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Backyard Airstreaming

Now that the winter months are upon us; those of us who do not go anywhere during the cold season may instead think about upcoming warm weather activities with our trailers, or even those little "M" words included in the "other side of trailering" You know; things like MAINTENANCE, MICE, MILDEW, etc.

I am the self-appointed Queen of Backyard Airstreaming! We do not own a tow vehicle, and everything we have done with and to our trailer, so far, has been without leaving the boundaries of our property line! Now I realize that this probably sounds pretty boring to all you travellers, but for me, it raises to new heights some of the experiences of owning a perpetually parked camper.

Just think about that ever-popular "M" word; MICE! When we stay home, they move in! One of my major routine trailer activities is inspection for and eradication of mice. I get to do it all year round! In the fall of 1994, I simply cleared out the trailer and locked it up for the winter. The following spring, when I opened it up, not only did I find piles of acorn shells and little mouse jobs, but 3, count them: 3 large fluffy yellow fiberglass castles in the cabinets and under the sink. And what large families they must have had. At that point I launched a crusade; determined to keep the trailer once and for all OURS and not THEIRS. First came a thorough cleaning of every nook and cranny, even areas which had probably not been touched since the trailer was new 30 years ago. Then, out came the cedar oil moth repellent spray, the Downy fabric softener sheets, and glue traps by the truckload. The trapping produced an initial bonanza which eventually tapered off, and I am happy to report that there has been no evidence of food hoarding or nesting in any visible areas. I did however hear them behind the walls at night last summer. Even in cold weather, I inspect the glue traps every week or so. I still catch an occasional mouse, but I believe the problem is under control.

Now about some of those other little "M" words. The stories they bring to mind will have to wait for another time. Happy backyard Airstreaming!

Beth Braun, #3374



Official ballots

On November 5, 1995, the Official Ballots for the Region 1 Officers for the years 1996-1998 were opened. Until this was done, nothing was official. The results were as follows:

President — Theda McGrath	6
1st VP — Wayne Ruty	6
2nd VP — Ray Dallaire	3
2nd VP — Richard Bartram	3

President Dole will cast the deciding vote to break the tie. He is carefully considering all points of view and will make a fair decision soon.

Shirley Dole
Region 1 Secretary

Present at the ballot opening were: Theda McGrath, 1st VP; Wayne Ruty, 2nd VP; and David Tuckerman

Official Vote

It is now official as of November 26, 1995. Following is the list of your new Region 1 Officers for the years 1996-1998.

President — Theda McGrath
1st VP — Wayne Ruty
2nd VP — Richard Bartram

I hope that they will be supported and your help will be offered along with your suggestions. They will assume office July 5, 1996.

Rodertick A. Dole
Region 1 President

Note: This was a most difficult decision as both candidates presented their resumes with equal qualifications.

**We congratulate
each of our new
officers — especially
Charter Oak's Wayne
and Dick!!**

The Werths — Who Are We? . . . Robert, Anne & Nancy

Bob and Anne have been married 34 years. We have lived in Tolland, Connecticut, for the past 31 years. We have two sons (Jeffrey and Douglas) and one daughter (Nancy). Jeff and Nancy both work at Gerber Scientific and Douglas works for the federal government. Doug has just become engaged to Heidi Brown and they will be getting married September 7, 1996. Nancy will be receiving her associate's degree from Manchester Community Technical College in May, having worked full time while going to school for the past four years. She has just recently become the Legislative Representative for COCU/WBCCI. She helped her parents out with a rally this past June and has been bitten by the Airstreaming bug. When asked when she was going to get a trailer, her reply, "I already have an Airstream and a driver, I don't need one of my own." Bob is retired from the State of Connecticut, having been employed for 26 years at the former Mansfield Training School and the University of Connecticut for the grounds/transportation department. Anne has been working for the State of Connecticut/Department of Mental Retardation for the past (almost) ten years as a secretary.

Bob and Anne have been Airstreaming almost three years and are

loving the experience and the lovely folks along the way. It seems like we have been doing it longer because of several winter vacations to Travelers Rest in Florida with the James Edmondsons. Uncle Jim is quite an advocate for Airstreaming! During a vacation three years ago, we checked out and bought the former Rud & Hazel Bloomer 31'/1978 Airstream trailer. We have a lot to learn about this "world's largest Tinker Toy" and are enjoying that experience. We are looking forward to doing some extensive traveling once Anne is retired. Places to go . . . things to do . . .

Bob and Anne both enjoy wood-working. Bob does the more complicated projects that require mitered corners and using the table saw, etc. Anne uses the band saw to cut out the more intricate items that generally require painting. Anne is also into quilting projects, most of which were given away as gifts. This is wonderful therapy, by the way.

Anne has recently been installed as 2nd Vice President and Bob has been installed on the Board of Directors. We are both learning the inner workings of COCU/WBCCI and are looking forward to this experience.

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Presidents Message

January is the cruelest month — for many. New England winter has come upon us and cannot be ignored. Our lawn is blanketed with deep snow and trails from hungry deer, and other smaller creatures dot the landscape. The birds flock to our feeder and gratefully load up with tasty seeds to keep warm during the bitter winds that sweep across the hillside. Everything slows down in obedience to winter's grip. In the city the pace is also slower. Fewer people crowd the busy market square. But amidst the chill and harsh winds, a warmth and sense of urgency pulses and glows. Life is preparing anew.

We Airstreamers are very fortunate. Everyone gets their share of life's hard knock's and bumps, but we are, for the most part, survivors and happy folk. Some have hitched their trailers and moved to warmer climes, avoiding the stress of winter. Hardy souls remain behind, either by choice or responsibilities, to struggle with and enjoy the season's tests. There is a zing in the air, a freshness everywhere, people walk briskly and spirals of condensed breath wreath their faces. It is a time of invigoration and renewal, a cleansing of past burdens even as leaves have fallen from the trees, a time of resting and preparation, of internal focus and reflection. We think of the joys of the holiday season: bustling homes with children, relatives, neighbors, friends. Of rich talk and even richer food! Of goodwill toward all. Of greetings from an amazing number of Airstream friends scattered around the country and across Canada. How fortunate we are to be blessed with such warm and thoughtful friends — people whom we did not even suspect existed before joining Charter Oak and it's warm circle of Airstreamers. Thank you all!

We look past to the accomplishments of 1995 and begin to look forward to the new adventures awaiting us in 1996. Our unit is 25 years old and still fresh and not inbred — looking outward and forward. Our members are warm and caring. The world awaits us with new challenges and rewards. Happy New Year to all!

Jim Miller

Poet's Corner

"I tramp a perpetual journey,
My signs are a rain-proof coat and good shoes and a staff cut from the woods;
No friend of mine takes his ease in my chair,
I have no chair, nor church, nor philosophy;
I lead no man to a dinner-table or library or exchange,
But each man and each woman of you I lead upon a knoll,
My left hand hooks you round the waist,
My right hand points to landscapes of continents, and a plain public road.

Not I, not any one else can travel that road for you,
You must travel it for yourself.
It is not far . . . it is within reach,
Perhaps you have been on it since you were born, and did not know,
Perhaps it is everywhere on water and on land."

. . . A fragment from Walt Whitman

Deadline for the next issue of the *Chatter* is February 8.

New England Unit Luncheon

Howard Knight has advised us that a New England Unit Luncheon will be held at the Forest Lakes Golf Club in Sarasota, Florida, on February 22, 1996. Contact Howard at 941-639-7752 for details.

Officers Seminar Rendezvous

McGrath Acres
251 Mason Road
West Townsend, MA 01474

On May 3-5, 1996, the Region 1 Officers will conduct a Unit & Region Officers Workshop for all present unit officers and directors. Future officers should attend. Discussion concerning all unit offices will take place. We will discuss Region and International functions.

The White Mountains New Hampshire Unit has donated funds for this rendezvous. Ken & Theda McGrath are providing free parking. As of this writing, there will be no charge.

Mark your calendar for May 3-5, 1996.

Roderick A. Dole
Region 1 President

From Dick Bartram

The recent election for Region 1 2nd Vice President produced a tie vote between Raymond Dallaire and me. Blue Book rules required Rod Dole, Region 1 President, to cast the tie-breaking vote. I know it was most difficult for Rod to make the decision and I am honored to have been selected.

I wish to thank everyone who voted in the election, and I pledge to do my very best to serve all six Region 1 units in the coming years.

Eileen and I especially wish to express our deep affection for Raymond and Joyce Dallaire. Our mutual friendship remains very important to us.

Dick Bartram

Report from Jackson Center . . . by Howard M. Knight

Al-u-max Problems

Making a required visit to the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio; in route to Florida has been very rewarding and I'd like to pass along a suggestion to all owners of late model travel trailers and motor homes.

It seems that a major problem exists and the Airstream factory personnel have issued a warranty extension due to the "problems" incurred in units manufactured in 1993, 1994, and 1995. During these years they used a vendor that produced a "new" metal that was called Al-u-max that was supposed to be the ultimate and be pretreated at the mill and prevent any need for further coating of acrylic.

Many panels have "frosted," primarily on units that have been in direct sunlight and in the warmer areas. There was an opinion that the frosting was caused by stress or bends made to the Al-u-max and this now appears is a false statement. Engineers that I have had conversations with agree that this is false.

If you have panels that have frosted or appear to be frosted, I suggest you contact the factory in Ohio at 1-513-596-6111 for either an appointment or advice about recoating. This problem may exist for any panels or metal that was installed as a result of hail damage.

Those planning to have metal work done in the near future should be aware of the metal "Al-u-max" that still may be in the inventory of the dealers. It would be best that the "old style" metal be used and it is now available from the factory. After installation, it must be sprayed with approved acrylic

from a 50 gallon drum and not a five dollar spray can of acrylic.

The history of the product — Airstream tells me that around the October 1, 1993, Airstreams with serial number #509125 were produced used the "Al-u-max" (pretreated metal) for all their manufacturing methods. This continued through Airstreams with serial number #510561 (produced around June 19, 1995). They have stopped using the Al-u-max metal and have converted back to the old method of making products out of metal that is put together (100%) and then sent to the spray shop for acrylic treatment and protection.

Our personal experience owning a "late" 1994 Motor Home (classic) has caused me to have the front cap recoated after it was six months old; the rear end-cap six months later and during our last trip to the factory (owning the unit for 18 months); they recoated both window sheets. The window sheets being the side sheets and recoated half way down the sides. Now we have our "new" 1994 Motor Home completely recoated, by the factory, with acrylic in a professional manner and in a sealed area by a product from a 50 gallon drum. The panels were allowed to dry for a day. In order to ensure a good job, we had to allow for a full day to mask windows, remove canvas awnings, etc.

The factory has been taking appointments for the "Al-u-max" work. Appointments are being made for six months from now. While we were there, the factory did between five and six units a day in order to keep up with demand. The factory advised me that

there will not be a national recall as all units do not have the disease of frosting as I described.

In conclusion, this memorandum to members is not a reflection of work or quality control of the Airstream company; only a polite reminder to all that if you notice the "frosting" appearing on the roof, end caps, or window sheets; don't hesitate to look into either an appointment or request that you are given a warranty extension. If you are contemplating new metal work, be sure to ask the dealer to use the "old" or present metal that the factory is using and make sure that it is resealed with acrylic, professionally, after the installation of the metal. I don't recommend using the "Al-u-max" product as you will be living with continual "problems."

Zip Dee Company

It was brought to my attention while in Jackson Center, that the Zip Dee Company has modified the lower pin that holds the "claw" against the awning rail on the late models.

By telephoning 1-800-338-BEST and asking for customer service, Zip Dee will send you (free) a set of two (2) "Step Spacers" for the Airstream Claw Pin that holds the "claw" against the awning rail.

Use of the new "pin" allows the "claw" to rest away from the edge of the awning rail and prevents cracking the claw as the awning is raised and lowered.

Hope that this will be helpful to all.

*Howard M. Knight, #314
Past President, Region 1*

**Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday
wishes for those celebrating in January!**

A Mid-Winter's Day Brunch & Meeting Charter Oak Connecticut Unit (North!)

Date

February 4, 1996

Hosted by

Dick & Eileen Bartram

Location:

Dick & Eileen Bartram's Home
301 Cedar Lane, New Hartford
(860) 496-8507



Event Schedule

Board Meeting — 1:00 p.m.
Brunch — 2:00 p.m.
General Membership Meeting — immediately following brunch

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\$1 per person (over 8 years old). Hosts will provide beverages and paper goods.

Members whose names begin with

- A-H Please bring a main dish (quiche, egg, or brunch-type casserole)
- I-R Please bring a side dish (green salad, Waldorf salad, coleslaw, fruit salad, etc.)
- S-Z Please bring bread, danish, rolls, etc.

Directions:

From central and eastern Connecticut, go to Canton/Collinsville, take Route 202 west toward Torrington. After passing intersection of Route 219 in New Hartford (there is a traffic light at the intersection) go about 1 mile to next traffic light (Bakerville). Turn right onto Cedar Lane. Follow Cedar Lane 1.4 miles. We are on left-hand side at 301 Cedar Lane.

From south and west of Torrington, take Route 8 north to exit 44 in Torrington. Turn right at end of exit onto Route 202 east. Take left at first light in New Hartford/Bakerville. This is Cedar Lane. Proceed as above.

Please mail coupon and kitty fee by January 28 to: Eileen Bartram, 301 Cedar Lane, New Hartford, CT 06057.



A Mid-Winter's Day Brunch & Meeting Charter Oak Connecticut Unit

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Phone _____ Kitty fee enclosed \$ _____

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Audrey Clark, hostess, 1st vice president
of Charter Oak CT Unit, accompanied
by Donald Brown

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT - SOUTH

A COCU Sunday dinner is planned for Sunday February 18th, as follows:

When: Sunday, February 18th at 1:00 PM.

Where: The Ramada Inn, 2011 North Wheeler Street, Plant City, FL - formerly a Holiday Inn.

Directions: From RT 301 in Zephyrhills, take a left onto RT 54, then a right onto 535 (go past Sky Drive City), then turn left onto RT 39 to Plant City. The Ramada Inn will be on your right just after you go under RT 4. This trip takes approximately one hour.

We hope you will all be able to come. As we must let the restaurant know by Friday the 16th, please return your reservation to us prior to that date.

Niels and Lydia Rosenbeck
Lot 3-38

The dinner includes a delightful buffet for \$8.95, which does not include tax, tip, or drinks.

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Presidents Message: Caravans, far and near

"In Xanadu did Kublai Khan a stately pleasure dome decree..." With these words the poet evoked the mystery of travel, the image of camel caravans plodding across vast deserts, of minarets towering over cities of strange visage, of vast horizons and ever-new sights. The remote and alien, set against the familiar and commonplace. Even as children we rehearsed the desire to travel as we sang "The bear went over the mountain to see what he could see..." The endless hours pouring over National Geographic maps and articles and the games of "can you find" The mountain climber who explains his acts with the phrase "because it's there". There is so much in the world to see, savor, and study.

As Airstreamers we feel the tug of change and challenge so strongly — the satisfaction of breaching old boundaries and attaining the vista beyond. When we gather, we immediately start to share experiences: what we saw, where we went, what happened! We find amusement rather than distress at the things that went astray, the mechanical malfunctions, the sand that swirled everywhere..... While our silver palaces buffer us from much of the discomfort known to more rugged travelers, they also open the door to travel for those whose age and infirmities might have held them in earlier days to porches and rocking chairs. We find a palpable "cure" for much of which ails us — the therapy of reaching out.

Beyond the physical dimensions of travel, places and sights, I ponder about the people we have met, the coincidences of shared needs and experiences, the random touching of people through conversation and casual words — and the surprising changes that are ignited by these moments of togetherness. Of hearts that are reached, and even goals that are changed. Our words have wings oftentimes and flutter in strange ways to help, heal, and yes, when we are not thoughtful — to hurt. I have been struck by a surprising number of unexpected conversations on our various caravans that caused good things to happen, loads to lighten, "the road ahead to clear." There is a mystery in travel that goes beyond the physical vistas when people become the focus.

Of course, there are those fogies who believe that "curiosity killed the cat".

Jim Miller



Officers Information Rally West Townsend, MA May 3-5, 1996

All present or future unit officers are invited to a weekend of seminars (no rally fee, no parking fee, no charges) hosted by the Region 1 Officers. This will be an informal get-together to discuss specific items plus some of the "gray" things that transpire at the International, Region, and Unit levels. I urge all officers to attend this very informative meeting. Look for the sign-up coupon in the Region 1 newsletter enclosed. For directions to McGrath Acres, contact Jim Miller (203) 926-0571 or Cathy Barrett (860) 673-6355.

In Memoriam

The members of the Charter Oak CT Unit wish to express their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Adele Fiehn, who passed away on January 19, 1996. Adele was a member of our unit and a long-time member of the Cape Cod Unit.

February Meeting News

We enjoyed a festive brunch at the lovely home of Dick and Eileen Bartram. Nestled in deep woods with drifts of snow on all sides we luxuriated in the country setting, warm and gracious indoors, crisp and vintage New England outdoors. The weather hovered around +10 and children sledged down the slope. Indoors we gossiped and noshed, exchanged news of triumphs and aches, toasted our friends and thought of those absent or recently gone. New members Rosalie and Richard Moffo were introduced. A brief Board and regular meeting covered the necessary business items. Region 1 Veep Wayne Ruddy delivered news from the mid-winter officers meeting in Texas and showed pictures of his Airstream stopped in yard-deep snow; a most dedicated officer. Bard Fuller of the Cape Cod Unit described his recruiting efforts at the recent Hartford RV show in support of Marty's USRV and gave good ideas for us to contribute in a similar manner. Thanks! As we left we saw a beautiful orange-colored full moon rising over the snow covered landscape.

Jim Miller

Poets Corner

On First Looking into Chapman's Homer

"Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold,
And many goodly states and kingdoms seen;
Round many western islands have I been
Which bards in fealty to Apollo hold.

Oft of one wide expanse had I been told
That deep-brow'd Homer ruled as his desmesne;
Yet did I never breathe its pure serene
Till I heard Chapman speak out loud and bold;

Then I felt like some watcher of the skies
When a new planet swims into his ken;
Or like stout Cortez, when with eagle eyes

He stared at the Pacific — and all his men
Look'd at each other with a wild surmise —
Silent, upon a peak in Darien"

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Roderick & Shirley Dole, President and First Lady

Thomas Petrillo, Editor

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February 1966

From the Top

The material included in this Region Newsletter is being assembled in Texas and forwarded to Florida. I do not know how Editor Tom Petrillo will ever get this in one paper.

I do want to thank the White Mountain NH Unit and everyone who helped them for an excellent Region 1 Rally. The final report I received from David Penniman was excellent. Further, the White Mountain Unit gave the Region treasury \$200. Only \$100 was required. The White Mountain Unit also sent another \$100 toward expenses to conduct an Officers' Workshop. This will be held on May 3 - 5, 1996 at McGrath Acres in West Townsend, MA.

The two Christmas Parties in December at Sturbridge, MA. (New England and Cape Cod) and in Coventry, CT. (Charter Oak) were well attended. Your Region Officers attended all unit installations and both Christmas parties.

A letter from Dave Walker, International Constitution Chairman, showed all units in Region 1 have their Constitution and By-Laws submitted and approved to date. In Dave Reed's (Executive Director) report to the IBT, he made mention of attending a meeting in Louisville, KY. at Presidents Vern Goodwin's request. This meeting was organized by the Camping & Caravan Federation of Quebec. All of the RV organizations were in attendance.

Don't forget our Region 1 Caravan to the International Rally to be held in Rapid City, SD. Our Region 1 Wagon-Master Ray and wife Joyce Dallaire have planned a wonderful caravan. Look in the Blue Beret for details and coupon. The caravan will be leaving from the Albany, NY area.

All the Region 1 Officers will be available for the Spring Business Meetings to answer any questions concerning IBT, delegate voting and the International.

See you in the Spring.

Roderick A. Dole
President, Region 1

IBT Mid-Winter Board Meeting

January 15 - 16, 1996
Kerrville, Texas

On January 16-17 some 70 items were discussed and voted on at the seminar. This took two days. Most were of the housekeeping type.

On January 19, the IBT met and took care of the above in a very timely fashion. Listed below are administrative items that I believe are of interest to our Region 1 members.

1. Prospective Members

Amend Article IV By Laws, Page 8.
New Section 8 to read: A Unit may invite a prospective member to attend rallies and other activities of the unit.
Note: Since the removal of the requirement of a new member to attend a unit function, some members have interpreted the above to mean new prospective members could not attend a Unit function. The above clarifies this.

2. Membership Numbers

Amend Policy 9, Page 96.
This will allow any new member to retain the number that is currently on the trailer purchased from a former member. The former member must give the new member written permission to use his old number. This only applies to numbers above 999.

3. International Nominating Committee

Article XVII, Page 58
It will change the voting procedures for the two members of the International Nominating Committee.
Note: Presently, they would have to go through a "Roll Call" vote of the delegates, should there be more than two members running for the nominating committee. By changing this to a Plurality vote, the two members with the most votes would be on the International Nominating Committee and only one vote would be necessary.

Region 1 Rally
Aug. 23 - 26, 1996
Windsor, Nova Scotia
Visit Evangeline Country

Future International Rallies

1996
Rapid City, SD Vern Goodwin, Pres.
1997
Huntsville, AL. Norman Hewer, Pres.
1998
Boise, ID Charles Duran, Pres

Membership incentives

At the IBT meeting on January 19, there were several membership incentives passed by the Board. Mainly they provide one free membership for each unit. Secondly, bonus coupons could be used if the free membership renews for the second year. I am sending a copy of these motions to each membership chairperson, who in turn can discuss this with the other unit officers.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee consisting of Chairman, Past Pres. Gene Stubbs, Virginia Davis and "Bud" Oweiss gave the following slate of officers for the delegates to vote on at the 1966 Rapid City delegates meeting.

President Norman Hewer #133
1st VP Charles Duran #136
2nd VP Robert Wagon #139
3rd VP Ed Elmer #239
Secty. Gayle Little #8263
Treasurer Loren Davis #250
Nom. Comm. ... Darina Lindroth #268
 W.L. "Dub" Holland #214

Officers Info Rally May 3 - 5, 1996

All present or future officers are invited to a week-end of seminars hosted by Region 1 Officers. This will be an informal get together to discuss specific items plus some of the "gray" things that transpire at the International, Region and Unit levels. I urge all officers to attend this informative meeting.

See Coupon on page 2

Important dates at Rapid City, SD

June 18	Parliamentary Workshop - Bob Clipson
June 20 - 21	IBT Seminar
June 22	IBT Board Meeting
June 28	Seminar for Unit Officers, especially 1st VP and Membership Chairperson.
June 29	Delegates Meeting
June 29	Region 1 Luncheon - 12 noon - Holiday Inn Rapid City. Wayne Ruty, Chairman
July 4	Parade, Picnic and Fireworks
July 5	New IBT - Seminar and Board Meeting

Delegates Issues

1. Name Change -- submitted by Region 12, CA. This would include the Airstream name with WBCCI. All units should be aware that it is estimated that it will cost the club between \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Example: All logo's, flags, name tags, and stationary etc. would have to be changed

2. Chief Executive Officer of Airstream be allowed to appoint another officer of Airstream to take his place when he is unable to attend. This would allow a representative of Airstream at our Board Meeting.

3. Regular Member - to revise the nomenclature by eliminating **Associate Member**. The above is for clarification and to eliminate potential IRS interpretation as to meaning and role of a Associate Member.

Policies and Procedures Task Force

Chairman, Laurie Stephen

Laurie gave a rather detailed report relative to his committee's study.

- (A) Membership qualifications
- (B) Directions WBCCI should take to ensure viability
- (C) Financial stability

Note: A resolution was passed unanimously at the IBT meeting on Jan. 19, 1996 to have the task force continue to focus on the above topics.

Airstream President at IBT

Larry Huttel gave a short speech after the IBT. He announced new dealers, one being C.R.C. in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. Larry also informed us that we now have three dealers in Region 1: U.S.R.V. in Massachusetts, C.R.C in New Brunswick, Canada and Service Caravane in Quebec, Canada.

Mr Huttel also discussed new products which include the 5th wheel trailer, a car towable trailer (take out 1/3 of the cost and 1/3 of the weight). and slideouts. Some of these items are a year or so away.

Spirit of the West
39th
International Rally
Rapid City, SD



Informal IBT Meeting

On Monday, Jan. 15, 1996, an informal meeting was held for WBCCI members at the Mid-winter Board Meeting in Kerrville, Texas. President Vern Goodwin had an open discussion on several topics.

The following are two of them.

Disolution of a Unit

1. (a) No individual can leagally receive any of the funds of the unit.
- (b) Unit can give funds to charity or Region or WBCCI legally.
- (c) Unit has an obligation to WBCCI to report financial status when disolving or at the end of each year. It is not a private matter.
- (d) Incorporated Units will have to conform to the rules of the state that they are incorporated in. Should they decide to dissolve, WBCCI becomes secondary but a unit must appoint a trustee from WBCCI.

National & Special Events Rallies

- (a) This was a discussion on the methods of reporting of these rallies once they are completed. At the present time, Region 1 does not have any of these type rallies.

Region 1 Officers struggle to get to the IBT

All three Region 1 Officers had good intentions of attending the IBT in Kerrville, Texas. Mother weather did slow them down somewhat.

1st VP Theda McGrath spent two nights in a hotel in Scranton, PA on January 7 and 8. She then got as far as Richmond, VA and lost the transmission in her Suburban. Due to lengthy repairs, she did not make the IBT.

2nd VP Wayne Ruty, left on Jan. 6. They got as far as Woodstock, VA on Interstate 81. They spent three days in a motel. A payloader had to dig them out of the snow.

Rod and Shirley left on Jan 9 after the storm. When we arrived in New Jersey, we could not travel on the New Jersey Turpike and ended up on Route 1. The snow was so high, we could not get into gas stations with truck and trailer. It started snowing in South Jersey and we ended up in a motel for one night. We had to travel long days but the Ruttys and Doles made it to the IBT.

Officers Information Rally

May 3 - 5, 1996

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Rod Dole, 309 South Engleville Rd
Storrs, CT 06268 Ph. 860-429-6645

Aloha from Hawaii

January 8, 1996

Dear Charter Oak Family,

We received so many cards and well wishes over the holidays and they meant so much. We were just unable to get greetings out to the people we hold dear.

Paul Alan had major surgery late in the year and we were just happy to get him home for the holidays.

Some of you remember the bad spot on his back — well it was getting worse and needed to be corrected. His surgery was 7 1/2 hours, and the bad spot was a rubbing from a loose bolt. His rods were cut off just above the waist and removed from there down (all hardware). He was a very sore fellow.

But you know he is such a brave little guy and he is doing well. He returned to school January 3.

Thanks again for those of you who remembered us. We think of you often.

The Goods — Judy, Paul, & Paul Alan

News from COCU-South

On January 28th, a sunny and pleasant Sunday, we had a COCU-South dinner at the Fireside Inn in Brooksville, Florida.

There were twenty-six members and unit members present. The Inn gave us the upstairs room, where our dinner consisted of a fruit bar, the entree of our choice, and ending with a dessert bar. While we have gone out together quite a few other Sundays, this was the first time we officially met as a COCU group.

There will be twenty-three members of our unit attending the Sweetheart Ball on February 9th — our own Rip and Elsie Nelson celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year! Congratulations, and many more anniversaries for these dear people!

A bit of news from our membership here in the South: The Jim Edmondsons and the Freedts are away this week enjoying an Elderhostel. Lill and Bill Herpich are purchasing a 34' trailer, they look younger each year! Roger and Ruth Crockett are here, and good news, Ruth is not going home to work this year. Reggie and Jackie Brown are down for a few weeks, and we have all enjoyed being with them. Neils and Lydia, as always, fill our days with sunshine! Lee Hale, after having a hysterectomy, is doing well and will be down around February 6th. It's a joy to see Maggie feeling so much better and Mike Kuehn is busy, as always. The Towers and Ron Edmondsons are on leased lots, how nice it is to have these two couples here. My dear friend, Donald Brown, is once again here from the Isle of Islay in Scotland!

As always, the affection and friendship in our unit has been evident here in Florida. Each day we feel lucky to be away from the snow and cold, and with all of our COCU-South members.

Audrey Clark

Deadline for the next issue of the *Chatter* is March 8.

Membership Status

I am informed that we have the following new 1996 members. Unit: Russell Berg and Dorothy O'Connor, Bill and Betty Clark, Claire and Pat Lines, Donald and Dolores Perry, and (probably) Richard and Rosalie Moffo. International members: Beth and J Braun, Gregory and Sylvia Davis, Florence Lewis (Argosy), Fred and Susan Newman, Ed and Al Stagis, Christine Yario and Kirk Peterson.

Terrific!!!

Best wishes to Hank and Arlene Setterstrom

Hank is recovering from a January 6-way bypass plus heart valve repair (!!!!!). The very day after the operation he was setting up and sipping juice. Incredible. Even the Roto-Rooter man can't top Hank's experience. We all hope that his recovery will be swift and sure. On behalf of the Charter Oaker's I sent flowers to Hank and Arlene. Your calls, thoughts, cards - and (later?) visits will be appreciated.

Jim

Ticket Info

Tickets are now available for the International Region 1 Rally luncheon, June 20, @ \$11.50 each - contact Sandy Sasuta.

The Price Was Right

Ted and I are both products of West Hartford, but managed not to meet until our "formal" education was complete. Purely by chance in 1952 our paths crossed, and crossed, and crossed. After a whirlwind courtship which lasted four years, we were married in May of 1956, only 40 — years ago. How could any girl pass up a tall, handsome, thin, broad shouldered guy in white bucks, driving a 1936 Ford sedan — both loaded with personality?

The result of this union produced three daughters, Leslie (1958), Lisa (1960), and Allison (1961) — so much for family planning.

Leslie in Kansas City, works for Hallmark, Lisa is an administrative assistant at Hartford Ball/Hartford Bearing in Rocky Hill, and Allison is an electrical engineer for Carrier and is now living in France for the next two years; her permanent residence is in Avon. Two son-in-laws provide us with the male portion of our family.

Ted works for Advest which was known as Putnam & Co., which became Putnam, Coffin & Burr; he has been there for over 45 years.

I, on the other hand, have had a revolving door of jobs from casualty claims adjuster, secretary to the Sr. Minister of First Church of Christ, Wethersfield, to secretary at Brain Injury Association of CT — now part time, thus allowing for long trailering weekends.

Ted's hobbies include carpentry which seems to have taken a back seat to map reading, trip planning/dreaming, and trying to master our new (finally) VCR. He is a past president and active board member of the Wethersfield Civitan Club and served in the Naval Reserve for over 32 years.

My hobbies include picking up after and trailing after Ted, but allows me time to do some volunteer work for the American Cancer Society, Reach to Recovery Program and to serve as secretary on the Board of Directors of First Church Housing, Inc. I also try to avoid getting cornered by Jim Miller's long reach for support services. I do not do knitting, crafts, or "windows."

Ted and I built our home approximately 30 years ago; it has served us well but when you see it you will know that parking a trailer was not included in the original blueprints!

Our present Airstream is our second one and we have enjoyed our association with fellow Airstream owners. We deeply appreciate all your help in problem solving, just think of it as sharpening your own trailer skills!

See you down the road —

Lois and Ted Price

Happy Anniversary!

Linwood & Dorothy Lowell	02/01
Ron & Shirley Edmondson	03/01
Arthur & Arlene Sikes	03/02
Edward & Darlene Beausoleil	03/12
Clarence & Jessie Gould	03/17

Happy Birthday!

Richard Long	01/02
Donald Perry	01/03
Rip Nelson	01/05
James Hegeman	01/08
J. Braun	01/16
Howard Knight	01/16
Arthur Droheim	01/17
Edward Stagis	01/19
Darlene Beausoleil	01/22
Arlene Sikes	01/28
Linwood Lowell	01/30
Raymond Lemaire	01/30
William Fiehn	02/04
Beth Braun	02/12
William Griffin	02/12
Richard Brockett	02/13
Harold Carlson	02/15
Patricia Lines	02/18
Mike Sasuta	02/21
Stanley Barnes	02/22
Betty Clark	02/23
Florence Graham	02/28
Laura Edmondson	03/01
Carolyn Barrett	03/01
Lydia Rosenbeck	03/08
Dot McLain	03/10
Audrey Clark	03/11
Sandy Eglise	03/11
Christine Yario	03/13
Barbara White	03/14
Jessie Gould	03/15
Roger Crockett	03/21
Ruth Crockett	03/22
Leland Bradley	03/23
Kay Richardson	03/24
Robert White	03/26
Dawn Miller	03/29
Margie Peterson	03/31

(Editor's Note: I apologize if any of these dates are incorrect. If you responded to my request, your dates have been fixed. I assumed that "your birthday" was the husband's date and "spouses birthday" was the wife's. Call me with any changes. — Cathy.)

Italian Feast

Date

March 3, 1996

Hosted by

Jim & Dawn Miller

Location:

Jim & Dawn Miller's Home
 36 Sagamore Road, Shelton, CT 06484
 (203) 926-0571

Event Schedule

Board Meeting — 1:00 p.m.
 General Activities & Dining — 2:00 p.m.

Kitty Fee

\$1 per person, children free

What to bring (besides an appetite) — let your imagination run riot

A-R Main or side dish — Italian specialties encouraged
 S-Z Dessert yummy

Directions:

From downtown Shelton: Proceed North on Howe Avenue (aka Route 110) for 3+ miles, passing Indian Wells State Park. Turn RIGHT at stop light (White Hills Shopping Center) onto Maple Avenue/East Village Road. Go 0.9 miles and take right-turn-only onto Village Road. Proceed 1.1 miles to top of hill. Turn right onto Sachem Drive (one block) and Sagamore Road, 0.3 miles. We are the last house; on the cul de sac.

Please RSVP by mailing coupon and kitty fee by February 28 to: Jim & Dawn Miller, 36 Sagamore Road, Shelton, CT 06484.



Italian Feast

Name _____ Membership # _____

Phone _____ Kitty fee enclosed \$ _____

Number of persons attending _____

COCU's Favorite Recipes

No-Knead Oatmeal Bread

2 packages active dry yeast	1/3 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups boiling water	1 tablespoon salt
1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats	6 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 cup light molasses	2 slightly beaten eggs

Soften yeast in 1/2 cup warm water (110° degrees F), in a large bowl, combine the 1 1/2 cups boiling water, rolled oats, molasses, shortening and salt; cool to lukewarm. Stir in 2 cups flour, add eggs, beat well. Stir in softened yeast, beat well. Add remaining flour, 2 cups at a time; mixing vigorously after each addition; to make moderately stiff dough. Beat vigorously until smooth, about 10 minutes.

Grease top lightly. Place in refrigerator at least 2 hours or overnight. Turn out on well-floured surface; shape into 2 loaves. Place in greased 8 1/2 by 4 1/2, by 2 1/2-inch pans. Cover, let rise in warm place till doubled in size (about 2 hours). Bake about 40 minutes in 375° degree F oven. If crust browns quickly, cover with foil for last half hour of baking. Makes two loaves.

