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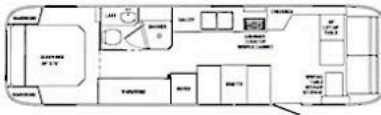
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Height-Exterior w/AC	9' 7 1/2"	Tire Size	ST225/75R15
Height-Interior w/AC	6' 3 1/2"	Fresh Water	54 gal
High Ball Height	1' 6 3/4"	Grey Water	37 gal
High Weight (typical unit)	870#	Black Water	39 gal

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RETAIL PRICE: \$ 31,147

MODEL: 34' Side Bath

\_\_\_ Twin (2PKVTV-12A) - 7,800# \_\_\_ Queen (2PKVTV-12Q) - 7,800#

\_\_\_ Queen "Duetto" (2PKVTV-12W) - 7,840#

COLOR CODES:

\_\_\_ Emerald Opt. 17 \_\_\_ Onways Opt. 18

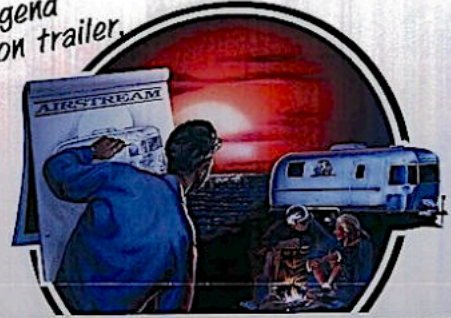
\_\_\_ Golden Berle Opt. 19 \_\_\_ Chestlilly Opt. 20

RETAIL PART #	*X*	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT
\$ 252 110420-04		ORA OPTION - 34' FX EXC	4 #
\$ 252 110421-04		DOO OPTION - 34' FX EXC	4 #
\$ 412 109974		RETRUCK *M* (QUEEN W/MARCHESE)	1-4
\$ 195 109995		A/C W/HEAD FENDER WALL THERMO.	2 #
\$ 1,630 110445		ANCHOR WIND PDK 34' 6 3/4' FX EXC	123 #
\$ 190 109994		PACKET, ONE TOUCH - GALLEY	5 #
\$ 472 109617-04		LIGHTS PLEASANT	14 #
\$ 0 109886-04		RANGE JOURNER W/OVERMATIC REC 14F	7 #
\$ 170 109889		SKYLIGHT, BATH W/SHADE	12 #
\$ 343 109885		SKYLIGHT, GALLEY, W/SHADE	12 #
\$ 182 109970		TIRE, BW RAD SPARE W/STREL WHEEL	46 #
\$ 299 110285-01		HARDWARES HANGLING 32 & CS TWIN	19 #
\$ 425 109325-01		WRAP PROTECTORS	15 #

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# CHARTER OAK Chatter

Volume XXVII, No. 1

February 1997

## Some Dates to Remember

### March 2

Dinner Meeting  
COCU South Hosts: Ron & Shirley Edmondson  
COCU North Hosts: Wayne & Susan Ritty

### 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  
Co-Host: Jim Hegeman, Anne & Bob Werth and  
Helen & Bob Sandall

### 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

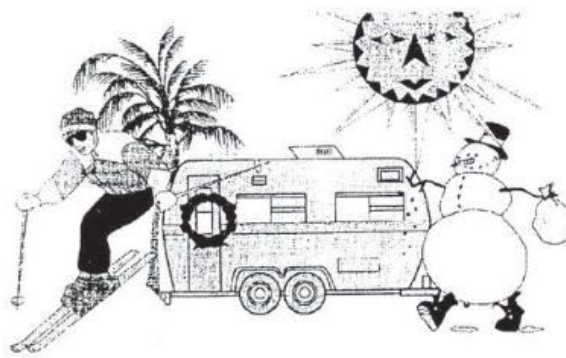
### November 2

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 . . .



An Airstream on skis, under a blanket of snow or one with the beautiful, warm sun in Florida/Arizona/anywhere USA, which do you prefer?

Many of our fellow COCUer's have pulled their homes on wheels to other parts. We know that you will take up a variety of activities that **will not** involve the winter activities, i.e., snow shoveling, ice scraping, snowblowing, ice fishing, skiing, sledding . . . you get the picture. I know that you'd sooner forget all these winter activities, that's why you've become "snowbirds!" We will be meeting in our respective North/South spots to keep in touch for these winter months. The friendships that have formed in our units make us feel this way. We hope to hear on occasion that everyone is well, or just what's happening, and will soon be looking forward to our first rally of the season in May! How's that for wishing the winter away?

The winter months will give us a chance to use the fireplaces for warmth, try the canned or frozen garden foods from the summer, use the Charlemont blueberries for a variety of goodies, I guess you could say we could be like the squirrels who have hoarded away the nuts for winter use. We can also use this time to plan our next summer's activities. We can think of Huntsville, Alabama (remember, no air conditioners) in June/July when there is a Nor'easter swirling outside our homes. The "snowbirds" can hone up on their golf swings, tennis games, and varieties of winter respite activities. Oh, to be retired!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Happy trails and see you down the road!

Anne Werth #13703



**A New Little Oak**

The newest acorn in the Charter Oak Family Tree fell to earth on November 16, 1996, in Torrington, CT. The proud parents of Samuel Graham Newman are Susan and Fred Newman #23478. Samuel joins his brothers, Michael, James and Ethan, plus sister Abigail in this Charter Oak family. Proud grandparents are Eileen and Dick Bartram, #6625.

**Safety Question**

When parked, do you ground your trailer?

Come to the Safety Rally  
May 2-4, 1997

**Looking Ahead**

Plans are in the works for our Cape Cod Caper to be held following the Region I Rally from September 1-8, 1997. We've arranged for sites at Peters Pond Park in Sandwich, MA, with full hook-ups (EWSC). There are plenty of things to see and do on the Cape. Think about joining us. More information to follow in later issues of the *Chatter*.

*Bob Sandall*

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**COCU North Dinner Meeting**

On February 2, a beautiful spring-like Sunday afternoon, eighteen COCU members and a guest from the Cape Cod Unit gathered for brunch at the Adams Mill Restaurant in Manchester.

COCU "North" had not been together since early December, so it was a wonderful time to catch up on the happenings in our COCU family. We're fortunate that so many people can gather during the non-camping season to keep friendships bright and alive. It was interesting to think that as we were meeting here in Connecticut, our friends in Florida were also getting together.

We were most pleased to see Brian and Pat Brosnahan who are among our newer members. Although they were at the Somers Inn last December, this was their first "official" COCU meeting. It was also a pleasure to welcome Dan Dureiko of the Cape Cod Unit. In addition to Brian, Pat, and Dan, the Connecticut group consisted of: Jim Hegeman, Jim Miller, Ted and Lois Price, Wayne and Susan Ritty, Bob and Helen Sandall, Mike and Sandy Sasuta, Hank and Arlene Setterstrom, Chan and Jackie Taylor and, last but not least, President Anne Werth and her First Man, Bob.

*Bob Sandall*

**COCU South Dinner Meeting**

Thirty-seven COCU South members, unit members and guests gathered at Ye Olde Fireside in Brooksville, Florida on February 2, 1997 to enjoy their Sunday Feast. We were entertained by Caroline Barnes who told about their Around the U.S. by Amtrak trip this past summer. Paul Freed reported on their two months stay at Chatauquah, New York. These are both events we all might want to consider as an alternative to trailering.

*Laura & Jim Edmondson*

**Crypto-Families**

*Each Crypto-Family is a list of related words in code. (One set of letters has been substituted for the correct letters.) When you have identified a word, use the known letters to help decode other words in the puzzle.*

**Theme: Washington, DC**

*Example: Washington Monument*

NSQATNQ PRPTXSBN  
LNBSX UTKYR  
QBZSTQBN OBNRRXD TH BXZ  
ERHHRXYTQ PRPTXSBN  
QBZSTQBN BXAUSJRY  
AURXXD LNTYYTP HRYZSJB  
YPSZUYTQSBQ SQYZSZKZSTQ  
QBZSTQBN ABZURIXBN  
NBHDDRZZR YWKBXR  
QBJBN TLYRXJBZTXD

*(Answers on back page.)*



### What Is The True Meaning of Retirement?

I guess everyone has a preconceived idea of what retirement will be like. But are any of us totally prepared for this event in our lives? No amount of talking or planning takes into account the true meaning of the overworked phrase, "Togetherness."

In the Price household it meant first preparing for a three month trip through the Southwest. We assumed this would be as "together" as it gets with the scaling down of bathroom space, closet space,

kitchen space, walking space and, good heavens, TV! This we did, and quite well I might add.

But then we came home. Why can't he put away all the contents of his office — a collection of 47 years? Does it really enhance the porch. No, of course not — it really is better to move it into the kitchen, making it virtually impossible to see, let alone eat off the kitchen table. *Value Line* has its own table; *The Wall Street Journal* is an easy reach away. All the maps, brochures, travel magazines really should continue to take over the family room — we might want to go on another trip some year.

Instead of one wardrobe per day, there is often an early-morning one, a change if off to Home Depot, and please — a change if we go "out" or others "come in."

The working man does not hang up clothes, put food and dishes away, recap bottles, close doors, throw out "anything." Neither does the retired man.

When to vacuum? Can't do it while telephone in use, hard to concentrate when reading, and surely taboo during TV.

There is the race to use the telephone — the most sacred of instruments. Unfortunately, our house is a one-liner which means someone has to stand in line. Hand signals are being developed to indicate, "cut it short, it's my turn."

I pictured leisurely drives through the countryside, lunches in cozy inns, lingering shopping sprees, projects from the Job Jar, happily completed. Perhaps it is too soon to judge — it's only been seven months.

We've lost our precious weekends as every day becomes Saturday or Sunday but, I have no problem with that.

Does "re-tired" mean tired again? It could.

Some things do not change and that's "What's for dinner?"

*Lois Price*

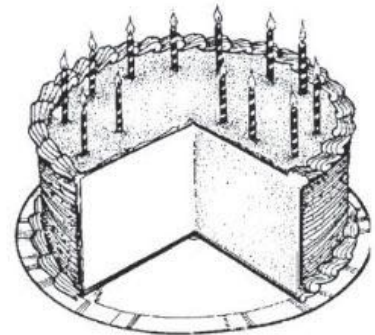
Deadline for the next  
*Chatter* is . . . March 8.

### Happy Birthday!

Laura Edmondson	03/01
Carolyn Barrett	03/01
Edward Wellington	03/02
Dee Holliday	03/06
Lydia Rosenbeck	03/08
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

### Happy Anniversary!

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



### Unsolved Mysteries . . .

Please take a moment and search those nooks and crannies for the WBCCI Blue Book you might have hanging around. We'd like to get them all back to update them and give them to the new officers. Please return them to Anne Werth, 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084.

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### 1996-97 Directory

COCU's new Directory was mailed during the last week in January. Please contact me if you have not received your copy or you have any changes. Cathy Barrett, 47 Carriage Drive, Avon, CT 06001 or call (860) 673-6355.

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### COCU Welcome

All the members of the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit welcome our new members Malcolm & Barbara Appleton of Waitsfield, VT. We look forward to getting to know you during 1997.

### 1998 Region I Rally

The 1998 Region I Rally will be hosted by the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. It will be held at the Durham Fairgrounds on September 4-7, 1998.

At a recent Board Meeting it was agreed to have "Under the Big Top" as our theme.

The following committee chairpersons are in place:

Parking	Bob Werth
Treasurer/Registration	Sandy Sasuta
Food	Mike Sasuta
Decorations	Anne Werth
Entertainment	Eileen Bartram
Hospitality	Laura Edmondson
Welcome	Shirley Edmondson
Tours	Ted and Lois Price
Youth Program	Susan and Fred Newman
Physical Arrangements	Dave & Betty Tuckerman and Bud Gould
Door Prizes	Bob & Helen Sandall
Craft and Flea Market	Jesse Gould
Church Service	Jim Edmondson
Master of Ceremonies	Ron Edmondson

All these chairpersons are going to need lots of help and support from all of our membership. Please call and offer a helping hand.

Let's all work together to make this a great Region Rally!!!!!!

*Susan Rutty, Chairperson*





# Charter Oak Connecticut Unit Mid-Winter Get Together



**Where:** St. James Episcopal Church, Rt. 81, Higganum, CT

**When:** Sunday, March 2, 1997

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. Gathering and Board Meeting  
12:30 p.m. Dinner  
1:30 p.m. Membership Meeting

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person; Children under 18 years - Free

**Host:** Wayne & Susan Rutty

**Menu:** Baked Ham (provided)  
Hot Dishes - A-L last names  
Salads - M-Z last names  
Dessert (provided)  
Coffee, Tea, Punch (provided)

**Directions:** From Rt. 9 take Exit 9. Turn South on Rt. 81 and travel approximately 1/2 mile to traffic light. Parish hall is first right after light.

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**Mid-Winter Get Together  
March 2, 1997**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: Wayne Rutty  
34 Rutty Lane  
Haddam, CT 06438





Answers to Crypto-Families: Lincoln  
Memorial, Blair House, National Gallery of  
Art, Jefferson Memorial, National Archives,  
Cherry Blossom Festival, Smithsonian  
Institute, National Cathedral, Lafayette  
Square, Naval Observatory

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Charter Oak South @ Fireside Inn  
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Front: Ed & Lynn La Porta, friends of Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck  
Don Brown dark glasses opposite Audrey Clark, Carolyn Barnett  
next to Audrey



Left Front Stan Barnes, Marge Peterson, Laura Edmondson looking  
@ Camera Right Ron & Shirley Edmondson, Jackie & Reggie Brown  
Rip Nelson



Left to Right Dorothy & Paul Freed, Caroline Barnes

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
February 2, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 PM by president Anne Werth. The meeting followed a delicious buffet brunch at the Adams Mill REstaurant, Manchester, CT. Thanks was given to Bob and Helen Sandall, our hosts. 18 people attended.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted with the following correction:

last paragraph of November minutes -  
eliminate last line, i.e. "We should not be publicizing  
activities of other units."

Treasury report: There is a balance of \$3,486.85 as of December 31, 1996  
Report will be filed for audit.

A thank-you note from Jim Miller was posted.

Susan Rutty reported that she has all chairpersons "in place" for the Region I Rally in Durham, 1998. Budget for this rally is not yet drawn up.

In Wayne Rutty's absence, Susan reported on a special "Informational Weekend" for all Region I members. This will take place at Ken and Theda McGrath's, at no cost to participants. Bring trailers, come full and empty! A flyer is being prepared that can be incorporated into unit newsletters. Full info will appear in the "Chatter".

Ron and Elaine Tower are now living with their son at:

793 D Long Hill Road  
Middletown, CT 06457

Cards and notes to them would be most welcome at this difficult time.

Bob Werth discussed subject of a new tent and the Board's recommendation that more information be obtained and presented at a later date. The old tent was bought from Eureka (in New York) and it was suggested that a continued search include contacting Eureka.

On March 2, Susan and Wayne Rutty will host a pot luck supper at a local church - cost will be \$5 per person.

Lois and Ted Price will host a meeting/luncheon on April 6. Details forthcoming.

Chan and Jackie Taylor will co-host a "Safety Rally" with Cape Cod, New England and White Mountain Units. Rally will be at Lakeville, MA on May 2, 3, 4. The Taylors reported there will be a tour of Cranwood. They are looking for another tour. Saturday A.M. Marty (Marty's RV) will do a safety seminar.

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit  
 Membership Meeting  
 February 2, 1997 (continued)

There will be a question and answer period by a panel. Cape Cod Unit will do Saturday morning breakfast; ~~N. E.~~ Unit will do Sunday breakfast; Charter Oak will do Saturday night supper. Friday night dessert will be provided and perhaps a Bingo Party. Much help needed to work on this rally.

June Rally, June 6, 7, 8/Cape Cod at Wolf's Den Campground, East Haddam, CT, "Essex Train/River Boat Cruise Rally" - Hosts are Bob & Anne Werth, Bard & Kathy Fuller. \$25 camping Fee. Need early commitment (May 4 deadline). There will be an early registration form in the "Chatter".

Rally August 1,2,3 at Odetah Campground, Norwich. Host Jim Hegeman - Cajun Theme. Jim is looking for help with rally. *Sandalls & Werth helping*

September 1 - 7, Charter Oak Caravan - Hosts are Bob and Heln Sandall and Jim and Laura Edmonson. We will stay parked in one place and day-trip through Cape Cod.

The Brosnihann's thanked us for their warm welcome as new members.

Anne announced that there was an RV show at the Aero Center in East Hartford which was to end at 6 PM today. It is possible that our unit will get an additional member of two as a result of this show - unit members who attended did some good PR work while they were there!

Jim Hegeman is coordinating registration for the Region I Rally and reported that sign-up has been very slow. It appears that registration form was sent out late and has not yet been received by Charter Oak.

Hank Setterstrom offered to donate a new Horse Shoe Game - we thankfully accepted his offer.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lois Price*

Lois Price  
 Secretary

CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 1997

Attendance: A. Werth, B. Werth, W. Ruddy, S. Ruddy, S. Sasuta,  
L. Price, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, B. Sandall.

The meeting was called to order by president Anne Werth at 12:35 PM.

Minutes of the November meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Sasuta reported a balance of \$3,486.85 as of December, 31, 1996. The report was accepted subject of audit. Audit to be done in June, 1997.

It was noted that cost of the "Chatter" breaks even. *100 Sent out*

The Appletons (Malcolm and Barbara) from Vermont have joined COCU.

Old Business: Susan Ruddy, Chair of REgion I Rally for 1998 reported that all committees for this rally are now "chaired". Chairpersons will be looking for committee members. Budget for this REgion rally is not yet complete. Susan will ask that each committee chairperson give an advance registration payment of \$100 for "up front" revenue so that present treasury balance will remain in tact.

Tent: Bob <sup>Werth</sup> Sandall reported on cost of tents from a company called Century.

- o 20' x 40' (complete including side curtains, 7' solid poles) \$3,335.65
- o Party Mate 20' x30' (no sides - all purpose, poles that come apart. ~~2000~~) \$1,236.25

Discussion: Old tent purchased in the 70's. Side curtains are still in good condition. It was noted that tent is used on an average of 2 times a year. Solid poles are not practical. Higher cost tent would deplete treasury. Could old side curtains be used on a new tent?

Bob <sup>Werth</sup> Sandall will continue to pursue additional information. Subject will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

Safety Rally: May 2,3,4 in Lakeville, MA, chaired by Chan and Jackie Taylor.

May 30, 31, June 1: Meeting for all Region I interested members at home of Ken and Theda McGrath for purpose of informing participants of various functions and job descriptions, structure of WBCCI, etc. on all levels. A unique opportunity to participate, learn with ample chance for open discussion. Region I is the only region to hold this type of meeting. There is no cost to attendees. Wayne Ruddy will be doing the agenda for this weekend and needs our "input".

Mr. Laurie Stephens (past International President) is working on a survey re: club structure.

*Int'l structure  
inner workings, etc*

COCU EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY  
(continued)

Dawn Miller will be asked to send a letter to Cathy Barrett thanking her on behalf of the club for her past work in doing the Chatter and the Directory. She has done an outstanding job. The only cost to the club has been for the printing + postage.

Additional thanks will be considered at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lois Price  
Secretary

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March 1997

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### April 6

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COCU North Hosts: Lois & Ted Price

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"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 Moonlight" International Rally  
Huntsville, AL

### August 1-3

Rally  
Odetah Campground, Norwich, CT  
Co-Host: Jim Hegeman, Anne & Bob Werth and  
Helen & Bob Sandall

### 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 . . .

One of the privileges that a President experiences is appointing ambassadors of whatever they feel is necessary. I am appointing Jim Edmondson Charter Oak's special "Airstream Ambassador of Good Will."

Jim, (fondly known as Uncle Jim to me), is a one-man promoter of the Airstream lifestyle. He is always seeking out folks who may or may not be interested in our way of life. If you have any questions pertaining to "man's largest Tinker Toy," he probably knows the answer, or can find out. There is a long list of folks that he has enlisted in joining our club. Want to look at a new Airstream? Let's go, only need to ask once. If he hasn't seen you in a while, he will give you a call. He is willing to assist in all facets of our club, be it a rally, dinner meeting or caravan. Our very first rally helping couple did not appear, Jim and Laura came to the rescue and with the assistance of others made our "first rally" a successful one.

"Promised Land" television program with the family traveling across country in an Airstream with their "baldy." I'm wondering where they sleep a family of 3 adults and 3 children? How long before Jim gets in touch with them to sign them up? It is this kind of enthusiasm that is infectious and will keep our club full of vitality. If it is infectious, let's all catch it and pass it on to more folks.

We all need to promote this "way of life" through what every method works for you. The concern and love that is generated from our fellow Airstreamers is the most gratifying part of this group. Accept the love and concern and pass it on, we'll all feel better for it.

Shirley Edmondson (860) 742-7975, Airstream #2463, is our Membership Chairperson, feel free to contact her with any potential members. If you have a name, telephone number or address of someone who maybe interested in our club, be sure to pass it on to Shirley. We appreciate the good job she is doing for us!

Our hatches of our Airstreams have been battened down, except those "warm weather travelers" who get to keep the hatches open all year long. In any event, we get to keep everyone in our thoughts until we next meet.

We'll be talking again. Happy Trails and see you down the road!

Anne Werth (#13703)



## COCU South Dinner Meeting

Twenty-two gathered at Pier 688 in Brooksville, Florida, on Sunday, March 2, at 1:30 p.m. Menu consisted of soup and salad bar, beef, chicken or fish entrees and a dessert bar. We were hungry; although one member confessed to eating a peanut butter sandwich at 12:00 noon. Lots of chatter accompanied our meal. Guests attending: Elsie Nelson's sister, Ginnie Wells and Mike Kuehn's guest Loretta Relyea. COCU-nuts attending were the Barnes, Barretts, Browns, Audrey Clark and Donald Brown, the Crocketts, Jim Edmondsons, Ron Edmondsons, Lee Hale, Mike Kuehn, the Nelsons and the Petersons. Temperature outside was close to or into the 90s — as luck would have it the restaurant was air conditioned.

*Bob and Carolyn Barrett*

## Safety Question

Do you frequently check the condition of the hitch, whether wheel lugs are tight, and for cracks in the wheels?

Come to the Safety Rally  
May 2-4, 1997



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

## A Favorite Day

I generally enjoy every day of the year, but one of my favorites is when Russell and I sit down to PLAN A TRIP. Clearing the dining room table of its usual debris, we spread out maps, calendars, brochures, tour guide books, a tape measure, and campground directories.

A few weeks ago we assembled the requisite information for an excursion which Russell has christened "Following the Flowers." One of our rules is that we seldom travel more than 300 miles a day (thus the tape measure). First day, as always: get up early, have juice (and pills, being the ages we are), hitch the Airstream Trailer to the GMC Suburban, and head for Vernon, Connecticut, a two-hour drive. There, we stop at Reins' New York Deli, where I tell the waitress, "The usual for me: fresh cheese blintzes with sour cream, a side of three-bean salad, and coffee. We're celebrating the beginning of another adventure."

By the end of that day we arrive at the home of my niece in Somerville, New Jersey, where we enjoy the company of Jen, her husband Rich, and their children. The next day we drive to Cape May, NJ, which we explored with other Airstreamers at a Rally last October. It is a charming town replete with Victoriana. The next morning we board a ferry and cross the mouth of Delaware Bay to Lewes, Delaware, which puts us in position to drive down the DelMarVa peninsula to Kiptopeke.

"Would you like to travel over Chesapeake Bay on the 17 1/2-mile bridge/tunnel?" asked Russell. "Would I EVER," I responded. "Another dream fulfilled!"

That interesting portion of the trip lands us in Virginia Beach, where we pick up the road to North Carolina's Outer Banks. The AAA Tour Book says of the Outer Banks, "Through years of storms and shipwrecks, the islands have developed a distinctive culture." Our itinerary takes us through such fascinating place names as Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills (site of the Wright Brothers Museum), and allows us to stay overnight in a campground due east of Stumpy Point, NC. I do love those names!

The next day we head inland with the goal of reaching New Bern, NC, Colonial capital of that state. At the Royalist governor's home, Tryon Palace, thousands of tulips in the magnificent gardens will gladden our winter-weary New England hearts.

From there, it's on to re-visit Okefenokee Swamp in southern Georgia. Last February we took a 2-hour boat trip through the Swamp and nearly froze to death. When we returned to our trailer, it took a

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# Region 1 News



Theda & Ken McGrath, President and First Mate

Thomas A. Petrillo, Editor

Volume 5 Issue 2

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## Memories

Never to be forgotten is the tremendous Region 1 Rally for 1996 as hosted by the Canadian Atlantic Unit. The only sad feature is that there were not more in attendance, but the eighty-eight trailers that did attend will attest to the following:

The hospitality as extended by the entire group was warm, courteous and full of real down to earth homespun humor.

The food was plentiful, tasty and served so efficiently.

The decorations in a large, more than rustic building, were eye catching to say the least.

The never ending fruit bread, coffee and cold drink was appreciated by all, together with the beautiful red rosebud given to each lady. (Note - mine unfolded each day over a period of two weeks and was lovely until the last), one must also mention the goody local apples that were available in the hospitality room (called a tent).

The unusual, and sometimes unique, entertainment.

The organized parking on level grass sites.

The free time made available so tours could be taken around the well known, exciting Evangeline Trail, with its folk-lore. Also the opportunity to see the Blue-Nose in Halifax and revisit Lunenburg who that very week was given recognition as an historic site. One of two in Canada as we understand it.

For a group of only thirteen trailers to accomplish such a feat is commendable, unbelievable, and much appreciated by the Region 1 officers. I am sure special recognition should be given to each and every one, but a few must be mentioned in particular. The Chairman Bob Jobe and his co-chairman Jim Rudolph; the food chairman - Barbara Rudolph, the many things done by Louise Jobe. In particular the amazing sketches lining one wall of the hall which depicted the Evangeline Trail and its buildings. I understand that Louise has donated these to be used on a world tour advertising Nova Scotia and the Evangeline heritage. Sherman Zinck for keeping things moving in the great hall, entertainment, chairs, tables, sound system, etc., Shirley Zinck for her ingenuity in decorating the great hall, Phyllis Fownes for an efficient registration program, Barbara Rudolph and all her ladies who baked the delicious fruit breads, Ernest Wood for his endeavors in the opening and closing ceremony and throughout the rally, Velma for taking charge of the many give-aways, and, of course, all the men helping in parking, transferring, setting up, and whatever else needed be done. Most of all I must thank Jim Rudolph for being willing to take over as MC of the opening and closing, which resulted in his being MC the entire rally.

Thanks to you all, your whole team is just super, to say the least!!!!!!

## MID-WINTER BOARD MEETING RECEIVES A FREEZING WELCOME

By the rally hosts - NEVER!!! What a tremendous group are those Louisiana Arcadian's (more often called Cajuns). Despite sleet, rain, uncomfortably cold temperatures and wind, never did you meet one that did not have a smiling countenance, always ready to cater to the needs of those in attendance.. They had to contend with 87 trailers as well as those staying in nearby motels which numbered 7 or more.

WEATHERWISE- no cooperation whatsoever. Two days of freezing rain saw trailers and vehicles completely encased in ice with additional icicles hanging from bumpers, windows, etc. All eventually ended in a week of mud and/or frozen puddles which was not conducive to attractive footwear.

Looking back to the early 80's one must admit that this one was certainly different. Many of the others could boast of below normal cold, wind, rain, a slight earthquake, a little snow, but never a two day ice storm. A new experience and adventure is the name of the game, is it not?

This Mid-winter Board Meeting was unique in another way. The Seminar commenced on Tuesday and was scheduled for two days, but finished early afternoon the first day. This allowed two and one-half days of free time. In addition, Friday P.M. became free time inasmuch as the Board meeting adjourned just prior to noon. WOW!!! No debates, no controversy, only accomplishment. Some of the newly adopted issues are as follows:

1. All National, Special Event, Region and State Rallies may invite Non-Member owners of RV's manufactured by Airstream, Inc. This most definitely could be a great recruitment tool.

2. A Unit may host a rally or caravan or combination thereof with a RV Club not chartered by WBCCI, and may have two "Buddy Rallies" to which each member may invite not more than one non-member RV family.

3. In future the present category UNIT MEMBER and/ or UNIT MEMBER ONLY will be classified as AFFILIATE MEMBER. This will give two classes of membership - a.) An International dues paying member - Regular Member; b) a member paying International and Unit dues to another unit but paying unit dues only to another unit.

4. To be eligible to serve as an elected officer of an Intra-Club, a Unit, a Region or International, a person must be a Regular Member of the International Club. This eliminates and excludes an Affiliate Member or a Member at Large from holding an office.

5. Bylaws were changed to add a new dues structure: Members may pay International dues for multiply years, such payment to be non-refundable. 2 years X Current International Dues minus \$10.00; 3 years X Current International Dues minus \$15.00; 4 years X Current International Dues minus \$20.00.

6. Members of an Overseas Caravan may with International Executive Committee approval travel in other than a RV manufactured by Airstream when participating in a National Caravan. They will have the same rights and privileges as a WBCCI member upon payment of the required Caravan fee.

Dave Walker, Constitution and By-law Chairman, together with his committee, did a super job in presenting to the Board, via chosen advocates, many changes to clarify and correct many articles in the Policies and Procedures. Some of the items are as follows:

A. Authorized Flags and Pennants and how they are to be flown at various events.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that many were flying locale or custom flags that have not received prior approval. All Region Officers were asked to relay information to the units: a.) the procedure for approval and b.) encourage having a Unit Flag.

B. Clarification of the use of the Emblem and Insignia of the International Club. Use of these items is restricted and cannot be used without prior approval of the IBT.

C. Clarification of assignment of Caravan numbers and approval of caravans which is the responsibility of the Standing Committee Chairman. There is no insurance coverage for Caravans into Mexico, therefore there can be no authorization for such Caravans.

D. All Intra-Clubs serving a useful purpose and as authorized by the IBT must restrict membership to members in good standing in the International Club. All such Intra-Clubs shall prepare a Constitution and Bylaws and any amendments thereto and forward four (4) copies of same to International Headquarters for review by the C & B Standing Committee. The guidelines for the C & B are the same as for units, as is the requirement for notification of the Club's elected or appointed officers to be provided to Headquarters no later than November 15th of each year.

Likewise must all flags, decals, patches, pennants and plaques be approved by the IBT.

There were a few motions that were merely housekeeping issues, therefore have not been described in detail.

Larry Huttel was present at the official Board Meeting. He advised that the new media being planned for future, as well as articles such as those which have appeared in the Wall Street Journal in November or December, will without any doubt, do its part to enhance our way of life

He gave a brief synopsis of the future plans of Airstream and advised of the 50 trailer limited edition planned for each year. This year's edition is a Norman Rockwell theme and we were given the opportunity to see the trailer as it was on its way to Texas. Each year a new theme will be depicted.

