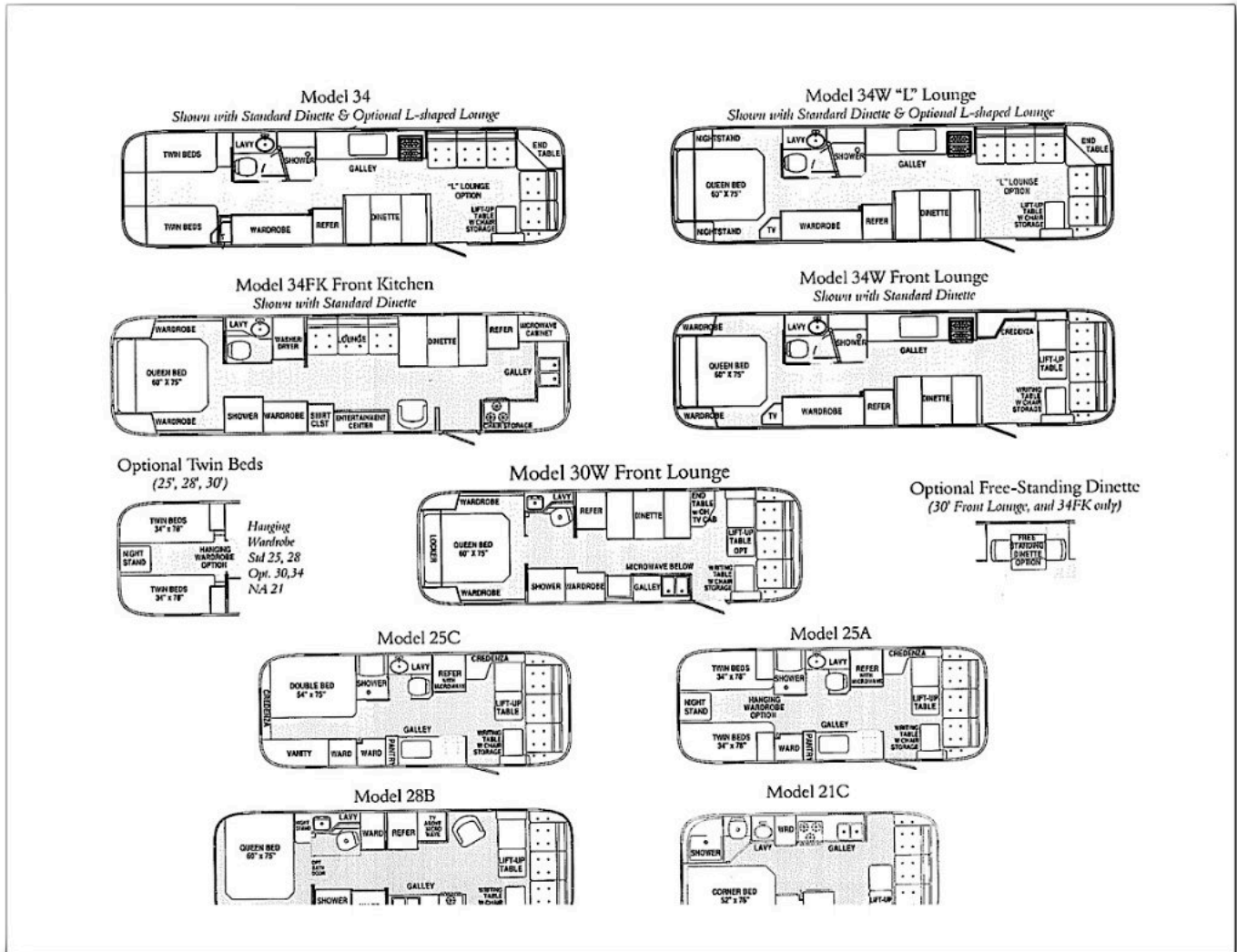




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive this issue of the Chatter the Thanksgiving Holiday will be over and the Christmas Holidays will be here. The Snowbirds will be heading south if they aren't already there.

Try to plan on the February Fling in Chester, CT with Lianne and Michael Rutty hosting the Fling. A great chance to see the new Little Rutty. Also the March dinner meeting at the Grand Buffet in Newington, CT with Susan and Wayne Rutty hosting.

Region I President Wayne Rutty has stressed the importance of the Code of Ethics fostering good relationships with our unit and all other members in WBCCI. They are published this month, please take a moment to read them.

Enjoy the holidays and we'll see you down the road.

Be kind to one another.

Bud Gould

WBCCI CODE OF ETHICS

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 in this organization is an assurance of courtesy on the road and of goodwill to all peoples and countries.
- (b) To say or print nothings 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.
- (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 an orderly manner and to leave them in a neat and clean condition.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 6, 2000

"February Fling in Chester"
Dinner Meeting at the home of
Michael, Lianne & James Rutty
Chester, CT

March 5, 2000

Dinner Meeting
Grand Buffet - Newington, CT
Hosts: Wayne & Susan Rutty

April 2, 2000

"Get Me to the Chapel on Time"
Dinner Meeting
Griswoldville Chapel
Hosts: Ted & Lois Price

May 5-7, 2000

"La-De-Da at Oh-De-Tah"
COCU Welcomes Spring
Buddy Rally
Odetah CG - Bozrah, CT
Hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson
Richard & Kathleen Kushman
Michael, Lianne & James Rutty



NEW FACES & NEW PLACES FOR OLD FACES

NEW FACES!

Please add these folks to your unit directories. They will be included when the 2000 Membership Directory is printed.

Please extend a warm welcome to these new members and we hope to see them soon.

George Male & Barbara Livingston
WBCCI# 6956
 3443 Dixwell Ave
 North Haven, CT 06473-2148
 (203) 288-4267
 Email: george.male@snet.net

**Peter & Delores Dean
& Andrew Acabbo**
WBCCI# 5277
 632 South Indian Hill Rd.
 Orange, CT 06477
 (203) 389-7470

Mark & Annette Wilson
WBCCI# 7161
 6 Carola Lane
 New Fairfield, CT 06812
 (203) 746-9756



NEW MEMBER ARRIVES!

James Henry Rutty

joined the unit

December 1, 1999
 6:55 a.m.
 7 lbs 5 oz
 20 inches

Michael & Lianne Rutty

NOVEMBER INSTALLATION DINNER

Charter Oak Unit of WBCCI held its annual installation dinner meeting on Sunday November 7, 1999 at George's Restaurant in Vernon, CT. Forty-nine members were present. A social hour was enjoyed by all as members caught up on the "comings and goings" of each other during the summers. Promptly at 1 PM President Bob Sandall announced it was time to eat and everyone was impressed with the many (approx. 20) items on the buffet. After several trips back to the "all you can eat" buffet, members crowded around the dessert table ready to sample the delectable items.

At approximately 2:30 PM President Sandall called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Lois Price, secretary and were accepted as read. Treasurer Sandra Sasuta gave her report which was also accepted. Shirley Edmondson, membership chair noted in her report that she had responded to fourteen perspective members by letter or telephone.

Chairman Bob Werth gave the nominating committee report which was as follows: President, Clarence (Bud) Gould; First Vice President, Ted Price; Second Vice President, Charles Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, Jessie Gould; Recording Secretary, Lois Price; Treasurer, Sandra Sasuta; Second Year Directors, John Peterson and Ray Moniz; First Year Directors, Anthony Sherman and Richard Kushman. There being no other nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast on ballot to elect the slate.

The following were appointed: Membership Chair, Shirley Edmondson; Newsletter Editors, Michael & Lianne Rutty; Legislative Chair, Charles Wilson.

Region 1 President Rutty spoke about how WBCCI fosters friendships, family and travel. He also urged members to volunteer to help the officers during the year. He introduced Region 1 First Vice President Dick Bartram and his wife Eileen, Region 1 Second Vice President Anne Werth and husband Bob, and newly elected Region 1 Second Vice President Elect Raynold Lemaire and his wife Cecile.

After the installation ceremony, newly elected President Bud and First Lady Jessie presented gifts to now Past President Bob Sandall and First Lady Helen, who received a standing ovation for a job well done.

Newly elected Region 1 Second Vice President Elect Ray Lemaire thanked the Charter Oak Unit for its support leading to his election.

Jackie Taylor volunteered to collect tabs from soda cans that members bring to meetings. If you are interested in volunteering to take these to the International Rally in Bismarck please let Jackie know.

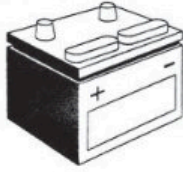
President Bud Gould thanked those members who volunteered to lead rallies and caravans in the coming year.

Bob Sandall concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for the support, help and advice given during his year as president.

Ron Edmondson #2463

JIM'S JEWELS

UNDERSTANDING A STORAGE BATTERY



The battery in your RV or trailer is a deep cycle.

A deep cycle battery is used for its storage capabilities. This battery wants to be slowly charged and slowly discharged. The way this is accomplished is through thicker plates as compared to thinner plates in the battery of your auto, which is designed for a fast discharge and faster charge.

The plates in your battery create a chemical reaction with the electrolyte to create your power. The electrolyte has a specific gravity, which should be between 1.270 - 1.290 and not to be discharged below 1.130.

Tips for Battery Care

1. Keep the battery clean. Corrosion on top of the battery will cause a draw, as well as poor connections (power loss).

2. Keep electrolyte level proper. Too much water is as bad as too little. Check water to make sure it is covering cell plates at a discharge state, as a battery charges acid comes out of the lead plates, it is absorbed into the lead as the battery discharges. Many people make the large mistake to fill a dead battery and as it charges the acid comes out of the plates, fills the jars, overflows and makes the ugly mess of white corrosion all over.

Jim Burnham #31109

Next Month... Univolt & Solar Panels

FROM FIRST IMPRESSIONS ... TO A YEAR GONE PAST ... TO THE FUTURE...OF WBCCI

It has been just over a year now that Lianne & I have been members of WBCCI and the Charter Oak CT Unit, oh what a great year its been!! Some people would say that Airstreaming is in my blood with my grandparents (Jim & Laura Edmondson #13992), my parents (Wayne & Susan Ruty, #210), my uncle and aunt (Ron & Shirley Edmondson, #2643) and a second cousin and her husband (Anne & Bob Werth, #13703) all of who are just slightly active in the club!!

Lianne's introduction to Airstreaming is a much different story all together. Back in 1995 when we first started dating, Lianne was living in Washington, DC so we decided to go on a camping trip. We headed to Assateague Island on the Maryland coast. What a beautiful spot, camping only a few yards from the ocean with the wild ponies waking you up in the morning grazing outside your tent. A large scale hurricane was coming ashore so we decided to head for the "high" ground and go to Big Meadows in Shenandoah National Park in western Virginia for the last three days of our trip. Well, the storm came inland and boy, did it rain and the wind blow that first night. There were very few campers in the campground and I thought the tent was going to blow away that night. Wouldn't you know but parked right behind us was a nice couple in an Airstream who came running over the next morning as soon as we stepped out of the tent to see if we had weathered the storm. They insisted if the storm came back up that night, we were to sleep on their couch. I do not remember their names but Lianne's first contact with Airstreamers was sure a positive one. One year later to the day I asked Lianne to marry me at Big Meadows but this time we stayed in the Lodge - high and dry!!!



A year or two went by and we bought a 1970 Starcraft 'Stardust 8' - Pop-up Tent Trailer in need of a *little* repair. We fixed it up and we were off. We were so proud of that 'Stardust 8', just like Gramp was years ago when they bought their first trailer, a 1964 Nimrod Riviera. We did not even use the pop-up one full year before Gram & Gramp invited us to the Charter Oak Hammonasset Buddy Rally. As you can imagine this was all part of Gramp's plan, he did the same for my parents years ago. We had a great time and Lianne got to see what WBCCI was all about. "These people are as nice as the couple we met at Big Meadow a couple of years ago" Lianne told me after the rally.

Well, Gramp just happened to have a spare Airstream (which he almost always does) this one a 1976, 25 foot got us up and going in the club before we knew it. All of the sudden we were up to our elbows helping with the Region 1 Rally that Charter Oak was hosting. Then off on the Fall Foliage Caravan. The next thing I knew, we were newsletter editors!!

There will be a forth generation in Charter Oak & WBCCI from our family now that Lianne & I have had our son James. As Dick Bartram says, "Charter Oak will have a new Acorn" and I guess its true that 'Acorns don't fall far from the tree'. Maybe someday Gramp can get him to a buddy rally and see what a great time WBCCI can be.

Michael Ruty, #16264



HOLIDAY GATHERING - ADAM'S MILL DECEMBER 5, 1999

Forty-Six hungry Charter Oakers gathered at Adam's Mill to sample the spirit of the season as well as the wonderful brunch offered by the Mill. Everyone greeted each other before the sampling began. There were some serious choices to be made before the plates began returning and the food was devoured. As it turned out, there weren't wrong choices and everything looked and tasted wonderful.

There were several boxes of food collected for the Tolland Food Bank. Thank you for everyone's generosity.

There were several special occasions recognized.

One was the birth of our newest Airstreamer...namely James Henry Ruty, born on 12/1/99, 7 pounds 5 ounces, 20 inches, son of Michael & Lianne Ruty. Proud parents, grandparents (Wayne & Susan Ruty), and great-grand parents (James & Laura Edmondson)!! Congratulations to everyone.

Secondly, everyone tuned up with Dorothy Sherman cuing, to sing "Happy 12th Birthday" to Paige Landry. The Landry family had just returned the previous day from a 7 day cruise so it was good to see them with their sea legs intact.

Lastly, it was nice to see new members George Male & Barbara Livingston be able to join us for the holiday party.

Gingerbread cookies baked by the cruising Tauras' were passed out. Thank you Angela!

The Holiday Season is off and running -- Charter Oak Connecticut Unit version was a special one with happy holiday messages passed around.

Anne & Bob Werth #13703

IN MEMORY

During the holiday season there are always reminders to let us know how truly lucky we all are to have our immediate families as well as the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit and Region 1 Family.

Please keep in your thoughts Betty Clark. Betty's husband Bill recently passed away. Betty is an affiliate member of our unit as well as the Region 1 Treasurer. We wish Betty and the Clark family all our best during this holiday season and hope to see Betty in the spring.

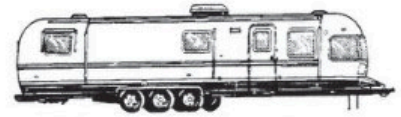
CHARTER OAK ON-LINE

Rich Kushman has updated the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit Web page and it looks fantastic! Take the time to check out the new pictures and stories! This is a great way for us to let others know what a fun organization this is attract more new members. The address: <http://home.att.net/~charteroak/>

Thanks Rich for making this web page so interesting and interactive!

Deadline for the February Chatter is January 15

FOR SALE



1985 25' Airstream Trailer

Solar panels, awnings & many extras; Good condition. \$7,000 or Best Offer. Karen Olah (203) 367-9791 or Jim Delancy (914) 878-9600

1997 25' Airstream Safari Trailer

Like new condition, twin bed model, electric jack, catalytic heater, gas oven, many extras. \$23,900 or Best Offer. Leila Clark (860) 295-0091

1979 31' Airstream Excella 500

Good condition; new carpet, heater, and univolt. Twin bed model with rear bath. \$6,700 James Shahrigan (860) 872-0781

1977 31' Airstream Classic Trailer

Exterior in excellent condition, interior in very good condition. 1500/3000 Watt Converter with 2 new batteries and other electronic upgrades. Brakes, bearings and tires recently replaced. Loaded with many other extras. \$7,500 Russ Fuller (802) 257-1902

1963 28' Airstream

Good condition; needs toilet and furnace work. \$2,500 or Best Offer. Coy Edmondson (860) 742-6124

1997 Chevy Suburban 1500 2WD

LT. Leather, 3:73 gears, 5.7L, towing package, 36,000 miles - loaded Mint Condition Must be seen. \$28,500 Don Hartzog (860) 646-3962

BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Perlotto	12/01
James Rutty	12/01
Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Carol Potter	12/16
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18
Jim Miller	12/27

Rip Nelson	01/01
Richard Long	01/02
Donald Perry	01/03
John Fuller	01/03
James Hegeman	01/08
Howard Knight	01/16
Jerry Ingalliera	01/16
Arthur Droheim	01/17
Edward Stagis	01/19
Lianne Rutty	01/24
Arlene Sikes	01/28
Linwood Lowell	01/30
Raynold Lemaire	01/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Helen Gatavaski	01/??
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera	01/20

EDITORS' NOTE

Your Charter Oak Connecticut Unit Membership directory is in the works! Rich Kushman was at the Holiday Gathering and took photos of the members there. Please send a photo to us so we can add it to the directory. All pictures will be returned to you.

*Lianne & Michael Rutty #16264,
Editors*

WANTED**CAR TOW ATTACHMENT:**

A good used car tow to tow a Saab behind our Motorhome.

Please contact: Debbie & Gregg
Cocco #4087
(203) 245-3451 or (203) 269-2072

AIRSTREAM BUNK BEDS:

Set of bunk beds with hardware for Airstream Trailer. If anyone has a set they would like to sell please contact: Mike Rutty #16264
(860) 526-8011

**REGION 1 CARAVAN
LEADER HOWARD M. KNIGHT #00090**

The Spectacular Prairie Safari Caravan R-233 is a Region 1 Caravan going to the International Rally at Bismarck, ND. It will assemble at Johnson, VT on June 10, 2000 and has been assigned the parking time at the rally of 9:17 A.M. on June 23rd, one of the first regular caravans to park at the rally.

It will cross upper New York State enter Canada at Cornwall, Ontario. A 2 night stop is scheduled for Sudbury, Ontario with visits to the Big Nickel Mine and the Science North Museum before re-entering the U.S. at Sault Ste Marie, MI for another 2 night stop. The route will follow along the southern shore of Lake Superior to Duluth, MN. Then we continue west to West Fargo, ND for a 2 night stopover at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds. The Caravan will continue west to a campground in Bismarck where reservations are confirmed on or before March 31st for names and addresses to be submitted. Early parking on June 23rd has also been confirmed with the Caravan Committee.

Water, electric and dumping will be available at all stops but one overnight stop. The caravan is limited to 20 trailers/motorhomes and reservation will close in early May for the Caravan. Parking fees for the year 2000 have not been confirmed but the kitty fee for 2 people is estimated to be approximately \$265.00 per unit. A post caravan breakfast has been scheduled at a gourmet restaurant in Bismarck for the morning of June 24th and is included in the kitty fee.

A Kitty fee of \$50 is required for the caravan with the application or coupon to:

(winter) - Howard M Knight, 226 Riviera Court, Punta Gorda, FL
33950-7532 Telephone: (941) 639-7752

(summer) P.O. Box #156, Alfred, ME 04002-0156
Telephone: (207) 324-8430.

International Rally Fees must be prepaid to the WBCCI Headquarters to be a member of the caravan.

**REGION 1 LUNCHEON &
INSTALLATION OF VICE PRESIDENTS**

The Region 1 Luncheon will be held June 29, 2000 at 11:30 am at the Bismarck Municipal Country Club; 930 North Griffin Street; Bismarck, North Dakota. The cost is \$12.50 per person including tax & tip. Meal choices are: Baked Glazed Ham or Turkey with fruit nut stuffing. During this luncheon incoming Region 1st Vice President - Anne Werth and incoming 2nd Vice President - Raynold Lemaire will be installed.

Tickets may be purchased either via mail from Anne Werth; 428 South River Road; Tolland, CT 06084 until May 30, 2000 or after that date at the Region 1 table at the international rally or see a Region officer. Pre-purchased tickets may be picked up at the Rally in Bismarck. When ordering tickets please specify your meal choice. Hope to see you in Bismarck.





February Fling in Chester

Dinner Meeting at
Michael & Lianne Ruddy's Home
7 Winthrop Road - Chester, CT
February 6, 2000 1:00 PM



Social Hour from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Dinner at 2:00p.m.

ITALIAN DINNER, SALAD, DESSERT & BEVERAGES!



DIRECTIONS:

CT Route 9 to Exit 6, Route 148 West to Route 145 (Winthrop Rd)
3rd house on left. (White Ranch)

Cost per person: Adults: \$8 Kids 5-16: \$4

Reservations must be received by January 31, 2000. Fill out coupon below, make checks payable to: Mike Ruddy and mail to 7 Winthrop Rd, Chester, CT 06412. Phone (860) 526-8011.
E-Mail: MWR90@aol.com



February Fling Dinner Meeting - Sunday, February 6, 2000



Name: _____ WBCCI# _____
Adults: _____
Children: _____
Payment enclosed: \$ _____

March Dinner Meeting Sunday March 5, 2000 2:30 P.M.

Grand Buffet
2138 Berlin Turnpike
Wethersfield, CT
(860) 665-9888

Across the street from
Bowl-A-Rama

\$15.00 per person
Includes:
Full Buffet
Soda, Coffee
Tax & Gratuity



Mail Coupon & Check
Payable to:
Wayne Ruty
34 Ruty Lane
Haddam, CT 06438
By February 25, 2000

March Dinner Meeting - Sunday, March 5, 2000- Grand Buffet

Name: _____

WBCCI number: _____

Phone number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Number of persons attending: _____



Snowbird Luncheon

Sarasota, Florida

Hosted by: Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight
 Where: The Forest Lakes Restaurant at Forest Lakes Golf Club
 2401 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34232 • (941) 921-7979
 When: Thursday, February 24, 2000
 Time: 11:45 A.M.
 Cost: \$12.00 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)

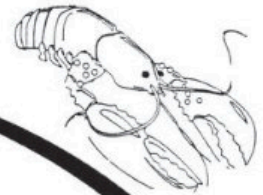
Reservation Deadline

All reservations must be in our hands by February 17, 2000
 No refunds after February 20, 2000

Directions: From rally site, right onto Fruitville to Beneva Road. Right on Beneva Road for 1.8 miles. Restaurant will be on the left.



Snowbird Luncheon									
Forest Lakes Restaurant, Sarasota, FL • Thursday, February 24, 2000									
Make check payable to <u>Howard M. Knight</u> Send to:	Name: _____ WBCCI # _____								
	Address: _____								
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	Phone () _____ No. In Party _____								
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Reservation Deadline: February 17, 2000	Luncheon Cost \$12.00 per person \$ _____ enclosed								



Region 1
Special Event

Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally

Washington County Fairgrounds ~ Richmond, R.I.

May 18 - 21, 2000

★★ Saturday Evening Special ★★

★ Enjoy A Fun and Delicious
New England Lobster & Clam Bake
or Steak Fry Dinner

★★ Tours To: ★★

★ Newport Mansions
★ Foxwoods Casino

★★ Area Attractions ★★

★ Block Island Ferry
★ Mystic Seaport & Aquarium
★ Misquamicut Beach

★★ Fees ★★

\$95 ~ 2 people/Trailer ★ \$70 ~ 1 person/Trailer ★ \$35 ~ each additional person

Includes: 3 nights parking-with water, electric and dump station at fairgrounds,
2 Breakfasts & Friday Night Campfire & Dessert, Saturday Evening Special Dinner & Entertainment
Children 12 and under not participating in the Lobster or Steak Dinner (no charge) - a hot dog roast will be provided.
Parking after 9:00 A.M. Thursday

★★ Deadline: May 8, 2000 ★★

Mail registration form and check payable to: Wayne Rutty
Wayne Rutty, 34 Rutty Lane, Haddam, CT 06438 (860) 345-4049 email: wayne.m.rutty@snet.net



★★ DIRECTIONS ★★
I-95 North or South
Exit 3A follow WBCCI Signs



Region 1 Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally May 18-21, 2000

Name: _____ WBCCI# _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Saturday Evening Special Dinner Choice:

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

_____ Lobster & Clam Bake

_____ Steak Fry

_____ Children 12 & under Hot Dog Roast

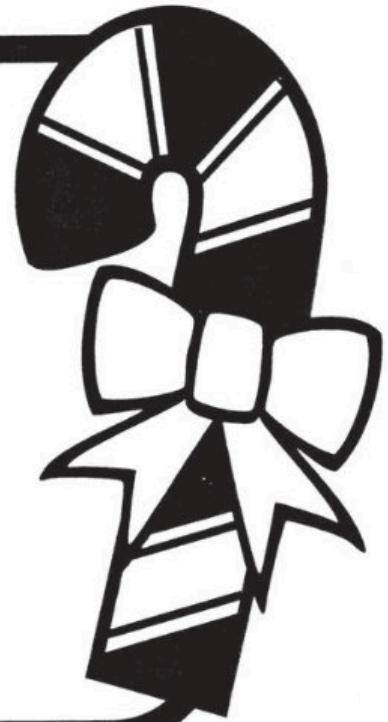
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FEBRUARY 2000



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Travelers Rest Resort in Dade City, Florida!

Jesse and I are finding out what retirement is all about, and we like this kind of lifestyle. We stayed at our daughter Judy's in Lake Worth, Florida for the first three weeks. The Prices and Barretts joined us and everyone had a good time. You might want to check with the Prices about some floating cheese. As we head into the new year our first dinner meeting was held on February 6th, the February Fling at Mike and Lianne Rutty's home in Chester, CT and by all accounts a good time was had by all.

The next event for Charter Oak will be a dinner meeting on March 5, 2000 with Susan and Wayne Rutty hosting it at the Grand Buffet on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington, CT.

Please try to make these events and we will see you all at the March meeting.

Be kind to one another.
Bud

NOTES FROM MEMBERS

I wish to thank everyone for the cards that I received at the time of my carotid artery surgery in November 1999. Everything went well with the surgery and I am doing fine. It means a great deal to receive encouragement from so many friends. Thank you very much. Looking forward to spring in New England.

Howard E. Kuehn

Thank you to all that have called and written to me during my recovery this winter. I am feeling much better and rested. The calls and notes have been wonderful. Laura and I enjoyed hearing from you all.

Jim Edmondson

BIRTHDAYS

William Fiehn	02/04
Richard Griffin	02/05
William Perlotto	02/09
David Levinson	02/13
Leila Clark	02/16
Patricia Lines	02/16
Olivia Kundrot	02/20
Malcolm Appleton	02/21
Mike Sasuta	02/21
Betty Clark	02/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Linwood & Dorothy Lowell	02/01
Ray & Maryellen Moniz	02/03
Howard & Dorcas Kuehn	02/14
William & Marilyn Perlotto	02/15
Michael & Adria Link	02/19
Rod & Shirley Dole	02/26

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5, 2000
Dinner Meeting
Grand Buffet - Newington, CT
Hosts: Wayne & Susan Rutty

April 2, 2000
"Get Me to the Chapel on Time"
Dinner Meeting
Griswoldville Chapel
Hosts: Ted & Lois Price

May 5-7, 2000
"La-De-Da at Ob-De-Tab"
COCU Welcomes Spring
Buddy Rally
Odetah CG - Bozrah, CT
Hosts: Jim & Laura Edmondson
Richard & Kathleen Kushman
Michael, Lianne & James Rutty

May 18-21, 2000
"Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally"
Region 1 Special Event
Washington County Fairgrounds
Richmond, RI
Host: Wayne Rutty



MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Please extend congratulations to Howard (Mike) Kuehn and Dorcas Van Horn on their marriage on Valentines Day, Monday, February 14, 2000 at Travelers Rest Resort in Dade City, Florida.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Paul Freed, also a Charter Oak CT Unit member at the Freed's home in the park. Howard and Dorcas are longtime friends from High School, Dorcas is from Westerly, RI. Please welcome Dorcas to the club and we wish them many years of happiness together.

OUR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH COURTESY PARKING

The call came on a Friday in September of 1999. Don Rowland was in Maine heading to Connecticut to visit a pilot friend flying into Bradley Airport with a layover and they wanted to get together. Don is a first time airstreamer and a fulltimer. His home is in Colorado, he retired, bought a 34 foot, packed up his dog Rocky and took off. After a while he found campgrounds lonely and expensive, so he decided to try Courtesy Parking for the first time and gave us a call.

He arrived Saturday night as we were on our way out. Jim parked him, set him up with water & electric and made him feel at home. We were back in 2 hours so Jim & Don visited until 9:00 p.m.

Sunday morning came along with shop projects to do. Jim put Don to work painting and sanding. He felt right at home and noon time was hot dogs on the grill for all the workers. We also decided to invite him for dinner with our family. Lots of travel stories later it was time for bed. Monday morning, the Burnham boys went to school and we had to go to work so we said our goodbyes to Don as he was packing up to spend the next few days in Massachusetts with his pilot friend. We heard from him a week later - he was headed for Travelers Rest and parts unknown.