Anne Werth, #13703

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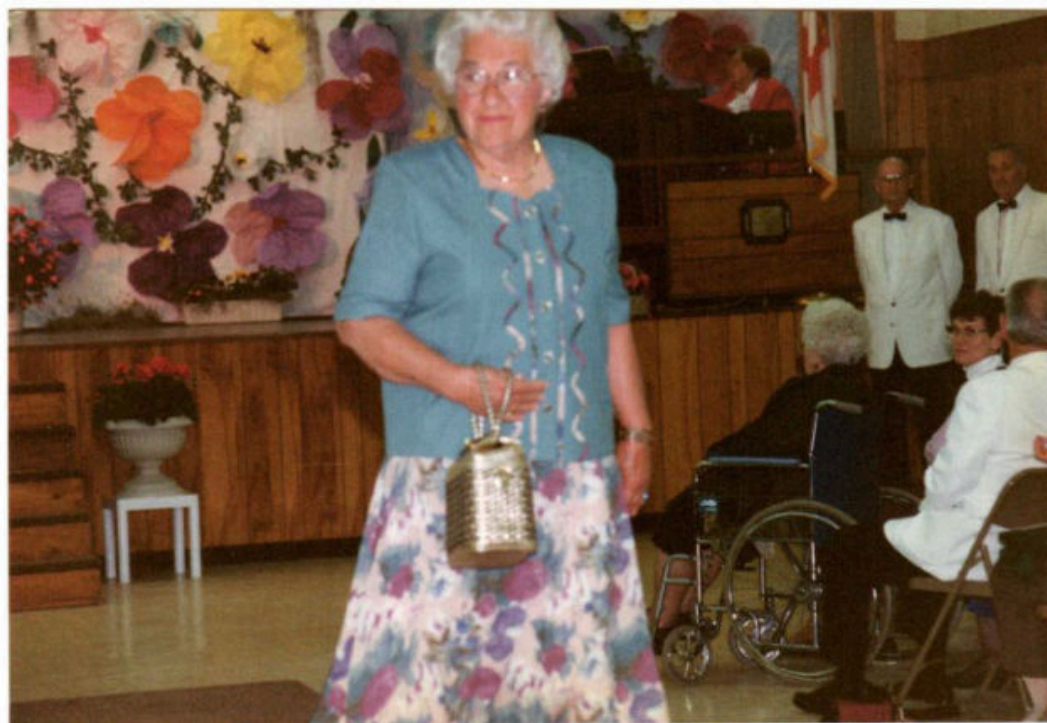
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Travelers Rest Fashion Show
March 9, 1996



Lillian Herpick, Model



Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued



Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued



Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued



Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued



Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued



Dorothy Freed, Model



Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued



Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued



Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued



Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued

Spectators



L to R Unidentified man, Candlyn Barrett, Lydia Rosenbeck, Audrey Clark, Maggie Kuehn



L+R Unidentified man, Elsie Nelson, her sister Ginny Marge Peterson, Laura Edmondson

Travelers Rest Fashion Show Continued



Audrey Clark partially shown, Lydia Rosenbeck, Laura Edmondson, front.



Laura Edmondson, back to photo talking w/ Lydia Rosenbeck

Fashion Show Photos by Lee Hale

Sweet heart
Ball
February 1996



Travelers Rest
Dade City, FL

Elsie & Rip
Nelson
honored at Sweet
heart Ball
Golden Anniversary
Year



Charter Oak
CT Unit
members
attending

Sweetheart Ball Cont



Jim, Laura & Shirley Edmondson

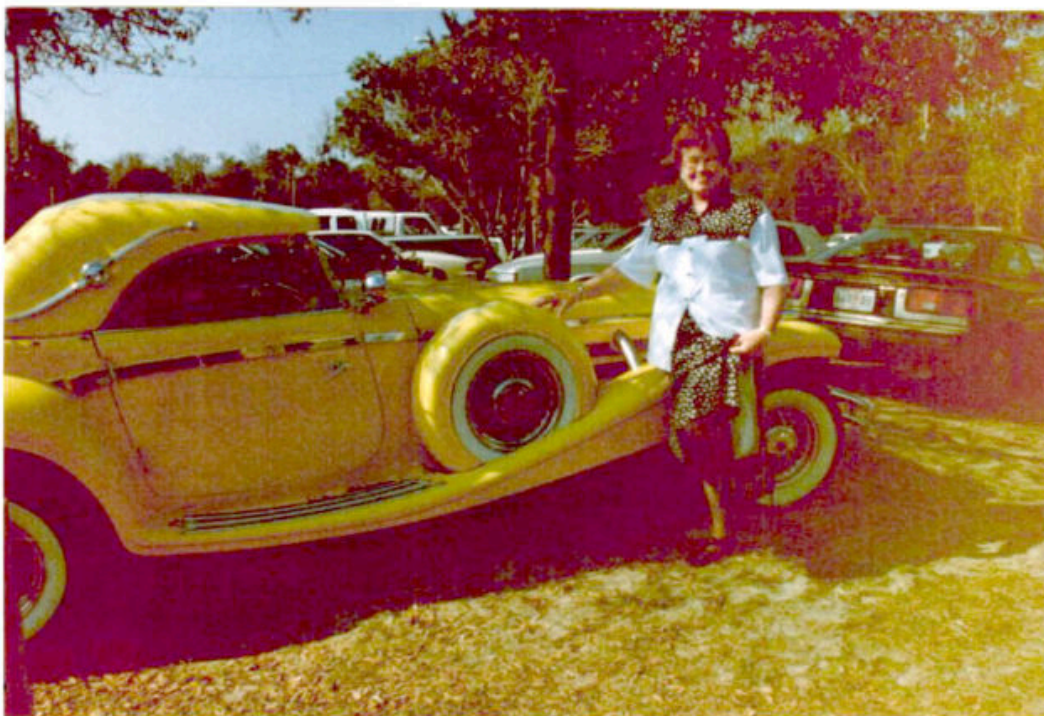
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Barbara, Susan, Crumpie - Melissa Springs FL



Niel & Lynn Muscardin



Lee Hale

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Dates to Remember

April 14

Dinner Meeting
Hosts: Ted & Lois Price

May 4-5

Region 1 Officers Training Seminar,
W. Townsend, MA
Hosts: Region 1 Officers

May 18-19

Joint Rally, Southington, CT
Co-hosts: Fullers (Cape Cod) &
Millers (Charter Oak)

June 7-9

Rally, Bald Mountain, VT
Co-hosts: Bob & Carolyn Barrett and
Ted & Lois Price

June 15

U152 "Caravan to the Gateway to the Hills"
International Rally, Rapid City, SD

June 28-July 4

International Rally, Rapid City, SD

August 2-4

Rally "Rendezvous at Charlemont"
Co-hosts: Dick & Eileen Bartram and
Fred & Susan Newman

August 19

"Caravan to the Land of Evangeline"
Caravan to Nova Scotia

September 8

Details TBD
Hosts: Mike & Sandy Sasuta

October 4-6

Rally, Coventry, CT
Co-hosts: Bob & Anne Werth and
Jim & Laura Edmondson

October 6-12

Fall Caravan
Co-hosts: Jim & Dawn Miller and
Claire & Pat Lines

November 3

Installation Dinner - George's, Vernon, CT
Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall

December 8

Dinner Meeting
Hosts: Beth & J. Braun

Presidents Message

Snow birds, it's OK to come home!!

It's late February; the snow has finally melted in our yard and for the first time since Christmas grass is visible. The deer tracks have vanished. Warm breezes dissolved the thick white covering like magic. Dense fogs settle-in as the moisture rises. Our dog wants to stretch out on the porch and sniff the smells wafting from the nearby woods. Piles of sand from the hard working road crews line the curbs. Gutters trickle with the sound of melting ice. The portents are clear: winter is finally ready to retreat. Surely it will not go quietly and we will see more snow and cold before Spring's balmy promise is certain. Nutmeggers are clambering from warm burrows and thinking of new ventures. The damage of the winter is visible; we make lists of needed repairs and cleanup tasks. It is too soon for growing things to burgeon but we sense the urgent life-force everywhere. Birds, squirrels, rabbits, deer — all are getting ready for the fat days ahead with plentiful food, the nesting vigor and rigor. The survivors reap their rewards. Soon the Snow birds will hitch up and return as well.

It's time to venture again into our Airstreams and check out the damage. We look for signs of moisture, bad batteries, mice, odd smells; all of the normal maintenance of a new season. We are "itchy." Cabin fever days are passing. It's time to get ready for travel, new sights, and all of the activities that are so pleasing. And most especially we look forward to our Snow birds returning. Oftimes during the winter our thoughts turned to friends who spent the season apart. What you were doing, what stories to tell, healthy suntans to exhibit to the palefaces? We look forward to your return, to friendships refreshed, and to the exciting activities of our club. We should have a busy and fun-filled season. Somehow the pieces are falling into place!! Thanks to all who work so hard on behalf of Charter Oak. So many hands to share the load. And such goodwill.

Beyond our small neighborhood, the world continues to surprise and amaze. Paradoxes abound — mysteries we don't grasp — global warming and Connecticut old-fashioned winters, the stunning stock market, the Primary follies, peace and faux-peace — strident lands across the globe, old problems and new questions, rapid change, uncertainty and worry. Cures for some ailments - physical and social, but not all — and not soon enough. Somehow through the shrill din of news, fact and falsehood, the common people ponder life, think slowly, and choose. There is a health and vigor to the process that is hopeful. Doomsayers, fanatics, and erstwhile power-seekers are confounded by the wisdom of the plain people. There is a deep rooted strength in our country. It is a season for change, growth, and optimism. Spring is nigh!!

Jim Miller



The Road Traveled

Last October, Russell Berg and I participated in Charter Oak's Rally at Durham and the subsequent caravan to Amish country. We enjoyed the trip and the people so much that we joined the Unit. So, when President Jim Miller invited me to write an account for the *Chatter* of our trip south, I readily agreed.

On January 24, the second day away from our home near Boston, we traveled from Somerville, NJ, to Gettysburg to take in the sights we'd missed in October. Driving Route 78 was a nightmare. Fog dulled our perception of snow-filled meadows and the boundaries of the roads. After an hour of driving, my shoulders ached with tension, I was cold despite the Suburban's powerful heater, and I only wanted to leave the road and drink something hot. Near Exit 8 we saw a billboard announcing the Mt. Blue Diner, which some people in the caravan had praised. When we reached the bottom of the exit ramp there were numerous signs advertising eateries, but no clue about which way to turn. We guessed and went right. A 3-mile trip on a narrow country road piled high with snow on both sides led us to conclude that we should have turned left, but where could we reverse direction?

Fortunately, at this point we were dealing only with the tow vehicle, since we had stored the Airstream in Stafford, Virginia, last October. Russell spotted a farmhouse with a long driveway and suggested turning there. After I made the turn we realized we were sitting on solid ice. I put the Suburban into reverse, whereupon we slid slowly sideways toward a deep snow bank. Russell told me later that he figured we'd be there until June, forgetting my North Country roots. I gently and successfully backed up, headed in the opposite direction, and proceeded to Phase II of the day's adventure.

Eventually we arrived in Shartlesville, on "old Route 22," where we happened upon Haag's Hotel, built

in 1914. Its brochure states that it is "in the center of town," but if you blink, you miss it. We stumbled gratefully into the warm dining room, where we each consumed hot soup, a large vegetable platter, bread and butter, apple butter, cottage cheese, tea and dessert — all tasty and all for a grand total of \$12.72!! Refreshed and with our morale restored, we pressed on to Gettysburg. By the way, we never did locate the Mt. Blue Diner!

In Gettysburg we completed the auto tape tour we'd begun in October, studied the exhibits at the Visitors' Center, and heard a presentation at the Electric Map. Several Airstreamers had recommended the Electric Map and they were right; it provides a framework within which one can more easily understand the events of the three-day battle.

Then on to Stafford via Warrenton, Virginia, for an outstanding northern Italian meal at Fantastico's. Our trailer was waiting patiently for us. The furnace soon heated the raw, chilly air. I was overjoyed to learn that the Airstream had not acquired any mice, maybe because we had scattered sheets of Bounce.

After a day spent provisioning the trailer, we drove on Super Bowl Sunday to a KOA campground in Enfield, NC. During a conversation with the owner, I stated that New Jersey, his place of

birth, is far from my favorite state to travel through. He replied, "When I'm driving and I reach Pennsy, I get depressed; when I reach New Jersey, I get VERY depressed."

At our next stop in southern North Carolina the weather was cold and rainy, and we had to haul water because the site had none. However, it was there that I saw the first flowers of the trip. Yellow pansies nodded at me through the rain drops.

A few days later we followed Route 501 to Myrtle Beach. On a two-lane country road we crossed a narrow bridge simultaneously with a wide load going in the opposite direction. Once across, Russell quipped, "Okay, Dorothy, you can relax your gluteals now!"

I love egrets for their trim bodies, their stark whiteness, and their symbolism of sun and water. I finally saw some. In the shallows of the Edisto River, five egrets were standing equally spaced, their feet in the water and their heads all pointed in the same direction. That day, February 2, as we traveled from Myrtle Beach to Kingsland, Georgia, we missed an ice storm which affected much of the south. It caused miserable driving conditions and heralded a cold front the likes of which southeastern U.S. has not experienced for a decade.

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That Sunday we toured part of the 600-square mile Okefenokee Swamp, where both the St. Mary's and Suwannee Rivers originate. Having reserved seats on a two-hour guided boat trip, we kept the date, dressed in several layers topped with gloves, scarves, and hats. My mind screamed headlines: O'CONNOR AND BERG GO BOATING IN RECORD COLD. When we returned to the trailer we were so bone-chilled that we ran the furnace and the heat cube simultaneously. Nevertheless, Okefenokee was worth experiencing. We traveled through three different swamp environments. Although the guide told us it is at its loveliest in April, it displayed a stark beauty in the winter.

In St. Augustine, two and a half weeks after leaving Boston, we finally found sun and warmth. Our visit there included a trip to the "oldest drug store" to buy assorted jelly beans. There are about 30 flavors, ranging from

peppery Jalapeno through cinnamon, coconut, coffee, peppermint and other unusual tastes.

After St. Augustine we spent a few days in the bullpen of Port o' Call, an Airstream park in Melbourne. We had lived for eleven days with a broken water system. The plastic valve on the tubing behind the toilet had given way. For a long week and a half Russell had hauled water in gallon jugs and we had heated water for dishes and "spit baths." During this period I had baked cookies twice and prepared most of our meals, including a company meal for three guests.

We had learned from an RV repair person in Myrtle Beach that there is a class action pending against Dupont because of multiple problems with the plastic fittings.

When Philip Koontz of Ohio and Port o' Call, Airstream mechanic par excellence, repaired our water system, I felt doubly blessed. Not only did I have

running water, but I had the luxury of running hot water!

While we were at Port o' Call we drove to Dixie Crossroads in Titusville for a shrimp dinner. If you are a shrimp lover, don't miss it!

Seen along the road: "Be naughty. Give Santa A Rest." And on a sweatshirt: "My Life is Like A Box of Chocolates — It's Full of Nuts!"

Now we're in Venice, which we regard as another "home away from home." We will attend the Florida State Rally in Sarasota and see many New England friends. From there we plan to visit Travelers' Rest in Dade City, explore the Panhandle, and stay in New Orleans for several days before heading home.

Dorothy O'Connor

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - South

Traveler's Rest

Our February official dinner meeting was held on the eighteenth, and was hosted by Niels and Lydia Rosenbeck. There were twenty-three of us happily eating the delightful buffet at the Ramada Inn, in Plant City, Florida. Our next official function is to be hosted by Paul and Dorothy Freed on March 7 at 12:30 in the afternoon. This will be at the Freed's home in the Village. We will celebrate at that time all of the March birthdays!

The latest news from COCU-South: Jim and Dot McLain are in good health and happy in their Village home here at T.R. John and Marge Peterson are here on the Hill — John had a very painful back, but is recovering nicely. The Sandalls were here for a too brief visit, and are now off to the Florida East Coast. A number of our unit members attended the Florida Rally in Sarasota, including the Ron Edmondsons, the Sandalls, the Towers, and the Freeds. They all had a great time, there were 1,001 trailers in attendance!

On February 27th an informal gathering had twenty-two people going to the Brewmaster. We were so happy to see the Barretts and the Bartrams, we celebrated with an impromptu dinner. The Barretts will be back for the month here.

If only the whole world could be like our trailer members are here at Travelers Rest — helping each other, friendly, and not always putting their own interests first. All this and more is true of our COCU-South members. Every day I am grateful for the opportunity of being here.

Audrey Clark

Poets' Corner

A fragment from: The Great Bear by John Hollander

Even on a clear night, lead the most supple children
 Out onto hilltops, and by no means will
 They make it out. Neither the gruff round image
 From a remembered page nor the uncertain
 Finger tracing that image out can manage
 To mark the lines of what ought to be there,
 Passing through certain bounding stars, until
 The whole massive expanse of bear appear
 Swinging, across the ecliptic; and, although
 The littlest ones say nothing, others respond,
 Making us thankful in varying degrees
 For what we would have shown them: "There it is!"
 "I see it now!" Even "Very like a bear!"
 Would make us grateful. Because there is no bear x x

"COCU-Nuts!"

- Anyone interested in joining a Charter Oak Caravan to travel to the Region 1 Rally in August please contact Jim Miller - this is an "iffy" question not a "must do". We don't have a firm handle on who is going and there is an existing Howard-Knight-led-one already scheduled.
- The March dinner was held at the home of Jim and Dawn Miller. The theme was an "Italian Feast" and we dined royally on wonderful Italian fare — scrumptious main dishes and sinfully delicious deserts. The Tuckermans, Werths, Lines, Moffos, Prices, Sasutas and Don Perry attended. We had an informal meeting (and no Board meeting) but mostly chatted and shared winter tales. Sickness prevented Dolores Perry and Bob and Sharon Henschel from coming. The Bartrams called to share news of their Southern safari and words from the TR clan.
- We are trying to locate our Club History books. They are probably stored with one of the previous officers stuff. Please check your hidey-holes and let Jim Miller know if they are located. We need some information from them for our 25th Anniversary activities. Thanks.

Happy Birthday!

Robert Labadorf	04/05
Paul Freed	04/06
Eileen Bartram	04/09
Robert Werth	04/11
Henry Setterstrom	04/12
Jacoba Taylor	04/14
Bob Barrett	04/16
Claire Bradley	04/17
Russell Berg	04/22
Bob Henschel	04/27

Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Carolyn Barrett	04/11
Paul & Dorothy Freed	04/19



**Deadline for the next issue of the
Chatter is April 8.**

April in Wethersfield (... Paris was all booked up!)

Date

April 14, 1996

Hosted by

Lois and Ted Price (your friendly gourmets)

Location:

Lois and Ted Price's Home
121 Boulter Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109
(860) 529-9393

Event Schedule

Board Meeting — 1:00 p.m.
Luncheon and General Activities — 2:00 p.m.

Kitty Fee

\$1 per person, children free

Please bring:

- A-J Cold meat platter
- K-Q Salads/fruit
- R-Z Dessert (finger food)



Directions:

I-91 North: Take exit 24 (Wethersfield/Rocky Hill). Turn right onto North 99; go about .5 miles through 5 traffic lights. Take left at Abdow's Restaurant. Go to end of street to traffic light; take a left onto Rte. 3 (Maple Street). Take first right onto Meadowgate (look for yellow sign with big "curve" arrow). Take first left onto Boulter Road. House of Prices (121 Boulter) is 7th house on right (Green Dutch Colonial with Airstream beside garage!!).

I-91 South: Exit 25S (Rte. 3 South). Go through 5 traffic lights; take first right onto Meadowgate. First left onto Boulter Road. (See above.)

Please RSVP by mailing coupon and kitty fee by April 10 to: Ted and Lois.



April in Wethersfield (... Paris was all booked up!)

Name _____ Membership # _____

Phone _____ Kitty fee enclosed \$ _____

Number of persons attending _____



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!

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Our 25th
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Dates to Remember

May 4-5

Region 1 Officers Training Seminar,
W. Townsend, MA
Hosts: Region 1 Officers

May 18-19

Joint Rally, Southington, CT
Co-hosts: Fullers (Cape Cod) &
Millers (Charter Oak)

June 7-9

Rally, Bald Mountain, VT
Co-hosts: Bob & Carolyn Barrett and
Ted & Lois Price

June 15

U152 "Caravan to the Gateway to the Hills"
International Rally, Rapid City, SD

June 28-July 4

International Rally, Rapid City, SD

August 2-4

Rally "Rendezvous at Charlemont"
Co-hosts: Dick & Eileen Bartram and
Fred & Susan Newman

August 19

"Caravan to the Land of Evangeline"
Caravan to Nova Scotia

September 8

Details TBD
Hosts: Mike & Sandy Sasuta

October 4-6

Rally, Coventry, CT
Co-hosts: Bob & Anne Werth and
Jim & Laura Edmondson

October 6-12

Fall Caravan
Co-hosts: Jim & Dawn Miller and
Claire & Pat Lines

November 3

Installation Dinner - George's, Vernon, CT
Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall

December 8

Dinner Meeting
Hosts: Beth & J. Braun

Itchy Feet Time!!!

Wowie! We had a winter to remember — or to forget! I type this in bitter cold weather with early March snow deep on the ground. We stay-at-homer's are ready to break outdoors and tow our Airstreams. Dawn and I will be on an Arizona Caravan for a month between our April and May meetings — can't let the moss grow on the south side of the trailer. The Charter Oak schedule will accelerate rapidly — we have a fun program of rallies to enjoy. We begin with the joint Rally with our Cape Cod neighbors. Then its off to Vermont. And the International is quickly rising on the horizon. Blueberries are calling from the Massachusetts mountaintops. Plus the Region 1 Nova Scotia Rally led by our Canadian friends. And then It will be great to see the friendly faces we have missed for so many months and catch up on the news. Surely the warmth will thaw out the aching bones, heal the cuts and bruises, and cheer the hearts. Greenery will appear like magic — leaves, grass, and flowers. The deer that struggled so hard to survive the winter blasts will now have ease and full stomachs. And the birds will pleasure us with their dulcet songs. Springtime is a period of renewal and growth for all of the creatures of the world.

Strange fragments cross my mind — George Burns died today at 100+ — I treasure his thought that he never retired and that he enjoyed what he did. And a recent medical study indicated that keeping active and busy is a recipe for a fruitful long life. And UCONN men's team pulled out a championship finish against Georgetown — showing class by never quitting; while the marvelous women's team also won with display of skill and teamwork and enthusiasm. Surely these are good Airstream maxims — our lifestyle is a tonic of stimulation and friendship and challenge and grit.

This is Charter Oak's 25th year Anniversary! Let's make a special effort to make it memorable.

Jim



The Road Traveled — Part II (from Venice to Boston via New Orleans)

When I last wrote, we were in Venice, where we stayed about a week and had a great social life visiting various friends we've met over the years through different facets of our lives. From Venice we proceeded to Sarasota to take part in the Florida State Rally at the Sarasota Fairgrounds.

There were 1,001 trailers there, as reported by Audrey Clark in the March issue of the *Chatter*. Rallies are interesting, you invariably meet nice people, and this was no exception. We had friendly neighbors in the huge, brightly-lit parking lot. The nightly entertainment, which must be a task to put together, was varied. On the first night there was a band whose presentation was made extra sprightly and fun-filled by a talented comedian named Fritz S. Dennis. He told jokes, played "Edelweiss" beautifully on the bells, rode a unicycle, and taught us a silly, hilarious game. He was one of those performers who gets the audience to succumb to his charm very quickly. One of his jokes proved to me beyond a reasonable doubt that my sense of humor got stunted at age five. As he was zooming around the gym on the unicycle, he swooped down and picked up a HUGE lavender pair of ladies underpants. Swinging them around as he rode, he commented, "A lot of air streams through these!," which tickled my funny bone inordinately.

One day at the rally, Russell wandered without me through a display of new Airstreams, including a 25-footer, which is what we have (only ours is a 1986). During his tour, he met a peppy woman named Dorothea Thoman, who said she and her husband also have a 25-foot 1986. She and Russell got to comparing notes; the upshot was that later that day we went to visit them in their trailer. The unusual aspect of that visit was that it was so nonstereotypical — while Dorothea whisked Russell off to the rear of the Airstream to inspect their double bed (our trailer has twin beds) and her computer, her husband Byron and I sat

up forward on the sofa talking about our grandchildren. Nice people.

During the rally there was a luncheon of the New England Unit at the Beneva Golf Club Restaurant. Twenty-six people were there; the food was excellent and it was wonderful to see New England friends.

From Sarasota we went to Travelers Rest, the Airstream Park in Dade City. I wrote in my travel journal, "TR is a most attractive park, on gently sloping land in the heart of poultry, cattle, and citrus country." We were greeted and settled in our site by helpful people.

Friends who have been urging us to visit TR have mentioned the large number of activities available, and they are so right! A person can choose to do nothing, keep busy every minute of the day in planned activities, or strike a happy medium. We spent three days there — I went twice to an exercise class called "Huff and Puff," (and believe me, I huffed and I puffed), I swam twice, did laundry twice, and attended two craft groups. At the second one J—(?) from the Charter Oak Unit came up and welcomed me. She remembered me from the Amish Country Caravan last October, But I'm sorry, friend, I didn't get your name written down, and I've reached the age where I should WRITE THINGS DOWN!! It was gratifying to be greeted so warmly far from home.

Russell, meantime, swam with me once, went to a computer club meeting and attended an amateur radio club meeting about weather. Together we explored the surrounding area by car, sent excellent pink grapefruit to appreciative relatives, had a lunch at the Snack Shack run by some of the men of the park, attended the Sunday Night Ice Cream Social, and invited Evelyn and Everett Harrington from the New England Unit to come for dinner at our trailer. Although we are not golfers, we noticed that the 9-hole course is lovely, well-maintained, and used by a large number of resident.

On Leap Year Day we left Dade City and started our leisurely trek across the Panhandle. We drove only 100-150 miles between stops, and spent a day and a half at each place — Trenton (where we saw the Suwannee River), Panacea, Panama City Beach, Lillian, Alabama, and on to New Orleans. All were pleasant and interesting. We chose to drive Route 98, which meanders along the Gulf, rather than the faster I-10, which runs from ten to sixty miles inland in that area. Yes, we saw the fabled white beaches — the sand really is white! The towns are all small, sleepy, and pleasant. Our favorite stop on that part of the trip was Panacea. With a name like that, I had been fearing for months that it would be noisy and crowded — but, no, it DID live up to its name. It's a town of 2,800, 35 miles south of Tallahassee. The campground was lovely, situated just before the road crosses a bridge over Ochlockonee Bay.

We had what I consider a romantic adventure by walking UNDER the bridge to Angelo's Restaurant on the other side of the road. It was 7 p.m. on a Saturday and the place was mobbed. So we returned to our trailer and had one of my good home-cooked meals. The next day we explored Tallahassee, which is most attractive, with wide, tree-lined streets, totally free of litter. Back in Panacea, we went again to Angelo's and had delicious seafood. A clerk in a local supermarket told me that Angelo's, even though it is situated in a small town, is so crowded because people drive down from Tallahassee to dine there.

On the road between Panacea and Panama City Beach, when I was the passenger, I looked at the map and exclaimed to Russell, "We're coming to a town called Beacon Hill! Wouldn't it be fun to stop there for lunch? It's the name of the place where I work, for Pete's sake!" So I eagerly watched for Beacon Hill; but next thing we knew, we were in Mexico Beach. Stopping there for groceries, I told two women clerks in the bakery how we had missed Beacon Hill.

(Continued on pg. 4.)

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The Southern New England Muster

Friday May 17 - Sunday May 19

In the heart of the Nutmeg State, at the beautiful YMCA camp in Southington Ct..

Your Co-host families of Jim & Dawn Miller and Bard & Kathy Fuller will be featuring:

Spring Dinner Meeting

Tour of the New England Carousel Museum
America's premiere museum of classic carousel components being actively restored.

Unit Historians Workshop

Each member is asked to bring any old, duplicate, or unused photos for unit albums.
Charter Oak Unit this is your 25th anniversary year does anyone have pictures of that first year?

Friday Evening Pound Auction

Each trailer family is asked to bring a nicely wrapped present that weighs about a pound.
This can be anything from a box of candy to a box of pasta to a pound of toilet paper.

Food

Friday evening Hot Dog & Bean Supper
Saturday morning Egg & Cheese Strata with fruit
Saturday evening catered roasted chicken dinner at local church
Sunday morning toasted bagel, oatmeal, & fruit breakfast

Facilities

Come self contained with full water and batteries - Empty waste tanks

Fee

\$7 per night parking (Sunday night parking available for those going on to Region 2 Rally)
\$5 per adult, \$2.50 per child (age 12 - 18) kitty fee (does not include catered dinner)
Catered Saturday evening dinner \$12 per adult, \$6 per child (age 12 - 18)
Fee payable to Bard Fuller, 36 Panorama Dr., Southington, Ct. 06489 phone (860) 621-9246
Reservations for rally and dinner are requested by Sunday May 11

Directions

From Hartford...Take I-91 South to Exit 18 onto Rte I-691 West. Take Exit 4 turn right onto Rte 322 West. At first traffic light turn right onto Rte 120. Go 1.9 miles, turn right onto East St.. Follow East St. for 1.6 miles. YMCA Sloper Day Camp is on the right.

From Old Saybrook...Take Rte 9 North to Rte. 66 West (Middletown - left lane exit). City streets through Middletown before becoming I-691 West. Take Exit 4 and follow as noted above.

From Waterbury...Take I-84 East to Exit 27. Take I-691 East to Exit 4. At end of exit ramp take left onto Rte 322 West. Follow as noted above.

Happy Birthday!

Bard Fuller	05/01
Mark Good	05/03
William O'Donald	05/05
Janet Hegeman	05/12
Ron Edmondson	05/13
Howard Turcotte	05/15
Caroline Barnes	05/17
Bill Clark	05/31

Say That Again?

Eight well-known quotations or phrases have been reworded below — but the original meanings have been kept. Can you identify the originals?

Example: Unnoisy, like a small rodent. **Answer:** Quiet, as a mouse.

1. Everything sparkling need not be a precious metal.
2. The inked stick is stronger than the sharp blade.
3. The turf is consistently more verdent across the property divider.
4. Small chops are the demise of huge trees.
5. A felony is not profitable.
6. A cent stashed is a cent deserved.
7. Surplus chefs destroy soup.
8. Distress welcomes visitors.

(Answers on page 6.)

1996 COCU Membership Directory

Copies of the new Membership Directory were mailed the first week in April. Please review your entry and send any corrections/additions to Cathy Barrett, 47 Carriage Drive, Avon, CT 06001.

Note: Most of the copies sent to those of you who have two addresses were sent to the "summer" address.

The Road Traveled *(continued from pg. 2)*

They laughed heartily. Some day I'll find out why. Maybe Beacon Hill is just two ants and a tree!

In Pensacola we went on a guided tour of the U.S. Naval Air Museum and ate lunch in a boarding house listed in the Sterns' book, *Road Food*.

The flowers are not at all profuse this year because of the cold, but I did see azaleas, dogwood, and lots of "redbud." Why is it called redbud? It is a small tree covered with gorgeous lilac-colored blooms.

Driving on the last leg to New Orleans, we disobeyed the Triptik and took a secondary road which runs along the east coast of Mobile Bay, where we discovered a beautiful town name Fairhope. Many of you have probably share my experience of looking up a town in the Triple-A Guide Book, not expecting to find it because it's so little, and being delighted when there is indeed an entry. Here is part of what the Guide Book has to say about Fairhope: "The Single Tax System proposed by Henry George was adopted by several families who founded Fairhope in 1894. Establishing a corporation the families leased the land within the original village for 99 years. The tenants own the improvements; the Single Tax Colony pays all of the taxes. All leases are automatically renewed at the end of the 99 years and also upon transferal to a new owner."

New Orleans was a little disappointing. Maybe we're the wrong age; it's a town that comes alive at night, we think. But we did take a motor coach tour of the city and a boat ride along the Mississippi, both of which were interesting and worthwhile. The next day we went on a boat tour of a Bayou, which we especially liked. I saw the last egret of the trip in the Bayou.

The next day we were homeward bound, via campgrounds near Montgomery and Atlanta. When we left New

Orleans, we disregarded local advice, since we were not keen on driving I-10 during the morning rush hour. Instead, we took the 24-mile causeway over Lake Pontrechain, an impressive engineering feat.

Motoring through Alabama, I was awed by the waterways northeast of Mobile — three large rivers with lakes in between. Further north in the state, much to my delight, the road started to go up and down real hills! I was astonished at my joyous reaction; I hadn't realized how fundamental hilly terrain is to my very being.

We spent an extra day at the campground in Commerce, Georgia (30 miles north of Atlanta), where we cleaned out the trailer and left it in storage until Russell's daughter picks it up in a month or so. The amicable campground owners said, "Just be sure it's out by July 19th; everything for miles around is booked for the Olympics."

So without the trailer we traveled via motels in Lynchburg, Virginia; Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; and Somerville, New Jersey (site of a family get-together). When we arrived in Melrose our little ranch house seemed palatial. All that space!

Every time we take a long trip I am surprised at how contented I am to live in a small trailer. In retrospect, we had 25 stops planned, and we hit 24 of them on target. We opted to omit a visit to a friend in South Carolina after we left the trailer; by that time, we just wanted to get home. We had a wonderful trip, even though we twice disobeyed our maxim of "Carpe Diem." We didn't walk on the levee in New Orleans and we didn't drive a 30-mile stretch of the Blue Ridge Highway we passed in Virginia. Does anyone know of any caravans who visit that area?

Dorothy O'Connor

Deadline for the next issue of the *Chatter* is May 8.

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - South Traveler's Rest, Dade City, Florida

On March 7, Dorothy and Paul Freed opened their spacious home to a potluck luncheon. Great potluck dishes were followed by several delicious kinds of cake prepared by Dorothy. It seemed as if all of our COCU-South members were in attendance, and we all appreciated their hospitality. Paul has done a marvelous job, spending a considerable amount of time, arranging the Sunday night entertainment here at TR.

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, Jim and Laura Edmondson arranged for 22 of us to have a very pleasant Sunday dinner at the Pier 688 Restaurant in Brooksville.

A bit of news from COCU-South: The Nelsons and Kuehns are planning a trip to Branson, Missouri, on their way home. We all wish we could accompany them. Bob and Carolyn Barrett now have a share of TR stock, and will be on their own lot soon. How nice it is to add them to our list of members here. Lill and Bill Herpich are in their lovely, almost new, 34' trailer, we wish them many happy years and had a champagne party to christen their new trailer! Ruth Crockett displayed her lovely Nantucket baskets at the recent TR Craft Show, Mike Kuehn's paintings and bolos at the same show, were really perfect. Last Sunday night, Donald Brown, who is here from Scotland with me, made a delicious trifle which easily served 20 of our members!

The season here is winding down. Most of our members will leave sometime in April. While there were times this winter when the weather could have been better, still we have enjoyed each other's company, and consider ourselves very lucky to be here.

Audrey Clark

Are You Going to Rapid City?

A scarf and string tie are being planned for wear at the Rally in Rapid City. If you plan to attend, please contact: Ann Werth (#13703), 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084 (860) 875-4129.

The prices are as follows: Scarf for women, \$1.25; String Tie for men, \$1.25. Price includes postage for shipping.

Please see samples at April and May rallies. Place your orders as soon as possible so that time will be allowed for sewing of these items.

Wearing scheduled will be determined by President Jim Miller. Colors: navy blue pants/skirts, white shirts, maroon scarf for women/string tie for men.

Any questions, please call.

Anne Werth

Happy Anniversary!

Henry & Arlene Setterstrom	05/16
Arthur & Anne Droheim	05/22
Jim & Janet Hegeman	05/24
Claire & Patricia Lines	05/26
Bill & Betty Clark	05/27
Mike & Sandy Sasuta	05/31
William & Jeanette O'Donald	05/31

Poet's Corner

Like Brooms of Steel
The Snow and Wind
Had swept the Winter Street -
The House was hooked
The Sun sent out
Faint Deputies of Heat
Where rode the Bird
The Silence tied
His ample-plodding Steed
The Apple in the Cellar snug
Was all the one that played.

Emily Dickinson

COCU-Nut

The Canadian Atlantic Unit is requesting volunteers to help at the Region 1 Rally in one of the following areas: parking, hospitality, food, physical arrangements, youth programs and activities. Please let me know (a) if you are planning to attend the rally — this will help both us and our hosts — and (b) which area you would be able to assist. Early notice would be helpful, although you can change your mind as circumstances dictate. Thanks a bunch.

Jim Miller

Thank You

I wish to thank all my friends in our club for their kind thoughts and prayers during my recent illness.

I was most fortunate to have seen my doctor before any heart damage could occur. It was only a matter of a short time before I would have had a heart attack.

