rip and Elsie Nelson

Directions - Exit 74 off I-95 (the Flanders-Niantic exit)
 Route ~~161~~ - Turn left (from either north or south)
 and go north approximately 2 1/2 to 3 miles to
 sign "Chopping Block - Ponderosa Campground"

Friday night - Coffee and

Saturday - Plans are in the making to visit area attractions
(including the Coast Guard Academy)

Saturday evening - Potluck supper

Sunday morning - Brunch at a local restaurant (Travelodge -
7.95 per person plus
tax and tip)Clip

Cost:	Campground fee	_____ nights @ 10.00	_____
	Rally fee		_____ \$4.00 per trailer

Total:

Please clip out and mail to: Fred Koontz
 Box 647
 Clinton, CT 06413

From: _____ Trailer # _____



CHARTER OAK *Chatter*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
JUNE 1985



OUR SUMMER HAS STARTED OFF GREAT. THE LAST TWO RALLIES WERE EXCELLENT. THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO TO LAKE PLACID. THERE MAY NEVER AGAIN BE AN INTERNATIONAL RALLY SO CLOSE TO HOME. ALSO, YOU DO NOT NEED TO PRE-REGISTER. YOU CAN DO SO WHEN YOU ARRIVE, JUNE 26TH OR 27TH. SINCE THIS IS OUR FIRST INTERNATIONAL RALLY, WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE GOING, TRY TO ATTEND THE DELEGATES MEETING. IT WILL EXPLAIN HOW OUR CLUB OPERATES. THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. THE OFFICIAL DELEGATES FROM CHARTER OAK WILL BE RIP NELSON WITH MIKE KUEHN AS THE ALTERNATE. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING A LOT OF YOU THERE.

AT OUR LAST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, RUTH CROCKETT, JIM HEGEMAN AND MIKE SASUTA WERE ELECTED AS OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OUR 1986 OFFICERS. FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, I CAN TELL YOU IT IS VERY REWARDING AND VERY EASY TO HOLD AN OFFICE IN OUR CLUB. YOU NEVER STAND ALONE, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE WILLING TO HELP YOU. GIVE IT A TRY!!!!

I WISH YOU SAFE TRAILERING WHEREVER THIS MONTH WILL TAKE YOU!!

Niels

C H A R T E R O A K C O N N E C T I C U T
U N I T ' S
F A L L F O L I A G E C A R A V A N

The following reservations and plans have been made as of this date for the fall foliage caravan:

October 4 & 5 - Reservation at Long Vue Campground, Brimfield, Massachusetts (just a few miles west of Sturbridge Village on Route 20).

On Friday night - soup and hot breads
Saturday - breakfast
Saturday evening - reservation at Rom's in Sturbridge Village

October 6,7,8 and 9 - Reservation at Living Water Campground, Twin Mountain, New Hampshire.

This area of New Hampshire has many attractions- including, Mount Washington - Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway - The Basin - Old Man of the Mountain, etc. etc.!

We plan to have one evening dinner at the Wayside Inn which serves marvelous German and Hungarian cuisine.

Each morning there will be a continental breakfast.

October 10, 11 and 12 - at Horseshoe Acres, Andover, Vermont, a central location in Vermont where there should be plenty of fall foliage on display. We plan a day trip to Mount Equinox, a trip to Bromley Mountain for their alpine slide, cheese factories, Coolidge Homestead, Plymouth, Vermont, etc. etc.!

A Continental breakfast will be served each morning.

There will be a kitty fee, probably approximately \$10.00 per trailer. The campground fees will be paid by each person and will be, \$10.50 at Long Vue Campground and \$9.50 at the other two campgrounds, per night. These fees to be paid by each member for the number of nights they will be with the Caravan. The dinners will be on a pay as you EAT basis -

Clip and mail or hand deliver to: Dave Clark, 6 Lookout Rd., Norwalk, CT 06850

WE'RE GOING TO BE WITH YOU FOR THE FALL FOLIAGE CARAVAN!

NAME _____ We are/are not interested in dinner

RALLIES - PAST AND FUTURE:

We had a wonderful rally at Strawberry Park over the week-end of June 7,8, and 9th - Many thanks to Rip and Elsie Nelson, and Mike and Maggie Kuehn. It is always a miracle to me how our potlucks turn out so beautifully - nobody is ever told what to bring, and they are always FANTASTIC! Strawberry Park was very, very nice - everyone had a good time.

Our next Rally is to be at Crocketts Ranch, Harwinton, CT over the week-end of July 12,13 and 14th, hosted by Roger and Ruth Crockett and Fred and Louise Fayal. The flyer for this rally at the Crockett's lovely home is attached. This is always a relaxing and fun week-end - many thanks to Roger and Ruth for opening their home and hearts to us. GET YOUR RESERVATION IN TODAY!!!

Also, in July over the week-end of the 19,20 and 21, we are to be guests of the Cape Cod Unit at Jewett City. The information on this rally is attached. It would be nice if there were a number of Charter Oak trailers represented at this joint rally.

LABOR DAY RALLY - The Region I Rally to be held in Montreal, Canada will be well worth attending. If you were at the Quebec Rally you know the Canadians out - do themselves for us, with entertainment, tours, etc. As soon as a flyer is received it will be mailed and I would suggest when you receive it you SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION!

LAKE PLACID RALLY - Those who attended the June Rally know that our float is in the works and should be very, very nice. We will need help assembling it at the rally.

Follow
me to
Lake
Placid



DELEGATES: At the June meeting Rip Nelson was selected as our delegate to the International meeting with Mike Kuehn as the alternate. It was voted on at this meeting that they vote their conscience on any issues that may be presented.

CHARTER OAK BREAKFAST: If you have not already done so and wish to be included at the buffet breakfast at Mirror Lake Inn at 8:00 on July 1st - send or give your \$5.00 per person to our Treasurer, Bill Herpich. Soon after we arrive at the rally a total count of persons attending must be given to the Inn.

LAKE PLACID CARAVAN: We are indeed indebted to Charlie Eglise for the wonderful job he has done in planning the Caravan. All the people that are going and were at the June rally have received an extremely informative packet from Charlie with all the info on the various stops, etc. Those who were unable to attend this rally should receive this in the mail in the near future. Charlie actually drove the route - THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK!

Charter Oak CT Unit

July 12, 13, 14, 1985

Place: Roger & Ruth Crockett's
Harwinton, CT

RENDEVOUS:

This will be a weekend to relax, there will be no planned activities. It's do as you please! Come, enjoy the scenery and the fellowship of your fellow Charter Oak members.

By this time Lake Placid will be history - so hear the first hand report if you did not experience the rally.

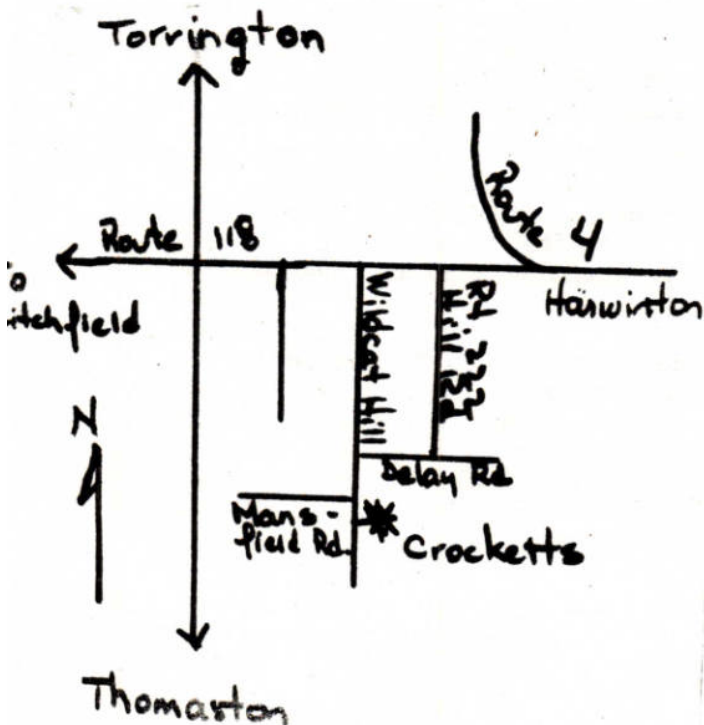
No Hook ups - come with full tank of water and empty holding tank.

Friday Night: Coffee and !
Saturday Morning: Continental Breakfast
Saturday Night: Pot Luck Supper
Sunday Morning: Continental Breakfast

Directions: Rt. 8 exit @ Rt. 118 Litchfield-Harwinton, east towards Harwinton to Rt. 222, 3rd right, first right Delay Rd. to stop sign left Wildcat Hill Rd, 4th house on left Crocketts, stop in front of house for parking instructions.

Travelling from the Hartford area take Rt. 4 through Harwinton, straight on Rt. 118, 2nd left Rt. 222 (Hill Rd.) follow above directions.

This is the least hilly route.



Reservations to:
Ruth Crockett
250 Wildcat Hill Rd.
Harwinton, CT 06791
Telephone: 485-0185

Name _____

Rally Fee: \$ 4.00

Charter Oak Conn. Unit - Cape Cod Unit WBCCI

ITALIAN WEEK-END

at

Laurel Ridge Farm, East Otis, Mass.

August 2 - 4, 1985

- Visit - Tanglewood - Jacob's Pillow - Berkshire Playhouse - Museums - Hancock Village - Antique Shops
- Pick Blueberries - if nature cooperates
- Swimming and boating in Otis Reservoir
- Campground has pool and hiking trail - field bocce and bingo, too.

-- Come out and cool off in the Berkshires --

Friday p.m. - Have a Grinder, while you socialize. Campfire, later.

Saturday a.m. - Breakfast - Home made Muffins and Cereal.

Enjoy the day!

5:00 p.m. - Attitude Adjustment Hour.

6:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner Adults \$3.50 prepared by campground's Italian chefs Children 2.50

8:00 p.m. - Fun and Games! Camp's Bingo, if you prefer.

Sunday a.m. - Pancake and Sausage Breakfast.

COCU - Cape Cod Units, WBCCI

August 2 - 4, 1985.

Italian Week-end at Laurel Ridge Farm, East Otis, Mass.

Please reserve --

Rally Site @ \$11.00 per night, water and electricity _____ nights _____

Rally Fee: \$7.00

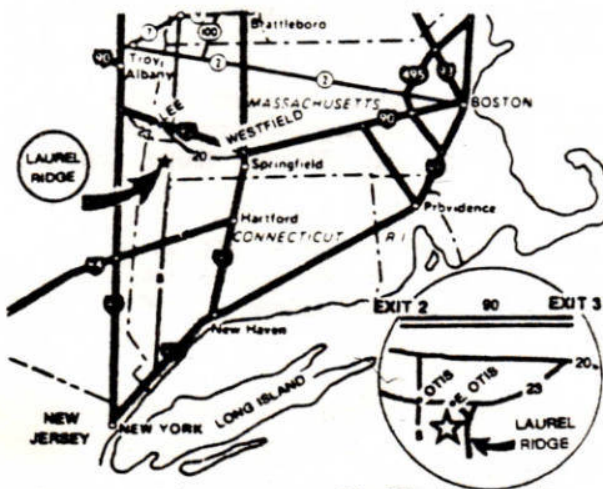
Spaghetti Dinner: _____ Adults _____

_____ Children _____ yrs. _____

Total enc.

Reservations deadline July 26, 1985.

Mail to Bill Herpich, Treasurer COCU - Norfolk Rd. - Litchfield, Ct. 06759



Eastbound: Exit 2 of Mass. Pike Rt. 20E to Rt. 8S. Turn east on Rt. 23 to E. Otis.

Address Correction Requested

Westbound: Exit 3 of 190 Rt. 202 to Rt. 20W left on Rt. 23. 1st left after entering Otis sign.

Northbound: Rt. 8N. Turn right on Rt. 23. Bear right on Blandford Rd. in East Otis.

Boston 2 hrs.
N.Y.C. 2½ hrs.

Hartford 1 hr.
Waterbury 1 hr.

RALLIES - continued:

FALL FOLIAGE CARAVAN - Also attached you will find an information sheet and coupon for the Fall Foliage Caravan. At this time, in order to formalize our plans, we ask that if you are interested, please hand deliver or mail the attached coupon to Dave Clark. Please indicate your interest in having some reservations made for dinners along the way at some excellent, not terribly expensive, restaurants that are available along the way.

CLUB NEWS:

PLEASE contact Jim Hegeman regarding Rallies and Dinners for 1986. He needs hosts for the following:

April 6.....Dinner meeting
 August 1-3.....Rally
 September 5-7.....Rally
 December 7.....Christmas Party

If you have never done a rally or dinner we will find some one to help you. We like new places and new ideas -

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE:

A wonderful letter from Percy Hulbert was received. Percy and Hattie wish all COCU members well - good food, good drink, etc. We wish you were with us!

The Executive Board has selected Ruth Crockett, Jim Hegeman and Mike Sasuta as the Nominating Committee for our 1986 officers.