When we got home there was no sign he was there. He put everything away and cleaned up after his dog. All in all our first courtesy parking experience as successful and we look forward to another call. We also would like to try it ourselves sometime.

*Jim & Corinne Burnham
#31109*

REGION 1 LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

The Region 1 Luncheon will be held June 29, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. At the Bismarck Municipal Country Club; 930 North Griffin Street; Bismarck, North Dakota. The cost is \$12.50 per person including tax & tip. Meal choices are: Baked Glazed Ham or Turkey with Fruit Nut Stuffing. During this luncheon incoming Region 1st Vice President - Anne Werth and incoming 2nd Vice President - Raynold Lemaire will be installed.

Tickets may be purchased either via mail from Anne Werth; 428 South River Road; Tolland, CT 06084 until May 30, 2000 or after that date at the Region 1 table at the international rally or see a Region officer. Pre-purchased tickets may be picked up at the Rally in Bismarck. When ordering tickets please specify your meal choice. Hope to see



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NEWS FLASH: FORTY ONE GATHER FOR FLING IN CHESTER

A typical cool New England afternoon greeted the attendees of the Charter Oak Unit's "February Fling in Chester" at the home of Mike & Lianne Ruty in Chester, CT. Great attendance with 33 adults and 8 children started off the day with the kids playing ping pong and watching movies while the adults visited over appetizers as everyone arrived. Let us not forget the star attraction at the fling, but two month old James Henry Ruty, the real head of that household. A wonderful meal of salad, pasta, meatballs and sausage was enjoyed by all with some cake to finish off the menu.

It was a pleasure to have Per & Lillemor Hamnqvist and their three children from New Hampshire and Russell Berg & Dorothy O'Conner from outside of Boston make the trip down. As all of our officers are off in sunny Florida no business meeting was held but Mike Ruty thanked everyone for coming and extended greetings from President & first lady Bud & Jessie Gould who had called that morning to check on his constituents. A drawing was held for the door prizes with Tony & Dorothy Sherman winning first and choosing the 2000 Airstream Calendar donated by Jim Edmondson. The next six winners got to choose from 3-Fern Plants or 3-Bags of Bird Seed with most winners going away very happy, except for Rich Kushman who had his heart set on the calendar and had to settle for a plant.

The main event for the day was socializing and catching up on everyone's activities since we last met in December. Thanks to all that attended and to Mike & Lianne for hosting the "Fling in Chester".

REGION 1 CARAVAN LEADER HOWARD M. KNIGHT #00090

The Spectacular Prairie Safari Caravan R-233 is a Region 1 Caravan going to the International Rally at Bismarck, ND. It will assemble at Johnson VT on June 10, 2000 and has been assigned the parking time at the rally of 9:17 a.m. On June 23, 2000, one of the first regular caravans to park at the rally.

It will cross upper New York State enter Canada at Cornwall, Ontario. A 2 night stop is scheduled for Sudbury, Ontario with visits to the Big Nickel Mine and the Science North Museum before re-entering the U.S. at Sault Ste. Marie, MI for another 2 night stop. The route will follow along the southern shore of Lake Superior to Duluth, MN. Then we continue west to West Fargo, ND for a 2 night stopover at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds. The Caravan will continue west to a campground in Bismarck where reservations are confirmed on or before March 31, 2000 for names and addresses to be submitted. Early Parking on June 23, 2000 has also been confirmed with the Caravan Committee.

Water, electric and dumping will be available at all stops but one overnight stop. The caravan is limited to 20 trailers/motorhoms and reservation will close in early May for the caravan. Parking fees for the year 2000 have not been confirmed but the kitty fee for 2 people is estimated to be approximately \$265.00 per unit. A post caravan breakfast has been scheduled at a gourmet restaurant in Bismarck for the morning of June 24, 2000 and is included in the kitty fee.

A kitty fee of \$50 is required for the caravan with the application of coupon to:

Howard M. Knight

(Winter) 226 Riviera Court; Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532

Telephone: (941) 639-7752

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International Rally Fees must be prepaid to the WBOCI Headquarters to be a member of the caravan

GET WELL WISHES

Get well wishes are in order for Howard and Carolyn Knight who are both recovering from surgery in Florida. Howard will be in rehab for several weeks before returning home. Howard is a Past President of Region 1. We wish them both well on their road to a speedy recovery and hope to see them soon this spring.

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Desserts: by Jessa Gould Catering*

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Southbound: I-91 exit 25s (Route 3). Go thru 5 lights (about 0-.5 miles). 2nd right is Griswold Rd.

Reservations To: Ted & Lois Price, 121 Boulter Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109
Tel: 860-520-9393

"Get Me To The Chapel"

RSVP (no later than March 25, 2000) \$5.00 per person

Name: _____ Tel. # _____

REGION 1 NEWSLETTER

January, 2000

Mid Winter Board Meeting Report

This year we traveled to El Paso, Texas for the Annual Mid-Winter IBT Meeting. The weather was great and there was lots of fellowship and fun. Yes, we even got some work done! Region 1 was well represented with all three of the Region Officers and their spouses in attendance. I really appreciated Dick and Anne being there to discuss and evaluate what was being presented as agenda items. I will try to list the most important things that were approved as well as the Nominating Committee report for the coming year. There was also approval of several items to come before the delegates in Bismarck, North Dakota in June. I would like to remind everyone that this year your Region Officers will change. If you have not made plans to go to Bismarck, please do. It sounds like its going to be a great rally. Try to be there to support a wonderful new team of officers. I'm sure they would appreciate it. Remember to treat everyone as you want to be treated. We all are in this for the same thing, fun, fellowship and adventure. We have so much we can learn from each other if we only take the time to listen.

**Nominating Committee Report: President--Craig Lundberg; 1st Vice President--Ewart Phillips;
2nd Vice President--Max Carmichael; 3rd Vice President--Daryl Ewles; Secretary--Marlyin Collins;
Treasurer--David Hunter; Nominating Committee--Cliff Hall and Wayne Ruty**

Three items were approved to be put forward for to the Delegates Meeting in June. They all deal with the International Rally in the event of a death of the President.

The Web site, WBCCI.org was approved and will be the clubs official site for International and all the Regions. This is truly a big step forward for our club. A very WBCCI THANK YOU to Per Hamnquist for all his efforts in getting this project off the ground! Several housekeeping items were approved, mostly pertaining to the change in the format of the Blue Beret.

Approval was given to have Vice President Ewart Phillips sign a contract with the Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau for the 2002 International Rally.

All your Region Officers hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are having a healthy start to a new millianum. Soon it will be time to head North or unwinterize the unit and get on the road again!!

Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally

Region 1 is very proud to welcome fellow Airstreamers to enjoy the many sites and tastes of New England. The FIRST Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally will be held on May 18-21, 2000 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Richmond, RI. Last years trial run was a huge success and we are very excited to be offering this event here in our Region.

The rally will begin on Thursday, May 18th with parking, registration and relaxing. On Friday a tour will be offered to the Newport Mansions lead by Ted and Lois Price. Saturday the tour will be to the Foxwood Casino lead by Lee and Claire Bradley. But you must be back by 4:00 p.m. for the start of the "special event" -- A New England Clam Bake!! Lobster, clams, chowder, and all the fixin' will be served. There is a steak fry for those non lobster lovers. Entertainment will follow the feast. Sunday will begin with church followed by breakfast. Flyers are available from any Region Officer and Unit Presidents. We also will be sending flyers to the newsletter editors for the unit news.

If you have any questions or more information, please call Wayne Ruty at 860-345-4049 or email: wayne.m.ruty@snet.net We sure hope to see you there!!!

Region Caravan to Bismarck

The R-233 Spectacular Prairie Safari Caravan will be leaving on June 10th for a final destination of Bismarck, North Dakota. Along the way will be a lot of sights of our beautiful country and you will enjoy it in the company of great Airstream friends. You will be lead on this great adventure by Region 1 Caravan Leaders Howard and Carolyn Knight. Don't miss this wonderful experience. Sign up now!! Contact Howard and Carolyn at 941-639-7752 and by mail: 226 Riviera Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532.

Region Luncheon at Bismarck

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Spring Visitation Schedule

Charter Oak Connecticut Rally - Odetah Campground, Bozrah, CT - May 5-7 - Wayne and Susan

Cape Cod Massachusetts Rally - Lakeville, MA - May 11-14 - Anne and Bob

White Mountain New Hampshire Rally - Turner's Home, Randolph, VT - May 12-14 - Wayne and Susan

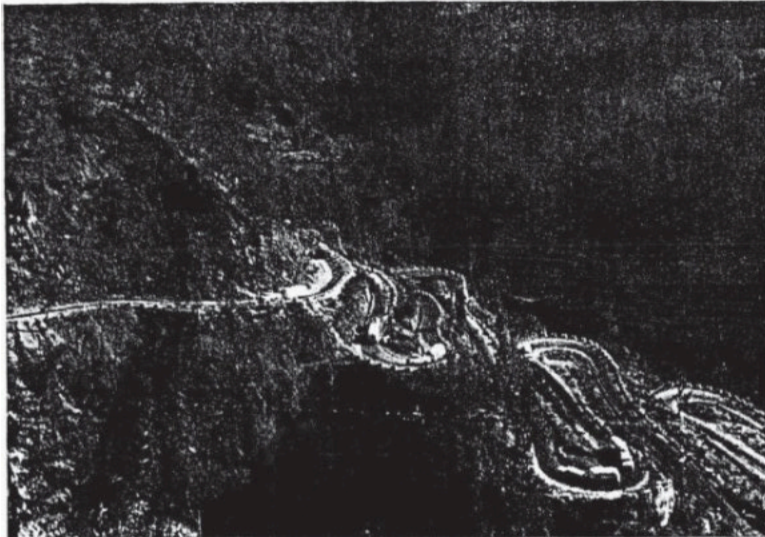
New England Rally - Ossipee Fairgrounds, South Hiram, ME - May 26-28 - Dick and Eileen and Anne and Bob

See you down the road, Wayne and Susan Ruty

Mechanic for a round-the-world caravan shows How to keep 'em rolling when the going gets tough

His job—to keep 47 trucks and travel trailers on the move through 30,000 miles of mountains, deserts and rain-soaked jungles. He did it with lots of ingenuity, plus an occasional elephant

By McGREGOR SMITH JR.



SWITCHBACKS in Nepal mountains are negotiated by members of the Wally Byam Round-the-World Caravan. This tough country calls for expert care of trailers and trucks, plus good preventive maintenance

GREASE SEALS in the differential must be replaced on the road as rugged driving tests every piece of machinery and equipment. Byron Versteegh handles jobs both big and little all along the 30,000-mile trip

BYRON VERSTEEGH is the kind of mechanic who must have kept the wagon trains rolling in the old West. Then he would have been called a blacksmith. Now he's chief service engineer on the Wally Byam Around-the-World Caravans. But his job is the same—fix anything that breaks down and improvise spare parts if necessary.

As mechanic for a 30,000-mile caravan from Singapore to Lisbon, Byron tackled some problems he'd never encountered before. What he did was "mother" 47 Airstream trailers and a



POPULAR MECHANIC:

variety of truck makes across some of the toughest terrain in Asia.

In Bangkok, Byron visited five repair shops, while the other 105 members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club toured the sights. The only souvenir he bought was a box of rubber bullets for plugging holes in tubeless tires.

On the 1750-mile drive from Singapore to Bangkok, almost all of the 500 spare plugs in the caravan had been used.

At camp, Byron spent his time in the shade under our trailers and trucks. He poked around with a screwdriver and crescent wrench.

"You'll never make it, Mac," he muttered to me once, shaking his wrench like a scolding finger. "I don't care if you have double nuts and lock washers on your spring shackles, nothing's gonna stay tight on the roads we've been on! Now get under there and tighten every nut you can see. Just remember, you're dead if you don't take care of your rig."

Byron's concern for the well-being of our machines was like an uneasy conscience haunting us all. His hours

wriggling on his back under our already battle-scarred vehicles was not just to plague us with loose nuts. He was looking for signs as elusive as the dusty trail of a Montana deer. He felt with the bright finger of a flashlight into dark corners of axles, frames and wheels. The signs he sought were microscopic cracks and shiny joints where metal had rubbed against metal. Both meant something might break soon.

By the time we reached Bangkok we already had been baptized in mud. Our baptism was along 75 miles of monsoon-watered mud, knee-deep to an elephant. This elephant trail crossing the Kra Isthmus in southern Thailand was being widened into a road.

The hospitable Thai drivers of the bulldozers and graders towed our trucks and trailers across a few bottomless pits. Our winches and four-wheel drives had proven useless. We appreciated the service since the only alternative was for 20 or more caravanners to wade into the mud and pull on a nylon rope.

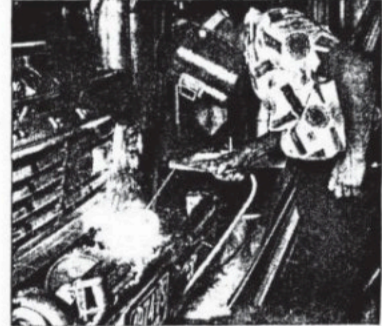
On the Kra we learned to remove

CARAVANER works on brakes and axle to make sure failures don't occur in tougher country. Preventive maintenance is one of Versteegh's cardinal rules. He's a mechanic who can hear when something's wrong

STRENGTH OF WELDING reduces the number of breakdowns in far-off lands. A power winch behind the front bumper comes in handy when several trailers fall off the road. Extra strength is very important



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our load-leveling bars whenever the going got rough. Byron came close to a heart attack when a bulldozer dragged me rig across a small creek with steep muddy banks on each side. The load-leveling bars, which tie the truck and trailer frames together, were drawn up tight. The bars make the trailer "follow" and keep it from wagging at high speeds on good roads. But on his rough trail, the bars forced extra tons of weight on both the trailer and truck frames. As Byron watched, the rear wheels of the truck literally were lifted out of the water.

Immediately, Byron sent out an order over the Citizens Band radio in his truck. The 18 other trucks with CBs received word to take off their load-leveling bars until we hit asphalt again. These drivers passed the word long to others who had no radio.

Byron reached Bangkok without having to use his portable welder on a single broken axle or frame. He pronounced this accomplishment a major miracle. But still his favorite greeting to other caravaners was that unless they treated their equipment more kindly they were "dead."

Byron brightened noticeably whenever he tackled an unusual case. He attended two such cases during our crossing of the Himalaya Mountains

to Katmandu, capital city of Nepal.

The Rajpath Highway twists for 80 miles over three ranges. Its surface is asphalt, but it is often blocked by boulders and landslides. One trailer wheel struck a boulder and broke off. Not only did the wheel break and roll down the mountain, but the spindle on which the wheel was mounted broke too. Byron had never seen this happen before, but he met the challenge by improvising a new spindle to get the trailer down the mountain.

It was on this highway that serious trouble developed. A trailer-hitch ball disintegrated. The rig had just negotiated some steep mountain switchbacks and, suddenly, the ball let go. Only the load-levelers held the truck and trailer together. The driver managed to stop just at the edge of a 50-foot drop-off.

Byron gingerly jacked up one side of the trailer. He wedged rocks under its wheels and detached the truck. He climbed under the trailer and riveted a torn section of aluminum underbelly. Then he welded a new ball onto the hitch. As he fingered the fragments of the old ball, his blue eyes brightened.

"Now that's really something," he said, his voice a little awed. "Bet nobody ever saw that happen before."

Byron explained that the steel ball



ELEPHANTS are used to tow rigs through mud or in event of breakdown near town with repair shop

had disintegrated from metal fatigue. Later, another ball sheered off at its base. Three more unscrewed and came off before Byron welded them all onto the hitches. This extra strength saved us a lot of trouble later on.

A few days later the right wheel of a trailer dropped through a hole on a muddy, wooden bridge. The duratorque axle arm holding the wheel cracked. Byron came with his repair kit. This included a spare axle and his tape recorder.

That night Byron and Andy Charles,

caravan director, taped a report to the home office of Airstream trailers. The caravan served as a kind of engineering laboratory for the company.

"We were lucky today," the report began. "We broke only one axle. If we'd used leaf springs instead of duratorques like we did in the old days on the African caravan, we'd have busted a couple of dozen.

"But don't get complacent," Andy added between gulps of steaming coffee. "Get a better valve in those commodes. I took my whole toilet out in New Delhi. I was working on it when Chester Bowles came by for a visit. In case you don't know, he's our ambassador to India."

While still in India, a catastrophe struck the caravan. The Versteeghs' service rig, a trailer body mounted on a truck and equipped with a complete machine shop, caught fire. It happened when a spark flashed from an ungrounded gasoline pump in a village crowded with thatched houses. Byron's wife, Joyce, heard the flames first.

"Fire!" she screamed.

Byron sprinted to the trailer door and opened it. Angry flames burst out. The hairs on his arm singed.

"Get the extinguisher from the cab,"

(Please turn to page 196)

ONE AT A TIME, trucks and trailers cross a shaky bridge over a small tributary of the Ganges River in India. Motorcycles and trail bikes are carried for quick transportation when camp is made at night



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POPULAR MECHANICS

TRAVEL TIPS

DON'T load your trailer too heavily on the rear. Any surplus weight there only contributes to a nasty towing condition.

DON'T follow vehicles too closely. You now have two units to stop.

DON'T put too much weight on your weight-equalizing hitch bars.

DON'T overinflate your trailer tires. The trailer needs a little cushion.

DON'T tighten your wheel bearings too much. If in doubt, loosen them a notch. Your wheel bearings must have clearance for grease.

DON'T overload. Food and commodities can be purchased everywhere. No need to carry it.

DON'T forget your trailer battery. Keep the connections tight, water in it, and fasten it securely. Also, consider mounting an extra ammeter in view of driver and hook this unit into your trailer's battery charge line from your tow vehicle charging circuit.

DON'T forget to open a side vent window as well as a top vent for maximum air circulation when retiring for the night.

DON'T forget to inspect the doorstep on your travel trailer for weld cracks, bends and other hazards. Add a no-slip surface to your step.

DO become thoroughly acquainted with your trailer's brakes. Get in the habit of using the trailer hand-brake lever; you may need it to straighten out a sway.

DO mount two outside rear-view mirrors on your tow vehicle. Learn to back with them.

DO mount the outside mirrors as low as possible so you can view your trailer tires.

DO install large-capacity (at least three-eighths inch) safety chains on the trailer.

DO install good overload springs on the tow vehicle. By keeping it level, you maintain the best steering characteristics.

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next door wishes
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HOW TO KEEP 'EM ROLLING

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he yelled, spraying foam inside the trailer.
Joyce ran up with another fire extinguisher. Byron aimed it into the trailer, and the flames seemed to retreat.

"Drive her out of here," he shouted, as he battled the flames.

Joyce leaped into the cab and jerked the truck frantically into gear. The engine coughed. The burning truck shuddered and limped forward exactly 27 feet. Smoke poured into the cab and the engine quit, its wiring burned out.

"Jump, woman, jump!" Byron screamed.

Flames rose all around the trailer body. Joyce bailed out and ran. Byron grabbed her just as an explosive "whoosh" turned their rig into a fountain of flames. But the 27 feet Joyce drove the truck was enough. The flames missed the straw roofs and the gas pump. Joyce escaped with a second or two to spare.

After the fire, the caravaners held a meeting and collected clothes and groceries for the Versteeghs. Byron parceled out the few wrenches and hand tools he could salvage to others to carry. There wasn't much. Joyce and Byron traveled with Andy Charles for eight days.

Andy ordered a new supply of spare parts to be flown in from California. Andy solved the dilemma of getting Byron a new trailer by buying the rig of one couple who decided they had had enough of traveling around the world the hard way.

Several nights later, I passed Byron's rig. He was digging through a pile of parts in a dresser drawer.

"I heard your engine miss this morning," he said. "Have any trouble on the road?"

"No."

"You will. Get the gook cleaned out of your gas line. You're dead if you don't. Here's a present."

Byron held out a sparkling, new, fine-mesh gasoline filter. Joyce grinned and winked.

"You don't eat Indian groceries without cleaning them good first," Byron grumbled. "You ought to do the same thing for your engine whenever you use Indian gas."

So it went all the way to Lisbon. Byron always working, always tinkering, always checking behind us. Because of Byron we made it. And because of Byron I will always remember the rubber tire plugs, the load-levelers, the hairline cracks, the metal fatigue and the care that must be given good equipment. ★★★

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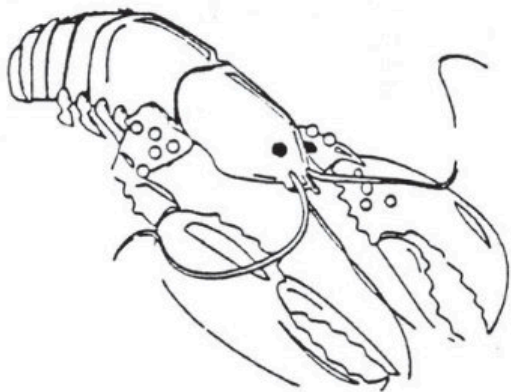
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The TR Times, March 3, 2000

Reggie Brown to be inducted in Athletic Hall of Fame

Reggie Brown, Lot 4-42, will be honored by Westerly, R.I. High School when he is inducted into their Athletic Hall of Fame at the Westerly Yacht Club on April 1.

Reggie, a pitcher for the Westerly Bulldogs, was on the mound most of the time when his team finished the season undefeated in 1944 with a 23-0 record. In one nine-inning game, Reggie struck out 20 batters. He was also a solid hitter.

It was the only time in the school's history that the baseball team had gone undefeated. Reggie led the Bulldogs to their first state championship in 17 seasons.

After graduating from Westerly High in 1944, Reggie entered the U.S. Army and saw combat service in three European areas, including the Battle of the Bulge. After World War II, he



REGGIE BROWN
LOT 4-42

signed a major league contract with the Boston Red Sox and reached the highest league level (Triple A).

Reggie Brown married his

Class of 1940



REGGIE BROWN

high school sweetheart in 1948. His life work was in heavy construction equipment. The two companies for which he worked built breakwaters for the Army Corps of Engineers and constructed sections of Interstate

Highway I-95.

The Browns are full timers, living at TR for three seasons but spending the summers near their two sons, Robert and James in Ashaway, R.I. and their daughter, Bonnie Telesky, in North Stonington, Conn.

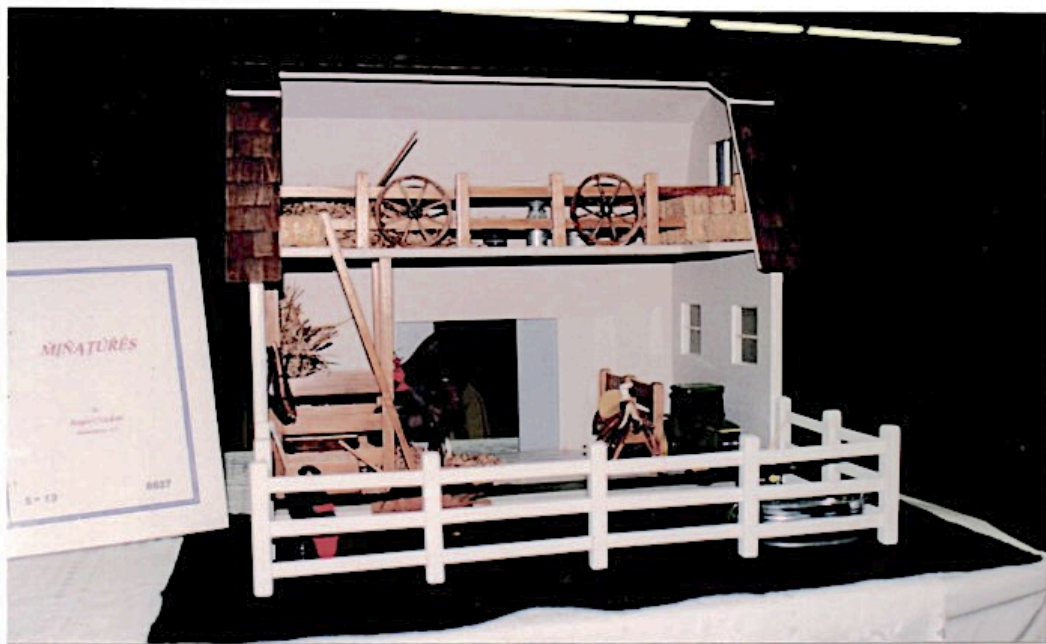
Article written by Dorothy Freed



Photo by Gerry Sorensen

ROLLING OUT THE BARRELS to be used for lawn clippings are Ray Lemaire, Bud Gould, Ted Price and

Charter Oak CT Members
Volunteering at Travelers Rest



Hobby Show
Travelers Rest
March 18, 2000

Miniature Barn
by Roger Crockett



Nantucket
Lightship
Baskets
by Ruth Crockett



Child's Quilt
& Rag Doll
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CHARTER OAK CHATTER

MARCH 2000



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW! March is here and before long the trailer will be out of storage and on the road to new friends and places. The snowbirds will be heading north soon.

Our March meeting was held at the Grand Buffet in Newington, CT with Susan & Wayne Rutty hosting. The April 2nd dinner meeting will be held at the Griswoldville Chapel in Wethersfield, CT with Lois & Ted Price hosting the affair. May will be a busy month with our first rally of the season at Odetah Campground in Bozrah, CT hosted by Laura & Jim Edmondson, Kathy & Rich Kushman and Michael, Lianne & James Rutty. Remember this first rally of the season is a buddy rally.

Region 1's Yankee Doodle Dandy Special Event Rally will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Richmond, RI May 18-21.

So lets all mark our calendars and attend these dinner meetings and rallies!

Be kind to one another.
Bud

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BIRTHDAYS

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Corinne Burnham	03/01
Laura Edmondson	03/01
MaryEllen Moniz	03/01
Edward Wellington	03/02
Dee Holiday	03/06
Juanita Pestretto	03/06
Lydia Rosenbeck	03/08
Lillemor Hamnqvist	03/09
Audrey Clark	03/11
Sandy Eglise	03/11
Jessie Gould	03/14
Barbara White	03/14
Roger Crockett	03/21
Ruth Crockett	03/22
Leland Bradley	03/23
Robert White	03/26
Anthony Sherman	03/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Shirley Edmondson	03/01
Arthur & Arlene Sikes	03/02
Anthony & Dorothy Sherman	03/04
Malcolm & Barbara Appleton	03/08
Clarence & Jessie Gould	03/17

EDITORS' NOTE

With the warmer weather approaching - please dig out any stories of interesting rallies that you may have attended or places you may have been and submit them for the Chatter. Your adventure could inspire someone to take a trip of a lifetime.

Mike & Lianne Rutty
Editors



MARCH DINNER MEETING

Spring has Sprung! A mild Sunday afternoon and 36 hungry Airstreamers met up at the Grand Buffet in Newington for a great meal and conversation. Some of the snowbirds have migrated north, including our President & First Lady, as well as our First VP & wife. It was wonderful to see some members we haven't seen in a while, Leila Clark, Joe & Sarah Ribeiro and Larry & Pat Lamontagne. After a very tasty meal of Chinese and American choices Recording Secretary Lois Price amused all with her comical reading of the meeting minutes from the November 1999 Installation Dinner Meeting and President Bud Gould held a brief meeting. A big thank you to Susan & Wayne Ruty who organized this dinner meeting - everyone enjoyed themselves and had more than plenty to eat!! (An Airstream tradition)

BISMARCK INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Its almost that time to start planning the trek out west for the 43rd International Rally in Bismarck, North Dakota. I am trying to plan a Charter Oak Activity for all the regular and affiliate members while we are in Bismarck and I would like to know who is attending or even considering attending so we can plan accordingly. Please let me know at one of the upcoming events or drop me a note. Thanks and hope to see you there!!

Bud Gould
#2478

REMINDER!!

Just a friendly reminder that the May 4-6 rally at Odetah Campground in Bozrah, CT and the August 4-6 rally at Roberts Piate Airport in East Windsor, CT will be buddy rallies. Please invite your neighbors, co-workers, friends and your relatives with non-Airstream products to one of these fun filled weekends.

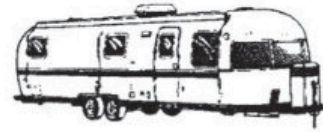
REGION 1 LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

The Region 1 Luncheon will be held June 29, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. At the Bismarck Municipal Country Club; 930 North Griffin Street; Bismarck, North Dakota. The cost is \$12.50 per person including tax & tip. Meal choices are: Baked Glazed Ham or Turkey with Fruit Nut Stuffing. During this luncheon incoming Region 1st Vice President - Anne Werth and incoming 2nd Vice President - Raynold Lemaire will be installed.