He advised that the 5th Wheels were in production and being well received. (We had one on site at the Rally and the owners were pleased with the unit) Airstream is also coming out with a light weight towable by auto, airstream geared to the younger generation. I believe it was this one that he stated could accommodate six people. In response to the request of our members, steps are being taken to have dealers available at the International. Details must be worked out but Larry did not feel it to be an unsumountable issue.

Most of his information revolved around the anticipated results of extensive advertising and articles in widely distributed magazines, and the television media. We must all admit that complimentary, family oriented programs, such as "Promised Land", can do us no harm.

To continue: Our hosts planned a week of fellowship and good food - a wine and cheese party on Monday eve; a Cajun supper Tuesday eve, a delicious Pork and Rice supper Wednesday eve, as well as three hearty and two Continental breakfasts. They also planned our Friday night banquet at the Holiday Inn. Entertainment was likewise provided: a Mind Reading act one evening; a real down-to-earth Cajun Band, accompanied by a local Arcadian Dance group, and last but by no means least, one of our own Wally Byam members, Claude Porter from the Mississippi Unit, entertained us with his Southern humor at the Friday nite banquet. With talent such as his we should never go to an outside source for entertainment.

Our hosts also arranged for some delightful tours - one to a Rice Plantation and another to a reconstructed seven year old Cajun village, Vermillionville. Both tours were exceptional and should not be missed by anyone traveling in the area. As well as having an outstanding lunch at the Cajun village, we were once again entertained by a Cajun Band.

A week of challenge, excitement, fun, education and friendship despite wind, sleet, rain, ice and mud. Who could ask for anything more?

Almost forgot. I did learn how to play "JOKER" and have been instructed to make sure that my Region members know how to play inasmuch as this is one of the games scheduled for the second time at International. If you have a board and already know how to play, please teach other members of your unit. I just do happen to have a board, having purchased same at Rapid City. I am told they are easy to make if one has any kind of woodworking tools so will gladly let you copy mine.

### UNIT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Fortunately, Region I had a 100% approval of its Unit C. & B.'s. These Constitution and Bylaws were the prime topic at the meeting. In order to remain a Non-Profit Organization, there must be approval of all 169 Unit C&B's as well as all Intra-Clubs. To date fifty plus are not approved. Those who do not comply will undoubtedly have severe restrictions placed upon them until such time as they have submitted and received approval of same.

In order for Region I to remain in our exemplary position, it is asked that each Unit present an updated C&B each year after the Delegates Meeting at International. If your Unit does not already have it in computer format, you may received this format by contacting Headquarters at Jackson Center. A second method is to receive a hard copy from Jackson Center and simply insert your Unit name, dates, etc. in the spaces provided, present it for approval to your membership and forward four copies to Headquarters for review. What could be easier? This also eliminates the need to keep track of the five year cycle. Unit status is as follows>:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Next Approval Required</u>
Canadian Atlantic	1994	1999
Cape Cod Mass.	1996	On yearly basis
Charter Oak CT.	1993	1998
New England	1996	On yearly basis
Quebec Canada	1994	1999
White Mountain NH	1995	2000

**REGION I FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1993 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1996**

**Gladys G. Menig, Treasurer**

**RECEIPTS:**

1992	Cape Cod Region I Rally	\$100.00
1993	Charter Oak Region I Rally	100.00
1994	N.E. Region I Rally	100.00
1994	Sale of Safety Pamphlets-Cape Cod	30.00
1994	Surplus Reg. I Luncheon - Brandon	13.40
1995	Greenfield Pre-rally	189.00
	Pre-rally surplus	15.53
1995	White Mt. NH. Region I Rally	200.00 *
	Interest on Checking	<u>18.12</u>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$766.05</b>

**EXPENSES:**

1993	Bulletin Board - Int'l, Bismarck	\$11.00
1994	Bulletin Board - Int'l Brandon	13.71
	Bank Charge, Canadian Check	10.00
	Newsletters	21.67
	Flags - replacement thereof	57.97
	Postage	<u>10.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 124.35</b>

Check given to new Treasurer, Betty Clark: \$641.70

\* Note: \$200.00 was given to the Region Treasurer from the White Mtn. NH Unit Region I surplus funds. This was in accordance with a vote taken at the Fall Dinner Meeting of the White Mtn. Unit. Due to lack of communication and/or misinterpretation, an additional \$100.00 was given to the Region I President. This \$100.00 was for use at an Information/Communication Rally scheduled for the first weekend in May, 1996 to be held at McGrath Acres. This \$100.00 was set aside and not made a part of the Region I Treasury.

The aforementioned Rally incurred expenses in the vicinity of \$114.00, \$100.00 of which was reimbursed, with the remaining \$14.00 becoming a donation.

The \$100.00 overpayment has been discussed between all parties concerned, and it has been recognized that the White Mtn. Unit very generously gave \$300.00 to the Region rather than the standard \$100.00. The Region Officers do acknowledge and give their thanks.

Your officers are attempting to make each event, i.e. International Region I Luncheon, self-supporting. There were additional expenses over and above the ticket income at both Amherst and Rapid City, but the amount became a donation in each instance. May future events be break even and/or have a surplus.

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**Region I Nominating Committee**

Chairman     Rod Dole, Region I Immediate Past Pres.  
                  Dolores Hague, White Mtn. Unit  
                  James Rudolph, Canadian Atlantic Unit

An article has been written for each unit paper: It is hoped that all interested persons will read the article and forward a resume to this committee prior to the 1997 international rally. It is interesting to note that nearly all regions announce their candidate at the event they hold at international. Our region has never had the pleasure of so doing. Let's try to make it so this year.

**Free wheelers intra-club**

Region I is fortunate to have a representative in the free wheelers club, namely Audrey Peters, 19 Farrar street, Worcester, MA.01604 Telephone: 508-754-8147

Audrey sez: if you are a single you never have to be alone. The Free Wheelers Intra- Club offers togetherness as you are parked with other free wheelers at international and other events, you always have someone with whom to dine out, you have the friendship and social ability of others at happy hours, someone always interested in taking a tour, etc. Please contact Audrey for more details.

**Vintage Intra-Club membership correction**

Last fall several of our units listed membership requirements for the vintage club that were incorrect.

In order to be a member of the vintage club one must be a member of WBCCI in good standing. The category "friends" is not and cannot be a member inasmuch as they are not members of WBCCI. This class is for subscribers to the vintage club newsletter only and does not allow any other privileges - no attendance at meetings or functions, and no vote..

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**Region I Informational/Training Weekend**

Time is quickly approaching for our INFORMATIONAL/ TRAINING WEEKEND. This program is for everyone from the region who would like to attend. It will be held on the last weekend of May. The dates are May 30, 31 and June 1.

Again, we need your input for topics of discussion. Please send any ideas you may have to me.

Wayne Rutty  
 34 Rutty Lane  
 Haddam, CT 06438  
 860-345-4049

**REGION OFFICER'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE**

**President, Theda E. McGrath**

5/2 - 5/4	Lakeville, MA	Joint Units
5/30 - 6/1	W. Townsend, MA	Joint Units
8/7 - 8/11	Barnstable, MA	Cape Cod Unit
9/12 - 9/14	Holland, MA	Cape Cod Unit
9/19 - 9/21	Henniker, NH	White Mtn. Unit
11/2	Killingworth, CT	Charter Oak Unit
12/7/97	Sturbridge, MA	N.E. & Cape Cod

**1st V.P., Wayne Rutty**

5/2 - 5/4	Lakeville, MA	Joint Units
5/30 - 6/1	W. Townsend, MA	Joint Units
8/1 - 8/3	Norwich, CT	Charter Oak Unit
9/19 - 9/21	Drummondville, Que	Quebec Unit
10/12 - 10/14	Auburn, MA	New England Unit
11/2	Killingworth, CT	Charter Oak Unit
12/7/97	TBA	Charter Oak Unit

**2nd V.P., Dick Bartram**

5/2 - 5/4	Lakeville, MA	Joint Units
5/30 - 6/1	W. Townsend, MA	Joint Units
8/15 - 8/17	Harbor, NH	White Mtn. Unit
9/12 - 9/14	Holland, MA	Cape Cod Unit
9/19 - 9/21	Moncton, NB	Canadian Atlantic Unit
11/2	Killingworth, CT	Charter Oak Unit
12/7/97	TBA	Charter Oak Unit

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**Tidbits Column**

67% of all trailers produced since 1953 are still on the road.

Airstream has plans in the works to create a graveyard for old airstream parts. There are 38,000 part numbers dating back to the 50's. All vintage trailer owners take note of this fact.

The new auto towable trailer will be 25 ft. very light weight, have no wood and possibly sleep six people.

The B-Van has been redesigned for 1997 and is more user friendly.

Martha Stewart and her sister are traveling throughout New England in a 1974 trailer. Be on the look out for them.

Airstream is in the process of a licensing agreement with Kessler Financial of Boston. The plans are for a new infinity credit card which will display your picture as well as an Airstream.

Thor Company, together with their 15 separate divisions, are striving to be the largest RV manufacturer in the world. At present there are 142 RV manufacturers, but 7 control 80% of the market.

Airstream's homecoming will be held in York, PA this year.

Slightly over 1200 have registered for Huntsville as versus 850 at this same time for Bismarck. Bismarck ended up with 2525 in attendance. There have been only 7 refund requests versus over 200 at the same time last year.

**INTERNATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Int'l 3rd Vice President .....	Craig Lundberg
Int'l Recording Secy. ....	Ruth Stockinger
Int'l Treasurer .....	Norb Ostrye
Nominating Committee .....	Dick Kneidl
.....	Hanley Ward

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**Flag Protocol**

by Dick Bartram, 2nd VP Region 1

All of us love the look of flags on display at rallies on our trailers and motorhomes. While comprehensive rules exist in the Blue Book on pages 54, 54.1, and 54.3, and there is a detailed set of diagrams in appendix #12, not everyone has a copy of the Blue Book. Therefore, it is appropriate to publish the basic rules for proper flag display.

- Do not fly flags at night unless a light shines on them.
- National flags should not fly in bad weather.
- Do not fly your country's flag in another country unless you fly that country's flag
- Assuming you have 3 flags, the following flag protocol will be correct in the USA and Canada. The display as viewed from the front of your RV:  
**LEFT:** US flag; Provincial flag (in Canada only).  
**CENTER;** Canadian flag; state or current WBCCI office flag (not in Canada).  
**RIGHT:** State flag (not in Canada); current WBCCI office flag; Provincial flag (in Canada only).
- When flying flags from more than one country all flags must be the same height from the ground. If you are flying just the U.S. Flag as a country flag and your flag poles are not of equal length, the center one must be higher and fly the U.S. Flag. (This is not authorized in Canada and no other country's flag can be flown in this manner).
- Other variations exist for International and Region officers. If you have any questions about how you should fly your flags, ask your unit President or any Region officer.



## A "Sweet Gathering"



**Where:** Home of Ted and Lois Price  
121 Boulter Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 529-9393

**When:** Sunday, April 6, 1997

**Time:** Social Hour — 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Executive Board Meeting — 1:00 p.m.  
Catered Buffet — 1:30 p.m.  
General Meeting — Immediate following luncheon

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person

**Special Guest:** Cathy Barrett

**Directions:** **From I-91 South,** Take Exit 25-S onto Route 3. Go through five traffic lights, Take first right off Route 3 onto Meadowgate. First left is Boulter Road. House is green "L"-shaped Dutch colonial with black trim.

**From I-91 North,** Take Exit 24 (Wethersfield/Rocky Hill) onto Route 99 North. Go through five "quick" traffic lights. Take left onto Mill Street (Abdow's Restaurant on left corner). First left onto Route 3. First right onto Meadowgate. First left onto Boulter Road. House is green "L"-shaped Dutch colonial with black trim.

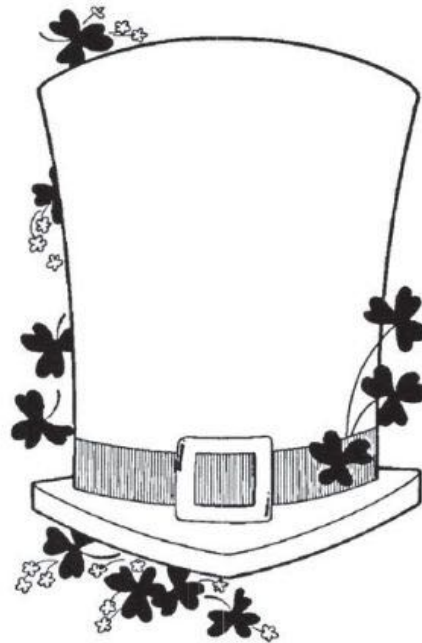
Please make checks payable to Ted Price and mail reservation coupon by March 30, 1997 to: Ted Price, 121 Boulter Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

**A "Sweet Gathering"**  
**April 6, 1997**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Happy St. Patrick's Day



**CHARTER OAK**  
**Chatter**

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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit  
 Membership Meeting  
 March 2, 1997

Meeting was called to order by president Anne Werth. There were 21 people in attendance.

Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as read.

Treasury Report: Sandy Sasuta - Cash on hand as of 1/31/97 is \$3,386.98. Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

"Big Top" - Region I Rally, 1998. Susan Rutty reported that she has all of her chairpersons. Activities could include contests for trailers decorated for "theme", entertainment, good food and a lot more! Volunteers are needed as well as ideas! Susan showed us a clown decoration made by Anne Werth. Patterns are available if anyone wishes to help make these little fellows.

On Saturday, April 5 there will be a "walk-through" of the Fairgrounds in Durham.

The April meeting/luncheon will take place at the home of Ted and Lois Price on Sunday, April 6. There will be a catered lunch and cost will be \$10.00 per person. Cathy Barrett will be our special guest - a thank-you for her work editing the "Chatter".

Thanks was given to Susan and Wayne Rutty for hosting the March Meeting and Pot Luck luncheon - food was outstanding.

Tent: Bob Werth announced that the Board of Directors has voted to purchase a new tent at a cost of \$995.90, plus handling charges — for a total of up to \$1,200. Color will be blue and white. We will sell the old tent and will accept bids to buy - there has been one bid in the amount of \$100.

Safety Rally on May 2-4: Chan and Jackie Taylor, chairs - Early parking on Thursday, after 1:00 PM. There will be a pre-unhitching trailer inspection check. There will also be a post unhitching inspection. Saturday A.M. Marty's RV will present a safety program followed by a seminar. Weekend will include games such as horse shoes, and "washer toss"; Bingo Friday night including dessert. Tours of Cranberry World in Plymouth (25 miles from site)(no charge), and tour of Battleship Massachusetts, incl. subs and destroyers (charge). Parking fee is \$10 per night/ rally fee is \$8.50 for adults.

Rally at McGrath's - Wayne Rutty reported. Open to everyone and there is no fee. Input is needed as to what members would like discussed i.e "Blue Book", etc. What do you want and expect from unit officers - Please advise Wayne.. There will be limited electricity for handicapped. Some meals provided.

It was announced that Lauri Stephens received a very good return of recommendations re: his inquiry for ways to improve club. Among suggestions were: a different "structure", open club to all RV's; allow all Thor products into club. All delegates are to come to International prepared to discuss these issues.

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit  
 Executive Board Meeting  
 March 2, 1997

Attendance: Anne & Bob Werth, Wayne Ruddy, Bob Sandall, Sandy Sasuta, Lois Price

The meeting was called to order by president Anne Werth.

Minutes of the February meeting accepted with change:  
 Lauri Stephens has sent letter to unit presidents and unit officers (letter was to contact, and not a survey, per se).

Cost to chapter for the Chatter includes postage as well as for printing. Number of Chatters sent each edition is @ 100 x 32¢.

Treasury: \$3,386.98 as of 1/31/97. Eileen Bartram will be asked to do audit.

Cathy Barrett has offered to continue to do the Chatter after she moves from Connecticut. Her plans to move are not definite at this time and she will continue to edit the Chatter. Discussion resulted in decision to take this matter, one step at a time. We very much appreciate Cathy's willingness to do this for us.

Tent: Bob Werth: Anchor Industries, Inc.  
 20' x 30' 400 lbs. poles are 1 piece  
 20' x 30' 100 lbs. poles are in 3 pieces \$995.90  
 Old side curtains can be used. We are not interested in heavier tent for much cost.

Moved and seconded to purchase the 100 lb. 20'x30' tent at a cost of \$995.90 plus handling for a total cost of up to \$1200. Discussion. Motion carried.

Discussion of what to do with the old tent. Suggestions - could be "loaned" out/rented out. Club could take bids for the purchase of the old tent, minus the side curtains. It was decided that it would be advisable to sell the tent once the new one was received. Notice would go into the Chatter and members advised during the General Meeting today. Wayne Ruddy has made a bid of \$100 to buy the old tent. Moved and seconded to sell the tent. Motion carried.

We must make sure that the notice for the Region I Rally, 1997 gets into the Chatter ASAP.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Secretary



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## Here Comes the Prez . . . Notes Werth Mentioning . . .

PEANUTS® by Charles Schulz



Peanuts® is one of my favorite comic strips and this particular one set a light off in my head. Isn't this comic what you think when you see a "SOB," (some other brand)? There must have been some reason why we all chose Airstream trailers. The bottom line is aerodynamics, stability, quality, a perfected product, prestigious, "Cadillac."

Aren't these all words associated with our "homes on wheels?" I know when I mention to folks that we own an Airstream, the first words out of their mouths are "oh, those are the Cadillacs."

I know that these are the world's largest tinker toys. It seems that there is always something that needs tinkering on. Not to say that our, homes don't need upkeep, they do.

Have you ever replaced your refrigerator? Joy, Joy! This past summer our refrigerator needed new thermostats. That meant that it needed to be unbolted from the 1,000+/- spots that the refrigerator was anchored down to. Getting it out of the door, was another amusing sight. Bob was on the outside, needing to crawl back inside, and the door was blocked. I wish now that I had a camera to record the sight of him crawling through the hole to the refrigerator. There he was with his front body 1/2 way through the hole and his legs hanging out. Just like the pop-up trailer that we passed on the highway, there were arms and legs hanging out from in between the top and bottom of the pop-up. The good news was that he made it through the hole, we got the refrigerator out, into the truck, to repair and put back into the trailer. It was not an easy task but he saved a stack of \$\$ by doing it himself and he found out how that whole operation came and went.

I'm sure that everyone has an amusing story (or two) to tell about our silver Airstream trailers, and the upkeep needed to keep everything in tiptop shape and running condition. If you have a story, such as our refrigerator story, write it up and send it along to Editor Cathy Barrett for the *Chatter*.

Meanwhile, happy trails and see you down the road!

Anne Werth (#13703)



## The Price Was Right . . . Again

Twenty-eight of us gathered at the Price home for a lovely catered luncheon on April 6, to honor our Editor, Cathy Barrett, and to thank her for the great job that she does in putting together our Chatter. Both Cathy and her sister, Dottie, were our guests.

The luncheon was followed by a general business meeting. The updating of our Constitution and Bylaws was discussed. Look for the proposed changes in this issue of the Chatter and be prepared to vote on the changes at our "Safety Rally" in Lakeville, Massachusetts May 2-4, 1997. Basically, we are following the "model" which appears in the Blue Book.

We thank Lois and Ted for opening their home to us. We hope that they enjoy their "gift" of fruitcake presented to them as a thank you and hope that their trip to France to see their daughter is just superb.

Thank you Cathy Barrett, Lois and Ted!!

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## Safety Question

Is there any other fire escape from your trailer besides the front door?

Come to the Safety Rally  
May 2-4, 1997



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

The following text represents the proposed changes to the Constitution and the Bylaws for the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit of WBCCI. We will vote on the proposed changes during a meeting at the "Safety Rally." For original wording of both the Constitution and Bylaws, please refer to the copy found in the 1997 Charter Oak Connecticut Unit Directory, pages 17-25.

## Constitution

### Article IV

#### *Officers and Their Election*

**Section 1:** The Officers of the Unit shall consist of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and Directors (four). The Executive Board shall consist of all of the Unit Officers plus the Immediate Past President of the Unit.

**Section 2:** The Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall be installed and shall assume office at that time. An officer shall serve in office for a term of one year or until a successor is elected but in no case shall an officer, except the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer, be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, provided said officers are duly nominated and elected for each term of office.

**Section 3:** An officer who advances to an office pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 5 of this ARTICLE shall not be deemed to have served a full term in such office unless said service is for a period of greater than one-half (1/2) the term of such office.

**Section 4:** The Director shall be elected at the annual business meeting, each for a term of two years commencing at the annual meeting, 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 5:** In the event of the death or resignation of the President or the death, advancement or resignation of a Vice President, or an officer's inability to fulfill the duties of office, the next ranking Vice President (in the order first, second) shall advance thereto. All other vacancies on the Executive Board, except that of the Immediate Past President, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

### Article VI

#### *Business Meetings*

**Section 6:** A mail ballot may be used to obtain the vote of the members of the Unit on a proposal when such is deemed desirable or necessary. When a mail ballot is used to obtain the vote of the member of the Unit on a proposal, no other method of voting on such a proposal shall be utilized.

## Bylaws

### Article II

#### Committees

##### Section 1: Standing Committees shall be:

- A. Budget
- B. Caravan
- C. Constitution and Bylaws
- D. Ethics and Grievances
- E. Family/Youth
- F. Historical
- G. Hospitality
- H. Legislative
- I. Membership
- J. Publicity
- K. Public Relations

The President shall appoint and be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

**Section 2:** All Standing Committees shall consist of a Chairperson and as many members as deemed necessary by the President. Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall report at each meeting of the Executive Board.

#### Standing Committees General Duties

1. **Budget** In cooperation with the incoming and outgoing Treasurer of the Unit, prepare for the Executive Board a budget projecting the unit's income and expenditures for the calendar (or fiscal) year next ensuing.
2. **Caravan** To plan, organize, and obtain leaders for unit caravans that are operated or conducted for the Unit within the scope of the WBCCI Caravan Handbook. To develop an aggressive Unit Caravan program and to coordinate unit caravan matters with appropriate Region and International Caravan Committee personnel.
3. **Constitution and Bylaws** To conduct a continuing review and study of the Unit and the International Constitution and Bylaws and to make recommendations for any amendments or additions deemed desirable and in the best interest of the Club.
4. **Ethics and Grievance** To investigate and assess all grievances or complaints made by members and others and to make recommendations thereon to the Unit Executive Board.
5. **Family/Youth** Plan programs to encourage participation of family/youth at unit functions and to be the liaison person between the Unit and International Family/Youth Standing Committee.
6. **Historical** To record events including written and pictorial material associated with unit activities and to maintain a historical record of such.
7. **Hospitality** To receive and make welcome guests and new members at club functions. Recommend ways to meet and greet all club members and guests at rallies and/or seasonal functions.
8. **Legislative** To study, advise and recommend legislation in the interest of the Club and its members; to recommend opposition to all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the interest of the Club and its members.

## Looking For A Tent? . . . We're Taking Bids

When we receive our newly-ordered tend, we will be selling our old one. We have one bid so far. Please bid in \$25.00 increments. Anyone else wishing to put a bid in on the old tent, please call Anne Werth at (860) 875-4129, leave our name, telephone number and your bid amount if you get the answering machine. We will be taking bids through the month of July.

### Note of Thanks!

Our heartfelt thanks to Wayne and Susan Ruty for the fine job they did hosting the March 2, 1997, dinner rally at their parish hall. Everyone enjoyed the pot luck dinner. We have some great cooks in our midst!

Thanks folks!

### Happy Birthday!

Joe Gatavaski	05/01
Bard Fuller	05/01
Mark Good	05/03
William O'Donald	05/05
Jean Landry	05/11
Janet Hegeman	05/12
Ron Edmondson	05/13
Caroline Barnes	05/17
Shirley Clark	05/30
Bill Clark	05/31

### Happy Anniversary!

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

**Bits & Pieces**

Can you identify the names of famous comedians from the Bits & Pieces of their names shown in the six boxes below? The first names are always on top.

- a. 

I	C	H
I	T	T

      b. 

T	E	V
R	T	I
- c. 

O	B	I
L	I	A

      d. 

E	R	R
W	I	S
- e. 

H	E	V
H	A	S

      f. 

I	L	L
O	S	B

**Common Combos**

The answer for each group can either precede or follow one of the given words.

**Example:** Rubber, Wagon, Brass, Stand  
(Answer: Band)

- a. Line, Copper, Beach, Strong \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Cup, Milk, Fly, Peanut \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Ground, Horse, Bill, Pen \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Slide, Locked, Ire, Lord \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Back, Race, Sound, Meet \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Break, Radio, Service, Wagon \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Cotton, Hard, Striper, Cane \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Potato, Boiling, Red, Cake \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Will, Born, Lance, Verse \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Buck, Glass, Gun, Put \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Walking, Shift, Up, Yard \_\_\_\_\_

Answers to puzzles can be found on the back page.

- 9. **Membership** Be the Unit/Club contact for prospective new members and explain the purpose and objectives of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. Extend invitations to prospective members to attend a rally or meeting when making application for membership.
- 10. **Publicity** To collect newsworthy items of interest to club members and to publish monthly a newsletter containing past and future events of the Unit, Region and International. To publish yearly a roster in the form and content as directed by the Executive Board. Forward material to Headquarters for publishing in the Blue Beret and Directory with respect to the Unit's activities schedule.
- 11. **Public Relations** To maintain communications with the International and Region Public Relations Committee for maintaining a continuing program of public relations between WBCCI and communities being exposed to rallies and caravans.

**Section 3:** Special committees may be appointed by the President as required.

**Article III**

*Guests*

**Section 2:** A member in good standing in this Unit may sponsor and invite a prospective member to attend activities of the Unit.

**Section 3:** Members in good standing in the International Club may attend activities of the Unit provided that such members, and where required, shall have made prior reservation for each attendance.

**Section 4:** The Unit, once each calendar year, may host a rally, caravan or combination thereof with a recreational vehicle club not chartered by the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and, it may conduct twice each calendar year, a Buddy Rally or a Buddy Caravan or combination thereof to which each member may invite not more than one nonmember recreational vehicle family.

**Article V**

*Duties of Officers*

**Section 8:** Will be deleted.

**Article VII**

*Dues*

**Section 1:** The annual dues of Regular and Affiliate members shall be set by the Executive Board.

**Section 2:** A member who fails to pay properly assessed International and Unit dues before November 15 may not be listed in the Annual Membership Directory of the International Club for the following year. If the dues are not paid and received by the Treasurer on or before December 31, membership will be terminated.

**Article VIII**

*Code of Ethics*

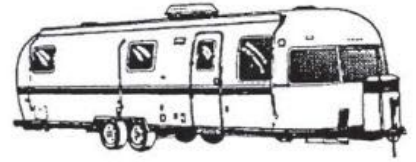
**Section 1:**

- (d) To maintain our camps and parking areas in an orderly manner and to leave them in a neat and clean condition.

**Brakes**

# SAFETY RALLY

## MAY 2-4, 1997



### Ted Williams Camp, Lakeville, MA

This rally will give you an opportunity to see how your trailer, tow vehicle or motor home is rated for safety - hitch, gas bottle, electrical connections and much more. There will be a safety seminar and inspections of your unit. In addition mechanics and salesmen from Marty's US RV will be on hand to answer your questions and offer helpful advice and assistance.

Charter Oak Connecticut is hosting this event with Cape Cod, New England and White Mountain Units. Everyone is urged to attend this weekend of information, fun, and fellowship.

Included in the rally fee will be Bingo on Friday Night with coffee and dessert; 2 full breakfasts; and dinner on Saturday night followed by entertainment, provided by Marty. Water and Electric hook ups for everyone. Please bring extra cords and hoses. A dump station is on site.

There are many area attractions including: Plymouth Plantation, Fall River Outlet Shopping, Battleship Cove and The Christmas Tree Shop. A tour has been arranged to the Ocean Spray Cranberry Factory on Saturday afternoon.

Early parking is available on Thursday after 1:00 PM.

Parking Fee: \$ 10.00 per night	Rally Fee: \$8.50 per person
	\$5.00 children 8-16 years old
	Children under 8 - Free

**Hitch**

Please bring a 'white elephant' gift (value \$1.00) for prizes.

Make your reservation no later than April 25, 1997.

Directions: From North or West: Take I-495 East to Exit 5. South on Rt. 18 to Lakeville. Turn right at the church. Follow WBCCI signs.  
 From West: Take I-95 to Exit 8A Take Rt. 25/79 North. Exit 9 to Rt. 79 to Rt. 18. Follow WBCCI signs

**Lights**

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**SAFETY RALLY - MAY 2-4, 1997**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

We belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ Club.

Enclosed fees:	_____ nights @ \$ 10.00 per night	= \$ _____
	_____ rally fee @ \$ 8.50 per person	= \$ _____
	_____ rally fee @ \$5.00 per child 8-16	= \$ _____
	Total amount enclosed	\$ _____

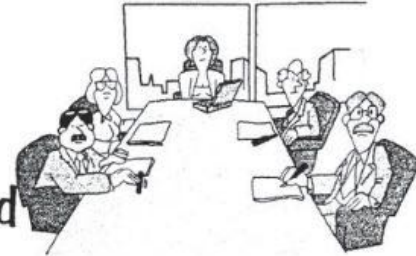
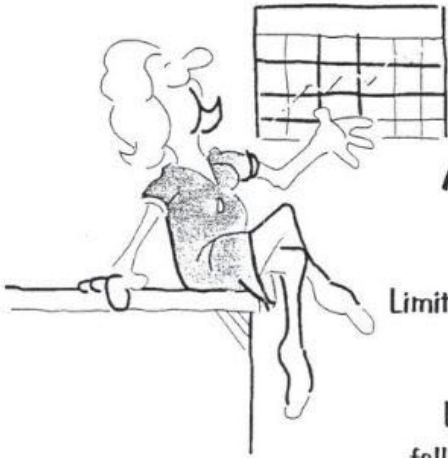
Please make checks payable to A.C. Taylor and mail to:  
 A.C. Taylor, 487 Wells Rd, Wethersfield, CT 06109  
 Mail no later than April 25, 1997

**Propane**

# Rendezvous - Communications Seminar

## May 30 - June 1, 1997

McGrath Acres  
251 Mason Road  
West Townsend, MA 01474  
508-597-8891



### All Members Invited

Come with tanks full and empty  
Limited electricity available for handicapped

Friday evening:

Light supper served by committee,  
followed by a meeting and refreshments.

Saturday:

Breakfast on your own.

8:30 - 4:30 Meetings

Lunch Break on your own

Coffee "and" will be served at Mid-morning break.

Saturday eve:

Pot Luck supper with meat provided by the Committee.

Please bring the item identified by the first letter of your last name.

A - H Salads

I - Q Vegetable dishes

R - Z Desserts

Sunday:

Breakfast served by the Committee.