After angioplasty and two stents, I am fully recovered and feel better than in many years.

Life and good health is a gift we so often take for granted. I am grateful for my second chance to enjoy a long and productive life with Eileen, our family, and dear friends.

Dick Bartram

How to Be a Good Wife

(Excerpt from a 1950s high school home-ec textbook)

Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal — on time. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and prospect of a good meal is part of the warm welcome needed.

Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so that you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your makeup, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has been with a lot of work-weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift.

Clear away the clutter. Make a last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives, gathering up school books, toys, paper, etc. Then run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too.

Prepare the children. Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair, and if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing the part.

Minimize all noise. At the time of his arrival, eliminate all the noise of the washer, dryer, dishwasher, or vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile and be glad to see him.

Some don'ts. Don't greet him with problems or complaints. Don't complain if he's late for dinner. Count it as minor compared with what he might have gone through that day. Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or suggest he lie down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take his shoes. Speak in a low, soft, soothing and pleasant voice. Allow him to relax and unwind.

Listen to him. You may have a dozen things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first.

Make the evening his. Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or to other places of entertainment. Instead, try to understand his world of strain and pressure, his need to be home and relax.

The goal. Try to make your home a place of peace and order where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit!

Anne Werth

(Editor's Note: In what class did the boys get instructions on how to be good husbands? I don't know about you, but I'd like to see that list!)



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Sophia Loren's Stuffed Mushroom Caps

1 lb. large mushrooms, washed
1/2 cup bread crumbs
1/2 lb. chopped shrimps
2 tbsp. chopped green onions
3 tbsp. chopped pimentoes
3 tbsp. minced celery
2 tbsp. chopped parsely
Worchestershire sauce
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions: Wash and remove stems from mushrooms. Mix together bread crumbs, shrimps, onions, pimentoes, celery, garlic, and parsely. Add salt, pepper, and Worchestershire sauce to taste. Fill caps/ Place on foil in baking dish. Bake in 350o oven for 20 minutes. Serves 6

Lucille Ball's Chicken Saute

1 chicken, cut into pieces
4 tbsp. olive oil
1 tbsp. chopped parsley
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 small chopped onion
6 artichoke hearts, cooked or canned
1 chopped garlic cloves
4 tbsp. white wine
flour, salt, pepper, and paprika

Directions: Dust the chicken with a mixture of flour, salt, pepper, and paprika. Heat the olive oil and fry chicken until golden. Cover skillet; reduce heat and cook until tender. Remove chicken. Add parsley, mushrooms, onion, artichoke hearts, and garlic to skillet. Cook until onion is tender. Add the white wine and replace chicken in skillet. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Serves 4

Answers to "Say That Again?": 1. All that glitters is not gold.; 2. The pen is mightier than the sword.; 3. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.; 4. Little strokes fell great oaks; 5. Crime doesn't pay.; 6. A penny saved is a penny earned.; 7. Too many cooks spoil the broth.; and 8. Misery loves company.

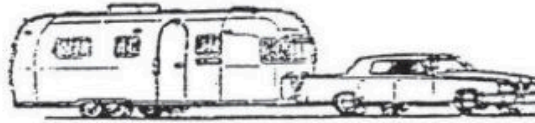
REGION 1 RALLY 96

The Evangeline Trail Rally

Hosted by Canadian Atlantic Unit

August 23 to 26, 1996

WINDSOR COUNTRY FAIR GROUNDS
Windsor, NS



Earliest Arrival: Wednesday, August 21,
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Latest Departure: Tuesday, August 27
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Mother's
Day!*



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Presidents Message

May - May Day - May Pole - May Fly - May Apple - Mayhem - Mayonnaise - Mazurka - Mayor - Mayn't - Mayan. Or maybe not ... This is a grand time of year, a feast of green, a cornucopia of delights replace the monochromatic monotonous mask of winter-past. A time for optimism and growth, a refreshing spirit moves zephyr-like across the land. Flowers burgeon and seeds stir. It is hard to be sour or repress joy. Gardeners sift the loam in their hands and consult almanacs, seed books, folklore — so many days after the last full moon — to design the rows of vegetables and patches of grand flowers that enrich the months ahead. The quiet hours of reading catalogs amidst deep snow shift to a time for action — deed not theory rules the day. Life renews.

The time of renewal and gathering also moves Charter Oakers as we too, like returning birds, circle and group for our Spring rituals. We shift from passive dinners to active events. The silver-hued Conestoga wagons are hitched. The mules and oxen of yesteryear are now gas guzzling behemoths. We speak not of hay and oats, nor of watering holes. Instead we argue numbers of cylinders, torque, gearing, and down shifting. We dispute the merits of diesel versus gas, of axle ratios, of Pull-Rite versus Reese. Long gone are the draft animals, harnesses, hitches, shoes, saddles, the appurtenances of our forefathers. For Percheron or Clydesdale read GMC or Ford; yet the Dodge Ram obliquely reminds us of the past. An alien technology rules and we are its hand maidens.

There is a piece of us all that reaches fondly for the past, its remembered simplicities and charms. The lazy buzz of bees sipping nectar, the fragrance of aromas long gone. Memory gently draws us back. Yet Nature leads and directs. The world moves on, spinning on its axis, tumbling through space, ever new, rarely the same question — never the same answer, always challenging us to respond. Reminiscences yield to reality — and we go forward, renewed. Mayhaps!

Jim



Happy Birthday!

Edna Brockett	06/03
Lee Hale	06/06
Linda Guilmart Smith	06/14
Peg Svihovec	06/22
Arthur Sikes	06/25
Gail Good	06/26
Reg Brown	06/28
Elaine Tower	06/29

Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Lill Herpich	06/03
Rud & Hazel Bloomer	06/06
Jim & Dawn Miller	06/13
David & Betty Tuckerman	06/15
Richard & Rosalie Moffo	06/17
Bob & Sharon Henschel	06/17
Robert & Anne Werth	06/24
Leland & Claire Bradley	06/24
Robert & Marjorie Labadorf	06/25
Alex & Linda Guilmart Smith	06/28
Neils & Lydia Rosenbeck	06/30

Poets Corner

The grip of the ice is gone now.
 The silvers chase purple.
 The purples tag silver
 They let out their runners
 Here where summer says to the lilies:
 "Wish and be wistful,
 Circle this wind-hunted, wind-sung water."

— *Carl Sandburg*

Change of Address

Kirk Peterson and Christine Yario have a new address, please change in your Charter Oak Directories. It is 20 Andreis Trail, Bissell, CT 06074-2142.

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— *Bob Sandall*

The Price Was Right!

The Price's hosted an April gathering of the Charter Oak Unit on April 14. The spring flowers in and about the gardens were a welcome sight to those of use who live "further north" where the bulbs are just rejoicing that the latest snows are gone and they, too, can make their way toward blooming.

Nineteen of us enjoyed a potluck dinner, and as usual, no one went home hungry. Everything was delicious and the setting of antiques was just perfect.

In the absence of Jim and Dawn Miller, who are Arizona bound Airstream travelers, Anne Werth (1st Vice President) conducted an informative meeting.

Bard Fuller filled everyone in on the Cape Cod/Charter Oak Rally to be held on May 17-19 in Southington. Sounds like fun. Hope lots of us can make it. This is the time of the year to open up the Airstreams, let some fresh air in, check for any winter inhabitants, or just leave them and take them for a ride to Southington. Perhaps they will jiggle out on your way from home to there. Bottom line, come on down! Sounds like fun.

There were several other items mentioned: Audrey Clark's resignation as 1st Vice President, the Rally at Theda McGrath's regarding OTS (Officer Training School) on May 3-5, the proposals mentioned in the Blue Beret, including the proposed name change for WBCCI, scarf/tie sets for Rapid City, and Region Rally site for 1998. The Executive Board will meet before presenting the vote to membership.

It was good to make some new Airstream friends and visit with everyone else. We look forward to seeing everyone down the road and happy trails. Thank you Lois and Ted for the lovely hospitality.

— *Anne Werth*

Caravan to the Land of Evangeline

This will be a three-day caravan and will not qualify for a "U" number. Total distance will be 725 miles. Tentative plans are to leave from an organized rally during August 16-18 — leaving on Monday August 19, staying at Woodstock, New Brunswick. Tuesday August 20 will take us to Nova Scotia to Debert, N.S. These two stops are 300 miles each. We will arrive at rally site on Wednesday August 21. Ask Jim Miller or Cathy Barrett for a copy of the detailed flyer.

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

There are two days in every week that we should not worry about, two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One is YESTERDAY, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed, forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. Nor can we erase a single word we said — yesterday is gone!

The other day we shouldn't worry about is TOMORROW, with its impossible adversaries, its burden, its hopeful promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds — but it will rise. And until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day — TODAY. Any person can fight the battles of just one day.

It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down.

It is not the experience of today that drives people mad — it is the remorse of bitterness for something which happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, live one day at a time!

— Lois Price

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Mickey Rooney's Fruit Dessert

4 pineapple rings, chopped fine
3 bananas, sliced fine
1 apples, chopped fine
1 oranges, peeled and cut fine
1 cup pineapple juice
1 cup orange juice
2 cups water
1 orange rind
4 tbsl cornstarch
1 cup heavy cream, whipped stiff

Directions: In bowl combine pineapple, bananas, apple, and orange. In medium sauce pan combine pineapple juice, orange juice, orange rind, water and bring to a boil. Pour a small amount of the juice mixture into bowl with cornstarch and make into a paste. Stir cornstarch paste into juice mixture and cook until clear. Cool. Add chopped fruit. Fold heavy cream into fruit mixture and chill. Serves 6

"Confucius say . . ."

"Work to become, not to acquire."

"A bird in hand makes hard to blow nose."

"He who crosses the ocean twice without washing is a dirty double crosser."

"Man who drive like hell bound to get there!"

"Man who sit on tack get point!"

"Man who runs behind car gets exhausted!"

"Man who jump off cliff jump to conclusion!"

"War not determine who's right, war determines who's left."

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YOU WILL LOVE A CARAVAN !!!!!!!!!!!

Caravan to the Gateway to the Hills (U-152)

Plans have been finalized for an exciting trip to Rapid City, South Dakota. The Caravan will be exploring the backroads of the Northeast and the byways of Heartland and come face to face to the rural life in American while travelling to the International Rally.

Just complete and mail the coupon and Howard and Carolyn Knight, as leaders will do the rest.

If you are planning to attend the Spirit of the West International Rally, WBCCI Headquarters requests that ALL members arriving at the rally site to park with the caravan; to be pre-registered. All caravan members will be parked together, regardless of the arrival date on your receipt. Caravan fee will be approximately \$ 200.00. Deposit \$ 75.00 Rendezvous - - on Saturday; June 15, 1996 in the Great Barrington, Massachusetts area. Caravan will consist of ten (10) over-nights at 6 cities and arriving at the International Site on Monday, morning, June 24th.

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June 7-9

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Rally fee is \$10 per person (children under age 12 — \$3). Please bring a joke to tell at the campfire and any pictures, etc., for the 25th Anniversary History Book. Register at the campground upon arrival. Campground fee is \$18.00. (This is a Good Sam Park.)

Directions: Junction of I-91 and SR 9, Exit 2. East 2 miles on Rt. 9 to Rt. 30. North 15 miles to State Forest Road on left. West 2 miles — right to campground.

Please reply by May 28 to: Bob Barrett
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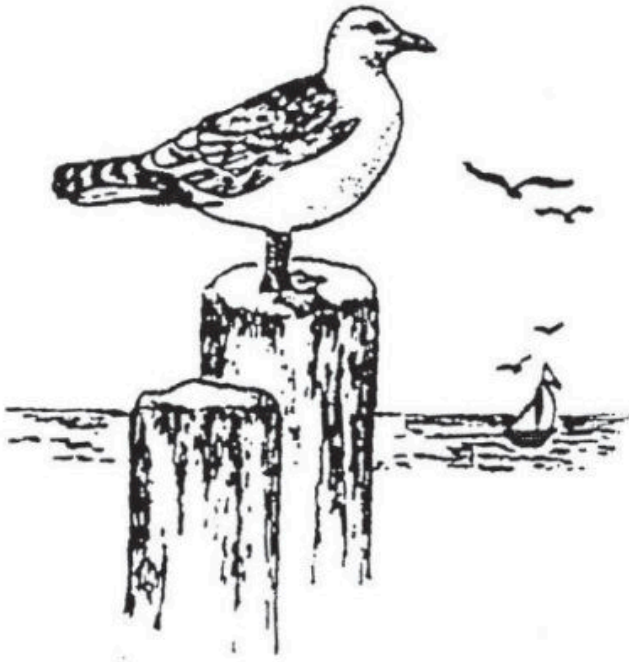
Name _____

Trailer # _____

Rally fee enclosed \$ _____ (\$10 per person/\$3 children under 12)

Interest in Dinner at Townsend Country Inn Yes No

If yes, # of people _____



Happy
Father's
Day!

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President's Message

Travel is broadening so they say. At least we eat more!! Dawn and I spent a delightful month touring Arizona on a Unit Caravan with 17 trailers. Actually you can't say trailers anymore as there were a significant number of motor homes! We started in Safford AZ and followed a thoughtful plan which kept us in the southern part of the state in the beginning and then worked our way north into the highlands ending in Glen Canyon. A pleasant surprise: we spotted Kerry and Shirley Gentry's trailer rolling along a remote byway. We saw so many beautiful sights, most familiar to you more experienced Airstreamers. Perhaps the most meaningful for me was the opportunity to camp on top of the mountain at Jerome, the reviving ghost town. We were perched a mile high, right on the 300 ft level of the huge mine, overlooking the hills of Sonora in the distance. Very few people get to take their trailers to the top because, without Airstream "connections" there is no place to stop. It was a hairy pull along the switch backs leading to some tense discussions as we neared the top and the streets narrowed and we feared making a wrong turn and having to back out of a blind hole!

While the grand scenic beauties of Arizona will long live in my memory, the small things have their place too: conversations with strangers, foods we don't find regularly in the East, poverty in the reservations coupled with beautiful craftsmanship, the Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson, grand saguaro cacti marching up the hills, glorious pastel colors everywhere, coyotes yowling in the night (keep your little dogs inside, travelers), soaring eagles, long abandoned cave dwellings, pictures cared on old rocks, It sure isn't Connecticut, Aunty Em!!

It is not strange that the Millers are here from far-off Connecticut with our silver Conestoga wagon seeking new vistas and the dimly remembered past. Stories of yesteryear, pioneer days, brave forefathers, and more pass through us. And yet the land was old before we knew it. A rich brew of cowboys, farmers, gunslingers, treasure seekers, Spaniards, missionaries, Buffalo soldiers, Mexicans, and most wonderfully, the myriad Indian tribes who trod this land for thousands of years before us all. Peoples whose very names and languages (Mogollon, Mimbres, Hohokan, Anasazi, Salado, Chihuahuan) disappear in the mist of time and ignorance but who knew this land before it knew us. And the vast expanses of craggy mountains and deserts, always before and always after. An alien and arid land, a land of excess and large scale, unforgiving of mistakes, with sharp features and strong contrasts — yet with a beauty and richness of its' own. An unbelievable panorama of majesty and mystery.

O passerby, step carefully on this land of heritage and memories; it has many tales to tell.

Jim Miller



4 May 1996 Grand Canyon by Dawn Miller

It was yesterday that I had the thought of signing up on standby for the mule trip into the canyon. As a 'party of one' I thought my chances of making the list at 7:05 this morning would be good, and so stood waiting at the Bright Angel Lodge for my name to be called. Sure enough, I made the list and was in orientation, mounted, and on my way. My mule's name was Carmella and during the trip we developed a relationship that was quite one sided: I had great respect for her and she virtually none for me. Carmella hugged the edge of the trail with sureness, but it was a half dozen switch backs before I could look to the depths of the canyon below me. The corners were tight and she turned like an Airstream — extending either end over the cliff in an attempt to wheel. Soon I was consumed with rapture at the beauty below, above, and around me, forgetting any risk or discomfort. I saw pictographs, beautiful rock formations, wild flowers clinging from "nothingness," century plants, and on the plateau the most amazing cactus garden I've seen thus far. The yellows, fuchsias, purples, and whites created a more brilliant palette than any artist's.

The first dismount was at Indian Garden, although 3 times on the descent we brought our mules to a halt for a brief rest — nose facing over the canyon. This first rest was somewhat unnerving until I realized that Carmella was more protective of her neck than mine. I did wonder if she was capable of feeling pleasure at my distress, as she shifted her weight from one foot to the other with her head extended over the abyss. I filled the canteen and soaked my shirt to ease the discomfort from the 110 degree heat. One hour after Indian Garden we paused for a box lunch (sausage, cheese, granola bar, apple/cranberry juice). The rock ledge overlooking the Colorado river offered a magnificent setting for picnicking and reflection. The setting combined 'macro' with 'micro' as I saw the magnificent vistas of canyon walls and yet sensed being watched by fellow caravanners from the distant heights and also from the airplanes and helicopters.

The lack of rails or man-made alterations commanded respect and made me feel responsible for handling the risk. The guide for our party, Davis, offered a narration of highlights as we

progressed, but gave ample quiet time for reflection. I was thinking of the early explorers and pondered what they might have thought as they passed through years ago.

Soon it was time to mount Carmella and commence the return journey. The South Rim beckoned from afar. It looked impossible to climb the distant walls; no path was visible. The only stop was at Indian Garden when this time I was instructed to take Carmella to a trough for a drink. I again doused myself with water from my canteen for the next hour was to be the most taxing. There was no cooling wind and we were told people often passed out from the intense heat. An unusual thing happened on the way up as the mules were halted — visualize eight mules in a line, noses to the edge, all performing their biological function upon command from the guide! Vast thoughts mixed with details of people clashing, as Davis had to protect us from a "hiking nature purist" protesting mule rides into the canyon. I had the feeling that Carmella was laboring during the first part of the ascent but her pace quickened as she sensed the coming end to the day's labor and her reward. I had endured the vicissitudes of this magnificent journey, and borne the whims and caprices of my gentle, faithful, educated, individualistic, long-eared mount — part horse, part jackass, and all mule: Carmella. As we entered the corral I was greeted by Jim and Kizzie.

The experience was a deep and personal one; like the canyon itself, tears streamed down my dust caked cheeks. I arrived feeling rejuvenated, light of foot, and light of spirit.

Dawn Miller

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Kids Say the Darndest Things . . .

These are the answers of six- to ten-year-olds about various aspects of love: why it happens, what to do about it, etc.

WHAT, EXACTLY, IS MARRIAGE?

"Marriage is when you get to keep your girl and don't have to give her back to her parents!" - Eric, age 6.

HOW DOES A PERSON DECIDE WHOM TO MARRY?

"You flip a nickel, and heads means you stay with him and tails means you try the next one." - Kally, age 9.

"My mother says to look for a man who is kind. That's what I'll do. I'll find somebody who's kinda tall and handsome." - Carolyn, age 8.

CONCERNING THE PROPER AGE TO GET MARRIED —

"Eighty-four! Because at that age, you don't have to work anymore, and you can spend all your time loving each other." - Carolyn, age 8.

"Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife!" - Bert, age 5.

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." - Martin, age 10.

"Many daters just eat pork chops and french fries and talk about love." - Craig, age 9.

1997 Rally Calendar Awaiting Fill-ins (Anne Werth #13703)

One of the pieces of information we learned at the Region One Informational Rally held at McGrath Acres in early May was that International Headquarters needs our Unit calendars by November 15 for publication. Keeping that in mind, the 1997 Rally Calendar has already begun to unfold.

The following months are awaiting hosts (months already hosted are listed):

- February 2: Charter Oak South Snow Bird Dinner Rally
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Hosts Needed
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Essex Train/River Boat Rally
Co-hosts: Anne and Bob Werth and Jim and Laura Edmondson
- June/July : Huntsville, Alabama - International Rally
- Aug. 1-3: Charter Oak North Rally
Hosts Needed
- Aug. 29-Sept. 1: Region 1 Rally - Topsfield, MA Cape Cod Unit Hosts:
Caravan Leaving Region I Rally; Caravan/Hosts Needed
September 1-7, 1997
- Oct. 3-5: Charter Oak North Rally
Rally Hosts Needed
- November 1: Installation Dinner
Hosts Needed
- December 7: Xmas Dinner Rally
Hosts: Jim and Dawn Miller
Co-hosted by:

Any questions please call Anne Werth at (860) 875-4129.

Rally Reminder

The next COCU rally will be held August 2-4, at the Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, MA. It is a buddy rally, so get your friends together and join the Bartrams and the Newmans for a fun-filled weekend. Flyer will appear in the July issue of the *Chatter*. Watch for it!

Editor's Note: Due to my error, only part of this article was printed in the May Chatter. It is printed below in its entirety. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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On Saturday evening, thirty-four hungry Airstreamers descended on a local restaurant for good food and fellowship, then back to the McGrath home for some sinfully delicious desserts. On Sunday morning, we were treated to a pancake breakfast prepared and served by our Region One officers and their spouses.

The weekend provided a wonderful opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones. This workshop was so successful that plans are already underway to have another one in 1997, open to ALL members of Region One.

— Bob Sandall

Dear Rod and Shirley,

On behalf of the folks from Charter Oak Unit who attended the Informational Rally, we would like to thank you for the fine job presenting Region One Officers' information as well as answering all our other questions.

I think that a tradition may have begun with a gathering of this sort. The fine job done by our Region officers, as well as the behind the scene projects done by the spouses, was super!

Thanks to everyone.

*The Charter Oak Unit Attendees . . .
The Prices, Tuckermans, Sandalls, Bartrams
and Werths*

P.S. Looking forward to 1997 "Look to Future Forum" Informational Rally at McGrath Acres May 30, 31, June 1, 1997, weekend.

Sad News

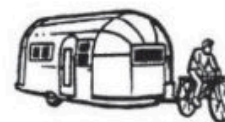
On May 30 Ron Tower was operated on for a brain tumor. He is recovering (status as of 31 May) at Hartford Hospital and when released will start therapy and rehab at Gaylord. Our constant thoughts, prayers, and best wishes go to Elaine, Ron, and their family in this time of deep crisis.

Coco-nuts:

- Many thanks to the Cape Cod Unit, our co-hosts at the May rally in Southington. The Fuller family led the effort for Cape Cod as did the Millers for Charter Oak. The emotional highlight of the rally was receiving a grand 25th Birthday cake from the Cape Cod Unit. I could only wish that more of us could have been there to see it and enjoy the fellowship!
- The concept of joint rallies will grow in the years ahead as they broaden the circle of experiences and friends. In fact, preliminary talk has begun on holding a joint rally next year with New England, White Mountains, Cape Cod, Charter Oak, and Marty's USRV — with the theme of trailer safety. If the idea comes to fruition, it would be a good way to start the travel season and get everyone's trailer checked out; sort of a Good Housekeeping seal of approval. More later.
- We are attempting to gather the Club's belongings into one place (Miller's garage, now with more room available as the children have moved out to flap their wings) in order to inventory what we have and make it easier to coordinate equipment for rallies and other events. Anyone having Club equipment is requested to bring it to future rallies and load it into the Miller truck.
- The Executive Board met at Southington and approved the Region 1 rally site to be Durham Fairground and picked September 5,6,&7, 1998 as the official date.
- Helping hands make the work go faster Department: Susan Ruty has volunteered to Chair the difficult task of our Region 1 Rally in 1998. She will be calling on us all for assistance in the days ahead. Thanks, Susan!!



Region 1 News



Roderick & Shirley Dole, President and First Lady

Thomas Petrillo, Editor

Volume 4 Issue 3

June 1966

From the Top

The end of my term is fast approaching. Shirley and I can't believe where the six years have gone. We thank you for giving us the opportunity of serving as your Region Officer. We both feel we have grown, learned many things and made many friends during this very rewarding term of office. When I leave the office of President, those who have served me so well will also go out of office. With your new President, there will be her new appointed staff. We wish them and all the officers well.

I want to personally thank Wayne and Jean Killian, New England Unit and Dave and Nancy Penniman, White Mountain New Hampshire Unit for being Chairpersons of the Region Rallies that turned out so successful. Shirley and I, from the past experience, know how demanding a job this can be for the Chairperson.

The first Officers Training Rally that was held in May at W. Townsend, MA was a great beginning to the type of orientation for those in office and those who want to learn. We have received many verbal and written congratulations. It was a beginning that possibly will be expanded in the future. We had 40 people and 19 trailers. I want to thank Theda and Ken McGrath for allowing us to use their land and house. It was very gracious of them.

Our units are all in good standing. We have lost many faithful members but have also gained new ones. We have seen our membership open up to all products made by Airstream. Our club will persevere because of members like you who are willing to work hard for the cause. Support your new officers and again I thank you for the opportunity of serving you.

Best Regards,

Rod Dole

Rod Dole, President
Region 1, WBCCI

A big Thanks to my officers and staff.

My thanks to all who served me so well for the past two years:

Theda and Ken McGrath and Wayne and Susan Ruty, Vice Presidents, for all their help, input, unit visitations and traveling.

Shirley Dole, Region 1 Secretary, for all her typing and her advice was always helpful. She kept me on the straight and narrow.

Gladys Menig, Region 1 Treasurer, who did a superb job as our guardian of the money.

Gareth Linder, Blue Beret Editor, who wrote and sent in all the articles mostly on his own and did an excellent job even though he faced many personal health problems. He was an invaluable ally.

Tom Petrillo, Region 1 Newsletter Editor, who did an excellent job with the paper. Thanks Tom.

Ray and Joyce Dallaire, Region 1 Caravan Leaders, who did an excellent job with the Region Caravans. He planned and executed the shortest caravan, "Short & Sweet", from Greenfield, MA to Amherst, MA. Their brochures were outstanding. A big thanks to Ray and Joyce for serving the Region so diligently.

Everett Harrington, Parliamentarian, who on several occasions advised me on issues about which I was not certain.

To all who worked so hard to put on the Region 1 Rallies.

To all the many hard workers who worked so hard during the intense heat at the Pre-Rally in Greenfield, MA.

Your Region President's travels

This year as Region 1 President, I will have made 18 visitations, including two trips to Woodstock, CT to meet the NorEast National Caravans traveling through New England plus Prince Edward Island and Quebec, Canada. (7 visits to the Quebec Unit during six years), four unit installations, USRV Open House, the Region 1 Rally, Mid-Winter Board meeting in Kerrville, Texas and the International Rally in Rapid City, South Dakota.

The above is 13,000 miles plus and over six years, 75,000 miles. I have attended five of the six Mid-Winter Board Meetings, being ill at the time of one. At all the International Rallies during the six years as a Region 1 officer, I have made it a point to visit each unit during the course of the year. This I believe is your obligation when you, at your choice, became a Region Officer.

Shirley and I have enjoyed the traveling, the friendship and acceptance in all our travels.

U.S.R.V.

Every Region 1 Officer and Unit Officer and any member who can attend should make every effort to visit U.S.R.V. In my opinion they have been most gracious to both the Region and Region 1 U.S. Units in giving us a donation of monies with no strings attached. All we have to do is put a small ad in our newsletters. They should be invited to all the Region 1 Rallies held within the United States. A good time to visit is when they have their Octoberfest. A fun time is had by all who attend. For the past 3 years I have gone up just for the day. Marty appreciates that.

Spring Business Meetings

There were five Unit Spring Business Meeting on the same weekend, May 17 - 19, 1996. The Region Officers try to be present to inform and explain to each unit the actions taken at the Mid-Winter Board meeting and items to be brought forth at the Delegates meeting.

Second Vice President Wayne Ruty agreed to go to the Cape Cod and Charter Oak, CT combined meeting. First Vice President Theda McGrath very graciously agreed to attend the New England Unit meeting held in Maine. The writer attended the White Mountain, New Hampshire meeting which was held at Loon Lake in Croydon, NH.

Remembering Raymond LaFortune

It is Ruth LaFortune's wish to publicly thank everyone for all the cards and condolences on the death of her husband Raymond LaFortune, Past President of the Quebec Unit of WBCCI. Ray, who passed away in 1995 was always available to put on a Region Rally, serve on a Region nominating committee or carry the Canadian Flag at the Region rallies. Whenever I went to Canada, it seemed he was there to help the writer. Ray and Ruth were loyal WBCCI members for longer than I want to remember. We miss you, Ray.

A note from the editor

Our goal the past 2 years was to relay all the news of the region to all the members of Region 1. It would be too expensive to have a direct mailing to each member. The Region treasury is very small. We tried to design our paper with the idea that the region newsletter would be inserted into a units newsletter. We are proud that our Unit Presidents and newsletter editors approved of the idea. While this is not a

mandatory requirement, unit editors have the option of retyping any part of the Region Newsletter.

The Region Newsletter is designed to use one page on both sides and in a format that the unit editors would not need to retype all the material. The newsletter is only published when there are news items that members should be aware of.

We thank all the Unit Presidents and Unit Editors for their cooperation.

**Southern New England Muster
May 17 - 19, 1996
Co-sponsored by Charter Oak and Cape Cod Units**

Those who arrived on Friday enjoyed one of the few perfect days in May — greeted by costumed "Minutepersons." Trailers circled the athletic field at the YMCA Camp in Southington, CT.

Hearty fare of baked beans and grilled hot dogs. A Pound Auction followed dinner with your genial auctioneer, Bard Fuller dressed in full regalia. (Word had it that this auction was sponsored by Sotheby "East") and similar to another recent famous auction where prices went way beyond market value. In the spirit of good fellowship it really didn't matter that \$4.00 was paid for a pound of macaroni or, in our case, a pound of cut up, ready to use, Rhubarb..

What really took the case — was The Cake! A beautiful, delicious sheet cake marking COCO's 25th Anniversary, complete with Airstream decoration. This, the generous and kind gift from the Cape Cod Unit. Many thanks!

Breakfasts were provided — fluffy Strata, "substantial" oatmeal, Bagels warmed to perfection. A catered supper at a local church followed by professional entertainment. Caravan to the Carousel Museum, Red Cross Craft Fair and, of course, the necessary business meetings.

Every detail taken care by our hosts of hosts, Jim and Dawn Miller, Kathy, Bard, Megan and Brian Fuller. You have all earned your place in Rally Heaven (or wherever).

A re-enactment of good times for all who attended:

215 Bradley, Whit & Betty	11210 Fiehn, Bill
246 Hegeman, Jim	13703 Werth, Bob & Anne
318 Fuller, John & Ruby	14444 Beardsley, Alan & Joan
4892 Silverstein, Mel & Sandy	16264 Rutty, Wayne & Susan
5406 Fuller, Bard & Kathy	18767 Petrillo, Tom & Antoinette
5906 Miller, Jim & Dawn	23416 Kundrot, Vity & Olivia
6004 dela Ronde, Bruce & Alma	28396 Morrow, Bill & Olga
6475 Stearns, Russ & Francis	23726 Price, Ted & Lois
6625 Bartrum, Dick & Eileen	24760 Allen, Dick & Wille
7130 Dube, Bob & Jeanne	30150 Brocket, Dick & Dud
8137 Lemaire, Ray & Cecile	01586 Moffo, Richard & Rosalie
9705 Lamontagne, Larry & Pat	

Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Laura Edmondson	07/03
Robert & Barbara White	07/06
Richard & Edna Brockett	07/07
William & Syble Griffin	07/12
Dick & Eileen Bartram	07/14
William & Peg Svihovec	07/22
Raymond & Cecile Lemaire	07/26

Happy Birthday!

Kirk Peterson	07/02
Ted Price	07/03
Hazel Bloomer	07/03
Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Rosalie Moffo	07/15
Jim Edmondson	07/18
Chandler Taylor	07/19
Richard Moffo	07/21
Claire Lines	07/23
Lois Price	07/26
Judy Good	07/26
Kathy Fuller	07/29
Dorothy O'Connor	07/30

**SPECIAL BULLETIN
COCU 25th Anniversary Update**

The date has been set for September 6, 7, 8, 1996 at Hammonasset State Park.

At the August membership meeting the Executive Board will be making a proposal for the Club to vote on spending funds from the treasury to offset expenses from the 25th anniversary party.

For each Charter Oak Connecticut Unit member couple, we would like to spend \$15.00 plus additional funds to cover possible food rental equipment. Other guests would have to pay the full amount for the rally fee.

To make this a memorable occasion for all to enjoy, we need your support by your attendance and helping on the preparation. We hope to run it like a mini-region rally.

Please review this proposal to be prepared to discuss it at the August Rally. If you think you would be interested in attending and helping, please advise by calling or dropping us a card. Thank you.

MICHAEL SASUTA 476 Milford Point Road, Milford CT 06460 (203) 878-6328.

A Reminder

In October 1996 Connecticut gets one more area code — 860. The counties that will remain the 203 area code are Fairfield County and New Haven County. All other parts of the state will now have the 860 area code.

Effective July 1996, Travelers Rest's area code will be 352 and the zip code is changing to 33523.





*Happy
4th of
July!*

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Pres. & First Lady
Cape Cod Unit

Left Side:
Raymond & Joyce
Dallaire
President & First Lady
Quebec Unit



Right Side:
Raynold & Cecile
LeMauie
Cape Cod Unit



Barbara & Bob
White
White Mt. Unit



Judy & Paul Good

Wayne & Susan Ruddy



Dick & Dud Brockett

Informal membership meeting, June 8, 1996

Balance in the treasury is \$3881.60 as of May 31, 1996. Report accepted subject to audit. See copy attached.

Thanks to the Barretts and Prices for a nice rally.

Jim Miller told us of a letter he had received from Marty, (USRV) regarding a rally of the New England units of Region One to be held at Lakeville, Ma.. Jim is pursuing the idea with the other units concerned. Scheduling may be a problem.

Jackie Taylor questioned the need for such a rally. Why can't it be like a mini Jackson Center Open House. She feels a rally such as the one suggested by Marty would fragment our normal Region One Rally. We'll discuss this further at our next meeting in August. Also, should it be a "Rendevous" ?

Susan Ritty has volunteered to be the Chairperson for the Region One Rally to be hosted by Charter Oak in 1998.

Mike Sasuta, Chairman of our COCU 25th anniversary announced a rally to be held at Hammonasset State Park the weekend of September 6 through 8. This will be a regular rally for our members and will be partially subsidized by the Unit. Any non-members attending will pay the full rate for the rally. Mike plans to have a steak and lobster dinner on Saturday.

The August rally, to be held in Charlemont, Ma., will be a buddy rally. Two breakfasts will be served and a pot luck will take place on Saturday.

Respectfully submitted



Bob Sandall, Recording Secretary

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President's Message

This note is written in May, thinking ahead to the June Rally and the trip to International. A small contingent of us are planning to travel to Rapid City. At the moment we expect the Ruddy's, Bartram's, Sasuta's, Miller's, and Hegeman to streak West. Perhaps others will join us at the last moment!? What to say about how things will seem in July? "The best laid plans ..."

Part of me knows July is the year half gone, with time racing on. The year of planning, friendships, travel, adventures, and change. We age a bit more and the finger of mortality wiggles and points. My thoughts are heavy with thinking about Ron Tower and Elaine, hoping for cheer and recovery. And of Shirley Gentry, wrestling with arthritis. And of many others ... There are often hard blows that face us and they come on unawares and by stealth. We make plans, think fondly about the future, enjoy our families, attend graduations and weddings, take vacations, celebrate birthdays, share experiences, fuss with our trailers, see new things, plant flowers, work, read, and even relax. I enjoy poetry, and as June comes, think "What is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days, when heaven tries earth if it be in tune ... "We will enjoy June the more, because it seems, this past winter challenged us with an old fashioned New England blast of cold and snow; now it is time for the healing days, the slow times. The very weather seems more unpredictable in recent years: severe drought in the southwest, tornadoes across the land, our record snowfall, blasts of heat — stay tuned. Everyone is facing challenge. The illusion that our technology and medical skills can buffer us from all of nature's perils is set askew.