Tickets may be purchased either via mail from Anne Werth; 428 South River Road; Tolland, CT 06084 until May 30, 2000 or after that date at the Region 1 table at the international rally or see a Region officer. Pre-purchased tickets may be picked up at the Rally in Bismarck. When ordering tickets please specify your meal choice. Hope to see you in Bismarck.



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1997 25ft Airstream Safari Trailer
Like new condition, twin bed model, electric jack, catalytic heater, gas oven, many extras. \$23,900 or Best Offer. Leila Clark (860) 295-0091

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LIVING IN THE FAST LANE

Ted and I managed to 'sandwich' almost six weeks into our schedule to bring the Airstream to Florida, to what we had hoped would be warmer weather.

An invitation from the Goulds to join them in Lake Worth and camp on their daughter, Judy's property was an offer we could not refuse. We parked beside the royal couple but we were not prepared for the fine accommodations nor the free meals, let alone a multitude of animals, family and friends. It was here that Ted developed his "floating cheese" sandwich, the recipe is as follows:

- ◆Pile high one small tray with various sandwich 'makings'
- ◆Do not heed wife's warnings
- ◆Jauntily carry well-stocked tray in one hand, raised high above shoulder
- ◆Unlock first gate, close and re-lock
- ◆Pass over swinging, wooden footbridge
- ◆Gracefully drop packages of cheese into muddy water under small wooden, swinging bridge
- ◆Tactfully retrieve food seen floating in 'goo', being sure to get new sneakers very wet and dirty
- ◆Proceed back onto bridge, through second gate, unlocking and closing same.
- ◆Approach guests to be fed with 'tainted' food, being careful to act as if nothing happened
- ◆Prepare food and serve and then ask, "Guess what kind of cheese you just ate?"

The remainder of the trip was quiet by comparison, including having to be towed to shore with our friends in their 42 foot sailboat in North Palm Beach. Two weeks in Traveler's Rest and a stop outside of D.C. to check on Bill and Hillary.

We are back home and so much for on the road again with Ted and Lois (5 pounds later)!!

*Ted & Lois Price
#23726*

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HOBO RALLY FEBRUARY 7 - 14, 2000

When we left the Mid-winter Board Meeting of the IBT in El Paso, TX on January 21, 2000, we headed west. This gave us an opportunity to explore the west while we awaited the caravan "Exploring East and West of the Colorado River" on February 21 in Yuma, AZ. The Hobo Rally was available and we signed up.

We entered the fairgrounds in Blythe, CA on February 6th, a day early, but they parked us right away. We were traveling with Cindy & Wilson Yerk, Region 2 President and First Lady. We had left IBT with them and continued to explore the west, including the Hobo Rally.

On February 7, the majority of the Hobos began to gather at the fairgrounds. Soon the festivities began. There were registrations, sign-ups for tours, games, etc. Tall Tales began at the 4:00 attitude adjustment hour. This is a time when you were invited to stand up and tell whatever story crossed your mind and embellish it to suit the story. At the end of the week a winner was declared. This writer thought of several I could have offered but by then we were long away from the Hobo Rally. There were the customary seminars held during the week, whatever attracted your interest. Cindy and I were invited to join the Hobo Band. Cindy 'played' her toaster oven tray and used a wooden spoon to get the desired sound. I was invited to blow into a bottle, as in a Little Brown Jug. Someone did have a Little Brown Jug, but I never could get a sound out of it. There is one problem with blowing into a bottle, it tends to make you feel like you have hyperventilated and you feel lightheaded. The next time we played in the band, Cindy played the spoons and I played the kazoo! The band did have some serious participants and they could actually make some real music. By playing in the band, we were entitled to ride on the band float on parade day!

Entertainment was great each night. Breakfast every morning was toast & coffee. One morning we had a pancake & sausage breakfast. There were gatherings of "first-timers" and PUPS (Past Unit Presidents), with donuts. There was a hobby and crafts show and judging. The Werths both received ribbons for their crafts, Bob's carved wooden shoes and Anne's painted birdhouse. The Swap-N-Sell sale was well attended and fortunately we did not see anything we 'needed' to buy.

Craig Lundberg, Int'l 1st VP, gave a "Status of WBCCI in 2000" which was informative and gave opportunities to ask questions. Larry Huttle, President of Airstream gave attendees an overview of the Airstream Company and also answered questions.

The parade was a beautiful sight to see! The one and only float carried the "band". Following were the participants in the Hobo King and Queen Contest. There were lots of participants including Cindy and Anne. We were given a number and paraded in front of the audience. There were about 10 that were invited to return. The winners were picked out of the next five. The King and Queen are invited to attend the following year to preside over the next Hobo Rally.

Saturday evening was the Hobo Stew. There were committees that were formed to prepare the stew, strippers (carrots), potato peelers, Bob and I were Pie cutters/servers to prepare for this feast. You had to prepare a stew can to receive your stew, or none would be served to you. We fortunately had an empty coffee can that served to purpose. The stew was delicious and very hearty and was enjoyed by the close to 400 participants. There were 191 rigs in attendance and a few staying at nearby motels.

Sunday was the morning worship service and I joined the choir. Seems in years past there wasn't a choir. This year they decided to put up the sign-up sheet and see what it brought....turns out about 20 singers were on hand to join in the worship service. An inspirational message was delivered.

This was a fun rally to participate in and the key is to get into the activities. We were happy to have spent the week as Hobos! Mark this activity should you get to this part of our Good Earth, you'll have a fun time.

Anne & Bob Werth
#13703

AN ANTIDOTE TO THE WINTER BLUES

I have noticed that people who enjoy gardening make it through a cold northern winter by studying flower catalogs and dreaming of beautifying and expanding their gardens and lawns. Then there are those of us who survive the winter envisioning a trip to warmer climates.

One of my favorite days is when Russell and I sit down to PLAN A TRIP. Clearing the dining room table of its usual debris, we spread out maps, brochures, guide books, a tape measure, our calendars, and campground directories. Recently we have been mapping this summer's journey; it's been great fun. First we will attend the Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan, taking place this year from May 16 - 21. We'll then have two weeks before we are due in St. Louis, MO to rendezvous (love that word) with the other Airstreamers who have signed up for the Lewis and Clark Caravan.

How to spend those fourteen days? One of our rules is that we do not travel more than 300 miles a day (thus the tape measure). Studying the maps, I said to Russell, "Let's go to Nashville and see my friends Donna, Mark and Carolyn."

"Okay" he replied. "It's only a few hundred miles out of the way, but let's go!" (No wonder I love being married to this man!) However, between Holland, Michigan and Nashville there are other sights to see. We thought back to the 1999 Rally in Dayton, when it was SO HOT, but where we did get to explore one wing of that huge and wonderful Air Force Museum. We decided to return to Dayton and explore the rest of the Museum. We thumbed through the campground directories and chose the Dayton KOA, which, although 20 miles from the Museum, has an 80-foot swimming pool. Remembering last summer's heat, that was enough to convince me to go there! (We like KOA campgrounds; we've found them to be generally clean, well-run and near highways.) And so, on to Nashville. We made a reservation at a campground, but several days later it was Russell's job to call and change the dates. The woman there sold him on a 3-day package which includes a tour of Music City USA, a show at the Grand Old Opry, and the Closer Walk With Patsy Cline Show.

My son in a State of Shock. All his life he's know a mother who favored classical music, and here she is going to a country music shrine! However, the theory around our planning table is, "as long as we're in the area..." It also applies to the next stop, Branson, Missouri. We figure we'll never again be in Missouri, and every Airstreamer who's "been there, done that" has reported an enjoyable experience, so here we come!!

Finally, on June 5th, we'll meet up with the others with whom we'll follow Lewis and Clark's route. The Caravan will stop at Bismarck to attend the 43rd International Rally, plus a few extra days for Caravan-related sightseeing. Then over the Rockies we'll go, and on to the West Coast, ending at the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon. We saw a bit of that magnificent river in Washington State when we were on the landmarks West Caravan in 1996. I am eager to see more of it.

After the Final Banquet, Russell and I plan to come home via the Canadian Rockies, which he saw twenty years ago and want me to experience. I'm all for it! More planning at the dining room table. I just LOVE the place names: Kamloops, Swift Current, Moosoin, Thunder Bay (a location I have long wanted to visit), and Wawa. Aren't they fascinating? We will drive through some other towns whose names tickle me: Dead Man's Flats, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw and MacGregor. Okay, so we're not going to stay there, but I WILL get out of the GMC long enough to snap a photo of some building bearing the town name! It would be interesting to write an article about those unusual place names. Where did they originate? Who made the decision to give the towns those colorful names?

Once we have mapped out our trip, I get the pleasant job of phoning the various campgrounds to make reservation. I really enjoy talking with people all over the country, but I especially love the calls to Canada. Almost always the person at a Canadian campground will say "So we'll see you next August, eh?" And when I give the Visa Number, they ask for the date of expiry. Their usage of 'eh?' And the word 'expiry' never fails to delight me.

After the breathtaking beauty of Lake Louise, Banff and Jasper, we will spend a few days in Calgary, where one of my young woman friends lives with her husband and their two little red-headed daughters. We saw them last summer in Nova Scotia, but they have since moved to Alberta (fortunately for me).

I hear that Saskatchewan and Manitoba are flat and not very interesting - but I know we'll find likeable people to talk with as we cross those provinces. After all, they and their southern counterparts in the U.S. are the breadbaskets of our continent; can't do without them! So just shut up and drive, Dorothy! Or, as my knitting teacher did as she traveled through there on the back of a motorcycle, knit a few sleeves for a sweater while getting through the prairie states!

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

Dorothy O'Connor
#8360

Get Me To The Chapel On Time

Ted and Lois Price

Cordially Invite You To Attend

The COW Dinner Meeting

On Sunday, April 2, 2000

At The Griswoldville Chapel

176 Griswold Road

Wethersfield, CT

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Social Hour

2:00 p.m. Dinner (traditional church supper fare)

Menu: Ham & Turkey, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Pickles, etc.

Desserts: by Jesse Gould Catering

After reservations are received you will be contacted regarding what food to bring.

Business Meeting to follow dinner and "Limited" entertainment.

Do you have any wedding stories to share?

Directions to "Get Me To The Chapel".

Northbound: I-91 exit 24. Follow 99 north 0.5 miles thru 5 lights. Left at 5th light (Mill St.)
Left onto Route 3 (Maple St.). 2nd right is Griswold Rd. (#176). Parking in
back of Fire House.

Southbound: I-91 exit 25s (Route 3). Go thru 5 lights (about 0-.5 miles). 2nd right is Griswold Rd.

Reservations To: Ted & Lois Price, 121 Boulter Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109
Tel: 860-529-9393

"Get Me To The Chapel"

RSVP (no later than March 25, 2000) \$5.00 per person

Name: _____ Tel. # _____



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Welcome Spring!

CHARTER OAK CT UNIT - BUDDY RALLY

Odetah Campground - Bozrah, CT May 5-7, 2000

Your hosts for this funfilled weekend will be: Jim & Laura Edmondson, Rich & Kathy Kushman, & Mike, Lianne, & James Rutty

Happenings and Events for the Weekend

****Friday****

- 4:00 PM - Happy Hour
- 6:00 PM - Chili & Soup Served - Please bring table service
- 7:30 PM - Airstream Movies, Campfire and Dessert

****Saturday****

- 8:00 AM - Breakfast - Please bring table service
- All day on your own to sightsee!!
- Area Attractions:
 - Mashantucket Pequot Museum - A carpool caravan will leave the campground at 9:30 am. Admission: Adults - \$10.00, Seniors (55 & older) - \$8.00 and Children 6-15 - \$6.00, under 6 free.
 - Foxwoods Casino
 - Mohegan Sun Casino
- (Please see other the brochures by the bulletin board)
- 4:30 PM - Executive Board Meeting
- 5:00 PM - Happy Hour
- 6:00 PM - Potluck Lasagna Dinner - Please make at least an 8" x 8" Pan of your favorite Lasagna. Salad & Bread will be provided. Please bring table service to dinner.
- 7:00 PM - General Membership meeting.
- 7:30 PM - Bingo with prizes. Dessert and Campfire to follow.

****Sunday****

- 8:00 PM - Breakfast - Please bring table service.
- Depart at your leisure and have safe trip home!! Thanks for coming!!!

****Open Invitation****

- This is a Buddy Rally!!
- Bring your friends, relatives or anyone you know who has a RV or tent!! Have them come join the fun of WBCCI.
- If you know someone with an Airstream who is not a member please try to get them to attend and hopefully join!!!

****Rally Fees****

- ◆ Adults: \$10.00 each
- ◆ Children 6-16: \$4.00 each, under 6 free
- ◆ Camping fee: \$25.00 per night (Fee will be \$23.00 per night if we have over 20 units attend) (Pay campground upon arrival)

****Directions****

- Route 2 to Exit 23, left at bottom of ramp. Go 500 feet to campground entrance. Follow WBCCI signs.
- Campground phone number: (860) 889-4144

Lets kick off the 2000 season with a great spring weekend !!!!

"La-De-Da at Oh-De-Tah" - Charter Oak CT Welcomes Spring

Name: _____ WBCCI # _____

Please mail by: April 25, 2000
 Make Checks Payable to: Michael Rutty
 Mail to: Michael Rutty
 7 Winthrop Road
 Chester, CT 06412

Number of Adults _____ x \$10.00 = _____
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 Total enclosed..... _____
 Pay camping fee directly to campground upon arrival.

RALLY 2000

WBCCI - REGION ONE
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MAINE'LY FUN

Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, South Hiram, Maine
Rally: Friday, September 1 through Monday, September 4, 2000
Pre-Rally: Monday, Aug. 28 through Friday, Sept. 1, 2000 (see other side)

Rally includes

- 3 hearty breakfasts
3 Special Yankee dinners
Water & electric hookups
Dump Station
Maine Entertainment
Games/contests
Tours/caravans/seminars
Games/contests
Hobby show/flea market



Enjoy

- Country Fairground
Sebago/Long Lakes
Mount Washington
Ossipee/Saco Rivers
Cornish, Maine
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Kancamagus Highway
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and much, much more; be sure to come early & stay late

The Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds are on South Hiram Road, just off Route 25 between Kezar Falls, Maine (to the west) and Cornish, Maine (to the east) about 30 miles wnw of Portland, Maine. Watch for WBCCI signs.

REGION ONE RALLY 2000

FEES: (Payable in U.S. Dollars. Please remit this coupon)

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THIS IS OUR FIRST RALLY: YES..... NO..... :

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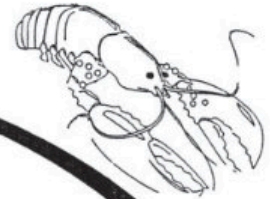
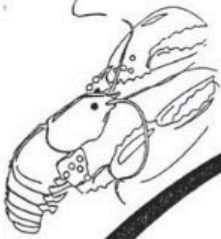
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Make checks payable to NEUNIT - WBCCI
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Registration will increase by \$10 per trailer after August 1, 2000. Please register early.
For additional information, or questions: Call Carl @ 508-869-2018 or e-mail farswan@aol.com
Registrations by August 1, 2000 will be confirmed by return mail. Thank you for joining us.

(see other side)



Region 1
Special Event

Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally

Washington County Fairgrounds ~ Richmond, R.I.

May 18 - 21, 2000

★★ Saturday Evening Special ★★ ★★ Tours To: ★★ ★★ Area Attractions ★★

★ Enjoy A Fun and Delicious
New England Lobster & Clam Bake
or Steak Fry Dinner

★ Newport Mansions
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★ Block Island Ferry
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★ Misquamicut Beach

★★ Fees ★★

\$95 ~ 2 people/Trailer ★ \$70 ~ 1 person/Trailer ★ \$35 ~ each additional person

Includes: 3 nights parking-with water, electric and dump station at fairgrounds,
2 Breakfasts & Friday Night Campfire & Dessert, Saturday Evening Special Dinner & Entertainment
Children 12 and under not participating in the Lobster or Steak Dinner (no charge) - a hot dog roast will be provided.
Parking after 9:00 A.M. Thursday

★★ Deadline: May 8, 2000 ★★

Mail registration form and check payable to: Wayne Rutty
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Region 1 Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally May 18-21, 2000

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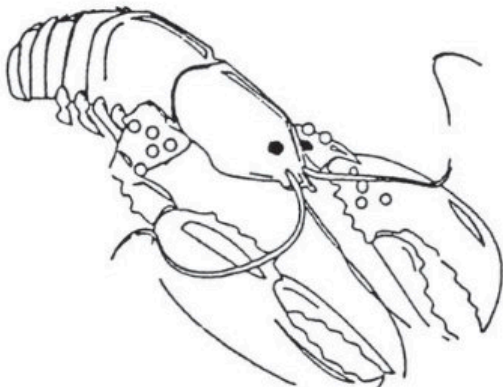
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Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Saturday Evening Special Dinner Choice:

- _____ Lobster & Clam Bake
- _____ Steak Fry
- _____ Children 12 & under Hot Dog Roast



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dan Olah	04/13
Jacoba Taylor	04/14
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Claire Bradley	04/17
Bob Sandal	04/18
Charles Wilson	04/19
Russell Berg	04/22
Bob Henschel	04/27
Vity Kundrot	04/27
Antoinette Petrillo	04/29
Joseph Potter	04/29

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Paul & Dorothy Freed	04/19
Mel & Sandra Silverstein	04/28



CARAVAN INFO

This year's Region 1 R-233 Spectacular Prairie Safari Caravan to the 43rd International Rally held in Bismarck, ND has been canceled.



BEST WISHES

Get well wishes go out to:
 Dot Lowell who is recovering from
 shoulder surgery. Fran Ingallinera
 who is recovering from surgery.
 We all hope they have a speedy
 recovery and hope to see them soon.

We send our condolences to Reggie &
 Jackie Brown on the passing for
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"THEY GOT TO THE CHAPEL ON TIME!!"

Thirty nine plus one, gathered at the Griswoldville Chapel in Wethersfield to
 attend the April 2nd COCU luncheon meeting. Some brought wedding photos,
 albums and wedding stories; as well as the traditional church supper fare, with an
 embellishment or two. Featured wa a baked bean 'special'. The meal was topped off
 with nothing less than a beautiful wedding cake made by our chef-in-residence, Jessie
 Gould. A short business meeting followed. Ted and Lois wish to thank all those who
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HOW WE CAME TO OWN AN AIRSTREAM AND JOIN THE CHARTER OAK GANG PART 1 BY: JIM AND CORINNE BURNHAM

It was Sunday Morning, August 31, 1997 and we were having coffee on our front porch looking for an Airstream in a trade magazine. Wanting an Airstream all started when Jim was a teenager working for a farmer whose mother had one and Jim mentioned that it must be a cheap trailer because they couldn't afford to paint them. Well she told him a thing or two about the value and the history of Airstreams and he was hooked. So here we are back to the magazine and we found one on Cape Cod. The picture looked great, so we called them up and made plans to go look at it that same day. It took us two hours to get there with the kids and a lunch in tow.

When we arrived, we found that the husband had to cut the screen to get into the trailer because somehow his kids had locked the keys inside. His wife was in the doorway of the trailer throwing out moldy blankets and towels to the ground that had been left in the trailer. How long they were in there was anyone's guess? The trailer was packed to the gills with stuff. And not like Jessie's stuff - cakes, cookies well you all know, but piles of stuff. Jim was so afraid I was going to say, "We're out of here". But we kept looking at the whole picture. So we made our offer, made our good byes, and took our lunch and kids and found a beach for a picnic, so the day wasn't a total loss.

The next few days it was all we could talk about. We called a few days later and decided to go look at the trailer again. The owners weren't home when we arrived, so we really could look it over without being watched. Well we got caught, they came home and we struck a deal. It was ours.

Next month: The Journey Home.

MAY RALLY REMINDER

As you have seen on the flyer for the "La-De-Dah at Oh-De-Tah" rally May 5-7, 2000 Saturday night is a Potluck Lasagna Dinner. Please remember to make at least an 8"x8" pan of your favorite lasagna and make a card to put in front of your lasagna with your name and a little something about what makes your lasagna unique.

After looking through a few cookbooks and cooking magazines I found some lasagna recipes that look very tasty and thought I would pass them on. I hope you will try one or all of them - maybe even bring one to the rally. Hope to see you in May!

Lianne Rutty

GREEN & WHITE LASAGNA

1/2 lb dried lasagne noodles	15 oz. Ricotta cheese
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese	Salt & fresh ground pepper to taste
1/4 cup olive oil	2 yellow onions, thinly sliced
3 cloves of garlic, minced	1/4 cup unsalted butter
1/4 cup all purpose flour	3 cups milk
Grated nutmeg to taste	40 fresh basil leaves
1/2 lb shredded mozzarella cheese	
1 lb zucchini (about 4) trimmed and thinly sliced crosswise	
1 lb fresh mushrooms cleaned and thinly sliced	

Cook noodles *al dente*. In a small bowl mix ricotta, parmesan, salt & pepper to taste.

In a large frying pan over medium heat, warm the olive oil. Add the onions and cook until soft (about 10 min). Add zucchini, mushrooms and garlic and continue to cook stirring occasionally until the veggies are tender and any moisture has evaporated (10-12 min.) Season with salt & pepper to taste and set aside. In saucepan over low, melt butter. Whisk in flour and cook, stirring, for 2 min. Slowly whisk in the milk and cook, stirring until the sauce is smooth and thickened. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Position rack in the upper third of the oven and preheat to 375 degrees. Oil a 9x13 inch baking dish. Cover the bottom of the dish with a layer of lasagne noodles. Spoon one-third of the cheese mixture over the noodles. Sprinkle one-third of the veggies over the ricotta and then top evenly with one-third of the white sauce. Lay about one-third of the basil leaves evenly over the sauce. Repeat layers twice more ending with the basil. Sprinkle the mozzarella cheese evenly over the top.

Bake until golden and bubbling around the edges (30-40 min). Let cool briefly and serve. 8-10 servings

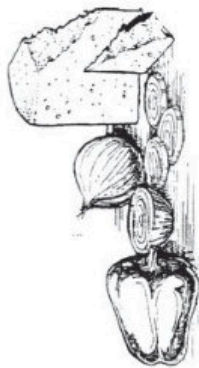
Williams-Sonoma Vegetarian Cookbook



Very Veggie Lasagna

- 2 medium carrots, julienned
- 1 medium zucchini, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 yellow summer squash, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 cup broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1/2 cup julienned sweet red pepper
- 1/2 cup julienned green pepper
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 jar (28 ounces) spaghetti sauce
- 14 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained
- 4 cups (16 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese

In a large skillet, stir-fry the vegetables, garlic and salt in oil until crisp-tender. Spread 3/4 cup spaghetti sauce in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Arrange seven noodles over sauce, overlapping as needed. Layer with half of the vegetables, spaghetti sauce and cheese. Repeat layers. Cover and bake at 350° for 60-65 minutes or until bubbly. Let stand for 15 minutes before cutting. **Yield:** 12 servings.



Pepperoni Lasagna

- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2-1/2 cups water
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon beef bouillon granules
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 carton (12 ounces) small-curd cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 8 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained
- 1 package (3-1/2 ounces) sliced pepperoni

- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Add water, tomato sauce, tomato paste, bouillon and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes. In a bowl, combine eggs, cottage cheese and sour cream. Spread 1/2 cup meat sauce into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Layer with four noodles, the cottage cheese mixture and pepperoni. Top with remaining noodles and meat sauce. Sprinkle with mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses. Cover and bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Uncover; bake 10 minutes longer or until heated through. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. **Yield:** 12 servings.



Traditional Lasagna

- 1 pound ground beef
- 3/4 pound bulk pork sausage
- 3 cans (8 ounces each) tomato sauce
- 2 cans (6 ounces each) tomato paste
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 eggs
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 3 cups (24 ounces) small-curd cottage cheese
- 1 carton (8 ounces) ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 9 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained

- 6 slices provolone cheese
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese, *divided*

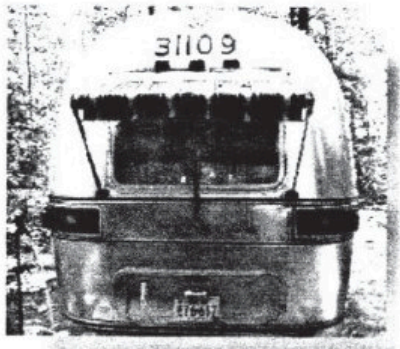
In a skillet, cook beef and sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add the next seven ingredients. Simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. In a bowl, combine the eggs, parsley, cottage cheese, ricotta and Parmesan. Spread 1 cup of meat sauce in an ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Layer with three noodles, provolone cheese, 2 cups cottage cheese mixture, 1 cup mozzarella, three noodles, 2 cups meat sauce, remaining cottage cheese mixture and 1 cup mozzarella. Top with the remaining noodles, meat sauce and mozzarella (dish will be full). Cover and bake at 375° for 50 minutes. Uncover; bake 20 minutes longer. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. **Yield:** 12 servings.

German Lasagna

- 3/4 cup butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon beef bouillon granules
- 2 teaspoons onion salt
- 2 teaspoons pepper, *divided*
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper, optional
- 2-1/4 cups milk
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth
- 1 pound smoked kielbasa or Polish sausage, chopped
- 2 eggs
- 1 carton (12 ounces) small-curd cottage cheese
- 9 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained
- 1 jar (16 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and squeezed dry
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded

- Monterey Jack cheese, *divided*

In a saucepan, melt butter. Stir in flour, bouillon, onion salt, 1 teaspoon pepper and white pepper if desired until smooth. Gradually stir in milk and broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Add sausage; heat through. Combine eggs, cottage cheese and remaining pepper. Spread 1 cup sausage mixture in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Layer with three noodles, a third of the sausage mixture, half of the cottage cheese mixture and sauerkraut and 3/4 cup Monterey Jack. Repeat layers. Top with the remaining noodles and sausage mixture (dish will be full). Cover and bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes or until bubbly. Sprinkle with remaining Monterey Jack. Bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. **Yield:** 12 servings.



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At

Oh - de - tah

Welcome Spring !

CHARTER OAK CT UNIT - BUDDY RALLY

Odetah Campground - Bozrah, CT May 5-7, 2000

Your hosts for this funfilled weekend will be: Jim & Laura Edmondson, Rich & Kathy Kushman, & Mike, Lianne, & James Rutty

Happenings and Events for the Weekend

Friday

4:00 PM - Happy Hour
6:00 PM - Chili & Soup Served - Please bring table service
7:30 PM - Airstream Movies, Campfire and Dessert

Saturday

8:00 AM - Breakfast - Please bring table service
All day on your own to sightsee!!

Area Attractions:

- Mashantucket Pequot Museum - A carpool caravan will leave the campground at 9:30 am. Admission: Adults - \$10.00, Seniors (55 & older) - \$8.00 and Children 6-15 - \$6.00, under 6 free.
- Foxwoods Casino
- Mohegan Sun Casino

(Please see other the brochures by the bulletin board)

4:30 PM - Executive Board Meeting
5:00 PM - Happy Hour
6:00 PM - Potluck Lasagna Dinner - Please make at least an 8"x 8" Pan of your favorite Lasagna. Salad & Bread will be provided. Please bring table service to dinner.
7:00 PM - General Membership meeting.
7:30 PM - Bingo with prizes. Dessert and Campfire to follow.

Sunday

8:00 PM - Breakfast - Please bring table service.

Depart at your leisure and have safe trip home!! Thanks for coming!!!

****Open Invitation****

- This is a Buddy Rally!!
- Bring your friends, relatives or anyone you know who has a RV or tent!! Have them come join the fun of WBCCI.
- If you know someone with an Airstream who is not a member please try to get them to attend and hopefully join!!!

****Rally Fees****

- ♦ Adults: \$10.00 each
- ♦ Children 6-16: \$4.00 each, under 6 free
- ♦ Camping fee: \$25.00 per night (Fee will be \$23.00 per night if we have over 20 units attend) (Pay campground upon arrival)

****Directions****

- Route 2 to Exit 23, left at bottom of ramp. Go 500 feet to campground entrance. Follow WBCCI signs.
- Campground phone number: (860) 889-4144

Lets kick off the 2000 season with a great spring weekend !!!!