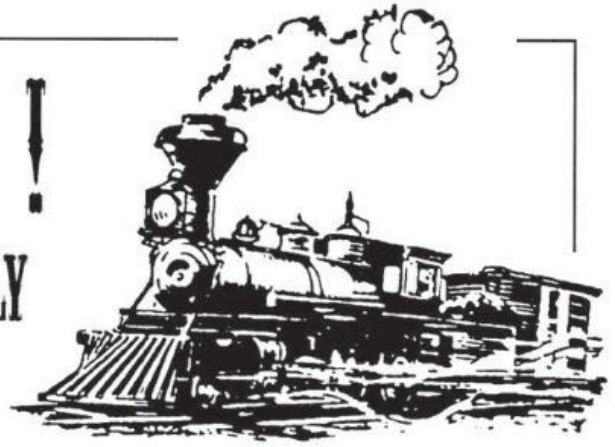
### Free parking

Directions: From the South, go North via I-190 out of Worcester to Route 2 West. Get off the Whalom Park-Lunenburg exit. At end of exit take a right and follow Rte 13 toward Townsend, joining Rte. 2 East. Take right up hill and then left following Rte 13. In a relatively short distance you will note Lanni Orchard Fruit Stand on right, take second left after the stand, Continue on this road to end, meeting Rte 119. Go straight across Rte. 119 onto Rtes. 123 & 124 toward Mason, NH. (This road is called Canal or Bridge Street.) Continue on for approximately 1 mile to fork in the road. Bear right at fork and continue another 1.2 miles to McGrath Acres - house on right with mail box and black cat painted thereon and trailer in the yard. Note: take a wide swing to left so as to enter yard between the two large sentry trees.

From the East: get off Rte 495 at Littleton Common onto Rte. 119 traveling West. In Townsend you will go through two sets of traffic lights, the second one being at Townsend Center. Continue on Rte 119 until you come to the first four corners (across railroad track and then the Settle Shop Outlet on the right, then a large red brick Colonial house behind an iron fence). At the four corners take a right onto Rtes. 123 & 124 towards Mason, N.H. continue to fork, bear right, etc

# ALL ABOARD ! ! !

## ESSEX TRAIN/RIVERBOAT CRUISE RALLY JUNE 6-8, 1997



Hosts: Anne & Bob Werth - Charter Oak (860) 875-4129  
Kathy & Bard Fuller - Cape Cod (860) 621-9246

Where: Wolf's Den Family Campground  
256 Town Street  
East Haddam, CT 06423  
(860) 873-9681

Directions: From Hartford (South) or Old Saybrook (North) - Route 9 to Exit 7, East on Route 82. Four miles on left.

Note: Special Price — "Cheapo Weekend" - \$25 Total!! Please pay upon arrival. Check in after 3:00 p.m.

### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

#### Friday PM

- Soup's on
- Evening Entertainment — Pound Auction (Remember the fun we had last spring with Bard Fuller, aka Auctioneer? . . . He's back!!) Bring any pound item, wrapped, and we will have a ball (bawl?). Any rhubarb? Proceeds will go toward the entrance fee to Essex Train/Riverboat Cruise.

#### Saturday

- Breakfast at 8:30 - beverages, pancakes, sausage
- Essex Train/Riverboat Cruise - Time TBD
- Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m. — Bring snack to share.
- Potluck Dinner 6:00 p.m. - Time to create, surprise us!

#### Sunday

- Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - muffins, bagels, fruit, beverages
- Departure — See you in Huntsville, Alabama for the International Rally.

**Notes:** Please bring services (plates, cups, silver, etc.) to all meals.

Please make reservations before May 3, 1997. Make checks payable to Anne Werth and send them to 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084.



**Reminder: Pay \$25 weekend camping fee upon arrival.**

**Fees:** \$5.00 Rally Fee Per Adult  
(children over age 6, \$2.00)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer # \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Welcome Spring!



*Answers to:*  
 Bits & Pieces: a. Rich Little, b. Steve Martin, c. Robin Williams, d. Jerry Lewis, e. Chevy Chase, and f. Bill Cosby.  
 Common Combos: a. Head, b. Butter, c. Play, d. Land, e. Track, f. Station, g. Candy, h. Hot, i. Free, j. Short, k. Stick

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Charter Oak Connecticut Unit  
 Membership Meeting  
 April 6, 1997

The meeting was called to order by president Anne Werth at 2:00 PM. There were 28 people in attendance which included guests, Cathy Barret and her sister Dorothy.

Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as written with the exception:

Cost for "Cape Cod Capers" is \$156  
 for the week.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Sasuta reported that there is \$3,127.97 on hand as of February 28, 1997. The books have been audited by Eileen Bartram and are found to be in order as of February, 1997.

Thanks was given to Lois and Ted Price for hosting this meeting. Cathy Barret was thanked for her fine work as editor of the Chatter.

Tent: Bob Werth - Tent has been ordered and was to be shipped to Bob on 4/9/97. It was noted that probably the first time that the new tent would be used would be in August.

"Under the Big Top": Susan Ruty reported that a meeting and walk-thru of the Durham Fairgrounds took place on 4/5/97 with the people from the fairgrounds. It was a good meeting with full cooperation from the people in charge of the grounds.

Susan discussed a presentation that would be made at the Region I rally, 1997, as well as the flyer to be sent. Need help for presentation at Topsfield and for volunteers for various committees.

Recommended cost for the 1998 Region I was \$110/trailer; \$75 for a single person; \$38 for an additional adult in trailer; \$20 for children ages 12-18; under 12 years would be free. Additional parking would be \$10 per night.


Circus Theme will prevail with a costume contest as well as a trailer/motor home decoration contest.

Reservations for the JUNE rally in Essex must be received by May 4. Reservation form will appear in the next Chatter. Cost is \$25 for the weekend.

New Business: Jim Miller will chair the Nominating Committee assisted by Dick Bartram and Jim Edmondson.

Next year it will be necessary to update the By Laws/Constitution to coincide with the changes made by National. Changes are to be printed in the next Chatter. Voting will take place at Lakeville meeting.

Membership: Shirley Edmondson reported that there are possibly 2 prospective members for Charter Oak. Jackson Center usually advises us of anyone who buys an Airstream in our area; Marty's also does this. Shirley writes, calls, sends material, etc. to any leads she gets. Cathy sends Shirley extra Chatters so these can be sent with packet of information.

Respectfully submitted,  Lois Price, Secretary

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit  
 Exec Bd Membership Meeting  
 April 6, 1997

Attendance: A. Werth, B. Werth, S. Sasuta, D. Tuckerman, J. Taylor,  
 S. Ruty, W. Ruty, L. Price

Shirley Edmondson, Membership

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by president Anne Werth.

Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as written.

Old Business : Bid has been made for the purchase of the old tent and notice that this tent is available for sale will be placed in the Chatter, advising that there is a bid on the table.

Treasury: Sandy Sasuta reported \$3,127.97 on hand as of 2/28/97. Report was included in the audit done by Eileen Bartram. Audit was approved.

Tent: Bob Werth reported that the new tent will be shipped to him on 4/9/97 at a cost of \$1,102.34.

"Big Top" - Susan Ruty has estimated that the cost per trailer for this rally comes out to \$110, based on 100 trailers (parking cost of \$10 per trailer is included). Children under 12 - free; ages 12-18 would be \$20. Early workers to arrive Tuesday night and Wednesday night and fairground will negotiate with us for cost of early parking for workers. There will be no cost for refrigeration. We are renting 2 big buildings - one for eating and one for meetings.

Next committee meeting for Region I will take place on May 17 at a place to be announced.

Dave Tuckerman has a large leaf blower he can bring to aid in sweeping out the buildings.

Motion moved and seconded to ask for cost of \$110 per trailer, children under 12 years to attend at no cost; ages 12-18 at a cost of \$20. Make checks payable to Charter Oak and mailed to Sandy Sasuta. Motion carried - with appreciation to the Ruty's.

New Business: Jim Miller is chairperson of the Nominating Committee and Dick Bartram and Jim Edmondson will serve on that committee.

By-Law changes will be made to coincide with National Constitution. Jackson Center sent copy of "model" constitution. Charter Oak will remove a section from it's Constitution re: the removing of officers from the board if they do not attend "X" number of meetings. Suggested changes to be presented at the next general meeting for vote..

Discussion regarding Membership Chairman not being member of the Executive Committee. Anne said that she always extended an invitation to have this chairman present. This appears to be an on-going issue on various levels.

Other membership issues for the club discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM. Respectfully submitted,  Lois Price, Sec.

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### December 7

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

## Here Comes the Prez . . . Notes Werth Mentioning . . .

Spring brings to mind many cliché-type words . . . "Spring has sprung, spring in bloom, April showers bring May flowers, spring rituals." These are words that bring to mind spring thoughts. This whole article jumped into my head when we were watching a Public TV program on the "Spring Rituals" of the birds. There were the Grebe ducks, going through their rituals.

We Airstreamers go through spring rituals . . . it's called rallies! This is the May "Prez" message, it means that we are into the rally season and the May Safety Rally has already taken place, very successfully, I might add!

Our spring rally brings us to our ritual, i.e., flapping of our wings, airing out the Airstream, checking the air in tires, maybe new tires, filling the gas tanks, unwinterizing for Northern folks, and on and on . . . we know just what to do. The winter hibernation causes a different mind set. It is now time to get the plans firmed up for the whole trailering season. It is also time for the "snowbirds" to migrate back from their winter nesting grounds and mesh back into the routines of "back home." In any event, Airstream rally rituals are our way of exploring the countryside, making new friendships and renewing the old ones.

The 1997 calendar looks great, and we are all looking forward to sampling this year's camping season. We are anxious to see everyone and hope new folks will give us a taste, the flavor is great, the camaraderie is wonderful, "try us . . . you'll like it!" If you are new to Airstreaming and would like to help out at one of the rallies, give a call to the rally coordinators for that particular month. That is the best way to get to know what it takes to put on a rally. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Meanwhile, happy trails and see you down the road!

Anne Werth (#13703)



## Happy Anniversary!

Bill & Lill Herpich	06/03
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
Bob & Jean Landry	06/25
Neils & Lydia Rosenbeck	06/30

## Happy Birthday!

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

  
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Deadline for the next *Chatter* is . . . June 8. Please note there will **not** be a July newsletter.

## Safety Rally

Our Safety Rally held at the beautiful and spacious facilities of the Lakeville, MA Campground on May 2-4, left us with a May basket of memories and new friends. Charter Oak Unit was the host for the Cape Cod, New England, and White Mountain Units. Fourteen Airstreams arrived Thursday for early parking, and were Safety checked for lights and brakes. That afternoon there was a long Happy Hour hosted by the Taylors, so many were ready to take a turn at Potato Golf set up by Dick Brockett.



*Anne & Bob Werth at the Safety Rally, Lakeville, MA, May 2-4, 1997*

Friday was a bright and sunny day when 26 more units arrived and were Safety checked. Friendships were made and renewed while gathering around the Hospitality Table all day Friday and Saturday. After lunch Dick Brockett had organized competition for Horseshoes, Washers, and Holey Board. Prizes were won in Horseshoes by Lin Lowell and Carl Swanson, and for Washers by Violet Swanson. Friday afternoon all units were further Safety inspected: propane tanks, hitches, hitch balls, trunnions, tires, and wheels. That evening we gathered in the large, comfortable dining room for dessert and coffee, served by the White Mountain Unit, and an evening of Bingo, called by Don Perry, assisted by his wife Dolores. Prizes were the "White Elephant" gifts, with the Landry family the big winners.

Saturday was a cold and rainy day, but that did not affect our indoor activities. One more Airstream arrived making a total of 41: Cape Cod 18 (plus six members without trailers), Charter Oak 13 (plus one member without trailer), New England 7, and White Mountain 3. After a breakfast of pancakes and sausages, prepared and served by the New England Unit, we met for a Safety Seminar. Herb Casey from Marty's R.V. had a number of safety suggestions, and a panel of five (chaired by Chan Taylor) — Lin Lowell, Brian Brosnahan, Bud Gould, and Wayne Rutty — discussed the Safety Questions that had been published in the unit newsletters. Wayne Rutty had assembled 26 pages of vital information from an Airstream Maintenance Manual and distributed them to each member at the meeting. Membership meetings were held by the Cape Cod and Charter Oak Units. After lunch, eight cars, with about thirty-five members, caravanned to Cranberry World for a guided tour, which they reported as being most interesting. Saturday night a baked ham dinner was prepared and served by Charter Oak Unit to 91 people which included Marty and his guests. We were treated to an "Evening of Song with Marty" of Marty's U.S.R.V. Two hours of beautiful renditions, some accompanied by dramatic interpretations well received with clapping, stomping and whoops from his appreciative audience. We all thoroughly enjoyed this evening with Marty.

Sunday morning the Cape Cod Unit prepared and served a French toast breakfast and then it was good-bye time! The Safety Check found 5 gas leaks, 8 loose hitch balls, 3 trunnions showing excessive wear, 1 loose wheel, 4 faulty break-away switches, 1 faulty breaks, and 6 needed attention for trailer lights. We were all made aware of safety in our "Travels Down the Road." Frequent safety checks are a must. We made our way home wiser and "weightier."

*Chan Taylor*

*Photo courtesy of James E. Hegeman*

## Bonjour, Bonsoir, Merci, Au Revoir

Greetings from "The Continent." Ted and I have just returned from visiting France and our daughter, Allison — plus a week in Rome/Florence, on our own. We enjoyed our time at Allison's flat (low-cost accommodations for us), her good company, good cooking, and good guidance. Three wonderful days in St. Remy in Provence where VanGogh spent the last year of his tormented life.

We drove through Beaujolais and the Rhône Valley to sample and buy — also checking out the vineyards of Chateaufort du Pape (the Pope has good taste).

We "did" a few of the highlights in Paris such as the Louvre (does anyone really ever "do" this). We checked out the Arch, Eifel Tower and even Lido, where our table was the first in front giving us a worm's eye view of topless to bottom.

Our hotel in Versailles was just a few blocks from the Great Chateaux (Palace). Ted and I walked far beyond our limits, realizing we never could ever see or understand it all.

There was so much charm — the wonderful ancient buildings. I especially liked the bakeries, Ted managed to have wine with lunch and dinner — even if only with cheese and bread.

When in Rome we tried to do as the Italians do, which included translating the four French words we knew into Italian.

There were so many treasures to be found — the Vatican, Sistene Chapel, Partheon, Colloseaums — all go beyond description.

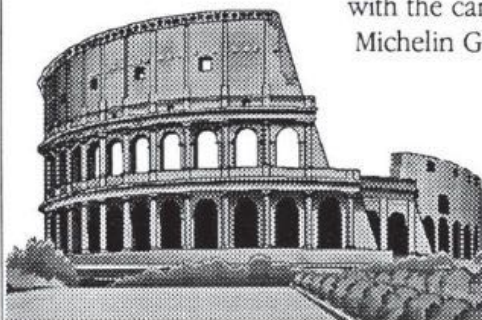
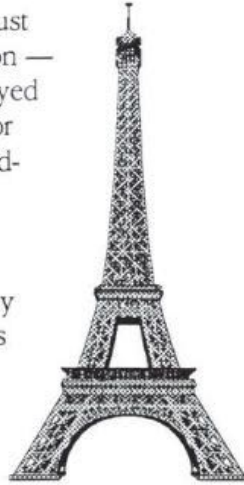
Florence, too, is abundant with priceless works of art. We assume that caring for all the wonderful buildings and their contents keep the country too busy and too broke to clean the streets.

All during our three weeks away, Ted wished he could have stowed the Airstream aboard Air France. We never would have survived. Driving, riding and walking gives new meaning to fear.

You could hardly tell we were tourists, what with the camera, maps, dictionaries, Fodors, Michelin Guide and L. L. Bean back pack. It was only when we tried to speak that we gave ourselves away. (I learned that "Lois" was a conjugation of the French word "Loisir" — leisure — sounds about right.

The "Pingers" are now safely home to life in these United States and to plumbing at its best.

*Lois Price*



## Looking For A Tent? . . . We're Taking Bids

When we receive our newly-ordered tent, we will be selling our old one. We have one bid so far. Please bid in \$25.00 increments. Anyone else wishing to put a bid in on the old tent, please call Anne Werth at (860) 875-4129, leave your name, telephone number, and your bid amount if you get the answering machine. We will be taking bids through the month of July.

## "The World's Easiest Quiz" — Maybe Not!

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What color is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. How long did the Thirty Years War last?

*(Answers on back page.)*

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REGION 1 CARAVAN R-213

JUNE 12 TO 24, 1997

LEADERS: RAY & JOYCE DALLAIRE

Going to Huntsville Alabama? It would be nice for region 1 Airstreamers to park together. Let us worry about camp sites, things to do and places to see. Region 1 caravan "The Charms of Yesteryear" will take you through beautiful Country Towns and small Cities on its way to Huntsville Alabama, site of the 1997 International Rally." REMEMBER that for the first time everyone will have minimum electricity enough for a small fan!

We will stay 4 nights in the Heart of Pennsylvania's Dutch Country, visiting Hershey's chocolate, a train museum, a working Amish farm and more. There are a lot of craft and antique shops. The Amish are well known for there hand made quilts. From there we will travel for 2 days to the fabulous blue grass of Kentucky. On our short stop in Lexington we will learn about "The Sport of Kings" horses and racing. Our next stop will be "Country Music City" Nashville Tennessee where we will spend 3 days and 4 nights touring the City going to Oyptryland among other planed activities. There will also be free time to visit on your own or rest before continuing onto Huntsville Alabama.

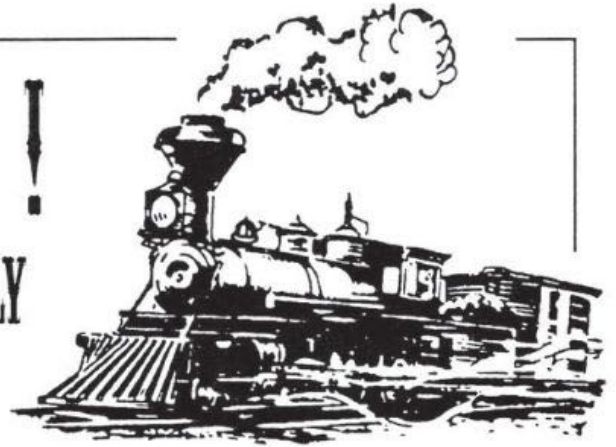
Suppers, breakfasts, wine & cheese, camping, tours, visits and the final banquet are all part of the kitty. The fee is \$535. for two in the trailer. A deposit of \$75.00 could be sent to REGION 1 CARAVAN P.O. BOX 696, ST. LAZARE, QUE CANADA J7T 2Z7. Any kitty fee left will be refunded. We look forward to meeting you in June.

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Copies of all this information have gone to Region 1 President Theda McGrath.  
Thanks Joyce Dallaire

# ALL ABOARD ! ! !

## ESSEX TRAIN/RIVERBOAT CRUISE RALLY JUNE 6-8, 1997



Hosts: Anne & Bob Werth - Charter Oak (860) 875-4129  
Kathy & Bard Fuller - Cape Cod (860) 621-9246

Where: Wolf's Den Family Campground  
256 Town Street  
East Haddam, CT 06423  
(860) 873-9681

Directions: From Hartford (South) or Old Saybrook (North) - Route 9 to Exit 7, East on Route 82. Four miles on left.

Note: Special Price — "Cheapo Weekend" - \$25 Total!! Please pay upon arrival. Check in after 3:00 p.m.

### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

#### Friday PM

- Soup's on
- Evening Entertainment — Pound Auction (Remember the fun we had last spring with Bard Fuller, aka Auctioneer? . . . He's back!!) Bring any pound item, wrapped, and we will have a ball (baw!?). Any rhubarb? Proceeds will go toward the entrance fee to Essex Train/Riverboat Cruise.

#### Saturday

- Breakfast at 8:30 - beverages, pancakes, sausage
- Essex Train/Riverboat Cruise - Time TBD
- Happy Hour at 5:00 p.m. — Bring snack to share.
- Potluck Dinner 6:00 p.m. - Time to create, surprise us!

#### Sunday

- Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - muffins, bagels, fruit, beverages
- Departure — See you in Huntsville, Alabama for the International Rally.

**Notes:** Please bring services (plates, cups, silver, etc.) to all meals.

Please make reservations before May 3, 1997. Make checks payable to Anne Werth and send them to 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084.



**Reminder: Pay \$25 weekend camping fee upon arrival.**

**Fees:** \$5.00 Rally Fee Per Adult  
(children over age 6, \$2.00)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer # \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Happy Mother's Day!



Answers: 1) 116 years, from 1337 to 1453; 2) Ecuador; 3) From sheep and horses; 4) November. The Russian calendar was 13 days behind ours; 5) Squirrel fur; 6) The Latin name was Insularia Canaria - Island of the Dogs; 7) Albert. When he came to the throne in 1936 he respected the wish of Queen Victoria that no future king should ever be called Albert; 8) Distinctively crimson; 9) New Zealand; 10) Thirty years, of course. From 1618 to 1648.

Source: Good Clean Fun <http://www.stonet.org/~tellsuor/index.html>

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CHARTER OAK CONNECTICUT UNIT  
MAY 3, 1997 - 11:30 A.M.

Meeting called to order by President Anne Werth at 11:30 a.m. in Lakeville, Massachusetts at the Safety Rally.

Minutes of the April 6, 1997, were accepted as written.

Treasurer's report:

Sandy Sasuta reported that there is a balance of \$2,995.89 as of March 31, 1997. Report approved pending audit.

Correspondence:

Larry Lamontagne needs help at Region I rally at Topsfield for parking. Robert Werth and Bob Sandall are working but two more are needed.

Old Business:

Region I Rally 1998 "Under The Big Top" Chairman, Susan Rutty updated information regarding the rally that Charter Oak will be hosting. Plans are under way for the presentation we will be giving at the Topsfield Rally in August/September, 1997, to publicize the "Under The Big Top" rally. The next meeting will be at the Bartram home for a cookout May 17, 1997.

The new tent has been received. We have one bid and are still open for bids until at least July 9, 1997.

Wayne Rutty needs the club's input on ideas for discussion for Theda's Informational Rendezvous Rally May 30-June 1, 1997. The Region I officers need the information by May 30.

Also, discussion ensued regarding topic of "What needs to be done for club structure." This subject will be pursued at International. One subject discussed was letting all RV's join the club. Overwhelming response was no. Why not let the new ideas incorporated take time to unfold, take affect, give it some time. If we wanted to have every kind of trailer in WBCCI, we would have joined Good Sam's!

Essex Train/River Boat June 6-8 Rally at Wolf's Den hosted by the Werth's and the Bard Fuller's is filling up. Reservations by May 5, 1997.

Update on nominating committee. Jim Miller has withdrawn from the Nominating Committee Chairman. Laura Edmondson has volunteered to be on the committee.

New Business:

President Anne Werth introduced two new Charter Oak members:

Barbara and Malcolm Appleton from Vermont  
Nancy and Lincoln White from Ashford, CT

The have purchased to Vintage trailers and were attending their first rally at Lakeville, MA.

Re: the Constitution and Bylaw update. Anne presented the old constitution and bylaws and Wayne Rutty presented the new version. After the presentations they were voted on in their entirety. The motion was made for approval by Dave Tuckerman, seconded by Bob Henschel. The vote for approval was unanimous and the changes were adopted. Effective date is 5/3/97 at Lakeville, Massachusetts. Four copies need to be sent to Dave Walker.

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Gould, Acting Secretary

May 15, 1997

# CHARTER OAK Chatter

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## Some Dates to Remember

### June 28-July 4

"Mansions to Moonflight" International Rally  
Huntsville, AL

### August 1-3

Rally  
Odetah Campground, Norwich, CT  
Co-Host: Jim Hegeman, Anne & Bob Werth and  
Helen & Bob Sandall

### 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 . . .

We have taken our Airstream show on the road by now, shaken the mothballs out of the nooks and crannies and hopefully any other "foreign items" that may have inhabited our homes on wheels over the winter storage. This is the fun part of this lifestyle. We can enjoy being reunited with friends from other units, rallies, campgrounds, etc., with our travels about the countryside. Our winter dinner meetings were well attended by those folks who were "northern birds." The COCU South folks outnumbered us at each event! Guess the warm southern winter just brought everyone out in droves, but we didn't do that badly ourselves. The mention of a dinner meeting or a potluck dinner and "ya-all" come. The potlucks really give our great cooks a chance to shine, as we could attest to at our March 2 meeting, great food and camaraderie! One thing for sure, Airstream functions do not leave anyone going away hungry!

We will soon be departing for the "Mansions to Moonflights" International Rally in Huntsville, Alabama. We hope to see some of our COCU Unit in those parts of the country. As your President, I will be representing our Unit to the best of my ability. It is an experience that Bob and I are looking forward to. There is an itinerary that was sent to us that should keep the both of us spinning for the June 18-July 4 period. At least this will give us some insight into what Bob can expect in Boise, Idaho, for 1998! This will give a new meaning to the phrase "road show." We will be reporting back to everyone with some new and interesting activities.

Remember, there is no *Chatter* for the month of July. I will have time by then to write the "Prez" message and report back about our experiences.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Happy Trails and see you down the road!

Anne Werth (#13703)



## To Our COCU Family

Thank you for your love and support during Kim's long illness and her recent passing. It has helped us to keep our feet on the ground and keep us going in the past, as it will in the days to come.

We are very lucky to have you all. Thanks again.

*Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck*

## Notice — 1997 Region I Rally

It has been recommended that you bring the following items to the Region I Rally. The Topsfield Fairgrounds' water pressure is expected to be 90 to 100 pounds per square inch. Bring a water pressure regulator to be used at the water source. It will save your hose, which could burst at that pressure.

It is recommended you bring 75 to 100 feet of water hose. Also bring 75 to 100 feet of electric cable.

See you there!

*Anne Werth*

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Deadline for the next  
*Chatter* is . . . August 8.

## Region 1 Seminar

From May 30-June 1, twenty trailers and motor homes gathered at McGrath Acres in West Townsend, Massachusetts, to attend the second Region 1 Seminar. Two other couples joined us on Saturday for the meeting and dinner.

The Seminar was most ably conducted by Region 1 President Theda McGrath and First Vice President Wayne Ritty.

Basically, the Seminar was designed to provide information about the workings of the International, Regional and Unit organizations. We were given an overview of the functions of each of these divisions of WBCCI. The structure of each was presented as well as the relationship of one to the other. There was a lot of opportunity for questions from the group and much lively discussion.

There has been a misconception about this type of seminar. It is not directed only to the officers of the various units but is really intended as a means for anyone in WBCCI to get a better understanding of how our organization works. Next time such a meeting is offered, make it a point to attend. You'll be surprised at what you can learn.

*Bob Sandall*

## COCU Rally Schedule for 1998

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|----------------|--|
| February 8     | COCU North: Brunch Rally at the home of Eileen & Dick Bartram<br>COCU South: Potluck Rally at Travelers Rest, Dade City, Florida, hosted by Bob & Anne Werth |
| March 8        | COCU North:<br>COCU South:   |
| April 5        | COCU North:<br>COCU South:   |
| May 8-10       | Site TBD, Co-hosts: Anne & Bob Werth (Charter Oak); and Dolores & Donald Perry (Hudson-Mohawk/Charter Oak); Berkshire  |
| June 5-7       | Hosts: _____ Co-hosts: _____   |
| June 28-July 4 | International Rally, Boise, Idaho  |
| August 7-9     | Rally at Durham Fairgrounds<br>Hosts: Wayne & Susan Ritty Co-hosts: _____  |
| September 4-7  | Region I Rally "Under the Big Top", Durham, Connecticut<br>Hosts: Charter Oak  |
| October 2-4    | Rally<br>Hosts: _____ Co-hosts: _____  |
| October 4-11   | Fall Caravan, Herkimer NY KOA/Lake George/Lake Placid, NY<br>Hosts: Anne & Bob Werth Co-hosts: Jessie & Bud Gould  |
| November 8     | Installation Dinner, George's Restaurant, Vernon, CT<br>Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall   |
| December 6     | Holiday Party<br>Hosts: Jessie & Bud Gould   |

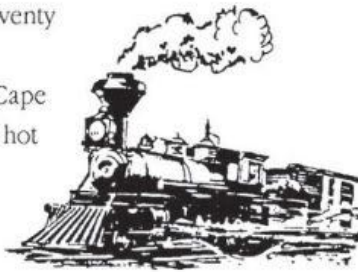
I'd appreciate your willingness to host (or co-host) a function for the 1998 WBCCI Rally year for the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

If you have any questions, give me a call at (860) 875-4129 or write me at Bob Werth, 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084.

*Bob Werth*

## Essex Train/River Boat Cruise Rally June 6-8, 1997

Friday was a bright and sunny day when twenty trailers gathered together at Wolf's Den in East Haddam, Connecticut for a joint rally with the Cape Cod Unit. Friday evening we enjoyed delicious hot soup & bread — it really hit the spot — and various cakes for dessert. The Pound Auction was a success with auctioneer, Bard Fuller, uniquely dressed in costume. The highest bid being \$7.50 for two boxes of Kleenex with Hershey Kisses on the wrapping paper. The money raised was used to subsidize the activities for Saturday.



Saturday turned out cool and cloudy, but everyone was ready for their hot pancakes and sausage breakfast. After lunch the group was eager to hit the tracks, railroad tracks that is, at the Essex Train & River Boat. We had our own reserved train car which took us back to the 1920s. We were pulled up the river from Essex to Deep River Landing by a steam locomotive and vintage railcars where we departed and took a relaxing river boat cruise up the river to Haddam. It was almost earmuff weather, but most of us stayed inside and kept warm on the boat. Among the sights was a river's eye view of Gillette Castle and the Goodspeed Opera House. Then back down the river to reboard the steam train for our journey back to the Essex Depot. Happy Hour allowed us to socialize and sample a wide selection of appetizers followed by a brief COCU meeting. The evening potluck was delicious — such good cooks! Fifteen dinner guests joined us and it was good to see them all again. We had a special treat for our evening entertainment — Gary Levinson creating balloon masterpieces. Thank you, Gary, the children ages 6 months to 80ish really appreciated it. To top off the evening, the campfire warmed the night air with toasted marshmallows, songs, stories and skits presented by the children (Fullers, Newmans & Landrys).

Sunday, after the continental breakfast including delicious homemade coffee cakes, a group carried on the Charter Oak tradition of walking approximately 2.2 miles to Gillette Castle. Vehicles were available for the return trip which makes sense, since it would be uphill.

We were happy to see FOUR generations in the Bartram family attending the rally. It was a pleasure to meet Olive Richardson, Eileen's mother. The rest of the family were Susan & Fred Newman, and the great grandchildren Michael, James, Ethan, Abigail and Samuel.

Thanks to our hosts Bard & Kathy Fuller and Bob & Anne Werth, along with all the other helpers, for a well-done, successful rally.

*Sandy Sasuta*

## Looking For A Tent? . . . We're Taking Bids

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### For Sale

1992 25' Airstream trailer, excellent condition, lots of extras, twin beds, garaged in winter, like new. Asking \$21,000. Call (860) 482-7126, leave message or call after 4:30 p.m.

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### Wanted

Large stuffed animals for the 1998 Region I Rally in Durham. It would be good to get them as soon as possible. Bring them to the Region I (Topsfield) Rally this year, if possible, or call me! Thanks. Anne Werth (860) 875-4129.