Everyone in Charter Oak is so helpful. Eager hands appear whenever there is a task to be done or a need arises. Susan Ruddy has volunteered (a genuine volunteer, not the Army type!) to Chair the Region 1 Rally that we will host soon. She too will be asking for helpers to make the work go smoothly. We have decided to return to the Durham Fairgrounds which worked so well for us the last time we hosted the Region Rally. On the planning front we are exploring the possibility of a joint 97 Spring Rally with our sister New England/White Mountain/Cape Cod Units and in conjunction with Marty's USRV — more information as things develop. Also, thinking about the future, would it be useful to pick the brains of our more experienced members and compile a list of interesting/fun places we have used in the past for Charter Oak Rallies? It might stimulate us to vary our locations. Any suggestions? Where would you like to go? Anne Werth is already working on next year's schedule and would appreciate any inputs. Our nominating committee led by Past President Eileen Bartram is scouting for our next slate. Not too late to volunteer!

Food for thought department: The Senior citizen's hat that said: "Been there, Done that, Don't remember"

Jim Miller



A Special Note to all the Charter Oak CT Unit Members

Dear Friends

To start this with "Dear Friends" does not seem adequate to express what I really feel in my heart.

I was discharged from Hartford Hospital on June 7th being transferred to Gaylord Hospital for therapy. Doing very well there I was discharged from Gaylord on June 14th. We are now back in our Airstream for the remainder of the season at Wolf's Den Camp-ground in East Haddam.

I had lost use of my left side, but after the surgery, I regained use of something every day. Now I have complete use of my left arm, hand and leg.

All of your prayers and get-well wishes were heard and my recovery was fast.

I still have radiation therapy ahead of me. Your cards and phone calls have meant so much to me.

Please accept a simple Thank You that comes from a grateful heart.

Ron Tower

A Note from Jim & Laura Edmondson

After 18 years of full-timing, we are making a change in our lifestyle. We are moving into a small ranch-style house. Our address will be: 85 Brewster Street, Coventry, CT 06238 (860) 742-4484.

We will still reside at Travelers Rest from January through April and attend as many rallies as possible. We are signing up for the Tulip Rally in Holland, Michigan next May. Anyone care to join us? The Ron Edmondsons and Bob Sandalls attended this year and returned with glowing reports.

Jim & Laura

Rally Retrospective

The "Zing Into Spring" Rally at Bald Mountain, Townsend, VT on June 7-9 could easily have been named "Romp in the Rain" but nary a spirit was dampened. It also presented an opportunity for us to show off our umbrellas around the campfire.

Some meals were prepared by the Barrett and Price Academy of Fine Cooking — everyone helped.

We gathered under the blue tarp and all could be together to "adjust their attitude" before the evening repast.

Attendees included Mike Sasuta, Bob and Helen Sandall, Charlie and Sandy Eglise, Jim and Dawn Miller, Laura and Jim Edmondson, Claire and Pat Lines, Chan and Jackie Taylor and your genial hosts, Carolyn and Bob Barrett and Ted and Lois Price. Dick and Eileen Bartram joined us for dinner on Saturday night at the Townsend Inn. For those who could not be with us at the "Zing" . . . we missed you.

Concern for Ron Tower was expressed many times; our thoughts and prayers are with both he and Elaine.

Another successful rally — Charter Oak has done it again — thanks to all.

Ted and Lois Price

Presidential Query

The names of 16 United States Presidents end with the letter N. Can you name them?

(Answers on back cover.)

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More "Kids Say the Darndest Things"

These are the answers of six- to ten-year-olds about various aspects of love: why it happens, what to do about it, etc.

CONCERNING WHY LOVE HAPPENS BETWEEN TWO PARTICULAR PEOPLE:

"One of the people has freckles and so he finds somebody else who has freckles too." Andrew, age 6.

"No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell. That's why perfume and deodorant are so popular." Mae, age 9.

"I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful." Manuel, age 8.

ON WHAT FALLING IN LOVE IS LIKE:

"Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." John, age 9.

"If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long." Glenn, age 7.

ON THE ROLE OF BEAUTY AND HANDSOMENESS IN LOVE:

"If you want to be loved by somebody who isn't already in your family, it doesn't hurt to be beautiful." Anita C., age 8.

"It isn't always just how you look. Look at me. I'm handsome like anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet." Brian, age 7.

"Beauty is skin deep. But how rich you are can last a long time." Christine, age 9.

REFLECTIONS ON THE NATURE OF LOVE:

"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good too." Greg, age 8.

HOW DO PEOPLE IN LOVE TYPICALLY BEHAVE?

"Mooshy ... like puppy dogs ... except puppy dogs don't wag their tails nearly as much." Arnold, age 10.

"When a person gets kissed for the first time, they fall down and they don't get up for at least an hour." Wendy, age 8.

"All of a sudden, the people get movies fever so they can sit together in the dark." Sherm, age 8.

CONFIDENTIAL OPINIONS ABOUT LOVE:

"I'm in favor of love as long as it doesn't happen when 'Dinosaurs' is on TV." Jill, age 6.

"Love is foolish ... but I still might try it sometime." Floyd, age 9.

"Yesterday I kissed a girl in a private place ... We were behind a tree." Carey, age 7.

"Love will find you, even if you are trying to hide from it. I been trying to hide from it since I was five, but the girls keep finding me." Dave, age 8.

"I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough." Regina, age 10.

THE PERSONAL QUALITIES YOU NEED TO HAVE IN ORDER TO BE A GOOD LOVER:

"Sensitivity don't hurt." Robbie, age 8.

"One of you should know how to write a check. Because, even if you have tons of love, there is still going to be a lot of bills." Ava, age 8.

Happy Birthday!

Dorothy Long	08/01
Maggi Kuehn	08/04
Ann Droheim	08/07
Marjorie Labadorf	08/09
Shirley Edmondson	08/09
Jackie Brown	08/16
Doris Carlson	08/26
Dorothy Freed	08/27
Wayne Rutty	08/27
Al Stagis	08/28
Charlie Eglise	08/30

Happy Anniversary!

Richard & Dorothy Long	08/03
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Howard & Carolyn Knight	08/17



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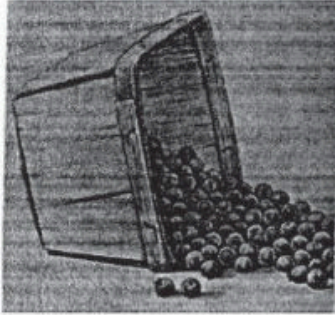
25th Anniversary Cake presented to COCU by the Cape Cod Unit



Jim & Dawn Miller, president and first lady, Charter Oak Connecticut Unit



From left to right: Jim & Dawn Miller, Richard Moffo, Dud & Dick Brockett, Bob & Anne Werth, Jim Hegeman, Susan & Wayne Rutty, Lois & Ted Price, and Eileen & Dick Bartram



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RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

Friday: Arrive anytime after 2 p.m. Supper on your own. Dessert served around a campfire

Saturday: Breakfast provided. Games for kids! Executive Board meeting after breakfast. Day on your own. Grills will be on to grill meat of your choice. Please bring a pot-luck dish to share with others. Membership meeting following supper. S'mores around a campfire.

Sunday: Campground's delicious home-made doughnuts will be served for breakfast. Leave at your leisure.

DETAILS

Rally Fee: \$5 per adult and \$2 per child over 6 years old

Camping Fee: \$16 per night payable to the campground

Directions: Coming from Greenfield, MA, it is 1.4 miles past the Crabapple Whitewater Canoeing/ Restaurant, on your right just before Ox Bow Motel/Restaurant. Coming from west, turn left onto driveway just past the Ox Bow. WBCCI signs will be displayed.

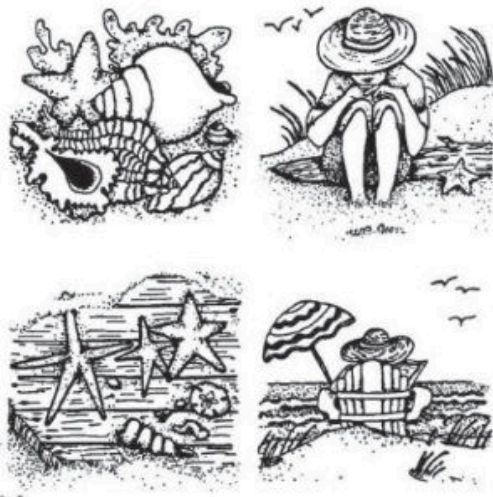
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Views of Summer

Answers to Presidential Query: Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, Van Buren, Harrison (William and Benjamin), Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson (Andrew and Lyndon), Wilson, Truman, Nixon, Reagan, Clinton

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COCU-Nuts

- *New Members* — We'd like to welcome our new unit members, Edward & Mary Wellington from Norfolk, CT. Looking forward to seeing you at our gatherings.
- *Address Change* — Robert & Barbara White's address is: 37C Bob White Lane, Norwich, VT 05055 (802) 649-3520. "On The Road" - Msg. Service, 1-800-992-6029, Ask for: Robert White ID# 4784-80.

President's Message

It's time for the truck to have a rest!! Looking back over the past months we have traveled to Arizona for a caravan, later to Rapid City for the International Rally, local trips and rallies, the Blueberry Rally, and now it's "get ready time" for the Region I Rally. Oh well, enjoy it as it comes. Rapid City was a busy place, especially for your freshly minted President; every day was packed with "must do" meetings, pleasant Happy Hours, loads of eating, but most especially, the chance to visit with so many warm friends from all over the country — to me, the essence of WBCCI. Our bulletin board survived the cross country trek and looked terrific — thank you, Nancy Werth. The site for our trailers was a hay field not so long ago; flat, grassy, and with ample space for all. We were located in the last row of the Doggie section (aptly named Red Dog 15), adjacent to the golf course and a flowing brook — choice real estate! We meet again and again, the weather worn by the gods of the Plains, the power of which is palpable and ever-present — but mostly lovely sun-filled days and grand sleeping nights. The bus service between our site and the Civic Center was excellent. Charter Oak was represented by Dick/Eileen Bartram, Wayne/Susan Ruty, Paul/Judy/Paul Allen Good, Don/Dee Perry (great people we enjoyed getting to know better), Ed/Mary Wellington (new unit members!), Mike/Sandy Sasuta, Dud/Dick Brockett (sans potato gun), Howard /Carolyn Knight, Rod/Shirley Dole, Dave Levinson, and Ray/Cecile Lemaire.

A somber report: WBCCI membership continues to decline at a fast rate due to death of older members, and death of new ones — especially young ones. Many Units have a marginal level of membership and "survive" by recycling the same Officers. Region I received an award (!) for "neither losing, nor gaining membership" — a dire harbinger. Charter Oak is unusual with a relatively high number of working couples; apparently we are the second "youngest" Unit in WBCCI — maybe so? The WBCCI leadership appears to be on "auto pilot" without a membership strategy. Pondering the off-target discussion at the Delegates meeting on the proposed name change (defeated), one felt that realistically addressing membership is like facing the Crazy Aunt living upstairs. Two latent views could be sensed among the Delegates: one centered on "classic aluminum" (stay the course, don't change, it'll last my lifetime) and one (less well articulated) sensing the essence of the club is the Wally Byam idea of reaching out to new faces and new ways. The situation cries out for decisive leadership.

Perhaps our Unit cannot tackle the broader issue, but we have to manage our fate, to open the hand of fellowship to all and be sure that our activities are tailored to the needs of working folk — especially those with children, as well as retirees. We cannot wait for the broader club to address our needs but must rely on our own best thoughts. Speaking of which, do you have ideas to offer — on attracting membership, program changes, outreach, etc.? What makes Charter Oak fun? Heresy of the week: How about inviting pop-ups and tenters to our rallies? Remember how we got started?

Good news was reported from Ron Tower and Bud Gould as they mend — keep them in your thoughts. It's also time to start planning for the 25th Birthday Rally (Sasuta's) and the Fall Caravan (Millers/Lines); the latter now has a name: "Mostly Maine Meandering" — mere details to follow!

Jim Miller



COCU Classifieds

For Sale

1993 GMC Suburban Series 2500 4x4. Fully equipped with 454 engine and 4.10 axle ratio for easy towing. Color is white. Available when new one arrives, not later than October 25. Current mileage 43,000. Will be about 46,000 by October. Excellent condition. \$25,900. Call Dick Bartram, #6625 at (860) 496-8507.

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- 1986 31' Airstream (Sovereign), rear twins, side bath, microwave, air conditioning, all around awnings, front stone guard protection, new brakes, 2-30 lb. gas bottles, non-smoker, original owner, asking \$12,500.
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Rendezvous at Charlemont

Fifteen trailers gathered together at the Country Aire Campground in Charlemont, MA, for Charter Oak CT Unit's Annual Buddy Rally. Bob & Carolyn Barrett, Jackie & Reggie Brown, Ruth & Roger Crockett, Jim & Laura Edmondson, Jim Miller, Rip & Elsie Nelson, Sue & Fred Newman, Bob & Helen Sandall, Mike & Sandy Sasuta, Jackie & Chan Taylor, Bob & Anne Werth, Pat & Claire Lines, and Dick & I were in attendance. Visitors from other units were John & Ruby Fuller, Cape Code Unit, Rus & Rhonna Fuller, White Mt. New Hampshire Unit, and Bus & Dorene Severson from Gearing, Nebraska. Elsie & Rips's son, Roy and his wife, Judy, were our "buddies" for this rally.

It was also very much a "kids' rally"! Eight Charter Oak kids were in attendance. Jessica and Michelle Whitney, (the Barretts' granddaughters), Christine and Marie Bartram, and Mike, James, Ethan and Abigail Newman were all in attendance. Sue and Fred Newman led the kids in games and crafts on Saturday. Judging by the laughter and hilarity, they all enjoyed the fun. All the kids received goody bags which they kindly shared with some of us adults.

We did have some serious moments during the rally, but we managed to conduct club business quickly and swiftly resumed the real business of the rally which was to socialize, tour the area, pick blueberries, visit the 5-mile long Hoosic Railroad Tunnel, swim in the swimming pool, walk the lovely Shelburne Falls' Bridge of Flowers, enjoy delicious food, and make new friends.

How quickly the time goes — our August rally is over for this year. But the memories we have of the warm summer days in Charlemont will make us smile during our long New England winter!

Eileen Bartram

1997 Dinner/Rally Calendar

February 2 — Dinner Meeting

COCU South Hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson
COCU North Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall

March 2 — Dinner Meeting

COCU South Hosts: Ron & Shirley Edmondson
COCU North Hosts: Wayne & Susan Ruty

April 6 — Dinner Meeting

COCU South Hosts: Hosts Needed
COCU North Hosts: Lois & Ted Price

May 2-4 — "Safety Rally" with Cape Cod, New England, and White Mountains

Location: Ted Williams Campground, Lakeville, MA
Co-hosts: Chan & Jackie Taylor and co-hosts needed

June 6-7 — "Essex Train/River Boat Cruise Rally"

Location: Wolf's Den Campground
Co-hosts: Anne & Bob Werth and co-hosts needed

June/July — International Rally, Huntsville, AL

Aug 1-3 — Rally — Hosts Needed

Aug 29-Sept. 1 — Region I Rally

Location: Topsfield, MA sponsored by Cape Cod Unit

Sept. 1-7 — Charter Oak Caravan

Co-hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson and Bob & Helen Sandall

Oct. 3-5 — Rally

Hosts: Mike & Sandy Sasuta

November 2 — Installation Dinner — Hosts Needed

December 7 — Christmas Dinner Rally

Co-hosts: Jim & Dawn Miller and Roger & Ruth Crockett

Thank you for your assistance in filling in the blanks.

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Region 1 News



Theda & Ken McGrath, President and First Mate

Thomas A. Petrillo, Editor

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Memories from the 39th International Rally Rapid City, South Dakota

Even though the 1996 International Rally is now history there is much to reminisce. How about those thunderstorms and tornado warnings and just a wee bit of hail (no damage) in the earlier days, which was followed by a lengthy heat wave - temp anywhere from the low 80's to the low 100's, but nary a sleepless nite as each night brought cooling winds. Also, I might add, there was nary a lack of enthusiasm or delight in being there.

I also should add that as we started towards Jackson Center on July 6, we had the most delightful traveling day - ideal temperatures, cooling breeze and no humidity - everyday should be like that. Oh well!

Your Region 1 officers were responsible for the committees reporting to the International Secretary, Lea Collins - an easy consignment, to say the least, and a welcome change from the last three years.

The IBT Seminar and Meeting brought forth nothing of any consequence. The Delegates voted in favor of I: Larry Huttle to be allowed to designate a representative to take his seat on the IBT. In favor of II: Consolidation of the two memberships - Regular and Associate, which will now be Regular only. The issue with regard to III: The name change of the Club was seriously defeated.

	Yes	No	Abstained	Total
I:	9958	726	84	10,768
II:	9726	1010	32	10,768
III:	1068	9723	10	10,801

The first meeting of the 1996 - 1997 IBT met on July 5 with no issues being presented. The Executive Committee's motion that there be an approved mail vote to be used between Board Meetings, if an important issue should arise, was passed unanimously. It is at this meeting that the new officers draw a three-digit number. I elected to retain mine - 332 sounds good to me. If you decide to make corrections in your directory: Ed Elmer - 119, Chesley Gilmore - 225, Ray Seltzer - 253, Gaye Little - 260, Jack Moen - 261, Ewart Phillips - 266, Max Carmichael - 322.

Needless to say, even though we had relatively easy committees to oversee, all your Region Officers, including Dick and Eileen Bartram, your 2nd V.P. elect, were kept extremely busy attending breakfasts, luncheons and dinners, as well as other socials. Some days it was

necessary to attend three such events. I deemed it to be in my best interest and peace of mind to try on my evening skirt at least every third day to make certain it would fit the important evening of the rally - the Installation.

We had a super Region 1 luncheon with five of the six current International Officers present, as well as many officers from the other eleven regions. It was also our honor to have as guests of Carolyn and Howard Knight and Hallie Holmes, Shirley and Ivor Passmore, the ICA representative from England. They delighted us by making a presentation to Rod and Shirley Dole. I am not certain of the exact count in attendance, but methinks, it was around 100 - a figure not to be ignored inasmuch as the overall Region 1 attendance was not tremendous.

Some of the other Region 1 events were a Cape Cod Breakfast, a Charter Oak Luncheon, a joint New England - White Mountain ice cream Social, and a Quebec Unit Cocktail Party.

As a Region, we did exceedingly well where awards were concerned. I do not have the official list as yet, but will list elsewhere those I know and will correct or add in the future to those I might miss or have incorrect.

The entertainment was, as usual, just great. The South Dakota nite was a delight with a foot stomping, hooting group with a champion fiddler. Another nite, following the invitation to 1997 Huntsville, we were thrilled to once again have the Dutton Family - Mom, Dad, two daughters, three sons and a daughter-in-law. It is difficult to describe the talents of the entire group, but I purchased a Video that can be shown at one of your rallies. Sunday evening we were entertained by the WBCCI Band, "Festival of Music" led by our own Wayne Killian. Always one of the most memorable evenings of the entire Rally. Note: Wayne even finished up on the 4th of July playing for the parade and a concert in the afternoon, all with one arm in a sling. We understand he had a fall a few days earlier, but that did not deter him from carrying on. That's dedication, wouldn't you say. On July 1st, Canada Day, the Canadian Brass outdid themselves with classical, western and modern renditions rewritten to be accommodated by an all brass band.

Next came the Teen Queen Pageant with thirteen lovely participants. Among the group was a talented fiddler, four soloists, two pianists, a ballet dance, a story teller, a magician, a designer dressmaker, an acrobat and a reader. The chosen Teen Queen for 1996-1997, was Miss Denver Colorado, Stacie Druggers, the story teller. She also was 2nd Runner Up on Talent. The top talent was Miss East Texas Lakes, Sheila Maloney, the Fiddler. All the girls did just great and any one of them could have been the winner.

Kerry Christensen was scheduled for the nite of

Installation, but, regrettably, had to cancel. Nevertheless, from what we could hear from a back room (where all the officers to be installed had to wait) the replacement group were winners. We could hear a yodeler from time to time and some serious hand clapping and foot stomping by the audience.

Messages have been passed on that all the officers looked mighty fine - the men in their white jackets and black ties and the women with their colorful gowns.

Then came the 4th with its parade. Region 1 rode in the Elks Club Purple Prince, a six person golf cart. "Eddie the Elk" was our driver, Rod and Shirley Dole sat in the second most important seat and Theda and Ken McGrath rode the rumble seat. Wayne Rutty did us proud carrying the Region Flag a scorching hot one and one-half to two miles. Later on we will give you the highlight of "Eddie the Elk".

The parade was followed by your current and newly elected Region Officers helping to serve the 1800 who purchased picnic tickets. All Region Officers were assigned this task and the feat was done in approximately one hour - quite an accomplishment, especially when there were two choices - ribs or chicken and oftentimes the ribs were ready to be handed out but those in line wanted chicken, or vice versa. One would have to be there and witness this feat - it is impossible to describe. There was no dallying or conversing, let me tell you.

Fourth of July eve, prior to the closing of the Rally, we thoroughly enjoyed "A Salute to the USA" by the Jubilee Banjo Band. The group all costumed in their sparkling red, white and blue, with a great deal of flag waving, surely was an ideal ending to a great rally. At this point one forgot the hot, hectic, tiring days with barely time to catch one's breath. That's what its all about, isn't it.

It is always so rewarding and heart warming to once again meet all the many friends one has acquired over the many years. In our case, it is since 1984 when Ken and I became really active on the International level. We, likewise, have so treasured the years from 1967 to 1984 on the Region and Unit level, but now feel additionally privileged to have acquired so many friends from the East to the West and from the North to the South of our continent, Mexico, Canada and the good old U.S.A. So many it is impossible to count, and we are truly blessed.



May, 1996 Training Session Notes

Of the many topics reviewed and discussed, two required our consideration and attention now.

1. Reservations and money are not sent to Rally Hosts in a timely manner. This is creating a concern for future officers. It is difficult to obtain hosts as they feel inadequate not knowing how to plan food, outside activities etc. We must stop waiting to see what might happen weatherwise, or what other event we might chose to attend. Those who have been considerate of us in taking on this responsibility of a Rally do not have the same privilege, and he/she is doing us a kindness. **PLEASE LET US RETURN THE KINDNESS.**

2. Several year ago a week-end was set aside for each of the U.S. Units. By planning our rallies on the scheduled week-end, we all had an opportunity to attend the functions of the other units. Over the past few years only two units have kept pretty much to their scheduled week-end - Charter Oak and White Mountain.

Not adhering to a schedule has created many a conflict for Region Officers' visitations, as well as members not being able to attend activities in other units where they are members. The 1996 Spring Business meetings were a prime example. Five units - the four U.S. and Quebec had meetings all scheduled for the same weekend. Quebec did not have anyone present to help explain the issues to be brought forth at the International Delegates Meeting, and if Charter Oak had not elected to have a joint rally with Cape Cod another unit would have been lacking a Regional Officer. Over the past couple years the Fall Business Meetings have had the same results - one Unit, and sometimes two, have been missing representation from Region.

Additionally and unfortunately, Charter Oak's 25th Anniversary Celebration is in conflict with two other rallies. This was done so as to erase the feeling that there is and/or has been a lack of communication. We are attempting to have at least one officer in attendance at most rallies.

It should also be pointed out that by scheduling rallies on specific week-ends the attendance figures should increase as members from other unit will have an opportunity to attend.

Let us hope that the Unit Officers responsible for the 1997 rallies will keep in mind the week-end schedule. Of course, if the rally is scheduled around a specific event, i.e. Ballon Festival, Apple Festival, etc. there would be a deviation which is perfectable understandable.

Charter Oak	First week-end
Cape Cod	2nd week-end
White Mountain	3rd week-end
New England	4th week-end

MAY WE ALL TRY - ONE CANNOT ASK FOR MORE

International 1996 highlights

The thrill of being there to wave on the Region 1 caravans as they arrived. The Region 1 Caravan led by Joyce and Ray Dallaire was off by a couple of seconds, I do believe, but he surely came in with a group that never came down off cloud nine. I don't believe the eleven units he brought in could have enjoyed the rally any more than they did the Caravan. His ending banquet was a delight with lovely fresh flower centerpieces, the handing out of Caravan plaques, the Caravan Manual and Caravan Journal. The Caravan Standing Committee Chairman, Richard Harold, complimented the Dallaires on leading the first Bilingual caravan. May we have many more Ray and Joyce. Perhaps your wish will come true - all English speaking participants will be conversing rapidly in French and vice versa - something more than Qui.

Shortly thereafter, was our Second caravan led by Howard and Carolyn Knight, who arrived with waves and tidings. Carolyn told me later that they were a little off schedule, but I didn't believe it as the reports over the CB were that all Caravans arrived in the most timely manner. Just prior to their arrival, another Caravan came in led by a Classic Motor Home, but to our dismay it was not the New England Caravan. Better that this was so otherwise they would have really been off. Carolyn said they had to wait out another Caravan who should have been behind them not in the fore, etc. Good work guys.

Now for "Eddie the Elk". He was none other than our very own Dick Salesses. It seems that Dick had transmission problems in Rapid City on his way home from Amherst and was tied up at the Elks for a few days. His buddy Elks took good care of him and he vowed that he would repay their favors if he ever had an opportunity. His time came - he transported Airstreamers from their trailers to the Elks daily from the early days of the rally right until the last day. He used the CB to advantage and garnered scores of takers. While we were on the parade route everyone was yelling to "Eddie the Elk" and wanted to know the day's menu. He was honored one eve by his fellow Elks and given a plaque. In addition our lovely Patty arrived on July 3rd and we had an opportunity to have them for cocktails with a few other Cape Cod Unit members. They are still our very own Dick and Patty and we sure wish they were back on the East Coast - maybe some day.

At the ICA Luncheon we learned that Howard Knight has been appointed the Northeastern Representative for ICA - Congratulations Howard.

We had two lucky winners in the Airstream Company drawing for \$500. Howard Knight and Dick Brockett. Paul Worthley's name was also drawn but Paul was unable to attend the Rally.

A special note should be made of the fact that our John O'Neill made many a visitation attending those who were under the weather. He is tireless when it comes to attending the ill. He visited Bill VanHom several times, when he was hospitalized shortly after his arrival. Bill was flown back to Ohio as soon as the Doctor gave his permission. John also attended Walter Knuesel, Past International President, and some of the Regional Officers and/or wives. We are fortunate to have you around John.

Special recognition must be given to our Eileen Bartram, who managed to attend breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and other events, yet do us proud with her outstanding performances at the keyboard. She did not intend to take part on that score this year, but after receiving a call from our President, Vernon Goodwin, and with the blessing of the Region Officers she gave in to the demand. There certainly is a need for your talent Eileen and you do, indeed, make us proud.

Don't ask either the Doles or the McGraths how well they did at Deadwood, the new Casino town. All but Rod, who never did eat, thought the food was good anyway, but we cannot answer to any other questions.

Over 500 have pre-registered for Huntsville.

5195 hats (the largest to date) were donated and they will go to the Rushmore Optimist for their Warm Hearts Project which means warm hands and warm heads for warm hearts. Since the hat program in 1990, there have been 15,000 hats donated. Hats were also donated to the Rapid City Youth and Family Services. This is a volunteer group which builds, has a food program and makes clothes available for the needy. The two representatives, Karen Richard and Patty Ironcloud were very appreciative. This Project, as well as the Community Services for habitat, is being carried on mostly by the Full Timers Club.

Church collections: The over \$8000 collected will go to two well deserving causes - both having to do with children.

The attendance at the 39th International Rally was 2,146. Youth attendance was 159. (A breakdown of the age groups can be given if anyone is interested).

Rally Attendance:

Canadian Atlantic	0	19
Charter Oak	5	53
Cape Cod	13	96
New England	17	147
Quebec	7	63
White Mountain	8	58
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How many of you have had a "roasting", one where five gleeful people did the job? Well, this newly elected President had one such. To explain: Each year at International the Regional Officers are "roasted" by their newly elected 1st V.P.'s and their own spouse. More often than not, the

parties doing the roasting are very kind. Not so with our participants, and, in addition, they recruited the newly elected 2nd V.P.'s to take part. It seems that Region 1 took the prize, not only for this year, but for some years past. It's reputation was broadcast far and wide as evidenced by comments received the following day. Suffice to say that I enjoyed every minute, and was extremely proud to find that Region 1 had such ingenious characters.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST:

I oftentimes use the adage
 "Fools tread where angels dare not
 But fool or angel, 'Tis an Angel I do wear
 So with you my thoughts I share.

For the next year or two
 A challenge I give all of you
 May we never, never cease
 Our membership to increase.

Others must come to know
 All the things we can show
 A clasp of hand A circle of friendship
 A squeeze, a hug, a prayer.

Kind thoughts year after year
 Memories we surely hold very dear
 And other items not to be forgot
 Things throughout life often sought.

Fun galore, laughter and visions new
 Vistas which delighted me and you
 A favorite recipe threefold shared
 Other things never before dared.

Methinks my message I should quit
 Before I'm tagged a fool or dimwit
 Cause I been known to go on and on
 Telling what I shall call a "Swan-song"

But just another sentence or two
 So you will all be in the know
 Your Officers have proudly learned
 of this year's plaque you have earned.

Region 1 deserves its name
 No 1 in the halls of fame
 It always had an open door
 May this continue evermore.

Awards and Statistics

1. **Airtream and Plaques winners:**
 - Caravan Manual**
Ray Dallaire - Region Caravan Leader
 - Unit Directory**
Joyce Dallaire - Quebec Unit
 - Unit Newsletter**
Thomas Petrillo - Cape Cod Unit
 - Hobby 1- Afghans** (her beautiful "happy" afghan)
Shirley Dole - Region 1st Lady& New England Unit
 - Hobby II - Miscellaneous**
(for his Bon Sai collection - Little Trees)
Whit Bradley - Cape Cod Unit
2. **Ribbon Winners:**
 - Hobby I**
 - Quilted Wall Hanging**
Cecile Lemaire - Cape Cod Unit
(2nd or 3rd)
 - Rug**
Julie Frechon - Quebec Unit
(2nd or 3rd)
 - Hobby II**
 - Stained Glass Collection**
Ray Lemaire - Cape Cod Unit (2nd)
 - Basket**
Cecile Lemaire - Cape Cod Unit(3rd)
 - Publications**
 - Caravan Journal**
Howard Knight - New England Unit (2nd)
 - Unit Directory** - Open Category
Tom Petrillo - Cape Cod Unit (3rd)
 - Bulletin Board**
 - Originality, Special Recognition**
Ray Dallaire - Quebec Unit

Most Important of All A Region Award

A unique, one of a kind plaque for Membership Retention. We are the only recipients of this award and one in which we all must have great pride. The plaque will be shown at the Region 1 Rally.

We also had two attenders in the Caravan Training Classes, they will be recognized at the Region Rally.



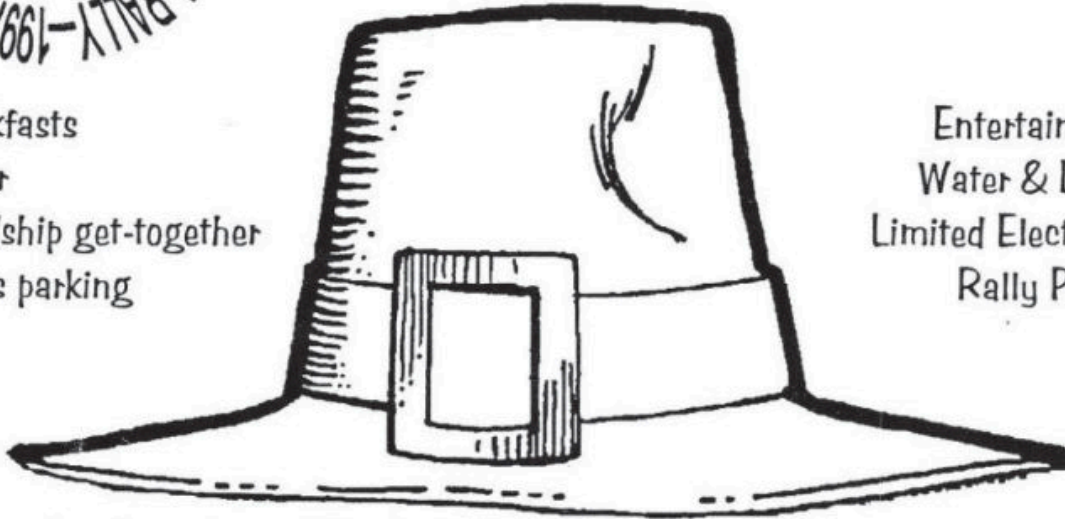
Region 1 Colonial Days Rally

August 29 -- September 1, 1997
 Topsfield Fairgrounds, Topsfield, MA.

Hosted by Cape Cod Mass. Unit

- 3 Breakfasts
- 1 Dinner
- 1 Friendship get-together
- 3 Nights parking

- Entertainment
- Water & Dump
- Limited Electricity
- Rally Plaque



Directions: From North or South : I-95 to Exit 50
 for U.S.1. Take U.S. 1 North to Topsfield, MA. Fair-
 ground is on the right.

Rally Emergency Phone Number:
 Topsfield, MA Police : 1-508-887-6533

ALL Fees: Payable in U.S. funds

Trailer w/2 persons (includes 3 nights Parking)	\$100	\$	_____
Trailer w/1person (Includes 3 nights parking)	\$75	\$	_____
Nbr. of additional adults _____ Each additional Adult	\$50	\$	_____
Nbr. of children 12-18 _____ Each Child 12 - 18 years old	\$20	\$	_____
Nbr. of children under 12 _____ Each Child under 12	FREE		
Nbr. of extra nites parking _____ Early / Late Parking (per night)	\$12	\$	_____
Early parking dates Wed. Aug 27 and Thurs. Aug. 28. Late parking date Mon. Sept. 1	TOTAL	\$	_____

WBCCI # _____ Arrival date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State or Province, Zip: _____

Handicap parking required: Yes No Vintage Trailer Yes No First Time attendee Yes No

In Case of a Emergency who should we notify: Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Address, City, State: _____

Make checks payable to : Cape Cod Region Rally (MAIL RESERVATIONS ONLY REQUIRED BY 8/20/97)

Mail to: Larry Lamontagne, RR #2 Box 627, Holland, MA. 01521 413-245-9941

A Favorite Day *(continued from page 2)*

few hours for the combined efforts of the furnace and an electric heater to thaw us out! The guide told us that the Swamp is at its loveliest in April, with an abundance of yellow flowers in bloom and the songs of birds enriching the atmosphere.

Now we pause in our sight-seeing while we run around the northern portion of Florida for a few weeks, visiting various friends. We see them only once a year and they are treasured visits for all of us.

As we head back to New England, we point our vehicle toward Asheville, NC, just east of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Friends have urged us not to miss the Biltmore Estate there. The gardens are legendary.

"From there," Russell told me as he studied the map, "we can pick up the Blue Ridge Highway and follow it to Charlottesville, VA, where Jefferson's Monticello is." I nearly jumped out of my skin with happiness, since both the Highway and Monticello have been on my "wish list" for decades.

That puts us in a good position to get to Williamsburg, which we once visited briefly. Trying to absorb the sights there in one day is like trying to pour a quart of water into a teacup; it just can't be done. So, back to Williamsburg we go and I get to see again the live oak I fell in love with five years ago, as well as many other memorable views.

During the trip, of course, we will also explore some of the regional culinary delights available. Both of us are curious about peanut soup, a specialty of Virginia. Hope we find some! And it may be that in the Low Country of South Carolina we will stumble upon another place to buy Frogmore Stew. The restaurant where we discovered it has changed hands and, sadly, no longer serves that delicious entree.

If we get to Charleston we will surely have a meal at 8 1/2 Queen Street, a delightful restaurant. There, we usually sit in the courtyard, surrounded by beautiful plants and serenaded with bird songs. The person who shows us to a table does not say the usual, "Smoking or non-smoking?" but asks instead, "Shade or sun?" I get a big kick out of that. Maybe, in addition to the pleasant ambiance, she-crab soup will be on the menu the day we're there. It is delicious and we've not had it for some years.