"La-De-Da at Oh-De-Tah" - Charter Oak CT Welcomes Spring

Name: _____ WBCCI # _____

Please mail by: April 25, 2000
 Make Checks Payable to: Michael Rutty
 Mail to: Michael Rutty
 7 Winthrop Road
 Chester, CT 06412

Number of Adults _____ x \$10.00 = _____
 Number of Children _____ x \$4.00 = _____
 Total enclosed.....
 Pay camping fee directly to campground upon arrival.

RALLY 2000

WBCCI - REGION ONE

hosted by NEW ENGLAND UNIT

MAINELY FUN

Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, South Hiram, Maine
Rally: Friday, September 1 through Monday, September 4, 2000
Pre-Rally: Monday, Aug. 28 through Friday, Sept. 1, 2000 (see other side)

Rally includes



- 3 hearty breakfasts
3 Special Yankee dinners
Water & electric hookups
Dump Station
Maine Entertainment
Games/contests
Tours/caravans/seminars
Games/contests
Hobby show/flea market



Enjoy

- Country Fairground
Sebago/Long Lakes
Mount Washington
Ossipee/Saco Rivers
Cornish, Maine
North Conway, NH
Kancamagus Highway
Cannon Mountain
Farm Tours



and much, much more; be sure to come early & stay late

The Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds are on South Hiram Road, just off Route 25 between Kezar Falls, Maine (to the west) and Cornish, Maine (to the east) about 30 miles wnw of Portland, Maine. Watch for WBCCI signs.

REGION ONE RALLY 2000

FEES: (Payable in U.S. Dollars. Please remit this coupon)

Table with 4 columns: Description, Price, Multiplier, Total. Rows include Trailer w/2 persons @ \$115, Trailer w/1 person @ \$85, Each additional adult @ \$45, Each child age 8 to 17 @ \$25, Children under 8 free, Pre/Post Rally @ \$12.00 per trailer night.

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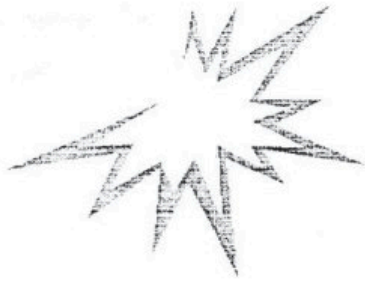
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Make checks payable to NEUNIT - WBCCI
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Registration will increase by \$10 per trailer after August 1, 2000. Please register early.
For additional information, or questions: Call Carl @ 508-869-2018 or e-mail farswan@aol.com
Registrations by August 1, 2000 will be confirmed by return mail. Thank you for joining us.

(see other side)



Special Invitation ***pre-rally parking***

Monday, August 28 through Thursday, August 31, 2000

You are invited to join us for several days of carefree pre-rally camping at the beautiful Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds. Take a few days before the busy rally schedule to visit some of the following sites:

- ❖ **MAINES'S BEAUTIFUL SEBAGO LAKE**
- ❖ **THE SONGO CANAL BETWEEN LONG & SEBAGO LAKES**
- ❖ **SACO RIVER for CANOEING & SWIMMING**
- ❖ **NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MOUNT WASHINGTON**
- ❖ **LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE**
- ❖ **SQUAM LAKE (GOLDEN POND)**
- ❖ **KANCAMAGUS HIGHWAY**
- ❖ **THE OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN**
- ❖ **THE FLUME AT FRANCONIA NOTCH**
- ❖ **CANNON AND TWIN MOUNTAINS**
- ❖ **PORTLAND, MAINE WATERFRONT**
- ❖ **MAIL BOAT RIDE TO BAILEY ISLAND**



Better still, why not organize a Unit Caravan and come to Maine early, as a Unit, to take advantage of this special opportunity.

**PRE/POST RALLY FEES: \$12.00 per trailer/night
(water and electricity available at your site)
All meals and activities on your own during Pre-Rally**

Please turn page for registration form for Rally/Pre-Rally 2000
CARAVAN LEADERS: Please contact Carl Swanson -10775 for Caravan Information.

"The Busting Out all Over Rally"

Charter Oak CT Unit Co-Rally with New England Unit
WBCCI



June 2-4, 2000
Traveler's Woods of New England
Bernardston, MA

Your Hosts are Bud & Jessie Gould and Claire & Pat Lines

Come and Visit the Great Northern Massachusetts and Southern Vermont Area!!

Get out of those Airstreams and See the Area!!

Some Suggestions of things to do:

- ❖ Yankee Candle Factory
- ❖ Yankee Car Museum
- ❖ Basketville
- ❖ Northfield Mountain
- ❖ Old Deerfield Village
- ❖ Bridge of Flowers
- ❖ Lunt's Museum
- ❖ Mohawk Trail

Costs:

- ◆ Camping Fee for the weekend: \$29.50 with water & electric
- ◆ Rally Fees:
 - \$10.00 per adult
 - \$5.00 per child 12-16
 - Under 12 free

Please pay all fees including Campground to Bud Gould

Directions:

- Route 91 to exit 28 West for .6 mile; South on Route 5 for .5 mile; East on Cross Street for .5 mile then proceed .1 mile on River Street to campground. Follow WBCCI Signs.
- Campground Phone # 413-648-9105

Events for the Weekend

Friday:

- Arrive after Noon – Pets Welcome
- 4:30 pm Happy Hour
- 5:30 pm Soup's On!! With Bread for Dinner
- Ice Cream and Social Time
- Campfire

Saturday:

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- All day to explore the area on your own!!
- 5:00 pm Happy Hour
- 6:00 pm Dinner – Baked Ham Served – Side Dishes by potluck. Please bring the following based on your last name that begin with:
 - A-H: Hot Casserole
 - I-O: Cold Salad
 - P-Z: Dessert

Sunday:

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- Depart at your leisure and we'll see you in Bismarck!!!



Please mail by May 20, 2000

Make Check Payable to: Clarence Gould

Name: _____ WBCCI# _____



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MAY 2000



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2000 rally season got off to a great start this year with the La-De-Da at Oh-De-Tah rally in Bozrah, CT.

We hope you are all getting ready for a fun filled summer of camping and sightseeing. There is so much to see and do just in the New England area and we'd love to hear about your travels at the upcoming rallies.

The June rally this year is a co-rally with the New England unit and will be held at Traveler's Woods of New England in Bernardston, MA June 2-4.

June 28 - July 4 will be the 43rd International Rally in Bismarck, ND and Jessie and I would like to see as many of you that can make it there.

This issue of the Chatter is dedicated to long time Charter Oak member and past unit president Jim Edmondson, who passed away on May 1, 2000. Please see some of the enclosed tributes that our members have written. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Laura.

Be kind to one another.
Bud

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 18-21, 2000

"Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally"
Region 1 Special Event
Washington County Fairgrounds
Richmond, RI
Host: Wayne Rutty

June 2-4, 2000

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43rd International Rally
Bismarck, ND

August 4 - 6, 2000

Rally - Roberts Private Airport
East Windsor, CT
Hosts: Jim & Corinne Burnham
Mike & Sandy Sasuta

BIRTHDAYS

Joe Gatavaski	05/01
Bard Fuller	05/01
Mark Good	05/03
William O'Donald	05/05
Jean Landry	05/11
Michael Newman	05/11
Ron Edmondson	05/13
Thomas Petrillo	05/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Vity & Olivia Kundrot	05/08
Arthur & Ann Droheim	05/22
Rich & Kathy Kushman	05/26
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Ted & Lois Price	05/26
William & Jeanette O'Donald	05/31
Mike & Sandy Sasuta	05/31



THANK YOU

The families of James Edmondson wish to thank one and all for your many expressions of sympathy extended to us these past few weeks and most especially sharing memories with us.



BEST WISHES

Get well wishes go out to:

Dorothy Long who is recovering from illness.

John Fuller recovering from a heart attack.

We send our condolences to the family of Sal Lavorgna. Sal was 79 and passed away in Dade City May 4, 2000. Sal was a member of Charter Oak for several years and moved to Travelers Rest many years ago, remarried and lived in the village. It has been said Sal was a diamond in the rough, a very generous man, a great help to the club for many years and everyone who lived, wintered or visited TR knew him.

FOR SALE

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Reggie, a pitcher for the Westerly Bulldogs, was on the mound most of the time when his team finished the season undefeated in 1944 with a 23-0 record. In one nine-inning game, Reggie struck out 20 batters. He was also a solid hitter.

It was the only time in the school's history that the baseball team had gone undefeated. Reggie led the Bulldogs to their first state championship in 17 seasons.

After graduating from Westerly High in 1944, Reggie entered the U.S. Army and saw combat service in three European areas, including the Battle of the Bulge. After World War II, he signed a major league contract with the Boston Red Sox and reached the highest league level (Triple A).

Reggie Brown married Jackie, his high school sweetheart in 1948. His life work was in heavy construction equipment. The two companies for which he worked built breakwaters for the Army Corps of Engineers and constructed sections of Interstate Highway I-95.

The Browns are full timers, living at Travelers Rest for three seasons but spending the summers near their two sons Robert and James in Ashaway, R.I and their daughter Bonnie Telesky in North Stonington, CT.

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Bud Gould
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Editor's note: We have been asked to publish the thoughts of Paul Freed that were read at the memorial service for Jim Edmondson by Dick Bartram. Dick's introduction to Paul's message is included as well.

Dick Bartram's Introduction:

Jim Edmondson offered unconditional friendship and love to all. We are here today as a testimony to that. Paul Freed, like Jim, is a retired minister who regarded Jim as his closest friend. As Paul lives in Florida, at Jim's beloved Travelers Rest, and is unable to be here today due to health problems, he sent some thoughts to Jim's family, which Laura has asked me to read. I am very honored to share them with you now.

JIM

The word we got on Monday, May 1st, was that when Jim went to the hospital that morning he was in good spirits.

Few words could more accurately describe Jim than those words "good spirit."

That's what Jim was. To everyone who had the honor to know him, Jim was a great spirit.

You'd show up at his house or trailer front door and he would bound to greet you.

Some people are envied for their great gifts. Jim was loved for his.

There were two stages to getting acquainted with Jim. First, you got to know him. Then you grew to admire his quiet good judgement.

And Jim had an uncanny and unusual gift of intuition.

I don't know that I ever heard him utter a word I would call critical of anyone. But you knew his discernment about people was penetrating and accurate.

And it wasn't only with people that he landed on the bull's eye of assessment.

Ron told me about Jim's ferrying his B-17 to England. Up in the North Atlantic, German U-boats knew of the Air Force flights. The U-boats began to transmit false route signals. There were pilots on the course who considered for a time, then veered into the trackless water.

Jim flew steadily through the flurry of those signals and landed safely in Iceland.

Jim had great substance. But he loved merriment.

Throughout history there have been those who've been known for their philanthropy. Usually speaking in financial terms, we say they have spread their gifts beyond themselves and added to the high quality of life for others.

In a nobler way, and much as Jim would back away from the term, on the best things that we know about Jim is that he was a philanthropist.

He was a philanthropist in the realm of the spirit.

Every one of us is richer because of the gifts of the spirit he gave to us.

Paul Freed #11374

GOODBYE GRAMP

By now many of you have heard about the passing of my Grandfather, James Edmondson. As an Airstreamer, Gramp was the most avid promoter and recruiter WBCCI could have had. Airstreaming was something he believed in and truly loved.

Several months ago I asked Gramp how many Airstreams he owned? He responded "Well, Mike I don't really know, I guess I lost count?" I did some figuring myself and I think it is somewhere around twelve Airstreams at one time or another over the years. Gramp would have at least two Airstreams at any one time and these "spare" trailers was how my parents and Lianne & I were introduced into the club. Gramp would say "Just take it for the weekend to a rally and see what you think?? You've got nothing to lose."

Recently I went to the Airstream factory and upon returning home I went to see Gramp and he wanted to know all about what was going on in Jackson Center. He wanted to know what new products were being made and how his beloved Airstream was doing.

Traveling was always Gramp's passion. The family has a picture of Gramp as a child in the mid 1920's with a Model T camping at Hammonasset in an old canvas tent. The classic trip was with a Nash Rambler in 1958 with a tent with no floor tied on the roof going across country with his three small children. The next big step for Gramp & Gram was the purchase of a Nimrod all canvas pop-up tent trailer. They then moved onto the 15 foot Shasta. One of the earliest memories of camping with Gramp for me was going to Steamtown USA in the Shasta.

The next big purchase for Gramp was his 1975 31 foot Airstream just before he retired. He was so proud of that Airstream. He said that *was living the good life*. Upon retirement Gram & Gramp hit to the road to full time in the Airstream. The 1977 trip that my family took with Gram & Gramp across country is a source of some of my fondest memories as a child. Over 20 years at Travelers Rest was where many a Grandchild swam in the heated pool and learned to play golf.

He was the best Grandfather anyone could ask for.

I hope Lianne, James and I can have a much fun Airstreaming for many years to come like Gramp was able to enjoy.

Say Hi to Wally for us. I am sure you have asked him many questions already.

Goodbye Gramp we will all miss you!!

Love,
Michael, Lianne and James #16264

MEMORIES...

There are times like this that one thinks back to the happy times that were shared with this wonderful man. When I was a child, and went to their parsonage home in Northfield... When my father would share sheep information and equipment for the raising of the sheep... My parents would share abundant crops from the harvested garden... As an adult, when he was the attending minister 39 years ago and married Bob and I... In 1994 when he was instrumental in us buying our beloved 1978 Airstream while at a winter vacation to Traveler's Rest... How happy he was and called to tell Susan and Wayne Rutty and awakened them from their sleep... Fun times shared when we were two trailers from them on 3rd Street... The set back card games, the haircuts given, meals together, last minute invitations to help us clean up some leftovers... Just popping in to say hello... His presidency of Charter Oak as we joined the club... Following Bob and I during our presidencies and installing us into our presidencies...following my 2nd VP in Region... Always keeping our spirits up...he was that kind of a man.

I was lucky when Aunt Laura and Uncle Jim married, he was then family. So we were not only lucky to have him as family, we were even more lucky as adults to have him as our friend. We will miss him every day.

Anne and Bob Werth #13703

A LETTER TO JIM EDMONDSON

Well it all went very well Jim. There was quite a large turnout at the visiting. No surprise, considering the guest of honor. Laura did a wonderful job and it certainly wasn't easy with so many people to hug, she is quite a trooper, I guess you know that Jim.

I sure remember your taking my hand and welcoming us into the Airstream club like you did for so many others. They came Jim, quite a few, just to be near.

You would have been proud of the church service Jim. Full house you know. Dick read the words of a dear friend beautifully, Dorothy sang, Eileen played, and Tony sang and guess what Jim, he remembered all the words. Your grandchildren sure turned on the sprinklers, a real tearfest, and your son, well Jim, he was eloquent, he helped us all get through. You sure did build yourself a pile of love.

I know you left on that lonely trip Jim, kind of left us behind this time, but I must confess, I was a little envious. I think because I would like to be missed and loved like you are Jim, I suppose everyone would. One last request Jim. When I set out on my lonely trip, would you stretch out your arm and take my hand one more time?

*With love,
Richard
#1442*

MEMORIES OF JIM EDMONDSON

Jim Edmondson was a humble man - he found it difficult to talk about himself. Tom Brokaw's book *The Greatest Generation* missed an important chapter - one about Jim.

On the day Jim christened his newest great-grandchild, James Henry Rutty, Eileen and I had a brief visit with Jim and Laura in their home. Jim told me that he was the only B-17 pilot to make two bombing runs over Germany, landing in Russia, and returning on a second run over Italy.

The long run back over Italy found many planes running out of fuel before returning to England. Jim's plane ran out of fuel before landing, but he managed to land the plane safely (dead-stick landing), preserving lives and the plane.

Upon landing, the crew kissed the ground. Jim went to church (Sunday evening) and pledged to give the rest of his life to God.

After Michael and Lianne gave birth to baby James, Jim Edmondson was scheduled to christen him on April 30th.

As Jim's heart condition worsened, he focused his remaining strength on making it to the day he would perform his last christening.

As in *1944, when Jim brought the B-17 back and saved 10 lives, Jim kept going until James' christening day was at hand.

The next day, trusting in the Lord, Jim left us to be with God. Mission Accomplished.

Rarely do we get to know such a fine person. It has been an honor and privilege to know Jim Edmondson and to call him "friend."

Dick Bartram

JIM EDMONDSON

Surely, it is a sign of our great affection for Jim Edmondson that we all know a lot about his life.

Born in England, coming to America as a boy, Jim enjoyed the companionship of a warm family of five boys.

He married his school sweetheart, Laura. Assigned to B-17s in World War II, Jim piloted 35 missions over Europe.

Returning, he studied for the ministry and was ordained in the Congregational Church.

Together with Laura, he welcomed a family of two daughters and a son; he helped to surround them with the kind of affection and good times he had experienced in his own growing up.

Serving parishes in Connecticut, Jim and Laura and their family were honored in their communities and loved by those they ministered to.

In 1975, Jim and Laura retired. It was then that, to the pleasure of all of us, Jim became an ambassador.

Those who Airstreamed with Jim and Laura delighted in their company. At the night's campground, it wasn't long before Jim, remembering what he had seen on the way in, seized a packet of Wally Byam materials and departed for an unnumbered Airstream.

Wherever Jim went, the Wally Byam club grew. Nowhere was this truer than in our own Charter Oak Unit. With the enthusiastic participation of his own children and grandchildren, Jim visited, called, followed up, and sometimes, I believe, even helped to sell trailers, to make the Charter Oak Unit one of the shining examples of the Wally Byam Club.

The dictionary defines an ambassador as a "proclaimer." Jim was a distinguished ambassador for the Wally Byam Club.

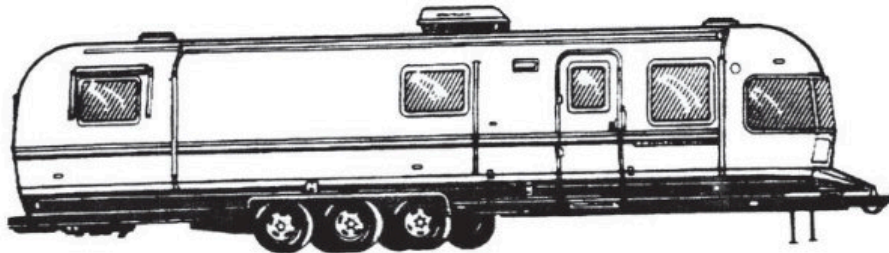
And, Jim was an equally skilled and effective champion of that other great enthusiasm in his life: Travelers Rest.

To go up and down the streets of TR in the winter, is to see an impressive number of the parked trailers with Connecticut license plates. It's probably true to say that most of them are there because of Jim's enthusiasm for Travelers Rest -- and because people of quality and good judgment felt that anyplace Jim and Laura were would be a pleasing home for them, too.

As the dictionary says, an ambassador is a "proclaimer."

In his ministry, in his love for his home, in his dedication to WBCCI and in his devotion to Travelers Rest, Jim was, among his many other great talents, a welcome and much loved "ambassador."

Paul Freed #11374



"The Busting Out all Over Rally"

Charter Oak CT Unit Co-Rally with New England Unit
WBCCI



June 2-4, 2000
Traveler's Woods of New England
Bernardston, MA

Your Hosts are Bud & Jessie Gould and Claire & Pat Lines

Come and Visit the Great Northern Massachusetts and Southern Vermont Area!!

Get out of those Airstreams and See the Area!!

Some Suggestions of things to do:

- ❖ Yankee Candle Factory
- ❖ Yankee Car Museum
- ❖ Basketville
- ❖ Northfield Mountain
- ❖ Old Deerfield Village
- ❖ Bridge of Flowers
- ❖ Lunt's Museum
- ❖ Mohawk Trail

Costs:

- ◆ Camping Fee for the weekend: \$29.50 with water & electric
- ◆ Rally Fees:
 - \$10.00 per adult
 - \$5.00 per child 12-16
 - Under 12 free

Please pay all fees including Campground to Bud Gould

Directions:

- Route 91 to exit 28 West for .6 mile; South on Route 5 for .5 mile; East on Cross Street for .5 mile then proceed .1 mile on River Street to campground. Follow WBCCI Signs.
- Campground Phone # 413-648-9105

Events for the Weekend

Friday:

- Arrive after Noon – Pets Welcome
- 4:30 pm Happy Hour
- 5:30 pm Soup's On!! With Bread for Dinner
- Ice Cream and Social Time
- Campfire

Saturday:

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- All day to explore the area on your own!!
- 5:00 pm Happy Hour
- 6:00 pm Dinner – Baked Ham Served – Side Dishes by potluck. Please bring the following based on your last name that begin with:
 - A-H: Hot Casserole
 - I-O: Cold Salad
 - P-Z: Dessert

Sunday:

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- Depart at your leisure and we'll see you in Bismarck!!!



Please mail by May 20, 2000

Make Check Payable to: Clarence Gould

Name: _____ WBCCI# _____



Campground Fee (Two Nights).....\$29.50
 Number of Adults _____ x \$10.00 = _____
 Number of Children 12-16 _____ x \$5.00= _____
 Number of Under 12 _____ FREE
 Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

Mail to:
 Bud Gould
 49 Dobson Circle
 Middletown, CT 06457

Special Invitation

When is the last time that you visited Southern Maine and the White Mountain area of New Hampshire? Vi and I have had several occasions to be in those areas in recent months. We have been in the area sharing time with our family and also exploring in connection with Rally 2000. The more we visit the area, the more we feel at home and the more we enjoy going back. We are so pleased that we will be spending more time up there as we play our part in Rally 2000. And we hope that you will share it with us as part of our NEUNIT sponsored Region One Rally over Labor Day weekend in this year 2000. Our Pre-rally gives a wonderful opportunity to vacate and explore without the pressures of the formal rally.

So what's so great? I'm sure that you have looked at a map to see the location of South Hiram. It is located centrally between the White Mountains and the Maine Lakes Region. We recently traversed the scenic Kancamagus Highway from Lincoln to Conway, NH. It was a real white-knuckle ride as we did it the morning after a four-inch snowfall, but it sure was beautiful. There are many spectacular self-directed sight-seeing tours of the White Mountain area with countless attractions, such as Mount Washington and the Presidential Range, the Flume, the Old Man of the Mountain, Franconia Notch, Loon Mountain, Cannon Mountain and many more. If you haven't been to the top of Mount Washington in recent years, take this opportunity to try the famous Cog Railway or the Mount Washington Auto Road at Great Glen. Drive your own car, or better still, take a 1 1/2 hour guided tour in a comfortable Auto Road van. If you want to see some New Hampshire water, visit Lake Winnepesaukee and do the M/S Mount Washington cruise, billed as the most beautiful scenic cruise in New England.



Pre-rally Parking

On your way back to the Fairgrounds, visit North Conway, NH for some great shopping and an evening snack. You'll want to come back again.

And then head east to the famous Maine Lakes Region and visit Sebago and Long Lakes. Take a paddle wheeler from Long Lake to the locks on the Songo Canal which connects Sebago and Long Lakes. Take a sea plane ride at Naples and see the beautiful lakes from above. Then visit Sebago State Park for some great sunning, swimming and a lakeside picnic.

Meanwhile, back at the Ossipee Fairgrounds, visit the neat towns of Cornish, Porter and Parsonsville, Maine. Cornish bills itself as the "second prettiest" town in Maine. It has many quaint shops and neat restaurants for the inquisitive traveler. Then do some hiking in the area and canoe the Saco River, some of the best casual canoeing in New England. And the people are great. We have been accorded such wonderful hospitality in the area; we just keep coming back for more.

And for the more fun and adventure, you can head for Portland, Maine – only 35 miles away and enjoy one of New England's most progressive cities. Visit the rejuvenated waterfront for some neat sight seeing and dining.

And if you have another day, take a 50-mile run up to Freeport, Maine to visit LL Bean and the countless outlet stores. Around this neck of the woods, adventure never ends.

So why not join us at Region One Rally and Pre-rally from August 28 through Labor Day Weekend in South Hiram, Maine? You'll have a great time. ☺

Carl & Vi Swanson 10775

RALLY 2000

WBCCI - REGION ONE
hosted by
NEW ENGLAND UNIT

MAINE'LY FUN

Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, South Hiram, Maine
Rally: Friday, September 1 through Monday, September 4, 2000
Pre-Rally: Monday, Aug. 28 through Friday, Sept. 1, 2000 (see other side)

Rally includes



- 3 hearty breakfasts
3 Special Yankee dinners
Water & electric hookups
Dump Station
Maine Entertainment
Games/contests
Tours/caravans/seminars
Games/contests
Hobby show/flea market



Enjoy

- Country Fairground
Sebago/Long Lakes
Mount Washington
Ossipee/Saco Rivers
Cornish, Maine
North Conway, NH
Kancamagus Highway
Cannon Mountain
Farm Tours



and much, much more; be sure to come early & stay late

The Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds are on South Hiram Road, just off Route 25 between Kezar Falls, Maine (to the west) and Cornish, Maine (to the east) about 30 miles wnw of Portland, Maine. Watch for WBCCI signs.

REGION ONE RALLY 2000

FEES: (Payable in U.S. Dollars. Please remit this coupon)

- Trailer w/2 persons @ \$115 =
Trailer w/1 person @ \$85 =
Each additional adult @ \$45 #adults X 45 =
Each child age 8 to 17 @ \$25 #children X 25 =
Children under 8 free - how many? # children < 8 =
Pre/Post Rally @ \$12.00 per trailer night: #nites X 12 =

Vertical text: SEPT 1-4 2000

THIS IS OUR FIRST RALLY: YES..... NO..... :

TOTAL \$ =

Name:..... WBCCI #.....
Address:..... Unit #.....
City, State, ZIP.....
Handicap..... Pets..... Office Held.....



Make checks payable to NEVNIT - WBCCI
Mail to: Carl Swanson, 8 Boulder Way, Boulston, MA 01505

Registration will increase by \$10 per trailer after August 1, 2000. Please register early.
For additional information, or questions: Call Carl @ 508-869-2018 or e-mail farswan@aol.com
Registrations by August 1, 2000 will be confirmed by return mail. Thank you for joining us.

(see other side)

A weekend in the Historic Connecticut Tobacco River Valley Camping on the Banks of the CT River

Roberts Private Airport
Route 5- East Windsor, CT
Buddy Rally



August 4 – 6, 2000

WBCCI - Charter Oak CT Unit
Hosted by Jim & Corinne Burnham and Mike & Sandy Sasuta

Schedule of Events

Friday

- Arrive after 12:00 Noon
- 4:00 PM – Happy Hour
- Dinner on you own
- 7:30 PM - Ice Cream & Coffee around the Campfire

Saturday

- 8:00 am – Breakfast
- Lunch and Sightseeing on your own (See list to right)
- Canoeing on the River
- 4:00 PM – Happy Hour in the Tobacco Shed
- 5:30 PM– Chicken Barbecue Dinner with all the fix'ins
- 7:00 PM– General Membership Meeting.
- 7:30 PM- Bingo with caller Big Jim –Professional Trained by Yancee
- Campfire and Ice Cream to follow.

Sunday

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast
 - Depart at your leisure by Noon!! Have a safe trip home!!!
- We will have a Honey Wagon onsite at 10:30 am on Sunday to Pump Out your holding tanks before you leave.

Directions

Route 91(North or South) to exit 45 take right off exit and travel for 2 ½ miles and take a right past *It's About Tyme* restaurant – Follow WBCCI Signs

Sights to see and things to do Close By!!

- ❖ Air Museum; Windsor Locks, CT
- ❖ Trolley Museum; East Windsor, CT
- ❖ Crands Candy Castle; East Windsor/Enfield Line
- ❖ Indian Motorcycle Museum; Springfield, MA
- ❖ Basketball Hall of Fame; Springfield, MA
- ❖ Enfield Square & Mall
- ❖ Buckland Shopping Area; Manchester, CT
- ❖ Old Newgate Prision; East Granby, CT

We will have information and directions to these attractions and more!!

****Reminders****

- ◆ Come with a Full Water Tank and Empty Holding Tanks.
- ◆ This will be dry camping.
- ◆ Dogs welcome – But Must Remain on leash at all times!!

Cost for the weekend:

- ◆ Rally Fee: \$10.00 per Adult
\$5.00 Children Ages 7-16
- ◆ Parking: \$30.00 per Unit. (Please note that this amount is based on 20 units attending and cost to be adjusted up or down based on final attendance, Thanks for your understanding)

Please Respond by July 30, 2000

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Number Adults _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Kids _____ x \$5.00 = _____

Parking\$30.00

Total Enclosed.....