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### Heartfelt Thanks

Lakeville, Massachusetts, was the site of the "Safety Rally" May 2-4, 1997. There are some folks who we would like to recognize and give heartfelt thanks. The White Mountain Unit for serving refreshments at bingo; the New England Unit for serving up the pancakes; the Charter Oak Unit for serving the ham diner; and the Cape Cod Unit for serving pancakes.

Giant thanks to Chan and Jackie Taylor and Wayne and Susan Ruffy for organizing this successful endeavor. Also, thanks to the committee that helped them make the "Safety Rally" a huge success.

*Anne & Bob Werth*

## In Memoriam — Ron Tower

Ron Tower, our fellow Airstreamer, passed away at his home in Middletown on May 9, 1997 with his loving wife Elaine and his family at his bedside.

Ron and Elaine have been Airstreamers for many years and had gone full time for a year before Ron was stricken by brain cancer. They loved traveling and making friends. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

The members of the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit extend their heartfelt sympathy to Elaine and her family.

*Shirley Edmondson*

## In Memory of Kim Rosenbeck Brande daughter of Lydia and Niels Rosenbeck

On May 14, after a long struggle with cancer, Kim passed away. The world is a lesser place without this wonderful, bright, funny person. My first memories of Kim are in Canada, when her husband-to-be slept in the cap of our truck. She was young and sweet, and always cheerful — she was also a very hard working and intelligent young lady.

Kim leaves, besides her parents, grandmother, and two brothers, her husband and two lovely daughters. It is indeed a sad commentary on our world, that all sorts of atomic weapons have been invented, but still no cure for cancer, and according to a recent report on TV there will not be a cure in the near future.

I last saw Kim at Lydia and Niels 40th wedding anniversary party. She knew she her illness was terminal, but still managed to have a good time and to lave all of us with the thought that when our time comes, let us leave with the courage and cheerful outlook that Kim presented. She will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

*Audrey Clark*

## "The Station" an Essay by Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious minds is an idyllic vision in which we see ourselves on a long journey that spans an entire continent. We're traveling by train, and from the windows, we drink in the passing scenes of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at crossings, of cattle grazing in distant pastures, of smoke pouring from power plants, of row upon row of cotton and corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is our final destination, for at a certain hour and on a given day, our train will finally pull into the station with bells ringing, flags waving and bands playing. And once that day comes, so many wonderful dreams will come true. So restlessly, we pace the aisles and count the miles, peering ahead, waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"Yes, when we reach the station that will be it!" we promise ourselves. "When we're 18 . . . win that promotion . . . put the last kid through college . . . buy the 450 SL Mercedes-Benz . . . pay off the mortgage . . . have a nest egg for retirement."

From that day on, we will all live happily every after.

Sooner or later, however, we must realize there is no station in this life, no one earthly place to arrive at once and for all. The journey is the joy. The station is an illusion; it constantly outdistances us. Yesterday's a memory; tomorrow's a dream. Yesterday belongs to history; tomorrow belongs to God. Yesterday's a fading sunset; tomorrow's a faint sunrise. Only today is there light enough to love and live.

So, gently close the door on yesterday and throw the key away. it isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad, but rather than regret over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, swim more rivers, climb more mountains, kiss more babies, count more stars. Laugh more and cry less. Go barefoot more often. Eat more ice cream. Ride more merry-go-rounds. Watch more sunsets. Life must be lived as we go along.

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# Happy Father's Day!

## Vintage Airstream Trailer Newsletter

Do you know anyone who would like to own an Airstream? Below is a reprint of the classified section of the *Vintage Trailer Newsletter* that is published quarterly. If you'd like more information on this newsletter or Airstreams in general, please contact Jim Edmondson #13992 at (860) 742-4484.

### TRAVEL TRAILERS FOR SALE

**1954 25' Airstream.** Negotiable. Single axle, 7.00x15 tires, excellent exterior that needs polishing, roll-up awning, spare tire, interior in good shape with birch cabinets, four burner stove with oven, 14 cf 110V 'fridge, 5A cooler, rear bed, white ceiling and blue carpet. Frances Welhouse, 2777 W. 6th Street, Yuma, AZ, (520) 726-8536.

**1959 16' Airstream Bubble.** Negotiable. The first International Airstream built and the only 16' in that series, a true one-of-a-kind classic, near mint condition. Charles Cochran (#4762), 1710 Holiday Court, Murray, KY 41071, (407) 951-3164 (note that after 4/15/97 call (502) 753-0114.

**1959 18' Airstream Globetrotter.** \$2,500. Nice condition inside and out, rear double bed, divan/couch in front, LP stove, oven, refrigerator and furnace, small commode with porta-potty, good tires with spare. Ashton & Ellen Robinson, HC 74 Box 160, Pioche, NV 89043, (702) 962-5326.

**1963 19' Airstream Globetrotter.** \$5,900. All original, won Best-of-Show in 1993 Concours d'Elegance, very good condition, stored inside, new tires & battery, ready to travel. Howard Lawson (#8060), 2889 Marian Street, Lewiston, MI 49756 (407) 267-469 (note that after 4/15/97 call (517) 786-4349.

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**1965 17' Airstream Caravel.** \$6,000. Zip Dee awnings, new hitch head, wheel covers, 30# aluminum LP

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**1969 18' Airstream Caravel.** \$3,500. New AC, Roadstar antenna, 3 burner stove with oven, carpet, mini-blinds, rear bed & front couch with shower in side bath, new elec. 'fridge, new elec. converter, catalytic heat, awning, tie carrier with spare, new tires & shocks, road ready. Virginia Dutcher (#7732), 3114 SE 11th Street, Ocala, FL 34471, (352) 694-7732.

**1972 29' Airstream Ambassador.** \$8,000. International package in excellent condition, exterior aluminum with plasticcoat near perfect, electric jack, stabilizers, auxiliary step, new Zip Dee patio awnings, new tires, rear bath, center twins, large 'fridge with separate freezer. Richard Keegan (#9242), 39 Conifer Road, Rindge, NH 03461, (603) 899-5285.

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Richard Moffo	07/21
Claire Lines	07/23
Lois Price	07/26
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Marjorie Labadorf	08/09
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Jackie Brown	08/16
Doris Carlson	08/26
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Al Stagis	08/28
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Charles & Jeanne Wilson	07/04
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Dick & Eileen Bartram	07/14
Ed & Al Stagis	07/19
Raymond & Cecile Lemaire	07/26
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Richard & Dorothy Long	08/03
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September 1-7, 1997

Peter's Pond Park Campground, Sandwich, MA

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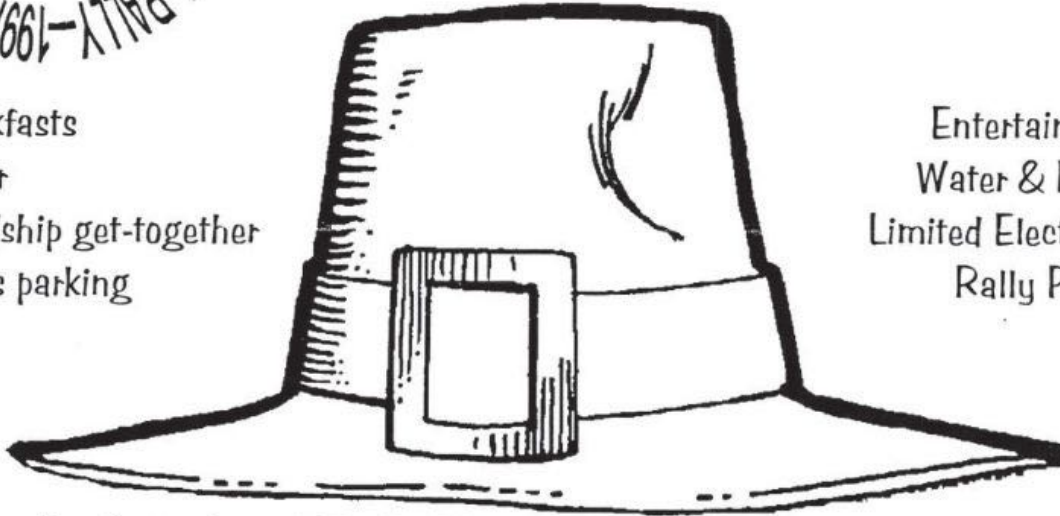
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# Have a Great 4th of July!



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MEETING HELD: JUNE 8, 1997 - Essex Train/Riverboat Rally

Susan Ruddy spoke briefly on the "Under The Big Top" presentation for the Topsfield, MA Region I rally to be held August 25-September 1, 1997. Those interested in participating will meet at some time during that rally to practice the presentation. Ted Price is going to make a cardboard wagon that we will use for the presentation. Ron Edmondson (Ringmaster) will read a poem that Lois Price has written. We will carry letters that will ultimately spell out "Under The Big Top".

The "Cape Cod Capers" week -long rally at Cape Cod was mentioned. Eight couples expressed interest in participating. It will cost \$156.00 + a rally fee of \$25. A cruise on the canal, Martha's Vineyard, National Seashore, lunch at the Daniel Webster Inn, 7 continental breakfasts, and 1 pot luck meal will be featured. Jim & Laura Edmondson and Bob and Helen Sandall are the "Co-Caper" hosts. It will be held from Sept. 1-7, 1997, following the Region I rally at Topsfield. The June Chatter will be the only time the coupon will appear, due to the time constraints for Peter's Pond Park. Shop early!

The delegates were presented for confirmation. Anne Werth, Delegate with Bob Sandall, Alternate. Mike Sasuta made the motion to accept these delegates, Lillian Herpich seconded. Motion carried.

Regarding voting for the slate presented by the nominating committee at International. Mike Sasuta made the motion for the delegate to vote her conscience; Laura Edmondson seconded. Motion carried.

Regarding budgeting money for the International social hosted by the COCU President Anne Werth and Firstmate Bob for COCU attendees and others, Mike Sasuta made a motion to budget up to \$150.00 . Motion seconded by Eileen Bartram. Motion carried.

Discussion to be held at International by the delegates regarding inviting all types of travel trailers, motor homes, etc. was held. It was agreed that most felt we would like to see the newly implemented guidelines inviting other types of travel trailers, etc. made by Airstream to be included in membership to take effect. This has only been in effect for a short time, give this time to see how membership will be effected. Also, again, most felt that we joined WBCCI because of the uniqueness of the Airstream club. We can join Good Sam's if we so choose. Also, why aren't more rallies "buddy-type" (not just 2 as proposed). This will give friends with other types of trailers a chance to attend our rallies and remove the "snob" perception that Airstream folks carry.

Motion for adjournment made by Laura Edmondson.

Minutes taken by Anne Werth in place of Lois Price, Recording Secretary.

# 40<sup>th</sup> International Rally, Huntsville, Alabama

6/30/97

## On the road again



William and Judy Martin of Miami, above, find their Airstream as the perfect home away from home. Below, Norm Hewer explains how the Wally Byam group makes the transition from career to retirement much easier. Photos by D.J. Bonds/Huntsville Times

**Airstream  
rallies keep  
retirees busy**



*"Travel was a natural . . . . We've been at our home at the most three to four months in the last four years."*

— Norm Hewer  
International  
president



JEFF SINER/Staff

Charlotteans Clarence and Janet Kennedy are headed to Newfoundland next month with their 1975 model Airstream as part of a trailer caravan. "We find it very comfortable," he says. "You're not packing and unpacking every day. You get to sleep in the same bed."

## Airstreamers take to the highway

It's rally season for an American classic gaining new chic

By **FOON RHEE**  
Staff Writer

Good luck trying to reach an avid Airstreamer between now and July Fourth.

If they're not already in Huntsville, Ala., they're on the road there for the good times and camaraderie of the 40th international rally of Airstream club members.

"It's just like your own family," says Bernie Carriker, the Charlotte-area chapter's president. "For several days, all you do is hug people. I'm not kidding. I'll hug the men, and my husband will hug the women."

These days, the sleek, silver trailers are as hot as a Carolinas summer.

Hollywood stars are getting them customized with tile floors, pine walls and other features, and keeping them as hide-

aways on back lots and on location.

Lifestyle maven Martha Stewart took one for a spring antique buying trip to Maine. One co-stars in the TV show "Promised Land" about a down-and-out Carolinas factory worker who finds faith and hits the road to help strangers.

Neiman Marcus put a 1968 model — turned by decorators into a four-room lakeside retreat with antique rugs and a cloud-painted ceiling — in its catalog last Christmas. Price tag: \$195,000.

And the trendy, modern art set is calling them an icon of American industrial design.

Airstreamers, themselves, don't know about all that.

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THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

# Silver trailers hit the road for the 40th annual rally

## AIRSTREAM

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They do know they love their trailers. Owners say they have all the comforts of home and are a great way to see the sights — at a leisurely pace.

"You can take your time and smell the roses on the way," says Carriker, 67, retired from Sanyo. "There's really no need to hurry."

### The famous founder

It all started in 1930s California.

Wally Byam, an advertising man, founded the company when his wife wouldn't go camping without her kitchen. His firm made its first trailers out of wood in 1931.

The first silver aluminum trailers rolled off the assembly line in 1935. Early aircraft engineers gave them a streamlined design to travel the highways "like a stream of air."

So far, more than 100,000 have been built — and more than 60,000 are on the road.

Airstream sold 480 new trailers from August 1995 to July 1996. There's also an active market for used ones. Owners with home computers can cruise the Internet to trade fix-it tips.

Airstreams have long been coveted by retirees, who want a top-of-the-line RV and who can afford to spend up to \$60,000 and long stretches on the road.

Carriker and husband John Jr., 71, a retired Charlotte fire captain, bought their first Airstream in 1969 and are now on their seventh, a 30-footer that sleeps four. "It's the Cadillac of trailers," she says. "Everybody wants the



John Carriker points out some of the high-tech controls in the Airstream.

of the 34-foot, top-of-the-line Limited, the \$27,861, 25-foot Safari can be pulled easily by a Ford Explorer with a 4-liter V-6 engine, or a Jeep Grand Cherokee with a V-8.

### Life on the road

While the trailers themselves have come a long way since RV pioneer Byam, his name and outlook on life live on through the international caravan club.

Began in 1955, the club now includes 10,600 families who pay \$45 a year to join, plus local dues that range from \$5 to \$25 annually.

The club and its chapters across the United States and Canada sponsor rallies and caravans of 10 to 60 Airstreams to tourist hot-spots. Six chapters get together in the Carolinas, with 450 members. The 20th N.C. state

caravans," says Kennedy, a retired General Tire worker. "You meet people from all over the country."

Wherever Airstreamers go, they square dance, hold hobby shows, play games and have contests. They sit under the awnings of each other's trailers for happy hour. And they swap Airstream stories.

Some still talk with awe about the surprise hailstorm that peppered trailers at the 1993 international rally in Bismarck, N.D.

"You talk about noise," Carriker says. Says Kennedy: "I'll never forget that one."

This year's international rally starts Thursday and ends on July Fourth. It's expected to draw at least 1,300 trailers, a sea of silver.

The Carrikers will be there. So will son John Carriker III, who also owns an Airstream.



Photos by CHRISTOPHER A. RECORD/Suff

John and Bernie Carriker relax on the sofa in their 1995 Airstream. "It has all the luxuries of home," says Bernie, who heads the Airstream club's Charlotte-area chapter. "Everything you would want except a washer and dryer."

cause she's in charge of trophies and awards for the bridge and golf tournaments and crafts contests.

Carriker, who spends six months a year on the road, doesn't doubt that Airstreams will remain popular among current retirees.

But she wonders what will happen as they make way for baby boomers. Of the 130 folks in the Charlotte-area chapter, for instance, only a dozen are under 50 and not retired.

"Our future," she says, "really

## AIRSTREAMS: BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a look at Airstream trailers and their owners:

**Year first made:** 1935 for silver aluminum models

**Number produced:** 100,000

**Number on road:** more than 60,000

**Retail cost:** \$59,700 (for top-of-the-line 34-foot Limited)

**Caravan Club members:** 10,600 in U.S. and Canada

**Carolinas members:** 450 in six chapters

**Number expected at international rally this month:** 1,300 trailers

SOURCES: Airstream Inc., Wally Byam Caravan Club International

Airstream also offers a motorized model for those without trucks to tow trailers.

Bernard Hickok, 77, a retired Charlotte mail carrier, bought a 19-foot Airstream motor home in March. It has a gas stove, a sit-down bathtub — and status.

"It really looks like an Airstream," says Hickok, who's planning a trip to Pennsylvania next month. "The name and the quality would make it an easy sell."

This year, Airstream started going after the baby-boomer, sport utility vehicle crowd with a new lighter, less expensive model.

It's not your father's Airstream. About half the weight and price

rally rolls into the Smoky Mountains in September. A month later, S.C. members host a "Hillbilly Hook-N-Nanny" rally in Palmetto Cove.

The company sponsors caravans to Alaska, Canada, Mexico and sometimes Europe. There are trips to more exotic places; excursions are scheduled this year to South Africa and New Zealand.

Charlottean Clarence Kennedy, 70, and wife Janet are getting ready to leave July 1 for a monthlong caravan through Newfoundland, watching whales and visiting where the Vikings apparently landed 1,000 years ago.

He bought his 31-foot Airstream in 1984 and takes lengthy trips six times a year. "I like

Hernie had to arrive early because it depends on the young people.

**Proposed unlikely**

THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

By DAVID POOLE  
Staff Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — NASCAR leaves it can survive without some money from R.J. R. Tobacco Co., but wishes to have to.

The proposed settlement named Friday between the companies and the government includes a ban on tobacco shipments of sports events.

If the final deal includes provision, motorsports would be one of its highest backers.

R.J. Reynolds puts up \$1 million for race prizes and \$4 million paid through the Winston-Salem race and the annual "all-star" at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"I am real confident that any sport will move on regardless of any one sponsor," said R.J. R. president of motorsports, Jimmie Johnson.

"It's disappointing that we have a sponsor that has really contributed to the overall success of sport, and if the negotiated agreement holds true and approved they're not going to be able to support the sport that they're turning south. It just means that we're going to have to regroup and go another way."

"We'll make it through it. We'll go on and grow this sport the same pace or better than we have."

R.J. Reynolds also sponsored Jimmie Johnson's car through the 1990 season.



# A sea of trailers



Eric Schultz/Huntsville Times

Sara Gilmore of Oglethorpe, Ga., walks across a makeshift bridge of pallets to get to her Airstream at John Hunt Park on Sunday. Frequent rain in the past few days has created muddy conditions for those attending the Wally Byam Caravan Club International Rally here.

## Huntsville's so nice trailers come here twice

By GREG WALKER  
Times Staff Writer

When members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International left Huntsville after their rally here in 1988, few expected to return to the Rocket City.

"People don't like to go back to the same place twice," said Norm Hewer, the club's international president.

But Huntsville's warm welcome and its friendly people, coupled with a friendly city administration, stayed in the back of their minds.

"You have to go where people want you and you are received well, and you have to

go where the city is willing to work with you," Hewer said. Huntsville scored high in both areas, and that led to his decision to bring the 40th rally of the WBCCI to Huntsville this year.

Now, a sea of Airstream trailers and motor homes is transforming the old Hunts-

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## Beauty pageant keeps young travelers busy

By GREG WALKER  
Times Staff Writer

You might not expect anyone to pack a formal evening gown for a cross-country caravan. But then you probably don't expect to see 1,600 Airstream trailers parked side by side for as far as you can see.

Teens traveling with their grandparents in the Wally Byam Caravan need something to do,

and what better way to occupy time than a beauty pageant? That's where the evening gowns come in.

About 10 girls will participate this year in the WBCCI Teen Queen International pageant on Wednesday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Civic Center.

"You have a lot of old people out here, then you have the teen queens," said Stacie Driggers, a

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Eric Schultz/Huntsville Times

Teen Queen pageant contestants, from left, Cindy Lucas, Michaela Gifford, Stacie Driggers and Emily Steidley say traveling with their grandparents in the caravan is anything but boring.

## Trailers

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ville airport into a miniature city with its own post office, message center and daily news broadcasts. The rally officially begins Saturday and will end on the Fourth of July.

Caravan members have been arriving for weeks, making sure everything is just right for this year's event, titled "Mansions to Moonflights."

And, once again, club members are impressed with their Huntsville welcome.

"The city asked us what they could do to bring the caravan back (after the 1988 visit)," Hewer, a Detroit native, said. "We told them we didn't have electric hook-ups for everyone the first year, but they made sure we did this year. They had the utilities guys out here and everyone made sure this thing would work."

The city charged the group \$156,000 to cover services, said Judy Ryals, executive director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The services include utilities, cable television, shuttle bus transportation from John Hunt Park — the old airport — to the Von Braun Center, renting the convention center, complimentary parking at the center and clean-up work.

Ryals said the bureau sought bids on many of those services to get a good idea how much the camping group should pay.

"When they were here in 1988 we came out \$3,000 under budget, and we feel confident that will happen again this year," Ryals said. "We are experiencing some additional costs that were unexpected due to the rain in providing some services at the park with the damp ground, but I still don't think that's going to make us go over budget."

City crews have laid almost four miles of water and sewer lines at the park, she said.

Hewer estimates about 700 more Airstream travel trailers and motor homes will arrive in the next two days to add to the 900 or so already here.

"When they come in, they will just stream in here," said Lucile Hewer, Norm's wife. "You won't believe it."

Caravan members have set up shop in the Von Braun Center, where a week's worth of activities has been planned, including unit meetings, board meetings, health clinics and a teen queen pageant Wednesday night.

The caravan began in 1958 in Bull Shoals, Ark., with some 300 campers. Since then the caravan has grown to almost 10,000 units, including a medical center and a section of antique Airstreams still used to crisscross the country. Not all the units will attend, Hewer said. The largest rally to date was the 1976 Louisville, Ky., rally with 4,493 campers.

The 1,000 or so campers expected here are close to the average, though Hewer said the numbers

are declining "because most of our people are old."

The average age of rally members is 70, with most being retired. However, Ray Brunk, a retired Indianapolis police officer and WBCCI public relations officer, said you don't have to be a certain age or be retired to be a part of WBCCI. If you have an Airstream and pay your \$45-a-year dues, you can join.

"The media writes about us old folks all the time, but we have young people, too," Brunk said.

The WBCCI teen program gives children and teens traveling with their grandparents or parents lots to do at the rallies. This week teens will go to Point Mallard water park and tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

Hewer said the teens also try to do good deeds at the places they visit. This year, they are collecting pennies to assist a Huntsville girl who needs a liver transplant. The WBCCI is also collecting money for the Downtown Rescue Mission and making hats for the homeless for the winter.

"Our people are generous, and are more so when a city like Huntsville welcomes them," Hewer said.

Hewer estimates the WBCCI rally will bring from \$5 million to \$12 million in business revenues to the Huntsville area.

Ryals said about 1,000 Wally Byam volunteer workers and officers have been in town about a month and they've been spending money at local businesses, eating at restaurants and attending local entertainment such as movies. Ryals said she even heard one camper has chosen to have heart surgery performed in Huntsville.

"We spend most of our money here," Hewer said. "Huntsville has some great eating places as well as attractions. And the weather is nice."

At least it is supposed to be.

The recent spate of rain and storms has turned the Airstream camp into a swamp with muddy fields and mushy front yards for the visitors, but most say they don't mind.

"Rain just kind of goes with an international rally," Tom Dean, a Dover, Ohio, resident, said. "I think you adjust to the surroundings."

"We think we've got it pretty good," Dean said, sitting in his lawn chair looking toward Green Mountain. "We've got a wonderful view and in the evening this place turns into a yard full of folks in lawn chairs."

On the edge of Dean's "yard" is a muddy road campers use to get down the rows of Airstreams, but Dean said campers try to avoid tearing up grass or making a mess.

Anyone is welcome to visit the caravan, Hewer said, but he advised drivers to be careful because of children playing there.

Airstream representatives will be on site to show the newest models of campers and travel trailers, he said.

Staff writer Mike Salinero contributed to this report.

## Beauty

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20-year-old college student and last year's Teen Queen International.

She thinks the beauty pageant is a swell event for the teens.

"It's pretty nerve-racking," she said, "but everyone is real supportive."

Emily Steidley, 17, said in addition to the pageant, the caravan gives the girls a chance to renew old friendships and to make new ones.

While Steidley, a former teen queen, is ineligible to compete, the pageant is open to girls in the caravan ages 13 to 19. Each girl represents a region or unit in the

caravan. Girls are judged based on talent, formal wear and an interview.

The girls say the pageant doesn't affect their friendships. For example, Driggers and 16-year-old Michaela Gifford have known each other for three years and have competed against each other in previous pageants — and are still good friends.

In addition to the pageant, the girls and other teens in the caravan have attended a Huntsville Stars game and plan on catching some waves at Point Mallard water park.

But how do they feel about traveling with the caravan and their grandparents?

"Everything around here moves real slow," Driggers said.



Moss

clothes, bags and toiletries are till at her family's northeast

close friends or reported to her job at Ann Taylor in Madison Square Mall.

Robin Moss' clothes, bags and toiletries are till at her family's northeast

out much identification, her parents said. She lost a key chain with her driver's license and other identification about a week ago.

Robin Moss stands almost 6 feet tall, is thin and has blue-green eyes and reddish-brown

# Still pickin' and grinnin'

## Roy Clark just making great music

By DEAN SMALLWOOD  
Times Entertainment Writer

Roy Clark's resume is breathtaking. He's been named Entertainer of the Year by both the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music, who gave it to him twice.

■ The Wally Byam Caravan Club is one way retired business people keep rolling along. Page B6.

His multi-instrumental prowess has earned him countless "best-of" prizes from awards shows, magazines and fans, and his singing with the "Hee Haw Gospel Quartet" helped produce seven straight "Gospel Group of the Year" awards from 1981-87.

In 1976, Clark became one of the few Western artists to be allowed to tour Communist-governed Russia. He was named the first national ambassador for UNICEF in 1989.

But Clark, who performed at the Von Braun Center Arena Sunday night for the Wally Byam Caravan Club International's annual rally, said his biggest thrill was probably winning the Pioneer Award from the Academy of Country Music this year.

Only six individuals have earned the prestigious award, including Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Roger Miller and Minnie Pearl.

"I went to the awards show to be a presenter, but then they



Robin Conn/Huntsville Times

Country music star Roy Clark sings at the Von Braun Center Sunday night for the Wally Byam Caravan Club International's annual rally. "I found out a long time ago that the bigger a star was, the nicer he was," said Clark, when asked about his success.

surprised me," said Clark, 64.

Clark, who is as famous for his comedy work in the long-running country skit show "Hee Haw" as he is for his music, attributes most of his accomplishments to merely surviving the "here today, gone tomor-

row" world of show business.

"Longevity," he said when asked about his career. "I found out a long time ago that the bigger a star was, the nicer he was. That's the key to staying in this business, being nice to people. When you hear about some-

one being a 'flash-in-the-pan,' you can sometimes read between the lines."

Speaking of longevity, Clark said there's not much of it to be found in today's country music

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scene.

"Everything now is marketing," he said. "They get a nice, young person, dress them the same way, make them wear the same cowboy hat, put them in the studio, and spend thousands of dollars to find a record that will sell.

"Then they try to market it to the structure, radio, promoters, anyone that can give the kid some visibility. If it doesn't catch on with the people, they get rid of them and say 'next'."

Clark said artistry is a lost commodity in Nashville today. "The singers all sound alike, and the songs are all the same tempo. And they talk such high volumes in sales."

Ronnie Dunn of the popular country duo Brooks and Dunn once told Clark that Arista Records would have dropped them if their recent album "Borderline" hadn't shipped a million copies.

"That's the first-day sales," Clark said. "I couldn't believe it. Here's a group that's sold 10 million records, and Ronnie was worried about being out of work."

Clark, equally proficient on guitar, banjo, fiddle and mandolin, is pleased to see that a few country artists can still circumvent the Music Row machinery, such as Alison Krauss, who records for the tiny Rounder Records label in Massachusetts.

"She just came up on talent, and I was glad to see it," Clark said. "But most don't do it like her. I tell young people in the business 'Enjoy it now, this moment is yours. But don't go thinking you're the hottest thing in town, because it'll end before you know it.'"

Ending is something Clark's career has yet to do. From his early days in a band that opened for Hank Williams, to his current projects that include albums of gospel material and big-band classics, he's never come close to the soup line.

"I watched Hank play four times a day for two weeks," he said of those early gigs with Williams, when bands would play several short sets in a single day. "I was totally mesmerized by him. He had an aura that was hard to explain. All he did was stand there and sing. But he believed in what he was singing about. I never forgot that."

Clark was also influenced by

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— Roy Clark  
Entertainer

Bing Crosby. "He was always in total control," Clark remembered. "Movies, TV or singing, he was always laid-back. He always said the right things at the right time. He was the complete showman."

The lessons learned from those influences helped Clark make the difficult leap from music to television. His first major success was a recurring role as Cousin Roy Halsey on "The Beverly Hillbillies."

"I got my first on-screen kiss from Elly May," he said of the character played by Donna Douglas. "That wasn't too shabby."

He attributes his later screen success to his time on the "Beverly Hillbillies" set. "They did the show for so long, they were like a family," Clark recalled. "They were really good to me, and that helped me get some more confidence."

In the summer of 1969, "Hee Haw" premiered. Clark, of course, had no idea the ensemble show would stay on the air for 25 years. He said the producers almost worked him to death in the early days.

Clark remained a featured player in long-running bits such as "The Barber Shop" with Archie Campbell and "Pickin' and Grinnin'" with Buck Owens. Clark always did the "grinnin'."

"Everybody wanted to do 'Hee Haw,'" Clark said. "We had Sammy Davis Jr., Ethel Merman and Vic Damone begging to be in the cornfield."

In 1979, Clark played a benefit concert in Fayetteville, Tenn., to help raise money for an athletic field house at Lincoln County High School.

"A friend of mine, Lou King, was working at the Amana refrigerator plant there," Clark said. "He said the athletes were having to change into their uniforms in their cars before a game. He asked for my help."

Clark said he had no idea the town would name the field house in his honor. "I was really surprised they did that," he said.

# LIFE IN THE *caravan club*

They find paradise in silver-lined parking lot

By CHALLEN STEPHENS  
Times Staff Writer

**S**leek silver cans sandwiched full of retired nomads. Row upon row, packed into Huntsville. Satellite dishes, motor scooters, air conditioners, beauty pageants, gas grills, sewing classes and red and white clothing day.

This is silver city paradise. And best of all: no SOBs around. "Some Other Brand" of motor homes may clutter the nation's roadways and campgrounds, but Huntsville's John Hunt Park is a pristine run of Airstream brand mobile homes and the wandering Airstreamers who inhabit them.