All in all, what with gorgeous vistas to admire, unusual people to invigorate us, museum visits to enjoy, reunions with friends, and satisfying dining experiences to remember, is it any wonder that I love planning such a journey?

Dorothy O'Connor

Happy Birthday!

Robert Labadorf	04/05
Paul Freed	04/06
Eileen Bartram	04/09
Robert Werth	04/11
Henry Setterstrom	04/12
Jacoba Taylor	04/14
Bob Barrett	04/16
Claire Bradley	04/17
Bob Sandall	04/18
Charles Wilson	04/19
Russell Berg	04/22
Ruby Fuller	04/26
Bob Henschel	04/27

Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Carolyn Barrett	04/11
Paul & Dorothy Freed	04/19





PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT

- FRIDAY** ARRIVAL TIME AFTER 1 PM
SUPPER: NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER (BRING BOWL)
- SATURDAY** 8:30 AM: FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE
AFTERNOON: ENJOY THE BEACH OR SIGHTSEE IN THE AREA
GET ACQUAINTED WITH CLUB MEMBERS YOU HAVEN'T MET BEFORE
VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR FOOD PREPARATION TO HELP MAKE
YOUR RALLY A SUCCESS
- SUPPER:** 5:30 CHOICE OF SURF N'TURF (LOBSTER TAIL & STEAK)
OR SURF N'CHICKEN
CHILDREN'S MENU: HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS
MEAL INCLUDES POTATO, VEGETABLE, SALAD & DESSERT
- SUNDAY** 8:30 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

PAY PARK ON ARRIVAL: \$12.00 PER NIGHT. COME PREPARED: EMPTY HOLDING TANKS, FULL WATER TANKS & CHARGED BATTERIES AS THERE ARE NO HOOK UPS. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED. WATER & DUMP STATION AVAILABLE. DIRECTIONS: FROM JCT OF I-95 AND SR-62 (EXIT 62) SOUTH 0.5 MILES ON SR-62

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RALLY FEE: CHARTER OAK MEMBER @ \$6.00 EACH _____
PLEASE SELECT CHOICES FOR SAT NIGHT:
SURF N'TURF _____ OR SURF N'CHICKEN _____
NON CHARTER OAK MEMBER FOR SAT NIGHT MEAL @ \$10.00 EACH _____
NON CHARTER OAK MEMBER FOR SAT NIGHT MEAL & RALLY @\$16.00 EACH _____
EACH ADDITIONAL ADULT SAT NIGHT DINNER & RALLY FEE @\$16.00 EACH _____
CHILDREN (INCLUDING CHILDS MENU SAT NIGHT) @ \$2.50 EACH _____
PLEASE COMPLETE-HOW MANY: HOT DOGS _____ & HAMBURGERS _____

CALL OR MAIL RESERVATIONS TO ARRIVE BY 8/27/96. MAKECHECK PAYABLE TO MICHAEL SASUTA, 476 MILFORD POINT ROAD, MILFORD, CT 06460, 203 878-8070. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU'R NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND THE WHOLE RALLY OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

NAME _____ WBCCI # _____
DATE YOU JOINED CHARTER OAK _____ # YEARS IN WBCCI _____

Happy Birthday!

Sharon Henschel	09/06
Carolyn Knight	09/11
Betty Tuckerman	09/18
Alex Smith	09/22
Arlene Setterstrom	09/27
William Svihovec	09/28

Happy Anniversary!

Donald & Dolores Perry	09/04
Bob & Helen Sandall	09/06
Wayne & Susan Ritty	09/11
Ron & Elaine Tower	09/13
Jim & Dot McLain	09/15
Paul & Judy Good	09/15
Reg & Jackie Brown	09/18
Chandler & Jacoba Taylor	09/19
Kirk Peterson & Christine Yario	09/19
J. & Beth Braun	09/22

CHARTER OAK

Chatter

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THOSE ATTENDING:

Nels & Lydia Rosenbick
 Roger & Ruth Crockett
 Don & Shirley Edmondson
 Bob & Helen Sandell
 Lini & Pat Lammell
 Rip & Elsie Nelson
 Bud & Jessa Gould
 Bill and Alice Herpich
 Dave & Betty Tuckerman
 Charlie & Sandy Eglise
 Helen & Dick Bartons
 Michael & Sandy Saseta
 Bob & Carolyn Barrett
 Jim and Dawn Miller
 Dick & Dede Brockett
 Don & Dolores Perry
 Mike & Maggi Kuehn
 Loretta Relyea
 Ed & Al Stagis
 Antoinette & Tom Petullo

Alan & Bob Dandy
 Zach & Paige
 Jackie & Chan Taylor
 Jackie & Reggie Brown

Charter Oak Conn. Unit,
Region 1, Celebrates
25 year Anniversary



Left to right - Roger Crockett,
Jessie Gould, Ruth Crockett

REGION NEWS

During the weekend of September 6 - 8, twenty-three trailers gathered at Hammonasset Beach State Park in Connecticut to celebrate Charter Oak CT Unit's 25th Anniversary in WBCCI. Unfortunately, storm FRAN also attended the Rally bringing rain and cold winds. Storm FRAN blew down our tent and rained during our prayers at Saturday night's supper, but the WBCCI members enjoyed the entire celebration.

The Anniversary feast, among other things, consisted of lobster, steak, and chicken, all served to a most appreciative group by volunteers, some of whom stood under umbrellas to cook.

Following dinner, President Jim Miller announced the names of the remaining Unit Charter Members: Audrey Clark, Ruth & Roger Crockett and Art and Ann Droheim. Only Ruth and Roger were present.

Member Jessie Gould had baked a beautiful anniversary cake decorated with an Airstream trailer. Charter member Roger and Ruth Crockett were given the honor of cutting the cake.

Roger and Ruth had assembled several booklets depicting the history of the Unit through photos, newspaper clipping and other mementos, all of which brought back many memories.

Copy of article from "The Blue Beret" December 1996



Left to Right
Jim Miller, Bud Goid, Charlie Colise, Dick Bastram
looking in back. Dave Tuckerman, Mike Sasuta



September 6 to 8, 1996 - 25th Anniversary
Hammonasset Beach State Park



Left to Right
Betty & Dave Tuckerman, Dawn Miller, Dobres Perry



Looking @ history Books
Carolyn Bassett, Rip Nelson, Nieb Rosenbeck



Zack Landry w/wild goose he caught



Left to Right
Dick Bartram, Lydia Rosenbeck,



CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 3, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Jim Miller.

Bob Werth led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim introduced Sue Newman who, in turn, introduced the younger generation:

Mike, James, Ethan & Abigail Newman
Marie and Christine Bartram
Jessica and Michelle Whitney

The Minutes of the membership meeting on June 8, 1996 were accepted as read.

Sandy Sasuta, Unit Treasurer, reported a balance of \$3881.60 as of June 30, 1996. The report was accepted subject to audit. Sandy also reported that the Unit Books have been audited by Ted Price and found to be in good condition.

Old Business:

Mike Sasuta announced that the 25th Anniversary Rally will be held on September 6, 7 & 8, 1996 at Hammonneset Beach State Park. A \$15 per trailer subsidy is proposed for COCU members to partially cover the costs of a steak and lobster dinner on Saturday evening. Non-members would pay the full cost of the meal. About \$200 to \$300 will be needed to cover the cost of rental equipment. The Executive Board recommends expenditure of these funds.

Anne Werth presented a motion to, "subsidize the Saturday evening meal at \$15 per trailer". Seconded by Jackie Brown and passed. Bob Barrett then made a motion to, "authorize expenditure of funds for rental equipment for the Anniversary Rally as needed". Seconded by Reggie Brown and passed. Ruth Crockett offered a motion to, "limit the \$15 per trailer subsidy to COCU members only". Seconded by Dick Bartram. The motion was passed.

We were admonished to "talk-up" the Anniversary Rally and respond quickly so Mike can get a good count as early as possible.

Anne is preparing the schedule of events for next year. Hosts are needed for rallies and dinner meetings.

USRV will sponsor a rally next May 2 thru 4 in Lakeville, Ma. for Region One units in New England. We hope to have one of his mechanics there also.

New Business:

The Executive Board has authorized the purchase of:

- 1 - a new 30 cup coffee pot
- 2 - a new propane gas stove and griddle

Jim reported that the International in Rapid City was a very good rally. There were about 2200 trailers there. The three items voted on at a previous membership meeting were voted on at International.

- Name change - defeated by 10 to 1 margin.
- Other 2 items were approved.

Dick Bartram said Region One is the only Region that does not have a Special Events Rally. Theda McGrath, Region One President, would like to see such a rally somewhere in S.E Connecticut or Rhode Island. The Region One officers will pursue this. Such a rally would be held sometime during the month of September.

Dick also reported that Region One was singled out as the only Region in the club with no loss of membership last year.

Bob Barrett said he has some concerns about how a Region One Special Events Rally would impact on other Region and Unit activities.

Dick Bartram is on a panel that is looking into the possibility of developing a directory of "Airstream-friendly" campgrounds who would be willing to give a discount to WBCCI members. The parks selected to be in such a directory would be rated by WBCCI members based on criteria yet to be established./ Dick asked us to be thinking of any parks we might think fit the bill.

Jim, Edmondson spoke about Courtesy Parking. He and Laura have used it and they highly recommend it.

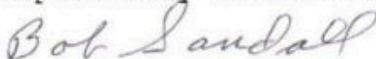
Thanks to the Bartrams and Newmans for a great weekend.

Jim remarked about what a caring group we have and admonished us to continue in this manner.

Anne Werth^{SPOKE} of the rally next October in Coventry and the caravan to follow hosted by the team of Lines and Miller.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Bob Sandall, Recording Secretary

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 3, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 9:45 A.M.

present were: Jim Miller, Anne Werth, Bob Werth, Sandy Sasuta, Bob Sandall, Jacxkie Taylor, Eileen Bartram, Dick Bartram (representing Region One) and Mike Sasuta, Chairman of the 25th Anniversary Rally.

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting on May 18, 1996 were accepted as read.

The Treasurer, Sandy Sasuta, reported that the books had been audited by Ted Price for the period May 31, 1995 through April 30, 1996 and found to be in satisfactory condition. The balance as of June 30, 1996 is \$3881,60. The report was accepted subject to audit.

Eileen Bartram, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported that things are going well. The final report will be given at our September meeting and will also appear in the September issue of the Chatter.

USRV's offer to host a rally next year has been discussed with the other Region One units in New England. Anne will pursue this

Jim announced that Susan Rutty has volunteered to serve as Chairperson for the Region One Rally to be hosted by COCU at the Durham (Ct.) Fairgrounds September 5 thru 7, 1998.

Anne Werth is seeking hosts for our activities next year.

Dick Bartram told us COCU was to be commended for staying with our assigned week-end for unit activities. Apparently some of the other units are not adhering to the schedule.

Mike Sasuta announced the 25th Anniversary Rally will be held at Hammonnessett Beach State Park on September 6, 7 and 8, 1996. At this time plans are to subsidize the Saturday dinner for COCU members at the rate of \$15.00 per trailer. Non-members will pay the full cost of the meal. The Rally Fee is expected to be \$5.00 per person which will include an Anniversary plaque. If possible, a special plaque will be prepared for the three charter members of COCU who are still active. Mike needs \$200 to \$300 for equipment rental.

The Executive Board authorized Mike to proceed on the basis of his report including the expenditure of up to \$300 for rental of equipment.

Club Equipment - We need a new 30 cup coffee pot and a new propane gas stove and griddle. Bob Werth offered a motion to, "authorize Eileen Bartram to purchase a new 30 cup coffee pot". Seconded by Anne Werth and passed. Anne Werth made a motion to, "authorize Mike Sasuta to purchase a new propane gas stove and griddle". Seconded by Eileen Bartram and passed.

Jim announced that Ron and Elaine Tower are selling their trailer and tow vehicle.

Jackie Taylor would like to have someone come to one of our rallies and discuss trailer safety. This fits right into USRV's rally plan for next May.

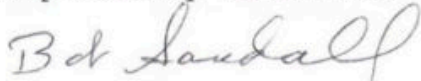
Sandy told us that Jim and Dot McLain as well as Florence Graham did not renew their WBCCI memberships. She also told us of a new member by the name of Wellington.

The Board agreed to contact some of our members to see if we can get them more active.

Jim - Moffo, Perrym, Svihovec
Bob - Setterstrom, Stagis
Mike - Yarro, Davis
Werth - Holliday, Landry
Dick - Beausoleil
Jackie - Henschel, Braun

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Sandall, Recording Secretary

CHARTER OAK Chatter

*Celebrating
Our 25th
Anniversary!*

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September 1996

Dates to Remember

October 4-6

Fall Foliage Rally, Coventry, CT
Co-hosts: Bob & Anne Werth and
Jim & Laura Edmondson

October 6-12

"Mostly Maine Meandering" Caravan
Co-hosts: Jim & Dawn Miller and
Claire & Pat Lines

November 3

Installation Dinner - George's, Vernon, CT
Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall

December 8

Dinner Meeting
Hosts: Beth & J. Braun

Details Inside On

"Fall Foliage Rally"

&

"Mostly Maine Meandering"

President's Message

O Canada!! From the skirling bagpipes, the stentorian "Oyez, Oyez" of the elegant Town Cryer, the formal welcome from Her Worshipful Highness the Mayor of Windsor, the greetings of the host Canadian Atlantic Unit, and the opening pomp of the Region 1 Rally, we knew we had come to a special place — and with special friends. Nearly 90 trailers made the trek to Nova Scotia including many Charter Oaker's (Crocketts, Taylors, Bartrams, Ruttys, Browns, Sandalls, Perry, Tuckermans, Hegeman, Stagis, Clarks, Lines, Doles, Edmonsons, Knights, Lowells, Whites, and Millers)! Some came by caravan, others just appeared. The Maritime Provinces offer places of stunning beauty, hospitality unmatched, grand vistas, charming cottages and elegant mansions, unique tidal bores, sea-based cuisine, and a blend of cultures: Mic Mac, French, English, German, Scottish, and New Englanders; all stirred and well shaken. Life is lived close to the bone; to be frugal is a compliment, to share is normal. The bonds of history, family, and geography inter-twine the Provinces with our New England states over a reach of nearly 4 centuries. The oft-times bloody history has yielded to a gentler, slower-paced life that appears everywhere — not rustic — but rather a sophisticated sense of community and "personhood". People take time to talk — and to listen; there is a sense of caring. Even disagreements seem less strident and are reasoned with more courtesy — unfortunately, not our everyday fare at home. It is strange how we have to leave home to learn about ourselves! We were in a time warp, buffered from news, and the clangor of politicians, wars, and such — but in a fog-cloaked sense, wrapped in a blanket of kindness.

The Provinces (and our home states) offer a spectrum of unequalled beauty, places to visit and revisit, seasons of hearty weather and balmy blessings, charming rivers winding through bountiful lands, high technology and simple living, unique people, mountains, rugged coastlines; a blend of old and new, nature's best and the fruit of man's hard labor. A living must be wrested from rock and sea; there is no "free lunch" here.

The host Unit, only 12 strong, earned our admiration with the excellent facilities, meals (a zillion ways to make cucumber salad — but don't forget the stone; hodge podge!), entertainment (love that Dixieland jazz!), planning, creature comforts (roses and apples), and overall gracious hospitality. Grand things come in small packages. Thank you so much!! Rally members were surfeited with lobsters, home cooking, happy hour nibbles, and a steady stream of goodies. There was much to see and do, all the while taking time to chat with friends not often seen, share news and woes, and catch up on everyone's doings. Minor trailer flaws were fixed, often with help from the more clever members — just lift a hood and 6 Airstreamers appear like the genie from the bottle — and ideas gleaned to make our Silver homes more homey.

Our year races on — when you read this we will have enjoyed our glorious 25th Anniversary Rally at Hammonasset and will be ready for our Fall Caravan. Don't let moss grow on your toes!

Jim Miller



Northwest Adventure

Since I was a lass of ten and memorized all the state capitals in the U.S.A., I have been pronouncing the capital of South Dakota "PEE-ERE," accented on the second syllable. Much to my astonishment, the correct way to say the name is "PEER."

That is but one of the many things I learned this summer, when Russell and I took part in an Airstream caravan entitled, "National Landmarks West," touring the Northwest for five scenic-crammed weeks. A caravan is a group of Airstream trailers traveling together. In our case, we were one of 30 Airstreams. The route, campgrounds, and events are planned well in advance. There are many advantages to traveling with a caravan, but that is the subject of another article.

We started our exploration of the area in Medora, North Dakota. Even though its population is just under 100, Medora is familiar to tourists. It is the southern gateway to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, which we visited and saw prairie dogs, bison, and sage brush, but no rattlesnakes! While staying in Medora we also attended an outdoor pitchfork fondue, where steaks were impaled on pitchforks (cleaned of course), plunged into boiling oil, and served with accompaniments to appreciative guests, all with a backdrop of gorgeous mountains. After the meal we saw a musical show at a large amphitheater built into the hillside. The stage is large enough to hold horses as well as a troupe of actors, dancers, and singers. While we watched the show the stars came out, large and bright. What a memorable evening!

Remember the song "Don't Fence Me In?" In North Dakota I finally came face to face with cottonwood trees. Yes, they are messy — their airborne fluffy seed pods land all over the place, but their leaves are very sensitive to wind, and we all loved to "listen to the murmur of the cottonwood trees."

After Medora we traveled to Hardin, Montana, population 2,900; elevation 2,900. Hardin is near the Custer National Battlefield, which we visited. More to my taste, Hardin also boasts a large indoor municipal swimming pool, which I used twice in one day.

We drove on to Cody, Wyoming, 5,075 feet above sea level. It is a prosperous, bustling town of 7,900. One of the main attractions is the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, a collection of four museums. We made two separate visits there, as a result of which I revised my previous opinion of Buffalo Bill Cody. "Opinion" is the wrong word — to me, he was just another gun-totin' cowboy. I learned, at Cody, that he was an early

and vocal champion of voting rights for women, of equal pay for equal work, and of equal rights for the native Indians.

In Cody the group also went to a Rodeo — a first for me. It was interesting, but I won't cry if I never attend another. From Cody we also drove over Beartooth Pass, nearly 11,000 feet high. There are so many spectacular vistas, beautiful waterfalls, and deep gorges that one is nearly breathless at the end. Near the top we stopped to watch skiers and a snowboarder — on July 13!

The Caravan made twelve stops in five states, (North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and Washington). We had delightful visits to Yellowstone National Park; Butte, Montana; Glacier National Park; Grand Coulee Dam; Brewster, WA; Randle, WA (near both Mt. St. Helen's and Mt. Rainier), and Port Angeles, Washington, from where we visited the Ho Rain Forest. Port Angeles is at the northern tip of the Olympic Peninsula; from there the group took an 18-mile boat trip to Victoria on Vancouver Island. The AAA Tour Guide book describes Victoria as a "gentle" city, the "most English of Canadian cities." What a charming place! The streets are clean and 1,260 hanging flower baskets adorn the lamp posts in the downtown area. The architecture also has clean lines. The harbor is clean, as harbors go, and is lively with active marine traffic.

In Victoria we were able to roam for two hours through Butchart Gardens, an unforgettable treat of massed colors, artfully arranged theme gardens, and a fountain of ever-changing sprays which is mesmerizing to sit and watch.

I am reluctant to end this portion of the piece without mentioning the Highway-to-the-Sun in Glacier National Park. It is a thrilling ride. The road runs along beside two exquisite lakes, up over Logan Pass byway of several hairpin turns, past tumbling waterfalls which plunge down stone stairways, and near glacial snow ten feet deep, on top of which children were cavorting gleefully in the hot summer sun.

I've given short shrift to many, many spectacular sights. If I described them all to the extent they deserve, this article would be far too long. Let me summarize by way of two topics: first, some of the things I learned, and second, how the trip reflected the theme song of the Caravan leader.

I learned that plains and prairies go on for miles. They bear a similarity to the ocean — always the same, and yet changeable.

I learned that the rivers in the Northwest (especially in Montana) are lovely. They are clear; they flow rapidly and playfully; usually they are surrounded by dark green trees and blue mountains.

Russell and I share the driving of the "rig" — a GMC Suburban and a 25-foot Airstream trailer. Together they weigh a bit over six tons. During the Caravan, the 60 people involved had periodic meetings called "Drivers' Meetings," at which Jack, the leader, gave guidelines about the route we would take the next day. I learned how to drive safely on hills while protecting the car. On a long climb the important thing is to prevent the engine from overheating. In addition to down-shifting, one can turn off the air-conditioning, thus reducing the burden on the engine, and even turn on the heat, to keep the coolant circulating.

Going down, you want to avoid burning out the brakes. Don't let the rig get going too fast; better to down-shift and let the engine slow you down. Do NOT "ride the brakes" or pump them. It is better to touch them and let go; touch and let go.

The highest pass I drove was Craig Pass in Yellowstone National Park, at 8,262 feet, and the scariest downgrade was a 7% for 4 miles. I renamed Craig the "Scared Driver Pass" but, by golly, I did it and became quite adept at it, despite signs such as "Chain-Up Area," "Chain-Off Area Ahead," and "Runaway Truck Ramp, 1,000 Feet."

Traveling with 29 other Airstreams is fun and rewarding. No, they don't all travel together, out of courtesy to other drivers who may need to cut in. There are single Airstreams on the road, and groups of three or four, all with a common destination. Another skill I learned this summer is to communicate with other drivers on a CB radio

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Charter Oak CT Unit 25th Anniversary Rally

*Happy
25th
Anniversary
COCU*

At 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 6, 1996, the official rally began at Hammonasset Beach State Park. A few early birds had arrived on Thursday and greeted everyone as they drove to their sites. There were 23 trailers at the rally. Soon the tent was set up and tables were moved under cover in case an uninvited guest Airstreamer named Fran should blow in during the weekend. The tables were covered with blue tablecloths with centerpieces of colorful mum plants. Sandy Sasuta and Eileen Bartram organized the preparation of the meal by having several gals peel potatoes and onions.

At 5:30 p.m. everyone enjoyed the delicious clam chowder supper followed by conversation around the campfire. There were tales of a beautiful lady with tattoos to lessons about capons and other subjects of interest.

We were awakened during the night by rain showers which persisted off and on throughout the weekend. We were told it wasn't caused by Fran but was a local storm.

Saturday a delicious breakfast of french toast, sausage, juice and coffee was served. The day was spent in many ways: some toured the new Clinton Outlet Mall, others took short walks, visiting, or sleeping. The excitement of the afternoon was seeing Ann and Bob Werth, dressed in their wedding finery, as they left to attend son Doug's wedding in Madison. It was fun to see the Landry children, Paige and Zach roller blading and riding their bikes around the campground.

By late afternoon the wind blew the tent down and broke one of the main supports. However, thanks to Neils Rosenbeck, Bud Gould, and Roger Crockett, repairs were made and the tent was put up again.

Ruth and Roger Crockett had assembled several booklets depicting the history of the Charter Oak CT Unit through pictures, newspaper clippings and other materials. These were of great interest to all. Great job Ruth and Roger! Thanks.

A happy hour was enjoyed while the banquet was prepared. We all do love munchies! Later as Betty Tuckerman was saying grace before our meal, the heavens opened up and it poured.

The anniversary feast consisted of lobster, steak, chicken, salad, corn on the cob, baked potato and a beverage was served to a most appreciative group by the volunteers, some of whom had stood under umbrellas cooking.

After dinner, President Jim Miller conducted a brief business meeting at which the slate of officers for 1997 was read and approved. After the meeting, Jim spoke about the anniversary and the pride we all should have in reaching this milestone as a friendly, caring unit of WBCCI. He recognized the remaining charter member as follows: Audrey Clark, Roger & Ruth Crockett, and Art & Ann Droheim. Jim presented a Charter Membership plaque to Ruth and Roger. Unfortunately, Audrey, Art, and Ann were unable to attend the rally. Jim called on Dick Brockett who read humorous writings about winter and snow in the north country. Door prizes were awarded and anniversary plaques were given to all those present.

Jessie Gould had made a beautiful anniversary cake decorated with an Airstream trailer. As everyone sang "Happy Anniversary To Us," the Crocketts cut the cake under Jessie's direction. A rousing and enthusiastic vote of thanks was given to Sandy & Mike Sasuta, chairpersons of the rally and to Carolyn & Bob Barrett and Eileen & Dick Bartram.

Sunday morning we awoke to more fog and clouds. Once again our spirits were not dampened as we enjoyed a breakfast of muffins, danish, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. After cleaning up and packing everything away, the common thought expressed by all was what a great Anniversary Rally this had been. See you down the road.

Ron and Shirley Edmondson

Vintage Airstream Club

There is a misconception about membership in the Vintage Airstream Club.

There are three ways of joining:

1. Member: Owning an Airstream 25 years or older and being a WBCCI member.
2. Associate Member: Anyone belonging to WBCCI.
3. Friend: Anyone not belonging to WBCCI.

For an application or information, please write to: Donald C. Perry, Representative Region 1, Four View Street, Greenwich, CT 06830.

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COCU-Nuts

- Many thanks to Mike and Sandy Sasuta who led the outstanding Anniversary Rally this month. Also to Dick and Eileen Bartam and Bob and Carolyn Barrett who assisted them. We had a terrific turnout and a fun time!
- *Reminder:* 1997 Membership Dues are due.
- There will be a Board meeting and a Unit meeting at the October Rally in Coventry to act on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.
- Welcome to new members: Sebastian and Juanita Pestretto, and Paul and Lucille Tetreault. We look forward to getting to know you!!
- Thanks to the Bartrams and Newmans who co-hosted our very successful Blueberry Rally in August

Deadline for the next issue of the *Chatter* is October 8.

Steamed Brown Bread

Of old — was always served with baked beans.

Mix . . .

1 Cup Rye Flour or Sifted Gold Medal Flour

1 Cup Corn Meal

1 Cup Whole Wheat Flour

1 Tsp. Soda

1 Tsp. Salt

Stir in . . .

3/4 Cup Molasses

2 Cups Sour Milk or Buttermilk

Beat well. Fill greased molds 2/3 full (using two 1-lb. coffee cans or one 7" tube-center mold). Lay waxed paper over the top. Steam 3 hours. Serve piping hot with butter.

Steaming Tips: If you don't have a steamer, improvise one with large kettle. Place mold above water line by placing it on rack set on cups, etc. Cover steamer tightly. Do not lift cover until end of steaming unless water must be added, then quickly add boiling water.

Caution: Do not use a double boiler as a steamer unless recipe calls for it. It does not allow the steam to circulate completely around the mold of bread or pudding.

Happy Birthday!

Syble Griffin	10/02
Bill Herpich	10/07
Jim McLain	10/10
Elsie Nelson	10/12
Neils Rosenbeck	10/12
Dick Bartram	10/12
Susan Rutty	10/21
Lill Herpich	10/27

Happy Anniversary!

Bard & Kathy Fuller	10/03
Roger & Ruth Crockett	10/16
John & Margie Peterson	10/23
Mark & Gail Good	10/24

1997 Dinner/Rally Calendar

February 2 — Dinner Meeting

COCU South Hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson

COCU North Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall

March 2 — Dinner Meeting

COCU South Hosts: Ron & Shirley Edmondson

COCU North Hosts: Wayne & Susan Rutty

April 6 — Dinner Meeting

COCU South Hosts: Hosts Needed

COCU North Hosts: Lois & Ted Price

May 2-4 — "Safety Rally" with Cape Cod, New England, and White Mountains

Location: Ted Williams Campground, Lakeville, MA

Co-hosts: Chan & Jackie Taylor and co-hosts needed

June 6-7 — "Essex Train/River Boat Cruise Rally"

Location: Wolf's Den Campground

Co-hosts: Anne & Bob Werth and co-hosts needed

June/July — International Rally, Huntsville, AL

Aug 1-3 — Rally — Hosts Needed

Aug 29-Sept. 1 — Region I Rally

Location: Topsfield, MA sponsored by Cape Cod Unit

Sept. 1-7 — Charter Oak Caravan

Co-hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson and Bob & Helen Sandall

Oct. 3-5 — Rally

Hosts: Mike & Sandy Sasuta

November 2 — Installation Dinner — Hosts Needed

December 7 — Christmas Dinner Rally

Co-hosts: Jim & Dawn Miller and Roger & Ruth Crockett

Thank you for your assistance in filling in the blanks.

Contact Anne Werth (#13703), 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084, (860) 875-4129

Proposed Slate of Unit Officers 1996-97

President:	Anne Werth
First Vice President:	Bob Werth
Second Vice President:	Bob Sandall
Treasurer:	Sandy Sasuta
Recording Secretary:	Lois Price
Corresponding Secretary:	Dawn Miller
Second Year Directors:	Jackie Taylor Bob Barrett
First Year Directors:	Dave Tuckerman Chan Taylor

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee
Eileen Bartram, Chairperson
Helen Sandall
Lois Price

De Ja Vous (All Over Again)

Now that retirement for Ted and I is a done deal, we are hastily preparing for a 2 1/2 month western trip aka "The Big Trip."

As we ready ourselves for this, I cannot help but remember our only other cross-country trailer excursion done 30 years ago.

Having recently purchased a new station wagon with true Ted Price rationale, Ted decided it was a good time to have such an adventure. He rented a trailer (SOB - some other brand) first time ever which had to be returned within six weeks. God in his/her wisdom has allowed me to forget details re this RV. However, we all do remember that the john was directly opposite the front door and too small for Ted (who was even smaller then) to close the bathroom door when nature called. Our three daughters ages 8, 6, and 5 and myself were required to vacate the vehicle. There was an icebox and I'm sure it had a stove and beds.

Leaving immediately after school closing in June our estimated departure was much delayed. We just weren't ready. A good neighbor continued to help make final touches on my mother-daughter dresses. We had two sets and we were adorable!

By the time we had traveled about two miles to the nearest gas station. I knew it was going to be a LONG trip to LA.

Somewhere in New Jersey we almost lost control of car and trailer. This was going to be fun?

Aside from the expected, "Are we there yet?" "I have to go potty." "We're hot, hungry, not hungry," there was the fact that the ages of the children did not really lend itself to historical interests! Swimming and horseback riding superseded the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone and Mount Rushmore!

A helicopter ride was a "must" but they forgot to put doors on the craft so why didn't we fall out?

Ted lost and finally found his glasses. We lost our travelers checks and Leslie's retainer in Salt Lake City, topped off by a sandstorm and HOT!

Memories of old faithful include Ted making us sit in the sun waiting for the next eruption and a family photo.

The blessings of having three daughters allowed Ted to shower alone. I, on the other hand, had to share. Happiness is having four soaped bodies and heads of hair and running out of quarters.

Laundromats were a frequent "must." We found that if the icebox was not secured things would fall out. Milk would spill but eventually pour out the sides of the trailer. If water faucets were not turned off after filling tanks, then same formula applied.

Nonfactory installed AC had to be turned off as car would overheat in the desert.

July 4th is not in season in Las Vegas (105° at 6:00 p.m.). If you plan on checking into a hotel for some R&R, remember to bring along a suitcase or two. Using paper bags, matching as they may be, is not a classy way to register at the Sands Hotel. Having borrowed a neighbor's Sands Hotel credit card, we had to become "The Mosses" for our brief stay — another story for another time.

We did reach our goal to visit friends near LA. They were glad to see us and most anxious to show us more wonders of the world. To me this meant no more riding and a chair beside their pool, to them — The Giant Redwoods. I said I had seen pictures of them and that was good enough.

At the end of that trip, daughter #2 threw up all over the car. I couldn't have said it better myself.

Each night a different town, sometimes pulling off the road or in a corn field or in back of the local diner. We found that crayons do melt when heated to 100°. My map reading skills were not and still are not well honed so off the beaten track took on new meaning.

But there is always a silver lining — it's called HOME.

So — we are 30 years older, so much wiser and will leave the kids at home. Best of all, we use our trailer of choice — an Airstream.

See ya down the road, all over the road, off the road, beside the road or "which" road.

Lois Price

Northwest Adventure (continued)

and to say, "Do you copy?" and "ten four" with the best of them.

Finally, I learned again how much fun and laughter a simple activity can be for a group of people who are good sports. One night after a drivers' meeting held in a shady grove there was a cherry-pit spitting contest between Ohioans and Texans, the two largest groups in the caravan. It was great fun to watch people's idiosyncratic actions as they spat out the cherry pits. Some would wiggle their behinds in preparation; others would pucker up their faces; others would frown in concentration.

Jack and Sue Corle were the leaders of the Caravan; they did a fine job of giving clear, trustworthy guidance. When Jack first spoke to the assembled group he talked about the words to "America the Beautiful," and he reiterated them in his final remarks. In the five weeks between those two events, I learned for the first time the true meaning of the phrase, "spacious skies." In Montana, particularly, the horizon is far distant and that piercing blue, often hot, sky covers everything like an inverted bowl. Nothing gets in your way when you look at a distant horizon.

We saw many "amber waves of grain." Eastern Washington in particular grows a plenitude of wheat, barley, oats and alfalfa. The fields stretch for miles, making a checker-board of different hues. Looking at those amber fields one has a vision of loaves of bread going to every tiny hamlet and big city in this country.

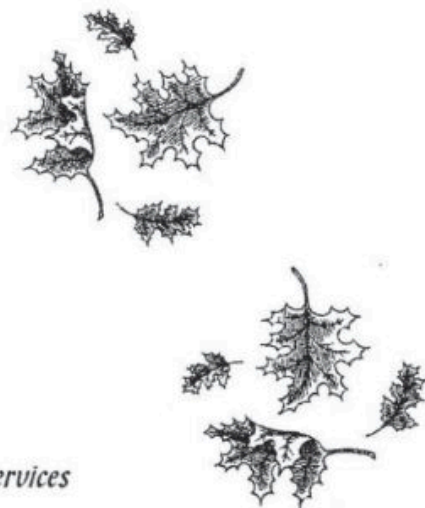
"Purple mountains majesty." The Grand Tetons in Wyoming stand out in my mind among hundreds of mountains of great grandeur. The Olympic mountains resemble jagged cardboard cutouts thrust into the sky. While not "purple" Mt. Rainier is the most astonishing mountain. You may be driving along say, to the grocery store, minding your own business. You turn a corner and there in the distance, and yet looming over you, is The Mountain, looking like a gigantic rather flat-topped white or pink ice cream cone.

"Above the fruited plains." Much to my surprise, eastern Washington is what is called "high desert." The hills are barren and brown; the vegetation is sparse; the air is HOT and DRY during the day in the summertime, and cool at night. Yet in the midst of all this, there are large green areas of apple orchards, thanks to the benefits of irrigation from the Columbia River. These "fruited plains" extend for miles and support a whole economy.

It was an unforgettable experience, full of beautiful scenery, interesting adventures, and new friends. As we say to our Airstream friends, "See you down the road!"

Dorothy O'Connor

Fall Foliage Rally



Co-hosts: Anne & Bob Werth and Laura & Jim Edmondson

Dates: October 4-6, 1996

Location: 784 North River Road, Coventry, CT 06238

Schedule:

- Friday P.M. Soups On! Rolls, Dessert, and Beverage - *Bring Services*
- Saturday A.M. Blueberry Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Coffee, Tea - *Bring Services*
- Saturday Lunch On Your Own
- Saturday Afternoon Edmondson Farm Hayride - Time to be determined
- Saturday Evening 5-6 p.m. Happy Hour (please bring a snack to share); 6 p.m. Dinner — Old Fashioned Ham/Bean dinner. Menu: Ham, Beans, Applesauce, Coleslaw, Boston Brown Bread (Recipe on page 4). Ham, Applesauce, Dessert, and Beverage provided - *Bring Services.*
- Evening Entertainment
- Sunday A.M. Fruit, Muffins, Bagels, Juice, Coffee, Tea - *Bring Services*

Suggested Activities for Saturday (See Directions on Bulletin Board)

- Wrights' Orchard — South River Road, Tolland
- Antique Cars — Barlow's Antique Autos, Route 74, Tolland
- Caprilands Herb Farm — 534 Silver Street, Coventry (742-7224)
- Brick School — Goose Lane, Coventry
- Nathan Hale Homestead — South Street, Coventry (742-6917)
- Christmas Tree Shop — Manchester
- Buckland Hills Mall — Manchester



Directions: Home of Lillie Reynolds (860) 742-9147 (Anne Werth's mother) — from I-84 East, to 384 East; follow signs to UCONN to Route 44 East through Bolton Notch; Left on North River Road (Glass Museum on right); Watch for WBCCI signs; #784 White Cape /Mini Farm on right set back from road and large field adjacent).
 Kitty Fee: \$5.00 per person (children under 8 no charge) + \$2.00 per trailer for thank-you gift for homeowner.

