

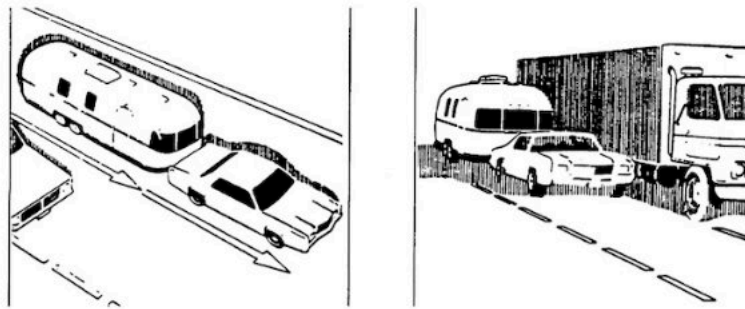


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### AIRSTREAM SAFARI –BAMBI TRAILER OWNERS MANUAL 2001

temperature gauge indicates overheating and you have your air conditioner turned on, turn it off. Pull over in a safe place and put on your emergency brake. Don't turn off the engine. Increase the engine idle speed. Lift the engine hood and check for fluid leaks at the radiator overflow outlet. Check to see that all drive belts are intact and the fan is turning. If you have a problem have it fixed at the next opportunity. If there is no problem the light should go off or temperature should come down within one minutes Proceed on the highway a little slower. Ten minutes later resume normal driving.



Passing

**WARNING:** Never open a radiator cap when the tow vehicle is hot. Check the coolant level when the vehicle is cool.

When going downhill in dry weather, down shift so that engine compression will slow the whole rig down. Take dips and depressions in the road slowly and do not resume normal driving speeds until you are sure that the trailer wheels are clear of the dip.

**WARNING:** On slippery pavement do not use engine drag to help slow down as this may cause the rear wheels of the tow vehicle to skid. On icy pavement drive slowly and if you feel the tow vehicle skidding gently apply the trailer brakes only. This will bring the tow vehicle and trailer back into a single line. Chains do not help trailer wheels.

When driving in mud and sand let the momentum carry the rig through. Apply power gently and use as little as possible. Stay in the tracks of the vehicle ahead and keep the tow vehicle in the highest possible gear. If you get stuck it is best to tow out the entire rig together without unhitching.

Despite the best hitch you will notice that whenever a large bus or truck overtakes your rig the displaced air, first pushes the trailer rear slightly to the right and then affects the front. It may be necessary to steer very slightly, momentarily, toward the bus or truck to help compensate for the sway induced by the passing-vehicle. Do not apply the vehicle brakes, as this can tend to exaggerate the situation. You may find, however, that briefly applying the trailer brakes with you manual control will help eliminate sway.

**CAUTION:** When stopping on a hill or slope, leaving your car in gear is not enough for standstill safety. CHOCK THE TRAILER WHEELS to be double sure. Do not use trailer brakes as parking brakes.

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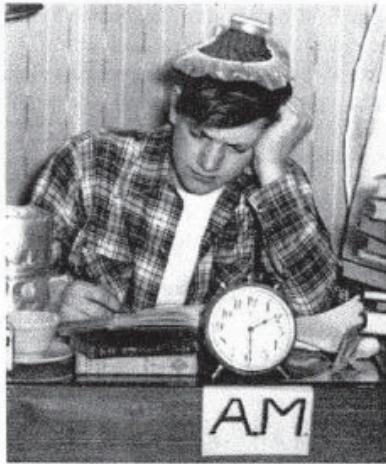
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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

DECEMBER 2000/JANUARY 2001



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is that time of the year when some of us have put our Airstreams away for the cold months; while others are heading to the south where the weather is expected to be warm.

The holiday buffet on December 3rd was well attended and was a festive way to start the Holidays. Our thanks to Ray and Mary Ellen Moniz for hosting the event. It was interesting to hear the winter plans everyone was making. We were happy to welcome new and first time attendees Dick and Molly Cherouny from Canton, CT.

The next dinner meeting will be held on February 4th at the Dock & Dine in Old Saybrook by Mike and Lianne Ruttly. It's called "The Old Airstream & The Sea" dinner meeting. So hitch up your wagon and come join us. Sign up now!

I came across a magic number the other day of 86,400! Now if you had a bank that credited your account with \$86,400 each morning; carried over no balance from day to day; allowing you to keep no cash in your account; canceling all unused funds at the end of the day - what would you do?

You have such a bank - It is called TIME!

Every morning your account is credited with 86,400 seconds. At the end of the day each second not put toward good use is CANCELED. Time carries no balance forward, pays no dividends or splits. It does not allow us to borrow against future allocations. We can only live on today's deposit and invest our time toward our utmost health, happiness and success.

Lois and I wish you all the happiest of holidays. We look forward to being with you at many of the events in the year 2001.

Regards,

Ted (your santa in president's clothing)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

February 4, 2001  
The Old Airstream and the Sea  
Dinner Meeting  
Dock & Dine Restaurant  
Old Saybrook, CT  
Michael & Lianne Ruttly



## GET WELL WISHES

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

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

★Jessie Gould would like to thank all the members for their cards and prayers as she recovered from her recent fall.

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.

Dick & Molly Cherouny  
86 Washburn Rd.  
Canton, CT 06019  
Tel: (860) 693-1973

**BIRTHDAYS**

Marilyn Perlotto	12/01
James Rutty	12/01
Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Carol Potter	12/16
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18
Richard Long	01/02
John Fuller	01/03
Rip Nelson	01/05
James Hegeman	01/08
Jerry Ingallinera	01/16
Howard Knight	01/16
Arthur Droheim	01/17
Edward Stagis	01/19
Lianne Rutty	01/24
Arlene Sikes	01/28
Ray Lemaire	01/30
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Our travels will include Sunbury, Ontario; Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, Duluth, Minnesota and Fargo, North Dakota before arriving at Sioux Falls for the rally site at the convention center. Come travel with us in 2001 to the 44th International Rally.

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Kitty Fee: \$275.00 - 2 people in RV  
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Deposit: \$50.00 & registration is required.  
Limit of 25 units.

Deadline: March 31, 2001 for names and addresses to be submitted to campgrounds by the leaders.

**REGION 1 LUNCHEON**

Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center  
1211 North West Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

June 29, 2001

11:30 a.m. Social, Meal served at 12:00

Menu: Salad, Chicken breast with sauce, rice pilaf, vegetable, roll & butter, beverage and ice cream.  
\$12.50 per person

Tickets on sales at the Region 1 registration table. Contact person: Anne Werth, 1st VP Region 1.

**HOLIDAY PARTY  
MIKE & LIANNE RUTTY  
#16264**

Ray and MaryEllen Moniz did a super job booking the Manor Inn in Southington for the party and the buffet was really tasty. The thought of everything, from the box for donations to Bread for Life to door prizes.

Everyone looked so nice all decked out in their holiday finery for the annual holiday party held on Sunday, December 3rd. It was nice to see everyone and to find out who was done with all their shopping and who hadn't yet started the task. It was really nice to hear who was ready for the annual trip to southern portions of the country too.

Our newest members Dick and Molly Cherouny were there and it was great to see them as well as some folks we haven't seen in a while.

Thank you to Ray and MaryEllen for a really great party, everyone left with a little more Christmas cheer in them.

**AUGUST 2001 CARAVAN**

The caravan scheduled for August 2001 to Assateague Island State Park is now full. If you have not signed up for this caravan and you would like to go please contact Rich Kushman as he is starting a waiting list.

If you have signed up already and find that you will not be able to attend, please let Rich know as soon as possible so someone else can use your spot and you can get a refund. This caravan is sure to be a great time.

## **WHERE THE ROAD DOESN'T GO BOB & HELEN SANDALL #5593**

On September 6, 2000, our 48th wedding anniversary, we left Manchester at 6:00 A.M. for what was to become a trip of nearly 6,000 miles before we returned. Our initial destination was Sioux Falls, S.D., the rendezvous site for the Polar Bear Safari 2000. We arrived there at noon on September 9th and met our caravan leaders, Chuck and Sandie Kiple who would lead the second section of the caravan.. This caravan has be-come so popular that it is necessary to run two sections of 25 units each. Norm and Clara Lammers lead the first section.

Since the caravan was not scheduled to leave until September 15th, we had plenty of time to tour the area. As part of the caravan activities while in Sioux Falls, we toured the Gateway (computer) company, a fantastic model railroad exhibit in the Fair Grounds, Business Aviation of Sioux Falls and the USGS EROS (Earth Resources Observation Systems) Data Center. (EROS Data Center holds one of the world's largest collections of images of the earth's land surface) Our tour of EROS was fascinating.

We left Sioux Falls on the 15th of September heading for Aberdeen, S.D. On the way we stopped in Mitchell, S.D. to visit the Corn Palace. Each year, thousands of bushels of corn, grain and grasses are used to decorate the Corn Palace. We arrived in Aberdeen at 2:15 and by 4 o'clock, we were off for a tour of a Hutterite colony. The Hutterites are a religious sect similar to, but not as strict as, the Amish or the Mennonites. They use electricity and modern farm equipment although they maintain a rather closed community with their own school system, church and communal distribution of the work of the colony. We were served a delicious meal prepared by the young women of the village after which we were entertained by their choir. Our time in Aberdeen was very busy - we visited the NOAA weather station, a wildlife refuge where we saw white pelicans, a tour of an ethanol plant for the men and a fashion show for the women sponsored by the women of the local Methodist Church.

On the 19th, we left with the parking crew at 7:30 A.M. for Rugby, N.D. which is the geographical center of the North American continent. We were parked overnight in a restaurant parking lot. Up to this point, the weather had been quite warm and humid with temperatures in the upper eighties and low nineties. However, things changed when we arrived in Rugby - it turned cold and very windy. So much for the shorts and T-shirts!!

We crossed the Canadian Border at the Peace Garden and continued North through Brandon, Mb. (site of the 1994 International Rally) on our way to Dauphin, Mb.. As we were driving through Riding Mountain National Park, we were temporarily delayed by a group of Indians who were picketing against the Canadian government. Although they were beating on their war drums, they caused us no problems. In Dauphin we were treated to supper at the Anglican Church where we were welcomed by Past International President and First lady, Lawrie and Betty Stephen. Lawrie and Betty are parishioners of this church. While in this town of 8,000, we experienced our first taste of frozen precipitation in the form of sleet and snow squalls which sent us scurrying to Wal-Mart for warm gloves and hats which we had forgotten to pack.

After thawing out our water hoses on the morning of September 23rd, we left for Swan River, a community of about 4,000. (after this experience, we learned not to leave our water hoses connected for the rest of the trip). While in Swan River we visited a museum of antique farm tractors and other farm equipment. Here we were treated to a delicious home-cooked meal prepared and served by the museum staff. The highlight of our stay in this town was a visit to a local sculptor where we purchased a stone carving of a mother polar bear with two cubs. After leaving Swan River, we headed North to a town named, The Pas where we had a nice camp-site on the Saskatchewan River. After a couple of days in The Pas, we traveled on to the town of Flin Flon which is named for Josiah Flintabbatey Flonitan, a character that appeared in a dime-novel found in the area by early prospectors. In the early stages of our trip, we had passed through the vast open plains of the mid-west but after leaving Swan River, we found ourselves riding through heavily forested land. As we approached Flin Flon, however, the beautiful forests abruptly changed to great expanses of rocky terrain. In some areas of Flin Flon, the water and sewer pipes are contained in wooden boxes since it is impossible to bury them. The major employer in Flin Flon is the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company which mines copper, zinc, gold, silver and cadmium. While in this town, we were entertained by a group of Indians performing traditional dances and ceremonies. It was here, also, that we first saw the Northern Lights. Our most important drivers' meeting was held at the Victoria Inn in Flin Flon where we were briefed about our upcoming stay in Churchill, Mb., the Polar Bear Capitol of the World.

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Since we were on the water detail for the move to Thompson, we left with the early workers on the morning of October 1st. Leaving behind the rocky terrain of Flin Flon., we once again found ourselves travelling through thick forests of evergreens and tamaracks. By this time of the year, the tamaracks had turned a brilliant yellow. When we arrived in Thompson, we realized we had driven as far as the paved roads go in northern Manitoba. To go beyond this point, it will be necessary to go by train to Churchill, our ultimate goal in search of the "great white bear". After setting up in the campground we once again made our way to, what else, Wal-Mart to purchase anti-freeze with which to winterize our trailer. The trailer would remain in Thompson for several days while we were in Churchill and we had been told that sometimes the temperatures here went well below freezing. We spent the evening packing and re-packing our duffle bags and back-packs. We had been told to travel light as it would be necessary to carry our luggage with us while in Churchill.

FINALLY - THE BIG DAY HAS ARRIVED - October 2nd. The train was to leave at 6:30 P.M. While waiting outside our trailers for our transportation to the train, it began to snow - how fitting!! Everyone was in a holiday mood. As we boarded the train, we were given our sleeping assignments - some of the group went by coach while the rest of us were in sleeping cars. Helen and I each had a roomette, which while quite small, was more than adequate and very comfortable.