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our unit is growing!! Please take a moment and welcome our newest members Donald & Pat Rawson of North Stonington, CT to the club. We are looking forward to seeing them in Bismarck and at upcoming rallies.

Thanks to all for attending the June co-rally with the New England unit this past weekend. Please look for the flyers for upcoming rallies in this month's chatter. The Region 1 rally is coming up on Labor Day weekend, please sign up soon so we have a good turnout from Charter Oak.

Jessie and I will be flying to the International Rally this year with Wayne & Susan Rutty because we have sold our trailer and have not taken delivery of our new trailer.

Please be sure to check out the Charter Oak bulletin board in Bismarck that Rich Kushman made if you are going, you will be impressed!!! I will see you at the August rally for those that will not be able to make it to Bismarck. Travel Safe!!

Be kind to one another.
Bud

PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECT EXIT NUMBER FOR THE AUGUST RALLY IS EXIT 44 PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE FLYER IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE CHATTER.

REGION 1 RALLY INFORMATION

Attention Vintage Owners: Region 1 will be providing Vintage Parking for any Vintage Owners that register in advance for the Region 1 Rally 2000 and mark their registration forms with "**Vintage**".

The Hospitality Committee of Region 1 2000 needs your help.

WE NEED COOKIES - LOTS OF COOKIES - ALL KINDS OF COOKIES! If you are willing to bake one or two dozen of your favorite cookies to be served in the Hospitality Room at the Region 1 Rally. Please contact Evelyn Harrington by August 1, so the committee will know how many cookies they will have.

People are needed to help in the Hospitality Room. We are planning 2 hour shifts between 9am and 4 pm on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday and Sunday we will only need an hourly check to be sure the Coffee & Lemonade & Cookies are available.

If you are willing to help, please contact Evelyn Harrington at (508) 869-3161 or Email at EVHARR@aol.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 28 - July 4, 2000
43rd International Rally
Bismarck, ND

August 4 - 6, 2000
Buddy Rally
Roberts Private Airport
East Windsor, CT
Hosts: Jim & Corinne Burnham
Mike & Sandy Sasuta

September 1-4, 2000
Region 1 Rally - *Maine by Fun*
Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds
South Hiram, ME
Carl & Vi Swanson

October 6-8, 2000
Rally
Brialee RV & Tent Park
Ashford, CT
Mike & Sandy Sasuta
Bob & Carolyn Barrett



THE BUSTING OUT ALL OVER RALLY

The June joint rally of COCU and New England units at Travelers Woods of New England in Bernardston, MA was a great event. The weather was hot & cold; dry and wet. The temperatures ranged from 90° to 44°. We had bright sun to wind, rain and thunder. The food was plentiful and delicious. Ask the new member 4 year old Adam his thoughts about the fare. Sightseeing around the area was beautiful with all the lush spring growth. The flowers and shrubs were in full splendor.

There were 15 trailers from COCU and 7 from New England. Tour groups went in all directions visiting The Bridge of flowers in Shelborne Falls, Yankee Candle Factory in Deerfield and others went North to Brattleboro. The explorers will return again to see more another time.

The group had ages ranging from 6 month old James Ruddy to Adam's great grandfather at 89.

Our thanks to the Lines and Goulds our hosts for the weekend. We even had ice cream delivery by the "Ding A Ling" girls.

A good time was had by all.

Bob and Carolyn Barrett #9480

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1989 Chevy Suburban

Dark blue, 454 engine, 3/4 ton, 2WD, 3rd seat, rear A/C, mag wheels, sunroof & running boards, Call for more info. \$7,900 Roger Crockett (860) 485-0185

1970 25 ft Airstream Caravaner Trailer

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1979 31ft Airstream Excella 500

Good condition; new carpet, heater and univolt. Twin bed model with rear bath. \$6,700 James Shahrigan (860) 872-0781

1977 31st Airstream Classic Trailer

Exterior in excellent condition, interior in very good condition. 1500/3000 Watt converter with 2 new batteries and other electronic upgrades. Brakes, bearings and tires recently replaced. Loaded with many other extras. \$7,500 Russ Fuller (802) 257-1902

NATCHEZ PILGRIMAGE MARCH 22-26, 2000

This Pilgrimage Rally was a way to step back in pre-civil ware history and experience the style of living of that era. Spring had arrived to this area with dogwood, redbud, azalea shrubs in bloom, locals mowing their lawns and baseball being played.

The "Opening Ceremony" signaled the beginning of our week of experiencing the flavor of that area. Our own Quebec member Jacques Viau carried the Canadian flag in fine style. We were then entertained by International Teen Queen Jaclyn Verret. Door prizes and ice cream were the end of the evening speciality.

We were treated to three mornings of wonderful breakfasts, including the Southern favorite of grits with eggs, sausages, fruit, biscuits and one morning pancakes. Just delicious. There were two catered dinner meals of barbecued pork sandwiches and fixins' and a barbecued chicken dinner another evening. Each time we chose a number and were then escorted to our tables and enjoyed the company of those having chosen the same number. This led us to meeting new folks each evening. During the final banquet, some of the escorts wore tuxedos, so we were ushered in style.

Thursday March 23 was the day of our Natchez city tour, riding on coaches and having a delightful description of the city sights given to us by a well-informed guide. We certainly felt that we knew everything there was to know about this city of Natchez. We also toured the Natchez Trace and Port Gibson area with 92 year old Jimmy Allen, a member of the Mississippi Unit. He was able to give us a side of the area that wasn't previously mentioned. His Daddy has a permanent display of his photography in black and white that is in the historic Town Hall. Port Gibson, Jimmy's hometown, has Church Street that has a plethora of churches with lots of history behind them. We toured several of them including a temple that has been purchased by a member of Jimmy Allen's family and in is in the process of restoring it to its original charm as it is no longer a worshipping synagogue.

Saturday was the Confederate Pageant. What a wonderful depiction of pre-Civil War era with costumes worn by the participants! The dancing and narration was outstanding. The hoop skirts were beautiful. The little children were special to see. Their depiction of a May Pole dance was memorable. This was a worthwhile part of this rally. Following the rally the Pilgrimage Rally Committee donned their finery and presented us with the "After Glo" party. There was music to dance t, refreshments to be had and beautiful finery to behold. This is where we said goodbyes as we would be departing for home in the morning.

This rally was an interlude from our winter out west trip...a good stopping off point. It turned into a wonderful hiatus and the committee that presented this rally showed us a wonderful four days. If you haven't taken in the beautiful city of Natchez, try to do so. It is especially more meaningful to take in the wonderful "Pilgrimage Rally" hosted by Region 6's Mississippi Unit and experience their southern hospitality. We loved this rally, you would too!

Anne & Bob Werth, #13703



Be sure to check out
the Charter Oak Website at:
<http://home.att.net/~charteroak/>



NEW MEMBERS!

Warm Welcome Wishes go out to the Newest Charter Oak Members

Donald & Pat Rawson
20 Laurel Wood Road
North Stonington, CT 06359-1507
Email: pebear@cshore.com

Donald & Pat plan to attend the International Rally in Bismarck.

If you are going to be at International this month please look them up and say hello!

LA-DE-DA AT OH-DE-TAH RALLY

The weekend of May 12-14, 2000 kicked off the Rally Season for the year 2000. There were 9 units in attendance and everyone was in good spirits!

Friday evening dinner was Chili and Baked Potato Soup with some of Rich Kushman's very tasty breads. After dinner we all watched Airstream movies, including the one filmed at International last year! Ben & Jerry Peace Pops were served at the bonfire.

Saturday found all the Airstreamers up early and ready to explore the area with a trip to Wal-Mart. Saturday evening was started by a social hour which rolled into the pot-luck Lasagna feast. There were so many delicious variations on this dish it was amazing. No one left hungry! Most original were Jackie & Chan Taylor's German Lasagna and Sandy & Mike Sasuta's Pirogi Lasagna - both were a great tasting change of pace! A raucous round of bingo and strawberry shortcake were followed by another bonfire (there was a lot of wood)

Everyone had a good time relaxing and catching up with each other - it was a very nice start to the 2000 camping season.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Lill Herpich	06/03
Per & Lillimore Hamnqvist	06/07
David & Betty Tuckerman	06/15
Jim & Corinne Burnham	06/17
Bob & Sharon Henschel	06/17
Richard & Rosalie Moffo	06/17
Thomas & Antionette Petrillo	06/20
Leland & Claire Bradley	06/24
Bob & Anne Werth	06/24
Bob & Jean Landry	06/25
Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto	06/30
Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck	06/30

Donald & Pat Rawson	07/01
Edward & Mary Wellington	07/02
Jim & Angela Taurus	07/03
Charles & Jeanne Wilson	07/04
Robert & Barbara White	07/06
Joe & Sarah Ribeiro	07/07
Dick & Eileen Bartram	07/14
Ed & Al Stagis	07/19
Raynold & Cecile Lemaire	07/26
Gregg & Debbie Cocco	07/28

BIRTHDAYS

Sebastian Pestretto	06/03
Lee Hale	06/06
Gregg Cocco	06/11
Linda Guilmar	06/14
Joe Ribeiro	06/14
Gail Good	06/26
Reggie Brown	06/28
Elaine Tower	06/29

Jim Burnham	07/01
Ted Price	07/03
Kathy Kushman	07/05
Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Helen Gatavaski	07/09
Sandra Silverstein	07/14
Mary Louise Wellington	07/14
Rosalie Moffo	07/15
Chandler Taylor	07/19
Megan Fuller	07/21
Claire Lines	07/23
Richard Moffo	07/23
Judy Good	07/26
Lois Price	07/26
Kathy Fuller	07/30
Barbara Appleton	07/31

HOW WE CAME TO OWN AN AIRSTREAM AND JOIN THE CHARTER OAK GANG PART 2 - THE JOURNEY HOME BY: JIM AND CORINNE BURNHAM

Now that the 31ft, 1975 Airstream Sovereign is ours, how it got home is another story. After all we did not own a tow vehicle but Jim's brother Dan does and he is always up for one of Jim's schemes. So they took every tool known to mankind to bring home our treasure. Well as they say "the best laid plans of mice and men". It all started with hooking up Dan's truck to the trailer. Well, I don't know all the right terms but something that gets plugged in so the brakes work smoked the brake controller but didn't trip the circuit breaker. Which means no brakes on the trailer. Dan was not a happy camper by this time. Now I don't know much about such things but I don't think this is a good start. Jim wanted to stop and buy a new brake controller for Dan's truck but Dan had other ideas. So they hooked up using just the brakes on the truck and headed for the interstate. Half way home they stopped to check out the inside of the trailer, but to their surprise they found the last owner had installed a slide lock on the screen door which found its way into the locked position. What ever had tossed about in travel had to stay where it landed. Now anyone who has driven during road construction in the State of Connecticut will know what troubles it can lead to. When the guys were within five miles of home they hit a road crew repaving the road. With the sun in their eyes (or so they said) the work crew waved them on. The road under them took a four inch dip, better known as a thank-you mam, but they were tired and Jim said they were not stopping, of course they weren't unscathed. Before they left the Cape they had to wire up the bottom to the back end compartment where we all keep our you know what. Well it must have come loose because when they pulled into our yard they bottomed out and tore the whole back end of the trailer off and left all of our goodies all across the front lawn. With Dan and Jim still talking and drinks on order we had our trailer home.

Next month: How we met Jim and Laura Edmondson

“Three Guys, Two Girls and Two Airstreams go on Trip 2000”

It all started out to get away for an early season camping trip. Jim & Corinne Burnham and Lianne & I thought we would get a jump on the 2000 camping season so we decided to head to the Airstream factory in the booming metropolis of Jackson Center, Ohio. Jim wanted to have some repairs done on his trailer and I needed some accessories for ours. With the income taxes in the mail, we left on Saturday morning, April 15 at 6:00 AM. I made up a participants guide/information book for all attending party's with all kinds on maps, directions, points of interest, campground info, etc. I had fun putting them together and they were easy because I found almost all on the information on the Internet. This may sound kind of corny but it proved to be very helpful to have all of the information needed for the trip bound in single book. Try it sometime even if it is just yourselves traveling; it will pay off.

It was the maiden voyage in the trailer for our 4-½ month old son – James Henry. The first night out we stayed at Pennwood Airstream Park in Limestone, PA with the temperatures in the mid 70's it could of not been a better way to kick off the 2000 season. The wonderful folks at Pennwood parked us when we arrived and filled us in on the history of the park. Jim liked the place so much that he wished it was closer to home so we could go more often.

After a quiet evening at Pennwood of getting everything organized in the trailer we arose early Sunday morning and headed to Jackson Center. We went across Ohio on State Route 30 and then down Route 68 to Rte 274 into Jackson Center the back way. I would highly recommend this route because of the wonderful scenery and Midwest farms that you pass. It will give you a change from the interstates. On Route 30 you will pass many small towns with many churches all with signs and sayings about their church. My favorite was a Baptist church that had a message that read “*Question of the week: Is your seat in eternity in... Smoking...or... Non-Smoking??*”

We arrived in Jackson Center in the late afternoon and parked outside the Airstream service center. We saw a trailer with hail damage in excess of \$30,000 from a storm at the Airstream Park in Texas! If you have never been to Jackson Center, Ohio then you should plan to stop by sometime and take a tour of the factory. . Tours of the factory are conducted Monday-Friday at 2:00 PM. There were many different Airstreams parked awaiting service with all different problems. The tour of the factory was very interesting in the fact that the #1 product Airstream sells is the 25 foot Safari Trailer model with the 19 foot Bambi #2 and the new 39 foot Diesel Pusher Motorhome in a close # 3. I sure would like to know where all those Safari's and Bambi's go and why they are not joining the club? Jim got some tambour doors replaced in his trailer. After spending several dollars in the Airstream store and a visit to the WBCCI headquarters we left and headed to a KOA in East Sparta, Ohio just south of Canton. And that begins another interesting story.....

What was planned as a two night stop at the Bear Creek KOA became one after we arrived!! This place was so backwoods and odd, words cannot describe. There was a very bright spot to our stay at Bear Creek though. While sitting around the campfire at around 6:30 PM that evening we noticed a woman trying to set up a new popup trailer with 3 small children that was not having much luck! Jim & I walk over and asked if she could use some help. She graciously accepted and told us that she had never set it up before. Being not far removed from our popup days we quickly had the unit set up, got the fridge & furnace going and started the campfire for her and the kids. I am sure we can all remember our first camping experience and some nightmares to go along with them. If you ever see someone struggling at a campground getting set up, offer a hand it will make you feel pretty good and will give all Airstreamers and WBCCI a good name on the road. Jim left a Wiffleball bat & ball on their doorstep the next morning. We all decided we would rather not leave our trailers at the campground so we took them with us the next day and did not look back.

Off to Lehman's Hardware in Kidron, Ohio in the heart of Amish Country. Be sure to put this place on your list when in the area of things to visit. Lehman's caters to the Amish for their non-electric needs. You will see many unique and different things in Lehman's as well as a few Amish horse and buggy rigs parked outside. After a day of the 2nd favorite pastime of Airstreamers (No not eating) – Shopping we were back on the road to Pennwood for some R-n-R before heading home.

How would you like to have an entire campground all to yourself and only have to share it with two male mallard ducks? And to top it off it was an Airstream Park! We made full use of the opportunity by relaxing and performing necessary repairs for four days and three nights. Every day we would wait all day thinking someone would show up at the park but to no avail. We were like a group of stranded yachtsmen waiting for the search plane except we had "Land Yachts". So we tinkered around and made the obligatory trips to Wal-Mart in between thundershowers.

We headed out on Saturday morning to be home in time for Easter dinner. The return trip home was uneventful except for a minor hitch adjustment on my rig in the parking lot of the Columbia Mall at Exit 33 on Route 80 in Pennsylvania. This is a good place to stop on your way west. You can park in the huge mall lot and walk to many restaurants or shops. As for James Henry he was a trooper for the most part sleeping in the truck all day while traveling, it must be in his *blood*.

We are planning taking a trip next year the week before Easter if anyone is interested to the same area for the most part, let one of us know if you would like to join in on Trip 2000 +1. See you down the road!

Michael Rutty #16264

COCU MEMBER SURVEY

Results: sent out 67, received back 30 (44% return) Not sent to affiliated memb.

If you would take a few minutes to answer this survey, we believe by determining the likes and dislikes of the membership, a good time can be had for all.

This survey is completely voluntary, no names are involved, unless in reply to certain questions you wish to be identified. We believe this will allow everyone to be candid.

1. During the first evening of a rally, what would you prefer to do? (please list)

Campfire: 63% Light group meal: 16% Dessert: 13%
Restaurant: 1%

(balance of % may not equal 100% since some questions were not answered)

2. During the day, Saturday, what would you prefer to do?

Morning? group breakfast: 36% on own: 40%

Afternoon? On own: 23% organized tour: 10%

Evening? group meal: 50% Campfire only: 13% Socialize: 6%

Restaurant: 6%

3. Is there a particular place you would like to go for a weekend? For a weeks caravan?

Cape Cod 13%, Wash DC 6%, Adirondacks, Amish, Williamsburg, New Hampshire 6%, Hatteras,

Hudson Valley, Canada, Quebec, Cape May, RI/CT beaches.

4. How far are you willing to travel for a weekend rally? Please check one.

6%, 50 miles (one way) 16% 75 miles 36% 100 miles 26% 150 miles

5. Would you be willing to "dry camp" for 2 nights (no hookups)?

70% Yes 16% No

6. Would you be willing to ASSIST a rally host? *63% Yes 10% No*

7. Should the club maintain and post a list of those people who are willing to assist a rally

host? 73% Yes 6% No

8. Do you have a favorite or unique place to hold a rally? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes please indicate your thoughts here or contact a club officer.
Mystic/Hammonasset 6%
9. Would you be willing to HOST a weekend? All that is required is the selection of the site and set up a schedule. From the list of those willing to assist the host you could select members to help with various duties such as parking, signs. The assistants could also suggest other activities to make the rally a fun time for all. Meals could be "on your own", to pot luck, to anything else your group wishes to do.
If you would like to be a host please contact Ted Price or Charlie Wilson.
10. Do you feel new members need a "sponsor" to help them navigate through their first rally or two?
80% Yes 6% No
11. If we have positive response to question #10, should we maintain a "Sponsor" list of willing to do this for a new members first rally?
76% Yes 3% No
12. During the May and October rally, would you be willing to pay a little more each night (\$5 to \$8) to have a campground with an indoor meeting room?
60% Yes 10% No
13. At rally's would you like to have:
Guest speakers? *67% Yes, 10% No*
Seminars? *43% Yes, 17% No*
14. On our annual fall caravan would you prefer to go to one campground and have day trips planned from there? *30% Yes, 47% No, prefer two or three campgrounds.*
15. In order to avoid the colder weather we sometimes get in October would you prefer our annual fall caravan be held in September, possibly a week after the Region rally? *40% Yes, 37% No, we still prefer October.*
16. If you are not attending any rally's, please be candid for the reason.
Usual answers: Working----Age----Located out of area.

AMISH COUNTRY CARAVAN

CHARTER OAK'S FALL CARAVAN

STRASBURG, PA
OCTOBER 8-14, 2000

Hosts: Bud & Jessie Gould; Bob & Anne Werth; Jim & Corinne Burnham

What's happening?

Included in Fee: 2 Breakfasts; Potluck Roast Dinner; Happy Hours; Ice cream & Desserts
Happenings to do as you want: (Cost of these are not included) Prime Rib Buffet Dinner; Tours: Harley-Davidson Factory, Amish Farm, Pretzel Tour, Steam Train, Hershey Park and many more offerings.

Route: Leave weekend Rally Sunday, October 8, 2000 and head to Stroudsburg, PA (Delaware water gap area)...84 west to exit 11 (209S), Campground: P.V.P.—Shafer's school house road (right hand turn 1/2 mile)

October 9, 2000: leave Stroudsburg, PA for Strasburg, PA; White Oak Campground, White Oak road, Strasburg, PA; arrive after 3:00 PM. Route: 80 west to 81 south to 78 east to 501 south to 30 east to 896 south to Strasburg; straight through intersection, (crosses Rt. 30), 4 miles on your left to White Oak Road campground.

COME AND JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF THE BEAUTIFUL LANCASTER COUNTY AREA OF STRASBURG, PA.

First 20 applications will be accepted.
Deadline: September 15, 2000

Potluck dishes - Last Names That Begin: A-I = Salads; J-R = Veggies; S-Z = Desserts

Deadline: September 15, 2000

Checks payable to: Clarence Gould

Mail to: Bud Gould; 49 Dobson Circle; Middletown, CT 06457

NAME: _____

WBCCI #: _____

COSTS: ADULTS _____ X \$10.00 = _____
KIDS _____ X 5.00 = _____

CAMPGROUND FEES PAYABLE UPON ARRIVAL

RALLY 2000

WBCCI - REGION ONE

hosted by NEW ENGLAND UNIT

MAINE'Y FUN

Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, South Hiram, Maine
Rally: Friday, September 1 through Monday, September 4, 2000
Pre-Rally: Monday, Aug. 28 through Friday, Sept. 1, 2000 (see other side)

Rally includes

- 3 hearty breakfasts
3 Special Yankee dinners
Water & electric hookups
Dump Station
Maine Entertainment
Games/contests
Tours/caravans/seminars
Games/contests
Hobby show/flea market

Enjoy

- Country Fairground
Sebago/Long Lakes
Mount Washington
Ossipee/Saco Rivers
Cornish, Maine
North Conway, NH
Kancamagus Highway
Cannon Mountain
Farm Tours



and much, much more; be sure to come early & stay late

The Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds are on South Hiram Road, just off Route 25 between Kezar Falls, Maine (to the west) and Cornish, Maine (to the east) about 30 miles wnw of Portland, Maine. Watch for WBCCI signs.

REGION ONE RALLY 2000

FEES: (Payable in U.S. Dollars. Please remit this coupon)

Table with 2 columns: Fee description and Amount. Includes rows for Trailer w/2 persons, Trailer w/1 person, Each additional adult, Each child age 8 to 17, Children under 8 free, and Pre/Post Rally.

Vertical handwritten text: 11-1-2000

THIS IS OUR FIRST RALLY: YES..... NO..... :

TOTAL \$ =

Name:..... WBCCI #.....
Address:..... Unit #.....
City, State, ZIP.....
Handicap..... Pets..... Office Held.....



Make checks payable to NEUNIT - WBCCI
Mail to: Carl Swanson, 8 Boulder Way, Boulston, MA 01505

Registration will increase by \$10 per trailer after August 1, 2000. Please register early.
For additional information, or questions: Call Carl @ 508-869-2018 or e-mail farswan@aol.com
Registrations by August 1, 2000 will be confirmed by return mail. Thank you for joining us.

(see other side)

A weekend in the Historic Connecticut Tobacco River Valley

Camping on the Banks of the CT River

Roberts Private Airport
Route 5- East Windsor, CT
Buddy Rally



August 4 – 6, 2000

WBCCI - Charter Oak CT Unit
Hosted by Jim & Corinne Burnham and Mike & Sandy Sasuta

Schedule of Events

Friday

- Arrive after 12:00 Noon
- 4:00 PM – Happy Hour
- Dinner on you own
- 7:30 PM - Ice Cream & Coffee around the Campfire

Saturday

- 8:00 am – Breakfast
- Lunch and Sightseeing on your own (See list to right)
- Canoeing on the River
- 4:00 PM – Happy Hour in the Tobacco Shed
- 5:30 PM– Chicken Barbecue Dinner with all the fix'ins
- 7:00 PM– General Membership Meeting.
- 7:30 PM- Bingo with caller Big Jim –Professional Trained by Yancee
- Campfire and Ice Cream to follow.

Sunday

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast
 - Depart at your leisure by Noon!! Have a safe trip home!!!
- We will have a Honey Wagon onsite at 10:30 am on Sunday to Pump Out your holding tanks before you leave.

Directions

Route 91(North or South) to exit 44 take right off exit and travel for 2 ½ miles and take a right past *It's About Tyme* restaurant – Follow WBCCI Signs

Sights to see and things to do Close By!!

- ❖ Air Museum; Windsor Locks, CT
- ❖ Trolley Museum; East Windsor, CT
- ❖ Crands Candy Castle; East Windsor/Enfield Line
- ❖ Indian Motorcycle Museum; Springfield, MA
- ❖ Basketball Hall of Fame; Springfield, MA
- ❖ Enfield Square & Mall
- ❖ Buckland Shopping Area; Manchester, CT
- ❖ Old Newgate Prison; East Granby, CT

We will have information and directions to these attractions and more!!

****Reminders****

- ◆ Come with a Full Water Tank and Empty Holding Tanks.
- ◆ This will be dry camping.
- ◆ Dogs welcome – But Must Remain on leash at all times!!

Cost for the weekend:

- ◆ Rally Fee: \$10.00 per Adult
\$5.00 Children Ages 7-16
- ◆ Parking: \$30.00 per Unit. (Please note that this amount is based on 20 units attending and cost to be adjusted up or down based on final attendance, Thanks for your understanding)

Please Respond by July 30, 2000

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Number Adults _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Kids _____ x \$5.00 = _____

Parking\$30.00

Total Enclosed.....

Please Make Checks Payable to: Jim Burnham

Mail to: Jim & Corinne Burnham
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessie & I had a great time at the International Rally in Bismark, ND. Charter Oak was well represented. The opening ceremony where I carried the flag was a very nice time with flags from all over the club. It was a pleasure to represent Charter Oak at the rally and I would like to report from the delegates meeting that all the motions passed. Congratulations to Rich Kushman for taking second place un the Unit Directory competition at the rally.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Region 1 Rally in Maine hosted by the New England Unit. It looks like it will be a great time. Lets try to get a large turn out from Charter Oak.

The October rally hosted by Mike & Sandy Sasuta and Bob & Carolyn Barrett is coming up and looks to be a great way to kick off for the Caravan. If you have not already signed up for the Fall Foliage Caravan please see the flyer in this month's Chatter. Sign up soon as space is limited.

Be kind to one another.
Bud

"LET'S LET THE PRESIDENT DO HIS JOB HIS WAY"

Over many years, there have been a few occasions when a Past President of a Unit has tried to retain control of the Unit after leaving office. This can make it difficult for the current President and can lead to unforeseen difficulties (such as recruiting future officers). The March 2000 issue of The Blue Beret has an excellent article concerning this on pages 59 and 60. Here is a portion of the article by Flo Black.

Immediate Past President: The immediate Past President is a voting member of the Executive Board. He is no longer in charge and has no more authority than any other board member. He should do whatever he can to aid the new administration but should not try to run the meetings. Some units assign specific duties to the Immediate Past President in their Bylaws such as chairman of the nominating committee.

All Past Officers: Do not use your past office to control the unit, to try to keep things the way they were when you were in office. To do so is not in the best interest of your unit or the club as a whole. Be helpful, offer advice when asked but do not forget the definition of the word PAST. Avoid the pitfall of saying "In My year...". Conditions change from year to year. What worked for you might not work for the next president. You had your turn to try what you felt was best, now it is the next President's turn.

Dick Bartram #281

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4 - 6, 2000

Buddy Rally

Roberts Private Airport
East Windsor, CT

Hosts: Jim & Corinne Burnham
Mike & Sandy Sasuta

September 1-4, 2000

Region 1 Rally - Maine'ly Fun

Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds
South Hiram, ME
Carl & Vi Swanson

October 6-8, 2000

Rally

Brialee RV & Tent Park
Ashford, CT

Mike & Sandy Sasuta
Bob & Carolyn Barrett

October 8-14, 2000

Amish Country Caravan

Strasburg, PA
Bud & Jessie Gould
Bob & Anne Werth
Jim & Corinne Burnham



BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Long	08/01
Ann Droheim	08/08
Shirley Edmondson	08/09
Jackie Brown	08/16
Adria Link	08/18
Dorothy Freed	08/27
Pat Rawson	08/27
Wayne Rutty	08/27
Al Stagis	08/28
Rich Kushman	08/29
Gary Levinson	08/29
Charlie Eglise	08/20

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Ruby Fuller	8/01
Richard & Dorothy Long	8/03
Howard & Carolyn Knight	8/17
Walter & Dee Holliday	8/22

A BUDDY RENDEZVOUS AT SCUSSET BEACH

On the weekend of June 22-25 we joined 30 trailers and motor homes of our New England Unit Wallies and their buddies at Scusset Beach on the eastern end of the Cape Cod Canal. We were hosted by Lin & Dot Lowell and Fran & Dot Nesmith. Members of Cape Code, White Mountain and Charter Oak units also attended. We enjoyed cool ocean breezes, clear blue skies, and NO RAIN. It was a time to renew old friendships. Happy Hours were the only planned activity, along with a Saturday night barbecue, where we were treated to ice cream by our hosts. Early the first morning we were awakened by helicopters flying back and forth around our campsite carrying cement blocks to extend the jetty at the entrance of the canal.