Please return the form below by September 27, 1996 to: Anne Werth, 248 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084, (860) 875-4129.



Handicapped spot required? Yes No

Name: _____

Trailer # _____

Number Attending: _____

Kitty \$ Enclosed: _____



What you will make for Saturday dinner (choose one): Baked Beans Cole Slaw Brown Bread

Craft and Hobby Show: Bring your hobbies and crafts to show and display.

“Mostly Maine Meandering”

Co-hosts: Claire & Pat Lines and Dawn & Jim Miller

When: Leaving Coventry, CT, Sunday morning, 6 October, returning Sunday, 13 October from Conway, NH.

What: A leisurely jaunt with ample time for leaf peeping, peat bogs, birding, historic strolls, museums, sightseeing, shopping, beach wandering, ferry boat harbor ride & island snooping, enjoy the Kancamagus highway, and much much more. Remedial “Yankee-speak” language lessons included. Dress warmly! Stopovers in Wells - Freeport - Standish, ME, and Conway, NH. Do you know the Maine state fossil?

Kitty fee: \$15/trailer (includes 5 meals). Camping fees not included.

Plus: We are planning a special New England Lobster feast (steak can be substituted with advanced notice). The cost of the meal is estimated to be \$20/person and includes a night's free camping (any Kitty surplus will subsidize this event).

Please (please, please) help us confirm the campground reservations and Lobster feast by responding quickly (with your check — made out to Dawn Miller) to: Jim and Dawn Miller 36 Sagamore Road, Shelton CT 08484, Phone (203) 926-0571.

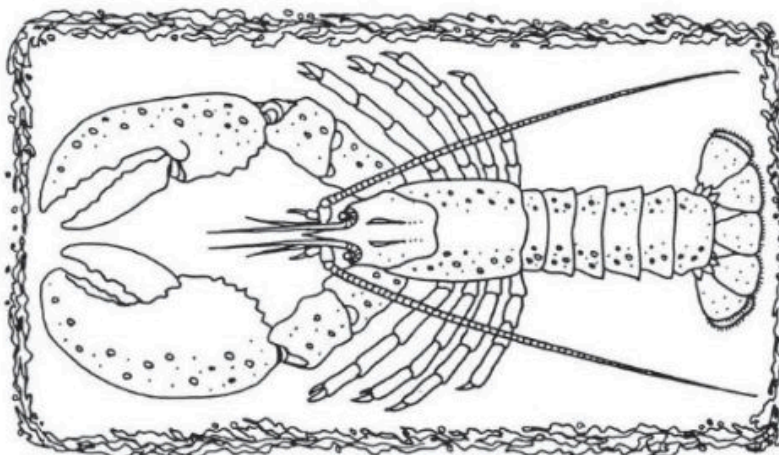
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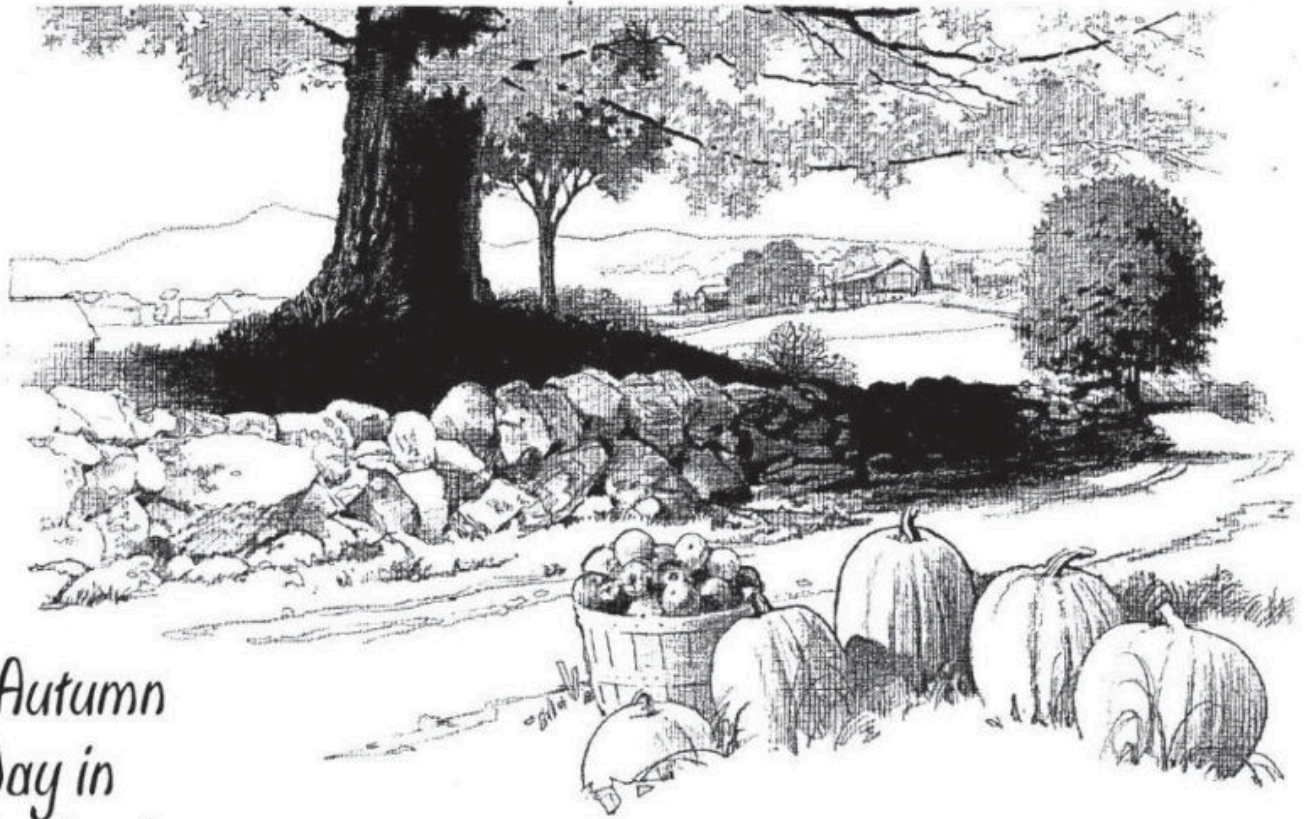
Address: _____

Number of adults: _____

_____ Lobster dinner _____ Steak dinner (how many)

Amount of check enclosed: _____





*An Autumn
Day in
New England...*

CHARTER OAK
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

October 4 to 6, 1996

FALL FOLIAGE RALLY

784 North River Rd., Coventry, CT

Host & Hostess: Bob and Anne Werth
Jim and Laura Edmondson

THOSE ATTENDING:

Dud & Dick Brockett
Jackie & Reggie Brown
Ruth & Roger Crockett
Laura & Jim Edmondson
Judy, Paul & Paul Aleen Good
Lil & Bill Herpick
Maggie & Mike Kuehn
Jim & Dawn Miller
Rip & Elsie Nelson
Bob & Anne Werth
Bob & Helen Sandall
Mike & Sandy Sasuta
Dave & Betty Tuckerman

Fall Foilage Rally Oct. 4-6, 1996



Mrs. Pumpkin (Stirley Edmondson) attends Fri. night to extend an invitation for a hayride Sat. @ Edmondsons Farm.



Saturday Hayride
Mrs. Pumpkin,
Maggie Kuehn,
Ron Edmondson
driver & assistant to
Mrs. Pumpkin;
Mike Kuehn sitting



Mrs. Pumpkin,
Maggie Kuehn
Mike Kuehn
Dick Brockett



Dawn Miller
Jim Miller, Pres.
Roger Crockett
Jim Edmondson



Roger Crockett
posing in one
of several props.

CHARTER OAK Chatter

*Celebrating
Our 25th
Anniversary!*

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October 1996

Dates to Remember

November 3

Installation Dinner
George's, Vernon, CT
Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall

December 8

Dinner Meeting
Hosts: Beth & J. Braun

Happy Birthday

Sandy Sasuta	11/01
Anne Werth	11/02
David Tuckerman	11/04
Edward Beausoleil	11/04
Clarence Gould	11/09
Paul Good	11/10
John Peterson	11/16
Dolores Perry	11/22
Ron Tower	11/28
Helen Sandall	11/28
Mike Kuehn	11/30

Happy Anniversary

Stanley & Caroline Barnes	11/02
Mike & Maggi Kuehn	11/05
Rip & Elsie Nelson	11/16
Harold & Doris Carlson	11/16
Charlie & Sandy Eglise	11/29

President's Message for October

Some of this world is so beautiful that it cannot be described; and, greedy and grasping as we are, we want not only to enjoy it but to tell it — so that it listens, and in listening becomes fixed — how unknowingly lovely it is. Our travels this year wended from Nova Scotia to Arizona, from South Dakota to Florida, from New England's glories to parched lands — how much there is to savor and to ponder. This has been a wonderful year, laced with pain and pleasure, new vistas and warm friends. We have much to reflect on. The globe, our spacial home, spins and tilts, bringing the warmth of summer to an end, and beckoning the cooler climes to come. The rhythm of our seasons brings freshness and change into our lives, keeping us alert and challenged.

Speaking of challenge, I keep a 3x5 card handy when reading, in order to jot down "word-friends" and aid the slipping memory. Today I opened a book and the card that fell out contained a gallimaufry — juring, recusant, moiety, fungible, clunch, manque, meliorism, sempiternal, postprandial, adumbrate, teleological, eristic, apothegm, thaumatarges, morganatic, solipsistic, banausic, bottomry, minatory, feculent, semiotics, aetiologies, catasterism, trope, inspissant, matutinal, moil, etiolate, endogenous — what's more, their definitions do not come trippingly to the tongue!! Help!? Palindromes of the week: "GO HANG A SALAMI. I'M A LASAGNA HOG." and "TODD ERASES A RED DOT".

Wasn't the Hammonasset Birthday Rally grand? So many who came, the tent providing a cozy nest (despite the wind tossing it aside once), good food and friendship, and memories to nurture. Many thanks to Mike and Sandy Sasuta (and their helpers) who organized the Rally and worked so hard to make it so much fun. Pass the lobsters please! Our Charter Oak season winds down slowly, with the Fall foliage Rally, the Mostly Maine Meander (both behind us you read this), then the Installation and Christmas dinners on the docket.

Thank you for the privilege of being your President this year; you tolerated my eccentricities with grace and aplomb.

Do you like this (translated) poem of Rilke?:

*"I'm living just as the century ends.
A great leaf, that God and you and I have covered with
writing
turns now, overhead, in strange hands. We feel the
sweep of it like a wind.
We see the brightness of a new page where every-
thing yet can happen.
Unmoved by us, the fates take its measure and
look at one another, saying nothing"*

Enjoy — and call or visit a member you haven't seen recently at a rally. Show that we care.

Jim



Condolences

Charter Oak CT Unit members wish to express sincere sympathy to Linda Guilmart in the recent loss of her husband, Sandy Smith. He will be greatly missed.

For Sale

Coast-to-Coast Membership — Network includes parks in U.S. and Canada — \$4/night — Host park in Pinehurst, NC, center of golfing. Contact Russell Berg & Dorothy O'Connor #8360 at (617) 665-5005.

Safety Question

How safe is your trailer for you? Come to the Safety Rally — May 2-4, 1997.

Fall Back Reminder

Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on Saturday, October 26.

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Fall Foliage Rally

Cool, crisp October weather welcomed us to Coventry! Beautiful fall flowers and leaves greeted 12 trailers at the farm of Lillie Reynolds (Anne Werth's mother) on October 4.

Four pots of delicious soup, rolls and cakes started our favorite past time — eating. While a bonfire started blazing, Jim Edmondson showed slides of various landmarks that we may have seen in our travels. Since Bob Sandall identified the greatest number, he was awarded the big prize — a lollipop!

Our gracious host Anne was up bright and early on Saturday a.m., walking on crisp, icy grass, to start the coffee. Imagine her surprise when she found icicles in the coffee pot! Just another reminder of what camping was before Airstreams.

Mid-morning we were off to the Pumpkin Patch for a hayride with Mrs. Pumpkin (Shirley Edmondson) entertaining us with stories and songs while Mr. Pumpkin (Ron Edmondson) drove the tractor.

At Happy Hour, we were pleasantly surprised to see another Airstream roll in — Paul, Judy, and Paul Allen Good, who had arrived at Bradley Airport at 3:30 p.m. They were dressed in their Hawaiian attire, but soon found their New England wardrobe.

The baked bean and ham supper once again proved the culinary ability of our Airstream members.

At the business meeting which followed, President Jim Miller led a discussion on a COCU banner and replacement of our tent, which now leaks. The 1996-97 slate of officers was elected as follows:

President:	Anne Werth
First Vice President:	Bob Werth
Second Vice President:	Bob Sandall
Treasurer:	Sandy Sasuta
Recording Secretary:	Lois Price
Corresponding Secretary:	Dawn Miller
Directors:	Bob Barrett Dave Tuckerman Chan Taylor
Membership Chairman:	Shirley Edmondson
Legislative Representative:	Bob Werth

We adjourned to the basement of Mrs. Reynold's home where Jim Edmondson showed a video on Airstreaming and a Robert Fulgham video.

Sunday morning we broke camp with nine trailers leaving on the Mostly Maine Meandering caravan.

Attending this rally were: Dud & Dick Brockett, Jackie & Reggie Brown, Ruth & Roger Crockett, Laura & Jim Edmondson, Judy, Paul & Paul Allen Good, Lill & Bill Herpich, Mike & Maggie Kuehn, Jim & Dawn Miller, Rip & Elsie Nelson, Bob & Helen Sandall, Mike & Sandy Sasuta, Dave & Betty Tuckerman, Bob & Anne Werth.

Day guests were Ron & Shirley Edmondson, Bob, Jean & Paige Landry, Beth & J. Braun, Audrey Clark, Lee Hale, and Jeff Werth.

Our thanks to the tent details crew: Bob & Anne Werth, Jim & Laura Edmondson, Steve Sandberg and Bob Landry.

If this rally was an indication of Anne & Bob's leadership, we are in for a terrific year!

Thanks for a great weekend, Anne & Bob and Laura & Jim.

Lillian Herpich #31764

1997 Dinner/Rally Calendar

Jan. 1997

Happy New Year! See you in February!

Feb. 2 — Dinner Meeting

COCU South Hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson

COCU North Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall

Feb. 27 — Region One Get-Together Luncheon

Location: Sarasota, FL

Mar. 2 — Dinner Meeting

COCU South Hosts: Ron & Shirley Edmondson

COCU North Hosts: Wayne & Susan Rutty

Apr. 16 — Dinner Meeting

COCU South Hosts: Bill & Lill Herpich

COCU North Hosts: Lois & Ted Price

May 2-4 — "Safety Rally" with Cape Cod, New England, and White Mountains

Location: Ted Williams Campground, Lakeville, MA

Co-hosts: Chan & Jackie Taylor — a committee will assist the Taylors

June 6-7 — "Essex Train/River Boat Cruise Rally"

Location: Wolf's Den Campground, East Haddam, CT

Co-hosts: Anne & Bob Werth — Anyone interested in helping us?

June 28-July 4 — International Rally, Huntsville, AL — "Mansions to Moonflights"

Aug. 1-3 — Rally

Location: Odetah Campground, Norwich, CT — Anyone interested in co-hosting, please call (860) 243-0081.

Host: Jim Hegeman

Aug. 29-Sept. 1 — Region I Rally

Location: Topsfield, MA sponsored by Cape Cod Unit

Sept. 1-7 — Charter Oak Caravan

Co-hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson and Bob & Helen Sandall

Oct. 3-5 — Rally

Hosts: Mike & Sandy Sasuta (203) 878-8070

Nov. 2 — Installation Dinner

Hosts: Dave & Betty Tuckerman, 113 Old Deep River Turnpike, Killingworth, CT 06419 (860) 663-1301

Dec. 7 — Christmas Dinner Rally

Co-hosts: Jim & Dawn Miller and Roger & Ruth Crockett

Thank you for your assistance! Any questions regarding calendar, just call Anne Werth, 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084, (860) 875-4129

**Deadline for the next issue
of the *Chatter* is November 8.**

Fun Stuff

Change one letter in each word below to form the names of famous people.

Guess Who?

1. HAT BORNE _____
2. CART GRAFT _____
3. TINY BURNER _____
4. SIEVE MARLIN _____
5. LOAN RIVETS _____
6. GONE BELLY _____
7. CLARK CARTON _____
8. SALTY YIELD _____
9. SLAM PICKETS _____
10. COLD POSTER _____
11. CANNY BRICK _____
12. LINGO STARK _____

Find the names of the U.S. cities hidden in the sentences below. The letters of each city are in consecutive order.

Example: The festival will feature top compos tonight.

Hidden Cities

1. If lint accumulates, empty the trap.
2. The floodwater loosened the foundation.
3. I bought the Scot's tam for Dad.
4. King Kong was an urban gorilla.
5. Her penniless admirer broke into a flower shop and stole dozens of roses.
6. Each morning the new salesman rehearsed the topic on cordless telephones.
7. A high-grade arbor needs much attention.
8. He wanted to purchase either a ranch or a general store.

(Answers on back page.)

What I've Learned So Far Lessons at the Halfway Point

*This article appeared in **Reader's Digest**. The article is based on the book "Lessons at the Halfway Point, Wisdom for Midlife," copyright 1995 by Celestial Arts, P.O. Box 7123, Berkeley, CA 94707.*

I am 40 years old: at the halfway point. When my mind first fixed on this, I felt a sense of panic. After a few weeks I settled down, making peace with the fact that we are, in the words of poet Carl Sandberg, "riding on a limited express."

And then by serendipity, I read an old Scout manual about what to do when you're lost: Stop. Investigate. Go over everything you know. Continue forward if you're at all certain of your route. If you move, leave a note.

This is my note. The day I finished writing these lessons, I walked outside. It was 108 degrees Fahrenheit with rain-forest humidity. Passing my 83-year-old neighbor leaning on his cane, I shouted, "Howyadoing?"

His reply? "Best day yet!"

I decided to stand straighter. Posture, like attitude, is important.

And so here are my lessons at the halfway mark, which I hope will comfort the afflicted while afflicting the comfortable.

- Nothing is as stressful as trying to be a different person from whom you are.
- When you stop spending time with real friends, you lose your balance.
- Amazingly, people think the things that happen to them happen only to them.
- The lies we tell ourselves are more pernicious than the lies we tell others: "I'm nothing like my mother" . . . "I'm too busy to exercise" . . . "I don't need therapy" . . . "I don't want to get married."
- Those who are tentative about making plans are often unsure of their ability to show up.
- If you don't personally get to know people from other racial, religious or cultural groups, it's very easy to believe ugly things about them and make them frightening in your mind.
- The majority of overweight people I know skip breakfast, and the majority of thin people don't.
- Some men spend more time maintaining their lawns than they do their relationships.
- The most absolute dictator's power is not as great as a typical parents power over a child.
- I still place emphasis on appearance, even though I've run across a few well-dressed idiots.
- When you make a mistake, write down what you've learned before a week passes. The process of writing it and reading it can help you avoid repeating it.
- Three things that all children must know: who's the boss, what the rules are, and who is going to enforce them.
- Some days for no perceptible reason I feel scared, lonely and hopeless. After a good night's sleep or a talk with someone who holds my hand and tells me to keep going, I'm usually just fine.
- I believe that people who work 12 hours a day should go home with bigger loaves of bread than people who work eight.
- Some ideas are so stupid that only intellectuals could believe them.
- Decide early in any situation exactly what your bottom line is, then stick to it.
- Far more often than poverty breeds crime, crime breeds poverty.
- It's better to be 0-for-20 than 0-for-0.
- The older I get the more heartfelt my prayers become.

Submitted by Anne Werth

Installation Dinner

Sunday, November 3, 1996

George's Restaurant
Route 83
Vernon, CT

Schedule:

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. — Social Hour
12:30 p.m. — Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. — Dinner (Membership Meeting to Follow)

Buffet Menu:

Salad bar — 20 items (including peel and eat shrimp)
Hot buffet — seafood (including baked stuffed shrimp), two kinds of meat, and two kinds of chicken
Dessert bar — cakes, pies, ice cream, etc.

Cost:

All this for \$13.00 for adults and \$8.50 for children under age 10. (Price includes tax and gratuity.)

Directions:

FROM HARTFORD AREA — I-84 East to Exit 63 (South Windsor exit). Left off exit ramp onto Route 83 North. George's is about one mile on the left.

FROM NORTH OF VERNON — I-84 East to Exit 64 (Vernon Business District exit). Right off exit ramp and then right onto Route 83 South. George's is about one mile on the right.

Call or mail reservations to arrive no later than **October 29, 1996** to:

Bob Sandall, 114 Hollister Street, Manchester, CT 06040.

Telephone: (860) 649-0480. Make checks payable to Bob Sandall.

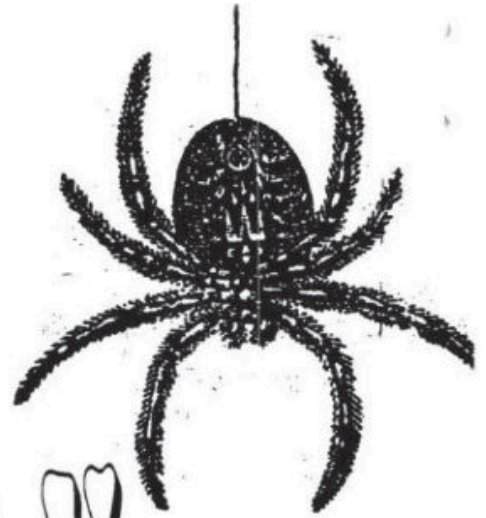
Name _____ WBCCI Number _____

Number Attending _____ Adults _____ Children

Amount of Check _____

HAPPY

HALLOWEEN



Answers to:
 Guess What? — 1. Pat Boone, 2. Cary Grant, 3. Tina Turner, 4. Steve Martin, 5. Joan Rivers, 6.
 Gene Kelly, 7. Clara Barton, 8. Sally Field, 9. Slim Pickens, 10. Cole Porter, 11. Fanny Brice, 12.
 Ringo Starr
 Hidden Cities — 1. Flint, 2. Waterloo, 3. Stamford, 4. Bangor, 5. Toledo, 6. Concord, 7. Dearborn,
 8. Anchorage

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CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller.

Minutes of the membership meeting of August 3, 1996 were accepted as read.

Sandy Sasuta, Unit Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4038.56 as of August 31, 1996. A copy of that report is attached hereto.

Old Business:

Anne Werth has her schedule of events for next year completed.

Jackie Taylor is proceeding with plans for our May meeting to be held at the Ted Williams Facility in Lakeville, Mass.. A \$100 deposit has been made by Larry Lamontagne, President of the Cape Cod Unit. We'll straighten out the sharing on the deposit at a later date. We expect Marty of USRV will have one of his mechanics on hand to discuss trailer safety.

New Business:

President Jim Miller presented the following slate of Unit Officers and Directors for 1996 - 1997. Each person proposed for office has been contacted by the Nominating Committee and has agreed to serve if elected.

President	Anne Werth
First Vice President	Bob Werth
Second Vice President	Bob Sandall
Treasurer	Sandy Sasuta
Recording Secretary	Lois Price
Corresponding Secretary	Dawn Miller
Second Year Directors	Jackie Taylor Bob Barrett
First Year Directors	Dave Tuckerman Chan Taylor

A copy of the Nominating Committee's Report is attached

Helen Sandall moved that the nominations be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Braun. The motion was unanimously passed.

There was considerable discussion about the need for a new tent. Anne will seek someone to look into the feasibility of obtaining a new tent. We need one about the same size as the one we have now - i.e. 20 feet by 30 feet, with side curtains.

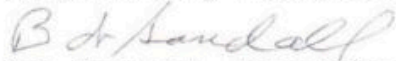
Jim Hegeman has requested an advance of \$50 to be used as a down-payment for a Rally to held at the Odetah Campground next year. Sandy Sasuta made a motion the the \$50 be allotted. The motion was seconded by Jim Miller and passed.

How to dispose of the old grill? After some discussion, it was aged that Bob Landry will take possession of that relic.

Many thanks to Jim and Laura Edmondson and Bob and Anne Werth for a great Rally. Also, a word of thanks to Anne's mother for the use of her property.

There being no further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Sandall, Recording Secretary

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CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 9:15 A.M.

Present were: Jim Miller, Dawn Miller, Sandy Sasuta, Bob Sandall, Anne Werth, Bob Werth.

Sandy Sasuta., Unit Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4038.56 as of August 31, 1996.

Jim Hegeman has requested an advance of \$50 to be used as a down payment at Odetah Campground in Bozrah, Ct. for a 1997 rally. This matter will be referred to the unit membership at the Membership Meeting to be held later today.

Jackie Taylor is proceeding with plans for the Spring Rally to be held at the Ted Williams Facility in Lakewood, Mass. next May. Larry Lamontagne, President of the Cape Cod Unit has put down a deposit of \$100 (we'll iron out the sharing details later on). Marty will provide some entertainment and probably send one of his mechanics to speak to us on the subject of trailer safety.

The report of the Nominating Committee will be presented at the Membership Meeting later today.

The Braun's need a co-host for the Christmas Party in December. Anyone interested is to see Jim Miller.

Beth Braun has a computer controlled embroidery machine and she is interested in making something by computer in flag size showing places of interest in Connecticut. Are COCU members interested in such an item and will they provide ideas to be included in such a banner?

The question of generating more income from the money COCU has in the bank was brought up. Sandy will look into the matter.

Our present tent is in poor shape. Some thought must be given as to the possibility of replacing it. The matter will be presented at the Membership Meeting today.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Sandall, Recording Secretary

CHARTER OAK Chatter

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Some Dates to Remember

December 8, 1996

Holiday Dinner
The Somers Inn Restaurant, Somers, CT
Hosts: Beth & J. Braun and Jim & Dawn Miller

February 2, 1997

Dinner Meeting
COCU South Hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson
COCU North Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall

March 2

Dinner Meeting
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June 28-July 4

"Mansions to Moonflight" International Rally
Huntsville, AL

August 1-3

Rally
Odetah Campground, Norwich, CT
Host: Jim Hegeman (co-host still needed)

August 29-September 1

Region I Rally — "Colonial Days Rally"
Topsfield Fairgrounds, Topsfield, MA
Hosts: Cape Cod Mass Unit

September 1-7

Charter Oak Caravan
Co-hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson and Bob &
Helen Sandall

October 3-5

Rally
Partridge Hollow Campground, Monson, MA
Hosts: Mike & Sandy Sasuta

November 2

Installation Dinner
Hosts: Dave & Betty Tuckerman

December 7

Christmas Dinner Rally
Co-hosts: Jim & Dawn Miller and Roger &
Ruth Crockett

Here Comes The Prez . . . November Notes Werth Mentioning . . .

November brings a new slate of officers. We are thankful for the Jim Miller regime and the other officers who filled vital slots and did a beautiful job for the 1995-96 year. Thank you folks. The Rapid City, South Dakota International Rally, Region I Rally in Windsor, Nova Scotia, and the 25th Anniversary celebration for COCU are all milestones and highlights. We look forward to many more milestones for the Airstream "new year."

The 1996-97 Airstream calendar holds some interesting prospects. We have some new folks who are joining our unit and we are excited about that. We are making a concerted effort to include the whole membership in our rallies/dinner meetings. If there is someone on our membership list whom you haven't seen nor heard from recently, look them up or give them a call. Just tell them we are thinking of them and wish they would look us up! I met the Ingallineras (Jerry and Fran) from East Hartford just that way and had a nice conversation with them and look forward to seeing them soon. We should all consider ourselves on the membership committee and should have a hand in this operation, just jump right in. We appreciate any help we can get!

Please continue to pass along any articles or items of interest for the *Chatter*. Cathy Barrett, our fearless editor, will transform the offerings into our newsletter!

As President, I consider myself like a little kid on a new bike with training wheels learning to ride. I didn't think I was ready to take the training wheels off, but they are off now! I welcome any suggestions that anyone has to offer and help along the way. I am depending on all of our COCUers to steer me in the right direction. As a "newcomer" there is so much for me to learn. I can look to the past presidents who have lead us since Bob and I have been members, Jim Edmondson, Eileen Bartram and Jim Miller, as mentors and for this guidance. Onward!

We'll be talking again. Happy trails and see you down the road!

Anne Werth, President (#13703)



Thank You

I would like to thank all of the members who called and sent cards of good wishes while I was recovering from my hip surgery. I also appreciated the card that was sent me from the Region I Rally in Canada. I am progressing very well, driving again and trying not to use my cane too much. Thanks again.

Rod Dole

Help!

Would someone be willing to zerox a copy of a 1997 Airstream manual? My 12 volt went out and no one will look at it without the manual. Please send it to Linda Guilmart, 25 Wayland Road, Milford, CT 06460.

For Sale

1976 25' Airstream Twin. \$5,200.
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New Members

We wish to welcome our new members Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto and Brian & Pat Brosnahan. We look forward to getting to know all of you during our COCU activities throughout the year.

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Mostly Maine Meander

Our October caravan, set forth with first time co-hosts Jim and Dawn Miller & Pat and Claire Lines. The sturdy band of Airstreamers headed north from Coventry to the coast of Maine. Our journey was not designed to be lengthy, but rather to see some of the variety of New England during its season of glory. The stops at Wells, Freeport, Standish, and Conway offered a wide variety of scenery and things to do. We hiked the beaches, boated to islands, toured bogs, attacked the discount stores, and wandered along mountain roads. We camped on the waterfront (where we met Broomhilda and prevailed!), in the woods, and beneath towering mountains. We dined royally — and often. Nature granted its favors — the leaves were in full glory as we wended our way westward. The Kancamagus trail was an artists pallet of colors. The temperatures were cool-to-cold at night but pleasant during the day; we had limited rain but none to interfere with our activities. Prizes and gifts were awarded to lucky members as we proceeded — in the strange way of unintended results, the winner of an LL Bean gift certificate ended up a several hundred dollar "loser" as he marched through the store with his VISA card. We practiced our "Maine-speak" with varying degrees of success, ayuh. The grand prize (for Moose sighting), sought by all was difficult and complex. As the week went on, members reported moose everywhere (on signs, stuffed moose, chocolate mousse, deer — same family?!, droppings, jewelry, postcards, and just plain hallucinations). Serious arguments arose about "changing of rules", and "unfairness". Fortunately these traumas were settled when Bob Werth spotted the real thing on the last day and claimed his prize. Overall we giggled, laughed, guffawed, relaxed, ate, and enjoyed it all. You missed a "wicked" time if you weren't there.

Some thoughts from: (Werths) "6:30 a.m. Arose to the most spectacular sunrise between Cosco and Montago Bays in Freeport. To further add to this glory as a double rainbow which reflected back onto the bay. The Millers + Kizzie and Anne were speechless and thrilled over this sight!" ... (Edmondsons) "We took a mile long walk on Saco Heath (Haythe) that proved to be educational. Its hard to believe that ponds could disappear so completely. We all sighted the pitcher plant, cranberries, and several kinds of mosses. All agreed it was time well spent." ... (Browns) "No 'Meander ' through Maine would be complete without a trip to the rugged coastline. One hazy morning we walked 'Marginal Way' and enjoyed the surf pounding on the rocks. On a beautiful calm sunny day we took a box lunch and boarded the ferry to Peaks Island. We saw lovely old and new houses along our tour and the sun shone brightly on the water all around us." ... (Brocketts) "Our caravan had been parked right on the shore of one of Maine's beautiful bays. The days run was a short one so we didn't have to leave early. We traveled as a caravan following Claire and Pat Lines — they knew their way around Maine amazingly well. Took us over country routes where we saw some of the prettiest fall color of the whole trip. We arrived at "The Roost" (Standish) where we had the only 'dry' parking. That evening we went into "the Roost", a huge hall all set up for Bingo and were served, buffet style a LOBSTER FEAST on the balcony overlooking the hall. Then we all gorged on super 'chowdah' and rolled up our sleeves to do justice to scrumptious Maine LOBSTAHS!! What a perfect setting for a 'must' while in Maine — Lobster." ... (Nelsons) "From the rocky coast of Maine to the mountains of NH, October is the month to see the foliage." ... (Sandalls) " The foliage and scenery were spectacular as we rolled along the blue highways from Standish to Conway. It was truly a great day to be alive!"... (Sasutas) "Fellowship. Fall colors. Ear muffs. Lobster. Lighthouses. Oatmeal. Wow! Its cold. Snow on Mt. Washington. Hearty meals. I see a moose. Pine needles on trailer and vehicle."

— by Charles and Sandy Eglise, Reggie and Jackie Brown, Dick and Dud Brockett, Bob and Helen Sandall, Jim and Laura Edmondson, Rip and Elsie Nelson, Anne and Bob Werth, Mike and Sandy Sasuta, Jim and Dawn Miller, Pat and Claire Lines

To Know Her Was To Love Her . . .

October 12, 1996, Maggi Kuehn entered eternal life.

Maggi touched many lives. Most of those who knew here would say she reached out to everyone and treated everyone the same. She loved us all, "the salt of the earth." Her passing will be felt by her friends, WBCCLers, and her family.

Jim Edmondson in his message at Maggi's memorial service, using St. Matthew's Parable of the Three Servants, said, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter now into the Joy of your Lord."

We are all better for having known her. We will miss you Maggi!

Anne Werth #13703

Westward Ho-Ho-Ho

Mid-August Ted and I left for a long awaited trip "out west." Two of our daughters were there to wave us down the driveway with a look of "I can't believe they're doing this." Lorey had witnessed the flat tire on the trailer just before we pulled away from the dock and had watched us load the refrigerator. Papers had been signed making one daughter executor of our wills; the other administrator of our living wills.

Arrangements had been made for a last minute tenant/house sitter whom we had met briefly but had been highly recommended and could she bring her plants — about 30 of them? She was to move in a few days after we left. Things seem to be going well with a few messages along the way — "Weather hot can I use A/C — How?", "Getting cold; can I turn on heat? If so, how?", and How much candy to buy for Halloween?"

We stopped in Ohio to visit an old school chum of Ted's. Then on to Kansas City to visit oldest daughter, Leslie. In Boulder, a 19 year reunion with a bridesmaid in our wedding — 40 years ago. In the future we must be sure to carefully define what is an acceptable driveway in which to park.

Moving right along, at the bottom of Laeo Duro Canyon, Texas, we met our friends who were to join us with their motor home and continue on most of the trip together. As we sunk deeper into the Canyon, it occurred to us that sometime we would have to drive back up. We did, and have had a number of similar excursions since.

We have survived the Indian jewelry stalls in Santa Fe where I bought a trinket from an Indian woman with the last name of Murphy!

Travels often took us in "loops" — I'm sure we passed Denver several times.

Snow in Vail gave way to spring down the road. Chance by steam engine, Pikes Peak by Cog rail. The grand Tetons "stretched" the imagination as to how they got their names — but truly beautiful. Dinosaur National Park, Rocky Mountains, Salt Lake City Arches — we've seen mesas, petroglyphes, ruins, glaciers — heard the Elks "bugle." "Done" Canyonlands, Garden of Eden and bumped for several hours down into Monument Valley, gathering much knowledge and dust beneath our wings.

There have been many visitors' centers, restrooms, and laundromats — cocktails beside wondrous sights.