Whit Bradley, Region I President, will be attending our Rally at "Crockett's Ranch". The Region I officers have made the Airstream Company aware that Connecticut members, as you know, are without a dealer or official repair shop for the trailers. This problem, as of now, seems to have no solution.

The Charter Oak lapel pins are available for sale at a cost of \$1.00 each. See Bill Herpich, Treasurer of the Unit, at the International Rally to purchase these pins. It is nice to trade or exchange them at the International Rally. Ordinarily, Jim hegeman has these for sale at our rallies.

NOTE: The International Constitution has been amended to conform to OUR constitution in the respect to only allowing Unit dues paying members the privilege of voting for officers and to be able to hold office. HAH - they have had to notice us now!!!!

FOR SALE- Jim Edmondson has a pick-up truck with cap for sale. It is in super condition, a 1976 Ford 250 with towing package, no rust, etc. - \$3,500.00. Call Jim at 345-4284 or contact him at Wig Hill Road, in Haddam, CT 06438.

A REMINDER ----- The August Rally (from the 4th to 6th) is to be at Laurel Ridge Farm and will be an Italian week-end. Games are being planned, and We are inviting Cape Cod - PUT THIS DATE ASIDE!

JUNE RALLY

Rally will be held at STRAWBERRY PARK IN PRESTON, CONN.

Date: June 7,8,9, 1985

Hosts: Nelsons & Kuehns

Program: Strawberry Harvest Weekend
A very special weekend IF the strawberries cooperate.
Friday evening: Coffee and.
Saturday morning breakfast: Pan cakes.
Saturday evening Pot Luck Supper.
Sunday morning breakfast: Egg in a basket.

Camping fee: \$13.50 per night for 2 people.
\$16.50 per night for 3 to 5 people.

Note: Campers arriving on Saturday before 3:00 PM and who are staying for one (1) night only will pay an early check-in fee of \$2.50 in addition to the camping fee for Saturday night. Club members visiting the campground will pay Day Visitor Fee. We must have your reservation in by May 24th so that the campground can be notified.

Rally fee: \$5.00 per trailer.

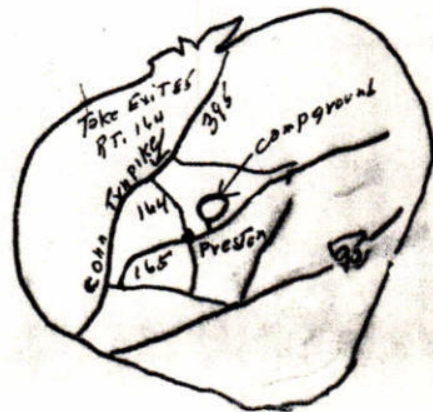
Reservations: C. R. Nelson 111 Duncaster Rd. Bloomfield, Ct. 06002

Name:	Trailer Number:
Number of nights for camping	\$5.00
Rally fee	
Total	

HOW TO GET THERE

Strawberry Park is located on Pierce Road off Route 165 in Preston.
From I-395 (Conn. Turnpike) exit 85.
From I-95 Exit 90. For those campers exiting I-95 at Mystic, follow signs to Tourist Information Center for easiest access to Strawberry Park.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE EVERONE WHO has slides to bring five of your favorites - they can be family pictures, trips, Airstream Rallies, etc.







Teen Queens









On with the parade





Charlie's smoky fire!



Charter Oak Unit





Left to Right
 Candyn Barnett, Sharon Henschel,
 Charlotte Vail, Hazel Bloomer,
 Lil Herzick, Maggie Kuhn, Elsie
 Nelson, Rud Bloomer, Mike Kuhn

Lots of looking on

Left to Right
 Sharon Henschel, Charlotte Vail,
 Elsie Nelson, Candyn Barnett,
 Maggie Kuhn, Ruth Crackett



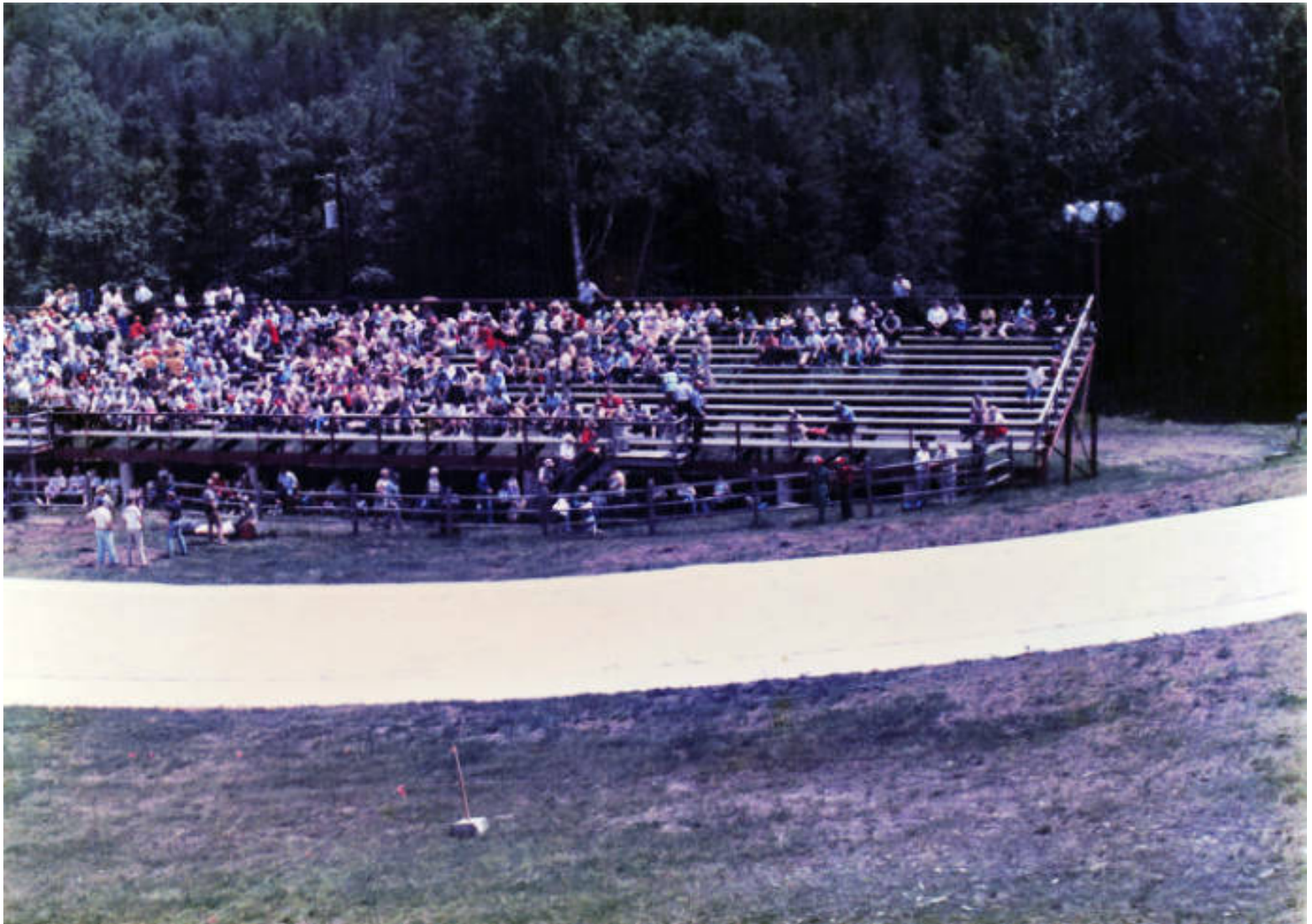
Getting ready to
 assemble



How about that
 hat!
 "I am their leader
 which way did
 they go?"

Charles Eglise
 Caravan Leader

































MEMBERS



NAME	TRAILER #	LOCATION
Helmut & Jolanta Gatawanski	4450	Blue West - 4
Neil & Judith Roenbeck	24115	Gold - 5
Roger & Ruth Crockett	8627	YE 3
BILL + LIL HERPICH	11801	YE 3
Charlie & Sandy Eglise	7898	YE 3
Jim + Laura Edmondson	13772	X3 YE 4
Paul & Judy Good	24883	Y EAST 4
Rip & Elsie Nelson	8509	Y-E-1
Robert & Helen Maynard	4608	YE-2
Bob & Carolyn Barrett	9480	yellow E Row 1
Howard & Marguerite Kuehn	30883	YE 4
BILL & FLO. Ashworth	9001	yellow I
Dave and Audrey Clark	23041	yellow east 3
Paul + Bobbie Bressette	19082	YE 3
Howard & Carolyn King	10802	0-12
JAN & Dick BARTLETT	8323	YE-5
Angie & Bill CURRY	3171	BE-2
MICHAEL & SANDY SASUTA	22438	YE-5
Charlotte + Hubert Vail	3372	YE-1
Rud & Hazel Bloomer	13702	YE-1
Pony & Mary Calabrese	16559	YE-1
Fred Koontz - Fran Schulze	9609	Gold 6
Mike & Nan Coperine	29682	Gen - 4
Bob & Sharon Henschel	26824	EV 1

	Ernest + Gladys Miller	14260	YE 4
	Louis + Margarita Macias	16088	W Red 12
	Bernie + Tracy Felton	9814	RW 7
	Tom + Ann Peterson	18767	BE 6
	Dick + Dena Brockett Hitzler!!	30150	R-E-4-7 th trailers
	Howard + Carolyn Knight	10802	0-12
	Bud + Dawn Durling	YE 2 1071	YE 2
	Rip + Elsie Nelson	8509	YE 1
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Wally Byam Caravaners Create a Silver City in Lake Placid

BY MELANIE GLEAVES-HIRSCH

Wally Byam himself would have been pleased as punch.

From the top of the 90-meter ski jump, a member of the parking team radioed down to the rally grounds Tuesday afternoon, as he scanned Route 73 below.

"Units approaching the main gate now, from 73. Looks clear. Over."

On the wet road below him, men in rain slickers and plastic safari hats stood in a cold drizzle with state troopers, guiding traffic.

They directed the long, silver Airstream trailers into the 28th annual Wally Byam Caravan Club International rally at the Lake Placid Horse Show grounds.

The sequence — never mind the trailer pun — went off without a hitch.

With WBCCI, which members like to call their club, everything has a system, and the system apparently works.

"I've never seen anything like it," an elevator operator at the Intervale Ski Jump Complex said, after watching the trailers park.

"They are some of the most organized people I've ever seen. And nice, too. A real nice group."

Tuesday was an important day for WBCCI organizers. Between 1,600 and 2,000 trailers arrived for the convention — which runs this Friday, June 28 through July 5 — that day alone.

Just 24 hours earlier, the rally site held only about 850 of the shiny, aerodynamic units.

In all, between 4,300 and 4,500 trailers — and 10,000 to 12,000 people — are expected by Friday.

To plan, park and prepare for the upcoming convention, WBCCI organizers say they count on cooperation — and organization.

"Organization is really the key to everything," WBCCI Public Relations Chairman Lou van Dyck told The News from rally headquarters in Lake Placid High School Monday.

"We have 137 committees that have worked very hard to put this thing together. You've just plain got to plan for rallies this size . . . It doesn't just come together magically."

Fellow WBCCI member Robert Foulk agrees.

"Within a three-week period, we've set up a complete city, capable of handling more than 8,500 people," he said, carrying the family's mail and a sack of groceries to his trailer at the windy rally grounds Monday afternoon.

"It is a city. Every one of these trailers has water, and most have electric hook-up. Those that don't have generators of their own."

He looked out over the shiny Airstream trailers, lined up in rows, some with flags waving in the wind, some with flagpoles but no flags yet.

"It's really something to see. It's fantastic the way everything works and the way everyone works so hard. We all have a job to do and we do it," he said, before saying good bye and heading for his trailer.

WBCCI organizers often plan for months — even up to a year — before international rallies. The club has committees on everything from parking to entertainment to the

annual pork roast, which Mr. Foulk heads.

By Monday, WBCCI officials had moved into Lake Placid High School to set up various offices. President George Morgan established his headquarters in one classroom.

Other instruction areas held a credentials center, print shop, public relations office, amateur radio room and Friendship Center, where — what else? — friends can meet to share a cup of coffee and conversation.