We arrived in Churchill at 8:30 A.M. on October 3rd and went to the Tundra Inn by bus. Helen and I spent the day walking around the town in freezing temperatures and driving snow (it was coming horizontally) . Just like any other tourist, we visited several gift shops, a museum and the town complex that houses the town offices, the schools, a curling rink, a swimming pool, a restaurant and many other facilities. It is a practice in this town not to lock any doors so that if someone is on the street and a polar bear appears, that person can quickly find a safe haven.. To top off our first day here at 58 degrees, 30 minutes North Latitude, we ate in a unique restaurant that was decorated with items that had washed ashore. The menu even had Roast Caribou which was great.

The next morning, October 4th, we boarded our Tundra Buggy where we rocked and rolled over the tundra all day without any bear sightings until late afternoon. This bear was not sociable so we couldn't get very close but we had a good view of him through our binoculars. At 6 o'clock we headed for the Tundra Lodge right on the shores of Hudson Bay. The Tundra Lodge is made up of several trailers - two bunk houses, a lounge car, and a dining car. We picked out the bunks we would occupy for the night - really not very private but by now, we were one big happy family. Before supper we were treated to a wine party - the combination of the wine and having seen a bear, made for a super party. Since the generator went off at 10 P.M., we all retired early.

Fortunately, Helen and I had elected to take a second Tundra Buggy tour the next day and we were rewarded with an up close and personal encounter with a polar bear not more than thirty yards away. This bear was sociable and stayed close for at least two hours. After all this excitement, we headed back to town to board the train for our trip back to Thompson.

We spent the nights of October 6th and 7th in Thompson and had the thrill of seeing the Northern Lights in a dazzling display.

When we left Thompson, we took the quick route to Winnipeg stopping for one night in the small town of Grand Rapids. Arriving in Winnipeg with all its traffic was quite a shock after so many days travelling in the wilderness when we would often go for an hour or more without seeing another car. To our great surprise, the roads we traveled in Manitoba were in excellent condition - smooth surface and wide shoulders. Although the service stations were few and far between, we knew in advance where they were so there never was any problem in that regard.

Our final banquet was held on October 10th at a very nice restaurant in Bird's Hill Provincial Park on the outskirts of Winnipeg. We said goodbye to our new friends and were homeward bound the next morning, arriving in Manchester on October 15th.

The Manitoba Provincial license plate uses the slogan, "Friendly Manitoba" and we can attest to the fact this is true. We never met anyone who was other than friendly.

This is a unique caravan - it has a lot to offer and we highly recommend it.

# Wally Byam

## The Man Who Started It All

As you read this story of Wally Byam, you will know he was a real person, not a myth, as we have heard some profess. Wally Byam is no longer with us, but his dream goes on. Each one of you, as you travel the highways, here and abroad, are living evidence of Wally's dream. He placed the world at our doorstep, for us all to enjoy!

*"Don't stop. Keep right on going. Hitch up your trailer and go to Canada or down to Old Mexico. Head for Europe, if you can afford it, or go to the Mardi Gras. Go someplace you've heard about, where you can fish or hunt or collect rocks or just look up at the sky. Find out what's at the end of some country road. Go see what's over the next hill, and the one after that, and the one after that."*

This is the message and the legacy of Wally Byam. The words, typically simple and direct, were Wally's answer to a caravanner who asked in 1959, "Wally, what are we going to do while you are in the hospital?" It was what Wally would say now to all of us.

Wally taught a generation and more of ordinary persons how to travel to the near and far places of the world. He provided them with a mechanism in the form of a travel trailer, which he offered for sale. More basically, however, he gave them a concept, an idea, a dream come true. He taught by showing them that they could bring "home" with them on their travels, near or far, and that they could feel at home wherever they went.

Where Wally Byam led, people eagerly followed. Somehow in following him they became better able thereafter to lead themselves. Perhaps this was because he had a way of expecting and getting the most that was in a man.

How Wally Byam happened to choose trailers to glorify his life, what inclined him in that direction, is surely contained somehow in the story of his life. But here there is a snag. Wally Byam was an extremely verbal and communicative man. To many he appeared to be an egotist. The fact is that he could rarely be brought into a direct discussion of his own life.

There aren't many details available about Wally and his family. They were never "poor" in the modern sense, certainly never hungry or in debt. But the times were hard, rough, beset by the physical elements, the wind and the rain, the crudeness of the roads.

Later his grandfather acquired a large flock of sheep. He didn't hesitate to put a teenage Wally in charge of them. He sent the boy to lead the flock to their summer pastures high in the mountains of Oregon, to stay there alone with them for months at a time.

As a shepherd boy, Wally lived out of a small, two-wheeled wagon covered with cloth and towed along at a walking pace by a donkey. At night the wagon would be unhitched and propped up by its tongue. The tail board let down to disclose a mat for a bed, a kerosene cook stove, food and water, and "all the other necessities of life"—a wash pail and some books.

Years later, on a trip through some western sheep country, Wally told one of his close friends that the shepherd boy's wagon had something to do with his later interest in trailers.

Wally graduated from Stanford in 1923 with a degree in law. He never applied for a board examination or practiced law in any form for the rest of his life. Instead he went to work for the Los Angeles Times as an advertising copywriter. He held that job long enough to decide that he liked advertising, but did not like to work for other people. He quit and formed his own agency and published a how-to-do-it magazine for home carpenters and builders. In the course of editing and publishing, Wally came across an article on how to build a trailer and bought it for publication. It was rather poor, as he was soon to find out. Every mail brought him complaints.

His curiosity piqued, he decided to follow the instructions himself. He quickly found them impossible. Abandoning the article but not the project, which tremendously intrigued him, he proceeded to build a trailer.

It was a "crude, boxy structure which rested none too easily upon a Model A Ford chassis", Wally wrote later in his book, "Trailer Travel Here and Abroad", "little more than a bed you could crawl into, a shelf to hold a water bottle, a flashlight and some camping equipment ... protected from the elements."

Crude or not, it was Wally's first trailer. It attracted much attention and people even tried to buy it from him. At first he wouldn't sell; he was having too much fun with it himself. He wrote an article on how to build it and sold plans on the side.

He might have published the article himself in his own magazine, except for a very simple fact; he needed more money than he could "pay" himself. It was published by "Popular Mechanics" magazine.

Soon Wally was building trailers in his backyard for sale. They were strictly made-to-order versions of his own trailer and usually the customer would come over to pitch in and help. Parenthetically, from that day until this Wally's customers have always been made to feel free to walk into one of his factories to see "how things are coming along".

For some years the making of trailers was largely a backyard enterprise for Wally. Sometimes it supported his writing and other ventures, sometimes they supported it.

Wally conceived the name "Airstream" in 1934 and began applying it to his trailers "because that's the way they travel, like a stream of air".

In those prewar days there was really no such thing as a production line for Airstream. Each was a "custom" model. It was also an experimental model as well. Wally never stopped trying new things, incorporating new construction principles, building "the better travel trailer".

In 1936, Wally experimented with the first systematic use of the so-called "monocoque" construction principles in his trailers. He built riveted aluminum shell trailers which are still in existence to the present day.

Imperceptively building trailers, taking them on trips, helping friends build trailers, building trailers for friends, taking friends on trailer trips—became a business, in a sense the beginning of Airstream, Inc.

The full realization that he was "in the trailer business" came home to Wally as the storms clouds gathered for World War II. It came belatedly and with pain. The explanation of this is integral both to the story of Wally Byam and to the philosophy of the company he founded.

He continued to build trailers for travel until 1942, when the War Production Board ordered that "house trailers shall not be made for the duration of the war, except by manufacturers making them for the government or recognized and approved governmental agencies". That left Wally out.

The end of the war and the lifting of the ban on travel trailers did not immediately put Wally back in business again. A shortage of capital held him back for a time. So did a business venture which was to prove a painful blind alley.

That venture involved entering into a kind of partnership arrangement with another company of much greater facilities. At first it looked like an ideal arrangement with Wally turning over his travel trailer concept, his designs and methods and even the name Airstream in exchange for much needed productive capacity.

For a time there was a mutually beneficial exchange. Wally created an entire travel trailer division and poured into it years of pent up desire, thought and energy. He took all that he had learned of trailer manufacturing during the prewar era and added a new wealth of construction know-how gained during his employment by an aircraft company.

But by 1948 the relationship was becoming estranged. It's difficult to say exactly why. Perhaps as much as anything else, Wally was acting characteristically. He had always been restive as an employee. He had always been driven from within, rather than pulled from without.

To protect his rights to the name Airstream, and to preserve what he considered the integrity of his Airstream travel trailer concept, Wally felt forced to buy his way out of the corporation. It was a trying, difficult process which was to require every bit of patience and determination Wally had. It was also to require every penny he could get his hands on.

Wally rented a small building near the Van Nuys, California, airport and announced to the world that he was back in his own trailer business. Thus was formed Airstream Trailers, Inc.

It took a good deal to have much faith in a company with so little capital or equipment (Wally's own tools, that was about all), but some did. The first was a bright young war veteran who had studied administration at Cornell University and was just then looking for some kind of permanent job with a future.

He was Art Costello, who at the time of the original publishing of this article was chairman of the Board of Directors of Airstream. Wally assigned Costello to a flat plank board supported by two orange crates and placed him in charge of "purchasing and accounting". Basically, that meant he was to handle the money to equip and supply a manufacturing facility to produce travel trailers. The money was roughly equal to the retail price of one Airstream at that time.

Soon after that Wally Byam remembered a production genius he had known during his war time days at the aircraft plant; his group leader, Andy Charles. By some verbal magic, Wally persuaded this highly literate, individualistic man that he should become the first production superintendent of Airstream.

Just two years later, Wally gave Charles a check for \$5,000 and a lease to a vacant factory in Jackson Center, Ohio, which had been built to manufacture bazookas. Starting from scratch in an area where trailers were associated with gypsies and fly-by-nights, Charles assembled and organized Airstream's eastern facility. It took him one month to produce the first eastern-made Airstream travel trailer. That was August 1952.

The following 10 years saw Wally's company grow to become a major American business enterprise. The best quick statement of Airstream's present position in the market is this; while producing the acknowledged "Cadillac" of travel trailers, it outsells all but the lowest priced "Chevy".

It is an astonishing fact that in the very midst of building his business, Wally Byam felt entirely free to leave his factories and take personal charge of every foreign caravan between the winter of 1951 and the spring of 1960!

For those who are not acquainted with Wally's caravans, they included, among others, trips to Canada, Mexico, Central America, a six-month caravan through Europe and one 18,000-mile tour from Capetown to Cairo through the continent of Africa.

The fact is that Wally never considered that he was leaving his business but rather that he was moving right in the middle of it. As he conceived

it, his business was concerned with the essence, the ideal and the "dream" of romantic travel. Wally felt that Air-stream's product ought to be the very stuff of which dreams are made.

He kept saying over and over again, "I make your travel dreams come true." He meant it most profoundly.

To be sure, those shiny stressed-aluminum things lined up at his factories were vital - even integral - to those dreams, but they were the means as much as the end.

By Wally's thinking, there was a strange reciprocity between the "dream" and the trailer, a give and take. It worked out something like this: The more you could do in a trailer, the more you dreamed of doing. The more you dreamed of doing, the more you could do if you tried - in an Airstream.

The caravans and rallies conceived and personally led by Wally Byam were thus vastly more than mere "stunts". They were more than promotional devices. They were, in fact, the deliberate way by which Wally Byam demonstrated what could be done in a travel trailer.

Then having thus stimulated the "dream" of travel by trailer, Wally sought, through caravans and rallies, to learn what qualities and equipment should be designed and built into his Airstreams.

Wally Byam became the most fanatical critic of Airstream trailers the company ever had. Hardly a day went by that his companies didn't receive a long letter or dictating machine recording of criticism. Not even the smallest detail escaped Wally's personal notice. Factory presidents were never surprised to receive middle-of-the-night calls from London or Mexico City or Capetown. Something should be done about the door; the air-vent was vibrating (perhaps after 18,000 miles of roadless travel), or he had an idea for a new fold down bed for children.

Wally scoured the civilized world looking for efficient hot water heaters, door hinges, butane lamps, chemical toilets, small porcelain sinks, chairs - myriad such large and small items for his beloved Airstreams.

He had thousands of things packaged up and sent back to his factories for consideration. When nothing suitable was available on the world market, Wally sought to motivate somebody to manufacture it. Failing that, he ordered his own factories to make their own - be it a new bed, a window frame of a bathtub.

Wally said there would always be caravans. They would go farther, stay longer, encompass more. They would always be needed to introduce new caravanners to the ever expanding potential of the travel trailer and to feed back more and more information to his factories.

Yet he knew perfectly well that only a small percentage of his Airstream owners could go on very many caravans. Most of them would do the majority of their travel by trailer to places closer to home, family and responsibilities.