As I write, we are in Bryce. Soon we must plan our trip home. Sometimes it is difficult to remember what "home" looked like before 30 plants and over 2 1/2 months of mail took over.

Words fail to describe all we have seen and done. America is truly beautiful and it is vast . . . we are in awe.

Ted & Lois Price

Holiday Recipes

Cranberry Salad

- 1 pound fresh cranberries
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup pineapple juice, heat to boiling
- 1 Pkg. (sm) lemon jello
- 1 cup seedless grapes, Halved.
- 1 cup crushed pineapple
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Pick over and wash cranberries. Grind coarsley. Combine with sugar and let set 20 min. Dissolve lemon jello in hot pineapple juice. Let jello mixture cool. Combine with cranberries mixture, add grapes, pineapple, and walnuts. This salad can chilled in jello mold. or just put it in a fancy glass serving dish. Chill over night before serving.

Homemade Turkey Pot Pie

- Leftover turkey about 2-3 cups (or to your taste)
- 1 can cream soup (cream of chicken, mushroom, etc)
- 1/2 cup chopped mushrooms
- 2 tbsp. butter or margerine
- 4 medium potatoes
- 1 small to medium onion
- 1 medium carrot chopped
- 1 small can peas or corn (or both if you wish just use half of each)
- 1 small to medium celery stalk chopped
- 2 homemade or store bought pie crusts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Peel and cube potatoes into bite size pieces and boil till almost done. Chop turkey and other ingredients that need it while potatoes are cooking. Combine soup and 1/2 can of water or milk (milk is better), butter, turkey, potatoes, and all other ingredients in 10 inch skillet. Simmer for about 15 min. Ready pie crusts in pie pan. Add mixture to pie and cover with the other pie crust. Bake at 350 for 30 min or until pie crust is golden brown. Serve hot.



Happy Birthday

Rud Bloomer	12/08
Doris Turcotte	12/11
Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18
Jim Miller	12/27

Happy Anniversary!

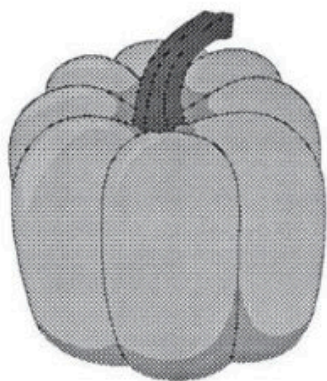
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Holiday Recipes (cont.)

Pumpkin Pie

Line a 9" pie dish with flaky pastry; brush with melted butter and chill.

In a bowl, stir together 1-1/2 to 2 cups cooked, pureed pumpkin, 2 tbsp. melted butter, 1 tsp. each ginger and cinnamon, and 1/4 tsp. each mace and cloves. Add 2 eggs, beaten thoroughly, 1/2 cup each brown sugar and white sugar, 2 tbsp. flour, pinch salt, and 1 cup of rich milk (homogenized or 1/2 and 1/2). Stir all until completely blended. Pour into prepared shell. Bake at 450 degrees for 15 minutes, then turn down to 375 degrees and bake 45 minutes. Protect pastry edges from browning too quickly if necessary.



November Installation Dinner Meeting

The November meeting of the Charter Oak Unit was held at George's Restaurant in Vernon, CT on Sunday, November 2.

Forty-three persons enjoyed a very good buffet dinner in very comfortable surroundings. Everyone spoke well of the choice our hosts, Bob & Helen Sandall had made. It is a place we could well consider for future events.

We were happy to welcome new members Sebastian and Juanita Pestretto of Simsbury, CT. They have a Land Yacht Motor home.

Also present were all the Region I officers and their spouses. Susan Ruddy, the general chairperson for our 1998 Region I Rally in Durham Fairgrounds in Durham, CT gave a preliminary report and the help they will need. If you are so inclined, please speak with Sue.

It was decided to eliminate the January and July *Chatter* newsletter.

November is the month that Charter Oak installs the officers for the forthcoming year. In 1997 our officers will be: President, Anne Werth; 1st Vice President, Bob Werth; 2nd Vice President, Bob Sandall; Treasurer, Sandy Sasuta; Corresponding Secretary, Dawn Miller; Recording Secretary, Lois Price; Directors, Bob Barrett, Chan Taylor, Jackie Taylor, and Dave Tuckerman. Dick Bartram, Region I Second Vice President, was the installing officer. He stepped aside for a moment so Jim Edmondson, Anne Werth's uncle, could install both Bob and Anne.

All in all, a very nice occasion; so thanks to our hosts Bob and Helen!

Jim Edmondson

Unscramblers

Rearrange the pairs of letter given in the left-hand column to form the names of twelve famous people. Then match them to their occupations, which are given in the right-hand column. (*Answers on back page.*)

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| 1. GM RE DF SI UD UN | a. Civil-rights leader |
| 2. UM SS AN BE TR | b. Architect |
| 3. TY LA NE MI CA JA | c. Hotelier |
| 4. GO ID OD IN PL OM AC | d. Frontier markswoman |
| 5. AL NE PO CA | e. Patriot |
| 6. AC SS KS EJ JE ON | f. Psychoanalyst |
| 7. LO FR HT WR KL IG AN YD | g. Cookbook author |
| 8. IC PA RY EN TR KH | h. Duchess of Ferrara |
| 9. IA CR LU RG BO IA EZ | i. Gangster |
| 10. ME RD SB JA EA | j. Physicist |
| 11. ON LT AD NR HI CO | k. Tenor |
| 12. EI AL TE NS BE IN RT | l. Former First Lady |

Deadline for the next Chatter is December 8. First issue for 1997 will be in February.



Holiday Dinner

WBCCI Charter Oak Unit

Sunday December 8, 1996: 2pm

Hosts: Beth and J. Braun, Dawn and Jim Miller

MENU

Soup of the Day

Caesar Salad

Broiled Boston Scrod or Baked Ham with raisin sauce

Family style vegetables and Baked Potato

Deep Dish Apple Pie with ice cream

Coffee or Tea

\$19.50 per person

Bring a non-perishable food item for the Hebron Food Bank

Directions: I-91 North to exit 47E (Stafford Springs, Somers, Rt 190E). Follow Rt 190 to Somers center; Somers Inn is on the left; 585 Main St. 749-2256. Please mail coupon and dinner fee by Nov. 28, to Beth Braun 150 Kinney Rd. Amston CT 06231 860-228-4252

1996 Holiday Dinner

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Number of persons attending: _____ Dinner fee enclosed \$ _____ WBCCI# _____

Choice of Entree (enter a number next to the appropriate choice) Ham _____ Scrod _____

Happy Thanksgiving!



Answers to Unscramblers: 1-f. Sigmund Freud, 2-l. Bess Truman, 3-d. Calamity Jane, 4-k. Placido Domingo, 5-l. Al Capone, 6-a. Jessie Jackson, 7-b. Frank Lloyd Wright, 8-e. Patrick Henry, 9-h. Lucrezia Borgia, 10-g. James Beard, 11-c. Conrad Hilton, 12-f. Albert Einstein.

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) CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 2:30 P.M. He also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Membership Meeting of October 5, 1996 were accepted as read.

Sandy Sasuta, Unit Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4068.85 as of September 30, 1996. The report was accepted subject to audit.

In addition to our Unit Officers and Directors. were pleased to have all of our Region One Officers in attendance.

We were pleased to welcome Seb and Juanita Pestsretto as new members.

Committees:

Susan Ruddy, Chairperson for the 1998 Region One Rally reported that the rally will be held at the Durham Fairground September 4th to the 7th. Although some people have volunteered to help, Susan is in need of still more help. A sign-up sheet was passed around for more helpers. The theme of the Rally will be, "Under the Big Top".

There will be no Chatter for the months of January and July. A motion to this effect was passed at the Executive Board meeting today.

Eileen Bartram, chairperson of the Nominating Committee thanked Helen Sandall and Lois Price for their work on the committee.

The Following slate of officers was presented and elected by unanimous vote of the members attending:

President	Anne Werth
1st Vice President	Bob Werth
2nd Vice President	Bob Sandall
Treasurer	Sanda Sasuta
Recording Secretary	Lois Price
Corresponding Secretary	Dawn Miller
2nd year Directors	Jackie Taylor
	Bob Barrett
1st year Directors	Dave Tuckerman
	Chan Taylor

The Christmas Dinner will be held at the Somers Inn on December 8, 1996. The dinner is being hosted by the Brauns and Millers. Details will be in the Chatter.

This is a summary of our discussion at our gathering on Sunday, April 14, 1996. The discussion was led by First Vice-President, Anne Werth.

Anne announced that Audrey Clark has resigned as First Vice-President and that she, Anne, has moved up to assume that position.

We were pleased to welcome Kerry and Shirly Gentry of Preston, Ct. to our meeting. Although members for some time, they have not been able to join us until now.

The Officer Training Session, hosted by the Region Officers, will be held at McGrath Acres on May 3, 4 and 5, 1996. This is to provide a forum to discuss the duties of the various unit officer positions. The Session is open to all Unit Officers and any others who aspire to become a Unit Officer. Anyone interested should contact Rod Dole.

We will have a combined rally with the Cape Cod Unit on May 17, 18 and 19 in Southington, Ct. There will be a supper on Friday evening and a catered dinner on Saturday evening. A "pound" auction will take place on Saturday. The cost for the weekend will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. A visit to the Carousel Museum in Bristol is planned.

for meal
Sat PM -

We agreed that all outstanding WBCCI Blue Books should be up-dated.

At our May meeting, we are to vote on the three proposed constitutional amendments as presented in the April issue of the Blue Beret. Members were urged to read those amendments carefully, in particular the amendment having to do with the proposed name change.

Two dates have been reserved at the Durham Fairgrounds for the Region One Rally in 1998. (1) the week before Labor Day and (2) Labor Day weekend. We are to choose one of these dates at the May meeting.

The Cape Cod Unit plans to have its meetings on May 18. The Board meeting in the morning and the Membership meeting in the afternoon. Perhaps we should do likewise.

Bob Sandall

Respectfully submitted, Bob Sandall, Recording Secretary

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. by President Jim Miller. The following officers and directors were present: Jim Miller, Dawn Miller, Anne Werth, Sandy Sasuta, Bob Sandall, Jackie Taylor, Ron Edmundson, Bob Werth and Eileen Bartram. Susan Ruty Chairperson of the 1998 Region Rally and Shirley Edmondson Chairperson of Membership were also present.

Minutes of the Board meeting on October 5, 1996 were accepted as read.

Sandy Sasuta reported a balance of \$4068.85 in the treasury as of September 30, 1996. The report was accepted subject to audit.

It was suggested that the Treasurer send follow-up letters to those who have not yet renewed their membership.

Susan Ruty reported that the 1998 Region One Rally will be held September 4th to the 7th at the Durham Fairgrounds. The theme for the Rally will be, "Under the Big Top". Susan has secured some of the chairpersons for various portions of the rally but more are still needed. She will pass around a sign-up list at the membership meeting.

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Jackie Tasydor reported things are progressing for the MaY 1997 Joint Rally in Lakeville. Each of the participating units will share the cost of the down payment. A treasurer for the rally will be appointed. Our portion of the down payment will come out of the rally fee.

Shirley Edmondson asked for and received approval to award the Brosnihans free International dues. They will pay unit dues of \$12.00. She also announced that a couple by the name of Hoban has applied for membership.

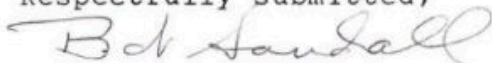
Sandy Sasuta has acquired a 30 cup coffee pot for \$15.00 which she will make available to the Unit if the need arises.

New Business:

It was agreed there would be no Chatter for the months of January and July. A motion to the effect was made by Eileen Bartram and seconded. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Sandall, Recording Secretary

There is nothing to report about the search for a new tent. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please contact Anne Werth.

Dick Bartram, 2nd Vice-president, Region One installed The following officers: 2nd Vice-president, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and the first year Directors. Jim Edmondson, Past Unit President, Installed Anne Werth as Unit President and Bob Werth as Unit First Vice-president.

President Anne Werth's first act as president was to present outgoing president Jim Miller with a gift. She thanked Jim for his efforts on behalf of the Unit during his term of office.

Anne accepted the gavel from Jim and pledged to do her utmost to see that the Unit continues to grow in a spirit of friendship and cooperation. At this point, Anne was presented with a gift from her family. She was proud to have her two sons and her daughter-in-law present today.

Theda McGrath, Region One President mentioned that the Unit is only to publicize the activities of our Unit and such Region One activities as presented by the Region One officers. We should not be publicizing activities of other units.

The meeting was adjourned at #:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.



Bob Sandall, Recording Secretary

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Some Dates to Remember

February 2, 1997

Dinner Meeting
COCU South Hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson
COCU North Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall

March 2

Dinner Meeting
COCU South Hosts: Ron & Shirley Edmondson
COCU North Hosts: Wayne & Susan Rutty

April 6

Dinner Meeting
COCU South Hosts: Bill & Lil Herpich
COCU North Hosts: Lois & Ted Price

May 2-4

"Safety Rally" with Cape Cod, New England, & White Mountain
Ted Williams Camp Ground, Lakeville, MA
Co-hosts: Chan and Jackie Taylor (and a committee of assistants)

June 6-8

"Essex Train/River Boat Cruise Rally"
Wolf's Den Campground, East Haddam, CT
Co-hosts: Bob & Anne Werth and Kathy & Bard Fuller

June 28-July 4

"Mansions to Moonflight" International Rally
Huntsville, AL

August 1-3

Rally
Odetah Campground, Norwich, CT
Host: Jim Hegeman (co-host still needed)

August 29-September 1

Region I Rally — "Colonial Days Rally"
Topsfield Fairgrounds, Topsfield, MA
Hosts: Cape Cod Mass Unit

September 1-7

Charter Oak Caravan
Co-hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson and Bob & Helen Sandall

October 3-5

Rally
Partridge Hollow Campground, Monson, MA
Hosts: Mike & Sandy Sasuta

November 2

Installation Dinner
Hosts: Dave & Betty Tuckerman

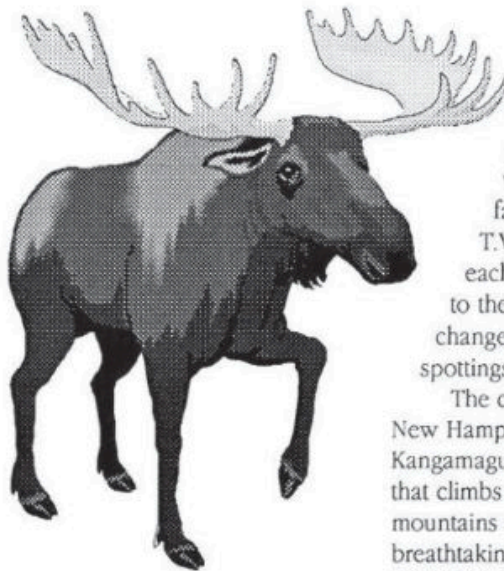
December 7

Christmas Dinner Rally
Co-hosts: Jim & Dawn Miller and Roger & Ruth Crockett

Here Comes the Prez . . .

Notes Werth Mentioning . . .

To Moose or Not to Moose . . . That is the Question



At the onset of the Maine Meander fall caravan, the caravaneers were given a challenge. There would be a "wonderful" prize to the first person who spotted a moose. As the caravan wore on, there were false spottings, fake spottings, deceased spottings, T.V. spottings, you get the picture? As each of these spottings were presented to the caravan leader, seems the rules changed. As it turned out, only "live" spottings were allowed.

The caravan wended its way to Conway, New Hampshire. As many of you know, the Kangamagus Highway is a lovely scenic road that climbs to the top, curves around the mountains and yields views that are truly breathtaking. At the beginning of this highway, it yielded another view . . . alas, it was the moose (pl. moose), yes, two of them. One appeared to be the mother and the other her yearling calf. They were feeding in the swamp. Jim Edmondson was driving and Bob Werth yelled to stop the car. We walked back to the area and soon there were about a dozen cars, a bus blocked the highway, people stopped and stood their asking "what are we looking at?" There were photographic opportunities, the crowd enlarged, the moose were fazed by the gathering crowd, our chauffeur was ready to roll so we left for the rest of our highway trip. The moose spotter was rewarded with a small stuffed moose, which will sit in a prominent spot in our trailer.

The rest of the caravan relished giving the caravan leader a hard time regarding the spottings and near spottings. We also had fun trying to figure out how many miles Dawn Miller had logged on her L. L. Bean boots. The box lunches were carried (in boxes) across the ferry to Peak Island where near moose (oh, sorry, those were deer) were spotted and where we sat in a lovely setting on the rocks by the shore for our lunches. It was a great caravan, the planning was superb and a fun time was had by all. Good job Millers and Lines! Thank you.

Anne Werth



A COCU Howdy!

We welcome our new members Charles & Jeanne Wilson from Danbury, CT, and look forward to getting to know them during our various meetings and rallies in 1997.

Safety Question #1

Do you safety check your trailer before towing: hitch, brakes, lights, tires?

**Come to the Safety Rally
May 2-4, 1997**

Help!

Would someone be willing to xerox a copy of a 1979 Airstream manual? My 12 volt went out and no one will look at it without the manual. Please send it to Linda Guilmart, 25 Wayland Road, Milford, CT 06460.

Happy Anniversary

Linwood & Dorothy Lowell 02/01



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Deadline for the next *Chatter* is . . .
February 8.

F.Y.I

After making a visit to the Airstream factory in Jackson Center, Ohio, for a "new" process of recoating of acrylic on our motor home (which I must say came out excellent and now we cross our fingers that it will last) we found that Airstream has partially resolved the problems of the "fishtailing" of the 1995-96 34 foot classic trailers. It seems that storage of the rear compartments and under the bed have created a time-consuming process that has been recognized by the manufacturer and recommendations have been offered.

This simple kit gives the hitch more weight to offset the use of storage space in the rear of the trailer. The kit will not offset overloading the rear of the trailers, but if installed will increase the hitch weight distribution. Owners are spending too much time adjusting their storage load distribution. To my knowledge the kit consists of 240 pounds of steel (in two parts) installed inside the trailer's A frame. Tacwelding to the frame to accommodate "the kit" will accomplish the 10 to 15 percent tongue weight that Airstream recommends.

It has long been known and publicized in R/V circles that the hitch weight should be 10-15 percent of the weight of the trailer and we are often advised to stop at a weight station to check out our rigs; but how often do we do this? An example of this — up until 1994 a 34 foot Excella had a dry weight of 7,100 pounds, and a tongue weight of 800 pounds, which is 11%. Additional allowable weights amounted to 1,800 pounds; this being a grand total of 8,900 pounds.

Airstream over the past couple of years said — why not make the 34 foot wider and we will call it a wide-body. In due time the new model was created and the engineers came up with new figures and dimensions. The new 34 foot Excella has a dry weight of 7,840 pounds and a hitch weight of 630 pounds or 8% plus 1,660 pounds for allowable weight for a grand total of 9,500.

Conclusion — would strongly suggest that you weigh your trailer and hitch weight very carefully prior to starting out again. It would be interesting to check the weights empty as well as fully loaded.

This subject is submitted as a means of maintaining trailering as a safe and enjoyable means of travel.

Anonymous

Region 1 Nominating Committee

It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate one candidate for each Region Office, and to submit a written report, including resumes of all candidates considered, to the Region Executive Committee not later than July 1, 1997. The Region President will distribute the report to all unit Presidents in the Region within 60 days."

We would appreciate all interested candidates sending in your resume to any of the committee members listed below by July 1, 1997.

Dolores Hague, 553 Shaker Road, Canterbury, NH 03224

James Rudolph, 87 Brookside Road, RR #2, Armdale, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3L 4J2, Canada

Roderick A. Dole, Chairman, 309 S. Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06226

A Holiday Dinner Tale

'Twas the eve of the dinner,
when all through the state
The snow began falling, and
wouldn't abate.
Tree limbs were falling, the
power went out.
The driving was slick for those
out and about.
When morning arrived, it was
sunny and clear.
But the restaurant said
"Things are still out,
we fear."
We talked with the Millers;
what should we do?
Go forth or cancel and refund
the dues?
Well, the party was on, all risks
ignored,
In hope that the power would
soon be restored.
The intrepid, they came; from
far and from wide
To have their event; they
would not be denied!
The Sandalls, the Browns and
the Edmondsons came;
But the restaurant was
closed, there was no one
to blame.
The Brauns and the Millers
stayed by to wait;
When lo and behold, more
arrived, and
none late!

The Taylors and Werths and
the Crocketts were there
The Bartrams and Petersons,
had not a care.
Walt Holliday, Audrey Clark
and the Rosenbecks came
We welcomed the Brosnahans,
of new member fame.
We sat and we chatted, the
restaurant was cold.
Then, "The dinner's on us" by
the staff we were told!
We mingled and dined;
service was fine
The prime rib was tasty; we
had a great time!
A drawing was held, for prizes,
you know.
Gifts of plants and salt
shaker, with Airstream
in tow.
But we started to chill as the
temperature dropped,
So we thought the festivities
soon should be stopped.
The party was fine, everybody
agreed;
Somers Inn was most gracious,
in this time of need.
So we got in our cars and drove
home out of sight;
Season's Greetings to all, and
to all a good night.

Beib Braun



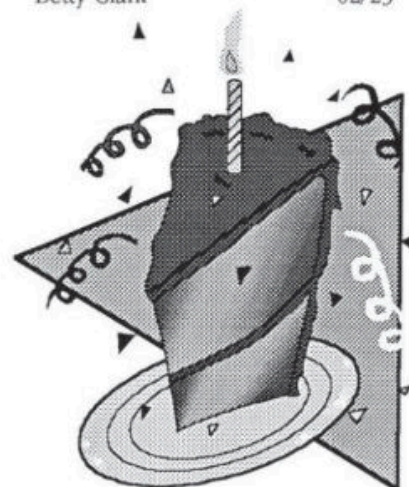
Safety Question #2

When towing, are your propane tanks turned off, firmly held down, but not locked to the trailer?

*Come to the Safety Rally
May 2-4, 1997*

Happy Birthday

Richard Long	01/02
Donald Perry	01/03
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Mississippi Barge Caravan

The Airstream Company is offering, for the first time, the Mississippi Barge Caravan — a 10-day caravan starting March 8, 1998. Caravan is limited to 25 trailers or motor homes. If you are interested send a \$250.00 deposit payable to the Airstream Company along with any "coupon" found in the *Blue Beret*. Space expected to fill up fast. Call Howard Knight with any questions.

The Sleek Airstream Goes to Hollywood And Steals The Show

Stars Seem to Like the Space The Trailer Affords Them; Mr. Modine's Sub Fantasy

By Amy J. Gamerman, staff reporter, *The Wall Street Journal* (12/11/96)

"Here it is," says actor Anthony Edwards, beaming with delight as he invites a visitor inside his "silver love sub." He shows off the knotty pine walls, the black and white tile floor, the convection oven. "I don't even have this at home."

What is Mr. Edwards' pride and joy? His Airstream trailer. The aluminum-skinned Excella 1000 might look more at home in a trailer park than on the backlot of "E.R.," the prime-time hospital drama in which he plays Dr. Mark Greene. But here it is, Mr. Edwards' office and retreat. "The roundness; the curvature of the interior makes a really pleasing environment to be in," he says. "It's very womblike."

Long hailed as the Rolls Royce of RVs for generations of well-to-do vacationers and retirees, Airstreams are going even farther: to the stars. They're trundling out of the trailer park and into the Hollywood hills and studios, the Hamptons, and even the Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog. This year's book touts an Airstream glitzed up with antique rugs, hanging beadwork and a cloud painted ceiling as a "His and Hers House of Dreams" — \$195,000, delivery included.

Streams of Consciousness

Sean Penn, Tom Hanks, Tim Burton, Andy Garcia, Francis Ford Coppola, to name a few are Airstreamers. And none other than lifestyle guru Martha Stewart will soon be spreading the Airstream gospel, "I love their modern antiquity," she says. "I've always wished I had one." So she is borrowing her sister-in-law Cheri Herbert's 1976 Land Yacht for a spring antiquing trip to Maine.

The two will hitch the trailer to Ms. Stewart's Suburban, sleep on the built-in beds and cook in its compact kitchen — every moment captured by a photographer from "Martha Stewart Living" magazine. Although "the orange and brown plaid is not exactly to my liking," Ms. Stewart has been discouraged from bringing her glue gun. But she is packing her down comforter, hibachi, two telephones, television, fax machine — and "my own eggs from my chickens and probably some homemade jam or jelly."

It isn't known whether Mr. Penn stocks his Airstream with homemade jelly, but he did live in it after his house burned down in a 1993 wildfire. Mr. Coppola, the director, works out of an Airstream motor home stocked with video equipment.

"As everyone says, it is a classic,"

says Mr. Edwards, who had his Airstream gutted and redecorated in a '50s motif, right down to the pink-and-silver dinette chair where he sits eating his oatmeal before heading for the set.

The Airstream's ascension to trailer of the stars began in the 1930s. Wally Byam, an advertising man, invented it when his wife refused to go camping unless she could take her kitchen with her. The result was a trailer with built-in amenities that mimicked the sleek, bullet-shaped design of a commercial airliner, traveling the roads "like a stream of air."

Mr. Byam, who died in 1962, was clearly on to something. Since 1931, Airstream, now owned by Thor Industries Inc., in Jackson Center, Ohio, has produced over 100,000 trailers, an estimated 70,000 of which are still on the road. The appeal is global; the Japanese are so taken with the Airstream that entrepreneurs there have opened two Airstream-only luxury vacation parks where the trailers rent for the equivalent of about \$250 a night. But the traditional Airstreamer is an American retiree who can afford to spend up to \$60,000 (the cost of a standard high-end Airstream) and travel half the year.

Then there are the nouvelle Airstreamers. Meet Barbara Jakobson: art collector, designer, board member of New York's Museum of Modern Art and owner of a '74 Airstream. "For people who prize American industrial design, Airstream . . . is one of the primary objects of this century," Ms. Jakobson says. "It's a genius piece of technology."

Many actors, who practically live in their trailers on location, agree. In fact, an entire Tinseltown industry exists to service and refurbish celebrity Airstreams. Mr. Garcia has his Airstream shined up several times a year. Mr. Hanks has his 34-footer washed and waxed monthly.

After spying Mr. Hanks's Airstream — which boasts a "really cool badge from NASA" — on location, actor Corbin Bernsen bought one just like it, which he redid with "masculine fabrics" and an elaborate entertainment system: big-screen TV, VCR, surround-sound laser disk and a satellite dish. He also bought a matching silver Suburban to tow it — and stuck his own NASA sticker on the Airstream.

"My kids love it," says Mr. Bernsen, calling from his trailer on a break from "The Cape," his TV show. "My big hope is one summer when I'm not working to take it across the country. Definitely all five of us can sleep in it."

Shower of Praise

Then there is Matthew Modine, who fell in love with Airstreams as a kid growing up on his dad's California trailer court. Rather than buy a new one ("They're so expensive! Your confusing me for Jim Carrey.") he snatched up a derelict '73 for about \$600. Once gutted, "it was so beautiful — the openness reminded me of a submarine," he says.

So along with the silver-painted aluminum walls, the panels of perforated aluminum and the silver-mesh shades, Mr. Modine's trailer now boasts a 50-pound metal bathroom door studded with rivets — "to look like the door of a submarine," explains Andy Rogozinski, who did the job at his Inland RV Service in Corona, Calif., where the actor stores his trailer. Mr. Rogozinski opens the sub door to show a visitor the stainless-steel bathroom: "Now Matthew can literally sit on the john and take a shower at the same time!"

Right now, Mr. Rogozinski is working on three trailers belonging to director Tim Burton: among them, a '36 Clipper, which Mr. Burton is having completely restored as a Christmas present for his girlfriend, Lisa Marie. The trailer, which boasts a pair of slanted cat-eye windows, needs new aluminum panels (distressed to look old), a new suspension system, new maple paneling and an extra ten inches of height — cause he's a tall guy." The job will cost close to \$100,000.

And what exactly does Mr. Burton plan to do with all these trailers? "These are supposed to be love pads," says Mr. Rogozinski, rolling his eyes.

Star Track

Airstreams are even winning star billing — or at least drive-on roles — in movies, music videos, commercials, and "Mademoiselle" magazine, which just used one on a fashion shoot. Monday nights, you can see an Airstream barrel through the credits of "Promised Land," a TV show about a family Airstreaming cross-country.

Even that arbiter of hip MTV, is now a member of the Wally Byam Caravan Club: the lobby of its new West Coast headquarters will feature a '57 Airstream as a funky waiting room, nestled on a bed of Astro Turf.

The Modern's Ms. Jakobson, for one, couldn't be more pleased with her Airstream. "I've had luncheons in it, I've entertained in it," she says. In fact, the only thing she hasn't done is take it on the road.

"Frankly," she admits, "I'd rather stay at the Ritz."

GRAND BUFFET BRUNCH

The Adams Mill Restaurant, Manchester, CT

February 2, 1997

- Social Hour:** 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting:** 12:30 p.m.
- Brunch:** 1:00 p.m. (membership meeting to follow)
- Directions:** East on I-84, take Exit 62, turn right at the end of the ramp onto Buckland Street (which becomes Adams Street at the Honda dealership) and go straight for .7 miles. Restaurant is on the left.

West on I-84, take Exit 62 and turn right at the traffic light. Go to the next traffic light (at the Exxon station) and turn right onto Buckland Street (which becomes Adams Street at the Honda dealership). Continue straight for .7 miles. The restaurant is on the left.

Grand Buffet Brunch

Choice of:

Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Milk, Soda
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Champagne, Bloody Mary or Chablis Wine

Fresh Fruit • Caesar Salad • Garden Salad
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Omelets

Cheese • Onion • Peppers • Broccoli
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<i>Scrambled Eggs</i>	<i>Western Scrambled Eggs</i>
<i>Roast Beef Hash</i>	<i>Belgian Waffles</i>
<i>Eggs Benedict</i>	<i>Rice Pilaf</i>
<i>Sausage</i>	<i>Bacon</i>
<i>Homefries</i>	<i>Quiche</i>
<i>Pasta of the Day</i>	<i>Fresh Fish of the Day</i>
<i>Seasonal Vegetables</i>	<i>Chicken of the Day</i>

Carving Station

Roast Sirloin of Beef • Roast of the Day

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Cheese Cake • Carrot Cake • Chocolate Cake
Pies • Brownies • Cookies
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The cost of the brunch is \$18.00 per person.

Please send in your reservation by January 24, 1997 to: Bob Sandall, 114 Hollister Street, Manchester, CT 06040. Telephone (860) 649-0480. Make checks payable to Bob Sandall.