Typical Airstreamers: retired, curious, smiling, very organized, somewhat daring, like to wear shorts, hats, sunglasses and caravan badges. They sometimes bring the grandkids. As retired undertaker and 33-year Airstream veteran Jack Genereaux



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Enjoying a cookout are Jack Genereaux, left, wearing a hat; Paul Hallstedt and Earl Eaton. The group is in Huntsville for the Wally Byam Caravan Club International rally.

says. "If you're not happy here, you're not happy anywhere."

Atypical Airstreamers: complain about rain, miss high water pressure, loathe limited electricity, fear the mud. They don't fit in too well, says Jack, and they don't come back.

**T**he Wally Byam Caravan Club International is a close-knit group held together by a few innate traits, the most noticeable of which is a certain amiable grace — a joyous, curious way of interacting with people.

"The common bond here is that we like people," says Airstreamer Paul Hallstedt as he invites me, a total stranger, to a beer.

They can't imagine other ways of being.

It's the euphoria of the road. The freedom. The sweet joy and easy tolerance of temporary neighbors. There are no ruts, ex-



Bryan Bacon/Huntsville Times

Berniece Hallstedt and her husband, Paul, saved for years to buy an Airstream. The trailers cost tens of thousands of dollars.

*"If you're not happy here, you're not happy anywhere."*

— Jack Genereaux  
33-year Airstream veteran

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# Airstream

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cept for the ones the "mudders" cut in the green fields by persistently driving cars or trucks right up to their trailer doors instead of parking in the lot, says Jack.

He and fellow Tampa Bay Unit member Paul are cooking onions and peppers outside while Paul's wife, Berniece, fixes burger toppings in the Hallstedts' trailer. Paul and Berniece are new Airstreamers, only three in club years, but they're already well into the thick of things.

Tonight's dinner is chairman Paul's thank-you to his committee of special messengers — the volunteer liaisons or "gofors" who run messages between the numerous over-organized committees in the International Caravan. The Caravan's agenda for this year's annual week-long rally reads like course options for a small college. Topics range from navigation, computers and radios to wood carving, microwave cooking and flower arranging.

Tonight, a few days before the busy rally officially begins, they're relaxing, sauteeing, grilling onion burgers. None of the three are bothered by my questions. They see TV news crews, documentary filmmakers, book writers and photographers everywhere they congregate. Cults, especially a free-ranging silver highway gang like this, draw attention. They're used to it.

In fact, they say I should buy an Airstream trailer sometime and join the caravan. "Ever been inside one?" asks Berniece. "Wanna take a look around?"

Love to.

No need to duck, there's plenty of space even for the 6-foot-plus crowd. The living room — pull-out sofa, cell phone, radio, recliner, rocker — is spotless. No shoes on the white living room carpet, but you can wear them in the kitchen. It has hardwood floors that match the dining table.

I should live so good.

The double bed and mounted wall TV set make for a comfortable, if cramped, bedroom. There's a bathroom, a hallway, a shower, a microwave, a refrigerator and more. They've got solar panels for electricity and fantastic fans that shut off in rain.

The Great Outdoors it's not. But they never said that's what they signed on for.

"My husband said I could only have one," says Berniece, "so get it the way you want."

So she got the largest available Airstream. The trailers cost tens of thousands of dollars. The Hallstedts had to save for years. But they knew this was what they wanted.

"With a trailer that size, someone asked 'How many does it sleep?'" says Berniece.

"Two. Only two," she pounds out the answer, holding up two fingers and laughing.

In Huntsville's expansive city of some 1,600 Airstream trailers, the Hallstedts have found an intimacy that is supported, not hindered, by the abundance of nearby friends.

In fact, it's the eve of their 30th wedding anniversary — and they haven't told a soul. Tonight's feast is for friends. Tomorrow is just for them. Out here, they make their own rules.

"This is how we live, like a bunch of gypsies," says Paul matter-of-factly. He wanders over to a shaded cooler to check on the watermelon and beer. The cooler, a 3-foot Keystone brand barrel for tonight's party, was donated by a nearby Chevron station about an hour ago. You learn things — and how to get things — on the road.

"We kind of bum around and see what we can pick up," he says.

That's not to say any of the Airstreamers are bums. They just don't have enough space in their packed-up and hauled-away lives for 3-foot tall coolers. As is, they keep all of Paul's fishing equipment and most other non-essentials in the back of their Dodge Ram. Airstreamers refer to their requisite trucks as "closets."

"It's a good life and it's something to do," pipes up Jack, who picked up his first Airstream in 1964. "If people didn't have their Airstreams, they'd be sitting on their front porches."

Like all long-time members, Jack likes to chat. But there's more than friendly banter to being an Airstreamer. There's also a restless wanderlust.

Paul and Berniece maintain a small house in Holiday, Fla. But, like most Airstreamers, they only occupy it for the winter months.

Last year they put 23,000 miles on the trailer. The year before it was 25,000 miles. They meet lots of great friends like Jack and his wife, Edith. They pursue their hobbies and see the world. They live a lot.

"You see all these people," says Jack. "They can't all be crazy."

"But it helps," admits Paul.

Paul worked as a railway engineer for 30 years. Berniece taught first grade in a Michigan classroom for 31. They, like all Airstreamers, have friends who don't travel, who don't understand.

"They all think we're strange," says Jack, smiling.

"They just sit at home and see what they want to see on TV," says Berniece.

"You know what they say?" asks Paul. "They say, 'Do it. We wish we could.'"

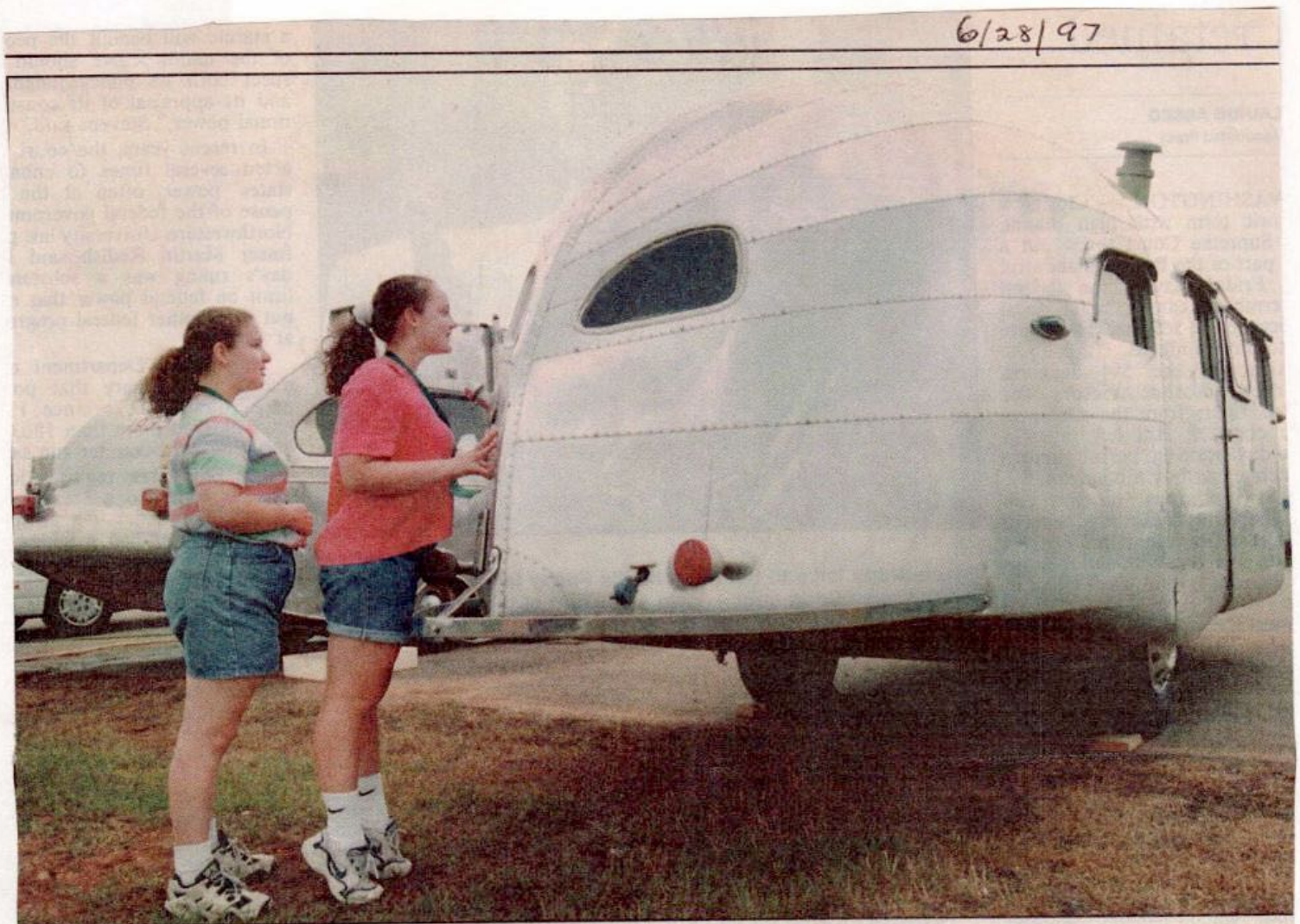
"They say, 'We're going to work one more year,'" says Paul. "Then one more year, then another."

"And some of 'em don't know what to do when they're through working," says Jack. "They're dead."



Anne Werth carrying flag  
@ opening ceremony for the  
International Rally June 28, 1997

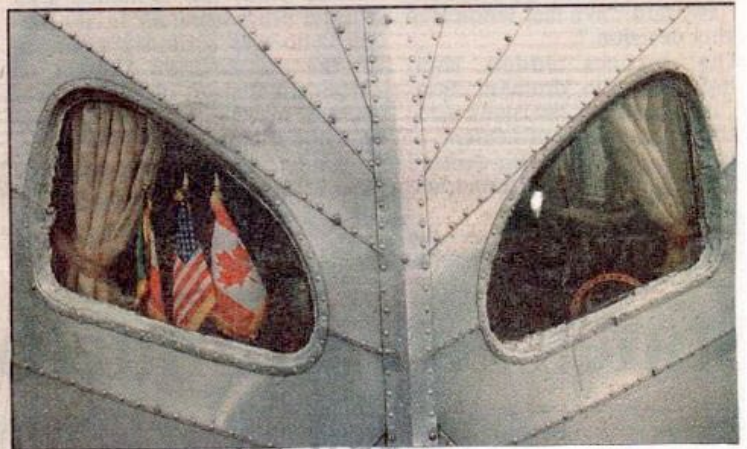




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## Antique Airstream

Michelle Meadows, left, and Christine Lee, both of Texas, look through the window of a vintage 1936 "teardrop" model Airstream trailer at the Wally Byam Caravan Club International Rally, top. At right, the rear of the teardrop Airstream takes on the appearance of a knight's armor. The rally, which has brought some 1,500 Airstream motor homes to Huntsville, begins at 10 this morning with a flag ceremony at the Von Braun Center Arena. Airstream president Larry Huttle will address club members at the VBC Arena at 1 p.m. Later, owners of vintage Airstream trailers will host an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. at the rally grounds at John Hunt Park. The public is invited to the open house.





President Anne Werth, First VP Bob Werth



Pres. Anne Werth Accepting Newsletter award  
for Kathy Barrett



Bulletin Board  
for Charter Oak  
created by  
Anne Werth



Installation of officers  
Huntsville, Alabama



Boise Promotion for 1998 International  
Rally



Regional Officers' Spouces



Future Pres. Charles Duran & Imogene



Joyce Building, Social given by  
New England Unit



1935 Airstream



Teen Queen's attendants



Teen Queen and Past Queen



Floats in parade  
of the 40th  
International  
Rally  
Huntsville, AL.



1936 Airstream







Region 1 Officers  
 L to R  
 Dick Bartram 2nd VP  
 Theda McGrath, Pres.  
 Wayne Ruttty 1st VP



L to R  
 Dick & Eileen Bartram, Susan & Wayne Ruttty



Al & Dolores Hague & Bob & Anne Werth



Bob Werth



Closing ceremony  
 Dick Bartram  
 carrying flag  
 for Canadian Atlantic



Anne Werth  
 carrying flag  
 for Charter Oak  
 CT Unit  
 Closing Ceremony



Good bye!



Worn by Pres. Anne Werth

# CHARTER OAK Chatter

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## Some Dates to Remember

### 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

**Look for  
important  
Region I Rally  
questionnaire  
inside.**

## Here Comes the Prez . . . Notes Werth Mentioning . . .

This is the August newsletter. That means the International is over and the participants are back doing whatever makes their world go around.

This President and Firstmate Bob were proud to represent the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit at the 40th International Rally at Huntsville. There were so many events to report on, but I will report on a most happy event first.

I was proud to accept the award for the First Place trophy for the Open Division of the Newsletters. Yes, our very own editor, Cathy Barrett, was honored with the #1 entry in the newsletter entries for the Open Division. We are pleased as punch for this award. You did us proud, Cathy! Congratulations on this award. There were several folks who wanted copies of our *Chatter*. This probably means that they will be fashioning something from our *Chatter* for their papers . . . a compliment to your style, Cathy!!

One of the reasons that the Presidents and 1st VPs were summoned to Huntsville early was to attend the IBT Seminar and Meeting. Those meetings convened on Thursday, June 19 and Saturday, June 21. The seminar and meeting was an experience for us. It was interesting to see the executive operating body in operation. There is a formality that each Executive Board member must adhere to for dress code. Everyone looked spectacular! There wasn't a great deal of business to be conducted this session, but in any event, the experience was very interesting.

Another enlightening aspect of the WBCCI International Huntsville Rally was to represent our Charter Oak Connecticut Unit at the delegate session. Bob Sandall was the alternate. Again, there wasn't a great deal of business to conduct, but the discussion that ensued regarding admitting non-Airstream recreational vehicles into WBCCI was heated at times. There was a great deal of emotion emitted. One delegate summed it up best, "AKC doesn't let mongrels into their club, we shouldn't!" Since there wasn't a vote per se to be taken on this, it was voted to let the committee, headed by Lawrie Stevens on the aspect of declining membership, continue to research avenues to stem the tide of declining membership. The numbers projected on the declining membership are alarming. One delegate stated, "Wally Byam began in a modest fashion with a small membership, is there anything wrong with that?" The 25,000 membership perhaps is a thing of the past! In any event, the committee will be reporting back to the Unit Presidents in six months on their efforts. One thing for sure, there will be no admittance of "some other brand" of recreational vehicles into WBCCI in the immediate future. Later?, who knows!

Next on the delegate agenda was the voting of the new slate of officers for the 1997-98 international year. All the slate, with the exception of Recording Secretary, was adopted by the delegates. Write-in candidate for Recording Secretary, Jack Glouner, required a delegate by delegate poll. Sixteen out of the 169 units were not represented. The vote call ended up with 9,836 votes, 8,168 for Ruth Stockinger; 1,668 for Jack Glouner. Ruth Stockinger was the Recording Secretary elect. There was no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

The President's Dinner was a pleasant event to participate in. The meal was a delicious roast beef meal. Each Region President was called upon to introduce their unit presidents and spouses. Since Region I is generally the first to begin reporting, they decided

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## Other Huntsville Facts

**Trailers Numbered:** 1,600 +/-

**"Making Sense Out of Cents":** Raised \$2,000. This is a charity that the youth of the rally chose to contribute their pennies (and other \$\$) for the liver transplant needed by a 4-month-old child in Huntsville. The transplant was performed during the rally and the money was donated to the family. Please begin saving your coins. We will have a container at each rally and will take the coins (wrapped) to Boise next year. The youth are continuing this "Making Sense Out of Cents" charity . . . We can help them out!! Good job, young folks!!

**Number of Youth Attending:** 36

**Number of Hats Contributed:** 3,400+ Start knitting/crocheting/buying for next year's drive in Boise.

**Number of Soda Pull Tabs:** ??? bags and bags and bags.....

There were other charities at work at Huntsville — food for the homeless, canned goods as well as Habitat for Humanity . . . WBCCI is a very civic minded organization! What a great job!

## For Sale

1974 Airstream 27 foot International Land Yacht. New tires, carpet, TV antenna booster, Sony AM/FM cassette radio and 1-year-old deep cycle battery. Features include: rear bath, air conditioner, two-way refrigerator, four burner range, catalytic heater, furnace, aluminum wheels, and aluminum propane tanks. Lots of storage space. Excellent condition. Asking \$6,200. Call (860) 627-7527 for more information.

Deadline for the next  
*Chatter* is . . . September 8.

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to try something different and draw from the hat. Region I was still #1, first drawn and so President of Region I, Theda McGrath, introduced Ken McGrath, Wayne & Susan Rutty, Dick and Eileen Bartram and the rest of the unit presidents who were there and their spouses. There were ceramic owl centerpieces for each couple and a larger owl which went by lottery to a lucky attendee at each table. Everyone was dressed in finery, a lovely sight. What a wonderful way to honor the efforts of each Unit President.

The flag presentation ceremony, for those who have seen this, is a sight to be seen. This being only our second International, as President of COCU, participating in this ceremony was a very moving experience. When you hear your name called before such a large gathering, the adrenaline beings to flow! The practice was an experience and we were apprehensive as to how the "real" event would unfold. Not to worry, everything just went off in a beautiful fashion. I never even came close to poking someone out with the pointed tip!

The entertainment was really great. Roy Clark performed as only he could do. What a great "picker" he is! There was also a family from Canada for the Canada Day celebration. Their "stepping" was energetic and their program as well! The Teen Queen Cindy Lucas (Washington State) was crowned. She sang an operatic piece. The "Invitation to Boise" was delightful, made you want to go right out and sign up for the 41st International. What an enthusiastic and energetic group of participants! "Boise Holiday" should be a delight in that beautiful part of our United States. Be thinking sand (tan) and navy colors and be conjuring up new bulletin board ideas! President Duran was installed along with the others on his slate and the even numbered regional level graduates. Congratulations to them and best wishes in 1997-1998!

There was an ice cream social hosted by Charter Oak. Everyone enjoyed the cool treat, which slid down quite easily, during the heat wave in Huntsville. With no freezers available, it was a challenge to keep the ice cream iced. We filled a bin with ice and trudged off to the grocery store . . . where there is a will, there is a way! The other unit presidents (and Regional President) hosted their own socials. Needless to say, this made our calendars very full! It was nice to meet and socialize with our Region I folks throughout the rally. Everyone had some great social events!

There was a short Executive Board Meeting for Region I. One very important item was discussed. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a very important questionnaire regarding the future of Region I Rallies. It is important that you take a few minutes to respond to this matter. I will be giving the membership's desires in a vote that will be taken at Topsfield, Massachusetts Region I Rally during the Labor Day weekend. If you would like to see the chairmanship of the Region I Rally be the Region I officers, (with units responsibilities being assigned), then your response would be yes. If you want it to stay the same as it is now, then your vote will be no. Either clip of the bottom of the questionnaire and mail it to me or you could call me with your response. I will have one vote. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONNAIRE AND ISSUE, PLEASE TAKE TIME TO RESPOND BY AUGUST 23, 1997. THANK YOU.

This brings us to July 4th (Happy Birthday, America!). We weathered the heat to watch our fine folks parade in front of us. There were some costumes that I'm sure generated a great deal of heat! This did not dampen the enthusiasm. So, Happy Birthday, America, WBCCI style!! Wayne and Susan Rutty drove Region I's presidential car with Theda McGrath and Firstmate Ken in the back seat of the white convertible. Dick and Eileen Bartram paraded the Region I flag.

The closing ceremony put to rest the 40th WBCCI Huntsville International. Onward to the 41st Boise International, "Boise Holiday" Rally. It has been my pleasure to represent the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. In addition to our Region level members, the McGraths, Ruttys & Bartrams, the Sandalls, Hollidays, Tuckermans, Jim Hegeman, Goods; affiliate members: Kundrots, D&G Levinson, Wellingtons, Clarks, Silversteins and the Knights, rounded out our attendance roster. We were well represented.

See you down the road in Topsfield at the Region I Rally. Don't forget to register! Happy trails!

*Anne Werth #13703*

## Under The Big Top "The Circus Is Coming"

Great plans are being made for the Region I Rally next year in Durham!! And we want to tell everyone all about it. We need your help to do that.

At the Region I Rally at Topsfield, MA on August 29-September 1, Charter Oak is going to put on a presentation for the 1998 Rally. If you are planning to attend the rally, please bring a circus costume or even parts there of, to help us make it a festive and happy occasion.

Our presentation will consist of a poem read by our Master of Ceremonies, Ron Edmondson, and written by Lois Price. As that is being done, we all will be marching around the hall in our circus garb. Ted Price has built a circus wagon to help add a wonderful touch to the march. If you have anything else to add to the festivities, please bring it along. Registration flyers will be distributed along with some giveaways!! Come and join the fun!! If you have any questions, please call Susan Rutty at (860) 345-4049.



### COCU Rally Schedule for 1998

February 8	COCU North: Brunch Rally at the home of Eileen & Dick Bartram COCU South: Potluck Rally at Travelers Rest, Dade City, Florida, hosted by Bob & Anne Werth
March 8	COCU North: COCU South:
April 5	COCU North: COCU South:
May 8-10	Site TBD, Co-hosts: Anne & Bob Werth (Charter Oak); and Dolores & Donald Perry (Hudson-Mohawk/Charter Oak); Berkshire
June 5-7	Hosts: _____ Co-hosts: _____
June 28-July 4	International Rally, Boise, Idaho
August 7-9	Rally at Durham Fairgrounds Hosts: Wayne & Susan Rutty Co-hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson
September 4-7	Region I Rally "Under the Big Top", Durham, Connecticut Hosts: Charter Oak
October 2-4	Rally Hosts: _____ Co-hosts: _____
October 4-11	Fall Caravan, Herkimer NY KOA/Lake George/Lake Placid, NY Hosts: Anne & Bob Werth Co-hosts: Jessie & Bud Gould
November 8	Installation Dinner, George's Restaurant, Vernon, CT Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall
December 6	Holiday Party Hosts: Jessie & Bud Gould

I'd appreciate your willingness to host (or co-host) a function for the 1998 WBCCI Rally year for the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

If you have any questions, give me a call at (860) 875-4129 or write me at Bob Werth, 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084.

*Bob Werth*

## Region I Nominating Committee

Have you ever wondered how your "club" is run on the international level? Have you wanted to meet new people? Have you wanted to have a voice?

Your chance is now, we are looking for candidates for Region offices. Time is running out — please send your resume to the three members of the committee listed below.

See a different side of "WBCCI." If you would like more information, please call at (860) 429-6645.

We would hope to have candidates available by the Region I Rally at Topsfield, Massachusetts.

Thank you.

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06268

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B3L 4J2, Canada

## Welcome

A big warm welcome to our newest members Dan & Karen Olah of Fairfield and Matthew Simpson of Goshen. We can't wait to get to know you during one of our club functions.



## In What Different Ways Can Your Airstream be Used?

This summer we have put our Airstream to two very different uses!

First, it was used as a bedroom/apartment for my mom, Olive Richardson, at her house while her own bedroom was being completely gutted and remodeled. She loved having her very own "room with a view" while the construction work was being done. Her five-year-old great-grandchild (not one of the Airstreaming ones) was very excited to be asked to sleep over with his "Gi-gi" in her trailer. Maybe we'll have a new member in the Charter Oak Unit in a few years!

Mom's new bedroom looks grand, and there was no interruption in her comfortable lifestyle while the work was going on.

Secondly, Dick and I are using the trailer as our kitchen while the kitchen in our house is being remodeled. Having heard some horror stories from others who have endured weeks and months of kitchen remodeling, we decided to have the work done in the summer so that we could use our Airstream kitchen. (Dick has been overheard to say that Airstream kitchens could be resold and put in new trailers — for they are hardly ever used. NOT true!)

It's working very well — so well, in fact, that recently we had 20 guests for dinner. The Goods (Judy, Paul and Paul Alan) made our house the last stop on their summer travels before heading home to Hawaii. Judy (in her Airstream kitchen) whipped up a delicious chicken curry dish, while I was trusted to cook the rice in my trailer kitchen. Guests brought many delicious condiments and salad, and we all enjoyed a convivial evening.

Dick and I are looking forward to having our house kitchen in working order before the cool weather arrives.

What unusual uses have other Airstreamers put their "silver trailers" to?

*Eileen Bartram*

## Happy Birthday!

Sharon Henschel	09/06
Carolyn Knight	09/11
Betty Tuckerman	09/18
Audrey Peters	09/26
Arlene Setterstrom	09/27

## Happy Anniversary!

Donald & Dolores Perry	09/04
Bob & Helen Sandall	09/06
Wayne & Susan Rutty	09/11
Ron & Elaine Tower	09/13
Paul & Judy Good	09/15
Reg & Jackie Brown	09/18
Chandler & Jacoba Taylor	09/19
J. & Beth Braun	09/22

## Cape Cod Caper — Directions to Peters Pond Park

For those attending the Region I Rally in Topsfield, the following directions apply:

Proceed south on U.S. Rt. 1 to I-95. Continue on I-95 to I-93. Stay on I-93 for about seven (7) miles. This will take you to Mass. Rte. three (3). Stay on Mass. three right to the Sagamore Bridge. At that point follow the map showing Peters Pond Park. The total distance from Topsfield to the campground is about 100 miles.

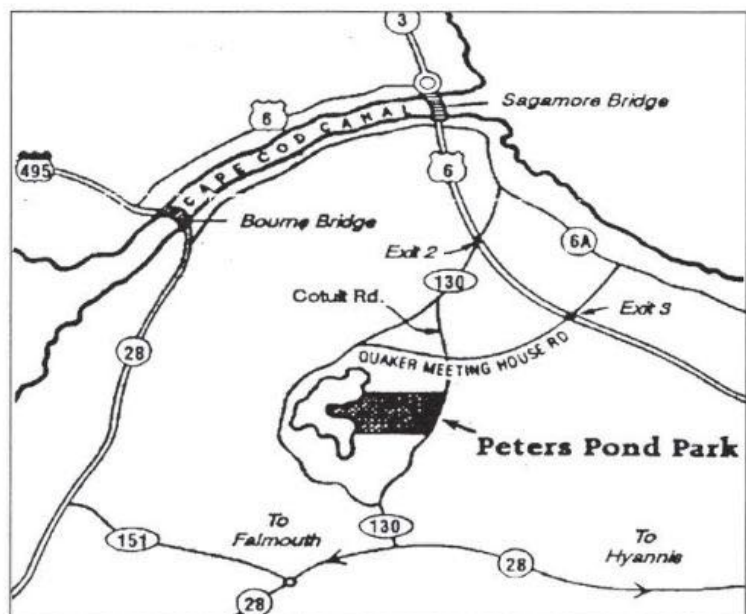
For any who may not be going to the Region I Rally, follow the map for Peters Pond Park.

Since this will be Labor Day, be very careful as the highways will probably be heavily traveled.

We have been asked not to arrive at the campground before 4 p.m. on Labor Day, so make your plans accordingly. Upon arriving at the campground, identify yourself as being with the Airstream group.

At this time we plan to have a very short meeting sometime during our stay in Topsfield.

Travel Directions: From Sagamore Bridge follow Rt. 6 to Exit 2, Rt. 130. Turn right, go about 3 miles. Turn left at first set of lights at Quaker Meeting House Road. Turn right at next set of lights at Cotuit Road. Travel 1/2 mile to Peters Pond Park on the right.



### Thank You!



*(Photo courtesy of Sandy Sasuta)*

Recently, Dick and I had the pleasure of having four generations of our family attend a recent Charter Oak Rally. My mother, Olive Richardson, traveled with us, and Sue and Fred Newman attended with Mike, James, Ethan, Abigail, and Samuel came in their own Airstream. This was 6-month old Samuel's first rally. Our daughter, Nancy Hoyt, came down for the day.

What a joy it was to see Mom chatting with so many members of our unit. She felt completely at home and made many new friends during the weekend.

She expresses her thanks to all the Charter Oak CT members in the following excerpt from her thank-you note to me:

"I can't think how to thank you both for the marvelous and relaxing weekend that you gave me. Everyone was so friendly and took me right into their group. Thank you all very much."

Mom ended by saying that she had had such a good time that she would love to attend another weekend rally!

*Eileen Bartram*

### Ragin' Cajun Rally Odetah Campground August 1-3, 1997

A taste of Ragin' Cajun gave us a good sample of chicken and rice gumbo and a jambalaya dinner. Master chefs Jim Hegeman, Bob and Anne Werth, and Helen and Bob Sandall, a.k.a. the "Slicers and Dicers" prepared the food. Enhancements included a gallon jug of red hot sauce and a variety of Cajun seasonings. The staff of "several" proved that too many cooks do NOT spoil the broth (or Gumbo or Jambalaya). Meals were preceded by the usual attitude adjustment (I didn't see a mint julep in the lot.)

Thirteen trailers enjoyed this weather-perfect rally and we welcomed several guests. The Rosenbecks' granddaughter, Monica, became 13 on Sunday and was toasted with coffee, orange juice, and donuts, gifted by the Wilsons and Pestrettos. It was Sebby & Juanita Pestretto's 1st "trailer" rally, and Charlie and Jeanne Wilson's "1st" rally. Hope they were properly impressed.

The new tent was christened and it sure looked pretty with its blue and white stripes.

Wally films were shown. The Executive Board met and a general meeting held.

Odetah Campground offered a variety of facilities. It's a good place for families. Our COCU family needed

only each other to make a successful weekend. Thanks to Jim and his crew of fine southern belles and gentlemen. It was nice to just "set and visit a spell." Greetings from the plantation in "Luz-e-anna!"

*Lois Price*



*(Photo courtesy of Jim Hegeman.)*

## Ragin' Recipes . . .

**BREAD PUDDING**

1 (1 pound) loaf French bread  
 2 cups half-and-half  
 2 cups milk  
 3 eggs, lightly beaten  
 2 cups sugar  
 1/2 cup chopped pecans (optional)  
 1/2 cup raisins  
 1/4 cup shredded coconut (optional)  
 1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. vanilla extract  
 1/2 tsp. orange extract  
 1-1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon  
 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted  
 1/2 cup shredded coconut (optional)  
 1/2 cup chopped pecans (optional)  
 Whiskey Sauce - see separate recipe

Break bread into small pieces and place in a shallow bowl. Add half-and-half and milk; let stand 10 minutes. Crush mixture with hands until blended. Add eggs and next 7 ingredients, stirring well.

Pour melted butter into a 13x9x2 inch baking dish; tilt dish to coat evenly. Spoon pudding mixture into dish. Bake at 325° for 40 to 45 minutes or until pudding is very firm. Remove from oven. Let cool. Optional - combine 1/2 cup shredded coconut and 1/2 cup chopped pecans; stir well.

To serve, cut pudding into squares. Place each square into an oven proof dish. Place dishes on baking sheet. Pour Whiskey Sauce evenly over squares and sprinkle evenly with coconut mixture. Broil 6 inches from heat until sauce is bubbly and coconut is lightly browned. Serves 15

**BREAD PUDDING WHISKEY SAUCE**

1 cup butter  
 2 cups sifted powdered sugar  
 3 Tblsp. bourbon  
 2 eggs, beaten

Place butter in top of double boiler; bring water to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook until butter melts. Add sugar and bourbon, stirring until sugar dissolves.