He was thus enormously pleased in 1955 when a group of his followers actually beat him to the next logical step; they founded a club of their own which would "localize" caravanning

and put it on a year round basis. Of course, they named it after him.

The Wally Byam Caravan Club is now one of the largest clubs in trailering, and it is a remarkable tribute to Wally. It demonstrates once more, and in an excellent way, the effect he had upon those around him. Most men would have insisted upon controlling the club; Wally let his followers keep control.

The WBCC (now WBCCI) has greatly added to the wealth of trailering experiences. Experiences? The temptation is to use the word "thrills" but that would imply cheap, sensational events of the moment. Wally Byam was against such things. Instead, he offered deeper, more lasting satisfactions through experiences of substance and meaning.

Trailering, as practiced by Wally and his followers, has always been more than the pursuit of mere superficial pleasures. It has always been above and beyond what the psychiatrists call the "pleasure principle".

There never was a Wally Byam caravan that wouldn't stop in the midst of having fun to take up a collection for some orphanage somewhere, to collect a pile of "surplus" canned goods for a village whose crop had failed, to drop off clothing, school supplies or books.

Does the point need belaboring? Of course not, nor does the related point that Wally Byam caravanners and club members have always been more than a group of Americans out for a good time, whether here at home or in a foreign country.

This is the way Wally wanted it, and this - greatly expanded and multiplied by his Airstream caravanners - is the way it shall be.

(The above story was written by Frank Palmer following the death of Wally Byam in 1962.)



# 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 Ruddy  
7 Winthrop Rd.  
Chester, CT 06412

Please make check payable to Mike Ruddy

### The Old Airstream & The Sea Dinner Meeting February 4, 2001

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_

# Children \_\_\_\_\_

Cod \_\_\_\_\_

London Broil \_\_\_\_\_

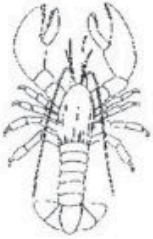
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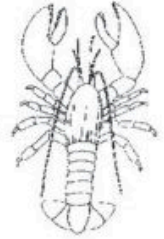
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**Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally**



**Washington County Fairgrounds ~ Richmond, R.I.**



**May 17 - 20, 2001**



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**Area Attractions:**

Block Island Ferry  
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Misquamicut Beach



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Includes: 3 nights parking with water, limited electric and dump station at fairgrounds, 2  
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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



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Dick Bartram, 301 Cedar Lane, New Hartford, CT 06057 (860) 496-8507 or (860) 482-1880



**Directions**

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**Region 1 Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally May 17-20, 2001**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Evening Special Dinner Choice:**

\_\_\_\_ Lobster

\_\_\_\_ Steak

\_\_\_\_ Children 12 & under Hot Dog Roast

# REGISTRATION REGION 1 CARAVAN

**R-239 New England to the Big Sioux River Caravan  
June 9, 2001 to June 22, 2001**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_

Rendezvous Date/Location: June 9, 2001 at Johnson, Vermont

Termination Date/Location: June 22, 2001 at the Rally Site, Sioux Falls, SD

## CARAVAN FEES:

One R/V- 2 People .....	\$275.00
One R/V- 1 Person .....	225.00
Guest Fee .....	50.00

A deposit of \$50.00 payable to “**R-239 Region Caravan**” is required with the registration.

### Wagonmaster:

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 Tel: (941) 639-7752

### Summer Address:

Howard M. Knight  
 423 Mouse Lane  
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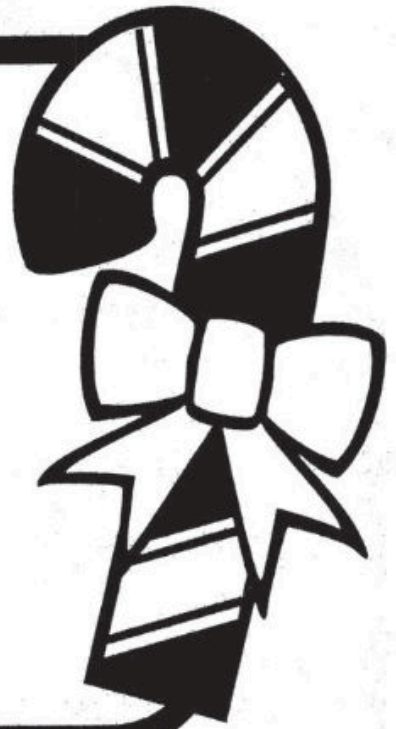
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FEBRUARY 2001



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from cold snowy CT; Lois and I are anxious to brush the snow off the trailer and make tracks for Florida or Texas - still waiting for our new tow vehicle to arrive. Expected now at the end of January- Boy! We're getting tired of this weather!

I propose we have a new calender made up of 13 months of 28 days each. Just think about it - we could then have a whole new month in the year in which to travel.

We keep getting messages from WBCCI about the 44th International Rally in Sioux Falls, SD scheduled for June 27 - July 4, 2001. Each club can put on a parade, organize a talent/skit contest, and even sponsor a "Teen Queen". Did you know the teen can be a daughter or a grand-daughter of a member and attendee? Keep that in mind for the future. I don't expect COCU to propose a Teen Queen as so few will be attending this year; so Lois has volunteered to represent us in a new wig and dress. Now, that would be something to see!!

Also, we will want to bring a bulletin board representing COCU to the International Rally. I don't know much about the requirements yet - but will be looking for ideas, suggestions and input.

The March dinner meeting will be hosted by Bob and Sharon Henschel on March 4th at their home called "Can Spring be far behind" We wish Sharon well after her recent gall bladder operation and expect she will be fit as a fiddle.

That's all for now - see you down the road and don't throw anything out the window because - remember the sign at the zoo that said. "Anyone who throws litter into the alligator pit will be asked to retrieve it!!"

Regards,  
Ted



## DATES TO REMEMBER

February 4, 2001  
The Old Airstream and the Sea  
Dinner Meeting  
Dock & Dine Restaurant  
Old Saybrook, CT  
Michael & Lianne Rutty

March 4, 2001  
Can Spring Be Too Far Behind  
Dinner Meeting  
Bob & Sharon Henschel's Home  
436 Linkfield Rd.  
Watertown, CT  
Bob & Sharon Henschel



## GET WELL WISHES

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

★Sharon Henschel is recovering from surgery at home.

★"To all the Wally Byam members who sent me get well wishes, Thank You! They really brightened my day"  
*Jackie Taylor*

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

Susan Newman	02/01
William Fiehn	02/04
Richard Griffin	02/05
Sylvia Davis	02/07
Bill Perlotto	02/09
David Levinson	02/13
Leila Clark	02/16
Patricia Lines	02/18
Malcolm Appleton	02/21
Mike Sasuta	02/21
Betty Clark	02/23

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Dorothy & Linwood Lowell	02/01
Ray & Mary Ellen Moniz	02/03
Francis & Maureen Eckels	02/14
Howard & Dorcas Kuehn	02/14
Bill & Lynn Perlotto	02/15
Michael & Adria Link	02/19
Rod & Shirley Dole	02/26

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**AUGUST 2001 CARAVAN**

The caravan scheduled for August 2001 to Assateague Island State Park is now full. If you have not signed up for this caravan and you would like to go please contact Rich Kushman as he is starting a waiting list.

If you have signed up already and find that you will not be able to attend, please let Rich know as soon as possible so someone else can use your spot and you can get a refund. This caravan is sure to be a great time.

**WEB PAGE UPDATE**

If you have not checked out the Region 1 or Charter Oak Web pages recently you have missed many new things. Rich Kushman has done a great job and he is always updating the page. The address is: [www.wbcc1.org](http://www.wbcc1.org) If you have any stories or pictures of a trip that you have taken please forward them to us, so we can use them in the Chatter and on the Web.

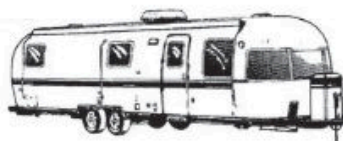
Please send in your updated email address if your current address listed in the directory is incorrect. Rich sends out an email when he updates the web pages to notify everyone.

Be sure to visit the message board on the website.

User name: excella  
Password: wally

Please forward email address corrections, stories and pictures to:

Rich Kushman: [silvershadow@snet.net](mailto:silvershadow@snet.net)  
Mike Rutty: [mwr90@aol.com](mailto:mwr90@aol.com)



**REGION 1 LUNCHEON**

Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center  
1211 North West Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

June 29, 2001  
11:30 a.m. Social, Meal served at 12:00  
\$12.50 per person

Menu: Salad, Chicken breast with sauce, rice pilaf, vegetable, roll & butter, beverage and ice cream.

Tickets on sales at the Region 1 registration table.  
Contact person: Anne Werth, 1st VP Region 1.

**JUNE BUDDY RALLY  
JUNE 1-3, 2001**

Please see the flyer for the June Buddy Rally in this issue of the Chatter. Due to the new campground reservation system that the State of Connecticut is using we must have the reservations in by February 20, 2001. We apologize for the short notice. After the 20th we cannot be guaranteed site availability or location.

The Hammonasset Rallies always have a great turnout so lets not make this year any different. Be sure to invite all of your friends that have non-Airstream campers or tents and bring them along for a great time.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

In response to a letter in the Hartford Courant "Looking for Other Loises", I recently attended a luncheon at the Rocky Hill Marriott for, you guessed it - all attended were named Lois! There was about 16 of us; What a unique experience.

I have been a "Lois" for over 69 years and knew the name to represent strength, knowledge, beauty and an all around great being!! Never in my wildest dream, would I have conceived an International Lois Club and Lois Link, Int'l.

Participants travel together, have local meeting, conferences and do pretty much their own thing.

A Rocky Hill Lois wants to start a Connecticut Chapter. The first gathering went so well I'm sure our tribe will increase. Regular meetings take place on the 5th Tuesday of the month. Rest assured there will be no lack of conversation, for the name seems to carry verbal skills as well.

If you know of any Loises let me know. They, too, many enjoy the concept.... Somebody will say "Lois" and all heads jump to attention.

*The Lois Price in Town  
Lois Price # 23726*



# Charter Oak Connecticut Unit

## WBCCI

### 2001 Schedule of Events

#### February 4, 2001

“The Old Airstream and the Sea”  
Dinner Meeting; Dock & Dine Restaurant  
Old Saybrook, CT  
Michael & Lianne Rutty (860) 526-8011

#### March 4, 2001

Dinner Meeting  
Henschel’s Home; Watertown, CT  
Bob & Sharon Henschel (860) 274-3768

#### April 1, 2001

Dinner Meeting  
San Marino Restaurant; Waterbury, CT  
Dick & Eileen Bartram (860) 496-8507

#### May 11-13, 2001

“Springtime on the Hudson”  
Six Unit Rally  
Spring Business Meeting  
Dutchess County Fairgrounds  
Rhinebeck, NY  
Charlie & Jeanette Wilson (203) 746-3507

#### May 17-20, 2001

“Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally”  
Region 1 Special Event Rally  
Washington County Fairgrounds  
Richmond, RI  
Dick Bartram (860) 496-8507

#### June 1-3, 2001

“A Beach of a Time in 2001”  
Buddy Rally, Hammonasset State Park  
Madison, CT  
Bud & Jessie Gould (860) 347-5731  
Wayne & Susan Rutty (860) 345-4049

#### June 10-23, 2001

Region 1 Caravan (R-239) to Sioux Falls  
“New England to the Big Sioux River”  
Howard M. Knight (207) 324-8430

#### June 29, 2001

Region 1 Luncheon  
Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Anne Werth (860) 875-4129

#### June 27 - July 4, 2001

“Proud Heritage – Promising Future”  
International Rally  
Sioux Falls, SD

#### August 3-5, 2001

“A Weekend in the Historic CT Tobacco  
Valley – Part 2” Rally  
Roberts Private Airport; East Windsor, CT  
Jim & Corinne Burnham (860) 623-9752  
Michael & Lianne Rutty (860) 526-8011

#### August 5-12, 2001

Summer Caravan to Assateague State Park;  
Ocean City, MD & Cape May, NJ  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066

#### August 23-26, 2001

Region 1 Rally  
Tunbridge Worlds Fairgrounds  
Tunbridge, VT  
Russ Fuller (802) 257-1902

#### October 5 -7, 2001

Rally - TBA  
Richard & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Tony & Dorothy Sherman (860) 621-1653

#### November 4, 2001

Installation Dinner Meeting  
Dakotas Restaurant; Milford, CT  
Mike & Sandy Sasuta (203) 878-8070

#### December 2, 2001

Holiday Party  
Sans-Souci Restaurant; Berlin, CT  
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March Dinner Gathering  
March 4, 2001  
1:00 PM



Can "Spring" Be Too Far Behind

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Watertown, CT  
860-274-3768

**Directions:**

Route 8 to Exit 38 (Thomaston) Take Route 6 West, Modern Motors will be on your Left, Casual Living Center on the Right. Pass Black Rock State Park on right, make a Right onto Fern Hill Road, Westbury Catering on left, Westbury Corner Store & Gas Station on the right. Go as far as you can on Fern Hill and Smith Pond Roads. Pass Camp Matchua on Right and make a Left on Linkfield Road. Second House #436 Brown Ranch with White Trim.