Some of us rode the beautiful bike trail along the canal, others sunbathed on the beach, while a few were brave enough to take a dip in the cold ocean. We all enjoyed the relaxing days along the side of the Cape Cod Canal.

Jackie and Chan Taylor # 9858

HOW WE CAME TO OWN AN AIRSTREAM AND JOIN THE CHARTER OAK GANG PART 3 - THE VISIT BY JIM & CORINNE BURNHAM

Now that we are home and over our shock. We spent time going into every corner, hole, and cabinet looking for anything that might still be alive. One thing we found was the original books and receipt. Also included was the address for Wally Byam Club in Jackson Center, Ohio. Jim placed a call, and we received a form in the mail for joining the club. We sent it back, and within 2 days we received a call from a man named Jim Edmondson from Coventry, Conn. They talked for quite awhile and he said he and his wife would be out this weekend if we wanted to talk more. They also couldn't wait see to our prize. Well, that only gave us a day or two to make things presentable, which proved to be more than we could handle. The morning they were due to arrive, we were going like crazy when they pulled into our yard, right on time. They were so gracious about what they saw when they went inside. Jim Edmondson could always see the good in everything including Airstreams that probably should have been put to pasture long ago. We talked for a time about their many years and knowledge of Airstreaming. They shared tips and related stories that proved to make our challenge more surmountable. Their enthusiasm for bringing new life into an old relic was contagious. Even when they were standing amongst the mold, the kicked in tambour, the thinning curtains, the cut window screen and the yellowed light fixtures they still had nothing but positive comments to make. They also talked about our age and how starting in the club young was a plus for us. They also mentioned grandchildren they would love to get into Airstreaming. It was now well into Autumn and time to put the trailer into the barn for six months (at least) worth of rehabilitation.

Jim and Corinne # 31109

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

AVOID MISPLACING (OR FORGETTING ABOUT) YOUR 2001 DUES NOTICE BY RETURNING IT WITH YOUR 2001 DUES TODAY.

THIS WILL HELP US GET THE INFORMATION UPDATED AND SENT TO JACKSON CENTER IN A TIMELY MANNER THIS YEAR. BE SURE TO INCLUDE A PHOTO IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE DIRECTORY UPDATED OR IF WE MISSED YOU LAST YEAR.



"TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF MONEY YOU HAVE TO SAVE SOME, SPEND SOME, AND GIVE SOME AWAY."



Where did you take your Airstream this summer? Write a short article for the next issue of the Chatter and let us all know all about the neat places you saw and things you did!!

WANTED**Classic Motorhome 1990-1996**

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FOR SALE**1999 AIRSTREAM 34' Limited**

Trailer Queen bed. In addition to all standard Limited options, this built-to-order trailer has: Stacked window that opens in front of the door, Three-way refrigerator, Gas oven with three-burner cooktop, Combination convection/microwave oven, Florescent indirect lighting above windows in living room, 3 Fantastic Fans (1 in bathroom) 2 hoods over 2 Fantastic Fans, Red wheel skirts that match red awnings, On-off switch for univolt, Extra 110-volt outlets. Asking price: \$47,000

Dick & Eileen Bartram #281
(860) 496-8507

1989 Chevy Suburban

Dark blue, 454 engine, 3/4 ton, 2WD, 3rd seat, rear A/C, mag wheels, sunroof & running boards, Call for more info. \$7,900 Roger Crockett (860) 485-0185

1970 25 ft Airstream Caravaner Trailer

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1979 31ft Airstream Excella 500

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1977 31ft Airstream Classic Trailer

Exterior in excellent condition, interior in very good condition. 1500/3000 Watt converter with 2 new batteries and other electronic upgrades. Brakes, bearings and tires recently replaced. Loaded with many other extras. \$7,500 Russ Fuller (802) 257-1902

OUR FIRST "AIRSTREAM"

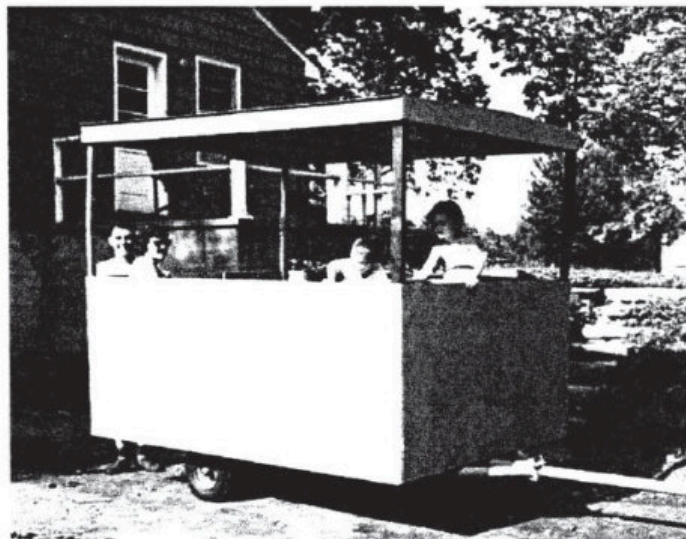
The year was 1960, it was Winter, and it was the perfect time to prepare for a dream - summer vacation for ourselves and our young children. We planned a western trip to explore our beautiful National Parks. Before we were done brother Jim Edmondson and his family as well as another family of friends would sign on, creating our own "Westward Ho" caravan.

Deciding where to go was easy, equipping ourselves for the trip would be just a little more challenging. Sleeping in a tent, on the ground, with no floor, gave me the willies and that gave Ron a brainstorm. We purchased a boat trailer and began converting that into our very first travel trailer. Ron basically built a box on the trailer with a top that we could raise and lower. Pressing our trusty Singer into action we sewed a canvas insert for the box complete with screened windows. We added bunks, a chest of drawers, and considered ourselves ready. Jim's family of five used a tent which he carried on the roof of his little Nash Rambler and our other friends carried their tent on a box on wheels. June came, school was out, and our rag tag caravan was headed West not looking anything like the sleek Airstream caravans of today.

We arrived at Estey's Park in Colorado and had a snowball fight on the fourth of July. We visited places like Mesa Verde, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Disneyland, Yellowstone, and Mount Rushmore spending every night in our little homemade trailer, cooking our meals on the camp stove and drinking in the wonderful sights and sounds of our beautiful country. I won't even mention the night a bear brushed against the thin sides of our traveling home.

In 1983 we traveled much the same route in our Airstream trailer with its bathroom, air-conditioning, and television. The country was still as beautiful and the trip far more comfortable.

Ron & Shirley Edmondson #2463



Ron & Shirley Edmondson working on their first "Airstream"

EXPLORING EAST & WEST OF THE COLORADO RIVER CARAVAN (R-231)

This 20 day caravan kicked off 2/21/00 in Yuma, AZ. Twenty-three rigs, forty-four folks made up this caravan. The caravan was led by Jim & Dixie Franklin, Region 11 1st VP. Get acquainted happy hours helped us get to know each other. We, Northeasterners, were constantly referred to as "flatlanders" but after seeing other parts of this USofA, I beg to differ.

Yuma, AZ showed us some wonderful weather. We were treated to a pre-caravan air show at the nearby Marine Airbase. Watching the Harrier Jets maneuver was a spectacular sight as well as other planes performing. We like the reference to "that is our peace in action." Surely the deafening sound of the jets gave us this reminder.

While in Yuma, the "opening banquet" set the tone for the rally, good eating, and lots of food. The visit to the Yuma Territorial Prison, built in 1876, offered us an opportunity to poke around the cells and envision how an early prison operated. Following the prison's closing, it was used as a high school. The school teams from that area are still known as the "Criminals". The nearby Indian Mission Church was a worthwhile visit as well.

Lake Havasu City, AZ was a lovely next visit. The countryside getting there was beautiful. Seeing green golf courses amongst the dryness of the desert was amazing. This is where London Bridge was assembled stone by stone, upon its shipment from London. A beautiful town sprung up around this cornerstone. There was "High Tea" available at the London Arms Pub as well as other events to experience...the Dixie Belle Paddle Wheeler was boarded by some for a cruise on the river, "Big Ben" and "London Fog" turned into "Kodak Moments". There was far to little time to sit back and savor the tranquillity of this setting as we were soon off to the glitz and glitter of Las Vegas!

Ah Las Vegas. What can be said other than WOW! It seems there is a "can you top this" from one casino to another. Each one has much to offer to attract you to their establishment. Our sight to behold was at the Excaliber Hotel and Casino and offering a Medieval King Arthur spectacular and meal eaten only by fingers. Wash cloths were offered to help with the clean up process. Another WOW here! There were many other WOWS...for example an erupting volcano, a sinking Treasure Island Pirate ship, canals, a great free show featuring a Mardi Gras Celebration at the Rio Hotel and Casino, and on and on. There was a stop at Ethel M's (Mars) Chocolates and samples, Ocean Spray tour and samples and Ron Lee's Clown figurines. There was much to see and so many casinos to beckon you to 'win' some \$\$! No we did not strike it rich, but then how do you suppose those glitzy casinos are built, surely not by many big winners...no way!

So off we went to Death Valley, Furnace Creek with absolutely no concept of what to expect other than 5 days of "dry" camping. Despite apprehensions, everyone seemed to fare quite well and everything seemed to work out nicely. There were so many sights and sounds of this beautiful area. Scotty's Castle Ubehebe Crater, Badwater, Dante's View, sand dunes, Zabriski's Point, Artist's Palette, Titus Canyon, and on and on, where do you stop? We heard coyotes and saw them and very bold during daylight. We saw the most spectacular starlight nights and sunrises on the nearby snow covered mountains and the rain we experienced very possibly was the quota for the year. The rain converted to the most beautiful snow covered mountains the following morning, especially with the sunrise turning the mountain show tops pink from the morning's glow. The park rangers offered wonderful insights into the inner workings of this area. They were so informative.

We moved on to the next stop, Victorville, CA to see the Roy Rogers' Museum. There is so much memorabilia displayed here from when Roy Rogers was "King of the Cowboys". Many of us grew up with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans and there was so much to remind us of this time. There was a chilly wind blowing here and out came the winter coats again. The elevation was 3000 feet and we were glad to move on to Indio, CA and warmer climate. Unfortunately the rain and fog did not lend itself to a pleasant trek to Indio. On this leg of our journey is where there are mountainsides covered with windmills of all shapes and sizes generating electricity. Quite fascinating to see. Once we dropped down in elevation, we began to feel a bit warmer.

Our stay in Indio was our final leg, touring the date farm, Salton Sea, beautiful Palm Springs area and the Palm Springs Follies. Anna Maria Albergetti was the main feature and she was a delight to be sure. The real treat was to see men and women ages 57-86 kicking their legs, tapping their feet and singing their hearts out. What a wonderful show.

The meal cook groups were numbered 5-8 folks, five groups and were given an entree to plan around. We were well fed. The caravan leaders prepared a steak dinner for us while at Death Valley. Just delightful! There were also groups for parking, safety & caboose, journals to write and type as well as profiles of each of the caravaners. It was fun for this writer to be the "Biography Photographer" and typist of many of those profiles and daily journals. It was another way to learn about our fellow caravaners. The final farewell banquet was a feast again, and this is where we began to say our goodbyes and thanks for a great 20 days. It didn't seem possible that it was March 11 already!

We felt this was a wonderful way to while away the winter's Northeast weather and visit a part of the states we hadn't seen. Next year the caravan will be running again, so if you want to experience a good time, good weather (mostly) and good fellowship (always) WBCCI style, then give this one a try. This was our first lengthy caravan and we were delighted to be a part of it. Once again, the best way to experience a caravan is to become involved, we did and just loved it. Now we have a new group of friends to add to our "WBCCI Family".

Anne & Bob Werth #13703

REGION 1 NEWSLETTER

JULY 2000

Eileen and I are proud to serve Region 1 as President and First Lady during our term - July, 2000, to July, 2002. Thank you for your confidence.

Many thanks to **Wayne and Susan Rutty** for the excellent 2 years they served the Region. They'll be a tough act to follow - but we'll do our best!

International Rally at Bismarck, ND

All candidates for International Office were elected without opposition. They are: **International President - Craig Lundberg; 1st Vice-President - Ewart Phillips; 2nd Vice-President - Max Carmichael; 3rd Vice-President - Daryl Ewles; Secretary - Marilyn Collins; Treasurer - David Hunter; Nominating Committee - Ed Elmer, Cliff Hall, Wayne Rutty.**

WBCCI is financially healthy with 9416 members, including 489 members-at-large. Region 1 has 355 members in 6 units. (Region 7 is the only region with a smaller membership base-294 in 7 units.)

There were 23 Region 1 members attending the International Rally at Bismarck: 9 from Charter Oak CT; 7 from New England Unit; 5 from Cape Cod; and 2 from White MT-New Hampshire; 0 from the Quebec Canada Unit; and 0 from the Canadian Atlantic Unit. All the units were represented with flags carried by the respective unit president or a member. Anne Werth and Raynold Lemaire carried the Canadian units' flags.

Three new motions were introduced:

1. An amendment to improve communication between the unit presidents and the IBT, as well as streamlining procedures during the July IBT meeting.
2. We have established a special committee to handle all safety issues for the WBCCI (equipment failures, etc.)
3. As long as numbers in the 200-299 series are available, they will be assigned to incoming region presidents. The incoming International Secretary and International Treasurer will be assigned numbers in the 300-600 series.

These motions will be discussed in greater detail in an upcoming issue of the Blue Beret.

Region 1 Team

Your new Region 1 team is as follows:

Region President - Dick Bartram; 1st Vice-President - Anne Werth; 2nd Vice-President - Raynold Lemaire; Corresponding Secretary - Eileen Bartram; Recording Secretary - Eileen Bartram; Treasurer - Betty Clark; Caravan Leader - Howard Knight; Youth Coordinator - Maura Keegan; Parliamentarian - Michael Sasuta; Webmaster - Rich Kushman; Photographer - Paul Fuller; Newsletter Editor - Pam Bleakney; Legislative - Ray Lemaire; Membership - Anne Werth; Nominating Committee - Wayne Rutty, Chairman, Phyllis Fownes and Larry Lamontagne.

Region 1 Rally

The New England Unit has planned a great rally **Mainely Fun!** at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds in South Hiram, Maine, on September 1 - 4. Do your best to be there - you won't regret it! Get your reservation in to Carl Swanson by August 1st and save \$10.

Fall Visitation/Installation Schedule

September 15-17

Canadian Atlantic Unit	Dick Bartram
Cape Cod Unit	Theda McGrath
New England Unit	Raynold Lemaire
White Mountains-NH Unit	Anne Werth

September 22-24

Quebec Canada Unit	Raynold Lemaire
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November 5

Charter Oak CT Unit	Dick Bartram
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Happy Traveling, Dick and Eileen Bartram #281



"FALLIN' WITH FRIENDS" RALLY

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - WBCCI

Brialee Campground, Ashford, CT

October 6-8, 2000

HOSTS: Bob & Carolyn Barrett
Michael & Sandy Sasuta

CHECK-IN TIME: 3 PM (\$1.00 charge for each hour early arrival)
Campground Phone #1 800 303-CAMP
Stop at office to pick up campground pass.

AGENDA: Friday: Baked Potato with Toppings
Dessert
Campfire

Saturday: French Toast Breakfast
Free Time. Apple Picking
Happy Hour Herb Farms
Catered Chicken BBQ (optional) 3 Walking Trls
Foxwoods

Sunday: Continental Breakfast

Rally Fee: \$8.00 per person
\$4.00 per child ages 8 to 12

Site Fee: \$15.00 per night-Meadowlands-Rally Field

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

From the South and West: Take I-84 East to Exit 69, then Rt. 74 East to Rt. 44 (8 miles). Take Rt. 44 East (1 mile) to Rt. 89 North. Follow Rt. 89 North to first left onto Perry Hill Road, then second right onto Laurel Lane to Brialee.

From the East: Follow Rt. 44 to the junction of Rt. 89 at Warrenville Center, then follow directions above.

From the North: Take I-84 West to Exit 72, then left onto Rt. 89 South. Follow Rt. 89 South (7 miles) to second right past Ashford School (Perry Hill Road), then second right again (Laurel Lane) to Brialee.

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Please mail by September 23, 2000 with check payable to: Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460 203 878-8070

NAME: _____ WBCCI # _____

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Optional Chicken BBQ _____ @ \$6.50.....
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AMISH COUNTRY CARAVAN

CHARTER OAK'S FALL CARAVAN

STRASBURG, PA
OCTOBER 8-14, 2000

Hosts: Bud & Jessie Gould; Bob & Anne Werth; Jim & Corinne Burnham

What's happening?

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Happenings to do as you want: (Cost of these are not included) Prime Rib Buffet Dinner; Tours: Harley-Davidson Factory, Amish Farm, Pretzel Tour, Steam Train, Hershey Park and many more offerings.

Route: Leave weekend Rally Sunday, October 8, 2000 and head to Stroudsburg, PA (Delaware water gap area)...84 west to exit 11 (209S), Campground: P.V.P.—Shafer's school house road (right hand turn ½ mile)

October 9, 2000: leave Stroudsburg, PA for Strasburg, PA; White Oak Campground, White Oak road, Strasburg, PA; arrive after 3:00 PM. Route: 80 west to 81 south to 78 east to 501 south to 30 east to 896 south to Strasburg; straight through intersection, (crosses Rt. 30), 4 miles on your left to White Oak Road campground.

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Deadline: September 15, 2000

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Mail to: Bud Gould; 49 Dobson Circle; Middletown, CT 06457

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Airstreaming -- A Hobby for Life

By Tony Sherman



My wife, Dorothy, and I love to "go down the road" and see what's over the next hill. Several years ago while crossing the USA in a relatively new pop-up trailer, I realized I was too old to crank up that roof and pull out those sides every night. While on that trip, we tucked into a lovely campground near Memphis, TN. It was about dusk when this pickup came down our row with a beautiful Airstream gliding silently behind. I was smitten. At that moment, I knew the rig I wanted.

So in May 1997, we sold our pop-up and purchased a new twenty-five foot Airstream. We chose Airstream because it's been around forever -- since the 1930s. And it has a tremendous reliability record and is one of the best resell values available.

Each coach is leak- tested at the factory (Jackson Center, Ohio) and every component goes through the door. That means if the refrigerator needs to be replaced, the old one will come out through the door (and the new one in through the door) without tearing the trailer apart. The Airstream Company uses only the best products available and loads up its trailers with the best accessories so the awnings, electric jacks, furnaces, etc., are all included and top-of-the-line.

We purchased a new trailer because all recreational vehicles have numerous systems -- fresh water, gray water (from the sinks), black water (from the toilet), water heating, HVAC and refrigeration -- and we wanted to start out with all systems functioning properly. That first summer we took our Airstream on a six-thousand mile trip -- on the road just over two months, what a ball!

We loved the entire adventure. We made a decision to travel between 200 and 300 miles per day. We left early on travel days and pulled into our next campground by mid-afternoon. When traveling through a major metropolitan area, we adjusted our schedule to avoid rush hours.

The advantages were incredible. We didn't worry about leaving clothes or toilet items somewhere. At noon we pulled into rest areas, stepped into the coach and fixed lunch. Afterward, we often took a ten to twenty minute nap before hitting the road again. We enjoyed home cooked meals, using a typical residential-style gas stove with oven, a microwave and refrigerator with separate freezer. Another great plus was always having a bathroom.

The best and yet-to-come caught us by complete surprise. In the Fall of 1997, we drove to a nearby state forest (without trailer) to check out the camping facilities. By chance we wore our Airstream jackets. The first thing we noticed in the camping area were two Airstream trailers sitting side by side. That was neat

but we didn't think too much about it. We parked and began walking the campground. Approaching us were two women with several small children. The older of the women seeing our jackets suddenly exclaimed that we must have an Airstream. We confirmed and she immediately told us about the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) and urged us to join. We asked some questions; she gave us a brochure and told us next meeting of the Connecticut group was to be at her home.

By nature we aren't joiners but decided to go and check it out. What a great decision! We've met such wonderful people. You may want to check out the WBCCI page at: www.wbcci.org You'll find stories, pictures and links to other sites. Our unit, the Charter Oak of CT, has its own web site, which is linked to the national site.

To join, one must own an Airstream trailer or motor home. The club is organized according to units (local chapter), regions and then national/international level. WBCCI provides rallies and caravans throughout the country and even around the world.

Each year over the July 4th holiday, the International Rally is held somewhere in the United States—last year in Dayton, OH, next year in Bismark, ND. Over two thousand Airstreams show up. It's quite amazing. A community of approximately 4500 people springs up for a week and then disappears without a trace.

Members receive a monthly magazine with helpful articles and listings of caravans that travel to spots all over. A biggie in the works is one to the Panama Canal leaving in January 2001—seven countries in seventy days! Members also receive an annual directory that lists members throughout the world along with their WBCCI numbers. These numbers are placed on the front and rear of the trailer; and when members meet or pass on the road they can identify each other. Often one will hail the other on the CB and chat.

The camaraderie and the fellowship are wonderful, and it's a life style that gives such joy and excitement. Planning that next trip or rally keeps one young at heart. Going down the road is what it's all about.

Editor's Note: Tony Sherman is a communications professor at Southern Connecticut State University. He is married to the director of a choral group in central Connecticut, and the two of them hit the road in their Airstream whenever they get a chance. The rig cannot leave the yard, however, without Charley, their black standard poodle, who is named for that famous literary character in Steinbeck's "Travels with Charley."

CHARTER OAK CHATTER

SEPTEMBER 2000



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where has this year gone? I guess when you're having fun, time just slips by. It will soon be time to turn the reins over to the next president, Ted Price.

Jessie and I would like to thank all that have helped make this a great year. Our thanks to the Executive Board and to those that have hosted all the rallies.

It was great to represent the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit at International by carrying the flag at the opening ceremony. It was a great experience.

Our thanks to Carl & Vi Swanson, Dot & Linwood Lowell, Carolyn & Howard Knight, and all their helpers for all their hard work and planning to make the Region One Rally so nice for all. Also a big thank you goes out to Lois Price for representing Charter Oak in the Miz Maineac contest - what a performance!

As the rally season winds down; please be sure to attend the October Rally being held October 6-8 at Brialee RV & Tent Campground, with the Sasutas and Barretts hosting. The Fall Caravan will be leaving October 8 for Pennsylvania for what will be an exciting time. The Caravan will be hosted this year by the Werths, Burnhams and Goulds. We'll be looking forward to seeing you all at the October Rally.

Be kind to one another.
Bud

PROPOSED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2001

The following is a list of Officers and Directors to be presented by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting on November 5, 2000. All have agreed to serve.

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2nd Vice President
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Richard Kushman
Anthony Sherman
Kathleen Kushman
Jim Burnham

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Sandall, Chairman
Sandra Sasuta
Bob Henschel

DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 6-8, 2000
Rally**

Brialee RV & Tent Park
Ashford, CT
Mike & Sandy Sasuta
Bob & Carolyn Barrett

October 8-14, 2000

Amish Country Caravan
Strasburg, PA
Anne & Bob Werth
Corinne & Jim Burnham
Jessie & Bud Gould

**November 5, 2000
Installation Dinner**

Manchester Country Club
Manchester, CT
Bob & Helen Sandall

**December 3, 2000
Holiday Party**

Manor Inn Restaurant
Mildale, CT
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz





NEW MEMBERS!

Warm Welcome Wishes go out to the Newest Charter Oak Members:

Michael & Deborah Onorato #8988
15 Gaffney Road
New Milford, CT 06776
Email: monorato@cbury.org
Tel: 860-354-4296

Michael & Deborah attended the Region 1 rally where they were able to meet other Charter Oak members. It was great to have them attend the rally!

We all look forward to seeing you at the upcoming rallies and dinner meetings this year.

NEWS FROM REGION 1 RALLY

Charter Oak CT Unit Charter Members Art & Ann Droheim made the trip to attend the rally. It was a real treat to see them there and we look forward to seeing them again soon.

BIRTHDAYS

Deborah Onorato	09/05
Sharon Henschel	09/06
Cathy Levinson	09/10
Carolyn Knight	09/11
Brian Fuller	09/13
Kathy Griffin	09/13
Betty Tuckerman	09/18
Rod Dole	09/22
James Taurus	09/25
Michael Link	09/27
Per Hamnqvist	09/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Donald & Delores Perry	09/04
Richard & Kathy Griffin	09/06
Bob & Helen Sandall	09/06
Joseph & Carol Potter	09/11
Wayne & Susan Ruty	09/11
Paul & Judy Good	09/15
Reggie & Jackie Brown	09/18
Chandler & Jacoba Taylor	09/19
Michael & Lianne Ruty	09/28

TRAVELS WITH MURPHY RICHARD KUSHMAN #1442

Kathleen and I decided to spend a long July weekend in Maine. We had never explored the Southern coastal region so we made reservations at a campground near Kennebunk. The planned departure day was Friday morning with a return on Monday. Well, we did make the trip, we left on Saturday and returned Tuesday and it was, over all, a very nice trip, even with the unwelcome intrusion of Murphy. Murphy is not a family member, not a distant relative, not a friend or acquaintance, and not like Steinbeck's Charley, a dog. Murphy is a law.

What a nice feeling the afternoon before a trip, heading home from work, thinking of what to pack, will the beautiful weather continue, is the trailer ready? Hello Murphy number one - the dashboard battery light stays on. Swing into Ford - too late, off to Sears. They verify the alternator had failed, tell me, "Come back in the morning - first come first served". A whisper in my ear, "Late start on Friday", is that Murphy? Midas to the rescue. The New London Midas Muffler shop had me back on the road by 8:15 Friday morning. Kathleen had not even finished her coffee, all was not lost, and please, no more whispers.

OK - trailer is attached to the car, our seat belts are on, and we pull into traffic. Something is very wrong. Our Hensley hitch has always been rock solid but we were experiencing a very unusual jerky motion between the car and trailer. We carefully made our way to a church parking lot where we could diagnose and hopefully solve the problem. Nothing was apparent, the car and trailer appeared to be properly connected, after all, we had done this hundreds of times. I decided to unhitch and double check any adjustments. Greetings Murphy number two - the Hensley hitch fell off the trailer. The solid steel hitch ball that is welded to the Hensley was still secure in the trailer tongue but the hitch body had separated. This was not a good thing. We secured the trailer at the parking lot and called Hensley. They seemed reluctant to accept what I told them as possible or true until I mentioned our passenger. A new hitch body was shipped overnight, installed by 11:00 am, and we were back in the saddle on our way to Maine. A faint yet more familiar whisper rang in my ear about "losing a day", but things were looking up.

The weather was gorgeous, the ride pleasant, and all our problems were left back in the dust. Kathleen did bring up an old superstition - things always happen in threes. Hello Murphy number three - our brake controller intermittently failed. This could have been a very serious problem if Murphy chose to be evil. We were using a Jordan Ultima 2000, which I think is a terrific controller, but they are new and as it turns out, not bug free. Jordan explained the problem and will make the repair, but for safety, we used the old Voyager for the return trip to Connecticut. No longer just a whisper "Murphy" became an active thought.

Murphy was persistent but beatable. He didn't help us get to Maine but he didn't stop us. Considering the beautiful weather, the wonderful scenery along the coast of Maine, and the fine time we both had, we do not hate Murphy. We don't fear him - well, maybe a little. Murphy is a freeloading uninvited opportunist and we just don't want him tagging along. So be careful, Murphy's looking for another ride.

Send in your 2001 Dues to Sandy Sasuta today. Remember you need to send the information in to be included in the unit directory as well as the International Directory.