Gradually stir about 1/4 of hot mixture into beaten eggs; add to remaining hot mixture in pan, stirring constantly, 5 minutes or until mixture thickens. Makes 2 cups

**SAUSAGE & CHICKEN JAMBALAYA**

3 tbsp. vegetable oil  
 4 chicken breast halves  
 1 lb. Andouille or smoked sausage, thinly sliced & quartered  
 1 cup diced onion  
 1 cup diced green pepper  
 1 cup diced sweet red pepper  
 1 cup sliced green onions or scallions  
 3/4 cup diced celery  
 4 large cloves garlic, crushed  
 2 10-1/2 oz. cans chicken broth  
 1 28 oz. can crushed tomatoes  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 1/2 tsp. ground red pepper  
 1-3/4 cups long-grain rice, uncooked

Heat oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken, meat side down; cover and cook 15 minutes. Turn chicken, add smoked sausage; cover and cook 15 minutes. Remove chicken and sausage and discard the drippings. Cut chicken into small pieces. Add onion, green and sweet red pepper, green onions or scallions, celery, and garlic to Dutch oven; sauté until crisp-tender. Stir in chicken broth, crushed tomatoes, salt, ground red pepper, and rice. Bring to a boil. Add chicken and sausage. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes. Stir before serving. Serves 8 (easily)

**JIM'S FAMOUS CHICKEN GUMBO**

1/2 cup vegetable oil  
 1 4 to 4-1/2 pound chicken, cup up  
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
 3/4 pound cherize (smoked sausage), cut into 1/2" slices  
 1/4 pound boiled ham, diced  
 1 large onion, chopped  
 1 green bell pepper, chopped  
 3 ribs celery, chopped  
 6 or 7 scallions, sliced  
 3 cloves garlic, minced  
 2/3 cup chopped fresh parsley  
 2 tsp. dried thyme  
 2 bay leaves  
 1-1/2 to 2 quarts water  
 Salt & black pepper, to taste  
 1-1/2 tsp. hot sauce  
 2 to 2-1/2 Tblsp. gumbo filé powder or  
 10 oz. package frozen okra pieces  
 Rice, cooked

Heat oil in a heavy 5 quart pot or Dutch oven and brown chicken on all sides over medium heat. Remove chicken and set aside. Blend flour into remaining oil and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until roux is chocolate colored (about 20 minutes), adding more oil if mixture is dry. Stir in sausage slices, diced ham, onion, green pepper, and celery. Sauté, 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add browned chicken, scallions, garlic, parsley, thyme, bay leaves and water, stirring to mix with roux. Add salt and black pepper and simmer, partly covered, 1 hour, or until chicken is tender. Remove chicken, trim off skin and bones, and return chicken in large pieces to the soup. If using okra, stir in. Bring soup to a simmer. If using gumbo filé powder, stir in five minutes before serving. Remove and discard bay leaves. Serve gumbo over rice. Serves 4-5 (easily)



**REGION 1  
RALLY RUN BY REGION OFFICERS  
PROPOSAL**

1. Site Selection: By Region President with recommendations solicited from units.
2. Committee Responsibilities: Area of responsibility assigned by region president.

Example:      President                      Entertainment and Food  
                   1st Vice President              Inside Activities and Committees  
                   2nd Vice President              Parking and Outside Committees

3. Region officers will assign unit responsibilities based upon location and strength of unit to complete the job function.
4. Proceeds: Each year the rally profits will be used to bring the region treasury to \$2,500. Excess rally profits would be divided between units based upon completion of assigned task and the number of members attending the rally.

Example:      100 trailers/motorhomes at rally

#1 Club	30 units	30%
#2 Club	25 units	25%
#3 Club	20 units	20%
#4 Club	15 units	15%
#5 Club	10 units	10%
#6 Club	0 units	0%

Only Region 1 members count.

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 QUESTIONNAIRE

This proposal will be voted on at the Region 1 Rally in Topsfield, MA on August 29 - September 1, 1997.

Your input on this issue is very important. Please respond to your unit president prior to the Region Rally.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I support the Proposal to have the Region 1 Officers run the Region Rally.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not support the Proposal to have the Region 1 officers run the Region Rally.

# KEEP COOL DURING THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER ■ ■ ■



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Cajun Rally  
Odetah  
Aug. 1997

New Tent  
Being put  
Up





# Cajun Rally



Jordan Crockett checking  
Jim Hegeman's Puppies



Those attending the rally



CHARTER OAK UNIT  
General Meeting  
August 2, 1997

Meeting was called to order by president Anne Werth at 8:00 PM at the rally site in Bosrah, CT.

Pledge to the flag. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes of the June meeting as posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Sasuta reported a total of \$2,661.82 as of 6/31/97. Report to be filed for audit.

Letter from Dave Walker approving Constitution/By Laws .

New tent has been received and is being used for the first time at this rally. All seemed pleased with the tent selection and duly impressed that it carries out our color scheme! Old tent was sold to the highest bidder - Wayne Ruddy. Our new tent is not available for "loan" to club members for non-club functions. Purchase price for the old tent was \$250.

Under the Big Top: Susan Ruddy discussed presentation to be made at this year's Region I Rally in Topsfield, MA. We need people to come in costume ("Circus style", pass out balloons to the kids as well as flyers to attendees, etc. Rehearsal for the presentation will be at Region I. She is looking for large stuffed animals. Ted Price making a pseudo circus wagon for presentation. All are encouraged to participate in the "off-Broadway" production. Committee need help so request for sign-up.

New Business: Chan Taylor show<sup>ed</sup> us a a gas leak det<sup>e</sup>ctor which was used at the Safety Rally. This instrument will be purchased by the club at a cost of \$100 and will be available, upon request, to club members at rallies. The ~~det~~<sup>ASETOR</sup> will be kept by the club president and brought to rallies. It is noted that club will not be liable or responsible for any repairs should a leak be discovered nor for results of the testing.

Sebby and Juanita Pestretto, new members, were introduced; this was their first trailer rally. Charlie and Jeanne Wilson, also new members were attending their first rally. We welcome these new additions to the Charter Oak family.

Resumes of candidates for International 3rd, V.P. are posted on the bulletin board. A personal note of support for candidate of your choice is always appropriate.

All were urged to get reservations in for Region I in Topsfield.

A proposal from the White Mountain unit has been made to have Region I officers be responsible for Region I rallies. Some clubs, such as theirs, are very small and have difficulty taking the responsibility of a Region I rally. A committee was formed to address this matter and a proposal has been made. Highlights of this proposal were presented and discussed. Region I officers to be responsible for choosing the rally site, assigning committee **responsibilities**, overseeing activities. Formula for distribution

Charter Oak Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting  
Odetah Campground, Bosrah, CT  
August 1, 1997

Attendance: A. Werth, B. Werth, S. Sasuta, C. Taylor, J. Taylor  
W. Ruddy, L. Price  
13 Trailors - 25 people, 4 dogs

The meeting was called to order by president Anne Werth at 8:00 PM.

Minutes of the June General Meeting were read and accepted as written.

Tent: The new tent has been received and is being used for the first time at this rally. Old tent was placed on the auction block and was sold to Wayne Ruddy for \$250. One other bid was received but bid was withdrawn after higher counter bid.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Sasuta reported a balace of \$2,661.82 as of 6/30/97.

A letter has been received from International approving Constitutional By-Laws.

Gas Meter Probe: Chan Taylor showed us a battery operated unit that could be purchased for \$100. This very sensitive instrument is used to detect gas leaks. Members could request use of this detector at rallys if they wanted their units checked. Discussion ensued re: liability factor, etc. It was made quite clear that no repairs would be attempted should any leaks be found and the use of the instrument would be with the understanding that the club could not be held for its use or results of said testing.

Motion made and seconded to purchase the Gas Leak Probe for \$100. and would be available to any members. It would be in the care of unit president who would bring it to rallys. Motion carried.

A proposal is being made to place the responsibility of Region I Rally in the hands of the Region I officers. They would be responsible for all phases of the rally, including selection of site, budget, enlisting chapters to handle various aspects. Profits made from Region I Rally to be disbursed to each chapter who participated and completed their assgned tasks. Payment to chapters would be based on % of attendees from each unit and only after Region I treasury reached \$2,500.

Proposal will appear in the "Chatter" together with a ballot for voting. Disucssion followed; it was generally felt that the proposal was a good one and similar to what other regions are presently doing. This matter will be brought up at the general meeting.

Youth: At the International Rally, Huntsville, Alabama, a youth program entitled, "Making Sense out of Cents" was implemented. \$2,000 was collected, a recipient chosen. This successful project is to be continued. Anne Werth will have a collection jar available.

Membership: Sandy Sasuta reported 4 new members. Jim Edmondson is in hot pursuit of several other prospects.

# CHARTER OAK Chatter

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September 1997

## Some Dates to Remember

### 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  
Hosts: Roger & Ruth Crockett

## Here Comes the Prez . . . Notes Werth Mentioning . . .

Where has the summer gone? We have had the 3 H's . . . hazy, hot and humid! Those are not my favorite summer words, but having survived those 3 H's in Huntsville, I think that I prefer the Northeast version of those words.

I have a new summer word . . . RETIREMENT! Yes, as of June 1, 1997, I have added a new word to my vocabulary. Everyone asks me if it has set in yet, I guess the fact that as soon as I retired, we packed up and shuffled off south for the International Rally, leaves me to still feel that I am still on vacation. It is nice to be able to taste the real reason that we purchased our Airstream, the old "#13703"! . . . TRAVEL. We have some travel plans that are being formulated for next year, Firstmate Bob looks forward to us spending the winter months in Florida (he got a taste for that three years ago and is raring to go again), then there is a "go west young man" trip planned to Boise, other interesting rallies (Sugarcreek, Kentucky Derby, Indy 500), etc., etc., etc. . . . So consider this:

R = relax  
E = enjoyable  
T = travel  
I = impromptu  
R = rainbows  
E = enjoyable  
M = memorable  
E = enjoyable  
N = nana (as in grandmother to be)  
T = travel

Most people don't have any idea what they will do during retirement, with "time" being unlimited, we can now pick up and do something impromptu, travel, relax, enjoy the rainbows, become a grandmother of twin granddaughters soon, enjoy and make everything memorable. Someone from my old office said that I looked so relaxed and this is true. Many of our members are already retired so they can smile and say, "yes, I know what retirement spells"! It can be anything you want, this is what we hope to make ours. There is one letter that it not in RETIREMENT . . . the letter "S." S = smile, take time to smile, life is so precious, we now have the time to smile and "smell the roses"!

Happy trails, honk when you see the #13703 rolling by, that's us! See you down the road.

*Ann Werth (#13703)*

*Inside . . .  
Highlights from  
Region 1 Rally  
and  
Cape Cod Caper*



## Thanks

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to those who participated in the Cape Cod Caper. Your presence was greatly appreciated and made our job more enjoyable.

The gift of the throw depicting the lighthouses of Cape Cod will be a constant reminder of the wonderful time we had together. We thank you very very much for your thoughtfulness.

*Bob, Helen, Laura & Jim*

## Looking Ahead

Although it is a year away, the 1998 Region 1 Rally hosted by Charter Oak will be here before we know it.

It has been customary in the past to have door prizes and often one or more raffle items. We are going to solicit donations from some corporate sponsors, but we would like to have donations from the members of Charter Oak as well. Two prizes have already been given by COCU members with the promise of a third.

We want to do our best to keep up this fun tradition and with your help we can do so.

*Bob and Helen Sandall*



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

## COCU Rally Schedule for 1998

February 8	COCU North: Brunch Rally at the home of Eileen & Dick Bartram COCU South: Potluck Rally at Travelers Rest, Dade City, Florida, hosted by Bob & Anne Werth
March 8	COCU North: COCU South:
April 5	COCU North: COCU South:
May 8-10	Site TBD, Co-hosts: Anne & Bob Werth (Charter Oak); and Dolores & Donald Perry (Hudson-Mohawk/Charter Oak); Berkshire
June 5-7	Hosts: _____ Co-hosts: _____
June 28-July 4	International Rally, Boise, Idaho
August 7-9	Rally at Durham Fairgrounds Hosts: Wayne & Susan Ruddy Co-hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson
September 4-7	Region 1 Rally "Under the Big Top", Durham, Connecticut Hosts: Charter Oak
October 2-4	Rally Hosts: _____ Co-hosts: _____
October 4-11	Fall Caravan, Herkimer NY KOA/Lake George/Lake Placid, NY Hosts: Anne & Bob Werth Co-hosts: Jessie & Bud Gould
November 8	Installation Dinner, George's Restaurant, Vernon, CT Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall
December 6	Holiday Party Hosts: Jessie & Bud Gould

I'd appreciate your willingness to host (or co-host) a function for the 1998 WBCCI Rally year for the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

If you have any questions, give me a call at (860) 875-4129 or write me at Bob Werth, 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084.

*Bob Werth*

## Do You Have a Gas Leak

Do you have a gas smell around your trailer? Can't find where it's coming from? Don't use soap bubbles! Your COCU has just the thing for you. The President of the Unit has in her care an Electronic Gas Leak Detector, or "beeper," that is really easy to operate. It may be borrowed by any of our members to use and return.

It is battery powered and to operate you first remove the plastic cap from the tip of the probe. To turn on the "beeper," pull the large knob up, turn the sensitivity control (the small white knob), fully clockwise, and allow one to two minutes for the beep repetition to slow down to an even beat of one or two per second. Then slowly turn the sensitivity up (turn the small white knob counterclockwise) until the beat of the beep picks up slightly.

Now you are ready. Using the probe search near the area of a suspected leak. Gas at the tip of the probe causes an increase in the beep rate. The faster the beeping, the closer the probe tip is to the leak. You will find this instrument very sensitive, keep the probe tip clean and dry and do not damage the wire mesh at the tip. Good luck! If you find you need help, ask the Prez.

*Chan Taylor*

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye Colonial Days

*Region 1 Rally, Topsfield, MA  
August 29-September 1, 1997*

From the first beckoning of the town crier to the final sounding of the gavel, 106 trailers/motor homes (32 of them from Charter Oak) enjoyed an outstanding rally.

To make this an event to remember:

- Facilities - first class
- Decorations - delightful
- Entertainment - enthralling
- Food - fabulous
- Music - memorable
- Friendship - far reaching

Minute men and minute ladies greeted, registered and parked us. Hospitality abound.

Three international officers and their first ladies participated and pre-registered at least 13 vehicles for Boise, 1998.

There were breakfasts, a catered dinner including ice cream (of course), the always popular social hours, and even a wine and snack buffet for everyone.

Ken Wadness, The Peace Walker, delighted his audience with slides and a talk on "From Sea to Shining Sea" — his bicycle journey from the northwestern tip of the U.S. in Washington to the northeast tip of Lebec, Maine (and we thought the trek from trailer to activity hall was a rugged exercise program).

Marty (USRV) did a fine musical program (with Sinatra, Willie Nelson and a host of others in the wings).

Of course, top entertainment was provided by the renowned COCU Players — with a cast of thousands. This well-trained group, led by Susan Rutty, made a colorful, if not fully coordinated presentation to spark interest and to invite all to "Under the Big Top" — Region 1 Rally 1998 in Durham, CT.

Ted's rendition of a circus wagon might not have made it across the Oregon Trail, but it held together for 15 minutes. With balloons flying, clowns clowning, bags of peanuts for all, animal crackers for the kids, even a gorilla doing whatever a gorilla does, helped to spread the word. Martha Stewart was there to see that everything was socially correct . . .

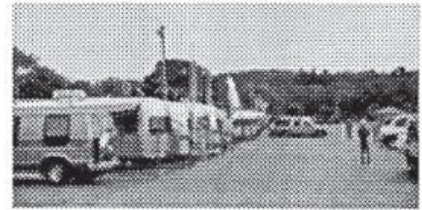
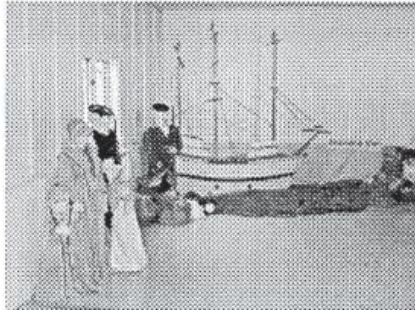
Jim Edmondson led us in prayer — all mourned the tragic death of Princess Di.

This rally was an example of what Airstreaming is all about, the willingness of so many people to come together bringing their talents and hard work for the enjoyment of all.

Roy Lemaire did a great job as M.C. — we can only assume that someone wanted to get even with him and provided him with jokes. Pat & Larry Lamontagne deserve our sincere thanks. How did you ever do it?

As Ted and I danced into the sunset to the strains of the visiting big band, we know that we speak for everyone, when we say — a job well done — thank you Cape Cod and all who made this an Airstream moment.

*Ted & Lois Price*



## Cape Cod Caper

*September 1-7, 1997  
Topsfield, MA to Sandwich, MA*

Dottie Tillinghast (Nevada) was our journalist and her writings are available upon request. A condensation follows:

The trip from Topsfield was uneventful, all arrived safely and were parked together on sites with full hook-ups. Our hosts the Edmondsons and the Sandalls treated us to a clam chowder supper, dessert and a travel-slide guessing game. A three-hour cruise on Cape Cod Canal was our Tuesday adventure, well narrated by our Captain who pointed out many points of interest along the way.

Our evening's entertainment consisted of three videos of Airstream activities. Wednesday was spent in Sandwich, the oldest town on the Cape. Of interest to all was Heritage Plantation and their vintage automobile collection. The Sandwich Glass Museum was enjoyed with its collection of 5,000 pieces of glass, cup plates are a specialty item. Another day was spent traveling the Cape highways, visiting the seashore's museums and Provincetown. A highlight of the week was our Island Queen trip to Martha's Vineyard and a bus ride around the island, well narrated by our driver, "Rosemary." A drive along 6A, "Old Kings Highway, the original main road gave us a taste of the Cape in earlier days. Many places built by sea captains, now shops, galleries and quaint restaurants. Some of our group took the time for a visit to Nantucket, another unique island off Cape Cod.

Sing-a-long with Mitch gave us all a chance to go down memory lane with the oldies but goodies. Ruth Crockett delighted us all with her Nantucket Basket hobby, a craft new to many. We had a wonderful week together enjoying good food, good fellowship, and good fun in a delightful vacation spot of New England.

All appreciated the efforts of their leaders Jim & Laura Edmondson and Bob & Helen Sandall.

*Dottie Tillinghast*

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### Happy Birthday!

Syble Griffin	10/02
Fran Ingallinera	10/05
Bill Herpich	10/07
Elsie Nelson	10/12
Neils Rosenbeck	10/12
Dick Bartram	10/12
Brian Brosnahan	10/17
Susan Ruttly	10/21
Lill Herpich	10/27
Bob Landry	10/27

### Happy Anniversary!

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

## Fall Rally — October 3-5, 1997

Partridge Hollow Campground  
 Monson, MA (413) 267-5122

- CO-HOSTS** Michael & Sandy Sasuta and Bud & Jessie Gould
- PARKING FEE** Pay at campground upon arrival. Check in and check out time 3:00 p.m. Extra fee for early check in and late check out.
- RALLY FEE** \$6.00 per person; Children 6-12, \$3.00 each
- DIRECTIONS** *From CT* — Take Rt. 84 to Rt. 32 (Exit 70). Follow Rt. 32 North through Stafford Springs into Monson, MA. Take right onto Wales Road. (Watch for Camp sign.) 3/4 miles take left onto Munn Road. Follow sign into campground.
- From MA Pike I-90* — Eastbound (exit 8 - Palmer). Go 3/4 miles south on Rt. 32. At first set of lights take left onto Rt. 20 East. Follow for 5-4/10 miles and take a left onto Dean Pond Road. (Watch for State Park sign.). Follow for 2-1/2 miles — campground is on right.

### ACTIVITIES

- Friday: Dinner - Ziti & Meatballs
- Saturday: Breakfast - French Toast and Sausage, Juice and Coffee  
 Free time to enjoy the area attractions  
 Happy Hour!  
 Dinner - Potluck with Turkey Breast provided  
 Membership Meeting to Follow
- Sunday: Breakfast - Fruit and Pastries

Please send reservations so they will arrive by 9/27/97 or call (203) 878-8070. Make check payable to Sandra Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460.

Hope to see you for the last rally of the year!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$6.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children @ \$3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Hope you  
all enjoy  
autumn in  
New England!**

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Region 1 Rally Topstield, MA. 1997



Ann Werthe, Pres. ↓



Ann & Bob Werthe ↓



Ann & Bob Werthe  
Bob Sandall





Parking @  
Topsfield, MA



Decoration  
@ Region 1  
Rally





Officers of Region 1

Pres. Theda & 1st mate Ken McGrath



First Vice Pres. Wayne & mate Susan Rutty



Second Vice Pres. Dick & mate Eileen Bartram



Pres. Anne & Vice  
Pres. Bob Werth



Serving Breakfast  
@ Topstfield



Dining Room  
@ Topstfield



Charter Oak CT Unit's presentation @ Region 1 Rally for next year's rally, "Under the Big Top."

Anne Werth



Jean Landry & Sandy Sasota



Eileen Bartram



Mike Sasola



Bob & Anne  
Werth



Laura Edmondson  
Shirley & Ron  
Edmondson



Graham Clark &  
Rip Nelson  
(Martha Stewart)  
Lois Price



Dick Bastram





Ringmaster  
Ron Edmondson





# CHARTER OAK Chatter

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## Some Dates to Remember

### November 2

Installation Dinner  
Hosts: Dave & Betty Tuckerman

### December 7

Christmas Dinner Rally  
Co-hosts: Roger & Ruth Crockett and Neils &  
Lydia Rosenbeck



## Here Comes the Prez . . . Notes Werth Mentioning . . .

Where has this year gone? It doesn't seem possible that this year's presidency is over and I will soon be turning over the reins to the next President, Bob Werth, when there will be "More Notes Werth Mentioning" coming forth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those folks on the Executive Board for their attentiveness toward this President. They have made this term of office a much easier task to tackle and a positive learning process for me. I am happy for Bob, he will be having an Executive Board that will guide and direct his term of office as they did for mine because the Board will consist of many of those very helpful folks. The Region officers have been an invaluable resource for me this past year. Thanks to all these folks.

The rallies that were held this past year were well attended. Thank you to all those who made the rally year a huge success. Our rallies were successful endeavors. To those who volunteered to host/co-host rallies, good jobs well done. Where would we have been without you? This is what makes for a successful rally year, everyone pitching in to lend their expertise . . . plus the love and friendship that has taken place in our club in all the activities that took place. There were also multi-unit events. We had some really good working relationships through these events. These rallies helped add some variety to the rally schedule. Thanks to everyone for these successful ventures. It was good to have inter-unit cooperation that gave us an opportunity to meet our fellow members at rallies beside the Region event that takes place once a year.

As mentioned in the August *Chatter*, it was a pleasure to represent our unit at the International Rally in Huntsville. Bob will be carrying the flag for Boise and I will get a different flavor for the whole scene from the audience. I will also be Bob's corresponding secretary next year so I will continue to have a hand on the pulse of the club. There are some interesting events that will take place next year . . . stay tuned! His calendar is printed in this newsletter, step up to help fill the empty spots. New members Charlie and Jean Wilson have been bitten by the WBCCI bug and have volunteered to host a rally. Two of our seasoned, veteran couples have agreed to co-host with them. This is super! Thanks folks!

The Region 1 2nd Vice President vacancy will occur next July, and I have submitted my resume. Since Bob and I have been members, we have jumped in with all four feet and are advocates for the WBCCI way of life. We both care what happens with all aspects of WBCCI. I am stepping forward to the next level of leadership for our region! I will do my utmost to complete the tasks that

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**In Memorium**

The members of the Charter Oak CT Unit wish to express their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Rud Bloomer who passed away recently. Rud was a long-time member of our club and he will be greatly missed.

**1974 Trailer for Sale**

1974 Airstream 27 foot International Land Yacht. New tires, carpet, TV antenna booster, Sony AM/FM cassette radio and 1-year-old deep cycle battery. Features include: rear bath, air conditioner, two-way refrigerator, four burner range, catalytic heater, furnace, aluminum wheels, and aluminum propane tanks. Lots of storage space. Excellent condition. Asking \$6,200. Call (860) 627-7527 for more information.

**1992 Trailer for Sale**

1992 25-foot Excella travel trailer with twin beds and stone guards. Sacrifice for \$19,000. Call Darlene Beausoleil (860) 482-7126.



Deadline for the next Chatter is . . . November 8.

*(Notes Werth Mentioning continued from pg. 1)*

will be before me and have had words of encouragement from many. The voting will take place at our November 2, 1997, Installation Dinner.

In this issue of the Chatter is the notice of the Installation Dinner Rally to be hosted by Dave & Betty Tuckerman at their home. We look forward to seeing many of you as our outdoor rally events come to a close until spring.

I again thank everyone who had a hand in making this a successful rally year. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Happy trails and see you down the road!

*Anne Werth #13703*

P.S.: Our Grandbabies (Morgan & Madison) daughters of our son, Doug, and wife, Heidi, made their debut on September 10, 1997. We are pleased they are here, all are doing well!

**COCU Rally Schedule for 1998**

- February 8 COCU North: Brunch Rally at the home of Eileen & Dick Bartram  
COCU South: Potluck Rally at Travelers Rest, Dade City, Florida, hosted by Bob & Anne Werth
- March 8 COCU North: Hosts Kathy & Bard Fuller of Southington  
COCU South: Hosts Dorothy & Paul Freed
- April 5 COCU North: Hosts Ted & Lois Price of Wethersfield  
COCU South:
- May 8-10 Site TBD, Co-hosts: Anne & Bob Werth (Charter Oak); and Dolores & Donald Perry (Hudson-Mohawk/Charter Oak); Berkshire
- June 5-7 Hosts: Co-hosts:
- June 28-July 4 International Rally, Boise, Idaho
- August 7-9 Rally at Durham Fairgrounds  
Hosts: Wayne & Susan Ruttly Co-hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson
- September 4-7 Region I Rally "Under the Big Top", Durham, Connecticut  
Hosts: Charter Oak
- October 2-4 Rally at Otis Campground, Otis, MA  
Hosts: Charlie & Jeanne Wilson Co-hosts: Mike & Sandy Sasuta and Dick & Eileen Bartram
- October 4-11 Fall Caravan, Warrensburg (Lake George) Massena, NY/  
Colchester, VT Hosts: Bob & Anne Werth Co-hosts: Bud & Jessie Gould
- November 8 Installation Dinner, George's Restaurant, Vernon, CT  
Hosts: Bob & Helen Sandall
- December 6 Holiday Party  
Hosts: Jessie & Bud Gould

I'd appreciate your willingness to host (or co-host) a function for the 1998 WBCCI Rally year for the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

If you have any questions, give me a call at (860) 875-4129 or write me at Bob Werth, 428 South River Road, Tolland, CT 06084.

*Bob Werth*

## Fall Rally Revisited

Partridge Hollow campground in Monson was the site of the last rally for the outdoor season 1997. Thirteen trailers assembled in the safari field on a rather rainy afternoon. Our new tent was ready to keep us all dry. Friday evening's fare, prepared by hosts Sandy and Mike Sasuta and Jessie & Bud Gould, was a ziti and meatball dinner, with the rest of the fixin's, down to delicious desserts. The Rutty's (Susan & Wayne) joined us for dinner. Delightful! It was a mite cold but the fire was crackling, perhaps partly from the wet wood, but it did get to blazing and felt wonderful. I do think the furnaces, heaters, etc., all had a workout for that night.

Saturday morning breakfast was heralded in by the sun! Both were beautiful. The sun was bright and the breakfast was juice, French toast, sausage and hot beverages. Everyone left with a content and full feeling. Having broken the fast, everyone was free to sample the area's wares and departed to surrounding sights.

Two new members of COCU joined us during the day. The Getkers, John and Susan, from Fairfield, joined us for lunch. They have just purchased a vintage 1969 27 foot. They came for a day visit. The Burnhams, Jim and Corinne, from East Windsor, joined us at the potluck. They have a 1975 35 foot. They are both busy preparing their trailers for the road. We look forward to seeing them at future functions. Welcome aboard! Charlie & Jeanne Wilson also joined us for the evening meal having just moved their son to nearby Vernon, CT.

Everyone reassembled for happy hour to gear us up for the delightful sampling of everyone's talents at our potluck dinner. Our hosts prepared turkey, the conventional oven roaster and a smoked version done over an interesting smoker, which Dave Levinson brought with him for our dinner.

To say that we were treated royally by our cooks is an understatement. There were no stops spared. I won't say we had everything from soup to nuts but there sure was a lot to offer and choose from in between.

Once again the evening fire was an attraction. Dave Levinson entertained us with his guitar under the stars. Early the next morning there was different entertainment — nature's rendition of fireworks. We listened to the fireworks for some time. Bud Gould stood by off and on during the rainstorm to be sure that the tent stayed secure which it did.

Breakfast fare was juice, fresh fruit cup, muffin, danish and hot beverages. It was still a bit rainy and chilly but that did not dampen our spirits.

Sadly everyone began packing up to depart. This has been a fast year on the road with some interesting events to sample. We will return home to begin our winter nesting rituals. Some will begin thinking of warmer climates and others will begin to winterize their trailers. In any case, our next event will be the Installation Pot Luck Dinner at the Tuckerman home in Killingworth on November 2. Hope to see you there!

We were appreciative of the efforts of Mike & Sandy Sasuta and Bud & Jessie Gould. Each rally is presented with such special touches by the individuals who are the hosts. We are thankful for those touches. Great job folks! Thank you. A special thank you to Graham Clark and Jim Edmondson who dried and packed up our wet tent for the winter months. Thanks folks!

*Anne Werth #13703*

## Questionnaire Outcome

After a thorough discussion regarding the proposal of changing the structure of directing the Region 1 Rally at the Executive Board Meeting at Topsfield, a vote was taken. The vote was 3 for, 5 against changing the structure, with the Region Vice Presidents participating in the vote. The proposal was defeated. Thank you to the eleven (11) members who completed the questionnaire.

*Anne Werth*

## COCU Howdy

We welcome our newest members Robert Cope & Sharon Crocker of Putnam; Jim & Corinne Burnham of East Windsor; and John & Susan Getker of Fairfield. We hope to get to meet you during one of our next club functions.