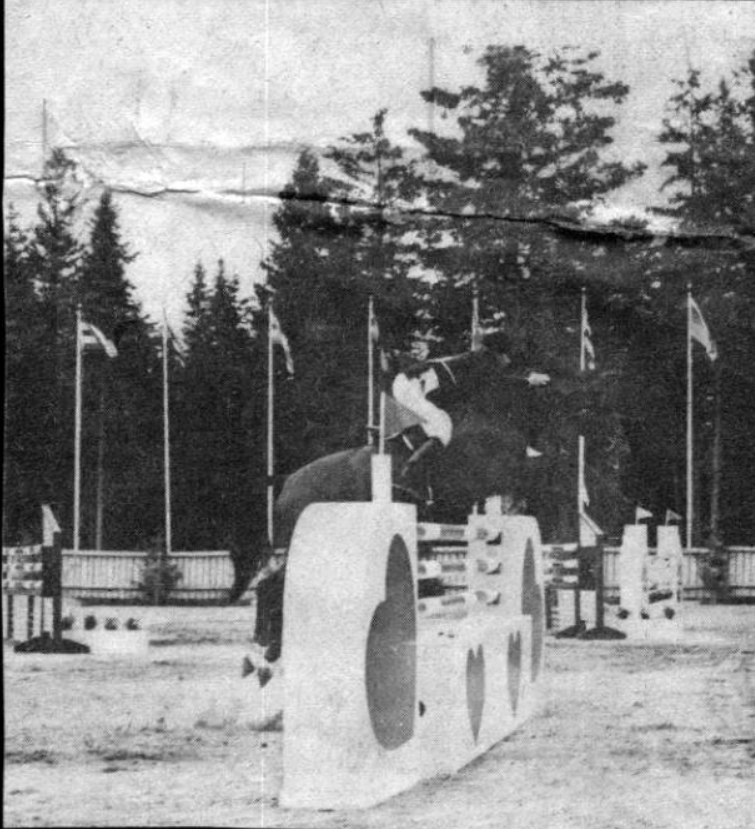


Wally Byam tally

Officials at the Wally Byam Caravan International rally in Lake Placid Friday afternoon estimated 3,900-plus Airstream trailers were parked on the old horse show grounds. Officials added that they were continuing to register latecomers to the rally so that figure was increasing hourly.



(Photo by Melanie Gleaves-Hirsch)



(Photo by Karen Clark)

Big Doings

About 2,800 Airstream trailers from the Wally Byam Caravan Club International rally were spread out at the Lake Placid Horseshow grounds in a photograph taken Tuesday from the top of the 90 meter ski jump. At its maximum, the rally will contain from 4,000 to 4,500 of the trailers. The Lake Placid Horse Show, now in its 15th year, also began Tuesday. The show runs for one week and is followed immediately by the I Love New York Horse Show. The shows, traditionally the start of the summer season in Lake Placid, are being held this year at the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Recreation area because of the Wally Byam rally. See horse show story on page 9.

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Silver sea

The silver Airstream trailers belonging to Wally Byam Caravan International rally attendees look like a silver sea from the air above Lake Placid. Nearly 4,000 trailers are parked precisely 16 feet apart on the old horseshow grounds. Between the ral-

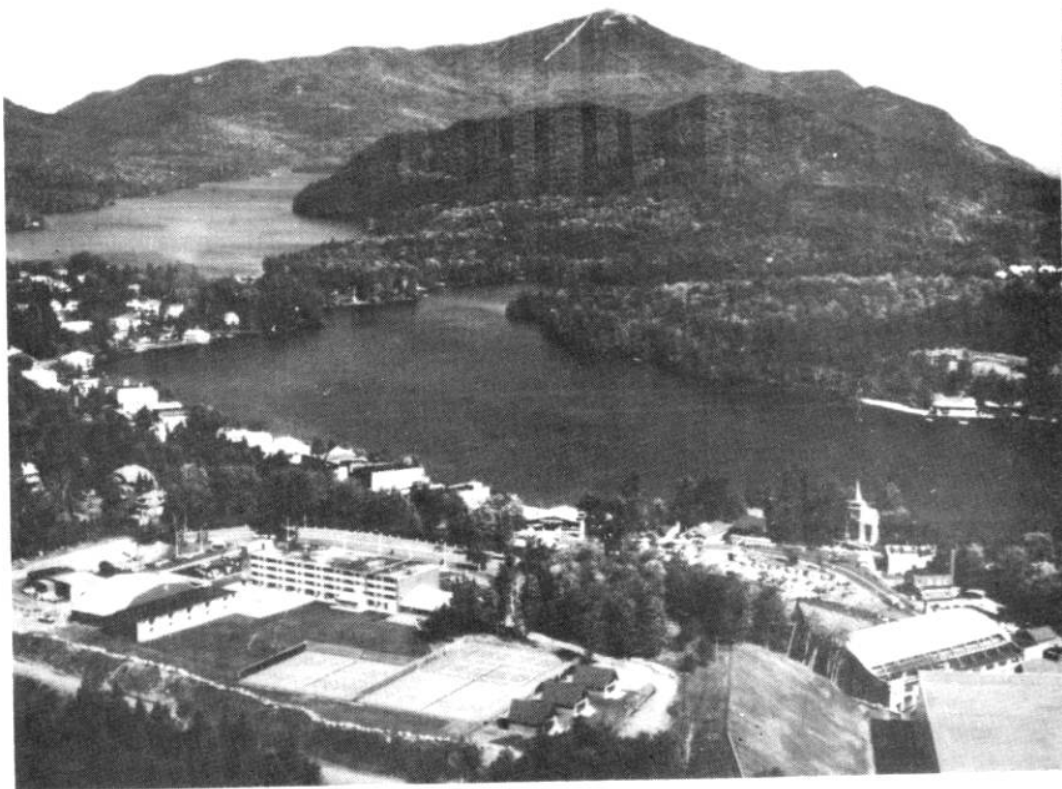
ly and the Lake Placid Horse Show, more than 12,000 visitors have come to Lake Placid this week. More stories, pictures, see Page 15. (P-R staff photo by Liza Frenette)



AP photo

Trailer convention

About 4,000 Air Stream camper trailers, in lower foreground, are parked on a lot in Lake Placid, N.Y., Tuesday, where nearly 10,000 members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club will conduct their annual international rally through July 5.


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Aerial view of Lake Placid.

Wally Byam planning an Olympian task

By LINDA LUMSDEN

LAKE PLACID — The local planning for the 28th Wally Byam Caravan Club International rally here June 22-July 4 approached Olympian proportions over the past two years.

Maybe that's part of the reason this small community of about 3,000 people leapt to the challenge of hosting some 4,300 Airstream trailers and the more than 10,000 people they are expected to carry to the annual gargantuan rally.

Another reason surely is the benefits the area expects to reap from the rally: Wally Byam visitors are expected to drop about \$6 million into the area by the time they hook up their trailers after their parade on July 4, also the birthday of late Airstream inventor Wally Byam.

The rally here can lay claim to a couple of firsts: This is the smallest community in which the Club has held the rally, and the rally is the first the Club has held in the Northeast.

The club's 28th annual international rally here is the largest event hosted by the village since the 1980 Winter Olympics. Club members will

create their own city on 140 acres at the horse-show grounds and adjacent athletic fields of Lake Placid High School. The club installed electrical, water and sewage systems for the trailers at the site, has its own volunteer security staff, emergency CB channel network, safety-inspection team and even a post office.

Roundabout Route

The big rally arrived here by a roundabout route. In June of 1982, club officials were scouting a Canadian site when they were detoured to the Olympic Village.

"A friend of mine at the Cornwall Convention Center in Ontario was meeting with their president," says Jim McKenna, director of the Lake Placid Convention Bureau. The fellow quickly realized Cornwall lacked the parking and other facilities needed to accommodate the Wally Byam rally. So he recommended they try Lake Placid.

McKenna was happy to show them around. The Byam group also was considering holding the rally in Reno, Nev., Boise, Idaho, and

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Rally biggest event

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Bozeman, Mont. But the group chose Lake Placid.

McKenna says the village's Olympic aura stood it in good stead against the competition. The village also was attractive because the Byam club never had held a major rally in the Northeast. Club officials were eager to rectify the situation, especially since current club President George Morgan is from Pennsylvania.

"They also were impressed with the openness of the community," says McKenna. "They enjoyed the hospitality they received."

McKenna learned firsthand about what kinds of needs to meet for the rally. He attended the 1983 international rally in Duluth, Minn., and again in 1984 at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. The rally was the third the Airstream owners held in Notre Dame; McKenna points out the village can expect to host the event again if the rally here is successful.

So what are the Wally Byam club members like?

"They're a very close-knit group," according to McKenna. "They are nice people, easy to get along with, middle-American types. Their average age is 60 years old; most are retired." And, as he has told several local groups during Byam presentations the past two years, "They do like their ice cream."

The first major hurdle toward securing the ral-

ly here was obtaining an agreement from the town and School Board permitting the Byam crowd to set up their Airstream city at the Route 73 site. The School Board was leery their brand-new athletic fields would be damaged by the traffic. Once it was assured the grass would be protected or damage repaired, an agreement was hammered out over several months.

Although they will be housed at the horse-show grounds, rally attendees will spend most of the day in the village, according to McKenna. They will be bused daily into the village by 40 vehicles.

Full Schedule

The Club schedules an unbelievably full itinerary.

It will rent the high school and the Olympic Center, where the Club members will hold mass rallies and contests. In the space of 10 days, the Club plans to conduct — as it does every year — a July 4 parade float contest, golf tournament, pet contest, unit-history contest, talent contest, skit contest, Teen Queen pageant, photo-slide contest, two hobby shows, inaugural ball, fashion show and costume contest.

Club members who like to dance can take their choice of square, round or ballroom dancing. Music and other live entertainment is scheduled nightly. Dancercise, exercise and aerobics sessions are on tap.



Airstream trailers on the road.

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Airstreams are luxurious

CLIFTON PARK — The typical Airstream trailer is to other recreational vehicles what the Adirondack 'Great Camp' is to the typical camp.

It's luxurious. And expensive.

Prices for the trailers begin at \$22,000 for a 25-foot vehicle, according to Pete Murray, owner of Northway Airstream, and range up to \$110,000 for the better-equipped motor homes.

"It's a great, big beautiful animal," says Murray.

The Airstream trailers stand out from other recreational vehicles because of the quality with which they are made. They are built from the outside in, he explained, at the Airstream plant in Jackson Center, Ohio. The factory builds about 175 motorhomes and 2,200 trailers a year.

Lightweight and aerodynamically designed, the trailers and motorhomes are powered by a Chevrolet engine and are built on a Chevy chassis. Inside and outside layers of aluminum sandwich 2.5 inches of fiberglass insulation.

Standard equipment in the kitchen includes a food processor, microwave oven and dinette. Wood trim is real hickory. Each vehicle has two furnaces and two air conditioners.

Like an airplane, the Airstream uses the principle of integrated storage in which storage areas are hidden and become part of the structure. A dinette in the 345 model, for instance, has hidden storage above and beneath it. It also converts to a 36-inch by 74-inch sleeping area.

Options include a trash compactor, deluxe stereo system, remote-control TV, water purifier, ice maker, central vacuum cleaner and an exterior TV camera with a monitor near the driver's seat.

Unsurprisingly, this home on wheels guzzles gas. The tank holds 60 gallons; mileage is 10 to 12 miles per gallon.

"It's very expensive but very well built," says Murray, the only Airstream dealer in northern New York or Vermont.

"Our customers are people who are 45 years or older. Their family has grown, they've sold their house and they want to see the country," he adds. "They stock it up and away they go."

The story of Wally Byam



More than 40 years ago, the late Wally Byam started building travel trailers in his backyard in Los Angeles.

There was no real trailer industry in those days, and Byam was the first to build trailers in a factory. But soon after he began the production line, World War II began. Construction materials became impossible to obtain, and he was forced to halt all operations.

After the war, on May 15, 1947, Byam decided to go back into the trailer business. Times were tough in those days, but Byam, with a meager bankroll, once again launched the Airstream Trailer Co. This time Airstream consisted of a single rented building at the airport in Van Nuys, Calif.

Byam soon took the first step toward realizing his lifelong dream of building the "perfect travel trailer" — one that would provide its owner with the luxury of a penthouse. It was to be self-contained, entirely free of hookups to city water,

electricity or sewers. Thus, the Airstream concept of the travel trailer was born.

By stages, Byam and his tiny company created a travel trailer light enough to be towed by a passenger automobile yet complete enough inside to provide at-home comfort and convenience wherever the owner traveled. At the same time, he noticed many prospective trailerists who did not know what to do with a travel trailer. He began creating things for the trailerist to do.

He dreamed up new programs of activities and places to go with trailers. Part of these were bold excursions: "caravans" of trailers travelling to Canada and group rallies at places in the United States, which gave excitement and satisfaction to the adventuresome Airstream owners. The activities set them apart from all other trailerists. It was during this time that the Wally Byam Caravan Club was organized in the summer of 1955.

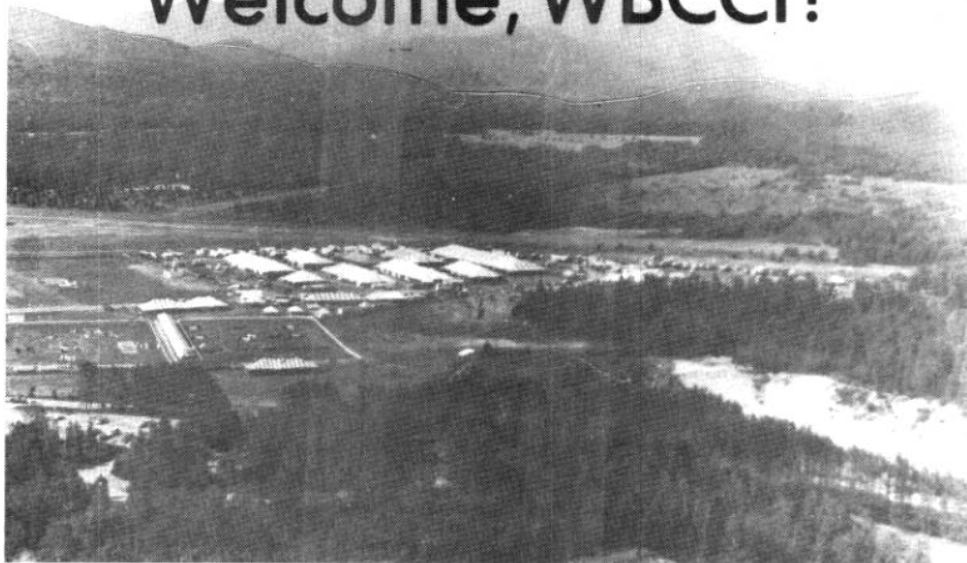
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Today the Wally Byam Caravan Club has more individual members, represents more owners of trailers, has more local units, and engages in more activities of all sizes than any other exclusive-brand, travel-trailer club in the Western Hemisphere.