**Pot Luck Dinner**

**Last Name Beginning:**

- A-F.....Salads
- G-N.....Vegetables & Casseroles
- O-Z.....Deserts

Kitty Fee: \$5.00 per person  
Kids 12 and Under No Cost

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**Please Respond by February 25, 2001**

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

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Kids \_\_\_\_\_

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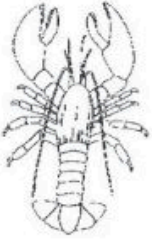
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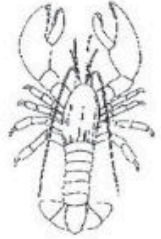
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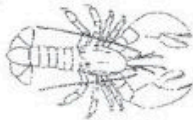
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**Region 1 Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally May 17-20, 2001**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Evening Special Dinner Choice:**

\_\_\_\_ Lobster

\_\_\_\_ Steak

\_\_\_\_ Children 12 & under Hot Dog Roast

# A BEACH OF A TIME IN 2001 COCU BUDDY RALLY



June 1-3, 2001

Hammonasset State Park – Madison, CT

Hosted by: Bud & Jessie Gould and Wayne & Susan Rutty

## HAPPENINGS

**Friday Night:**

Dinner on your own  
Ice Cream and Campfire in evening

**Saturday Morning:**

Pancakes and Sausage with Juice, Coffee & Tea

**Saturday Daytime:**

On Your Own to Enjoy the Area  
Flea Markets, Beach, Bike Riding, Outlet Shopping or Relaxing

**Saturday Evening:**

Happy Hour – 4:00 PM  
Pot Luck Dinner  
(Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Provided)  
A-L Hot Dish     M-Z Cold Dish  
Desert and Campfire in Evening

**Sunday Morning:**

Danish, Fruit, Coffee & Tea

Depart at your leisure checkout is: Noon

## DETAILS

**Rally Fees:**

\$10.00 per person ages 13-99  
\$4.00 ages 4-12 (99 and over – Free!!)

**Camping Fee:**

\$12.00 per night  
Check-In: 1:00 PM     Check-Out: Noon  
Dry Camping - Come with full water tank and empty holding tanks

**Directions:**

From I-95 SR-62 (Exit 62) South ½ Mile on SR-62

**Miscellaneous:**

No Pets or Alcohol allowed in CT State Parks

**Deadline:**

February 20, 2001 (Early date is due to new state reservations system) after that date we cannot guarantee site availability or location.

Mail Coupon and payment to:

Clarence Gould  
49 Dobson Circle  
Middletown, CT 06457  
(860) 347-5731 with Questions

*A Beach of a Time in 2001*

*Charter Oak CT Unit June Buddy Rally – Hammonasset State Park*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number Nights \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 per night = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Kids \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4.00 per Child = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_

Rendezvous Date/Location: June 9, 2001 at Johnson, Vermont

Termination Date/Location: June 22, 2001 at the Rally Site, Sioux Falls, SD

## CARAVAN FEES:

One R/V- 2 People ..... \$275.00

One R/V- 1 Person ..... 225.00

Guest Fee ..... 50.00

A deposit of \$50.00 payable to **“R-239 Region Caravan”** is required with the registration.

### Wagonmaster:

Howard M. Knight #00090

226 Riviera Court

Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532

Tel: (941) 639-7752

### Summer Address:

Howard M. Knight

423 Mouse Lane

P.O. Box #156

Alfred, ME 04002-0156

Tel: (207) 324-8430

# Snowbird Luncheon

## Sarasota, Florida

Hosted by: New England Unit, WBCCI; Pam Bleakley, President  
 Where: The Forest Lakes Restaurant at Forest Lakes Golf Club  
 2401 Beneva Road, Sarasota, Florida 34232 • (941) 921-7979  
 When: Thursday, February 22, 2001  
 Time: 11:45 A.M.  
 Cost: \$12.50 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 15, 2001  
 No refunds after February 18, 2001

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 22, 2001	
Make check payable to <u>Robert A. Wood</u> Send to:  Robert A Wood 29129 Johnston Rd #2809 Dade City, FL 33523-6128 (352) 588-4888  Reservation Deadline: February 15, 2001	Name: _____ WBCCI # _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone ( ) _____ No. In Party _____ <b>Entree Choice</b> (please) <span style="float: right;"><b>No. of Entrees</b></span> London Broil of Beef _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Grouper Meuniere _____ Luncheon Cost \$12.50 per person \$ _____ enclosed



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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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THE ICE CREAM line extended from the stage to the kitchen prior to Busch Hall Sunday Night entertainment by the Disney World barbershop quartet.

*Photos by Gerry Sorensen*



LEE HALE was given a 100-year-old instrument to shake around on stage.



The Humdingers named her "Ding-a-ling."

# Lots are being surveyed for database

by Hank Floyd

In the last week or so you may have seen two or three people with clip boards and measuring tapes surveying the lots in Resort South and the Cabana section.

The information gathered will be used to create a data base primarily to assist maintenance and the office to provide more efficient service to residents.

The width between lots and the distance from the shed to the street line, allowing an 8 foot setback, will determine the length of trailer a lot will accommodate.

Other details noted include whether the electrical service is 30 or 50 amps and if there is a circuit breaker or fuses. Additional data entered into the system will include whether or not the shed is wired for electricity, equipped with double doors, and whether the trailer is sitting on a concrete pad. Other information is whether

the lot has drive strips and how much shade is there.

It is expected that having the information on hand will save considerable time for maintenance.

Up to this time whenever

someone submitted a work order it was necessary for maintenance to make a preliminary visit to the site in order to make an assessment. When the new system is up and running they will be able to obtain

The information required from the computer.

The software for this data base was developed by Campground Management Systems of Port Charlotte, Florida.



Lee Hale  
4th from left

Photo by Gerry Sorensen

SITE SURVEY is underway in Resort South and the Cabana Section to measure lots in order to determine RV size accommodations. Here, Bill Alvarez, field operations manager, instructs volunteers.



TR Times

2001

Clarence and Elsie Nelson don't recall when they met, but it was certainly by the time they were in the fourth grade in Connecticut. Clarence joined the Navy in 1941 and was completing his basic training when the *day of infamy* changed everything. He was later stationed on Guadalcanal repairing planes that had been aboard carriers. He separated in 1945 as an Aviation Machinist Mate 1st Class.

Elsie joined the WAVES in mid 1942. She was stationed at the pre-midshipman school at Asbury Park (New Jersey) Naval Base. Her duty was clerical, working for the supply officer. Her rank at separation in December 1945 was Storekeeper 2nd Class.

During the last year of the war Elsie also assisted with the patients at the base. It had become a convalescent hospital and she took the wheelchair patients for walks on the boardwalk.

The Nelsons had kept in touch through her brother and shortly after the war their courtship began in earnest. They have been together ever since.

It is not unusual for a World II romance to have survived these 50 plus years. In these five instances, however, the couples share not only a lifetime of memories, but also the bond of duty to their country.



CLARENCE AND ELSIE NELSON

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*TR residents tell their stories*

## Petrillo served in two wars ... World War II and Korea

by Sabina Freeman

Thomas Petrillo was drafted into World War II and due to his reserve status, he was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. "Because I could type I was always in a headquarters company," he said.

Petrillo went into the Army in August 1944 and took his basic training as an engineer at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. From there he was transferred to the Military Police (MPs) and sent to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, where the type of MP training he received was for the protection of strategic locations and positions.

When his typing ability was discovered he was assigned an administrative position at headquarters.

While at Fort Devens he also was occasionally assigned escort duty. Prisoners of war arrived by ship from Germany and Italy. Although some remained at Fort Devens, many were transported to facilities across the United States.

The MPs traveled with these prisoners as guards, then returned to the base. "I was fortunate that all the groups I was involved with worked hard, and didn't cause any trouble. They never tried to escape."

When they traveled with the prisoners by train the MPs stood on the platforms between the cars. "They were steam trains and we got very dirty," he recalled.

"If it wasn't for my ability to type I don't know where I would be," Petrillo said. His best friend from childhood was drafted into the Army at the same time as Tom and was selected for the Infantry. Three months after arriving in Germany his friend was killed crossing the Rhine River.

Petrillo had earned the rank of Staff Sergeant by the time he separated from the Army on June 27, 1946.

At separation, he and many other World War II veterans enlisted in the inactive reserves. Military leaders wanted men as reservists who had training and experience and those who signed up were guaranteed their same rank and group should they be recalled.

Enlistments in the reserves were for three-year periods. In



TOM PETRILLO

1949 he reenlisted and the following year in October, as the conflict in Korea escalated, he was recalled. "We were given very little time to straighten out our affairs. We were retrained and sent to California for embarkation to Korea."

Troops could be detained in California up to four weeks before being sent on. Most were shipped out immediately.

But once again, when it was learned that Petrillo could type, he was held there for administrative duties. He remained for three weeks before being sent to Korea.

"Those three weeks made a big difference. All the friends I had made went up to the front lines. By the time I arrived they were trying to fill in the rear lines.

Again, I was put into an administrative position, assigned to a Lieutenant Colonel at the MP Headquarters."

Petrillo regards himself as a "very lucky soldier." His entire tour of duty in Korea was at MP headquarters in Pusan, Korea, where the MPs were to maintain the safety of the roads and the flow of supplies.

Supplies stored for transport to the front lines had to be guarded. "If you turned your back they would be stolen."

Some of the roads used for transporting the supplies to the battle zones were lined on either side with mountains or hills. The Koreans would attack the supply caravans, kill everyone with it, then steal everything on the caravan.

"It was the MPs' job to keep those roads open and when the caravans were attacked, to go into the hills and find these people. They patrolled the roads with quad 50s (50-caliber machine guns mounted on half-tracks). The Koreans would even try to steal those.

Over there, a soldier's monthly pay would keep a Korean going for six months. The Koreans would steal anything and sell it on the black market just to survive."

Troops were instructed not to go out alone at night or into strange places at night. Petrillo knew of two cases where soldiers were caught out alone and when they fought back they were killed.

Another big problem in Korea was dysentery. The Army supplied the troops with chemically treated water. "It tasted terrible, but it was safe to drink," he said. "I saw one fellow die a terrible death from dysentery. He really suffered. But that was life over there."

Back in the United States there was a public outcry about recalling World War II veterans for active duty in Korea. "Because of that I was able to get out early." He returned home in October 1951, having spent a year in Korea.

Petrillo lost many friends during the two wars. "Being on the front lines is very brutal. I don't know how they did it. You become a different person if you're in a war zone. You do that to survive. Protect yourself at all costs. That's terrible, but that's war."

# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

MARCH 2001



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lois and I greet you from MacDill Air Force Base where it is a warm and sunny Florida day! The long awaited Yukon XL arrived. We left snowy CT and prepared for our journey south.

After 2 nights camping at WalMarts and a KOA we shed winter garments and got out the sun screen. Happily the new pull vehicles does a great job and we are very comfortable in our 34' trailer.

We will be attending the 38th Sarasota Rally and expect to see some familiar faces. We hope to meet the caravan from TR in Sarasota and will wait outside the gates of the fairgrounds to tuck ourselves in line with them (Feb 21-25).

Then onto Tallahassee, Pensacola AFB, New Orleans and points west - perhaps as far as Galveston. Lois would like to stay in Florida, looking for that water fountain that some guy named DeSota never found. We expect to be back by March 26th or so in time for the April 1st luncheon meeting hosted by Dick and Eileen Bartram.

I am looking for someone to do the Charter Oak bulletin board which will be brought to the Sioux Falls rally. Please put on your thinking caps for some ideas and suggestions. The colors are Red, Black and White, and the theme is "Proud Heritage - Promising Future." A nice sounding title for starting a new millennium. Now don't hesitate, remember - if no one ever took ashes, Michelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor!

Hope all is well with all of you.

Regards,  
Ted

## GENERAL NEWS

- The response has been wonderful for the June 1-3 buddy rally "A Beach of a Time in 2001" at Hammonasset State Park with over 30 rigs signed up including 8 buddies. If you have not signed up yet please get in touch with Jessie Gould quickly and she will see what sites are still available.
- Please find the flyer for the May 11-13 rally "Springtime of the Hudson" to be held in Rhinebeck, NY at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in this issue of the *Chatter*. Please note the date as this is not the first weekend of the month. This rally should be a wonderful way to kick off the 2001 season with six units participating. Charlie Wilson and crew have a great rally planned so don't miss it!!!