FOR SALE**1964 AIRSTREAM 26 ft Overland Trailer**

Twin Beds, Rear Bath, 2 child bunks, 4 burner stove w/ oven, 3 roof vents - 2 with fans and hoods, Braund Skyline roof mounted TV antenna, catalytic LP gas heater, fold-down table, front pullout travel lounge, door side awning, new water pump, leveling stabilizers, 5 like new tires and rims, front mounted under belly tire racks, Reese tow bars, ball mount & sway control, Dometic fridge 110v/LP Gas (110v not working), Duotherm furnace (needs service), hot water tank needs gas valve, needs new deep cycle battery. For more info call William Fiehn (203) 874-6808

1999 AIRSTREAM 34 ft Limited Trailer

Queen bed. In addition to all standard Limited options, this built-to-order trailer has: Stacked window that opens in front of the door, Three-way refrigerator, Gas oven with three-burner cooktop, Combination convection/microwave oven, Fluorescent indirect lighting above windows in living room, 3 Fantastic Fans (1 in bathroom) 2 hoods over 2 Fantastic Fans, Red wheel skirts that match red awnings, On-off switch for univolt, Extra 110-volt outlets. Asking price: \$47,000
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**COULDA SHOULDA
RICHARD KUSHMAN #1442**

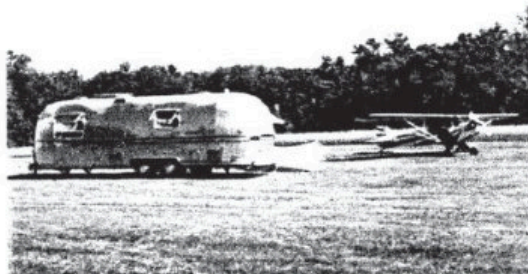
Connecticut rallies always supply good food and great company. The recent August rally at Roberts Field certainly maintained our tradition of food-a-plenty and of course what matters most, the joy of sharing time with fellow Airstreamers. Those are the staples, the variable is location. Someone with good business sense once said, "What matters most is location, location, location." Jim Burnham was listening and picked out one of the most delightful, attractive, and relaxing rally sites ever employed.

This farm like setting featured an old tobacco barn, fenced in livestock, grass that welcomed your bare feet, a playground for the young, and the Connecticut river gliding by just ready to float a canoe, which by the way, Jim made available for our use. Did I mention the grass landing strip and mini air show. We especially love the aerial photos, taken by Jim, showing the rows of silver Airstreams gleaming in the afternoon sun.

The Burnhams, Ruttys, and the Sasutas were the crew. They worked hard so the rest of us could truly relax in this very peaceful setting. Jim even arranged for holding tanks to be pumped out Sunday morning. Water and electric connections would have been an intrusion, only complicating and spoiling the old fashioned charm of Roberts Field.

My praise for this rally is quite genuine and a little selfish, you see, I 'm hoping for a repeat of this marvelous weekend again. Everyone who came to this rally had a wonderful time, so if you coulda come - you shoulda come.

*Aerial Photo of August rally
at Roberts Field*



New Airstream tow vehicle

**Check out the Charter Oak web page
for more pictures of the rally.
<http://home.att.net/~charteroak/>**

WESTWARD HO AND BACK... BOB AND ANNE WERTH, #13703

The purpose of our Western trip was to attend the International Rally in Bismarck. Our trip to Bismarck was direct and to the point so that Bob, the Yerks and Kents, our traveling friends, could work on the early work crews for the International. Our return trip was meant to see the sights of our beautiful country, this time only traveling with Wilson and Cindy Yerk. We traveled this past winter with them so this meant that we had to find time to play the men vs. the women in Joker.

Following the end of the International meant that Bob was still busy with the carpentry crew...this time battering down the hatches. This meant that the carpentry supplies that would be going to Sioux Falls, SD needed to be packed away in the cargo trailers and readied for the trip to Sioux Falls. Once this job was completed, we turned our thoughts to Madora, ND and visiting the Teddy Roosevelt National Park.

The morning of 7/6 gave us a final send off...a heavy downpour at 3:00 a.m. It also gave many, us included, a call to the Silver City Movers. Once again, the parking site was reduced to greased mud! Once we were on solid ground, we were set to shove off.

The trip on I94-west was more of the beautiful rolling hills of North Dakota. Salem, ND gave us a topic of conversation...this is where there is a huge cow sitting on hillside overlooking I94. We are guessing but we think that was probably plastic of some sort. Once we came closer to Madora, the Teddy Roosevelt Park showed us part of what we had come to see...bison, a whole herd of them. They were, fortunately, restrained with fencing, although should the herd decide to bolt, the fencing would be for naught. Upon arrival at the Madora Campground, we found ourselves in amongst an extension of the Int'l Rally. There were several caravans that were rendezvousing in this area and so the campgrounds were packed to the hilt. We walked to the town...about a twenty-minute trek and wandered in the "old West" type shops and stores until we came to the theater and show time for "Bully". This is a Teddy Roosevelt look-alike, giving us a brief 45-minute story of his life. It was very entertaining to say the least. Once we left the theater it became apparent that we were in for a storm. Sure enough, in a few minutes, there was a downpour of rain with pea-sized hail. We took cover under one of the shops with a porch. We saw an angel of the daytime...Ray Lemaire...driving down the street slowly, looking for drenched familiar faces. He was flagged down, and we piled into his truck and headed back to the campground. Of course, by the time we arrived, the rain had nearly stopped. This was the night we had planned on going to the "pitch fork fondue" cookout and Madora Musical. Well, as soon as the storm blew by, the sun came out and our plans were in tact. It was amazing to see the pitchforks woven with rib eye steaks, ready for the cooking pot of hot oil. There must have been about 300 +/- served in a very quick fashion. The rest of the picnic offerings were delicious as was the "fondue". Following the dinner was the musical. It is an amphitheater fashioned into the hillside. Most of the folks at the "fondue" were at the musical and then some. The musical opened with, again, the Teddy Roosevelt theme. This, after all, was where Teddy made his home and of course became the "father" of the National Parks. The show was wonderful with singers, dancers, horseback riders, some comedy thrown in and musicians. The finale was fire works, which said it all...bravoll!

The following day was devoted to a drive through the National Park. The Badlands of North Dakota are so unlike those of South Dakota...these are green with grass and hillsides that give the wandering wild horses, bison and long-horned sheep something to graze upon. We were fortunate to see many wild horses, 1 token grazing bison, but no long-horned sheep. The Badlands are beautiful rock formations with a variety of colors. There was a flower or two thrown in for good measure...a truly lovely part of North Dakota.

7/8... this meant it was pack up and head back East! Once again, we left the area in a rainstorm. Travel was light and easy. The gray skies meant that sunglasses were not needed. There isn't much traffic out in that area and so the miles rolled up behind us. We stayed in Glyndon, Minnesota at Buffalo River State Park. This was a lovely State Park, with one warning from the Ranger...many mosquitoes!! He was right. The mosquitoes were happy to see us and in fact sent out welcoming parties, swarms of them! This was the night that we turned off the AC and opened the windows, bad decision. You see, the brushes around the window handles meant...welcome. At 1:00 a.m., when I heard buzzing in my ears, I turned on the light and discovered at least 50 mosquitoes in our bedroom. I began swatting them and found they had gotten what the came in for...our blood! Every time I swatted, there was a blood spot. So I swatted, and swabbed! Eventually, with the windows shut, I made of clear sweep of the creatures and turned on the air. Readying our rig for departure in the a.m. was a challenge, but we rallied to the task and shoved off. The Yerks and Werths made a collective decision...do not dump! So off we went to Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. The next night's camping was at a city park in Ironwood, MI. There was not enough electricity to use our AC but we were ready for the mosquitoes. We heard that they don't like "Downey" fabric sheets. We lined our window brushes with fabric sheets and were ready for what might happen...it worked. There were none spending the night with us!

The trip through Routes 2, 28, 77 and back to 2 in and around Upper Peninsula was a delight. Lake Superior was spectacular with the sun gleaming off the water. What a beautiful part of the country. Our next camping spot was overlooking Lake Michigan in St. Ignace, MI. Our campground was a keeper with a view "to die for". We took the ferry to Mackinaw Island and found that once we disembarked the ferry, it was a step back in time. There were horses and carriages, horseback riders, bicyclers, and walkers. There were gasoline driven vehicles, but only ambulances and fire trucks. There was the Grand Hotel to trek through and we found that each room was a beautiful sight. We found that for a small fortune, you could lodge there. The Island was just beautiful! Following the Island trip, we visited Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan where the Soo Locks are located between Canada and USA. We boarded the ship and took part in the dinner/cruise up into the locks on the USA side into Canada and returned to view a steel mill and back through the Canadian locks. There is only about 4 inches clearance with some of the bigger barges. Just as we were returning to our port, a huge barge was making its way toward the USA locks. It would have been fun seeing this barge maneuver its way through the locks, but dusk was coming upon us and we decided that it was time to call it a day. A beautiful day it was. So we made our way back to our campsite and called it a night. The next day was departure time and time to say goodbye to Cindy and Wilson.

So, we were up and at 'em bright and early. Bob and I shoved off toward Saline, Michigan to visit our friends, Bob and Shirley Fortier. We made some repairs to the rig and did some R & R. We were ready to head to Connecticut on 7/16, overnight in PA. and home to CT on 7/17. It is nice to travel (4,610 miles) but it's nice to be home.



EXPLORING MEXICO PAT & DON RAWSON #3045

Don and I spent 5 weeks in Guadalajara this winter. After a very cold trip down the East Coast and a windy trip across the southeastern part of the country, Pat's brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Anne Barrett who live in Guadalajara met us in Mission Texas where they had just returned with their winter tour group. Four coaches drove through breathtakingly beautiful mountains to get to Guadalajara.

We had no trouble going up to 8000+ feet, and settled in around 5000 feet above sea level. Breathing was slightly difficult as we go used to the altitude. We truly enjoyed the climate in the mountains. With flowers blooming everywhere the daytime temperatures were always in the 70's and at night it dipped into the 40's.

We met several couples who spend their winters in San Jose Del Tajo park and truly enjoyed their company. To describe all of the delights would be a lengthy job. The restaurants are wonderful, offering varied cuisine and are inexpensive compared to US prices. We were lucky enough to visit the homes of a weaver, a paper mache craftsman, potters, and several other artisans. Their work is beautiful and again, inexpensive. We enjoyed an afternoon at the symphony, and a morning of the Ballet Folkloric. Dances from each of Mexico's states were performed in a colorful, lively performance. We attended meetings and parties at the American Society and the American Legion. Pat was able to go to a school which teaches English to read to a group of children. She also visited several orphanages, including the Salvation Army home where she and Don have "adopted" Sandra, age 9 and Lalo, age 6. Along with others we were able to spend a day at the zoo with these children. All of the children we met in Mexico were clean, well loved, and very respectful. What a treat!

Anne and Ed are very active in the community and we enjoyed joining their activities involving photography and computers, as well as the activities for the kids.

One special Saturday we boarded the Tequila train and went to the town of Tequila where we were entertained, informed of how tequila is produced, and fed. Our meal was a long buffet table loaded with Mexican goodies. The tequila, beer or soda never stopped from when we boarded the train at ten in the morning until we returned at eight in the evening. Entertainment started with the Mariachis in the station before the train left and continued to the end of the trip. Fortunately, all in our car on the train controlled themselves and we had a very pleasant day.

Don and I realized that we really like being on the road. We felt very welcome among the people we met in Mexico, both natives and Americans. We hope to return next November. Want to come?

PARENTS KNOW WHICH TOOLS THEIR CHILDREN NEED THE MOST BY ANN DOSS HELMS SUBMITTED BY ANNE WERTH #13703

The sewing kit is an avocado green plastic that screams 1970s. But every time I've popped the latch to sew on a button or mend a seam, I've found just the right color thread nestled inside. The toolbox is blue-gray metal, with a heft that makes me feel like a handyman when I haul it out to hang a picture or tighten a wobbly drawer handle.

I can't remember when my parents gave them to me. They weren't the kind of gifts presented with a flourish at graduation ceremonies. Somewhere on the road to independence maybe when I left for college, or when I graduated they became part of the gear I'd stash in my red Omega while heading for a new life.

When the need arose for a tape measure or a Phillips screwdriver, I just took it for granted that I'd have what I needed.

Only now, some 20 years later does it strike me how carefully my mom and dad must have chosen the items for those boxes. Now I can imagine how they must have felt, giving their first child the tools to take over the fixing and mending they'd always done. Now, a wife and mother myself, I'm beginning to grasp how perfectly those kits symbolize all the other tools my parents sent me into the world with: Self-confidence. A good education. A strong work ethic. A sense of family.

Lots of young people are leaving home about now. Lots of older people are sending them off, desperately hoping they've provided what their children need to make it on their own.

The young adventurers probably won't stop to take inventory, let alone say thanks. That's just the way it is. Sometimes it takes a lot of living to appreciate the really great gifts.

AIRSTREAM MANUFACTURING HISTORY

Airstream founded in 1931 in Los Angeles. (Airstream owns a 1936 trailer built by Wally for his personal use.)

The Ohio factory was started in August 1952.

Airstream was purchased totally by Beatrice Foods in December 1967.

The new manufacturing plant was built in August 1971.

The service building was built in August 1974.

The first Argosy trailer was put on the market April 1971. (1972 Model)

The first Argosy motorhome introduced December 1973. (1974 Model)

Thor Industries purchased Airstream in September 1979.

 FIRSTS BY MODEL YEAR

First Ohio built Airstream	1953
First "round" Argosy	1972
Last "round" Argosy	1979
First Argosy Motorhome	1974
Last Argosy Motorhome	1978
First Airstream Classic Motorhome	1979 (Built in Versailles)
First square Argosy Trailer	1986
First Argosy Fifth Wheel	1988
First Land Yacht Trailer	1989
First Land Yacht Motorhome	1990
First Land Yacht Fifth Wheel	1989
First "B" Van	1989
Last "B" Van	2000
First Legacy	1992
First Pusher	1993
First Wide-Body Trailer	1994
First Land Yacht Motorhome Wide-Body	1995
First Cutter	1995
First Clipper	1995
First Slide-out Classic Trailer	2000
First 390 XC	2000



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Michael & Sandy Sasuta

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Stop at office to pick up campground pass.

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Dessert
Campfire

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Free Time. Apple Picking
Happy Hour Herb Farms
Catered Chicken BBQ (optional) 3 Walking Trls
Foxwoods

Sunday: Continental Breakfast

Rally Fee: \$8.00 per person
\$4.00 per child ages 8 to 12

Site Fee: \$15.00 per night-Meadowlands-Rally Field

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

From the South and West: Take I-84 East to Exit 69, then Rt. 74 East to Rt. 44 (8 miles). Take Rt. 44 East (1 mile) to Rt. 89 North. Follow Rt. 89 North to first left onto Perry Hill Road, then second right onto Laurel Lane to Brialee.

From the East: Follow Rt. 44 to the junction of Rt. 89 at Warrenville Center, then follow directions above.

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Please mail by September 23, 2000 with check payable to: Sandy Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road, Milford, CT 06460 203 878-8070

NAME: _____ WBCCI # _____

Campground Fee (Two Nights)@ \$15.00.....\$30.00
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INSTALLATION DINNER
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 Dinner 1 P.M. with Meeting and Installation to follow.

MENU

English Prime Ribs, Au Jus ****	\$17.95
Veal Parmigiana	\$16.95
Boneless Breast of Chicken	\$15.95

All entrees include fresh fruit cup, garden salad with House dressing, potato & vegetable, rolls & butter and coffee. Desert will be vanilla ice cream with a choice of raspberry or chocolate sauce. **** Because a minimum of ten orders is required for Prime Ribs, please make a second choice from the menu.

DIRECTIONS: From I-384 East-bound, take exit 3 and turn left at the end of the ramp on to Ct. Route 83 South and proceed about six tenths of a mile. The Country Club is on the left. For those coming on I-384 West-bound, take exit 3 and turn left at the end of the ramp on to Charter Oak Street. Proceed to the traffic signal, turn left on to Ct. Route 83 South and proceed eight tenths of a mile. The Country Club is on the left.

Send check to: Bob Sandall, 114 Hollister Street, Manchester Ct., 06040 DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 25, 2000

Name _____ WBCCI NO. _____

No.	Entree	Price	
_____	Veal Parmigiana	\$16.95	_____
_____	Boneless Breast of chicken	\$15.95	_____
_____	English Prime Ribs **	\$17.95	_____
	** second choice- write-in	_____	_____
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OCTOBER 2000



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the leaves changing we are all reminded that we are lucky to live in such a pretty part of the country. Fall is a time of change, just like spring is. All things prepare for a new beginning. So it is time to wind down my year as president and Jessie and I would once again like to thank all that helped make this year such a great one.

The installation dinner on November 5, 2000 at the Manchester Country Club will be the setting for Jessie and I to turn the reins over to the next President, Ted Price & First Lady Lois. We wish them all the best of luck and know that you all will help to make their year as pleasurable as ours was.

We have had a great time this year and hope you and your families have a wonderful fall and a happy holiday season!

Be kind to one another.
Bud

NEW MEMBERS!!

Warm welcome wishes to our newest members! We all hope to see you soon at upcoming dinner meetings and rallies next season.

Francis & Maureen Eckles #5618
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Ellington, CT 06029
Tel: (860) 875-0724

Jonathan Gilchrist & Holly Johnson # 8253
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Wallingford, CT 06492
Tel: (203) 294-0004

Bill & Linnea Leeming
450 Farnum Pike
Smithfield, RI
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Theodore & Andrea Lucas & daughter Jackie
16 Williamsburg Circle
Madison, CT 06442-1802
Email: TheodoreLucas@metcape.met

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 5, 2000
Installation Dinner
Manchester Country Club
Manchester, CT
Bob & Helen Sandall

December 3, 2000
Holiday Party
Manor Inn Restaurant
Mildale, CT
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz

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Dock & Dine Restaurant
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Fran Ingallinera	10/05
Bill Herpich	10/07
Dick Bartram	10/12
Elsie Nelson	10/12
Niel's Rosenbeck	10/12
Susan Ratty	10/21
Lill Herpich	10/27
Bob Landry	10/27
Michael Ratty	10/27
Fred Newman	10/29
Deborah Cocco	10/30

ANNIVERSARIES

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

**WHAT I WANT...
FRAN INGALLINERA #18081**

I want to be a kid again!!!! I want to go back to the time when.....

- Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo."
- Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "do over!"
- "Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest.
- Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly."
- Catching the fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening.
- It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.
- Being old, referred to anyone over 20.
- The net on a tennis court was the perfect height to play volleyball and rules didn't matter.
- The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties.
- It was magic when dad would "remove" his thumb.
- It was unbelievable that dodgeball wasn't an Olympic event.
- Having a weapon in school, meant being caught with a slingshot.
- Nobody was prettier than Mom.
- Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better.
- It was a big deal to finally be tall enough to ride the "big people" rides at the amusement park.
- Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.
- Abilities were discovered because of a "double-dog-dare."
- Saturday morning cartoons weren't 30-minute ads for action figures.
- No shopping trip was complete, unless a new toy was brought home.
- "Oly-oly-oxen-free" made perfect sense.
- Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles.
- The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team.
- War was a card game.
- Water balloons were the ultimate weapon.
- Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle.
- Taking drugs meant orange-flavored chewable vitamin pills.
- Ice cream was considered a basic food group.
- Older siblings were the worst tormentors, but also the fiercest protectors.

If you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED!!!! Pass this on to anyone who may need a break from their "grown up" life!!!!

The 2001 Dues were due to Sandy Sasuta on September 30th. As of October 6th, there were still 10 regular members and 7 affiliates that had not yet paid. Please remember you need to renew your membership annually by the deadline to be included in the unit directory as well as the International Directory. Please send in your renewal today if you haven't done so already.

OUR SUMMER TRIP 2000 JEANNE & CHARLIE WILSON #7326

Jeanne and I had some of the best experiences of our life this summer. First of all it was our first ground trip through the west.

It all started by deciding to go to Bismarck and the International. Once we reached North Dakota the scenery became very different. Much like the western movies with the low rolling grass plains extending as far as the horizon. Bismarck turned out to be a lovely town. A couple of historic items, we had a chance to visit Ft. Lincoln, the home of the 7th Calvary and George Custer. We toured the grounds and Custer's home with Mike and Sandy Sasuta. You may recall this is where young George made his fatal decision to chase the Indians and a trip he never did return from.

Another interesting stop was the Lewis and Clark Center north of Bismarck. You have to know that Lewis & Clark stayed their first winter with the Mandan Indians, which lived along the Missouri near Bismarck. These Indians saved the expedition by feeding and caring for them. No matter where you go in this area you keep crossing points where their expedition passed. It was fascinating especially since we are coming up on the 200th anniversary of the expedition.

The International had some great entertainment and excellent seminars. Even with the distance involved for those from the East, it was well attended.

From here we had signed up for the Yellowhead Caravan, which was to rendezvous in Winnipeg Canada. Going north along the Red river and the border of MN & ND one could see the ravages of all the flooding they had been experiencing. Our first night in Winnipeg had close to 3" rain and the ground couldn't handle it. Looking out the window in the am greeted us with water all around. A lot of sites had flooded but not up to their doors. In about a day it receded but left us with mosquitoes that would not quit. Consequently we couldn't have any outside socials or fires until we moved farther west.

And west we did go. Moving through Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and into Alberta Provinces. Moving slow enough to smell the roses. We toured beautiful cities like Regina and small towns that had something to offer. The Great Plains of Canada is a sight to behold. As flat as the ocean. Treeless to the horizon. When the wind blew across the fields and made the grasses ripple, it would remind you of the sea.

The high point of our trip was to be a week on the Alaskan Ferry with stops at Sitka & Juneau. But fate intervened, One of the Alaskan boats burned and our ferry had to be taken from the tourist route to serve the inhabitants up north that relied on it for their basic needs.

About this same time I started to develop a severe pain in my lower arm. A pinched nerve was diagnosed but the doctor in Canada wouldn't give me anything, "it'll go away". So much for socialized medicine.

So by the time we arrived at Edmonton, we had to tour the Edmonton Mall, largest in the WORLD! From there we decided to leave the caravan and head south for medical treatment in the U.S. So we entered Jasper and Banff National Parks in Canada. Between these two parks, the Ice Fields and Lake Louise, we don't think we have seen more beautiful scenery in our entire lives. The sights were absolutely breathtaking. Blue lakes, with towering mountains, right down to the waters edge. Snow was still on the mountains and glaciers were draining their melt into the lakes. We had Elk in our campsite eating leaves from a downed tree. Big horn sheep stopped us on the road while their baby took a rest. Moose were grazing a few feet off the road and posed for a picture. If you ever want to see the best there is, head for this area. The towns in their own right are beautiful, clean and fit in so well with the surrounding area.

From there we kept moving south toward the US. Next stop was Glacier National Park in Montana. This is where the famous Sun Road is located. I can remember Jim Edmondson telling me about this road and thought of him many times on the tour. The road is very hard to describe except to say SPECTACULAR. It crawls up the side of a mountain with drops that are several hundred feet if not more. You peer down into beautiful glacier carved valleys below. When you arrive at the summit of the pass there is a Center. You can actually walk on the snow that's there. I didn't get that far since we were close to 7,000' and the air was very, very thin, especially when you are from the East coast. But the Sun Road is another name to put on your must list. Jim was right about it. And by the way, there was only a veterinarian here. So we moved farther south on toward Yellowstone. And yes I did get to an MD. A shot in the elbow and we were off.

Yellowstone is a very different park from the above. The most spectacular scenery, we felt, was the part they call Yellowstone's Grand Canyon. And it is beautiful. You can view it from the north and south sides and it is breathtaking with the very deep gorge and waterfall, the colored limestone walls. The rest of Yellowstone is really a thermal treat. From boiling mud pots to geyser fields it is reminiscent of a movie scene. Steam shooting out of the ground, water spraying in the air and of course the smell of sulfur. In 1988 40% of the park burned and the scars are very evident today. The new growth is only a few feet high after 12 years. While in Canada we toured a commercial nursery that grows these pine trees for lumber companies to replant and they can produce a 2 1/2 foot pine tree in 4 months!

By this time my condition was not improving and the smoke from the wild fires was getting pretty heavy. We had wanted to see the Grand Tetons, only about 50 or so miles away, we decided it would be a waste of time with all the smoke. Also some roads were beginning to close due to the fires and smoke, so we decided to boogie out of there and head for home.

Even though the original trip had a disappointment, we feel more than compensated for the treats nature gave us in these parks. 8200 miles later we arrived home. Great summer!

Jeanne & Charlie Wilson #7326

REGION ONE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2000

We were pleased by the excellent Region 1 Rally 2000 hosted by the New England Unit. Carl Swanson and his team did a fine job. All the other units in Region 1 helped make this rally a great success.

The Region One units' attendance was as follows:

New England Unit	32	Cape Cod Unit	20
Charter Oak CT Unit	20	White Mountain NH Unit	11
Quebec Canada Unit	8	Canadian Atlantic Unit	6

The attendance breakdown by regions and miscellaneous was as follows:

Region 1	97	Region 5	1
Region 2	6	Region 7	1
Region 3	11	Region 9	1
Region 4	3	Members-at-large	2
Guest (prospective member)	1		
Grand total in attendance	123		

Note: Howard and Carolyn Knight brought several Airstreamers who had attended the FMCA rally in Brunswick, Maine, earlier in August. Thanks to both of you!

USRV attended (with 3 Airstream Motorhomes) as did Skymed. We appreciate the support of both participants.

There were 7 vintage units and 5 units with "Youth On Board". Maura and Dick Keegan organized activities for 10 youth including "Cents For Sense" an WBCCI International Youth Committee project. The kids enthusiastically collected fines from members who neglected to wear their badges. They were a great joy to have around us. They keep us all young at heart! All of us in Region 1 owe a great big "thank you" to the Keegans who did a superb job.

The rally was a financial success, enabling the Rally Committee and the New England Unit to make generous contributions to the "Cents For Sense" project and the Region One treasury.

Five of our six Region One units have now installed their new officers - four units on the same weekend! The scheduling of the units' fall business meetings and installations on the same weekend makes it impossible for a Region officer to attend every unit's activities. Theda McGrath, Past Region President, was kind enough to step up and install the Cape Cod Unit's officers. Thank you, Theda. Perhaps next year, there will be coordination of unit business meetings and installations so that a current Region officer can attend each unit's rally. Installation ceremonies and unit business meetings are important events in the life of the unit and we want very much to attend.

In an effort to resolve the installation overlap, one unit member suggested that some units may want to consider installing their incoming officers during the Region rally. This concept was presented to each unit president and 1st vice-president during the Region rally. Subsequent discussions at the 5 units' business meetings revealed no interest in this idea. (Charter Oak CT Unit's fall business meeting and installation is always held on the first Sunday in November.)

The next Yankee Doodle Dandy Special Event Rally is set for May 17-20, 2001, in Richmond, Rhode Island. This is an opportunity to attract Airstreamers from beyond Region One. We are counting on support from our USA units to make this rally another success. We will be asking each unit for help so that the workload does not fall on a few people. See the enclosed announcement for details of this event. Finally, Eileen and I were fortunate to attend and participate in the Canadian-Atlantic Unit's fall business meeting and installation September 15-17 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. We were overwhelmed by the kindness, respect, and affection the Canadian-Atlantic Unit members have for each other, and for us also. This attitude reflects the best that WBCCI can offer.

Let's all remember that we belong to a great organization, WBCCI, which represents the best in Fun and Fellowship to all of us.

Dick Bartram, Region One President - WBCCI

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The Sleek Airstream Goes to Hollywood And Steals the Show

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Stars Seem to Like the Space The Trailer Affords Them; Mr. Modine's Sub Fantasy

By AMY J. GAMERMAN

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

"Here it is," says actor Anthony Edwards, beaming with delight as he invites a visitor inside his "silver love sub." He shows off the knotty pine walls, the black-and-white tile floor, the convection oven. "I don't even have this at home!"

What is Mr. Edwards's pride and joy? His Airstream trailer. The aluminum-skinned Excella 1000 might look more at home in a trailer park than on the backlot of



Barbara Jakobson's Airstream

"E.R." the prime-time hospital drama in which he plays Dr. Mark Greene. But here it is, Mr. Edwards's office and retreat. "The roundness, the curvature of the interior makes a really pleasing environment to be in," he says. "It's very womb-like."

Long hailed as the Rolls Royce of RVs for generations of well-to-do vacationers and retirees, Airstreams are going even farther: to the stars. They're trundling out of the trailer park and into the Hollywood hills and studios, the Hamptons, and even the Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog. This year's book touts an Airstream glitzed up with antique rugs, hanging beadwork and a cloud-painted ceiling as a "His and Hers House of Dreams" — \$195,000, delivery included.

Streams of Consciousness

Sean Penn, Tom Hanks, Tim Burton, Andy Garcia, Francis Ford Coppola, to name a few, are Airstreamers. And none other than lifestyle guru Martha Stewart will soon be spreading the Airstream gospel. "I love their modern antiquity," she says. "I've always wished I had one." So she is borrowing her sister-in-law Cheri Herbert's 1976 Land Yacht for a spring antiquing trip to Maine.