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Welcome, WBCCI!



A new kind of horsepower has moved in this year at the Lake Placid Horse Show grounds — more than 4,000 Airstream trailers filled with members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. We welcome the WBCCI and hope this guide will help enhance its members' visit to the Tri-

lakes' region. It contains listings of everything in the area from "Art Galleries" to "Zip Codes". You'll find a calendar of events, sightseeing guide, stories about the WBCCI rally and a directory of all advertised businesses. Turn to Page 10 for a complete index.



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CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS

This Unusual Group Is Always Traveling, Never Leaves Home

* * *
Owners of Airstream Trailers
Escape From 'Real Life';
What Makes Them Tick?

By JOHN HUEY

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
*Conversation is cheap, and Airstream
is not.*

—The late Wally Byam,
founder of Airstream Trailer Co.

SOMEWHERE IN AN AIRSTREAM—

Like the snowbirds they are often compared to, these Airstreamers begin their summers with the same ritual each year.

They drive thousands of miles and gather in one place with all their riveted, rounded, polished-aluminum, self-contained homes on wheels to celebrate the Fourth of July, which, not coincidentally, was Wally Byam's birthday. After a week of bridge, pinochle, singing, dancing, arts, crafts and a parade featuring senior citizens on motor scooters, they fan out—some individually, but most in small "caravans"—to all points on the map.

To be perfectly blunt, the Airstreamers are a tribe that defies ordinary explanation. Even after Samoa, Margaret Mead might have scratched her head trying to understand. But if you live among them in their habitat and study their ways for two weeks and 1,840 miles, paved and unpaved, certain things about them become evident.

Club Politics

Airstreamers are mostly white, though about eight blacks turned up among 9,000 or so gathered at Lake Placid, N.Y., this year for the annual Fourth of July rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International Inc. All 19,000 members of the organization are Airstream owners.

In fact, about two-thirds of new Airstream trailer sales are made to members of the WBCCI, whose social tone resembles a blend of Rotary, Eastern Star, American Legion, Rainbow Girls, Shriners and perhaps some maverick Reagan wing of the Democratic Party. Club politics is tough, and officers wear plenty of ribbons and badges, as well as the blue beret—official uniform ever since Wally Byam handed a few out in Nogales, Ariz., 30 years ago.

Many ordinary Americans probably match the Airstreamers' demographic statistics. Few, however, drop in from Guadalajara to visit with the grandkids for a few days, then split for Nova Scotia in an elaborately equipped tin can.

Fewer still abandon the trappings of their "real lives" with the apparent ease

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Devoted Above All

Above all, they are passionately devoted to their Airstreams, and if you don't have one, they aren't much interested in knowing you. Many are so fond of their trailers that they have sold their stationary homes, unloaded their possessions on their grown children and hit the road. They favor bumper stickers that say things like "I'm spending my kids' inheritance" for the windows of their Chevy or GMC Suburbans (the tow vehicle of choice, now ahead of the traditional Cadillac). And almost all carry an American flag to plant wherever their trailer may park.

Tribal demographics tell part of the story. Average age is 60, and 85% no longer work daily. Average travel is 10,000 to 15,000 miles a year—mostly to the Sun Belt in winter (15,000 of the 65,000 Airstreams in service spend the winter in central Florida) and to cool climes in the summer.

Many Airstreamers began as blue-collar workers but retired as managers or business owners. College educations aren't the rule, but virtually all professions—doctors, lawyers, professors, ministers—are represented.

Airstreamers' financial status is somewhat unclear because of a reluctance to fill in that particular blank on market surveys, but most clearly have some disposable income. About 70% of those who purchase new Airstreams pay cash for the trailers, which range in price from \$23,000 to \$47,000. In campground society, Airstreamers are quite upper-crust. The average sales price among all U.S. travel trailers is less than \$12,000.

Unusual Group Keeps Traveling And Never Has to Leave Home

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that is common among Airstreamers. These are conservative, traditional, patriotic, often religious men and women who speak almost pejoratively of things like career, home town, telephones, mailing addresses, stationary friends and schedules. To them, these are burdens well shed. For many the Wally Byam Club is their only home town now.

"We've been home 2½ years out of the last 10 years," says Bernard Rice, 72, a retired farmer from Portland, Ind., who talks of having been "imprisoned" by his 3,000 hogs and 175 dairy cows. "We've been on eight caravans all over Christ's creation—from Newfoundland to Alaska," he adds. Soon, he and his wife, Kathryn, are bound for China on a special caravan costing \$12,000 per couple. The trailers will go by boat.

For Oscar Payne, a 90-year-old retired motel operator from Laramie, Wyo., the China caravan will mark his 42nd country in an Airstream. "If I ain't busy, I'm bored," he says just before driving his trailer through Lake Placid in the Independence Day parade.

Homes and Taxes

"Homes tie you down, and the taxes will kill you," explains George Morgan, 55, the most recent past president of the WBCCI and a former United Auto Workers committeeman at General Motors in real life. "We traveled 40,000 miles last year and were only home three days. We found out we don't need it, and we're going full time. What's the sense of having a beautiful country if you don't get out and see it?"

"It's simple," says Madelyn Backlund, a Virginia Beach schoolteacher whose husband, Robert, retired as a Navy lieutenant commander after working his way through the ranks. "We're middle America. We've raised our kids and we've saved our money. What we have left we're going to spend on seeing the country."

All this is more or less as Wally Byam would have wanted it, except that he undoubtedly would have preferred to look down on it all from the anodized-gold Airstream he left behind when he died in 1962.

Accounts vary as to exactly who or what Wally Byam was. To some, he was the patron saint of trailer travel, free enterprise, invention and salesmanship. To others, he was a foulmouthed nudist with a predilection for female members of the club.

Famous for Stunts

Regardless, he gained reputé as a world traveler, famous for stunts like driving an Airstream caravan to Haile Selassie's palace gate unannounced and actually receiving an audience. And he gained wealth as a trailer salesman.

He began by designing trailers in his Los Angeles back yard in the late 1920s, founded Airstream in the early '30s and led his first full-scale international caravan to Panama in 1951. Later caravans rolled almost everywhere, including one that went around the world in 869 days.

Like many iconic figures, Wally Byam (a one-time advertising copywriter) left behind a creed, which intones such goals as "to strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end . . . and thus make your travel dreams come true."

"He was just one hell of a great salesman," says Lawrence Huttle, the vice president in charge of sales and marketing of today's Airstream Inc. It is a Thor Industries division based in Jackson Center, Ohio, that had \$50 million in sales last year and holds about 2% of the recreational-vehicle market. "He convinced these people that if you buy one of these things and adopt his creed, you're somebody special. And it works. There's a transformation that takes place when a guy steps off the street and buys one."

'A Sort of Togetherness'

In the words of Gus Szinkewicz, a General Electric engineer from North Carolina parked in a campground at Ausable Chasm, N.Y., "Somehow, the aluminum tin can gives you a sort of togetherness." Godfrey "Bud" Little, a senior supervisor for Du Pont, also from North Carolina, remains puzzled by the kick he gets from his 23-foot Airstream land yacht. "I can't explain it," he says. "I get in that GMC,

crank it up, and for some reason I relax right then."

On the road, Wally Byam members jabber back and forth on their citizens' band radios, identifying one another by looking up the numbers posted on the trailer shells in a club directory. Local WBCCI units "rally," or get together, constantly. And wherever there is an event—Mardi Gras, Kentucky Derby, Indianapolis 500—there is a contingent gathered in Wally's name.

The motive behind all this travel isn't altogether apparent. Airstreamers say they crave adventure, but most clearly try to avoid surprises. Much of their caravan travel resembles pre-programmed group touring, and when caravaners arrive at a destination, they bunch up in clusters like pioneers circling to fight Indians. And if they don't leave home to avoid socializing and security, they certainly don't do it to escape the material comforts.

Far Cry From Walden

To some, an Airstream may represent simplification, but it wasn't what Thoreau had in mind. Today's top-of-the-line 34-foot trailer contains: furnace and air conditioner, microwave-convection oven, food processor, double sink with disposal and instant hot water tap, full-sized refrigerator and stove, color-TV set with remote antenna rotator, stand-up shower and bathtub, toilet, cedar closets, hickory cabinets, twin beds or double bed plus fold-out guest beds, and a variety of power sources. Many buyers add extras to accommodate pets, hobbies or disabilities.

"We sit around and watch people in tents with fires, but we don't get too involved in that anymore," says Jack Grill, 58, a retired American Telephone & Telegraph marketer from Pennsylvania. Mr. Grill and Frank Dix, also a retired AT&T man, are waiting for their wives to finish washing clothes in a campground coin laundry.

"What would we be doing if we weren't Airstreaming?" says Mr. Dix, repeating a question. "We'd probably be flying to Europe a lot and doing more things the ladies like to do."

Not everyone who owns an Airstream trailer necessarily embraces the Wally Byam way of life. The design evokes a bit of World War II nostalgia, and people who fondly remember the B-29 or the aluminum diner love Airstreams—rivets and all. Some people are totally repelled by the WBCCI life style but still buy the trailers because of a reputation for quality, or out of the same kind of mystique that attracts some to Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

'Like a Bad Dream'

"It's like a bad dream, all those trailers parked together in one place," says 60-year-old Kitty Mebane, a Shaklee products distributor whose husband has parked their 11-year-old Airstream on an out-of-the-way river bank in Pennsylvania coal country for the night. "We like to travel alone and camp alone—except for Arthur and Elizabeth" (their pet Labrador retrievers).

Perhaps most people would find the rituals and antics and closeness of this subculture a bit much for their tastes. But to watch a group of slow-moving 75-year-olds get out in a muddy field and help one another hitch these blimplike contraptions to the backs of their trucks, then head out on

Schedule of Byam activities

LAKE PLACID — Wally Byam schedule of activities for today includes:

7:30 a.m. — Region 5 breakfast, see bulletin board.
 8-8:30 a.m. — Morning devotions, high school auditorium.
 8-8:45 a.m. — Aerobics, horseshow tent; exercise/dancercise, airport office building.
 8-9:30 a.m. — Choir practice, arena; amateur radio class, high school room 133.
 8-10 a.m. — Gem and mineral show (set up), high school room 234; wildflower walk; art show (set up), U.S. rink; flower show (set up), U.S. rink; unit publication & history contest (set up), high school room 222.
 8:30-11 a.m. — Band practice, high school room 258.
 9-10:30 a.m. — Post Rally Caravan N-14-A meeting, high school room 342.
 9-10:45 a.m. — Public relations seminar, high school auditorium.
 9-11 a.m. — Square-dance workshop, U.S. rink.
 9 a.m.-noon — Chess and checkers, high school room 316; manipulation, high school room 301; cribbage, high school room 306.
 9:30 a.m.-noon — Delegates seminar, arena.
 10 a.m.-noon — Gem and mineral show (judging), high school room 234; art show (judging), U.S. rink; flower show (judging), U.S. rink; unit

publication & history contest (judging), high school room 222.

10:30 a.m.-noon — Post Rally Caravan N-14-A meeting, high school room 342.

11 a.m.-noon — Book revue, high school auditorium.

11:30 a.m. — Past region president's luncheon, see bulletin board; Region 4 luncheon, see bulleting board.

1-2:30 p.m. — First-timers orientation, arena.

1-3 p.m. — Pre-program music practice, high school room 258.

1-4 p.m. — Art show (viewing), U.S. rink; flower show (viewing), U.S. rink; unit publication & history contest (viewing), high school room 222; macrame, high school room 342; craft workshop, U.S. rink; caravan leadership training, high school auditorium.

1-4:30 p.m. — Registration, high school room 125.

1-5 p.m. — Gem & mineral show (viewing/selling), high school room 234.

2:30-4:30 p.m. — Teen queen talent contest, arena.

4-5:30 p.m. — Costume contest rehearsal, high school auditorium.

6:15-6:45 p.m. — Pre-program music, arena.

6:45-7 p.m. — The Best of WBCCI, arena.

7-9 p.m. — Professional entertainment, arena.

9-10:30 p.m. — Ballroom dancing, arena.

9-11 p.m. — Square dancing, U.S. rink.