Name: _____ WBCCI Number: _____

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Vanishing Lake



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Herpick's Trailer



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Townsend Inn, VT



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L+R Wayne Ruddy, Susan Ruddy, Sandy Sasuta, Bob Bassett



Preview for Region 1 Rally at Durham



Olympics



Blueberry Rally



Foodline



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25th Anniversary Edition



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First Year Directors	Jackie Taylor Bob Werth

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1975	David Clark*	1988	Paul Good
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1978	William Curry	1991	Robert Barrett
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1982	Charles Eglise	1995	Eileen Bartram
1983	Joseph Gatavaski		

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COCU Member Anniversaries

Linwood & Dorothy Lowell	02/01	William & Syble Griffin	07/12
Ron & Shirley Edmondson	03/01	Dick & Eileen Bartram	07/14
Arthur & Arlene Sikes	03/02	William & Peg Svihovec	07/22
Edward & Darlene Beausoleil	03/12	Raymond & Cecile Lemaire	07/26
Clarence & Jessie Gould	03/17	Richard & Dorothy Long	08/03
Bob & Carolyn Barrett	04/11	Howard & Doris Turcotte	08/13
Paul & Dorothy Freed	04/19	Howard & Carolyn Knight	08/17
Henry & Arlene Setterstrom	05/16	Donald & Dolores Perry	09/04
Arthur & Anne Droheim	05/22	Wayne & Susan Rutty	09/11
Jim & Janet Hegeman	05/24	Ron & Elaine Tower	09/13
Claire & Patricia Lines	05/26	Jim & Dot McLain	09/15
Bill & Betty Clark	05/27	Paul & Judy Good	09/15
Mike & Sandy Sasuta	05/31	Reg & Jackie Brown	09/18
William & Jeanette O'Donald	05/31	Chandler & Jacoba Taylor	09/19
Bill & Lill Herpich	06/03	Kirk Peterson & Christine Yario	09/19
Rud & Hazel Bloomer	06/06	J. & Beth Braun	09/22
Jim & Dawn Miller	06/13	Bard & Kathy Fuller	10/03
David & Betty Tuckerman	06/15	Roger & Ruth Crockett	10/16
Richard & Rosalie Moffo	06/17	John & Margie Peterson	10/23
Bob & Sharon Henschel	06/17	Mark & Gail Good	10/24
Robert & Anne Werth	06/24	Stanley & Caroline Barnes	11/02
Leland & Claire Bradley	06/24	Mike & Maggi Kuehn	11/05
Robert & Marjorie Labadorf	06/25	Rip & Elsie Nelson	11/16
Alex & Linda Guilmar Smith	06/28	Harold & Doris Carlson	11/16
Neils & Lydia Rosenbeck	06/30	Charlie & Sandy Eglise	11/29
Jim & Laura Edmondson	07/03	Ed & Al Stagis	12/12
Robert & Barbara White	07/06		
Richard & Edna Brockett	07/07		

1996 Activities

April 14	Dinner Meeting Hosts: Ted & Lois Price
May 4-5	Region 1 Officers Training Seminar W. Townsend, MA Hosts: Region 1 Officers
May 18-19	Joint Rally, Southington, CT Co-hosts: Fullers (Cape Cod) and Millers (Charter Oak)
June 7-9	Rally, Bald Mountain, VT Co-hosts: Bob & Carolyn Barrett and Ted & Lois Price
June 15	U152 "Caravan to the Gateway to the Hills" International Rally, Rapid City, SD
June 28-July 4	International Rally, Rapid City, SD
August 2-4	Rally "Rendezvous at Charlemont" Co-hosts: Dick & Eileen Bartram and Fred & Susan Newman
August 19	"Caravan to the Land of Evangeline" Caravan to Nova Scotia
September 8	Details TBD Hosts: Mike & Sandy Sasuta
October 4-6	Rally, Coventry, CT Co-hosts: Bob & Anne Werth and Jim & Laura Edmondson
October 6-12	Fall Caravan Co-hosts: Jim & Dawn Miller and Claire & Pat Lines
November 3	Installation Dinner - George's, Vernon, CT Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall
December 8	Dinner Meeting Hosts: Beth & J. Braun

Abbreviations Used: (CM) Charter Member, (CP) Courtesy Parking,
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| Charlie Eglise | 08/30 | David Tuckerman | 11/04 |
| Sharon Henschel | 09/06 | Edward Beausoleil | 11/04 |
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| Betty Tuckerman | 09/18 | Paul Good | 11/10 |
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| Bill Herpich | 10/07 | Doris Turcotte | 12/11 |
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| Dick Bartram | 10/12 | | |
| Susan Rutty | 10/21 | | |
| Lill Herpich | 10/27 | | |

COCU Member Birthdays

Richard Long	01/02	Jacoba Taylor	04/14
Donald Perry	01/03	Bob Barrett	04/16
Rip Nelson	01/05	Claire Bradley	04/17
James Hegeman	01/08	Russell Berg	04/22
J. Braun	01/16	Bob Henschel	04/27
Howard Knight	01/16		
Arthur Droheim	01/17	Bard Fuller	05/01
Edward Stagis	01/19	Mark Good	05/03
Darlene Beausoleil	01/22	William O'Donald	05/05
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William Fiehn	02/04		
Beth Braun	02/12	Edna Brockett	06/03
William Griffin	02/12	Lee Hale	06/06
Richard Brockett	02/13	Linda Guilmar Smith	06/14
Harold Carlson	02/15	Peg Svihovec	06/22
Patricia Lines	02/18	Arthur Sikes	06/25
Mike Sasuta	02/21	Gail Good	06/26
Stanley Barnes	02/22	Reg Brown	06/28
Betty Clark	02/23	Elaine Tower	06/29
Florence Graham	02/28		
Laura Edmondson	03/01	Kirk Peterson	07/02
Carolyn Barrett	03/01	Ted Price	07/03
Lydia Rosenbeck	03/08	Hazel Bloomer	07/03
Dot McLain	03/10	Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Audrey Clark	03/11	Rosalie Moffo	07/15
Sandy Eglise	03/11	Jim Edmondson	07/18
Christine Yario	03/13	Chandler Taylor	07/19
Barbara White	03/14	Richard Moffo	07/21
Jessie Gould	03/15	Claire Lines	07/23
Roger Crockett	03/21	Lois Price	07/26
Ruth Crockett	03/22	Judy Good	07/26
Leland Bradley	03/23	Kathy Fuller	07/29
Kay Richardson	03/24	Dorothy O'Connor	07/30
Robert White	03/26		
Dawn Miller	03/29	Dorothy Long	08/01
Margie Peterson	03/31	Maggi Kuehn	08/04
		Ann Droheim	08/07
Robert Labadorf	04/05	Marjorie Labadorf	08/09
Paul Freed	04/06	Shirley Edmondson	08/09
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- 11374 Freed, Paul & Dorothy
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- 25573 Sikes, Art & Arlene
- 26824 Henschel, Bob & Sharon
- 27229 Richardson, Kay
- 29883 Good, Paul & Judy
- 30150 Brockett, Dick & Dud
- 30883 Kuehn, Mike & Maggie
- 31212 McLain, Jim & Dot
- 31840 Holliday, Walter & Dee

5. **Rally Parking** — Park rally hosts together. These are the people who are responsible for the success of the rally. Be sure everyone knows where to locate officers and hosts.
6. **Meetings** — Wally patterned "Meeting Time" after the old town hall meetings. Meetings may be strictly social or a combined social and business meeting. Meetings give everyone an opportunity to get together. Meetings provide a time to get acquainted, to exchange ideas, to discuss objectives and accomplishments. This is a time to take part and a time to recognize individual contributions. The sidewalk cafe meeting is always fun. Members bring their refreshments and sit around and talk about what has been done or seen, trips made, etc. This usually takes place about 4:30 in the afternoon.
If a business meeting or a combined business meeting and social meeting is planned, notice should be posted. Everyone will make an extra effort to get back from sight-seeing or shopping.
7. **Bulletin Board** — Place a bulletin board in a central location (the hospitality RV is often used) as a center of activities for announcements and program news. If you have a printed program, post one on the board. Keep everyone informed about what is going on.
8. **Church Services** — Post notices of local church services on the bulletin board.
9. **Head Table** — Arranging the head table and the seating of guests depends upon the size of the table and the number to be seated. If possible, your own officers and their spouses should be seated at the head table. If there isn't room for the spouses, they should be placed as near the head table as possible. The President should sit in the center position. Visiting VIPs and International officers would normally be seated at the head table. A special table for officers, past and present, may be arranged. If you have overlooked someone who might reasonably expect to sit at the head table, ask them to stand and be acknowledged. This helps to overcome what could be an embarrassing situation.
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(203) 874-6808
CB Handle: Mercedes
- 11374 **FREED, Paul & Dorothy**
29129 Johnston Road, #2527
Dade City, FL 33525-6128
(904) 588-2649
- 05406 **FULLER, Bard & Kathy (UM)**
36 Panorama Drive
Southington, CT 06489
(860) 621-9246
- 04450 **GATAVASKI, Joe & Helen**
52 Beacon Manor Circle
Naugatuck, CT 06770
(203) 729-4102
- 01780 **GENTRY, Kerry & Shirley**
32 Amos Road
Preston, CT 06365
(860) 886-7281
- 14033 **GOOD, Mark & Gail (CP)**
1725 Bellechase Drive
Roanoke, TX 76262
CB Handles: Bubble, Tootsie
- 29883 **GOOD, Paul & Judy**
1049 Kaupaku Place
Honolulu, HI 96825-1343
(808) 396-6767
CB Handle: Commander
- 02478 **GOULD, Clarence & Jessie (CP)**
49 Dobson Circle
Middletown, CT 06457
(860) 347-5731
CB Handles: Haystacker, Hummer

- 01078 **GRAHAM, Florence**
2 River Road
Hebron, CT 06248
(860) 228-0307
- 10642 **GRIFFIN, Bill & Syble (UM)**
7 Merigold Drive
New Britain, CT 06053
(860) 229-9623
CB Handle: Yankee One
- 05233 **HALE, Lee**
11 W. Rocks Road
Norwalk, CT 06851
(203) 846-9400
CB Handle: Sister Flash
- 00246 **HEGEMAN, Jim & Jan (L) (CP)**
58 Kenmore Road
Bloomfield, CT 06002-2111
(860) 243-0081
CB Handle: Eagle Scout
- 26824 **HENSCHEL, Bob & Sharon**
436 Linkfield Road
Watertown, CT 06795
(860) 274-3768
CB Handle: Charlie Bob
- 11801 **HERPICH, Bill & Lill (CP)**
330 Norfolk Road
Litchfield, CT 06759
(860) 567-9661
CB Handles: Torquehead,
Diamond Lill
- 31840 **HOLLIDAY, Walter & Dee**
67 North Main Street
Windsor Locks, CT 06096
(860) 627-7527

Winter (Jan. 1-Mar. 31)
29129 Johnston Road, #10-65
Dade City, FL 33525
(904) 588-2811

Winter (Jan. 1-May 1)
29129 Johnston Road, #10-68
Dade City, FL 33525-6128
(904) 588-4506

Guidelines for Rallies & Meetings

1. **Chatter Article** — Appoint someone in advance to write a news article for the Chatter describing the event and ask them to submit the article to the Chatter editor within a few days after the event. This is the responsibility of the host. Failure to do so will result in a delay in publishing our newsletter.
2. **Advance Notice** — When preparing flyers, include information regarding rally fees, dates, parking, deposits, activities, potluck dinners, etc. Submit a flyer (sign-up sheet) to the Chatter editor in advance of your event.
3. **Rally Expenses** — All rallies should be self-supporting, each person paying his share of the expenses. When visitors pay the same as members, they feel free to take part. This also prevents criticism over treasury funds being used for activities in which all members do not participate.
4. **Suggestions for Making a Successful "First Impression" at a WBCCI Rally** —
 - a. Have a Greeting Committee to meet arrivals with a . . . "Hi! Glad you're here!" Some may be new owners and new to our program. Make them feel at home. Give each person a name tag, give each RV a program, or if you do not have programs, tell them to check the bulletin board for the schedule of activities.
 - b. Have a hospitality center so that on arrival the greeters can say . . . "the coffee is on . . . get set up and then come over _____." Have a bulletin board at the hospitality center. Post announcements and program, and perhaps a sign . . . "Welcome to the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit, WBCCI."
 - c. Take a snapshot of each family and paste it in the Unit history book. These books are of interest to everyone and should be on display at all Unit rallies.
 - d. Have a Unit guest book and ask everyone to sign it at each rally.
 - e. Award a "gate" prize. One thought . . . number the programs and lucky number gets the prize . . . use some kind of gag.
 - f. Plan something for the children. It will make a more enjoyable rally for everyone.

South on I-77 — North on 221 in Hillsville through Floyd, Left on 610, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the East on 460 or from the South on 220 — South on Blue Ridge Parkway to Adney Gap (mile post 136), South on 221, Right on 610 for 1 mile, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the west on 460 and West VA Turnpike — Take I-81 South, South on 8 past Christianburg to Floyd, North on 221, Left on 610, turn onto 6490 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles.

WASHINGTON

Washington Land Yacht Harbor
9101 Steilecoom Road, S.E.
Olympia, WA 98503
(206) 459-0198

Directions/Location: From I-5 — South on Marvin Road (exit 111) for 1 mile to second crossroad, Left on Steilecoom Road for .8 miles.

WEST VIRGINIA

White Oak Land Yacht Harbor
(Hedgesville, WV)
(304) 754-7525

Directions/Location: From I-81 — Route 9 for 12.7 miles (Mountain Lake Road).

WISCONSIN

Fountain Lake Land Yacht Harbor, Inc.
(Waupaca, WI)
Route 2
Almond, WI 54909
(414) 366-2954

Directions/Location: From Waupaca — West on 54 for 8 miles, South on County Truck TT for 4 miles, East for .5 miles.

18081 **INGALLINERA, Jerry & Fran**
210 Colby Drive
East Hartford, CT 06108-1455
(860) 289-9149

00314 **KNIGHT, Howard & Carolyn (UM) (CP)** Winter (Oct. 1-May 1)
P.O. Box 156 46900 Bermont Road - Unit 311
Woodchuck Avenue Punta Gorda, FL 33982-9651
Alfred, ME 04002-0156 (941) 639-7752
(207) 324-8430

CB Handles: Silver Knight, Satin Doll

30883 **KUEHN, Mike & Maggie (L)** Winter (Oct. 26-May 1)
P.O. Box 27, 86 Kuehn Road 29129 Johnston Road, #17-30
Hopkinton, RI 02833 Dade City, FL 33525-6128
(401) 377-1069 (904) 588-3044
CB Handles: Pa Bell, Ma Bell

23416 **KUNDROT, Vity & Olivia (UM)**
52 Adams Street
Stoughton, MA 02072
(617) 344-0718

04378 **LABADORF, Bob & Midge (UM)** Winter (Nov. 1-Apr. 15)
829 Somers Road 29129 Johnston Road, #10-12
East Longmeadow, MA 01028 Dade City, FL 33525-6128
(413) 525-4326 (904) 588-4725
CB Handle: Big Bob

03990 **LANDRY, Bob & Jean**
186 Riley Mountain Road
Coventry, CT 06238
(860) 742-8069

01378 **LEMAIRE, Ray & Cecile (UM)**
26 Blueberry Lane
Lisbon, CT 06351
(860) 376-4678
CB Handle: Square Root

20566 **LEVINSON, David (UM)**
35 Stony Run Road
Newburgh, NY 12550
(914) 562-0091

- 04853 **LEWIS, Florence**
15 Hawthorne Cove Road
Brookfield, CT 06804
- 01018 **LINES, Claire & Patricia (UM)**
P.O. Box 464
Standish, ME 04084-0464
(207) 642-2574
- 16470 **LONG, Dick & Dorothy (UM)**
505 Reynolds Street
Danielson, CT 06239
(860) 774-6395
CB Handle: Blue Bird
- 03569 **LOWELL, Lin & Dot (UM)**
11 Main Street, P.O. Box 304
Mendon, MA 01756
(508) 473-7218
CB Handles: Nozzle Man, Nozzle Lady
- 31212 **McLAIN, Jim & Dot**
29129 Johnston Road, #2708
Dade City, FL 33525-6128
(904) 588-4254
CB Handle: Fantan
- 05912 **MILLER, Jim & Dawn**
36 Sagamore Road
Shelton, CT 06484
(203) 926-0571
E-mail: jcmiller36@aol.com
- 01586 **Moffo, Richard & Rosalie**
82 center Street
Wolcott, CT 06716-2002
(203) 879-9210
- 08509 **NELSON, Rip & Elsie**
111 Duncaster Road
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(860) 242-5209
CB Handles: Rock Hound, Rockette

Winter (Jan. 1-Mar. 25)
46900 Bermont Road - Unit 310
Punta Gorda, FL 33982-9651
(813) 637-9610

Winter (Jan. 1-Apr. 20)
29129 Johnston Road, #9-14
Dade City, FL 33525-6128
(904) 588-4581

SOUTH CAROLINA

Palmetto Cove
Star Route, Box 87
Cleveland, SC 29635
(803) 836-9221

Directions/Location: From Greenville — North on 276, South on 8 for 600 feet, Right on River Road (do not cross bridge). From Charlotte, NC — South on I-85 to Gaffney, SC, West on 11, on 8 for 600 feet, Right on River Road (do not cross bridge). Park is on south side of River Road.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground
Route 5, Box 285
Crossville, TN 38555

Directions/Location: From Chattanooga — North on U.S. 127 for approximately 70 miles, West at sign at bridge crossing Daddy's Creek for 4.7 miles, South at sign for 2.1 miles. From I-40 — South on U.S. 127 for approximately 16 miles, West at sign at bridge crossing Daddy's Creek for 4.7 miles, South at sign for 2.1 miles.

TEXAS

North Texas Airstream Community
P.O. Box 1224
200 Walnut Hill Avenue
Hillsboro, TX 76645
(817) 582-5566

Directions/Location: From I-35 — Take Exit 368A and go East on Highway 22. After .4 miles, turn right on Walnut Hill Street. Park is on right.

El Valle Del Sol
P.O. Box 1668, R.R. 4
Mission, TX 78572
(512) 585-5704

Directions/Location: From East or West Expressway 83 — North on FM 494, East on Business 83 for 1,000 feet. Park is located between Mission and McAllen.

TA-HI, The Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc.
Box 200, Route 2
Zavalla, TX 75980

Directions/Location: From U.S. 69 — East on 63 for .7 miles, Left (northeast) on 147 for 4.5 miles, Left at TA-HI sign for .6 miles. From Southwest 147 — Right at TA-HI sign (2 miles after bridge over reservoir) for .6 miles.

VIRGINIA

Tall Pines Harbor, Inc. (Temperanceville, VA)
P.O. Box 5
Sanford, VA 23426
(804) 824-9766

Directions/Location: From Temperanceville — West on 695 for 7 miles.

Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park
R-1, Box 154C
Copper Hille, VA 24079
(703) 651-3851

Directions/Location: From the North on I-81 — Take 581 through Roanoke, South on 220 to Blue Ridge Parkway, South on Blue Ridge Parkway to Adney Gap (mile post 136), South on 221, Right on 610 for 1 mile, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the South on I-81 — Take Route 8 to Floyd from Christianburg, North on 221, Left on 610, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the

NEWYORK

Brook-N-Wood Family Campground
RFD 1, Box 100B
Elizavile, NY 12523
(518) 537-6896

Directions/Location: From North on New York Thruway — Take Exit 21 across bridge, South on 9 for 7 miles, Left (East) at Blue Stores corner County Road 8 for 1.5 miles. From South on New York Thruway — Take Exit 19 across bridge, Right (North) on 9 toward Red Hook, Right (East) at Blue Stores corner County Road 8 for 1.5 miles.

Land Yacht Harbor of Tusten, Inc.
(Tusten, NY)
Route 2, Box 351
Narrowsburg, NY 12764
(914) 252-7366

Directions/Location: From Part Jarvis — North on 97 for 6.4 miles past first blinker in Barryville, Right on Lackawaxen Road. From Milford, PA — West on 6, North on 434 to Barryville, Right on 97 for 6.4 miles, Right on Lackawaxen Road. From Narrowsburg, NY — South on 97, Left on Lackawaxen Road.

OHIO

Meadow Lake Park
8970 Canaan Road
Wooster, OH 44691
(216) 435-6652

Directions/Location: From the North on I-71 and I-76 — South on 3 from Creston for 4.5 miles, West on Fulton Road. From the South Ohio 30 — North at Wooster on 3 for 6.5 miles, West on Fulton Road. Park is located between Wooster and Creston.

OKLAHOMA

Cherokee Land Yacht Harbor
HC 73, Box 597-1
Park Hill, OK 74451

Directions/Location: Located 13 miles south of Tahlequah on the east side of Lake Tenkiller on Route 82 or 3 miles north of Cookson, turn East at the Flintridge Store and Cabins.

OREGON

Dufur Valley Farm and Airstream Park
P.O. Box 457
Dufur, OR 97021
(503) 467-2602

Directions/Location: From The Dalles — South on 197 for 13 miles, west on Forest Road S221 for 4 miles.

Ni-Lah-Sha
c/o Allen A. Kirk & Associates
1550 W. Highland Avenue
Redmond, OR 97756
(503) 245-4948

PENNSYLVANIA

Penn Wood Campground
Box 7
Limestone, PA 16234
(814) 764-8963

Directions/Location: From Exit 10 on I-80 — South on 66 for 4 miles.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Domaine Beau Bassin
c/o Aline Dupont
5374 Omer Heroux
Montreal, North H1G 2Y4
(514) 886-5819

Directions/Location: From St. Emilie De L'Energie — South on 131 for 5 miles. Park is located 26 miles north of Joliette and 60 miles from Montreal.

23478 **NEWMAN, Fred & Susan**
45 Wolcott Avenue
Torrington, CT 06790
(860) 489-1304

04873 **O'DONALD, William & Jeanette (UM)** Winter (Nov. 1-June 1)
3010 Shorecrest
Pierston, MI 49339
6000 North Lomita
Tucson, AZ 85718
(520) 577-2619

05031 **PERRY, Donald & Dolores (UM)**
4 View Street
Greenwich, CT 06830-6126
(203) 869-1180

03747 **PETERS, Audrey (UM)** Winter (Jan. 1 - Apr. 30)
19 Farrar Avenue
Worcester, MA 01604
(508) 754-8147
1300 South Airport Boulevard,
#802
Melbourne, FL 32901-2956
(407) 722-4451

05387 **PETERSON, John & Margie**
62 Barton Hill
East Hampton, CT 06424
(860) 267-2867
CB Handles: Chow, Sunshine

23726 **PRICE, Ted & Lois (CP)**
121 Boulder Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(860) 529-9393
CB Handles: Pinger, Mrs. Pinger

27229 **RICHARDSON, Kay**
394 Main Street, Route 44, Box 25
Pine Meadow, CT 06061
(860) 379-0146

24115 **ROSENBECK, Neils & Lydia** Winter (Jan. 1-Apr. 1)
324 Albrecht Road
Torrington, CT 06790
(860) 482-2430
29129 Johnston Road, #3-38
Dade City, FL 33525-6128
(904) 588-3765

16264 **RUTTY, Wayne & Susan (L) (CP)**
 34 Ruddy Lane
 Haddam, CT 06438
 (860) 345-4049

05593 **SANDALL, Bob & Helen**
 114 Hollister Street
 Manchester, CT 06040
 (860) 649-0480

22438 **SASUTA, Mike & Sandy (L)**
 476 Milford Point Road
 Milford, CT 06460
 (203) 878-8070
 CB Handles: Center Punch, Candy Cane

18277 **SETTERSTROM, Hank & Arlene**
 96 Colchester Commons
 Colchester, CT 06415
 (860) 537-2929

25573 **SIKES, Arthur & Arlene**
 526 Halladay Avenue
 Suffield, CT 06078
 (860) 688-2083

06624 **SMITH, Sandy & Linda Guilmart**
 25 Wayland Road
 Milford, CT 06460
 (203) 878-2908
 CB Handle: Easy Does It

06982 **STAGIS, Ed & Al**
 P.O. Box 297
 Plainville, CT 06062
 (860) 747-0606

03477 **SVIHOVEC, Bill & Peg**
 743 Arbutus Street
 Middletown, CT 06457
 (860) 346-6833
 CB Handle: Eagle Eye

Winter (Nov. 10-Apr. 30)
 101 Rainbow Drive
 Box 6749
 Livingston, TX 77351-9300
 1-800-DISCOVER PIN #2029895

Winter (Dec. 1-Apr. 30)
 345 Cereus Drive
 Naples, FL 33961
 (941) 732-5450

Land Yacht Port-O-Call, Inc.
 1300 S. Airport Boulevard
 Melbourne, FL 32901-2956
 (407) 723-2604

Mystic Springs Cove, Inc.
 Route 1, Box 14
 McDavid, FL 32568
 (904) 256-3280

Directions/Location: From the North — Flomaton exit from I-65, South on 29 for 13 miles. From the South (at Pensacola) — North on 29 for 25 miles. From I-10 — East on Mystic Springs Cove Road for 1 mile.

Paradise Park Condo Association
 46900 Bermont Road
 Punta Gorda, FL 33982
 (813) 639-2680

Directions/Location: 24.5 miles east of Punta Gorda on Route 74. From North or South on I-75 or U.S. 41 — East on 17 for 1 mile (east of I-75), East on 74 for about 24.5 miles. From North or South on Route 31 — East on 74 for 4.5 miles. From U.S. 27 — South on 29 toward LaBelle for 1 mile. west on 74 for 20 miles. From the South on 41 — East on 80 at Fort Myers, North on 31, East on 74 for 4.5 miles.

Travelers Rest Airstream Park
 29129 Johnston Road
 Dade City, FL 33525-6128
 (904) 588-2013

Directions/Location: From I-75 — West on 41 (Exit 60, mile post 294). Park is 12 miles northwest of Dade City and 30 miles north of Tampa.

GEORGIA

Top of Georgia Airstream Park
 State Route 75, Route 1
 Helen, GA 30545
 (404) 878-9954

Directions/Location: 4.5 miles north of Helen on GA 75.

MICHIGAN

Holiday Park Campground
 4860 U.S. 31 South
 Traverse City, MI 49684
 (616) 943-4410

Directions/Location: 6.5 miles south of traverse City, off U.S. 31 at Silver Lake.

MINNESOTA

Land Yacht Caraveners Club, Inc. (St. Cloud, MN)
 Clear Lake, MN 55319

Directions/Location: From Minneapolis-St. Paul — West on 10 toward St. Cloud, 4.5 miles past Becker. At small lake on right, turn north on County Road 55 for 1 mile, Right (east) for .5 miles at first opportunity. Alternate route — Exit 178 from I-94, East to 10, Right to County Road 55, Left for 1 mile. Park is 60 miles northwest of Twin Cities and 12 miles southeast of St. Cloud.

NEW JERSEY

Jersey Shore Airstream Park (Cape May, NJ)
 P.O. Box 121
 South Seaville, NJ 08246
 (609) 861-2293

Directions/Location: From Garden State Parkway — West at Exit 17 toward Ocean View, Left (South) on 9, Right on first road (Seaville Avenue), Left at blinker on South Dennis road for 2.5 miles. From West 47S — Left on 83 for .5 miles, Left on South Dennis Road (sign for South Seaville) for .5 miles. Park is located between Atlantic City and Cape May.

Airstream Land Yacht Harbors

ALABAMA

Roaring Pines, Inc. (Union Hill, AL)
c/o John Owsley
1503 Houston Street
Athens, AL 35611
(205) 232-3709

Directions/Location: From Huntsville — South on 231 for 20 miles, turn on Country Road 32 at Morgan City to Union Hill, Left at school for approximately 1 mile, Left at Roaring Pines mailbox. From Decatur — East on 67 for 24 miles, Left on Road 36 to Cotaco, Right on 32 to Union Hill.

ARIZONA

Superstition Resort (Apache Junction, AZ)
c/o President
72 North, 113 Way
Apache Junction, AZ 85220
(602) 984-5341

Directions/Location: Located at 72 North 113 Way.

CALIFORNIA

Lake Tamerisk Land Yacht Harbor
Desert Center, CA 92239
(619) 227-3138

Directions/Location: Located 1 mile North of I-10 at Desert Center on Kaiser Road.

Yucaipa Land Yacht Harbor
12618 Third Street
Yucaipa, CA 92399
(714) 797-1807

Directions/Location: Located midway between Los Angeles and Palm Springs just a few miles off I-10 at Yucaipa.

COLORADO

Derrick Campground
c/o Dorothy Griego
Manager
Route 1, Box 427-B
Trinidad, CO 81082
(303) 846-3307

Directions/Location: Exit 11 Eastbound from I-25 (11 miles north of New Mexico border).

DELAWARE

Port Del-Mar-Va
Old Landing Road
RD #1, Box 502
Rehoboth, DE 19971
(302) 227-9812

Directions/Location: From Delaware Route 1 — South on County Road 274, Left at mobile home park, then straight to Port Del-Mar-Va.

FLORIDA

Christmas Airstream Park
Cooperative, Inc.
25525 E. Colonial Drive
Christmas, FL 32709
(305) 568-5207

Directions/Location: From North or South I-95 — West on U.S. 50 to Christmas. From Orlando — East on U.S. 50 for approximately 28 miles to Christmas. Park is on North side of U.S. 50 on East side of Christmas.

Land Yacht Harbor
201 N. John Rodes Boulevard
Melbourne, FL
(407) 254-6398

09858 **TAYLOR, Chan & Jackie**
487 Wells Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109
(860) 529-1345

Winter (Jan. 1-Apr. 30)
cactus County RV Park
10195 S. Houghton Road
Tucson, AZ 85747
(602) 574-3000

07890 **TOWER, Ronald & Elaine**
6801 Stage Coach Trail
Austin, TX 78745-4614

05830 **TUCKERMAN, Dave & Betty (L)**
114 Old Deep River Turnpike
Killingworth, CT 06419
(860) 663-1301

01178 **TURCOTTE, Howard & Doris (UM)**
36 Green Manor Avenue
Windsor, CT 06095
(860) 285-0310
CB Handles: Howard or Tom,
Dorie or Honey

Winter (Oct. 15-Apr. 15)
29129 Johnston Road, #11-14
Dade City, FL 33525-6128
(813) 588-5379

13703 **WERTH, Robert & Anne**
428 South River Road
Tolland, CT 06084
(860) 875-4129
CB Handles: Silver Fox, Foxette

03240 **WHITE, Robert & Barbara (UM)**
37C Bob White Lane
Norwich, VT 05055
(802) 649-3520
CB Handles: Bald Eagle, White Eagle

07090 **YARIO, Christine & Peterson, Kirk**
61 Nesbit Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119-2010
(860) 236-8525

Constitution

Article I

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1: This organization is a chartered Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and shall be know as the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

Article II

OBJECTIVES

Section 1: The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be to furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Unit and thus afford fraternization for 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 III

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1: Membership in the International Club is a prerequisite for membership in the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit.

Section 2: There are three classes of membership in this Unit: Regular Member, Unit Member, and Associate Member.

Section 3: 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: Regular or Associate 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,

Supplies

Sandy Sasuta maintains a supply of many of the following items for sale to club members; some must be ordered in advance. If you wish to purchase any of these, please see Sandy. Prices are subject to change and items marked with an asterisk (*) will have shipping charges added to the price.

ITEM	PRICE
Badges & Holders:	
Badges With Name and Unit	\$2.00
Badge Holder With Clip Fastener	\$3.00
Apparel:	
Berets (Polyester)	\$6.50
Baseball Cap w/WBCCI Emblem	\$7.75
Books:	
WBCCI Club Caravan Handbook	\$3.50
WBCCI Songbook	\$1.25
Decals:	
Car Decals with 1/2" Numbers	1.50/set
WBCCI Decal & Trailer Number (2 ea.)	5.00/set
Flags:	
United States, 3' x 5'	\$25.00*
Connecticut, 2' x 3'	\$18.50*
Connecticut, 3' x 5'	\$35.75*
New York or Florida, 2' x 3'	\$21.00*
New York or Florida, 3' x 5'	\$42.00*
Rhode Island, 2' x 3'	\$14.75*
Rhode Island, 3' x 5'	\$26.45*
Canada, Mexico, etc.	Call
Flag Poles & Holders:	
8' Telescopic Alum. Pole with Eagle	\$10.50*
12' Telescopic Alum. Pole with Eagle	\$28.00*
Single Flag Pole Holder	\$21.50*
3 Flag Pole Holder	\$29.50*
5 Flag Pole Holder	Call
Markers:	
Charter Oak Unit, 4" x 12"	\$5.00
Patches:	
Charter Oak Patch (previous)	\$2.25
Charter Oak Patch (new design)	\$2.25
3" WBCCI Jacket Patch	\$4.25
Pennants:	
WBCCI Pennant	\$11.00
Pins:	
Charter Oak Pin	\$1.00

- (c) To conduct ourselves so as to inspire others also engaged in recreational vehicle travel to a full appreciation of the intent and meaning of this code.
- (d) To maintain our camps and parking areas in a proper manner and to leave them in a neat and clean condition.

Article IX
LIABILITY

Section 1: Neither the Unit nor its officers are responsible for the loss of or damage to property or for injury to or death of a person on the premises of any club function. This freedom for responsibility for loss or damage to property applies regardless of whether that property has been received by any member or officer or left upon the premises.

Article X
AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Executive Board by two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to all members of the Executive Board in writing at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

Section 2: Such amendments shall become effective upon adoption.

Article XI
DISSOLUTION

Section 1: In the event of dissolution of this Unit, the members shall, through the President, assign all assets to the International Club in accordance with Section 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article XII
MAIL VOTE

Section 1: On International issues, a ballot by mail can be conducted when deemed necessary by the Executive Board. When a vote is to be taken by mail, no other form of voting will be permitted.

These bylaws adopted and effective April 5, 1992 at East Hartford, Connecticut.

except the right to vote in the selection or election of Unit, Region, or International Officers or on any amendment to the International Constitution including the dissolution or merger of the Unit with any other Unit.

Section 5: Regular members who become incapacitated may become Associate Members as provided in the Constitution of the International Club, Regular and Associate members of the Unit possess all the rights and privileges of the WBCCI, including full voting rights in all elections and on all questions.

Section 6: 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: Dues received from a new member shall entitle such new member to full membership privileges for the same period accorded by WBCCI.

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, except for such co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this Unit shall each have one vote.

Article IV
OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1: The Officers shall consist of a President, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. Officers shall be only Regular or Associate Members. The Executive Board shall consist of all the Unit Officers plus the Immediate Past President and 4 Directors.

Section 2: 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 qualified. 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 3: The Directors shall be elected at the annual business meeting, each for a term of two years commencing at installation but arranged so that only one-half such directors' terms expire in any one year. No director shall serve more than one two-year term consecutively.

Section 4: In the event of the death, advancement or resignation of the President or a Vice President, or in their ability to fulfill their duties of office, the next ranking Vice President (in the order First, Second) shall succeed thereto. All other vacancies on the Executive Board, except that of Immediate Past President, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board.

Article V

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The Executive Board shall be the administrative body of the Unit and shall define the policies of and have full administrative authority in all matters pertaining to the Unit, and shall exercise general control and supervision of all officers and committees.

Section 2: A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the members.

Article VI

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Section 1: 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 (15) 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.

Section 2: Additional business meetings of the members may be held at a suitable time and place during the second day of each rally of the members. If the rally or meeting is of less than two days duration, written notice to the members indicating the time, location, and purpose of such meeting shall be delivered to the members not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3: The Executive Board, by majority vote, may call additional business meetings of the members.

Section 4: The President or any two members of the Board may call a business meeting of the Executive Board at any time deemed necessary.

- (c) If by a majority vote the Executive Board finds justifiable cause for removal of said officer or director, they will present their findings to the unit membership for a vote of the membership.
- (d) A majority vote of the unit members present and voting at this meeting for removal of said officer or director, will remove said officer or director from office and they will be so notified by certified letter.
- (e) All voting in Section 8 (c) and 8 (d) will be by secret ballot.

Article VI

DELEGATES

Section 1: The Executive Board shall select one delegate and one alternate from among the officers and Regular and Associate members who will attend the annual Delegates meeting of the parent organization, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. Any vacancy occurring following such selection shall be filled by appointment by the President. The delegate and alternate should be instructed respecting the wishes of the Unit on matters to come before the meeting. The President and Secretary shall certify to these selections.

Article VII

DUES

Section 1: The annual dues of Regular, Associate, and Unit members shall be set by the Executive Board.

Section 2: If a member fails to pay properly assessed International and Unit dues before November 15 of the year immediately preceding the year for which dues are payable, their names will not appear in the WBCCI Directory. If the dues are not paid and received by the Treasurer on or before December 31, membership will be terminated and stricken from the roll.

Article VIII

CODE OF ETHICS

Section 1: All members shall abide by the following Code of Ethics:

- (a) To be ever mindful of our responsibility to the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and through conduct indicate to the public that membership therein is an assurance of courtesy on the road and elsewhere and of goodwill to all peoples and countries.
- (b) To say or print nothing which may reflect unfavorably on others and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of our units and the Club in bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.

Section 3: The 2nd Vice President shall attend all business meeting so the Unit and the Executive Board and shall assist the President and 1st Vice President and assume the duties of the President and 1st Vice President in their absence, and will perform the duties assigned by the Executive Board.

Section 4: The Corresponding Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings of the Unit and the Executive as prescribed in Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution. The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare an agenda of pending business for use by the presiding officer at each meeting and shall keep a register of all members of the Unit.

Section 5: The Recording Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of all official meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board; copies of same shall be available to members of the Executive Board not more than fifteen (15) days following each meeting, upon request. The Recording Secretary shall record the attendance of the officers and directors at each meeting and shall advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the Unit and shall receive all moneys and promptly deposit them in the bank previously chosen by the Executive Board; shall notify members of expiration of dues and issue receipts for dues paid; shall submit a full written report of finances to the Executive Board at each meeting and before retirement shall have the books and accounts audited by a committee of not less than three members selected by the incoming President. All books, moneys, and property of the Unit held by the Treasurer shall be delivered promptly to the successor.

Section 7: The duties of the Directors shall be as prescribed in Section 1, Article V, of the Constitution and to attend all meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board; to accept special assignments as directed by the President.

Section 8: Any Unit officer or member of the Board of Directors who without justifiable cause is absent for two consecutive unit meetings or fails to attend a total of nine unit meetings during his term of office will be subject to removal from office.

- (a) Any officer or member of the Board of Directors prior to being removed from office for violation of Section 8 or any other justifiable cause will be given a hearing by the Executive Board with a minimum of seven members present prior to any action being taken.
- (b) The officer or director will be notified by certified letter of the charges, time, and place of hearing at least twenty (20) days prior to the hearing.

Section 5: All Regular, Associate, and Unit Members voting at the annual or additional business meetings of this Unit, and each such membership, identified by the International Club Membership number, shall be considered one vote, except for co-owners who each pay International and Unit Dues to this Unit as provided for in Article III, Section 9.

Article VII

BYLAWS

Section 1: 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 1: Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board in writing. The Executive Board shall submit all such amendments to the members for their consideration.

Section 2: Any Article or Section of this 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: All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption.

This Constitution adopted and effective May 8, 1993 at Townsend, Vermont.

Bylaws

Article I

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1: Parliamentary procedures for all meetings of the Unit and Executive Board shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised except when they are in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of this Club.

Section 2: The order of business shall be:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call of Executive Board and determination of quorum
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
4. Treasurer's report
5. Reading of correspondence
6. Report of committee chairpersons
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

Article II

COMMITTEES

Section 1: Standing Committees shall comprise:

1. Constitution and Bylaws
2. Ethics and Grievances
3. Hospitality
4. Legislative
5. Membership
6. Program
7. Publicity

All Standing Committees shall consist of a chairperson and of as many members as deemed necessary by the President. Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall report to the Executive Board, at the call of the President.

Section 2: Special committees may be appointed by the President as required.

Article III

GUESTS

Section 1: A guest (or guests) sponsored and invited by a member in good standing and sharing that member's facilities may attend activities of the Unit. Members sponsoring such a guest shall pay one extra rally fee exclusive of the parking fee.

Section 2: The Unit, once each calendar year, may host an invitational rally with a recreational vehicle club not chartered by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and, it may conduct a "Buddy Rally" to which each unit member may invite not more than one nonmember recreational vehicle family.

Section 3: Members in good standing of other units affiliated with WBCCI, may attend activities of the Unit provided that such members, and where required, shall have made prior reservation for each attendance.

Article IV

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Executive Board shall, not less than 90 days prior to the Unit's annual business meeting, appoint a three member Nominating Committee who shall, after having obtained the prior consent of each proposed nominee, place in nomination one candidate for each office and director to be filled by election, and submit a written report to the Executive Board which shall include the names of all candidates considered, and the President shall distribute the report to the membership not less than fifteen (15) days prior to said business meeting. Additional candidates, who have previously consented, may be placed in nomination from the floor of that meeting. No seconds are required for any nomination.

Article V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Unit and Executive board, enforce the Constitution and Bylaws, appoint all standing committees and have such powers and duties as normally pertain to the principal executive officer.

Section 2: The 1st Vice President shall attend all business meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board and shall assist the President and assume the duties of the President, when absent.