## Happy Birthday

Sandy Sasuta	11/01
Anne Werth	11/02
David Tuckerman	11/04
Edward Beausoleil	11/04
Walter Holliday	11/07
Clarence Gould	11/09
Paul Good	11/10
John Peterson	11/16
Dolores Perry	11/22
Helen Sandall	11/28
Mike Kuehn	11/30

## Happy Anniversary

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

### Dog Rules

1. The dog is not allowed in the house.
2. OK, the dog can come into the house but only with certain rules.
3. The dog is allowed in all rooms but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The dog can get on the old furniture.
5. Fine. The dog is allowed on all furniture but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. OK, the dog is allowed to sleep on the bed but only by invitation.
7. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever it wants but not under the covers.
8. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
9. The dog can sleep under the covers every night.
10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog

*Anonymous*



### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for the selection of the 1997-98 slate of officers consisted for the following: Jim Edmondson, Dick Bartram and Laura Edmondson. The following is the slate of officers that have been selected:

President:	Bob Werth
1st Vice President:	Bob Sandall
2nd Vice President:	Bud Gould
Treasurer:	Sandy Sasuta
Recording Secretary:	Lois Price
Corresponding Secretary:	Anne Werth
Directors:	2 year - Chan Taylor, Dave Tuckerman
Directors:	1 year - Helen Sandall, Ted Price

These folks will be presented for nomination/installation at the November 2, 1997 Installation Pot Luck Dinner at the home of Betty and Dave Tuckerman.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their fine job and for the nominees for their willingness to serve in their respective offices.

### Common Denominator

Only one letter of the alphabet appears in all the words of each line below. Transfer that letter to the correspondingly numbered blank at the bottom to spell the name of the bonus word.

1. Syndicate, Convoy, Audience, Bunch, Senate
2. Family, Retinue, Legion, Alliance, Convention
3. Meeting, Gang, Congregation, Aggregate, Guild
4. Company, Panel, Unit, organization, Caravan
5. Battery, Fleet, Cartel, Party, Detachment
6. Band, Federation, Throng, Squadron, Council
7. Troupe, Sorority, Posse, Coterie, Platoon
8. Muster, Staff, Associate, Team, Fraternity
9. Assembly, Brigade, Crew, Commune, Entourage
10. Echelon, Faction, Bloc, Alliance, Committee

Bonus word:    \_    \_    \_    \_    \_    \_    \_    \_    \_    \_

10   7   4   8   2   6   3   9   1   5

*(Answer on back page.)*

## *Installation Pot-Luck Luncheon*

- Where:** Dave & Betty Tuckerman's Home  
114 Old Deep River Turnpike  
Killingworth, CT 06419
- When:** November 2, 1997
- Time:** 1:00 p.m.
- What to bring?:** Last names beginning with A-H, salads; I-P, desserts;  
Q-Z, main course
- Kitty fee:** \$5.00 per couple
- Directions:** North from I-91, South to Rt. 9; Rt. 9, South to Exit 9; Rt. 81 to  
Intersection Rt. 80. South I-95 to Exit 63; Rt. 81 North to Inter-  
section 80. From Intersection Rt. 81 & 80, Take Rt. 80 toward  
New Haven .3 miles on Old Deep River Turnpike; 4th drive on  
road; brown home set back with pond in front of home.

Please return coupon by October 25, 1997 to: Anne Werth, 428 South River Road,  
Tolland, CT 06084-4041 (860) 875-4129

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer # \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Trick  
or  
Treat



*Answer: Bonus word is Contingent.*

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## Some Dates to Remember

### December 7, 1997

Christmas Dinner Rally — Co-hosts: Roger & Ruth Crockett and Neils & Lydia Rosenbeck

### February 8, 1998

North Branch Rally — Hosts: Dick & Eileen Bartram

South Potluck Rally — Hosts: Bob & Anne Werth

### March 8

North Rally — Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller  
South Rally — Hosts: Paul & Dorothy Freed

### April 5

North Rally — Hosts: Ted & Lois Price  
South Rally — Hosts: Rip & Elsie Nelson

### May 8-10

Tri-Unit Rally with Region 1/2 - NY State Park (Croton Point) — Co-hosts: Bob & Anne Werth (Charter Oak); and Donald & Dolores Perry (Hudson-Mohawk/Charter Oak); Berkshire

### June 5-7

Buddy Rally - Hammonasset State Park — Co-hosts: Bud & Jessie Gould and Mike & Sandy Sasuta

### June 28-July 4

International Rally, Boise, Idaho

### August 7-9

Rally at Durham Fairgrounds — Co-hosts: Wayne & Susan Rutty and Jim & Laura Edmondson

### September 4-7

Region I Rally "Under the Big Top" - Durham, Connecticut — Hosts: Charter Oak CT Unit (Susan Rutty, Chairperson)

### October 2-4

Laurel Ridge Camping Area - East Otis, MA  
Co-hosts: Charlie & Jeanne Wilson, Mike & Sandy Sasuta and Dick & Eileen Bartram

### October 4-11

Fall Caravan - Lake George/Massena, NY/Colchester, VT — Co-hosts: Bob & Anne Werth and Bud & Jessie Gould

### November 8

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

### December 6

Holiday Party — Hosts: Jessie & Bud Gould

## Here Comes the Prez . . .

### More Notes Werth Mentioning . . .

The chill is in the air, frost is on the pumpkin, that means fall is here and that a new slate of officers has been installed for Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. The past president is still busy helping write these president's messages, in case you recognize the style. The year for Anne as president was a huge success. There were some interesting and varied rallies that were well attended by our membership. Thanks to everyone who made this past year happen.

We have completed our rally schedule for 1997-98. As you can see by those listed here in the Chatter. We have some fun events planned. Thank you to everyone who helped fill the calendar. We are always looking for new ideas and new folks are becoming involved to make that happen. Our goal is to come up with ideas that will intrigue our membership and present interesting rallies that will maintain our standards for good times, good fellowship and last, but not least, good food! We always have great menus! The camaraderie deserves an A+. Join us and sample it! Your participation will keep us vital.

A special thank you is in order here to Shirley Edmondson, membership chairperson. She has agreed to continue in this capacity another year. She has had a busy year, with many new members joining our club. We should all be membership oriented. If you see someone who owns an Airstream, Argosy, etc., potentially they could become members of ours or other clubs in Region 1. Pass on the good word. Bob Sandall talked to Airstream folks at our Cape Code Capers Rally this past September, Bud & Jessie Gould did the same at Hammonasset State Park this fall. Hopefully they have joined the WBCCI ranks. This is something that we all can do. Shirley is always ready with the membership packet, just give her a call. Thanks to you, Shirley!

"Under the Big Top" chairperson, Susan Rutty, has our 1998 Region 1 Rally well in hand. Everyone who was at the Topsfield Rally in September felt the spirit that our presentation garnered. There are committee chairpeople who will be needing your expertise for putting on a successful Region 1 Rally. Take time to give them a call to either sign up to make contributions to door prizes, raffle donations, decorations, etc. . . It's a lot of fund doing a rally of this magnitude but it takes many hands. Remember: Costume Contest and Trailer Decoration Contest — time to hit the drawing board! Come and join us.

Cathy Barrett, *Chatter* editor, is always looking for articles for the newsletter. It is "our" newsletter, we need to pass along items that will be of interest to our membership — that includes personal notes of interest. Don't hesitate to pass them along to her, she can transform them into an interesting and beautiful "Chatter."

Anne and I will be traveling south after the new year and plan to return north in time for the April 5 dinner meeting at the Prices. The events up north will continue on and usually garner about the same numbers as in the south. We can be reached directly at the Travelers Rest address should you need to do so. First Vice President Bob Sandall and Second Vice President Bud Gould will be available in the north most of the winter if the need arises. Anne & I look forward to spending the first winter of her retirement in warmer climates.

We'll be talking again. Onward to the next 97-98 year with COCU. Happy trails and see you down the road.

*President Bob and First Lady Anne (#13703)*



## Our Corsage Lady

Did you ever stop to wonder *Why* and *Who* when you received your handcrafted corsage at the Installation Dinner? The colors of the ribbons and silk flowers vary each year depending on those chosen for the upcoming International Rally in June.

Our Region 1 President, Theda McGrath, started making them for her own Cape Cod Unit for their Installation Dinners. For the last six years she has been creating 80 to 100 of them each year to present to the Wally Byam ladies of all the Units in Region 1 at their Installation Dinners.

We all thank Theda for these special corsages!

*Jackie Taylor*

## Wanted — Door Prizes and Raffle Items

Although it is a year away, the 1998 Region 1 Rally hosted by Charter Oak will be here before we know it.

It has been customary in the past to have door prizes and often one or more raffle items. We are going to solicit donations from some corporate sponsors, but we would like to have donations from the members of Charter Oak as well. Several prizes have already been given by COCU members with the promise of more.

We want to do our best to keep up this fund tradition and with your help we can do so.

*Bob and Helen Sandall*

Deadline for the next *Chatter* is . . . December 8. Please note the *Chatter* will not be published for the month of January.

## 1998 Region 1 Rally "Under the Big Top"

The 1998 Region 1 Rally will be hosted by the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. It will be held at the Durham Fairgrounds on September 4-7, 1998. The circus theme has given everyone lots of ideas to help make this lots of fund for all!!

The following committee chairpersons are eager to have your help to make this a great rally. A brief description of the area of responsibility is also listed.

<b>Parking</b>	Bob Werth	Layout of the parking area, putting up directional signs to the rally site, and parking the trailers and motor homes.
<b>Treasurer/Registration</b>	Sandy Sasuta	Maintain the treasury of the rally and recording the registrations.
<b>Food</b>	Mike Sasuta	Planning, preparing, and serving three breakfasts, two dinners, and refreshments for the evening programs.
<b>Decorations</b>	Anne Werth	Following the rally theme, decorate the stage, buildings, and tables. Plan and conduct the trailer decorating contest and the costume contest.
<b>Entertainment</b>	Eileen Bartram	Plan the three evenings of entertainment.
<b>Hospitality</b>	Laura Edmondson	Set up a hospitality area serving light refreshments.
<b>Welcome</b>	Shirley Edmondson	Prepare "goodie bags." Welcome and check in rally participants.
<b>Tours</b>	Ted & Lois Price	Gather flyers on local points of interest and guides on getting to them.
<b>Youth Program</b>	Susan & Fred Newman	Plan and put on a series of fun events for our young Airstreamers.
<b>Physical Arrangements</b>	Bud Gould	Set up the buildings for stage events and dining areas for meals and hospitality.
<b>Door Prizes</b>	Bob & Helen Sandall	Procure gifts for door prizes and raffles.
<b>Craft and Flea Market</b>	Jessie Gould	Set up a flea market event. Plan a craft time with kits to make.
<b>Water and Electric</b>	Dave & Betty Tuckerman	Oversee the placement of water and electric for all trailers and motor homes.
<b>Church Service</b>	Jim Edmondson	Conduct the Sunday morning worship service.
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Ron Edmondson	

As I mentioned under the Decorations Committee, we will have a Circus Costume Contest and a Decorate Your Trailer Contest. Both of these certainly offer everyone an opportunity to develop the "Under the Big Top" theme. Use your imagination!

All these chairpersons are going to need lots of help and support from all of our membership. Please call and offer a helping hand.

*Susan Ritty, Chairperson*





### November Installation Potluck

Betty & Dave Tuckerman were gracious hosts to 43 WBCCI members in their home on November 2, 1997. This was the annual installation meeting. Betty & Dave's home is nestled in the hillside in Killingworth, CT with a lovely view of a pond in the front yard. The setting was particularly beautiful with the sound of abundant rain on the roof and the huge drops making puddles in the pond. Truly beautiful.

The potluck, as usual, was delicious with a wide variety of dishes to choose from. Dessert followed and that was equally delicious.

The sound of the dinner bell rounded everyone into their seats for the beginning of a short business meeting. Susan Ritty, Under the Big Top chairperson, spoke briefly about the Region 1 Rally in Durham scheduled for September 1998. She introduced the committee chairpeople. They will be meeting on November 15 to see how things are proceeding for 1998. Shirley Edmondson, membership chairperson, spoke about her membership statistics. She sent out 13 membership packets. Of those 13, seven joined our club. Good work, Shirley!

Remember "Making Sense out of Cents," our Region 1 charity. We had a collection container, which will be continued to be filled from now until the Werths leave for Boise, Idaho next year. This is a charity that Region 1 has adopted. It is a charity of the youth of WBCCI and will be used again next year for a youthful recipient in the Boise area. In 1997, the recipient was a family with a four-month old baby who received a liver transplant while the International Rally was taking place in Huntsville, Alabama. The youth collected \$2,000.

We then proceeded with the installation of the 97-98 slate of officers. Theda McGrath, Region 1 President, and Dick Bartram, Region 1 2nd Vice President, presided over the candle-light installation program. Each officer, with their spouses, held candles and lighted them from out-going President Anne Werth's candle. By the time everyone had finished with this ceremony, there were 15 candles flickering. Each spouse was presented with the newly installed officer to lend the support that is needed throughout the year to complete the office. The color of the individual candles also had significant meaning to the office to which they were being installed. From the comments I heard, it was a very impressive ceremony. Thank you to Theda McGrath and Dick Bartram for their part in the installation program. The following officers were installed:

President	Bob Werth
1st Vice President	Bob Sandall
2nd Vice President	Bud Gould
Recording Secretary	Lois Price
Corresponding Secretary	Anne Werth
Treasurer	Sandy Sasuta
Directors: 2nd Year	Chan Taylor, Dave Tuckerman
Directors: 1st Year	Helen Sandall, Ted Price

Thank you to Nominating Committee Chairman Jim Edmondson, with Dick Bartram and Laura Edmondson for our new 97-98 slate of officers.

President Bob Werth then presented out-going President Anne Werth with a thank you gift from the membership. There will be a lovely new American flag flying from 13703 in May! Thank you from Anne to our membership!

See you December 7, 1997 for the Holiday Gathering!

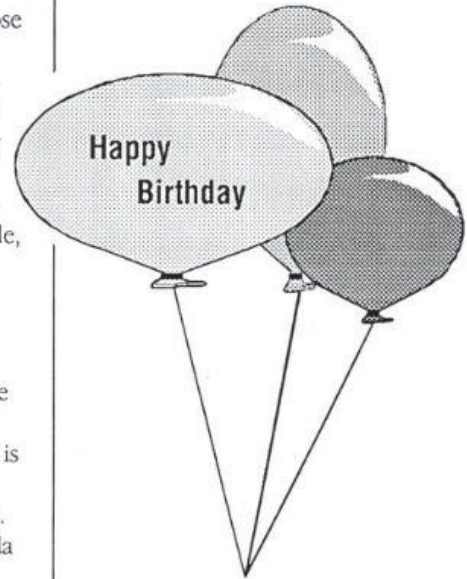
*Anne Werth*

### Event Announcement

What: COCU South Potluck Luncheon

Where: Travelers Rest, Dade City, FL

Contact: Jim Edmondson (#3-29) or Bob Werth (352) 588-3430



Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18
Jim Miller	12/27

## Recipes

### APPLE CURRY CHICKEN

1 tsp. curry powder  
 1 large green apple, chopped  
 1 large onion, chopped  
 2 cups apple juice  
 1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
 1/4 pound mushrooms, sliced  
 1 tsp. chicken bouillon  
 3 to 3 1/2 pounds chicken thighs,  
 skinned  
 1 Tbsp. flour  
 2 Tbsp. green onions, sliced  
 1 cup plain nonfat yogurt  
 Green onion for garnish

In a 6 quart pan, over medium heat, stir curry powder until slightly darkened (about 4 minutes). Add apple, onion, 1 1/2 cups of apple juice, lemon juice, mushrooms and bouillon. Bring to a boil. Add chicken, cover and simmer until meat is no longer pink at the bone, about 30 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer chicken to a platter and keep warm. Blend remaining juice and flour. Add to pan and cook over high heat, stirring often, until reduced to 3 cups. Remove from heat, blend in yogurt, and pour over chicken. Garnish with green onion. Yield: 5 servings

### SUMMER SQUASH CASSEROLE

1 lb. yellow squash  
 1/2 cup chopped onion  
 1/4 cup red pepper or tomato for color  
 1/4 cup chopped green pepper  
 2 egg whites  
 2 tablespoons low or non fat mayonnaise  
 2 teaspoons paprika  
 1 teaspoon lemon pepper seasoning  
 without salt  
 vegetable cooking spray  
 4 tablespoons cracker crumbs  
 1/4 cup shredded low fat cheddar cheese  
 1/4 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella  
 cheese

Cook cut up squash in boiling water to cover or steam until tender. Drain. Combine onion, red pepper, green pepper, egg whites, mayonnaise, and spices in bowl, stirring well. Gently stir in squash. Spoon 1/2 of squash mixture into a 2 quart casserole dish coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Layer second half of squash mixture and sprinkle with low fat cheddar cheese, then sprinkle with cracker crumbs. Bake at 325 F for 30 minutes. Serve warm.

## The Taylors' Tale

Many, many years ago, in the Onondaga Valley of New York State, the trails of Chan and Jackie crossed at a busy little boarding house on the campus of Syracuse University. Chan, from Wyomissing, PA, was a recent Cornell graduate, just beginning his career in gas utility, while Jackie, from Buffalo, NY, was continuing her graduate studies in personnel administration. She had interrupted her studies that year to become Secretary to the Chancellor of Syracuse. At the end of 1936, wedding bells rang for them in Buffalo, and they enjoyed their first "down the road" activity to Dallas, TX.

Upon their return, the scene changed to Hartford, CT, and gradually the household increased by four: Koby, A.C., Bob and Peg. During this time, Chan and Jackie were totally involved in Little League, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts (including directing the Greater Hartford Girl Scout Day Camp), PTA, and Sunday School programs, as well as family activities and summer camping trips.

Slowly priorities shifted: Chan became active in company sports leagues in golf, basketball, baseball, and bowling; and Jackie resumed her studies and eventually earned a librarian's degree, which she put to good use for 12 years at Silas Deane Junior High School in Wethersfield.

By 1964, all the young Taylors had flown from the nest to various New England universities and for them the circle starts all over again.

Early retirement inspired trips abroad, but once we were exposed to the Wally Byam way of life in 1977, it was "see America first"! When we weren't traveling, we volunteered at Hartford Hospital for 12 years.

And now we are enjoying sharing our activities with all of you!

*Jackie & Chan Taylor*

## Crypto-Families

*Each Crypto-Family is a list of related words in code. (One set of letters has been substituted for the correct letters.) Each "Family" has its own code. When you have identified a word, use the known letters to help decode other words within the group.*

### IN THE DAIRY CASE

Example: Biscuits

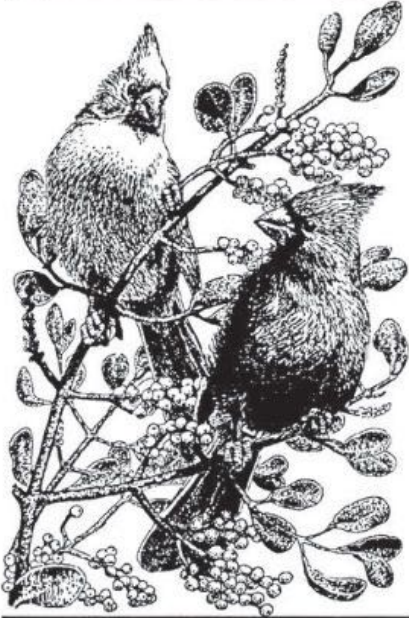
1. RJXN
2. WFKKPK
3. WHLLGTK WFKKPK
4. K T T P
5. PHQZ WZKGR
6. WHHNJK CHQTF
7. FGXU-GYC-FGXU
8. EHTQZL
9. AQLLKZ
10. RGZTGZJYK

### MEADOW LIFE

Example: Daisy

1. WFAAKGDRU
2. LTIKUWKK
3. PLMYSFIV
4. WKGGU WFCL
5. PRTNKG
6. EGHCCLTYYKG
7. PTXCRMY
8. DMKRO STFCK
9. PGMPVKA
10. WFAAKGPPY

*(Answers on back page.)*



Charter Oak CT Unit's Holiday Dinner  
 Deer Island Gate Restaurant  
 Rt. 209, Morris, CT  
 Sunday, December 7, 1997

SCHEDULE: 1:30 PM Cash Bar  
 2:00 PM Luncheon

HOSTS: Ruth & Roger Crockett  
 Lydia & Niels Rosenbeck

MENU: Sauteed Breast of Chicken Florentine  
 Beef Bourguignon in Puff Pastry  
 Roast Loin of Pork

(Entrees include: Hot rolls, fresh fruit cocktail, garden salad, vegetable, starch, coffee & dessert.)

COST: \$16.25 per person

DIRECTIONS: Rt 8 exit 42, Rt. 118 west through Litchfield to Bantam, left Rt. 209 on the left on the shore of Bantam Lake. Rt. 84, exit Rt. 4 Farmington, Rt. 4 west to Rt. 118 in Harwinton and follow above.

Bring a non-perishable food item for the Torrington Soup Kitchen.

Please send reservation & choices with check made out to Ruth Crockett no later than Dec.2, 1997, address 250 Wildcat Hill Rd., Harwinton, CT 06791.

Name _____	Phone _____
Number of persons _____	Dinner Cost \$ _____
Choice of Entree: ___ Chicken ___ Beef ___ Pork	



# Happy Thanksgiving!

**ANSWERS**

DAIRY: 1. Milk, 2. Cheese, 3. Cottage cheese, 4. Eggs,  
5. Sour Cream, 6. Cookie dough, 7. Half-and-half,  
8. Yogurt, 9. Butter, 10. Margarine

MEADOW: 1. Butterfly, 2. Honeybee, 3. Chipmunk,  
4. Berry bush, 5. Clover, 6. Grasshopper, 7. Cowslip,  
8. Field mouse, 9. Cricket, 10. Buttercup

**CHARTER OAK**  
**Chatter**

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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

CHARTER OAK UNIT  
General Meeting  
November 2, 1997

Attendance: 43 people, including Ken and Theda McGrath, Shirley and Rod Dole

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 PM by president Anne Werth. Meeting was opened by Pledge to the Flag.

Bob Sandall presented the proposed slate of officers for Region I.

President	Wayne Rutty
1st. Vice President	Richard Bartram
2nd. Vice President	Anne Werth

Votes for each candidate cast. Vote was unanimous for candidates as presented. Ballots from the other units comprising Region I were then counted. Entire slate voted in.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as posted.

Treasury - Sandra Sasuta reported balance on hand as of September 1 -30,97 is \$3,123.16. Report will be filed for audit.

Jesse Gould has been asked to do the audit.

A thank-you note from Larry and Pat Lamontagne was received by Anne Werth and was read to the membership present. It gave thanks to all who helped make the Region I Rally so successful, with special thanks to Bob and Anne Werth.

Jim Edmondson presented the slate of officers/directors as prepared by the Nominating Committee which consisted of Jim Edmondson, Dick Bartram, Laura Edmondson.

1997-1998

President	Robert Werth
1st. Vice President	Robert Sandall
2nd. Vice President	Clarence Gould
Treasurer	Sandra Sasuta
Recording Secretary	Lois Price
Corresponding Secretary	Anne Werth
2nd Year Directors	Chandler Taylor
	David Tuckerman
1st. Year Directors	Helen Sandall
	Ted Price

Moved and seconded to cast one vote for the proposed slate. Vote carried.

Under the Big Top - Susan Rutty thanked all who participated in the fine (clever and colorful) presentation at the Region I Rally. Committees could use support help. She introduced chairpersons. There will be a rally committee meeting at her home on November 15.

Resumes for those running for International officers are posted

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INSTALLATION CEREMONY  
Board of Directors  
1997 - 1998  
Charter Oak Unit

The Installation Ceremony of Board of Directors took place on November 2, 1997 following the general meeting. Installing Officer, Theda McGrath, President, Region I.

Theda installed the following slate of officers:

President	Robert Werth
1st Vice Pres.	Robert Sandall
2nd Vice Pres.	Clarence Gould
Treasurer	Sandra Sasuta
Recording Secretary	Lois Price
Corresponding Secretary	Anne Werth
2nd Yr. Dir.	Chandler Taylor
	David Tuckerman
1st. yr. Dir.	Helen Sandall
	Ted Price

This ceremony was conducted with candles representing the various job responsibilities. Spouses of those being installed were also asked to come forward and share in the ceremony as they, too are part of the support system for the board.

We thank Theda for being our installing officer and for the lovely corsages she presented to all ladies attending the meeting.

Newly elected president, Bob Werth formally thanked Theda for her role as installing officer.

Bob then presented Anne Werth with a new American Flag.

Thanks to all -

Adjournment at 3:35 PM.

# CHARTER OAK Chatter

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December 1997

## Some Dates to Remember

### February 8, 1998

North Brunch Rally — Hosts: Dick & Eileen Bartram  
South Podluck Rally — Hosts: Bob & Anne Werth

### March 8

North Rally — Hosts: Bard & Kathy Fuller  
South Rally — Hosts: Paul & Dorothy Freed

### April 5

North Rally — Hosts: Ted & Lois Price  
South Rally — Hosts: Rip & Elsie Nelson

### May 8-10

Tri-Unit Rally with Region 1/2 - NY State Park (Croton Point) — Co-hosts: Bob & Anne Werth (Charter Oak); and Donald & Dolores Perry (Hudson-Mohawk/Charter Oak); Berkshire

### June 5-7

Buddy Rally - Hammonasset State Park — Co-hosts: Bud & Jessie Gould and Mike & Sandy Sasuta

### June 28-July 4

International Rally, Boise, Idaho

### August 7-9

Rally at Durham Fairgrounds — Co-hosts: Wayne & Susan Rutty and Jim & Laura Edmondson

### September 4-7

Region I Rally "Under the Big Top" - Durham, Connecticut — Hosts: Charter Oak CT Unit (Susan Rutty, Chairperson)

### October 2-4

Laurel Ridge Camping Area - East Otis, MA  
Co-hosts: Charlie & Jeanne Wilson, Mike & Sandy Sasuta and Dick & Eileen Bartram

### October 4-11

Fall Caravan - Lake George/Massena, NY/ Colchester, VT — Cohosts: Bob & Anne Werth and Bud & Jessie Gould

### November 8

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

### December 6

Holiday Party — Hosts: Jessie & Bud Gould

## Here Comes the Prez . . .

## More Notes Werth Mentioning . . .

December can bring to mind new plans . . . the new president is getting a feel for what lies ahead, the cold weather means that the trailer had better be winterized (everyone is trying to find the gallons of the pink stuff to dump into our drains, etc.), hope we have put into place deterrents for the potential of winter inhabitants (i.e. moth balls, mouse traps, dryer sheets, et. al.), the new year is fast approaching, Florida packing, what to take, what to leave home, etc.

Also, the catalogues have come into our homes for us to do at-home shopping. Here is another at home shopping idea. Consider this — this latest *Blue Beret* has just come into our mailboxes. How about shopping for a caravan to take or how about a rally. Will it be the Kentucky Derby? or Tulip Festival? or Indy 500? or the 41st International Rally in Boise, Idaho? See what I mean, there are countless possibilities of things to do while the winter months begin to close in on us.

Personally, our calendar is beginning to fill up. With a new retiree in the household, we will be able to let the tether out a little further this year. We will be coupling the International Rally in Boise, Idaho, with our first trip west. We will be setting our sights on places to go, things to do, sending away for brochures to help us plan our trip, and talking to those who have already gone this route before us. The far-reaching plans include 1999 . . . Tulip Festival and Indy 500 and a stone's throw away 1999 Dayton International Rally. There are so many possibilities when it comes to the WBCCI Club. One can't help but get excited when the new issue of the *Blue Beret* comes. It's like shopping on QVC . . . just keep your credit card handy and have a blast!

We are wishing the snowbirds a safe and happy winter away from the home stomping grounds. They will take up residence in new stomping grounds and we look forward to sampling that flavor, too! This will be our first winter together for the whole winter in the warmer climate. It is our hope that the winter north is to everyone's liking and El Nino treats us all kindly. Sample what is offered on our calendar throughout the winter. Some great events are planned.

We'll be talking again. Hope everyone has Happy Holidays. Happy trails and see you down the road.

*President Bob and First Lady Anne Werth (#13703)*



## To Inc. or Not to Inc. That is the Question . . .

Twenty-six years ago when our charter was received, we seldom heard of suits brought against organizations such as ours. Alas, that is not the case today. More and more we are seeing ads sponsored by various law firms encouraging people to sue to recover damages, real or imaginary.

Several WBCCI units have taken steps to protect the assets of unit members by incorporating. The New England Unit has recently taken such action.

At the request of President Bob Werth, I have researched the steps necessary to incorporate here in Connecticut and they appear to be well within our ability to complete. This can be done without the assistance of an attorney and at minimal cost to our unit.

At a future meeting you will have an opportunity to discuss this issue. Then, at a later date, the issue will be put to a vote.

*Bob Sandall, 1st Vice President*

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## A COCU Hello

Warm welcoming wishes are extended to our new members Edward and Kathleen Meyer from New Fairfield, CT.

Deadline for the next *Chatter* is . . . February 8. Please note the *Chatter* will not be published for the month of January.

## A Thought for the New Year

Imagine there is a bank which credits your account each morning with \$86,400, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course! Well, everyone has such a bank, it's name is **TIME**.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the records of the day.

If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!



To realize the value of **ONE YEAR** -  
Ask a student who has failed a grade.

To realize the value of **ONE MONTH** -  
Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of **ONE WEEK** -  
Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of **ONE DAY** -  
Ask a daily wage laborer who has children to feed.

To realize the value of **ONE HOUR** -  
Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet or . . .

To realize the value of **ONE MINUTE** -  
Ask a person who has missed the train.

To realize the value of **ONE SECOND** -  
Ask a person who has avoided an accident.

To realize the value of **ONE MILLI-SECOND** -  
Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to have your time . . . And remember, time waits for no one.

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## Event Announcement

When: February 8, 1998  
 What: COCU South Potluck Luncheon  
 Where: Travelers Rest, Dade City, FL  
 Contact: Jim Edmondson (#3-29) or  
 Bob Werth (352) 588-3430



### COCU's Holiday Dinner

Thirty-seven members of COCU gathered on the shores of Bantam Lake at the beautiful Deer Island Gate Restaurant for a gala holiday dinner in Morris, CT on December 7.

First "spirits" and quiche, then Jim Edmondson's blessing, followed by rolls, fruit cocktail, a garden salad, (choice of) chicken, beef, or pork, and apple cake (some got cheesecake)! and of course coffee and tea.

This was a great gathering with lively conversation. President Bob Werth gave all a warm welcome and holiday greetings. A get-well card was signed for Bob Landry. Many pounds of groceries were collected for the Torrington Soup Kitchen. All were delivered by co-hosts Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck and Roger & Ruth Crockett. Our thanks go to these couples for a great time.

Those members present were the Brosnahans, Sandalls, Werths, J. Edmondsons and R. Edmondsons, Wilsons, Clarks, Rosenbecks, Audrey Clark, Lee Hale, Nelsons, Pestrettos, Susan Ruddy (Wayne had to work), Jessie Gould (Bud was in Florida), Barretts, Taylors, Herpicks, Burnhams, Crocketts, and Petersons.

Everyone should have enjoyed the sojourn home with all the lighted decorations in rural New England.

Happy Holidays

*Bob, Carolyn & Cathy Barrett*

### Traveler's Rest Celebrates!

Traveler's Rest is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. The following is a calendar of events (planned so far) for December through March.