9:30-11 p.m. — Friendship Centers, high school.

SUNDAY

8-9 a.m. — Catholic church service, arena.

9:15-10 a.m. — Choir practice, arena.

10-11 a.m. — Interdenominational church service, arena.

12:30 p.m. — Region 11 luncheon, see bulletin board.

1-2:30 p.m. — Trailer and motorhome safety seminar, arena.

1-3 p.m. — Pre-program music practice, high school room 258; wood carving, high school room 222.

1-3:45 p.m. — Know your club, high school auditorium.

1-4 p.m. — Duplicate bridge, high school room 234.

1:30-4 p.m. — Caravan America-China, U.S. rink.

2:30-4:30 p.m. — Ski jump competition, 70-meter ski jump.

3:30-4:30 p.m. — Registration, high school room 125.

4-5 p.m. — Book revue, arena.

6:15-6:45 p.m. — Band, high school auditorium.

6:45-7 p.m. — The Best of WBCCI, arena.

7-9 p.m. — Teen queen pageant, arena.

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Opening ceremonies

two-hour opening
am Caravan Interna-
Olympic Arena in Lake

Placid. The more than 10,000 trailer owners and
travelers will be in the Olympic Region through the
end of next week. (P-R staff photo by Liza Frenette)

By LIZA FRENETTE
Staff Writer

Sara-Placid Bureau

LAKE PLACID. — Just how
many people are in Lake Placid,
anyway?

Or maybe a better question is,
between horses and people, just
how many trailers are here in
town? And what are their owners
doing for businesses in the
village and in the surrounding
communities?

The pre-July 4th season is
usually on the slow side for
tourist trade here in Lake
Placid; business begins picking
up but it only gains speed as the
Independence Day holiday ap-
proaches at full throttle.

Based on the statistics of both
groups, there are at least 12,000
people in the area attending the
two events.

This year the two huge events
have given the area an earlier
boost that seems to be pleasing
both visitors and locals who de-
pend on the tourist trade for a liv-
ing, like a Red Cross donor pro-
viding the right type of blood at
the right time.

The Wally Byam Caravan Club
International is holding its 28th
annual rally in Lake Placid, with
more than 3,900 travel trailers
coming home to roost at a site
across from the ski jumps on
Route 73.

The spot is usually the site of
the I Love New York and Lake
Placid horse shows, but room was
found elsewhere for this
prestigious event, too, by
relocating it to Mt. Van
Hoevenberg. The two week-long
shows, boasting purses totalling
\$200,000, kicked off just about the
same time the Wally Byam
members started pulling into
town en masse.

Double whammy welcomed

The majority of motel owners,
restaurant managers, and
shopkeepers seem very pleased
with the double whammy impact
of the two groups. Some owners
embrace the return of the horse
show participants, who have
become their regular seasonal
patrons in the area for 15 years.

And many, many others are
welcoming the newcomers — the
members of Wally Byam who are
here for a convention through Ju-
ly 4.

The gas stations in the area
contacted by the Press-
Republican all report more
business from the horse people
and the trailer travelers.

The Airstream trailers used by
Wally Byam members may be
just like home, but their in-
habitants have to do their laun-
dry somewhere.

"Our business has just about
doubled!" said Tom Barrett of
American Village laundromat in
the Cold Brook Plaza.

The trailer-toters also have to
eat, right?

The caravan crowd is doing
more than nibbling — many
restaurant owners report with
pleasure that business has been
great.

Restaurateurs pleased

"From the Wally Byam,

business is probably 200 percent better than it was!" said Melissa Tomich, manager of Charlie's Capriccio on the Whiteface Inn road.

"The Wally Byam people are packing it every night," she said. Dinner hour was extended by five hours to accompany the crowds.

Tomich attributes the restaurant's success to its nor-

thern Italian menu featuring fresh veal and homemade pasta cooked by head chef Richard Frontera, and "good public relations" early on in the convention.

"It's been great," said Jerry Bottcher of the Hungry Trout in Wilmington. "We have them parked in front of our restaurant at 5, almost at the opening bell."

He said the seafood and trout specialty restaurant is serving about 40 Wally Byam customers a night.

"They are great people ... courteous ... we've had some interesting conversations with them, because they are from all parts of the country," Bottcher said.

Business at the Hotel Saranac in nearby Saranac Lake has "definitely increased" according to supervisor Laurel Rhoads.

She said the dining room has been busier than usual, and the hotel's ballroom is being used for banquets and special functions by the Wally Byam crowd.

The hotel's famous Thursday night buffet, with a different theme each week, doubled in patrons this week, with Rhoads crediting the increase to the Wally Byam crowd.

Shirley Brown of the Land-

mark Hotel and Restaurant in Wilmington said her breakfast business has increased with Wally Byam patrons.

Outlying areas affected

Beside Wilmington, the outlying areas closer to Lake Placid report more business from the convention.

Town of Keene Supervisor Charles Gillman said he has "certainly" noticed the rally participants, especially because Route 73 in a main corridor into Lake Placid from the south.

He said the restaurants and gas stations are benefiting from the rally, and he has seen Wally Byam members about town on trips into Keene.

Sue Dyer, executive director of the Saranac Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, said "They're around; they're making themselves known."

Sheldon Hounsel, manager of the National Army Store in Tupper Lake, said the rally impact has been "super."

"On the Wally Byam convention, I'm getting in excess of 100 people a day," said Hounsel, whose store offers sporting and camping goods, shoes, and women's and men's clothing.

In Tupper Lake, which is about

32 miles from Lake Placid, the impact is not as strong.

Irene Rothgeb, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said that "When they were here they were terrific for restaurants, beauty salons, laundromats, and gas stations."

A number of caravans camped out in the municipal park in Tupper Lake for one or two nights before arriving in Lake Placid.

Now that the rally is officially open, she said, "I think they're staying over there."

Mason's Restaurant in Tupper Lake says it did "nothing" in business from the pre-rally over-nighters, although McDonald's Restaurant, also in Tupper, reports they had steady traffic from the Wally Byam members who camped across from the fast-food chain.

The one type of shop that does not seem to be picking up any business are gift stores. The Adirondack Store and Gallery, featuring wood and Adirondack creations, reports no impact from Wally Byam, and neither does the Country Pair, a craft and ornament store also in Lake Placid.

One can only guess that trailer traveling does not leave a lot of room for storage space!

Byam rally officially open

By HAROLD BISHOP
Staff Writer

LAKE PLACID - The 28th annual rally of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International was declared open at 11:10 a.m. on Friday, after 10,000 club members witnessed the impressive opening ceremonies in the Olympic Arena here.

The club is made up of owners of the silver Airstream trailers from all 50 states, all of the Canadian provinces, and parts of Mexico. Four thousand of the trailers are at Lake Placid for the annual event.

Pomp and circumstance, coupled with an air of international friendship, were the order of the day, as International President George Morgan of North Huntingdon, Pa., and his wife, Priscilla, led lines of blue suited club officials, their wives, and other dignitaries down the aisle as the Wally Byam Band played "God Bless America" and other patriotic songs.

Past and present club officers and their wives, with local officials and other dignitaries as their guests, took their places on a platform behind the speakers podium.

Among the special guests introduced by Master of Ceremonies Andrew Kaiser of Fredericksburg, Texas, were visitors from New Zealand, England and Canada.

A 30-minute processional saw top ranked officials of the club's 12 North American regions and 173 local units march proudly down the aisle to the front of arena bearing the flags of their respective units. Cheers from various segments of the audience, accented by the flash of cameras, greeted Kaiser's announcement of each unit of the club, whether from Mexico City, Minnesota or Manitoba.

The club's 12 regions cover North America and Mexico. They are subdivided into units which may represent a single city, a state, or a portion of a state.

At the end of the processional march, the colorful flags were mounted en masse at each side of the platform where the dignitaries were seated.

Equally impressive was the slow and gradual raising of the spotlighted flags of Canada, Mexico and the United States, while the national anthems of the three nations were sung by a soloist, accompanied by the Wally Byam band.

In a further show of national friendship and unity, the national anthems were followed by a mass recitation of the United States Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, with a single variation.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of 'my country,' one nation, under God, indivisible..." the thousands of voices intoned.

The chilly, cloudy weather outside did not dampen the spirits of the crowd.

"Contrary to rumors that have been circulating," Morgan told the crowd, "it does not rain every day in Lake Placid."

Several local officials and one visiting representative of China were made honorary caravaners, and each was given one of the blue Wally Byam berets, traditionally worn by the caravan members.

Those honored were Matthew Clark, supervisor of the town of North Elba; Robert Peacock, mayor of Lake Placid; Ned Harkness, president of the Olympic Regional Development Authority; and Lu Xiang Qian, an official of the China International Travel Service.

Local officials, in brief addresses, welcomed the Airstreamers.

Lu, who is here to help arrange a series of Byam caravans in China that will start this fall, brought warmest regards from the Chinese Tourism Bureau and the provincial and central governments.

"China is open to the world," Lu said. "You are ambassadors of goodwill. Your trip will promote friendship and mutual understanding. We would welcome more travelers."

"You are not visitors here, or any other place," Clark told the caravaners. "Your home town is the United States, Canada, Mexico and the world ..."

"You are only a stranger when you arrive," Peacock said. "We hope you come back many times."

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back. Wolf and I scrambled down the dunes into the shallows of the sea and followed the tide line along the beach to the parking lot.

Encampment

ALTHOUGH Airstream trailers vary somewhat in length, luxury, and price, these self-contained homes all share the same silver-colored skin, and their aluminum sides round in the same soft shoulders. Late last month, three thousand nine hundred and sixty-five of them rolled into what are usually the Lake Placid Airport and the Lake Placid Horseshow Grounds for the annual week-long encampment of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. Wally Byam invented the Airstream trailer. He needed three hundred dollars to finish outfitting the first few models, and he borrowed the money from the men who were working on assembling the vehicles. Now the trailers lined up in absolutely uniform rows, flush down long lines, each line ten feet from the next. "Each area, there's a chairman in charge of parking. You might have

the retired vice-president of some large, well-known corporation out there taking orders from some retired electrician," said Wilford E. Chaney, M.D., now from Fort Myers, Florida, to which he retired from Dayton, Ohio, where he was given a huge retirement party—four hundred people or more.

Americans clot by their nature into democracies large and small, each citizen slapped on his back and judged fairly for his true worth; the enfeebling hemophilia of aristocracy and arrogance did not survive the trip to these shores. That is the first great national idea, the Mississippi, the Rockies, the Great Plains of our self-image, a notion large enough to encompass our extraordinary citizens and our average. The other grand American notion, sprung from the empty land, perhaps, but alive long past the frontier, is that a citizen can, should, must go where he will, do what he will, without hindrance or fear. To be precise, this belief is the oxygen atom dangling on the hydrogens of our democracy, turning them wet, sweet, useful. The two ideas joined in Lake Placid last month, flowing into

the dip between the mountains to form what looked from the air like a wide and glinting lake.

A number of the Airstreamers will go to China in the fall—the first trailer caravan through the People's Republic. Frank Sargent, an engineer and inventor, dreamed up the China trip and made the thousands of arrangements, which included plans for shipping the trailers to China by boat. "One man said, 'I want to go, but I want you to guarantee I'll be safe,'" Mr. Sargent told us. "I said to him, 'I won't guarantee anything, and if that's the way you want things to be you should stay at home.'" Mr. Sargent said that many, many people wanted to make the journey, but only eleven Airstreams could be fitted into each of a series of eight caravans, to end in 1987. "My wife typed each of the names on a card, and then I put all the cards in a grocery bag and took them over to a woman I know who was a retired judge's secretary. And I told her, 'Just reach down in the sack and shake them up and pull them out one by one, putting a number on each one, and give me a ring when you're done.' And that's what she did."

Alisa Ermert, of Athens, Alabama, reigned as the Airstreamers' International Teen Queen for the year just past. She placed her crown on the head of her successor, Ann Bellinger, of Jacksonville, Florida, at the Lake Placid rally. "My talent was that I played the flute," Alisa said. "I entertained at a lot of Caravan Club events this year—some people said I was a good-will ambassador. I'd been in a lot of other pageants before this. I was Miss Hemisphere. I was Miss Cinderella, which is in Alabama."

The delegates from the hundred and seventy-five regional units of the club (Top'o'Texas, West Texas, Texas Plains, Texas Hill Country, Texas Highland Lakes, Texas Gulf Coast, Texas Tropical Trails, Texas Coastal Plains, Texas-Alamo, South Texas, North Texas, and East Texas Lakes, for instance) met in the Lake Placid field house where the United States men's ice-hockey team won the gold medal in the 1980 Olympics. Each unit has a president and a first lady, and the presidents were the delegates. An alternate from each unit also attended the session, to fill in for the president if he had to leave.

Donald and Carolyn Putnam, who live on a farm in Ada, Ohio, are helping plan the China expedition. "We'll



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"Why not?"

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be eating out every other night over there," said Mr. Putnam. "The other nights, we plan to entertain the Chinese in our trailers."