## EDITORS NOTE

If you know of any unit members that are ill or recently lost a family member please let the editors know so we can inform the other members.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4, 2001  
"Can Spring Be Too Far Behind"

Dinner Meeting  
Bob & Sharon Henschel's Home  
436 Linkfield Rd.  
Watertown, CT  
Bob & Sharon Henschel

April 1, 2001  
"April in Paris"  
Dinner Meeting  
San Marino Restaurant  
Waterbury, CT  
Dick & Eileen Bartram

May 11-13  
"Springtime on the Hudson"  
Six Unit Rally  
Spring Business Meeting  
Dutchess County Fairgrounds  
Rhinebeck, NY  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson

**BIRTHDAYS**

Carolyn Barrett	03/01
Corinne Burnham	03/01
Laura Edmondson	03/01
MaryEllen Moniz	03/01
Edward Wellington	03/02
Dee Holliday	03/06
Juanita Pestretto	03/06
Larry Lamontagne	03/07
Lydia Rosenbeck	03/08
Lillemor Hamnqvist	03/09
Audrey Clark	03/11
Sandy Eglise	03/11
Nancy White	03/14
Jessie Gould	03/15
Ted Lucas	03/15
Roger Crockett	03/21
Frances Simmons	03/21
Ruth Crockett	03/22
Leland Bradley	03/23
Francis Eckels	03/30
Anthony Sherman	03/30
Margie Peterson	03/31

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**CONDOLENCES**

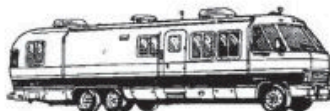
We send our condolences to Niels and Lydia Rosenbeck on the passing Lydia's mother Wanda Fobel on Monday, February 19th from a long illness. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



**"THE OLD AIRSTREAM AND THE SEA" -FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING**

Thirty six Charter Oakers met at the Dock & Dine Restaurant in Old Saybrook, CT for the February dinner meeting. We missed a major snow storm by one day and all made the trip fine. It was good to see Sharon Henschel make it to the meeting after recent surgery. Jim & Corinne Burnham's son Tom was home from the Coast Guard for the weekend and was able to join the group for lunch. A fine meal and great service was the treat for the day.

A brief meeting was held by President Ted Price following lunch. Dick Bartram gave an update from the recent Mid-winter IBT meeting. Dick mentioned that Charter Oak is one of only five units in WBCCI that have had growth in the last 5 years. (Please see the Region 1 newsletter in this issue for a complete report.) It was great to see everyone make the trip to the shore.



**CHARTER OAK CT UNIT 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

As many of you are aware this year is the 30th Anniversary of the organization of the Charter Oak CT Unit of WBCCI. We would like to make the September issue of the *Chatter* a special anniversary edition. Please submit stories, pictures or memories of Charter Oak. These stories can be about anything you like. Some ideas that I had for stories were of: activities, your favorite rally, friends, a special action by a fellow member that made you feel welcome or what the club has meant to you. I would also like to look to our three (3) charter members for some insight to the early days of Charter Oak. Please remember that even the newest members can add some wonderful stories and thoughts.

I will be going through some old issues of the *Chatter* for some interesting articles, if you recall a favorite please let me know so we can include it.

*Michael Ruddy*  
# 16264

**BRAKES ON TOWED VEHICLES**

Having just purchased a 1999 Airstream 35' Cutter Diesel-Pusher Motorhome, we began investigating the purchase of a vehicle to tow behind the motorhome. We preferred a wagon-type to tow 4 wheels down and eventually settled on a 2001 Subaru Outback with a 5-speed manual transmission.

We attended the FMCA rally in Brunswick, Maine, and after researching all the possibilities, settled on Roadmaster components, including a braking system for the Subaru.

Not everyone installs a braking system in their "towed", but it should be the law in all states and provinces regardless of the weight of the towed vehicle. Here's why: If the car separates from the motorhome, what will stop the car before it hits someone or something? Safety cables may help, but I wouldn't count on it!

On October 16, 2000, my wife and I were traveling south on I-75, south of Atlanta. We were in the right lane traveling at 65 MPH when suddenly there was a rear-end collision in our lane at a highway exit. Traffic was very heavy, I could not change lanes. Brakes were the only answer. I braked firmly (there was no swaying) and I came to a complete stop a few feet from the car in front of me. My rear-view TV camera revealed cars behind me, leaving the road to avoid hitting us. We were not hit.

There is no question in my mind that without brakes in the Subaru, we would have hit the car in front of us, causing severe damage and personal injury.

To me, it is irresponsible to tow a car behind a motorhome without brakes working on the "towed" vehicle.

*Dick Bartram*  
# 281

**REGION 1 LUNCHEON**

Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center  
1211 North West Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

June 29, 2001  
11:30 a.m. Social, Meal served at 12:00  
\$12.50 per person

Menu: Salad, Chicken breast with sauce, rice pilaf, vegetable, roll & butter, beverage and ice cream.

Tickets on sales at the Region 1 registration table. Contact person: Anne Werth, 1st VP Region 1.

## FOR SALE

### 1985 GMC Suburban

6.2 Diesel, 75k on engine, 150k on truck, 14 MPG towing, new brakes. \$4,500 Ted Price (860) 529-9393

### 1970 25 ft Airstream Caravan Trailer

Looks great - Ready to travel, Needs minor interior work, Rear bath, "L" front couches. \$3,600. Ted Price (860) 529-9393

### 1952 Farmall Cub Tractor

Tractor has always been kept undercover and comes with the following:

Tractor with rear fenders and wheel weights (4), all lights (working), hand crank, 90 degree gear box with flat belt pulley, full set of cultivators, snowplow grader blade (mid mount or front mount), Bi-direction single bottom land plow, 3 year old 59" Woods belly mount Mower, draw bar, original books and some new spare parts. Asking \$6,000 or best offer. Contact Jim Burnham (860) 623-9752. PS- This tractor has towed my Airstream.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest members Steve & Pamela Pestretto to the unit. Steve & Pamela are the Son & Daughter in-law of Seb & Juanita Pestretto of our unit. Having several generations is a wonderful way for our unit to grow and a great way to spend time as a family. Please add the following information to your new directory for them as they just missed making it in this years edition.

Steve & Pamela Pestretto  
15 Trout Drive  
Granby, CT 06035  
Phone: (860) 653-9980  
Email: spestret@aol.com

## THE HOMECOMING

### WHAT I DID TO GET A NEW MEMBER IN CHARTER OAK!!!!

The trailer that I wrote about in a story several months ago of how I was introduced to Airstreams 27 years ago was once again back in my life. This was the first Airstream that I ever saw and I thought that they did not paint them to keep the cost down. In October of this past year Bob Borg, Jr. called me to tell me of his fathers passing and asked if I could help him get the trailer his wonderful mother showed me in 1973 back home to Connecticut. The trailer was to be passed to the next generation of Borg's. The problem was that it was in New Hampshire. I agreed to help him bring this 1969, 31 foot Airstream trailer home to Suffield, CT and possibly gain a new family in Charter Oak. That was in October, time slipped by - Thanksgiving - Christmas - then New Years. I'm sure you all are starting to get the picture.

Well it worked out that do to time constraints and an expiring temporary CT registration we did not set out until Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. I departed home at 5:15 am with questionable weather, but Bob wanted to go. I picked Bob and all his gear up in Suffield at 5:40am and we off to Center Ossipee, NH 198 miles north-northeast. As we drove north talking about old times the weather was getting worse, we saw rain turning to slush on roads, sleet adding to it and some snow. Why didn't I turn around?? (stop laughing Bud) I'm still wondering that myself, not very smart, but we kept going. We had Breakfast in Keene NH and then gas in Chichester, NH. We made it to the base of the hill that the Borg Family Farm was on to find that it had not been plowed but was snow packed so we proceeded up the hill carefully. We made it to the barn at 11:00 am or so. We were not concerned about time any more but now we had to deal with the glare ice roadway to barn. Luckily Bob had come the previous day and removed 24" + of snow so we didn't have to do that on Friday. The ice did not look good. There we stood in the middle of the dead end road wondering what to do next?

The cold rain was turning to ice upon hitting the ground and I was still wondering what the heck I was doing there. I'm going to speed this story up a bit to keep from boring you. It took an hour and a half to put the chains on my truck, being careful to stay away from the rear disc brakes and traffic in the road. Bob said that in his whole life he never saw so much rain. We got into the barn without a problem after checking the piers below to see if it would sustain the weight of the truck. I backed up to the trailer to start hooking up and then realized that I should have brought a battery to run the electric jack. We got the jack going by hooking up to the truck power after blowing up a battery charger we found in the barn. I made the light and brake connections. The brakes clanked good, finally a plus! We go to drop the trailer on ball and it doesn't fit. Bob remembers some hitches out back in the barn and trudges to get them and find a 2 inch ball. By 3:45 p.m. we were up on the road taking the chains off the truck. We then proceeded slowly down the hill with the trailer brakes working perfectly.

By this time we were wet, cold and hungry so we headed for the closest place to eat. We found a Bickfords in Massachusetts off of Route 495 to have the best steak I've had in a long time. We proceeded home to Suffield to unhook after changing a 35-amp power fuse that the jack took out. (We needed one more problem, as we did not have enough for the day.) I arrived home 10:00 PM. I think I fully qualify for the Bud Gould club now.

If anyone decides to go to such extremes to gain a new member, don't call me!! I am happy to see that old Airstream at a good home where it will be used and hope to soon welcome them to the club.

Jim Burnham  
# 31109

## EDITORS NOTE

Isn't it nice to have more to read in this *Chatter* than in the past few months. We need stories for the *Chatter* of your travels or other items of interest. We would also like to try something new, please submit product review stories on Airstream, Tow Vehicle, Camping or Travel related items that you have found that you like and other members could possible benefit from you experiences. (i.e. GPS, Solar Panels, Brake Controllers, Hitch Systems, Tow Bar Systems, etc.) The Chatter Oak CT Unit of WBOCI is not endorsing these products in any way or trying to sell any one brand or product over another. This information is only being shared among the members for information and research purposes only. If you decide to use one of these products you should do your own research and then choose the one that best serves your purpose. Please submit your articles and we will print them as space allows. Send via US mail or email to: mwr90@aol.com

## REGION ONE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 29, 2001

Region One President and First Lady, Dick and Eileen Bartram; Region One First Vice-president and spouse, Anne and Bob Werth; and Region One Second Vice-president and spouse, Raynold and Cecile Lemaire attended the mid-winter board meeting of the International Board of Trustees of WBCCI at Moultrie, Georgia, from January 15th through January 20th, 2001. Wayne Rutty, Region One Past-President and a member of the International Nominating Committee, also attended the meeting.

International President Craig Lundberg held an open forum where committee reports were presented and upcoming IBT motions were discussed. Audience participation was excellent and lively. (By the way, any WBCCI member is welcome to attend all IBT meetings - mid-winter as well as the IBT meeting at the International Rally).

Committee reports of general interest are summarized as follows:

1. Blue Beret articles are always needed and can be written by any member. If you have an idea for an article which would be of general interest, send it to Jackson Center. Pictures of activities at unit and region rallies and caravans which include Airstreams and Airstreamers are very welcome.
2. The 2001 Region One Caravan led by Howard and Carolyn Knight will leave on June 9 and park in Sioux Falls on June 22. Everyone is encouraged to join the Region One Caravan. The Knights' caravans are always meticulously planned, reasonably priced, and very interesting. Unit Presidents who have to park early, will be able to break away from the caravan in order to park with the other unit presidents. Support your Region One Caravan program!!
3. Be sure to send community service items (stuffed toys, aluminum-pull tabs, "Cents for Sense", hand-made warm hats) to the International Rally. If you are not able to go to the rally, ask someone in your unit to transport the goods to the International Rally. Region One has always led the country on a per-capita basis in the community service programs. Our good deeds benefit the less fortunate in countless ways.
4. It was suggested the everyone discontinue using the term "gray water" and use the term "wash water". It might be more acceptable in some communities to dispose of our wash water by letting it drain out on the ground.
5. While on the subject of ways of speaking, let us re-double our efforts to not use the term "baldy" in referring to Airstreams without membership numbers; and "S.O.B." (some other brand) to denote non-Airstreams. Both terms are offensive and create the impression that we think we are better than others. This makes it more difficult to recruit new members.

Speaking of new members, Airstream sold 920 new vehicles in 2000, 216 to existing WBCCI members (24% of total sold), and 704 to non-members. Of the non-WBCCI new owners, 15% have joined WBCCI. We all need to evaluate how we can include and be more welcoming to new members (new friends!) so that they stay active and enjoy being members of our club.

All the attending WBCCI members at the mid-winter board meeting were reminded that WBCCI by-laws permit each unit to have 2 buddy rallies a year. Buddy rallies can be a great recruitment device. However, having more than 2 buddy rallies a year runs against our IRS tax code status and our insurance policy. Also, Airstream, Inc.'s financial support of WBCCI as well as their support of various club activities will be at risk if we violate these rules.