The two will hitch the trailer to Ms.

Stewart's Suburban, sleep on the built-in beds and cook in its compact kitchen — every moment captured by a photographer from "Martha Stewart Living" magazine. Although "the orange and brown plaid is not exactly to my liking," Ms. Stewart has been discouraged from bringing her gluegun. But she is packing her down comforter, hibachi, two telephones, television, fax machine — and "my own eggs from my chickens and probably some homemade jam or jelly."

It isn't known whether Mr. Penn stocks his Airstream with homemade jelly, but he did live in it after his house burned down in a 1993 wildfire. Mr. Coppola, the director, works out of an Airstream motor home stocked with video equipment.

"As everyone says, it is a classic," says Mr. Edwards, who had his Airstream gutted and redecorated in a '50s motif, right down to the pink-and-silver dinette chair where he sits eating his oatmeal before heading for the set.

The Airstream's ascension to trailer of the stars began in the 1930s. Wally Byam, an advertising man, invented it when his wife refused to go camping unless she could take her kitchen with her. The result was a trailer with built-in amenities that mimicked the sleek, bullet-shaped design of a commercial airliner, traveling the roads "like a stream of air."

Mr. Byam, who died in 1962, was clearly on to something. Since 1931, Airstream, now owned by Thor Industries Inc. in Jackson Center, Ohio, has produced over 100,000 trailers — an estimated 70,000 of which are still on the road. The appeal is global; the Japanese are so taken with the Airstream that entrepreneurs there have opened two Airstream-only luxury vacation parks where the trailers rent for the equivalent of about \$250 a night. But the traditional Airstreamer is an American retiree who can afford to spend up to \$60,000 (the cost of a standard high-end Airstream) and travel half the year.

Then there are the nouvelle Airstreamers. Meet Barbara Jakobson: art collector, designer, board member of New York's Museum of Modern Art and owner of a '74 Airstream. "For people who prize American industrial design, Airstream . . . is one of the primary objects of this century," Ms. Jakobson says. "It's a genius piece of technology."

Many actors, who practically live in their trailers on location, agree. In fact, an entire Tinseltown industry exists to service and refurbish celebrity Airstreams. Mr. Garcia has his Airstream shined up several times a year; Mr. Hanks has his 34-footer washed and waxed monthly.

After spying Mr. Hanks's Airstream — which boasts a "really cool badge from NASA" — on location, actor Corbin Bernsen bought one just like it, which he redid with "masculine fabrics" and an elaborate entertainment system: big-screen TV, VCR, surround-sound laser disk and a satellite

dish. He also bought a matching silver Suburban to tow it — and stuck his own NASA sticker on the Airstream.

"My kids love it," says Mr. Bernsen, calling from his trailer on a break from "The Cape," his TV show. "My big hope is one summer when I'm not working to take it across the country. Definitely all five of us can sleep in it."

Shower of Praise

Then there is Matthew Modine, who fell in love with Airstreams as a kid growing up on his dad's California trailer court. Rather than buy a new one ("They're so expensive! You're confusing me for Jim Carrey.") he snatched up a derelict '73 for about \$600. Once gutted, "it was so beautiful — the openness reminded me of a submarine," he says.

So along with the silver-painted aluminum walls, the panels of perforated aluminum and the silver-mesh shades, Mr. Modine's trailer now boasts a 50-pound metal bathroom door studded with rivets — "to look like the door of a submarine," explains Andy Rogozinski, who did the job at his Inland RV Service in Corona, Calif., where the actor stores his trailer. Mr. Rogozinski opens the sub door to show a visitor the stainless-steel bathroom: "Now Matthew can literally sit on the john and take a shower at the same time!"

Right now, Mr. Rogozinski is working on three trailers belonging to director Tim Burton: among them, a '36 Clipper, which Mr. Burton is having completely restored as a Christmas present for his girlfriend, Lisa Marie. The trailer, which boasts a pair of slanted cat-eye windows, needs new aluminum panels (distressed to look old), a new suspension system, new maple paneling and an extra ten inches of height — "cause he's a tall guy." The job will cost close to \$100,000.

And what exactly does Mr. Burton plan to do with all these trailers? "These are supposed to be love pads," says Mr. Rogozinski, rolling his eyes.

Star Track

Airstreams are even winning star billing — or at least drive-on roles — in movies, music videos, commercials and "Mademoiselle" magazine, which just used one in a fashion shoot. Monday nights, you can see an Airstream barrel through the credits of "Promised Land," a TV show about a family Airstreaming cross-country.

Even that arbiter of hip, MTV, is now a member of the Wally Byam Caravan Club: the lobby of its new West Coast headquarters will feature a '57 Airstream as a funky waiting room, nestled on a bed of Astro Turf.

The Modern's Ms. Jakobson, for one, couldn't be more pleased with her Airstream. "I've had luncheons in it. I've entertained in it," she says. In fact, the only thing she hasn't done is take it on the road.

"Frankly," she admits, "I'd rather stay at the Ritz."

INSTALLATION DINNER
 NOVEMBER 5, 2000
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 Dinner 1 P.M. with Meeting and Installation to follow.

MENU

English Prime Ribs, Au Jus ****	\$17.95
Veal Parmigiana	\$16.95
Boneless Breast of Chicken	\$15.95

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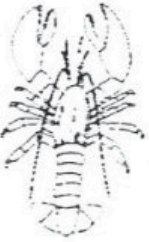
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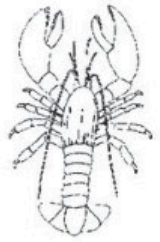
Region 1 ~ Special Event



Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally



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May 17 - 20, 2001



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends, Airstreamers, and "others", lend me your ears; I come before you - to stand behind you - to tell you something I know nothing about. Next Thursday, on Good Friday, there will be a Mothers' meeting - for Fathers only - admission, free - pay at the door; take a seat and sit on the floor. Let me tell you about the four corners of a round table.

Now! See what you folks have done! You have elected me to lead you into despair for the next year and I can't get my mind straight.

I have come to realize the effort so many have made to make this club successful and very

special. It is people like Bud and Jessie Gould who have made the past year so great. Their new trailer will look good flying the past president's flag--A Job well done!

I really appreciate everyone's help in filling out the schedule of activities for the coming year in COCU.

When Rich Kushman offered to do a caravan in August, I jumped at the opportunity. It sounds like a well planned and fun trip. Sign-up must be well in advance due to tight reservations. It is my understanding that there are about 1 or 2 spaces open; the cancellation fee is only \$12. Sign up now!! (8/5-12/2001).

Since next year the Region 1 Rally is being held on August 22-27, 2001 instead of the usual Labor Day weekend, there is no event scheduled for the month of September. If anyone would like to help plan a fall caravan with Lois and I, the last two weeks in September or the 2nd week of October appear to be a good time. Any thoughts?? Ideas??

Lois and I enjoyed a wonderful Installation Dinner with Dick Bartram as Installing Officer. I feel like a new person - and thank you for your support.

Regards,
Ted Price

CENTS FOR \$ENSE

At each dinner meeting and rally there is a bucket that gets passed for this worthy cause. At the International Rally the money gets turned over to the WBCCI Youth, who then donate the money to help out a needy family living in the city the rally is held in with a seriously ill child to help defray the costs of multiple organ transplants or other life saving medical procedures.

At the Installation Dinner Meeting, those who attended donated \$38.45 to this worthy cause. Keep up the good work!

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 3, 2000

Holiday Party

Manor Inn Restaurant

Mildale, CT

Ray & MaryEllen Moniz

February 4, 2001

The Old Airstream and the Sea

Dinner Meeting

Dock & Dine Restaurant

Old Saybrook, CT

Michael & Lianne Ruty



GET WELL WISHES

Please get well soon, we all would like to see you at the upcoming activities.

★Jackie Taylor is recovering from a broken hip at home.

★Shirley Edmondson is recovering from surgery at home.

★Jessie Gould had a fall and is at home recovering.

★Laura Edmondson is recovering from an illness at home.

If you know of unit members that are ill please let the editors know.

NEW MEMBERS!!

Warm welcome wishes to our newest members! We all hope to see you soon at upcoming dinner meetings and rallies next season.

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Paul Good Jr.	11/09
Clarence Gould	11/09
Paul Good Sr.	11/10
Samuel Newman	11/16
John Peterson	11/16
Michael Weber	11/17
Angela Tauras	11/21
Michael Onorato	11/23
Helen Sandall	11/28
Dorothy Sherman	11/30

ANNIVERSARIES

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Dorothy O'Connor	11/04
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**FALLIN' WITH FRIENDS
RALLY
JIM & CORINNE BURNHAM
#33109**

After a few minor glitches, the October tally at Brialee Campground in Ashford, CT turned as many shades of color as the leaves on the trees. We had everything from sun and rain to cold and colder. But, with 19 trailers full of friends and food, how could the weekend be anything but a great memory.

As we arrived on Friday, we had a great dinner of baked potatoes the size of footballs, with all the fixin's from chili to broccoli & cheese sauce and bacon. It was a delicious dinner idea. Saturday was spent catching up with friends and many took in the fall colors by taking walks both in and out of the campground. We also had two of our new member families stop by to check us out, Theodore & Andrea Lucas and Bill & Linnea Leeming. Saturday evening was started off with a happy hour that had an interesting twist to it...each attendee had a celebrity photo taped to their back - the object here was to talk to as many people as you could to guess who "you" were. It was a real treat to try and figure out this from some of the cryptic clues that were given. Sasutas and Barretts out did themselves with a wonderful ham dinner that night. And the campfire held after dinner was welcome since it was pretty clear and cold at night. Sunday morning was breakfast and the caravan send off.

Our hats or berets off to Mike & Sandy Sasuta and Bob & Carolyn Barrett for another great weekend.



June 27 - July 4, 2001

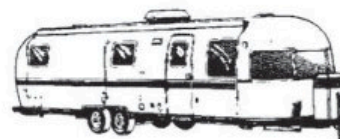
**INSTALLATION DINNER
MIKE & LIANNE RUTTY
#16264**

The wind blew and the skys threatened rain - but 47 brave and hungry Charter Oak members came out for the Installation Dinner Meeting at the Manchester Country Club. We even had two new couples attend, Mark & Annette Wilson from New Fairfield and Philip & Frances Simmons from Fairfield; it was great to have them there and see what it is the unit does in the off season. Everyone who attended was greeted by the our host and hostess Past-President and First Lady Bob & Helen Sandall. As we all caught up with one another and had some 'social' time before the meal we were treated to a view of some very determined duffers trying to squeeze in those remaining rounds of golf the season offered. It felt good to be inside watching. We all enjoyed a very tasty meal and there were lots of laughs coming from each table.

The Installation of Officers by Dick Bartram went off without a hitch, but with several good laughs. We were fortunate to have all of the Region 1 officers in attendance.

The dinner and location for this meeting were very nice and we would like to thank Bob & Helen for selecting this site and for hosting the Installation Dinner Meeting.

As we all left for home the cold winds of winter were beginning to blow and we were reminded that for many of us it was time to put our rigs to bed for their long winter nap. Remember this means it is the beginning of Dinner Meeting Season - so pack yourselves in your cars and we'll see you at the next one!



NORTH TO ALASKA JIM AND ANGELA TAURAS #7700

It was the summer of 2000 and our long imagined and much desired trip to Alaska was finely coming to fruition. We were on the road for almost three months, fifty-five days of which were on the WBCCI caravan called Alyeska- the great land and covered thirteen thousand miles.

We meandered southern Canada and the Canadian Rockies before our rendezvous in Edmonton, Alberta. We were surprised to have snow in Banff on July fourth and equally surprised to have snow once again on our return through there on September second. Our route was the standard one (there aren't too many roads up there) and we found ourselves in the company of many of the commercial caravans. Our caravan was one of the longest and we don't know how you can do it in less time if you want to do and see everything. We hit all the highlights and will share a few of them with you.

Dawson City, Yukon Territories is one of Canada's preserved historic sites. The streets are not paved so that with rain they are slick mud or if dry, they are full of dust. We came to see the real thing so we got both mud and dust! Robert Service is the bard of the Yukon and at his home site we listened to a recitation of his poetry. Jim played golf by the midnight sun with several of the men. He didn't get home until almost one am and it was starting to get lighter at that time. He never did see the moose that was supposed to hang out by the sixth hole. We felt very energized by the long days and never had a difficult time sleeping. We just found it hard to remember to go to bed.

Top of the world highway was an anticipated yet dreaded road as the entire stretch of one hundred and fifty miles is unpaved. Due to the fog and rain we didn't have the terror of steep drop offs at roadside. We just had the terror of slick muddy roads and the effort to see the taillights in front of us. Some of you might remember that we had tried to remove our microwave but couldn't. Well top of the world shook it loose for us. It came home in the back of the Suburban.

In Fairbanks, Alaska we took a flight seeing trip up beyond the Arctic Circle. From the vantage of our small plane we got to a point where there were no more roads. Only the pipeline was visible. We walked on the spongy permafrost, touched the pipeline, and took the required pictures at the Arctic Circle.

In Denali we were among the fortunate few to actually see the mountain as clouds usually shroud it. It had only been seen three times in the previous month. The mountain was totally covered in snow and was magnificent. We also saw the requisite number of bears but they were at a distance.

Next it was on to beautiful Anchorage where we were surrounded by mountains. We were soon off to Seward where we camped right on the beach. It was fun to see all the boat traffic. In Homer we went halibut fishing and caught our limit in a beautiful body of water surrounded by snow-covered volcanoes.

We are frequently asked similar questions about the trip, so we'll answer some of them now. Food and fuel were always available and were not as high priced as we had been led to believe. Bugs you ask- no problem. The one time I needed my net, I couldn't find it so I wore my personal electronic mosquito repeller. I think that all the laughter kept the bugs away. The campgrounds were better than we had anticipated but true to WBCCI tradition, pack em in like sardines was occasionally in order. We grew to love the tradition of stopping at roadhouses to buy sticky buns and I do mean grew! Caravanning has its pluses and minuses but there were only pluses on this trip. The camaraderie and the help of knowledgeable caravaners worked out very well. When we see you, we'll tell you about getting locked out of our trailer. Suffice it to say at least three people taught us how to break into an Airstream and also how to take apart a lock. We love those guys! Collectively, the group had nine flats and several cracked or stared windshields. One motor home hit a moose but was able to continue the trip. Our trusty 81 held up very well. The weather was unusually cool and the Alaskans were complaining even though they were walking around in shorts. We came home with an alaskan tan-face neck and hands. This was our first trip traveling with a laptop and a digital camera. We really learned a lot from others and from the computer manuals, which we finally had time to read as we drove along. Many of the campgrounds were modern friendly in one form or another.

What advise do we have for you? Well first of all go to Alaska and make your first trip and possibly every trip on a caravan. Make sure your vehicle, silver chateau and tires are in tiptop shape. Don't try to squeeze one last trip out of a marginal tow vehicle. Towing and repairs are very expensive up north as several of our new friends can testify.

Well in closing we would like to say that we have signed up for the Maple Leaf caravan in 2001. Can't wait to don that Stetson and those pointed toe cowboy boots for the Calgary stampede (or at least jeans and a bandanna). We'll close for now with an expression that we learned on the Oregon Trail caravan. "Lasso the day".

Email us at ajtauras@hotmail.com if you want more information or come on over if you want to see our slides, video and digital pictures. We'll try not to bore you to death!

**AMISH COUNTRY CARAVAN RELIVED...
HOSTS: GOULDS, BURNHAMS & WERTHS
ANNE WERTH #13703**

Our group assembled at the last outdoor Charter Oak weekend rally of the year 2000 at Briarlee in Ashford, CT. On Sunday morning (10/8) we readied our group of 11 rigs to begin our Amish Country Caravan. We were ready to leave at 9:00 A.M. in 3 groups. Eventually we arrived in Stroudsburg, PA having traveled very deliberately through a large flea market on Rt. 209...lots of traffic and slow moving. This was a surprise to the Gould's and Werth's, since in scouting this route last year, we did not encounter such a predicament having traveled mid-week when the flea market wasn't running. Oh, well, we were stuck and ultimately arrived at the campground. Charlie and Sandy Eglise joined the caravan so that made 12 rigs of us.

We gathered in the evening for pie and coffee, bundled up for the evening chill. Plans were made for groups traveling for the following day. The evening chill turned into a heavy morning frost and a temperature of 20 degrees according to a thermometer hanging nearby. There was a bit of window scraping during our preparation for the morning traveling. We shoved off for Strasburg, PA.

The traveling took in the colors of the area and the meaning of "fall caravanning" took shape. The traffic was easy and the countryside was lovely. We arrived about noon in Strasburg, PA at the White Oak Camp Ground overlooking the hillside of Lancaster County. Soon after, the other groups began to arrive and we were settled into our spots near the building we were to use for the week. In the evening following our meals, we gathered to eat banana splits...yummy! There were games that took place around the fireplace that was crackling with the warmth. Some folks just backed up to the warmth of the fireplace. We ended up buying some more wood and using the fireplace all week. This added such character to the week's activities.

Monday evening, there was an assembly line of breakfast foodstuffs going into the casserole for Tuesday morning's breakfast. Five cooks took home casseroles ready to be cooked for Tuesday. Must add that on Tuesday A.M., the warmth emitted from the baking casseroles helped warm our chilly rigs and smelled wonderful to boot! Breakfast was delicious, everyone warming to the meal and the morning fireplace. An additional breakfast was added on Wednesday called "must goes", meaning leftover or freshly cooked eggs and whatever! Helped everyone's refrigerator too.

Tuesday was spent doing whatever. There were small groups that carpoled to the sights and shops of the area. There seemed to be one popular spot in Intercourse, PA...namely the Kitchen Kettle Village. The Werths' took the Lines' to see the famous Zimmerman's Store where the movie "Witness" filmed Harrison Ford making a phone call at the booth outside the store. This surely is a delightful town for shopping. There were many Amish buggies hitched outside the shops and one also marveled at the farmers out in the fields harvesting their crops with their horses or mules.

Wednesday morning a New Holland farm machinery tour was assembled. The tour showed the assembling of the farm equipment from start to finish. We wove ourselves through the factory and saw the various preparations being made to produce this popular farming machinery. We left the New Holland tour and trekked to York to take in the Harley-Davidson motorcycle tour. We caught the fire drill that was called just as we were awaiting the beginning of the tour. Fortunately, it was just a fire drill for "fire prevention" week and we soon reassembled for the tour. It is amazing to see the motorcycle from fledgling to finish...each one of them awaiting the fulfillment of an order that was placed. Upon the completion of the tour, there were motorcycles sitting and waiting for you to sit upon them...and the beat goes on.

We gathered for the evening carpool to the Shady Maple Restaurant in East Earl, PA. This was some buffet giving us more choices than we could fill up on. What a beautiful dining room and the food was goood! Seems they are geared up to feed about 6000 during the day. This is also where the three hosts were presented with beautiful mementos of the week...lovely Amish pillows to suit the colors of our rigs. Thank you for the gifts, what a fond memory!

Thursday was another day to "do whatever". Many took in the Anderson Pretzel factory tour. It is hard to imagine the conveyor belts shooting out rows and rows of pretzels. The baking process and packaging process was also shown. This was a self-guided tour, walking from one process to the next and imagine this, the tour ended up sending us into the retail showroom to buy what ever you cared to!

Thursday evening was a potluck meal. The entrée was a rolled turkey roast "a la Jessie". They were readied for baking in the afternoon and turned into a good-tasting choice. Thank you Jessie for your creativeness! The rest of the cooks brought dishes to compliment the meal and again, we were filled to the brim. Elsie Nelson was presented with a birthday cake to celebrate "her" day along with a "happy birthday to you" song. Amish sticky buns were individually wrapped and went "to go" for the Saturday morning breakfast wherever you might be. (Might note here...they were delicious)! More games followed around the fireplace. Preparation began for packing up our belongings since this was the last meal together as a group.

Friday afternoon we gathered for the "Strasburg Railroad" trip down memory lane aboard a steam train to Paradise! By this time our group had dwindled to 14 with some early departures of the group. The train ride was very relaxing and led to some snoozing aboard the train. The dinner groupings with three hosts led us in various directions. The fare was a variety from Italian, Dutch cooking, to home cooking eaten outside at the picnic table.

Saturday morning led to departures of individuals and a small caravan back home. We said our goodbyes and see you soon and shoved off with fond memories of a week spent with good food, countryside and company. We know everyone had a great time!

HOLIDAY BUFFET

DEC. 3 2000 12:30pm



Hosts Ray & MaryEllen Moniz

260 Buckland St. Any questions, Please call.

Plainville, Ct. 06479 Also send checks to this address and payable to Ray Moniz

(860) 621-1536 Deadline Nov. 25, 2000

Manor Inn Restaurant, 1636 Meriden Watrebury Rd Mildale, Ct.

Lunch-buffet; Italian Cuisine

Adults \$20.00 Children 10.00 tax & tip included

Non-perishable food will be collected and donated to Bread For Life

Directions:

From Hartford: I-84 west to exit 28 (rt322) take right 6 lights on right.

From Waterbury: I-84 east to exit 28 (rt322) take right 5 lights on right.

From New Haven: I-91 north to I-691 west in Meriden to exit 3 (rt10 in Cheshire) take right (north) go to 2nd light (rt 322) take left (west) 1 mile at first light on left.

Name _____

WBCCI* _____

Adults _____ Children _____

Total enclosed \$ _____



(can you tell we own a Bambi)

The Old Airstream & The Sea Dinner Meeting

Dock & Dine ~ Old Saybrook, CT

Sunday February 4, 2001

12:00 - 1:00 Fish Stories (Social time)

1:00 Lunch will be served

Bait

Tossed Garden Salad & Rolls

Entree Choices:

- ✓ Baked New England Cod
with lemon & butter
- ✓ London Broil with mushroom sauce
- ✓ Stuffed Chicken Breast

Potato & Vegetable

Old Fashioned Apple Crisp

Coffee, Tea & Decaf

\$14.00 per person 12 & up

A children's menu for ages 12 and under will be
available that day.

Prices will be between \$3-\$6 per meal

Longitude & Latitude

CT Route 9 to Exit 2

Follow Route 154 South (towards Old
Saybrook) to the Ocean

The restaurant is on the left.

Details

Deadline is January 25, 2001.

Mail Coupon and payment to:

Mike Ruty

7 Winthrop Rd.

Chester, CT 06412

Please make check payable to Mike Ruty

The Old Airstream & The Sea Dinner Meeting February 4, 2001

Name: _____

WBCCI _____

Adults _____

Children _____

Cod _____

London Broil _____

Chicken _____

Caravan

August 2001



August 5 - 12 - Immediately Following The August Rally

Night One **Sunday**



New Jersey - Distance 267 miles

- Free dry camping
- Enjoy leisurely shopping in the morning
- Make arrangements for repairs or installations
- Leave for Assateague at your convenience

Next Four Nights

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday

Distance 131 miles - check-in time 2:00 pm - No Pets
Cost: \$140.00 Senior discount over 62 is 50%

- Miles of sparkling beach
- Bring your bikes - great biking
- Wild ponies and deer roam the park
- All reserved sites have electricity
- Ocean City nearby

Assateague State Park Maryland

- National park visitor center
- Organized nature programs
- Canoe rentals
- Nature walks

Only One Space Left!!

Friday

Distance 49 miles to ferry - Approx. Cost \$59.00
A pleasant ride back to New Jersey

Ferry To Cape May



Next Two Nights

Friday - Saturday

Distance 20 miles from ferry
Approx. Cost \$20.00 per night - Water & Electric

Jersey Shores Airstream Park Cape May

- Multiple attractions available from Atlantic City to Cape May
- Just relax by the pool..... Sunday August 12th Farewell

Name: _____

WBCCI #: _____ Yes Ago Is 62+

Address: _____

Length of rig: _____

Phone: _____

To reserve send \$155.00 to: **Richard Kushman**
107 Pennsylvania Ave.
Niantic, CT 06357
Includes cost of Assateague
campsite and a \$15.00
Caravan fee.

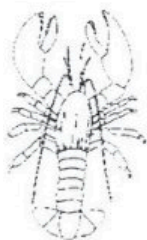
Reservations were made at full price, seniors will be refunded after reservation adjustment.
There is a cancellation and adjustment fee of \$12.00.



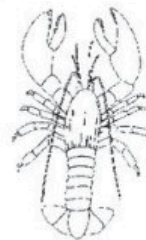
Region 1 ~ Special Event



Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally



Washington County Fairgrounds ~ Richmond, R.I.



May 17 - 20, 2001



Saturday Evening Special

Enjoy A Fun and Delicious New England Lobster or Steak Dinner

Tours to:

Newport Mansions
Foxwoods Casino

Area Attractions:

Block Island Ferry
Mystic Seaport & Aquarium
Misquamicut Beach



Fees

~ 2 people/Airstream @ \$150, ~ 1 person/Airstream @ \$125, ~ Each additional person @ \$35 ~

Includes: 3 nights parking with water, limited electric and dump station at fairgrounds, 2 breakfasts & Friday night campfire & Dessert, Saturday Evening Special Dinner & Entertainment

Children 12 and under not participating in the lobster or steak dinner - a hot dog roast will be provided (No Charge).

Parking after 9:00 am Thursday



Deadline: May 8, 2001

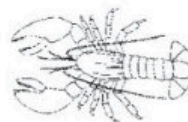
Mail registration form and Check payable to: Dick Bartram

Dick Bartram, 301 Cedar Lane, New Hartford, CT 06057 (860) 496-8507 or (860) 482-1880



Directions

I-95 North or South
Exit 3A follow WBCCI Signs



Region 1 Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally May 17-20, 2001

Name: _____

WBCCI# _____

Address: _____

Saturday Evening Special Dinner Choice:

Phone: _____

____ Lobster

____ Steak

Amount Enclosed: _____

____ Children 12 & under Hot Dog Roast



*Tunbridge Worlds Fair
Tunbridge Vermont
August 23-26 2001*

Camp Airstream 2001 Provides its Participants:

- *Water & Electric hook ups*
- *Dump Station (State Law requires proper disposal of Gray water, Please bring appropriate transport container)*
- *3 Breakfasts 2 Dinners & evening goodies*
- *Hospitality and an afternoon Social Hour*
- *Entertainment nightly*
- *Product Vendors & Seminars*
- *Door prizes / Contests*
- *Craft / flea market*
- *Annual Region Business Meeting*
- *And Much More!!!*

Camp Airstream - Region 1 Rally 2001

Tunbridge Vermont is located in Central Vermont just a short drive from many locations of interest:

- Cabot Cheese Factory*
- State Capitol Montpelier*
- Dartmouth College Hanover, NH*
- St. Johnsbury (Maple Grove & Planetarium)*
- Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory*
- Various Wineries and Breweries are nearby*
- Barre and its Granite Quarries and the noted Mount Hope Cemetery*
- Burlington is less than an hour away*
- And so many other things to do and see!*

Camp Airstream-Region Rally 2001 is located at the famous and beautiful Tunbridge World Fair in Tunbridge Vermont. An easy to access location just a short distance North of interstate 89 at exit 2 onto route 14 route then north on 110 in Central Vermont. Located only 170 miles from Boston, MA or Hartford CT and only 150 miles from Montreal QUE. or Central Maine we hope to see you all here at this wonderful location With an average daily temperature of 71 degrees. It will be a delightful camping experience for all!!!

CAMP AIRSTREAM 2001 REGISTRATION FORM

Campers Name _____ WBCCI # _____
Address _____

Phone _____ Number in RV adults _____ youth _____ child _____

Handicap *Y N* Officer *Y N* Vintage *Y N* First Time to Camp *Y N* (Region 1 Rally)

RV w/2 camper @ \$125.00..... = _____

RV w/1 camper @ \$ 95.00..... = _____

Each additional camper (adult) @\$45.00.....#.....X 45 = _____

Each camper youth (8-17) @\$25.00#.....X 25 = _____

Each camper child (under 8) Free.....#..... = _____

Pre rally camping @\$12.00 per RV night (22 Aug)... #.....X 12 = _____

Post rally camping @\$12.00 per RV night (27 Aug)... #.....X 12 = _____

TOTAL \$ = _____

Make checks payable to: WMNH Unit-WBCCI (payable in US funds)

Please return application with payment to: **Dave Penniman**
28 Hampton Meadows
Hampton, NH 03842

Registration discount of \$10 per RV prior to August 1, 2001

Please register early!



Hey Kids! Are you going to camp this summer??



Tunbridge Worlds Fair
Tunbridge Vermont
August 23-26 2001

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