"We'll try to teach them American things," said Mrs. Putnam. "We met some Chinese men, who came over to help us prepare for the trip, and they were just delighted with American sandwiches. If we can buy pork in their markets, I'll do my sweet-and-sour pork, because I understand that's actually an American dish. I'll serve it over their own rice."

When Oscar Payne was born, in South Dakota, it had been a state for only five years. He married Etta, and they farmed in South Dakota for twenty years, but only twice did they make any money to speak of. So they moved to Laramie, Wyoming, and opened a motel, and then they bought a bigger one, for seventeen thousand five hundred dollars, even though everyone told them they'd never make it pay. But the Second World War was ending, and a vacation suddenly meant driving across America, and they did just fine. Eventually, they discovered trailering and opened the Fountain of Youth Recreational-Vehicle Park (with large mineral pool) in Thermopolis, Wyoming. Oscar will turn ninety-one while he and the others in his caravan are in China. He and Etta—who in eight hundred and sixty-nine days in the nineteen-seventies became the first people to circumnavigate the globe in an Airstream trailer—will celebrate their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary somewhere in Fujian Province. "We're people who've made successes of our lives," Mrs. Payne said.

Art Around Boston

IT had been twenty years since we last talked with Corita. In the fall of 1965, she was Sister Mary Corita Kent, head of the Art Department of Immaculate Heart College, in Los Angeles. Her serigraphs and prints



"I'll thank you to stop referring to my research, Whatley, as sci-fi."

were full of Beatles lyrics, and the people at I.B.M. were worried that the holiday display they'd commissioned her to install in their lobby wasn't quite "Christmassy"—in fact, it seemed to have something to do with the war in Vietnam. Corita has since left her order, and moved to Boston, and got over the breakup of the Beatles, and mellowed. No, come to think of it, she hasn't mellowed. We were just saying that about the mellowing. It's what you're supposed to say. People grow up—they turn inward, and they make some money, and they mellow, till, like elderly whiskey, they slip down smooth, with no bite. A key part of mellowing is deciding that everything is incredibly complicated.

Corita recently drew a stamp for the Post Office. It says "Love" beneath six bright swipes of her brush—a glad rainbow. "Besides romantic love, which is splendid but personal, there is a kind of love that could help us as countries to realize there is a bond between us," Corita said to us last week. "I'd been thinking it might be appropriate to have the stamp dedicated at the United Nations. Then I got a call at seven-thirty in the morning

from a nice man at the Post Office, who said that my ticket to California was in the mail. They had decided to unveil the stamp in Hollywood, on the set of 'Love Boat.'"

It was television's notion of love ("What kind of thrill can I seek tonight?") that kept Corita off the quarterdeck, not artistic disdain for mass media. She has always concentrated on silk-screening prints, an activity that puts her somewhere between Rembrandt and Gutenberg to begin with. And she'd prefer to work on objects that people can't miss seeing—stamps, or billboards. "A year or so ago, some friends affiliated with the California chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility asked me to do a billboard, and I agreed." That abstract landscape, a wash of green and blue and tawny, carried the message "We Can Create Life Without War" and a phone number to call for information. "The idea is to put it before people's eyes every day, until eventually they realize they are part of that 'We.' Now I'm doing a new design with the same message, for the Boston area. It's another landscape, with rough, free brushstrokes. It's very dark on the



CHARTER OAK *Chatter*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

AUGUST 1985

THE LAKE PLACID INTERNATIONAL RALLY IS NOW HISTORY. WE HAD A GOOD TIME AND CERTAINLY LEARNED A LOT. I WANT TO THANK ALL OUR MEMBERS FOR THE HELP THEY GAVE ME WHILE THERE. A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO CHARLIE EGLISE FOR BEING OUR WAGONMASTER, HE CERTAINLY MADE THE TRIP A PLEASURE. ALSO MANY THANKS TO THE CLARKS FOR ALL THE WORK THEY DID ON OUR FLOAT AND ANYONE ELSE WHO HELPED WITH IT. EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T WIN, I THINK WE ALL ENJOYED WORKING TOGETHER. ALSO MANY THANKS TO THE GATAVASKIS FOR THE FINE BULLETIN BOARD.

SINCE THEN WE'VE HAD SOME NICE RALLIES, EVEN ONE WITHOUT ANY TRAILERS, - A FIRST!

THOSE OF US WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND THE CAPE COD RALLY IN JEWETT CITY HAD A NICE WEEKEND. THANK YOU CAPE COD FOR HAVING US. NOW LET'S GET READY FOR MONTREAL, CANADA AND THE REGION I RALLY AUG. 30, - SEPT 2. IT PROMISES TO BE A GOOD ONE, MAYBE EVEN BETTER THAN QUEBEC. DON'T MISS IT, - SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION TODAY AND COME AND JOIN US.

A SMALL CARAVAN IS FORMING AT HERPICH'S IN LITCHFIELD ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 27TH, LEAVING ON AUGUST 28TH A.M. AND SPENDING THE NIGHT OF THE 28TH IN PLATTSBURG, N.Y., CONTINUING ON TO MONTREAL THE MORNING OF AUGUST 29TH. IF ANYONE CARES TO JOIN, PLEASE CONTACT THE HERPICH'S AT 567-9661. SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD!!!

Mich H Rosenbrck

Quinebaug Valley

Rally

July 19-21, 1985

Jewett City, CT.

LOCATION: K of C Grounds (Knights of Columbus), Jewett City, CT

RALLY HOSTS: Raynold & Cecile Lemaire

FACILITIES: None. Come completely self contained.

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Saturday AM Breakfast
Saturday PM Complete Chicken Barbeque
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NOTE: ROUTE 395 USED TO BE ROUTE 52.

This is the Cape Cod Rally that Charter Oak Unit members are invited to as guests.

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Items Available To Members

Item	Price
Badges: Member & Officer's (Except President & Spouse), w/name & unit	\$ 1.75*
Berets: Deluxe Style, Fully Lined	10.95
Polyester	4.00*
Wool (limited supply)	1.25*
Books: WBCCI Club Caravan Handbook	1.25
WBCCI Song Book	.20*
Decals: Car Decals with 1/2" Nos. (4 or 5)	1.00/set*
Membership Nos. & WBCCI Decal (2 ea.)	3.75/set
Flags: United States, 2' x 3'	10.50
" " 3' x 5'	16.75
Connecticut or Florida, 2' x 3'	12.00
" " " 3' x 5'	21.00
New York, 2' x 3'	13.75
" " 3' x 5'	27.00
Rhode Island, 2' x 3'	9.50
" " 3' x 5'	16.50
Canada, Mexico, all other states	Available
Flag Poles: 8' Telescopic Aluminum Pole w/Eagle	6.00
12' " " " "	17.00
Flag Holders: Single Pole Holder	10.00
3 Pole Holder	20.00
5 Pole Holder	30.00
Markers: Charter Oak Unit, 4" x 12"	2.50*
Patches: WBCCI Patch	.50*
Charter Oak Patch	1.50*
Pennants: WBCCI Pennant	4.00

* These items are generally in stock.

NOTE: Prices include postage and/or handling.

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Cape Cod Unit
From The Wagon Master

CARAVAN TO THE REGION I CAN-AM RALLY

The Cape Cod Unit Caravan will rendezvous Thursday evening, August 29th at the field site in back of the Richard Machia Garden Equipment Store. It is located next to the bridge at the northwest end of town on Route 15 in Jeffersonville, Vermont.

At 8:30 the next morning, Friday, the Caravan will leave for Montreal via SR 104W & 104A West to I-89 N thru St. Albans to 78 W at Swanton to US 2 North at Alburg/Rouses Point/Champlain to I-87 N & Canada 15 North to 132 East & 10 miles to the LaFontaine Bridge Tunnel.

Jeffersonville is located northeast of Burlington and can be reached via I-91 N to I-89 NW to SR 100 N to Morrisville and then SR 15 W. Jeffersonville is about 140 miles north of Brattleboro.

Please arrive with full gas/fuel & water tanks and empty holding tanks. Suggest you have a yellow "Canada Non-Resident Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Card". Obtain from your insurance agent. Also, personal identification as needed to cross the border. Seat belts are **REQUIRED** in NY & CANADA !!

There will be a small kitty fee collected from each trailer participating in the overnite and/or caravan to cover the O.N.S. and administration. If you plan to participate, you must send me a post card **EARLY** !!

From Past Quebec President, Ray LaFortune, "We have not forgotten the enthusiasm shared by all who attended the Quebec Rally three years ago. No effort will be spared to make Montreal Rally as successful." Don't miss it !

Happy Airstreaming !

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CAN-AM RALLY
AUGUST 30TH-SEPTEMBER 2ND

ARRIVE AUGUST 27, 1985 IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, TO OVERNIGHT AT THE LYNDONVILLE FAIRGROUNDS. LEAVE EARLY ON AUGUST 28TH FOR MONTREAL VIA I-91, 55 AND 20.

FEE: \$3.50 PER TRAILER

DIRECTIONS: TAKE VERMONT I-91 TO EXIT 23. GO TWO MILES TOWARD THE VILLAGE ON RTE.5, TURN RIGHT UP A SLIGHT HILL AND THEN TURN LEFT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS. PLAN TO ATTEND EVEN IF YOU CAN'T TAKE EXTRA TIME FOR THE CARAVAN. THE TRIP CAN BE MADE IN ONE DAY FROM MOST POINTS IN NEW ENGLAND. THE SITE ON WHICH THE RALLY WILL BE HELD IS THE SITE OF THE 1976 INTERNATIONAL OLYMPICS. NOTE: SEAT BELTS ARE MANDATORY IN CANADA. MILEAGE IS LISTED IN KILOMETERS IN CANADA.

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WENDELL C. DURLING
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 PHONE: 603-224-5974 OR
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 309 SOUTH EAGLEVILLE RD.
 STORRS, CT 06068
 PHONE: 203-429-6645

REGION ONE CAN-AM RALLY - AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 2

An exquisite rally. An exquisite site. Come enjoy a guided tour of the renowned 1976 Montreal's magnificent, immense Olympic Stadium. You will be able to see, exercise, participate. All of Region One Units have gathered to share in the organization of this CAN-AM RALLY that is peculiar to the Region. Hosts are the Quebec Canada Unit.

The site of the 1976 International Olympics offers surroundings second to none. The botanical garden, at a walking distance, is an attraction by itself. Again, at a walking distance, through Montreal's beautiful metro, you have an easy access to the fascinating down town district, St. Helen's Island Park, Expo 67 exquisites, Museum of Fine Arts, Place des Arts, St. Joseph's Oratory, Notre Dame Church, innumerable restaurants....

You may elect to stay around. Then, bring in your bathing suit, your bike, your running shoes. Be ready to eat to your belly's delight, to dance, to participate in a flea market and, of course, enjoy the company of hundreds of fellow AIRSTREAMERS. Hurry up. Fill in the coupon below. We'd love to have you with us.

Listen: two breakfasts are included as well as happy hours with beer, wine and cheese. This is going to be a rally that you will remember the rest of your life. Don't miss it!!!

HOW TO GET TO THE MONTREAL OLYMPIC SITE:

FROM THE SOUTH: Get to highway 132 eastbound, up to and into Lafontaine Bridge-Tunnel. Exit at Sherbrooke Street West (not east)

FROM THE WEST: Get to highway 540, then to Metropolitan Boulevard up to Sherbrooke Street West exit.

FROM THERE ON: On Sherbrooke St. W. up to VIAU Street, (a couple of miles). Turn left on Viau. Turn right on Pierre de Coubertin. You have reached destination.

Fees: Trailer, 2 adults: 30U\$; 1 adult: 20U\$. Children under 12: 5U\$. Mail coupon to Robert Pepin, Rural Box 272, St. Mathias, Quebec, JOL 2G0 Phone: 514-658-1255

REGION ONE CAN-AM RALLY - AUG. 30, to Sept. 2.

AT THE PRESTIGIOUS MONTREAL's OLYMPIC SITE

R E S E R V A T I O N
(early parking August 29)

NAME _____ HUSBAND _____ WIFE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ TRAILER _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

RALLIES PAST AND FUTURE:Report on the 1985 International rally - Lake Placid, New York

Twenty - three trailers followed our wagonmaster - Charlie Eglise to the Whiteface Mountain Ski Area where all the trailers from New England assembled and on June 26th were parked at the Airport at Lake Placid. We would have appreciated being all together, however, we were all in rather nice areas, and all arrived safely. THANK YOU, CHARLIE! There were also others from Connecticut who arrived on their own.

We will never forget our float - it may have not received a prize from the Judges, but it was assembled with love and care by our many members - we loved it, the children were cute, everyone who participated looked great in their red and white. I hope we are able to have enough members at an international rally in the near future to do this again! It was fun!

Many of our Connecticut members received awards - among them:

Helen Gatavaski - TWO FIRST PLACE RIBBONS for her artificial flower arrangement and her miniature arrangement - YOU DID US PROUD!

HONORABLE MENTION - in painting to Joe Gatavaski and Mike Kuehn - Congratulations! HONORABLE MENTION to Rip Nelson for his great rock display, and to Claire Bradley for her oil painting, also to Claire a SECOND PLACE for her pastels. GREAT! Her granddaughters also received Honorable Mentions!