Statistics were made available regarding membership losses by region and by unit over a five-year period. These numbers are very interesting: Out of the 12 regions that make up WBCCI:

Fewest members lost-----16.6% (Region 10)  
Most members lost-----29.0% (Region 4)  
Region One members lost-----18.6% (we were third "best")

Only 4 units in the entire WBCCI had grown over the 5-year period. Charter Oak CT Unit was one of four units nationwide with membership growth of 15.4%.

Larry Huttle, President of Airstream, Inc., made a very interesting presentation:

1. The new 70th Anniversary model, a 30' trailer with a dinette slideout, was in a display at the RV show in Tampa. (The Werths and the Bartrams went there on Saturday afternoon). This trailer is a winner! It is very well laid out.
2. A new 26' motorhome is coming with a permanently-set-up bed and will use the GM 8.1 liter engine and the Allison 5-speed transmission. Mileage is 12-13 mpg. The unit is painted silver by the same company that paints Airstream Motorhomes.
3. Airstream now will re-build old Airstreams at the factory. Also, new completely factory-owned service centers will soon open in Orlando and Phoenix.

The International Nominating Committee (Ed Elmer, Wayne Rutty, and Cliff Hall) has proposed the following slate of candidates for 2001-2002:

3rd Vice-President:	Jim Haddaway
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Bergen
Treasurer:	Bobbie Wilkins
Nominating Committee:	Elnora Moss and Wilson Yerk

While on the subject of nominating committees, Wayne Rutty heads up the Region One Nominating Committee which includes Larry LaMontagne and Phyllis Fownes. The committee will select a candidate to run for 2nd vice-president in Region One. Please consider submitting your resume to run for this office. It will be a fine way to serve your region and give support to a fine organization.

The Yankee Doodle Dandy Special Event Rally will be held in Richmond, RI, at the Washington County Fairgrounds on May 17 through May 20. It is promising to be a fun event with 2 International officers attending. Join us in welcoming Airstreamers to Region One and have a great time yourself. Please get your reservation in as soon as possible.

Eileen and I look forward to attending as many unit rallies and dinners as we possibly can. See you down the road.

*Dick Bartram*  
*President, Region One*

# "APRIL IN PARIS"

Ooh, La, La!

Sunday, April 1, 2001 @ 12:30

San Marino Restaurant, 111 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury, CT

Hosted by Dick & Eileen Bartram

12:30 - Social Hour & Board Meeting

1:30 - Dinner

Business Meeting to Follow



Menu & Prices

Baked Scrod - \$25

Chicken Marsala - \$24

Veal Parmigiana - \$28

Includes: Pasta Course Antipasto Salad Baked Potato & Vegetable  
Coffee or Tea . Dessert . Tax and Gratuity

Directions:

*From Hartford Area: Take I-84 west to Exit 21. Continue straight off the exit. Take a Left at the 3rd traffic light (West Main St.). Travel 1/4 mile and take a Right at the 1st light (Thomaston Avenue). Colonial Plaza entrance is on left side of street.*

*From Danbury Area: Take I-84 East to Exit 18 (Chase Parkway). At the end of the exit, take a Left at the light. Take a Left at the next light (Highland Avenue). Take Highland Avenue approximately 1/2 mile to intersection of West Main St. Take a Right, go through 2 lights and take a Left just before Texaco Gas Station.*

*From Torrington Area: Take Route 8 South to Exit 34 (West Main St./Downtown Waterbury). Take a Left at the light at the end of the Exit. Go through 1 light and take a left just before the Texaco Gas Station.*

*From Bridgeport/New Haven Area: Take Route 8 North to Exit 32 (Downtown Waterbury). Go straight off the exit. At the second light, take a Right (West Main St). The entrance to the Colonial Plaza is on the left just before the Texaco Gas Station.*

Please mail your reservation along with the dinner choices and a check for those choices to:  
Dick Bartram, 301 Cedar Ln., New Hartford, CT 06057 before March 24th.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Meal Choice & How Many:

Scrod \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ @\$24.00

Veal \_\_\_\_\_ @\$28.00

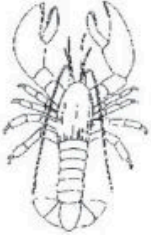
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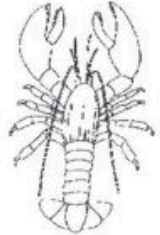
### Region 1 ~ Special Event



# 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



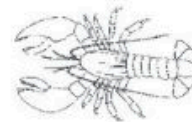
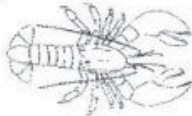
### Deadline: May 8, 2001

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Evening Special Dinner Choice:**

\_\_\_\_ Lobster

\_\_\_\_ Steak

\_\_\_\_ Children 12 & under Hot Dog Roast





# Springtime on the Hudson

Let's get ready to kick off a new season with a great rally

**May 11, 12 & 13, 2001**

## Attractions

*Roosevelt Mansion*

*Vanderbilt Mansion*

*Culinary Institute of America*

*Rhinebeck Aerodrome\**

*Ogden Mills Home*

*Saugerties Light House*

*Town of Rhinebeck*

*This area along Rt 9 is very historic and has many quaint spots to stop and explore. Get off the main road go toward the river and you'll discover some beautiful sights.*

\* may be open.

## Location

We have a truly beautiful location and every site has 30 amp electric and water. It's the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Located right on Rt 9 just nort of Rhinebeck, New York. Going north on Rt9 it's on your right, watch for Wally signs. While the rally begins on Friday there will be early parking available on Thursday.

*Sorry, pets are not permitted in the Fairgrounds.*

*Sponsored by*  
Charter Oak  
New England  
Berkshire

Hudson Mohawk  
Cape Cod  
Metro NY

## SCHEDULE

**Thursday:** 4:30 pm social  
**Friday:** 4:30 pm social  
5:30 dinner on own.  
7:30 dessert New England Unit  
**Saturday:** 8:30am breakfast Cape Cod Unit  
Lunch on own  
4:30 social  
6:00 dinner Hudson-Mohawk  
Charter Oak Units  
7:30 dessert Metro Unit Unit  
**Sunday:** 8:30 breakfast Berkshire Unit

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A more detailed attraction schedule and listing of area restaurants will be distributed upon arrival.

Also more information on small tours that will be available in the area.

More details on evening activities at the Pavilion.

Please send this portion to & make check payable to: Charles Wilson, 2 Mary Ann Dr. Danbury, CT 06811  
203-746-3506, e-mail c7459w@aol.com

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00= \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00= \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

# REGISTRATION REGION 1 CARAVAN

**R-239 New England to the Big Sioux River Caravan**

**June 9, 2001 to June 22, 2001**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI# \_\_\_\_\_

Rendezvous Date/Location: June 9, 2001 at Johnson, Vermont

Termination Date/Location: June 22, 2001 at the Rally Site, Sioux Falls, SD

## CARAVAN FEES:

One R/V- 2 People ..... \$275.00

One R/V- 1 Person ..... 225.00

Guest Fee ..... 50.00

A deposit of \$50.00 payable to **“R-239 Region Caravan”** is required with the registration.

### Wagonmaster:

Howard M. Knight #00090

226 Riviera Court

Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532

Tel: (941) 639-7752

### Summer Address:

Howard M. Knight

423 Mouse Lane

P.O. Box #156

Alfred, ME 04002-0156

Tel: (207) 324-8430

# A BEACH OF A TIME IN 2001 COCU BUDDY RALLY



June 1-3, 2001

Hammonasset State Park – Madison, CT

*Hosted by: Bud & Jessie Gould and Wayne & Susan Rutty*

## HAPPENINGS

### **Friday Night:**

Dinner on your own  
Ice Cream and Campfire in evening

### **Saturday Morning:**

Pancakes and Sausage with Juice, Coffee & Tea

### **Saturday Daytime:**

On Your Own to Enjoy the Area  
Flea Markets, Beach, Bike Riding, Outlet Shopping or Relaxing

### **Saturday Evening:**

Happy Hour – 4:00 PM  
Pot Luck Dinner  
(Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Provided)  
A-L Hot Dish M-Z Cold Dish  
Desert and Campfire in Evening

### **Sunday Morning:**

Danish, Fruit, Coffee & Tea

Depart at your leisure checkout is: Noon

## DETAILS

### **Rally Fees:**

\$10.00 per person ages 13-99  
\$4.00 ages 4-12 (99 and over – Free!!)

### **Camping Fee:**

\$12.00 per night  
Check-In: 1:00 PM Check-Out: Noon  
Dry Camping - Come with full water tank and empty holding tanks

### **Directions:**

From I-95 SR-62 (Exit 62) South ½ Mile on SR-62

### **Miscellaneous:**

No Pets or Alcohol allowed in CT State Parks

### **Deadline:**

February 20, 2001 (Early date is due to new state reservations system) after that date we cannot guarantee site availability or location.

### Mail Coupon and payment to:

Clarence Gould  
49 Dobson Circle  
Middletown, CT 06457  
(860) 347-5731 with Questions

*A Beach of a Time in 2001*

*Charter Oak CT Unit June Buddy Rally - Hammonasset State Park*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number Nights \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 per night = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Kids \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4.00 per Child = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**REGION 7 RALLY 2001**



**Tunbridge Worlds Fair  
 Tunbridge Vermont  
 August 23-26 2001**

**CHARTER OAK**  
**CHATTER**

Michael & Lianne Rutt, Editors; 7 Winthrop Rd., Chester, CT 06412  
 Tel: (860) 526-8011 ■ Fax: (860) 526-9050 ■ Email: MWR90@aol.com

**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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## Hobby and Art Show drew hundreds of spectators

by Nancy Rogers

**Hobby and Art Show chairman**

Saturday's Hobby and Art Show was a big success with hundreds of spectators enjoying the 59 tables filled with creations made by our neighbors at Travelers Rest Resort.

Paintings by TR artists were displayed in front of the stage.

Thanks are extended to Jerry Rogers and crew who set up the 59 tables and chairs and the helpers who covered the tables with white paper and helped the exhibitors.

And, of course, the big thanks go to the many exhibitors, who shared their hobbies, art, paintings and information with us.

Thank you, too, to all the spectators who enjoyed the hobbies and artwork and the rootbeer floats, made by the Travelettes. They went over great on a hot day.



**NANTUCKET BASKETS** by Ruth Crockett draw the attention of Dorcas Van Horn.



**QUILTING** – Cecile Lemaire displays her quilt at Saturday's Hobby and Art Show in Busch Hall.

# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

APRIL 2001



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are now back in the "Oval Office", having shortened our trip from Tallahassee, making it home just in time to use the snowblower one more time! The Sarasota Rally was well organized and well attended; planning a rally for about 600 Airstreams must be a monumental task. It was good to see familiar "beings". Eighty vehicles left Sarasota for a post-rally, a 2 day tour of Universal Studios which included a dinner at the "Monster Café" - a good vantage point for the Mardi Gras Parade; we have the beads to prove it. The fact that Lois got lost and had to be returned via Security Personal only added to the enjoyment - as the saying goes, you can dress her up, -----!

Now I can hardly wait for the grass to start jumping (so the mower can replace the plow). Thoughts keep wandering to the trailer to hook'er up and just go —

As I look at COCU's schedule I realize good things are just around the bend. We have the multi-unit rally, "Springtime on the Hudson, May 11-13 hosted by Charlie & Jeanne Wilson. Our trailer wants to take advantage of the early parking and told me to get it there on the 10th.

Then on May 17-20th the "Yankee Doodle", Region 1 Special Event, hosted by Dick & Eileen Bartram. Sign up is by May 8th. This annual event should grow and grow and is a time for us to show the rest of the world what Lobsters, Mystic and Newport are all about.

The June 1-3 Hammonasset Buddy Rally hosted by Bud & Jessie Gould and Wayne & Susan Rutty is a sell-out with 34 trailers ready to party.

The year 2001 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Charter Oak Unit, having been organized in 1971 when most of us were just kids! Mike & Sandy Sasuta are coordinating a special recognition to be held at one of our rallies. (To be announced) If anyone has anything to share or contribute, please contact the Sasutas - Be prepared you may be called upon.

Someone once said, "What you get by reaching your destination isn't nearly as important as what you BECOME by reaching your destination!"