Dec. 11	Fourth Annual Christmas Lighting Contest (winners posted 12/12; prizes awarded 12/14)
Dec. 22	Christmas Social
Jan. 8	Silver Jubilee Cake Lighting Ceremony
Jan. 9-11	Homecoming Weekend
Jan. 9	Grand Opening of Snack Shack
Jan. 10	Firemen's Pancake Breakfast, Chip-in for Golfers, Bocci Ball for Non-Golfers, 1988 Time Capsule Unearthed, Supper Club and Homecoming Party
Jan. 17	Park-wide Yard-Patio Sale
Jan. 23	Pizza Party
Jan. 24	Park-wide Block Parties
Jan. 26	Rededication of Jake Busch's Memorial
Jan. 29	Punch and Hors d'oeuvres Party
Feb. 5	Spectacular
Feb. 20	Pizza Party
Mar. 28	Carnival Day

### Happy Birthday!

Richard Long	01/02
Donald Perry	01/03
John Fuller	01/03
Rip Nelson	01/05
James Hegeman	01/08
J. Braun	01/16
Howard Knight	01/16
Jerry Ingallinera	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
Pat Brosnahan	02/10
Beth Braun	02/12
William Griffin	02/12
Richard Brockett	02/13
Harold Carlson	02/15
Patricia Lines	02/18
Mike Sasuta	02/21
Malcolm Appleton	02/21
Stanley Barnes	02/22
Betty Clark	02/23

### Happy Anniversary!

Joe & Helen Gatavaski	01/??
Linwood & Dorothy Lowell	02/01

### Under The Big Top Rally Flyer

Look for the flyer to sign-up for the exciting Region 1 Rally in February's *Chatter*. Hurry, hurry step right up don't miss COCU's "greatest show on earth!"



# Snowbird Luncheon

## Sarasota, Florida

Hosted by: Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight  
 Where: The Fairways Restaurant at Forest Lakes Golf Club  
 2401 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34232 • (941) 921-7979  
 When: Thursday, February 26, 1998  
 Time: 11:45 A.M.  
 Cost: \$10.00 per person (including tax and tip)

### MENU

Choice of One Entree (*per person*)

- **London Broil of Beef**  
*chargrilled flank steak with sauce Bordelaise*
- **Breast of Chicken Marsala**  
*with Marsala wine and mushrooms*
- **Grouper Meuniere**  
*sauteed with lemon butter*

Entree choice includes: Homemade Bread • Garden Salad • Fresh Vegetables • Duchess Potatoes  
 • Dessert (strawberry parfait) • Beverage: (regular or decaf coffee • hot or iced tea)

#### Reservation Deadline

All reservations must be in our hands by February 19, 1998

Directions: From rally site, right onto Fruitville to Beneva Road. Right on Beneva Road for 1.8 miles. Restaurant will be on the left.



<b>Snowbird Luncheon</b>									
Fairways Restaurant, Sarasota, FL • Thursday, February 26, 1998									
Make check payable to <u>Howard M. Knight</u> Send to:  Howard M. Knight 226 Riviera Court Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532 (941) 639-7752  Reservation Deadline: February 19, 1998	Name: _____ WBCCI # _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone ( ) _____ No. In Party _____ <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"><b><u>Entree Choice</u></b> (please)</td> <td style="width: 40%;"><b><u>No. of Entrees</u></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>London Broil of Beef _____</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chicken Marsala _____</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grouper Meuniere _____</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> Luncheon Cost \$10.00 per person \$ _____ enclosed	<b><u>Entree Choice</u></b> (please)	<b><u>No. of Entrees</u></b>	London Broil of Beef _____		Chicken Marsala _____		Grouper Meuniere _____	
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London Broil of Beef _____									
Chicken Marsala _____									
Grouper Meuniere _____									

# TAKE YOUR SWEETHEART TO LUNCH BRUNCH

Sunday, February 8, 1998 @ 12:00 noon  
Charter Oak Connecticut Unit (North)

at the home of Dick and Eileen Bartram  
301 Cedar Lane  
New Hartford, CT 06057  
(860) 496-8507

If your last name begins with the following letters, please bring:

- A-C breads, bagels, muffins, croissants, or coffee cake
- H-P side dishes, salads, fruit salad, or vegetable casseroles
- R-Z main dishes, quiches, egg casseroles or meat entrees

Beverages and sausages will be provided, as well as a fire in the fireplace!

If there has been snow, please bring sleds, etc., and dress the kids for outdoor sliding. Adults can participate also.

Kitty fee will be \$1 a person - kids 12 and under are free. Please send your reservation and kitty fee by February 1 to Eileen Bartram at the above address.

Directions to Bartrams - 301 Cedar Lane in the Bakerville section of New Hartford (860) 496-8507

1. From west take Route 8 North from I-84 in Waterbury. Take Exit 44 (Route 202 East) in Torrington, after passing Route 183 (Wal-Mart on right), go another 2.6 miles to next traffic light. Turn left onto Cedar Lane.

From east take Route 4 from I-84 through Farmington, Unionville toward Collinsville. Where Route 4 turns left along river, go straight on 179 to 202. Turn left toward Torrington. At second traffic light (6.5 miles), turn right onto Cedar Lane.

2. Follow Cedar Lane 1.4 miles, past 2 stop signs to house on left (#301).



Name \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of kids \_\_\_\_\_



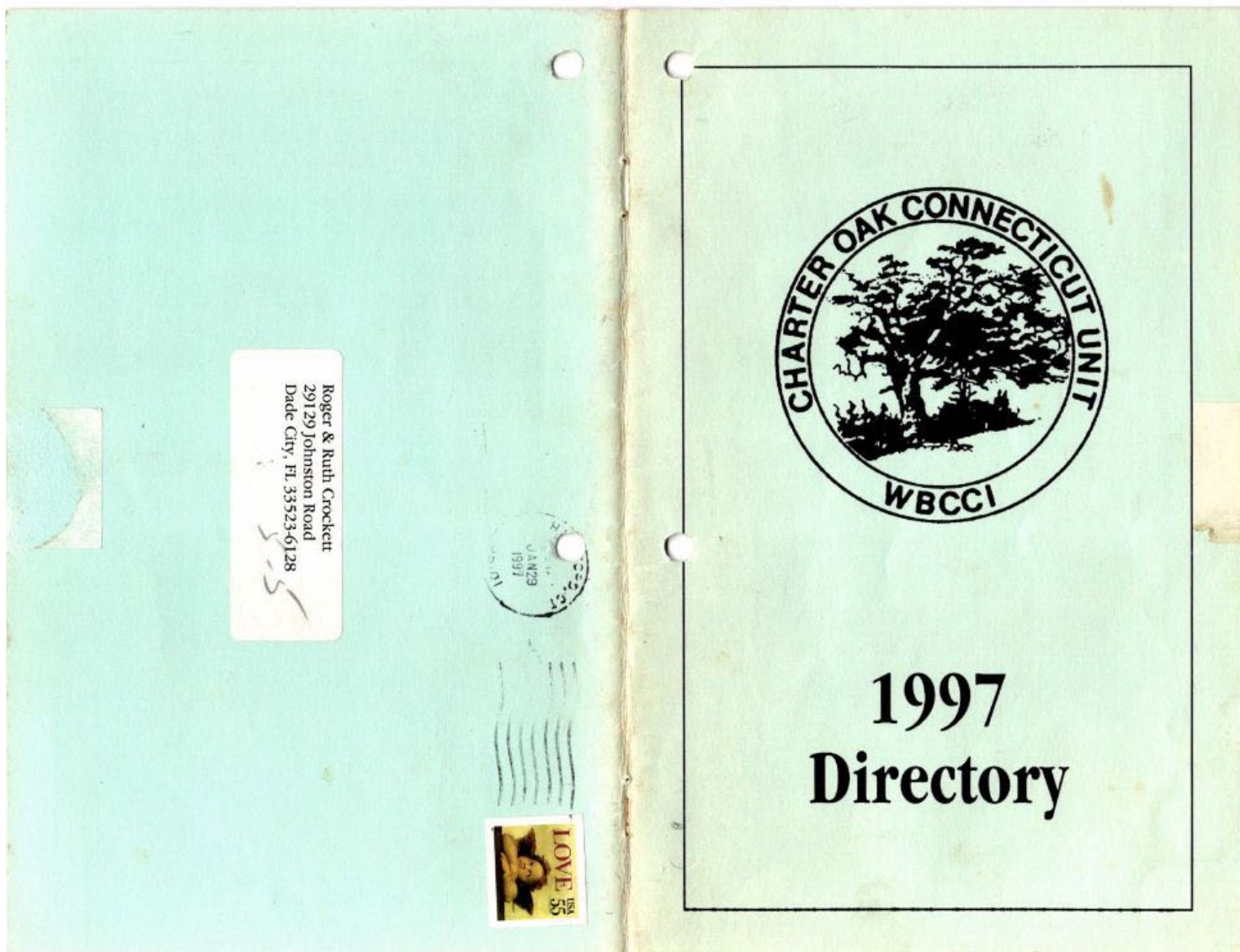
**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!**

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**1996-97 Unit Officers and Directors**

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

**Past Presidents**

1971	Emile Raboin	1984	Ruth Crockett
1972	Thomas Brennan	1985	Neils Rosenbeck
1973	Donald Metzler*	1986	Clarence Nelson
1974	Roger Crockett	1987	James Hegeman
1975	David Clark*	1988	Paul Good
1976	Edward Sheffield	1989	Michael Sasuta
1977	Rundle Bloomer	1990	Wayne Rutty
1978	William Curry	1991	Robert Barrett
1979	Elliott Weston	1992	Susan Rutty
1980	Richard Porter	1993	Richard Bartram
1981	Howard (Jim) McLain	1994	Jim Edmondson
1982	Charles Eglise	1995	Eileen Bartram
1983	Joseph Gatavaski	1996	Jim Miller

\*Deceased

**COCU Member Anniversaries**

Joe & Helen Gatavaski	01/??	William & Syble Griffin	07/12
Linwood & Dorothy Lowell	02/01	Dick & Eileen Bartram	07/14
		Ed & Al Stagis	07/19
		Raymond & Cecile Lemaire	07/26
Ron & Shirley Edmondson	03/01	John & Ruby Fuller	08/01
Arthur & Arlene Sikes	03/02	Richard & Dorothy Long	08/03
Edward & Darlene Beausoleil	03/12	Howard & Carolyn Knight	08/17
Clarence & Jessie Gould	03/17	Reggie & Jackie Brown	08/18
Bob & Carolyn Barrett	04/11	Walter & Dee Holliday	08/22
Paul & Dorothy Freed	04/19		
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	Paul & Judy Good	09/15
Ted & Lois Price	05/26	Reg & Jackie Brown	09/18
Bill & Betty Clark	05/27	Chandler & Jacoba Taylor	09/19
Mike & Sandy Sasuta	05/31	Kirk Peterson & Christine Yario	09/19
William & Jeanette O'Donald	05/31	J. & Beth Braun	09/22
Bill & Lill Herpich	06/03	Bard & Kathy Fuller	10/03
Jim & Dawn Miller	06/13	Roger & Ruth Crockett	10/16
David & Betty Tuckerman	06/15	John & Margie Peterson	10/23
Richard & Rosalie Moffo	06/17	Mark & Gail Good	10/24
Bob & Sharon Henschel	06/17		
Robert & Anne Werth	06/24	Stanley & Caroline Barnes	11/02
Leland & Claire Bradley	06/24	Rip & Elsie Nelson	11/16
Robert & Marjorie Labadorf	06/25	Harold & Doris Carlson	11/16
Bob & Jean Landry	06/25	Charlie & Sandy Eglise	11/29
Neils & Lydia Rosenbeck	06/30		
Edward & Mary Wellington	07/02		
Jim & Laura Edmondson	07/03		
Charles & Jeanne Wilson	07/04		
Robert & Barbara White	07/06		
Brian & Pat Brosnahan	07/06		
Richard & Edna Brockett	07/07		

Judy Good	07/26	Elsie Nelson	10/12
Kathy Fuller	07/29	Neils Rosenbeck	10/12
Dorothy O'Connor	07/30	Dick Bartram	10/12
		Brian Brosnahan	10/17
Dorothy Long	08/01	Susan Rutty	10/21
Ann Droheim	08/07	Lill Herpich	10/27
Jeanne Wilson	08/08	Bob Landry	10/27
Marjorie Labadorf	08/09		
Shirley Edmondson	08/09	Sandy Sasuta	11/01
Jackie Brown	08/16	Anne Werth	11/02
Doris Carlson	08/26	David Tuckerman	11/04
Dorothy Freed	08/27	Edward Beausoleil	11/04
Wayne Rutty	08/27	Walter Holliday	11/07
Al Stagis	08/28	Clarence Gould	11/09
Charlie Eglise	08/30	Paul Good	11/10
		John Peterson	11/16
Sharon Henschel	09/06	Dolores Perry	11/22
Carolyn Knight	09/11	Ron Tower	11/28
Betty Tuckerman	09/18	Mike Kuehn	11/30
Audrey Peters	09/26		
Arlene Setterstrom	09/27	Dorothy Lowell	12/13
		Jeanette O'Donald	12/18
Syble Griffin	10/02	Jim Miller	12/27
Fran Ingallinera	10/05		
Bill Herpich	10/07		

**1997 Activities**

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: 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 1 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



Abbreviations Used: (CM) Charter Member, (CP) Courtesy Parking,  
(L) Life Member, (UM) Unit Member

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**COCU Member Birthdays**

Richard Long	01/02	Robert Labadorf	04/05
Donald Perry	01/03	Paul Freed	04/06
John Fuller	01/03	Eileen Bartram	04/09
Rip Nelson	01/05	Robert Werth	04/11
James Hegeman	01/08	Henry Setterstrom	04/12
J. Braun	01/16	Jacoba Taylor	04/14
Howard Knight	01/16	Bob Barrett	04/16
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William Fiehn	02/04	Mark Good	05/03
Pat Brosnahan	02/10	William O'Donald	05/05
Beth Braun	02/12	Jean Landry	05/11
William Griffin	02/12	Janet Hegeman	05/12
Richard Brockett	02/13	Ron Edmondson	05/13
Harold Carlson	02/15	Caroline Barnes	05/17
Patricia Lines	02/18	Shirley Clark	05/30
Mike Sasuta	02/21	Bill Clark	05/31
Stanley Barnes	02/22		
Betty Clark	02/23	Edna Brockett	06/03
		Lee Hale	06/06
Laura Edmondson	03/01	Linda Guilmart	06/14
Carolyn Barrett	03/01	Arthur Sikes	06/25
Edward Wellington	03/02	Gail Good	06/26
Dee Holliday	03/06	Reg Brown	06/28
Lydia Rosenbeck	03/08	Elaine Tower	06/29
Audrey Clark	03/11		
Sandy Eglise	03/11	Kirk Peterson	07/02
Christine Yario	03/13	Ted Price	07/03
Barbara White	03/14	Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Jessie Gould	03/15	Helen Gatavaski	07/09
Roger Crockett	03/21	Mary Wellington	07/14
Ruth Crockett	03/22	Rosalie Moffo	07/15
Leland Bradley	03/23	Jim Edmondson	07/18
Kay Richardson	03/24	Chandler Taylor	07/19
Robert White	03/26	Richard Moffo	07/21
Dawn Miller	03/29	Claire Lines	07/23
Margie Peterson	03/31	Lois Price	07/26

**Members by WBCCI Number**

00213	Dole, Rod & Shirley	07890	Tower, Ron & Elaine
00246	Hegeman, Jim & Jan	07898	Eglise, Charlie & Sandy
00314	Knight, Howard & Carolyn	08709	Brosnahan, Brian & Pat
00318	Fuller, John & Ruby	08360	Berg, Russell & O'Connor, Dorothy
01018	Lines, Claire & Patricia		
01099	Clark, Bill & Betty	08509	Nelson, Rip & Elsie
01378	Lemaire, Raynold & Cecile	08627	Crockett, Roger & Ruth
01586	Moffo, Richard & Rosalie	09480	Barrett, Bob & Carolyn
02463	Edmondson, Ron & Shirley	09858	Taylor, Chan & Jackie
02478	Gould, Bud & Jessie	10642	Griffin, Bill & Syble
02733	Wellington, Edward & Mary	11210	Fiehn, Bill
03240	White, Bob & Barbara	11374	Freed, Paul & Dorothy
03245	Clark, Shirley	11801	Herpich, Bill & Lill
03374	Braun, Bethany & J.	12051	Brown, Reg & Jackie
03569	Lowell, Lin & Dorothy	13004	Tetreault, Paul & Lucille
03747	Peters, Audrey	13703	Werth, Robert & Anne
03990	Landry, Bob & Jean	13992	Edmondson, Jim & Laura
04378	Labadorf, Bob & Midge	14033	Good, Mark & Gail
04450	Gatavaski, Joe & Helen	16264	Rutty, Wayne & Susan
04822	Pestretto, Sebastian & Juanita	16470	Long, Dick & Dorothy
04853	Lewis, Florence	18081	Ingallinera, Jerry & Fran
04873	O'Donald, Bill & Jeanette	18277	Setterstrom, Hank & Arlene
04892	Silverstein, Mel & Sandra	20049	Davis, Gregory & Sylvia
05031	Perry, Donald & Dolores	20566	Levinson, David
05233	Hale, Lee	22438	Sasuta, Mike & Sandy
05277	Beausoleil, Edward & Darlene	23041	Clark, Audrey
05387	Peterson, John & Alice	23191	Droheim, Arthur & Ann
05406	Fuller, Bard & Kathy	23416	Kundrot, Vity & Olivia
05593	Sandall, Bob & Helen	23478	Newman, Fred & Susan
05745	Carlson, Harold & Doris	23726	Price, Ted & Lois
05830	Tuckerman, Dave & Betty	24115	Rosenbeck, Neils & Lydia
05912	Miller, Jim & Dawn	25573	Sikes, Art & Arlene
06624	Linda Guilmar	26824	Henschel, Bob & Sharon
06625	Bartram, Dick & Eileen	27229	Richardson, Kay
06982	Stagis, Ed & Al	29883	Good, Paul & Judy
07090	Yario, Christine & Peterson, Kirk	30150	Brockett, Dick & Dud
07108	Barnes, Stan & Caroline	30883	Kuehn, Mike
07752	Bradley, Lee & Claire	31840	Holliday, Walter & Dee Appleton, Malcolm & Barbara Wilson, Carles & Jeanne

07752	<b>BRADLEY, Leland &amp; Claire (UM)</b> 48 Killingly Avenue, P.O. Box 501 Putnam, CT 06260-0501 (860) 928-5115 CB Handles: Commander, Lt. Commander	Winter (Dec. 25-Apr. 15) 29129 Johnson Road, #13-11 Dade City, FL 33523-6128 (352) 588-4945
03374	<b>BRAUN, Bethany &amp; J.</b> 150 Kinney Road Amston, CT 06231 (860) 228-4252 E-mail: Beth - 103231.64@compuserve.com J. - 70651.1204@compuserve.com	
30150	<b>BROCKETT, Dick &amp; Dud (UM)</b> 1300 S. Airport Boulevard, #788 Melbourne, FL 32901-2956 (407) 676-0748 CB Handle: Ding-A-Ling	
08709	<b>BROSNAHAN, Brian &amp; Pat</b> 934 Farmington Drive Cheshire, CT 06410	
12051	<b>BROWN, Reggie &amp; Jackie</b> 51 Wellstown Road Ashaway, RI 02804 (401) 377-4781 CB Handle: Ten Pin	Winter (Jan. 1-Apr. 1) 29129 Johnston Road, #4-39 Dade City, FL 33523-6128 (352) 588-3615
05745	<b>CARLSON, Harold &amp; Doris</b> 17 Crosswood Road Farmington, CT 06032	
23041	<b>CLARK, Audrey (CM)</b> 6 Lookout Road Norwalk, CT 06850 (203) 847-3152 CB Handle: Sunny	Winter (Jan. 1-Mar. 31) 29129 Johnston Road Dade City, FL 33523-6128 (352) 588-3667
01099	<b>CLARK, Bill &amp; Betty (UM)</b> 35 Taylor Street Duxbury, MA 02332 (617) 585-2006 CB Handles: Mailman	Winter (Jan. 1-Apr. 15) 29129 Johnston Road, #19-24 Dade City, FL 33523 (352) 588-4018

03245 **CLARK, Shirley**  
 271 Raymond Street  
 Gardner, MA 01440  
 (508) 630-3438  
 CB Handle: Silver Rose

08627 **CROCKETT, Roger & Ruth (CM)**  
 250 Wildcat Hill Road  
 Harwinton, CT 06791  
 (860) 485-0185  
 CB Handle: Lightning

20049 **DAVIS, Gregory & Sylvia**  
 57 Squire Road  
 Roxbury, CT 06783  
 (860) 350-6150

00213 **DOLE, Rod & Shirley (UM)**  
 309 S. Eagleville Road  
 Storrs, CT 06268  
 (860) 429-6645  
 CB Handle: Hot Rod

23191 **DROHEIM, Arthur & Ann (CM)**  
 3195 River Gardens Court  
 Melbourne Beach, FL 32951  
 (407) 676-1657

13992 **EDMONDSON, James & Laura (L)**  
 85 Brewster Street  
 Coventry, CT 06238  
 (860) 742-4484  
 CB Handle: Silver Bullet

02463 **EDMONDSON, Ron & Shirley**  
 150 Brewster Street  
 Coventry, CT 06238  
 (860) 742-7975

07898 **EGLISE, Charlie & Sandy**  
 P.O. Box 573  
 Kezar Falls, ME 04047  
 (207) 625-8190

Winter (Feb. 1-May 1)  
 29129 Johnston Road  
 Dade City, FL 33523-6128  
 (352) 588-4157

Winter (Dec. 15-Apr. 1)  
 29129 Johnston Road, #3-29  
 Dade City, FL 33523-6128  
 (352) 588-3430

Winter (Jan. 1-Feb. 29)  
 29129 Johnston Road  
 Dade City, FL 33523-6128

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.

### 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.

- 11210 **FIEHN, William W. (UM)**  
360 Ford Street  
Milford, CT 06460  
(203) 874-6808  
CB Handle: Mercedes
- 11374 **FREED, Paul & Dorothy**  
29129 Johnston Road, #2527  
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(352) 588-2649
- 05406 **FULLER, Bard & Kathy (UM)**  
36 Panorama Drive  
Southington, CT 06489  
(860) 621-9246
- 00318 **FULLER, John & Ruby**  
29 Blue Ridge Road  
Kensington, CT 06037  
(860) 828-4387
- 04450 **GATAVASKI, Joe & Helen**  
52 Beacon Manor Circle  
Naugatuck, CT 06770  
(203) 729-4102
- 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  
(808) 396-6767  
CB Handle: Commander, Judy B
- 02478 **GOULD, Clarence & Jessie (CP)**  
49 Dobson Circle  
Middletown, CT 06457  
(860) 347-5731  
CB Handles: Haystacker, Hummer

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29129 Johnston Road  
Dade City, FL 33525-6128  
(352) 588-4431

10642 **GRIFFIN, Bill & Syble** (UM)  
 7 Merigold Drive  
 New Britain, CT 06053  
 (860) 229-9623  
 CB Handle: Yankee One

06624 **GULMART, Linda**  
 25 Wayland Road  
 Milford, CT 06460-4535  
 (203) 878-2908

05233 **HALE, Lee**  
 11 West Rocks Road  
 Norwalk, CT 06851  
 (203) 846-9400  
 CB Handle: Sister Flash

00246 **HEGEMAN, James & Janet** (L) (CP)  
 58 Kenmore Road  
 Bloomfield, CT 06002-2111  
 (860) 243-0081  
 CB Handle: Eagle Scout  
 Email: WBCCI246@aol.com  
 PCGW53A@prodigy.com

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

31840 **HOLLIDAY, Walter & Dee**  
 67 North Main Street  
 Windsor Locks, CT 06096  
 (860) 627-7527

Winter (Nov. 1-Apr. 30)  
 29129 Johnston Road, #10-65  
 Dade City, FL 33523  
 (352) 588-2811

Winter (Jan. 1-Apr. 30)  
 29129 Johnston Road, #10-68  
 Dade City, FL 33523-6128  
 (352) 588-4506

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.

**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

18081 **INGALLINERA, Jerry & Fran**  
210 Colby Drive  
East Hartford, CT 06108-1455  
(860) 289-9149  
CB Handles: Hoot Owl, Wise Owl  
Email: airstream1@aol.com

00314 **KNIGHT, Howard & Carolyn (UM) (CP)** Winter (Oct. 1-May 1)  
P.O. Box 156 San Sebastian Harbor  
Woodchuck Avenue 226 Riviera Court  
Alfred, ME 04002-0156 Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532  
(207) 324-8430 (941) 639-7752  
CB Handles: Silver Knight, Satin Doll  
Cellphone: (207) 286-4084

30883 **KUEHN, Mike (L)** Winter (Nov. 1-Apr. 15)  
P.O. Box 27, 86 Kuehn Road 29129 Johnston Road, #17-30  
Hopkinton, RI 02833 Dade City, FL 33523-6128  
(401) 377-1069 (352) 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 33523-6128  
(413) 525-4326 (352) 588-4725  
CB Handle: Big Bob

03990 **LANDRY, Bob & Jean (CP)**  
186 Riley Mountain Road  
Coventry, CT 06238  
(860) 742-8069  
E-mail: zzach13@aol.com

01378 **LEMAIRE, Ray & Cecile (UM)** Winter (Dec. 1-Apr. 1)  
26 Blueberry Lane 29129 Johnston Road, #3-27  
Lisbon, CT 06351-3201 Dade City, FL 33523-6128  
(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  
(207) 642-2574  
CB Handle: Tall Lines, Short Lines
- 16470 **LONG, Richard & Dorothy (UM)**  
505 Reynolds Street  
Danielson, CT 06239  
(860) 774-6395  
CB Handle: Blue Bird
- 03569 **LOWELL, Linwood & Dorothy (UM)**  
11 Main Street, P.O. Box 304  
Mendon, MA 01756-0304  
(508) 473-7218  
CB Handles: Nozzle Man, Nozzle Lady
- 05912 **MILLER, Jim & Dawn**  
36 Sagamore Road  
Shelton, CT 06484  
(203) 926-0571  
CB Handle: Nutmeg, Mule Skinner  
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 (Feb.-Mar. 15)  
46900 Bermont Road - Unit 310  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982-9651  
(941) 637-9610

Winter (Jan. 1-Apr. 15)  
29129 Johnston Road, #9-14  
Dade City, FL 33523-6128  
(352) 588-4581

**NEW YORK**

Brook-N-Wood Family Campground  
RFD 1, Box 100B  
Elizaville, 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.

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  
(352) 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 33523-6128  
(352) 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 Caravanners 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 475 — 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.

23478 **NEWMAN, Fred & Susan**  
45 Wolcott Avenue  
Torrington, CT 06790  
(860) 489-1304

04873 **O'DONALD, William & Jeanette (UM)** Winter (Oct. 20-May 20)  
3010 Shorecrest  
Pierson, MI 49339  
(616) 636-4372  
5100 N. La Lomita  
Tucson, AZ 85718  
(520) 577-2619

05031 **PERRY, Donald & Dolores (UM)**  
4 View Street  
Greenwich, CT 06830-6126  
(203) 869-1180  
CB Handle: Prairie Dog, D.J.R.

04822 **PESTRETTO, Sebastian & Juanita**  
125 Stratton Brook Road  
Simsbury, CT 06070  
(860) 658-1222

03747 **PETERS, Audrey (UM)** Winter (Jan. 1 - Apr. 1)  
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 06421  
(860) 267-2867  
CB Handles: Chow, Sunshine

23726 **PRICE, Ted & Lois (CP)**  
121 Boulter 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**  
324 Albrecht Road  
Torrington, CT 06790  
(860) 482-2430
- 16264 **RUTTY, Wayne & Susan (L) (CP)**  
34 Rully Lane  
Haddam, CT 06438  
(860) 345-4049  
CB Handle: Green Machine
- 05593 **SANDALL, Bob & Helen**  
114 Hollister Street  
Manchester, CT 06040  
(860) 649-0480  
CB Handle: Square Head
- 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
- 04892 **SILVERSTEIN, Mel & Sandra**  
19 Waichita Road  
Medford, MA 02052  
(508) 359-4233
- 25573 **SIKES, Arthur & Arlene**  
526 Halladay Avenue  
Suffield, CT 06078  
(860) 688-2083
- 06982 **STAGIS, Ed & Al**  
P.O. Box 297  
Plainville, CT 06062  
(860) 747-0606

Winter (Jan. 1-Apr. 1)  
29129 Johnston Road, #3-38  
Dade City, FL 33523-6128  
(352) 588-3765

**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

### 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
<b>Badges &amp; Holders:</b>	
Badges With Name and Unit	\$2.00
Badge Holder With Clip Fastener	\$3.00
<b>Apparel:</b>	
Berets (Polyester)	\$6.50
Baseball Cap w/WBCCI Emblem	\$7.75
<b>Books:</b>	
WBCCI Club Caravan Handbook	\$3.50
WBCCI Songbook	\$1.25
<b>Decals:</b>	
Car Decals with 1/2" Numbers	1.50/set
WBCCI Decal & Trailer Number (2 ea.)	5.00/set
<b>Flags:</b>	
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
<b>Flag Poles &amp; Holders:</b>	
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
<b>Markers:</b>	
Charter Oak Unit, 4" x 12"	\$5.00
<b>Patches:</b>	
Charter Oak Patch (previous)	\$2.25
Charter Oak Patch (new design)	\$2.25
3" WBCCI Jacket Patch	\$4.25
<b>Pennants:</b>	
WBCCI Pennant	\$11.00
<b>Pins:</b>	
Charter Oak Pin	\$1.00

- 09858 **TAYLOR, Chan & Jackie**  
487 Wells Road  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 529-1345
- 13004 **TETREAU, Paul & Lucille**  
48 Sawmill Road  
Danielson, CT 06239-4008  
(860) 779-3766
- 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
- 13703 **WERTH, Robert & Anne**  
428 South River Road  
Tolland, CT 06084  
(860) 875-4129  
CB Handles: Silver Fox, Foxette
- 02733 **WELLINGTON, Edward & Mary**  
104 Colebrook Road  
Norfolk, CT 06058  
(860) 542-5044  
CB Handles: Duke, Duchess
- 05240 **WHITE, Robert & Barbara (UM)**  
37C Bob White Lane  
Norwich, VT 05055  
(802) 649-3520  
CB Handles: Bald Eagle, White Eagle  
"On the Road" Message Service  
1-800-992-6029  
Ask for Robert White  
I.D.# 4784-80

**WILSON, Charles & Jeanne**  
 2 Maryann Drive  
 Danbury, CT 06811  
 (203) 746-3506

07090 **YARIO, Christine & Peterson, Kirk**  
 61 Nesbit Avenue  
 West Hartford, CT 06119-2010  
 (860) 236-8525

- (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.

- (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.

## 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,

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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.