The Charter Oak Breakfast was a huge success, with seventy-two members and guests in attendance. In order to entertain the other presidents and their wives of the other Region I Units, and also, our Region I president and vice presidents, they were invited to the Mirror Lake Inn for this very nice breakfast. I think every one enjoyed this exceptionally pretty Inn, and the very good food they served.

I think I am safe in saying the Lake Placid Rally was a success. The buses ran better than anticipated, the entertainment was on the whole good, the town treated us all with exceptional friendliness and courtesy.

Crockett's Ranch - Our gettogether at the Crockett's lovely home in Harwinton did not bring out the trailer's we had expected, but there were a number of COCU members there for the day, and for the potluck dinner. The children enjoyed the frogs from the pond, and Bruce's rabbits, and we had a lovely meal served out on the deck from which there is a great view. Thank you Roger and Ruth!

-over-

JULY & AUGUST RALLIES

What a great opportunity we have had this past month to meet our neighboring Air Streamers on a personal basis!

The Quinneboug Rally, sponsored by Cape Cod Unit was enjoyed by Paul & Judy Good, Dave & Audrey Clark, Neils & Lydia Rosenbeck & Bill & Lill Herpich. Lake Placid memories and the chicken barbeque were great.

Italian week-end in East Otis Mass., sponsored by our club was really fun. Six couples from Cape Cod joined us; Ray & Shirley Bean, Lee & Claire Bradley and grandson, Brad, Bill & Betty Clark, Gareth & Rita Linder, Ken & Theda McGrath, & John & Linda O'Brien. The Paste - a - Pasta Picture on a Paper Plate contest, showed great talent. Bocce, campfire tales and a black and white nightly visitor entertained us all. But on Saturday evening we had a special thrill. Via Gareth's shortwave radio we were listening to the astronaut's speaking to the NASA Control station as we watched the shuttle Challenger streaking across the sky.

We truly know the meaning of Happy Airstreaming.

CAPE COD INVITATIONAL RALLY AT GEWETT CITY - Many thanks to Cape Cod for inviting our Charter Oak Unit to this Rally - due to the two hearty breakfasts and the very nice barbeque chicken dinner, it was almost possible to forget the heat. Their hosts and hostesses deserve medals for being unfailingly pleasant and working so hard to see that everyone present had a good time. THANK YOU, CAPE COD!

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

The Region I Can-Am Rally to be held at the Olympic Site in Montreal is the next event we can attend. This sounds so great - let's have a good turn out from Connecticut. There is early parking on August 29th, and the rally lasts until Labor Day, Sept. 2nd. The flyer for this Rally is attached.

Hammonasset Beach State Park Rally to be hosted by the Nelsons and the Sikes will take place on Sept. 6, 7, and 8. This is always such a nice place in September when most everybody else has gone home. Let's have a good turn out to enjoy beautiful sunsets and great walks on the beach with friends good and true. See you there! This flyer is also attached - send it in for a good time.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE:

Mike Sasuta and Bob Henschel are going to work as a committee of two to see about ordering club jackets. Anyone with ideas or information should get in touch with either of them.

The 1987 Region I Rally will be the responsibility of our unit. A Committee consisting of Mike Sasuta, Jim Hegeman, Audrey Clark and Paul Good has been formed to try to obtain a location for this rally. Anyone with ideas or information, or anyone interested in working on this project, contact any of the members of this committee.

Chatter Notes--- Jim & Dot McLain at Branch Brook Campground, Thomaston. Dot recovering from foot surgery.

On July 29th Paul & Dorothy Freed, Hal & Jean Amory, Bob & Willie Evans and Jim & Laura Edmundson were in Fairbanks Alaska enjoying their trip.

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT RALLY

Sept. 6, 7 and 8, 1985

Hosted by: Rip and Elsie Nelson, and Art and Arline Sikes

Place: Hammonasset Beach State Park, Madison, CT

Directions: 2 miles East of Madison off US 1; or
1 mile South of exit 62 off 1-95

Program: Friday Evening at 6:00 PM - Coffee and
Saturday morning - breakfast at 8:00
Saturday during the day - Beach combing, nature walk
and etc.
Saturday evening at 6:00 PM - Pot Luck
Sunday morning - breakfast at 8:30

Send Reservations To:

Arthur Sikes
526 Halladay Ave.
Suffield, CT 06078



I am a No No

Kitty Fee: \$5.00 per trailer

Camp Fee: Paid at campground

Come with full water tank and empty holding tank.
No electricity.

cut here

Name _____ Trailer # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____



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Unité QUEBEC CANADA Unit

CAN-AM 1985

WHEN? 30th Aug. - 2nd Sept. 1985

WHERE? MONTREAL

WHERE AGAIN? OLYMPIC SITE! VELODROME

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BIENVENUE A MONTREAL



CHARTER OAK
Chatter

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Mr. & Mrs. Freddy Fayel
R.D. #1 Box 94
Harborview Terrace
Stonington, CT 06378



CHARTER OAK *Chatter*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER 1985

OUR FALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY. THE RALLY AT HAMMONASSET WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. THANKS TO THE NELSON'S AND SIKES'S HARD WORK. IT WAS NICE TO HAVE JOHN & RUBY FULLER WITH US. I'M SURE EVERYONE ENJOYED THE REGION I IN MONTREAL. IT WAS GREAT FROM START TO FINISH, EXCEPT FOR A BIT OF A PROBLEM WITH MUD AND WATER FOR SOME OF US. BUT BEING SUCH GOOD AIRSTREAMERS WE TOOK IT ALL IN STRIDE!!

OUR LAST, BUT I'M SURE NOT OUR LEAST, RALLY, IS COMING UP IN A FEW WEEKS. THIS BEING A FALL FOLLIAGE RALLY, SHOULD BE VERY NICE, PROVIDING THE WEATHER HOLDS OUT FOR US. THOSE OF YOU WHO CAN COME, WILL NOT BE SORRY, - WE'VE GOT A NICE WEEK SET UP FOR YOU.

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN, AND IN ORDER FOR YOUR NAME TO APPEAR IN THE BOOK, YOU MUST PAY BY OCTOBER 20TH, SO PLEASE SEND IT TO BILL HERPICH TODAY, THANKS.

SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD!!!

Niels

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT'S FALL FOLIAGE CARAVAN
and
STURBRIDGE VILLAGE RALLY

October 4 and 5 - Reservation at Long Vue Campground, Brimfield, Massachusetts (just a few miles west of Sturbridge Village on Route 20) \$10.50 per night, to be paid by each trailer, upon their arrival.
Friday night - soup and breads
Saturday - Breakfast followed by visiting the Village on shops
Saturday evening - Reservation at Rom's for dinner (each couple to pay their own)
Sunday morning - Surprise breakfast

On October 6 our Caravan begins and we leave for the Franconia Notch section of New Hampshire, hopefully by noontime on Sunday so that we may arrive at our destination, which is Living Water Campground, Twin Mountain, New Hampshire before dark. Our reservation there is for October 6, 7, 8 and 9. We plan to have continental breakfasts, dinner at the Wayside Inn, and potluck dinners. We plan to go to Mount Washington, Cannon Mountain Aerial tramway, The Basin, Old Man of the Mountain, etc. The campground fee is \$9.50 per night to be paid by each trailer upon arrival.

October 10, 11, and 12 will be spent at Horseshoe Acres, Andover, Vermont, where the campground fee is also \$9.50 per night. There will be a continental breakfast each morning, and we plan to visit many area attractions.

Please indicate on your reservation slip, the number of nights you will be staying with this unique fall foliage rally, and number of people, etc.

COME ON WITH US - WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU!!!!

Reservation to: Niels Rosenbeck
324 Albrecht Road
Torrington, CT 06790

PLEASE - reservations by
September 20th

Name _____ Trailer # _____

We will attend only the rally at Long Vue Campground - Sturbridge area _____
(If this is all you can attend, we'll miss you on the Caravan, but will be most happy to have you at Sturbridge. The Rally fee is \$5.00, please include with your reservation.

We will attend all or part of the Caravan - The Rally fee is \$10.00
please include with your reservation. Rally fee \$10.00 _____

Number in party _____ Number of nights expecting to be with us _____

RALLIES PAST AND FUTURE:

Hammonasset Beach Rally - Many thanks to our host couples - the Nelsons and Sikes for this most enjoyable rally. There were seventeen trailers in attendance including our Region I First Vice President John Fuller. We had a delicious potluck dinner, followed by the results of the Treasure hunt - Bill and Lil Herpich with fifteen shells and all the other items listed were the winners of a lovely shell tooth pick holder, other prizes were given when trailer numbers were drawn. This rally was on September 6 - 8, and our hosts did a wonderful job! THANKS!

REPORT FROM MONTREAL - The Region I Rally at the Olympic Grounds in Montreal was attended by nine Connecticut trailers - Rosenbecks, Nelsons, Herpichs, Clarks, Brissetts, Goods, Gadavaski, Sasutas and Bloomers. This was a great rally (in spite of parking by some of our group in mud). We all had a good time, the Canadians had some very nice entertainment, good breakfasts, and there was so much to do I'm sure we could all return for another go at the City of Montreal! Our thanks to Paul and Judy Good for arranging for a night's parking at the Air Force base in Plattsburgh, and for arranging for us to have that wonderful dinner at the Officer's Club. On our way home we were so sorry that Paul Good was hit from the rear and, fortunately not TOO much damage was done, and most important, no one was hurt. We spent a pleasant evening on the way home at the Lake St. Katherine State Park, and then in the morning toured the slate quarry that was located nearby, arranged by Dave Clark.

HOSTS ARE NEEDED for our July, 1986 Rally. It is most important that this spot be filled now so that Jim Hegeman can send a complete list to International for next years rallies. COME ON - if you haven't signed up for a Rally for next year, this is your chance!

REPORT ON OUR REGION I RALLY FOR 1987 - The Region I Rally in 1987 to be given by our own Charter Oak Unit is in need of a Rally sight. If you have any ideas on this, call on the Rally Committee which consists of Jim Hegeman, Mike Sasuta, Paul Good and Audrey Clark. They have already looked at several that would not be suitable, but also have looked at some that are under consideration.

1986 INTERNATIONAL RALLY: John Fuller reports that the plans for this rally are going forth and that they have already planned for our Region I breakfast. Include this Rally in your vacation plans for next year!

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE:

A letter from Louise Fayal indicates that Freddie has toured a great deal of Europe and is, by now we hope, home in Stonington, returning on his boss's 62' sailing vessel. We hope to see you guys soon!

Region I has two candidates for Region I Second Vice President. The Nominating Committee has selected Dave Clark from our Charter Oak Unit, and Al Cormier from the New England Unit is also running. The votes from our unit will be taken prior to the first of January. Each Unit in the Region has one vote, and only International dues paying members may vote in each Unit.

The WBCCI Idea Book was presented to President Niels at the Montreal Rally. This book has many ideas for Rallies, dinners, recipes; etc. Anyone giving a Rally or Dinner may use this book for ideas.

FLAG FLYING: To correct some misunderstanding on flag flying which was brought up at the Montreal Rally - Two flags may be flown on one pole as long as they are not two flags of countries - i.e. the Stars and Stripes may be flown at the top of the flag pole, with the Connecticut flag or a pennant flown below it.

REPORT FROM THE JACKET COMMITTEE: Catalogs have been received by the Committee which consists of Bob Herschel and Mike Saruta, and they are trying to decide on one jacket which would appeal to the majority of our members. Please return to Bob Herschel the tear off strip at the bottom of this page, to indicate your interest in purchasing such a jacket. This will enable them to get prices according to the interest of the Club.

NEW MEMBERS: A most hearty welcome to Tom and Jeanette Dryer of 13 Birch Knoll Road, Box 325, Canton, CT 06019, who were Airstreamers many years ago, and are now once again joining us....WELCOME!

JACKET COMMITTEE - Attention Bob Herschel

We are/are not interested in purchasing a Charter Oak Connecticut Unit jacket.

Signed _____

Trailers # _____

The above does not commit you to purchasing a jacket - it is just for the Committee's information.

PREPARED BY CT DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION:

The availability of sanitary dumping stations at our full-service rest areas was recently researched. This information may be of use to your office:

The following full-service rest areas have sanitary dumping stations:

I-84	Eastbound	Danbury	
I-84	Eastbound	Southington	James Schaedler
I-86	Westbound	Willington	
I-91	Southbound	Wallingford	SPC
I-91	Northbound	Middletown	O.O.T.

Willington, I-86, eastbound, and North Stonington, I-95, southbound, do not have sanitary dumping stations.

ONCE AGAIN HERE IS OUR SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1986,
THESE WILL BE VOTED IN AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING,
PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
TO: CHARTER OAK CT. UNIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEED:

PRESIDENT: CLARENCE NELSON
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: JAMES HEGEMAN
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: PAUL GOOD
TREASURER: WILLIAM HERPICK
RECORDING SECRETARY: LILLIAN HERPICK
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: JANET NYSTROM
SECOND YEAR DIRECTORS: MIKE SASAUTO
AUDREY CLARK
FIRST YEAR DIRECTORS: ROBERT BARRETT
WAYNE RUTTY

REGION ONE CAN-AM RALLY

FROM AUGUST 30TH TO SEPTEMBER 2ND 1985

A WARM WELCOME TO THE 1985 REGION ONE RALLY

We are so happy to have so many people come to the beautiful grounds of the Montreal Olympic Site. We are confident you will find your stay enjoyable, because, besides the many attractions that lay around us, we have the opportunity to visit numerous areas that are no less worth our attention.

Your shopping bag contains a variety of suggestions for making your stay worthwhile. Furthermore, people at the information booth will always be glad to let you know the proper way to go downtown, to La Ronde amusement park, to a choice of restaurants, shopping centers, the Botanical Gardens, the Museum of Fine Arts, Place des Arts, ... to name only a few.

Walking and cycling, are some of the activities that you are able to practice right out of your doorstep, every day. The Botanical Gardens are close by with plenty of colors, and odors, and shapes, to keep a visitor in admiration for hours.

There are three shopping centers at short driving distances. They open Friday from 9h30 to 21h00, and Saturday from 9h30 to 17h00. Domaine Shopping Center is on Sherbrooke Street East, with a travelling time of about five minutes. Further East, at the edge of the highway, is the Place Versailles Shopping Center; and the third and biggest, Anjou Shopping Center, is further North also along the highway.

Registration desk is in the Velodrome Administration building, door 110. It will open Friday morning at 9h00 and stay open until 16h00. Late arrivals will be taken care of between 18h00 and 20h00, and Saturday morning, between 9h00 and 12h00.

Enjoy yourself.

REGION ONE RALLY COMMITTEE:
Raymond & Ruth Lafortune, at the Chair;
with plenty of support from Officers and
Members from all units of the Region.

Montreal Olympic Site,
August 29th, 1985.

REGION ONE CAM-AM RALLY

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1985

Early parking. Parkers on hand.
No social activities contemplated for the day.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1985

09h00 General parking
Registration: Velodrome's entrance 110
16h00 Registration ends
18h00 Late arrivals registration
19h00 Access to the Velodrome
20h00 Welcome
Entertainment

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1985

07h00 Breakfast for all
Don't forget your coupon
09h00 Breakfast ends
10h00 Choice of activities:
Guided tour of the Olympic Stadium;
Botanical Gardens; Château Dufresne;
walking, cycling.

13h30 ~~Guided bus tour of the City;~~
~~Shopping Centers; restaurants~~
16h30 The happy hour
18h00 You're on your own.
Worth seeing: downtown district; St.Helen's amusement
park; Notre-Dame Church; Museum of Fine Arts, St.Joseph
Oratory; check in your shopping bag for many more.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1985

07h00 Breakfast for all
Bring your coupon
09h00 Oecumenical Service
10h00 Region One Meeting
13h00 Flea Market in the Velodrome
16h30 The happy hour
20h00 Entertainment. Dance

LE RALLYE CAN-AM REGION 1

LUNDI, 2 SEPTEMBRE 1985

09h30 Café, beignes
 10h00 Parlons dépannage
 11h00 Clôture
 Départs à volonté

LE CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION DE WBCCI - QUEBEC-CANADA vous remercie de votre participation à ce rallye annuel de tous les clubs de la Région 1. Chaque année, à partir de 1986, les six clubs seront désormais hôtes de leurs voisins à tour de rôle, selon leur classement alphabétique. Sachez d'avance que votre présence sera toujours voulue.

Gérard Bourgault, président en 1985

Le Parc olympique vous réserve des surprises

Que vous soyez seul ou en groupe, vous pourrez visiter le Stade, le Vélodrome et les Piscines en compagnie d'un guide qui vous en révélera tous les secrets!

Le visionnement d'un diaporama vous permettra de mieux comprendre les techniques de construction, de connaître l'histoire du Parc olympique et la vie qui l'anime.

Les visites ont lieu tous les jours, sauf les 25 et 26 décembre, 1^{er} et 2 janvier.

Pour tout renseignement ou réservation, adressez-vous au:
 Service au tourisme
 Parc olympique
 4545, avenue Pierre-de-Coubertin
 Montréal (Québec)
 Canada
 H1V 3N7
 (514) 252-4737

 Parc olympique

*Marque de commerce, RIO, Montréal.




Tarif spécial pour les membres du rallye:

- Adulte: \$2.75 taxe incluse
- Enfant: \$2.20 taxe incluse

LE RALLYE CAN-AM REGION 1

PROGRAMME DES ACTIVITES COLLECTIVES

JEUDI, 29 AOUT 1985

Premiers arrivants. Des guides leur indiqueront à quel endroit parquer leur caravane. Aucune activité collective n'est prévue pour la journée. Offrez vos services, si vous désirez aider au stationnement des caravanes.

VENDREDI, 30 AOUT 1985

- 09h00 Arrivées massives
Guides pour le stationnement
Inscriptions, porte 110 du Vélodrome
- 16h00 Fin des inscriptions
- 18h00 Inscriptions tardives (jusqu'à 20h00)
Souper libre
- 19h00 Le Vélodrome ouvre ses portes
- 20h00 Soirée dans le Vélodrome
Mots de bienvenue dans les deux langues
Spectacles
- 22h00 Fin des activités pour la journée

SAMEDI, 31 AOUT 1985

- 07h00 Dîner pour tous
Présentez votre coupon d'admission
 - 09h00 Fermeture de la cuisine
-
- 10h00 L'heure des visites au choix:
Jardin Botanique, Château Dufresne,
visite guidée du Vélodrome,
marche, randonnées à bicyclette...
 - 13h30 Tour de ville guidé, en autobus
 - 16h30 L'heure exquise, salle de la cafétéria
 - 18h00 Souper libre, Soirée libre.
Occasion de visiter le centre ville, l'Ile Ste-Hélène,
les expositions, les grands restaurants.

DIMANCHE, 1er SEPTEMBRE 1985

- 07h00 Dîner pour tous
Apporter votre jeton d'admission
- 09h00 Service œcuménique
- 10h00 Assemblée de la Région 1
- 13h00 Marché aux puces
- 16h30 L'heure exquise
- 18h00 Souper libre
- 20h00 Soirée récréative

REGION ONE CAN-AM RALLY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1985

- 09h30 Coffee, donuts
- 10h00 Bull Session
- 11h00 Closing Ceremonies.

THE QUEBEC CANADA UNIT wishes to thank you all for your visit and participation. We hope this weekend will have helped you find new friends, and that you will cherish your stay with us. Have a good trip back home. Come again.

Gérard & Agathe Bourgault,
A the Presidency of the
Quebec Canada Unit for 1985.

Surprises await you at the Olympic Park

Whether you are alone or with a group, you can visit the Stadium, the Velodrome and the Pools accompanied by a guide whose knowledge you will appreciate, for there is even more to the installations than meets the eye!

A slide presentation will help to acquaint you with the techniques used in construction, as well as with the history and ongoing attractions at the Olympic Park.

Guided tours are offered every day except December 25th, 26th, and January 1st and 2nd.

For information or reservation, please write:
 Tourist Services
 Olympic Park
 4545 Pierre-de-Coubertin Avenue
 Montréal (Québec) H1V 3N7
 Canada.
 (514) 252-4737



Parc olympique

*Trade Mark, RIO, Montreal.




OLYMPIC PARK MONTREAL



Special rate for rally members:

- Adult: \$2.75 tax included
- Children: \$2.20 tax included

LE RALLYE CAN-AM REGION 1

DU 30 AOUT AU 2 SEPTEMBRE 1985

Nos saluts à vous, grands voyageurs,

Nous sommes drôlement enthousiasmés par le nombre de participants à ce joyeux rallye de tous les clubs de la Région 1 et de ceux des autres clubs, un peu partout au Canada et aux Etats-Unis qui arrivent pour fêter avec nous tous.

Un nombre imposant d'activités s'offrent à nous, que ce soit à l'intérieur du Vélodrome même, dans tout le parc, dans les alentours, ou même, avec facilité, dans d'autres endroits du grand territoire de la Ville.

Pensez que vous avez grand pour marcher, rouler à bicyclette, visiter, tout près, le Jardin Botanique, la maison Dufresne, aller au centre ville en métro, à la Ronde sur l'Ile Ste-Hélène, voir des expositions, fureter dans les centres commerciaux. Vous n'avez là qu'une faible partie des attractions qui sont à notre portée.

Au bureau des renseignements et des inscriptions, à la porte 110 du Vélodrome, vous obtiendrez tous les détails que vous pourriez désirer sur la plus belle façon de remplir les heures que cette grande fin de semaine nous offre. Présentez-vous vendredi, de neuf heures à seize heures, ou de dix-huit heures à vingt heures; samedi, de neuf heures à midi.

Le sac rempli de précieux renseignements que la Ville nous a gracieusement offert contient une profusion d'endroits qui sont tous intéressants à découvrir. Sans compter qu'à l'intérieur même du Vélodrome, vous trouverez des occasions de vous tenir occupés agréablement.

Le comité organisateur de ce rallye travaille fébrilement depuis plusieurs semaines à rendre le séjour de tous les membres du club WBCCI susceptible de laisser les meilleurs souvenirs. Vous contribuerez par votre participation au succès du rallye.

LE COMITE ORGANISATEUR,
Raymond et Ruth Lafortune, à la direction,
avec le précieux concours des Officiers et
des Membres de tous les clubs de la Région 1.

Parc Olympique de Montréal
le 29 août 1985.





















CHARTER OAK *Chatter*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

OCTOBER 1985

IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY THAT I WROTE MY FIRST MESSAGE, BUT A WHOLE YEAR HAS GONE BY AND HERE I AM WRITING MY LAST ALREADY.

IT HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR US AND I HOPE FOR YOU TOO! WE HAVE MADE NEW FRIENDS IN OUR TRAVELS AND HAVE LEARNED SOME NEW THINGS. MY JOB WAS NOT AS HARD AS I HAD EXPECTED BECAUSE I HAD A LOT OF HELP FROM MY BOARD MEMBERS AND ALL OF YOU. I WON'T EVEN TRY TO MENTION ALL OF YOUR NAMES FOR FEAR OF MISSING SOMEONE. SO, I'LL JUST THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS, ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE HOSTED RALLIES AND DINNERS, ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE HEADED ONE COMMITTEE OR ANOTHER AND OF COURSE ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE COME TO OUR RALLIES AND DINNERS. YOU HAVE BEEN GREAT AND WORKED HARD. IF ANY OF YOU GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT, TAKE IT! IT IS VERY REWARDING AND THE YEAR GOES BY FAST.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MANY YEARS OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP IN THE CHARTER OAK UNIT.

Mela

RALLIES - PAST AND FUTURE:

Report On the Fall Foliage Caravan - There were ten trailers at Long Vue Campground over the week-end of October 4-6 - twenty-eight people attended a delicious dinner at Rom's, and between shopping and eating a good time was had by all attending. THEN - with Lil and Bill Herpich returning to Litchfield for a 70th Birthday celebration for Bill - the other six trailers which made up the Caravan went on Sunday to Living Water Campground in Twin Mountain, New Hampshire. I think all who were there can recommend this Campground most highly. The Herpichs arrived on Monday, and then we numbered seven - Sasutas, Eglises, Nelsons, Clarks, Rosenbecks, Dyers, and of course, Lil and Bill. Dinner Monday night at the Wayside Inn in Bethlehem, lunch at the Mount Washington Hotel, and plenty of pancakes at Polly's Pancake Parlor, all went to make a most enjoyable trip (and less work for the girls!) The train trip up Mount Washington by the Cog Rail Way was delightful - the foliage at all times was spectacular! Then on to more in Vermont - with a pumpkin contest won by Tom and Jeanette Dyer, and MORE FOOD AND SHOPPING! We were a very fortunate group - except for minor trouble with Niels truck on the return trip, all went well, and a most pleasant trip we did have! Good food, good friends, and beautiful scenery - who could ask for more?

November Dinner meeting and election of officers - The flyer for this important yearly election of officers meeting is attached. Please - get your reservation in to Mike Sasuta as soon as possible - Let's all get behind our 1986 officers!

1986 RALLIES - For those who have signed up to host either a Rally or Dinner in 1986 and had not decided on a place - if you now have a place in mind - let either Jim Hegeman or Niels know, as this list must go to International in the very near future.

REPORT FROM THE JACKET COMMITTEE:

Our thanks to Bob Henschel and Mike Sasuta for the fine job they have done in selecting a club jacket! The jacket decided upon is silver, lined, and very, very attractive. We will stand out in a crowd! The price will be approximately \$30.00 per jacket, to be paid for upon ordering. Any increase in this price would be for names, etc. and would be a slight charge more. The jacket was on display at Sturbridge in October, and will be again available for your inspection at the November meeting. The order form with your check, for those interested, is to be given or mailed to Bob Henschel, 436 Linkfield Road, Watertown, CT 06795.

Order form: # of jackets _____ @ \$30.00 each - Total \$ _____
Check to be made out to Charter Oak Connecticut Unit.

Sizes: Please circle - Mens - XS S M L XL XXL

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