*Yours, in the name of Airstream,  
Ted*

## CONDOLENCES AND THOUGHTS

- Please extend your condolences to Paul & Judy Good on the passing of Paul's mother Lucy on March 17, 2001 after a long illness. Please keep Paul & Judy in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
- To our COCU friends - "We wish to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and cards that we received on the passing of my mother. We feel truly blessed to have you all as friends."  
*Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1, 2001  
"April in Paris"  
Dinner Meeting  
San Marino Restaurant  
Waterbury, CT  
Dick & Eileen Bartram

May 11-13  
"Springtime on the Hudson"  
Six Unit Rally  
Spring Business Meeting  
Dutchess County Fairgrounds  
Rhinebeck, NY  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson

June 1-3  
"A Beach of a Time in 2001"  
Buddy Rally  
Hammonasset State Park  
Madison, CT  
Bud & Jessie Gould  
Wayne & Susan Rutty



## EDITORS NOTE

If you know of any unit members that are ill or recently lost a family member please let the editors know so we can inform the other members.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Chad Bleakney	04/04
Shirley Dole	04/04
Paul Freed	04/06
Ethan Newman	04/06
Eileen Bartram	04/09
Abigail Newman	04/10
Karen Olah	04/10
Robert Werth	04/11
Dan Olah	04/13
Jacoba Taylor	04/14
Bob Barrett	04/16
Claire Bradley	04/17
Bob Sandall	04/18
Charles Wilson	04/19
Russell Berg	04/22
Linnea Leeming	04/24
Ruby Fuller	04/26
Bob Henschel	04/27
Antoinette Petrillo	04/29
Joseph Potter	04/29

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Bob & Carolyn Barrett	04/11
Dick & Molly Cherouny	04/15
Gary & Cathy Levinson	04/17
Paul & Dorothy Freed	04/19

**REGION 1 LUNCHEON**

Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center  
1211 North West Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

June 29, 2001  
11:30 a.m. Social, Meal served at 12:00  
\$12.50 per person

Menu: Salad, Chicken breast with sauce, rice pilaf, vegetable, roll & butter, beverage and ice cream.

Tickets on sales at the Region 1 registration table. Contact person: Anne Werth, 1st VP Region 1.



**CAN SPRING BE TOO FAR BEHIND?? - MEETING**

Well we missed another snow storm by one day for the second month in a row. A wonderful pot luck luncheon was served at the home of Bob & Sharon Henschel in Watertown, CT. Sharon added a wonderful ham to complete the meal. A small crowd due to the impending weather was on hand but all had a great time. We all got to see Mike & Sandy Sasuta's new Suburban. Those in attendance were the: Henschels, Sasustas, Goulds, Simmons, W. Rutty, M. Rutty and the Monizs.

After an array of wonderful deserts everyone headed home to beat the snow. Thanks so much to Bob & Sharon for hosting the meeting.

**THE CASE OF THE MISSING DOLLAR.....**

Three men going to a convention check into a motel. They're told that the room rate is \$30.00, so they each chip in \$10. Later that day, the desk clerk realizes that he accidentally overcharged the men, so he sends the bell hop up with a \$5 refund. The bell hop doesn't want to hassle with making change so he pockets \$2 and gives each of the three men a dollar back. Now the question is this: if the three men ended up paying \$27 for the room (\$10-\$1=\$9 (x3) = \$27), the bell hop kept \$2, and we know that \$27 + \$2 = \$29 (but the men originally paid \$30), where did the extra dollar go?

Can you figure this out? Don't scratch your head to much!!!

**ANOTHER INTERESTING USE OF AN AIRSTREAM!!**

I recently found this brochure for sale on E-Bay. I thought NASA had the most interesting use of an Airstream, until I saw this. I wonder how many they sold??



## FOR SALE

### 1985 GMC Suburban

6.2 Diesel, 75k on engine, 150k on truck, 14 MPG towing, new brakes. \$4,500 Ted Price (860) 529-9393

### 1970 25 ft Airstream Caravaner Trailer

Looks great - Ready to travel, Needs minor interior work, Rear bath, "L" front couches. \$3,600. Ted Price (860) 529-9393

### 1952 Farmall Cub Tractor

Tractor has always been kept undercover and comes with the following:

Tractor with rear fenders and wheel weights (4), all lights (working), hand crank, 90 degree gear box with flat belt pulley, full set of cultivators, snowplow grader blade (mid mount or front mount), Bi-direction single bottom land plow, 3 year old 59" Woods belly mount Mower, draw bar, original books and some new spare parts. Asking \$6,000 or best offer. Contact Jim Burnham (860) 623-9752. PS- This tractor has towed my Airstream.



## CHARTER OAK CT UNIT 30TH ANNIVERSARY

As many of you are aware this year is the 30th Anniversary of the organization of the Charter Oak CT Unit of WBOCI. We would like to make the September issue of the *Chatter* a special anniversary edition. Please submit stories, pictures or memories of Charter Oak. These stories can be about anything you like. Some ideas that I had for stories were of: activities, your favorite rally, friends, a special action by a fellow member that made you feel welcome or what the club has meant to you. I would also like to look to our three (3) charter members for some insight to the early days of Charter Oak. Please remember that even the newest members can add some wonderful stories and thoughts.

I will be going through some old issues of the *Chatter* for some interesting articles, if you recall a favorite please let me know so we can include it.

*Michael Rutty*  
# 16264

## A SNOWBIRD'S VIEW OF FLORIDA

These two snowbirds departed Connecticut long before the winter doldrums set in, on 12/18/00. Sure seems like ages ago now. The holidays were spent in Charlotte, NC with daughter Nancy and son Jeff flying in from CT for Christmas. Time was spent courtesy parking until departure time for the mid-winter IBT meeting in Moultrie, GA. We enjoyed the reunions/meetings/fellowships during our stay there. We then mini-caravanned to Traveler's Rest, Dade City, FL for a few days before departing for the "Gold Coast" of FL. We stopped off at Briny Breezes, FL where Fred and Olive Norton from the White Mountains Unit live. Our campsite was a stone's throw to the Atlantic Ocean. We heard the ocean sounds all the time, terrific! Once particular day brought high surf for that area. It also brought the local surfers in droves to ride the waves. We understand that the school kids take the day off to ride.

Our next stop was to the Florida Keys. Given our close proximity to the Keys, we just had to get there. We stayed at a campground in Key Largo and drove to Key West. We decided the best way to see the Keys was to take the trolley tour. We were able to get off at any stop and re-board any time, anywhere. The drivers were most informed of the history of the area. We were surprised to learn Harry Truman had a "white house" retreat there. I guess the one thing so outstanding about the Keys was the clearness of the waters. There is also a 7-mile bridge leading to Key West and lots of traffic and people but, it certainly is a beautiful vacation paradise. The driver stopped and pointed and said "Cuba is 90 miles that way". There is a bridge ramp that stopsends! The driver said that is the bridge to Cuba; you can't get there from here.

Our next stop was to Lake Placid, Florida. We stayed there for a month that turned out to be a very warm, dry month. The pool was a popular gathering spot for cooling off since the temperatures were in the mid-80's. There were lots of winds... no rain, nary a drop! This led to another problem while there, wild fires! The fires at Okeechobee burned 11,000+ acres and burned for a long time. The smoke drifted north to Lake Placid on several occasions. Other fires broke out closer to our campground, flames and smoke blocked out the sun. Further away Route 4 had to be detoured for 7 exits with underground muck burning for weeks.

Lake Placid, Florida is a town with murals, many all over town. They are all hand painted are just beautiful and depict the history of the area. Look this area up; you'll love the murals. This is also big orange country. The orange groves are everywhere and the smell of the orange blossoms permeated the air. Our campground was close enough to the orange groves and the fragrance permeated the air.

Off to Dade City, Traveler's Rest... our last stop before heading to CT. Dade City, Florida (Traveler's Rest) is the popular spot for a large number of snowbirds from Region 1, especially Charter Oak. The weather continued to be warm and sunny with a bit of rain here. The surrounding land shows the signs of rain with the green fields, grass mowing, trees leafed out and flowers blooming... a sure sign of spring.

Time draws near to depart for Connecticut. We are not looking forward to encountering any snow upon our return home, but of course there is that possibility. We do look forward to having another spring, can't get enough of spring! So these two snowbirds return to Connecticut and Bob to Federal Jury duty. We begin to prepare for the spring events of Region 1 and are looking forward to seeing you backhome! See you down the road.

*Arne and Bob Werth, # 13703*

## REGION 1 CARAVAN CANCELED

Please be advised that the Region 1 Caravan R-239 "New England to the Big Sioux River Caravan" to the International Rally in Sioux Falls has been canceled due to lack of participation. The early cancellation is caused by low attendance at this time and the need to start confirming reservations at campgrounds and tours. Thanks to Howard & Carolyn Knight for all of their effort in planning what would of been a wonderful caravan. If you are planning on going to the International Rally and would like to join a Caravan please contact a Region 1 officer or check in the Blue Beret for other caravans leaving from the area.



## OVERFILL PROTECTION DEVICE BY CHARLES BURKE

For the RV owner a new problem is on the horizon for us all to deal with. The official name is the OPD valved LP tank. OPD stands for Overfill Protection Device. In fact it is the title for a series of changes to DOT certified portable LP tanks. These are not to be confused with the ASME certified permanently mounted tanks found on motorhomes. It will be of particular concern to owners of older Airstreams and folks with aluminum LP tanks.

The rules with the most immediate impact have to do with older tanks which LP vendors are required to ensure are safe to fill. The requirement was established several years ago to have tanks more than 12 years from manufacturer or 5 years from last certification to be tested and recertified. The test is for operation and condition. The new OPD requirement, effective 1 Oct. 1998, is that in order to be certified a tank must have an OPD valve. The next step will be effective 1 Apr 2002. At that time all tanks must have the OPD valve to be refilled. In other words it's coming and we can't stop it.

As I mention earlier there is more to it than the overfill protection device. The OPD is a float which restricts the amount of LP which can be put into a tank. The valve also has a flow restrictor in a 56 orifice. This limits the maximum amount of LP that can be released through an open valve to 125,000 btu's. The new valve can be attached with either the standard left-hand thread pigtail or the new ACME pigtail. The ACME pigtail first showed up in home barbecues. This year OEM RV manufacturers will be required to install them.

The new ACME pigtail has in it's self added protection with a thermal sensitive shutoff. Used in conjunction with the OPD valve it has another safety feature to limit flow. In the future, purging and testing coaches for LP leaks will be slower and more difficult. It is possible to open a valve too fast, resulting in a safety shutdown. The result will be the need to restart the whole procedure. It seems likely at this point that many dealers and vendors that have done purging as a courtesy will have to charge for it. And an LP leak test will take longer.

The valve handle will have a unique appearance and the tank will have several labels indicating it is an OPD valve. It is important even now to know the difference. If you see an LP tank for sale at a seemingly very good price it may be because it is not an OPD tank. While the tank will be ok to use now, it will be unusable starting in 2002.

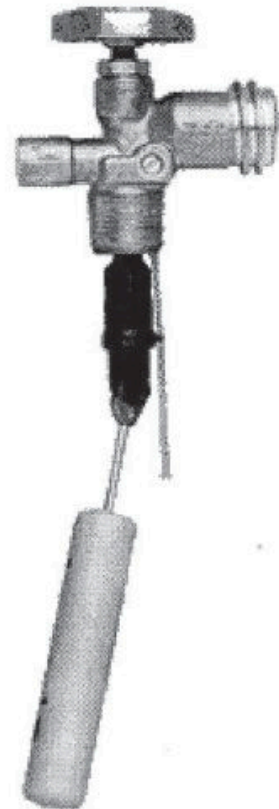
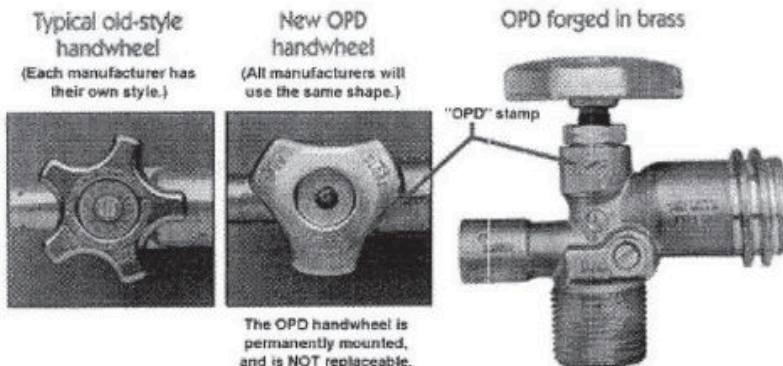
New OPD tanks are coming available. Careful shopping is necessary. Tank prices will vary widely depending on manufacturer, source and location. You don't want to find out while on vacation in the wilds of America that your LP tank can not be refilled. New 20# tanks will cost from 24-50 dollars each. For folks with the 30 or 40# aluminum tanks you will want to pursue replacement valves. New steel tanks are about the same cost as a replacement valve, making replacing valves in them overly expensive. However, with the aluminum tanks, their cost is such that a valve replacement is much less expensive. A replacement aluminum tank will run 300-400 dollars each. For illustrations refer to this website: <http://www.mantank.com/opd.htm>

### *Editors Note:*

A good place to purchase new aluminum propane tanks with the new OPD valves is from a company called Airstream Dreams, their website is: [www.airstreamdreams.com](http://www.airstreamdreams.com)

Cost each plus shipping:	20 LB tank - \$124.95
	30 LB tank - \$134.95
	40 LB tank - \$149.95

### How to identify an OPD Valve:



## Maintenance & Care Instructions for Atwood Water Heaters

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1 LP and Water system must be turned on.
- 2 Have gas pressure tested periodically. Should be set at 11 inches of water column with three appliances running.
- 3 Drain water heater at regular intervals (at least one time during the year).
- 4 Drain water heater before storing RV for the winter.

### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

#### PILOT MODELS

- 1 Check main burner orifice and pilot assembly for contamination (dirt, spider webs, etc.).
- 2 Clean main burner tube with small brush.
- 3 Main burner adjustment - open air shutter 1/4 way.
- 4 Low pilot flame. Check for contamination - if clean have the pilot orifice replaced.
- 5 Pilot will not stay on when pilot button released. Have service technician check thermocouple and valve.

#### ELECTRONIC IGNITION MODEL

- 1 Check main burner orifice.
- 2 Clean and adjust main burner.
- 3 Be sure that main burner and valve manifold aligned with each other.
- 4 Check electrode for cracked porcelain.
- 5 Check electrode for proper gap - 1/8" between electrode and ground.
- 6 If module board functions intermittently, remove board and clean terminal block with pencil eraser.
- 7 If no ignition, check thermal cut-off. If blown, clean burner and flue tube. Then replace thermal cut-off.

### WATER HEATER TANK CARE

#### WINTERIZING (FLUSHING) INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Turn off main water supply, - your pump or your water hook up source.
- 2 Drain water heater inner tank. Due to the location of the drain plug, approximately two quarts of water will remain in the bottom of the tank. This water contains most of the harmful corrosive particles. While draining the unit, if the water flows sporadically or trickles instead of flowing steadily, we recommend one of two things. First open the relief valve to allow air into the tank and secondly, take a small gauge wire or coat hanger device and poke through the drain opening to eliminate any obstructions.
- 3 After thoroughly draining the tank, flush it with air pressure or fresh water. If you use air pressure, it may be applied either through the inlet or outlet on the rear of the tank. It may also be applied

through the pressure temperature relief valve but first remove the relief valve support flange. With the drain valve open, the air pressure will force the remaining water along with the corrosive particles, out of the unit. Your unit can be flushed with fresh water if air pressure is not available. Fresh water should be pumped into the tank with the assistance of the on-board pump or external water through the inlet or outlet found on the rear or the pressure relief valve support located on the front of the unit. Continue this flushing process for approximately five minutes to allow ample time for the fresh water to agitate the stagnant water on the bottom of the tank and force the deposits through the drain opening.

- 4 Close off the drain valve as well as the pressure temperature relief valve.
- 5 After this procedure, there will be approximately two quarts of water left at the bottom of the inner tank. Should this water freeze it will not cause any splitting of the tank.

#### ATWOOD CLAD TANK

The Atwood water heater tank is constructed of a core of high strength aluminum. The interior of the tank consists of a 15% thickness of type 7072 aluminum (pure aluminum and zinc) that is fused to the core during the rolling process. This material protects the tank from the affects of heavy metals and salts found in waters throughout the country. It is anodic to these heavy metals and acts much like an anode in a steel glass lined tank except it will last much longer. There is also no need to replace an anode on a yearly basis.

Flushing the tank on a regular basis has been found to be helpful in insuring the best performance of your water heater and adding to the useful life of the tank. See flushing instructions above, your owners manual or contact Atwood for a copy of our recommended procedures.

#### WATER HEATER TANK CORROSION

Pinhole leaks from galvanic corrosion may cause the water heater tank to fail.

Microscopic particles of metals (like iron and copper) suspended in water, set up a reaction inside the water heater that is not unlike the principle on which an automotive battery operates. The aluminum tank is the anode and the metals in the water serve as the cathode. Consequently, the aluminum gradually sacrifices itself and aluminum particles are carried away with the water flow.

A white scaly material (aluminum oxide) often is formed around the points where the heaviest action is taking place and heat accelerates the process. Severity of the problem varies considerably in different locales depending on the metal and mineral content of the water. White deposits inside the water heater tank are usually from water impurities that have settled out.

Periodic flushing of the water heater tank under pressure is recommended to slow down this process. For flushing instructions see your owners manual or contact Atwood for a copy of our recommended procedure.

#### PRESSURE-TEMPERATURE RELIEF VALVE

Weeping or dripping of a pressure-temperature relief valve while the water heater is running DOES NOT mean it is defective.

This is normal expansion of water as it is heated in the closed water system of a recreation vehicle.

The Atwood water heater tank is designed with an internal air gap at the top of the tank to reduce the possibility of weeping and dripping. In time, the expanding water will absorb this air.

To replace the air follow these steps:

**Step 1:** Turn off water heater

**Step 2:** Turn off incoming water supply

**Step 3:** Open a faucet in the coach

**Step 4:** Pull handle of pressure-temperature relief valve straight out and allow water to flow until it stops.

**Step 5:** Allow pressure-temperature relief valve to snap shut; close faucet; turn on water supply



#### FLUSHING YOUR WATER HEATER TO REMOVE UNPLEASANT ODOR

Hydrogen Sulfide can result when the protective cladding on the interior of the tank is doing its' job by preventing corrosion and therefore premature tank failure. The electro galvanic action of the cladding material releases hydrogen from the water. If sulfur or any of its' combinations are present in the water the two will combine and produce hydrogen sulfide. This compound produces the "rotten egg odor". Hydrogen sulfide can also be present in your fresh water supply. It is the product of the decay of animal matter and as little as 1 mg/liter can cause a perceptible odor. Smell the water before starting the flushing procedure. If your fresh water has the rotten egg odor you will need to find another source of fresh water before flushing and refilling the entire water storage system.

See Flushing Instructions and use four parts vinegar mixed with two parts water to flush tank.

The Atwood water heater is designed for Recreational Vehicles.

If you use your vehicle frequently or for long periods of time, flushing the water heater several times a year will prolong the life of the storage tank



# Springtime on the Hudson

Let's get ready to kick off a new season with a great rally

**May 11, 12 & 13, 2001**

## Attractions

*Roosevelt Mansion*

*Vanderbilt Mansion*

*Culinary Institute of America*

*Rhinebeck Aerodrome\**

*Ogden Mills Home*

*Saugerties Light House*

*Town of Rhinebeck*

*This area along Rt 9 is very historic and has many quaint spots to stop and explore. Get off the main road go toward the river and you'll discover some beautiful sights.*

*\* may be open.*

## Location

We have a truly beautiful location and every site has 30 amp electric and water. It's the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Located right on Rt 9 just north of Rhinebeck, New York. Going north on Rt9 it's on your right, watch for Wally signs. While the rally begins on Friday there will be early parking available on Thursday.

*Sorry, pets are not permitted in the Fairgrounds.*

### Sponsored by

Charter Oak            Hudson Mohawk  
New England        Cape Cod  
Berkshire            Metro NY

### SCHEDULE

**Thursday:** 4:30 pm        social  
**Friday:**    4:30 pm        social  
                 5:30 dinner on own.  
                 7:30 dessert    New England Unit  
**Saturday:** 8:30am breakfast Cape Cod Unit  
  
                 Lunch on own  
                 4:30 social  
                 6:00 dinner    Hudson-Mohawk  
                                   Charter Oak Units  
                 7:30 dessert    Metro Unit Unit  
**Sunday:**    8:30 breakfast Berkshire Unit

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A more detailed attraction schedule and listing of area restaurants will be distributed upon arrival.

Also more information on small tours that will be available in the area.

More details on evening activities at the Pavilion.

Please send this portion to & make check payable to: Charles Wilson, 2 Mary Ann Dr. Danbury, CT 06811  
203-746-3506, e-mail c7459w@aol.com

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI #: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00= \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00= \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

# A BEACH OF A TIME IN 2001 COCU BUDDY RALLY



June 1-3, 2001

Hammonasset State Park – Madison, CT

*Hosted by: Bud & Jessie Gould and Wayne & Susan Rutty*

## HAPPENINGS

### **Friday Night:**

Dinner on your own  
Ice Cream and Campfire in evening

### **Saturday Morning:**

Pancakes and Sausage with Juice, Coffee & Tea

### **Saturday Daytime:**

On Your Own to Enjoy the Area  
Flea Markets, Beach, Bike Riding, Outlet Shopping or Relaxing

### **Saturday Evening:**

Happy Hour – 4:00 PM  
Pot Luck Dinner  
(Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Provided)  
A-L Hot Dish M-Z Cold Dish  
Desert and Campfire in Evening

### **Sunday Morning:**

Danish, Fruit, Coffee & Tea

Depart at your leisure checkout is: Noon

## DETAILS

### **Rally Fees:**

\$10.00 per person ages 13-99  
\$4.00 ages 4-12 (99 and over – Free!!)

### **Camping Fee:**

\$12.00 per night  
Check-In: 1:00 PM Check-Out: Noon  
Dry Camping - Come with full water tank and empty holding tanks

### **Directions:**

From I-95 SR-62 (Exit 62) South ½ Mile on SR-62

### **Miscellaneous:**

No Pets or Alcohol allowed in CT State Parks

### **Deadline:**

February 20, 2001 (Early date is due to new state reservations system) after that date we cannot guarantee site availability or location.

### Mail Coupon and payment to:

Clarence Gould  
49 Dobson Circle  
Middletown, CT 06457  
(860) 347-5731 with Questions

*A Beach of a Time in 2001*

*Charter Oak CT Unit June Buddy Rally - Hammonasset State Park*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number Nights \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 per night = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Kids \_\_\_\_\_ X \$4.00 per Child = \_\_\_\_\_

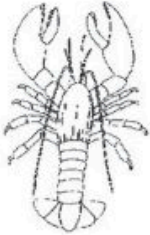
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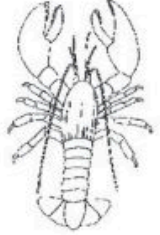
### Region 1 ~ Special Event



# 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



## 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!**



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CAMP AIRSTREAM  
 REGION 1 RALLY 2001



Tunbridge Worlds Fair  
 Tunbridge Vermont  
 August 23-26 2001

CHARTER OAK  
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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

MAY 2001



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung, The grass is "riz"! I wonder where - The Snowbirds is!

*Anonymous*

Yes! - All of you snowbirds join us for our first rally, "Springtime-on-the-Hudson", at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY hosted by Charlie & Jeanne Wilson. We would like to record your vote at the spring business meeting for the slate of international officers. There will be several others matters to discuss at the May meeting; Lois and I will be unable to attend this rally so the gavel has been passed to Charlie Wilson, 1st VP who will conduct the meeting (this may be a welcome relief to some of you).

We expect to be at the June Buddy Rally and then close up the Oval office, here in Wethersfield, and move on to Sioux Falls, SD, arriving at the International Rally by June 20. Bob Werth has been asked to be Charter Oak's alternate at International, just in case! We all hope that his services won't be needed..... Is that like saying, "the pay isn't much, but the honor is overwhelming?"

Rich Kushman tells me that there are two places open for the August Caravan (5th-12th) to Assateague State Park and Cape May, NJ.

Anyone considering running for Region 1, 2nd VP is urged to submit a resume' to Wayne Rutty, Larry LaMontagne or Phyllis Fownes as soon as possible so that discussions can take place at the Region 1 Rally in Tunbridge, VT on August 23-26, 2001.

Sorry not to see you all at the May Rally, but hoist one for us!

I will leave you with this thought - "Try not to live in the past! - you've already been there!

*....And thank you for your support,  
Ted*

## CHARTER OAK CT UNIT 30TH ANNIVERSARY

As many of you are aware this year is the 30th Anniversary of the organization of the Charter Oak CT Unit of WBCCI. We would like to make the September issue of the *Chatter* a special anniversary edition. Please submit stories, pictures or memories of Charter Oak, they can be about anything you like.

Please try to join us at the August Rally where we will have a special Anniversary celebration on Saturday evening with dinner and a program. Please see the flyer for the August rally in this months Chatter. If you would like to just come for the dinner and the evening program you are more then welcome. A separate price for dinner only is on the flyer. Mike Sasuta is organizing the Anniversary celebration for Saturday evening at the rally if you have any questions or comments.

*Michael Rutty  
# 16264*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 11-13

"Springtime on the Hudson"  
Six Unit Rally  
Spring Business Meeting  
Dutchess County Fairgrounds  
Rhinebeck, NY  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson

June 1-3

"A Beach of a Time in 2001"  
Buddy Rally  
Hammonasset State Park  
Madison, CT  
Bud & Jessie Gould  
Wayne & Susan Rutty

August 3-5, 2001

"A Weekend in the Historic CT  
Tobacco Valley Part 2"  
Buddy Rally  
Roberts Private Airport  
East Windsor, CT  
Jim & Corinne Burnham  
Michael & Lianne Rutty

August 5-12, 2001

Summer Caravan to Assateague  
State Park Ocean City, MD &  
Cape May, NJ  
Rich & Kathy Kushman





**BIRTHDAYS**

Joe Gatavaski	05/01
Bard Fuller	05/01
Mark Good	05/03
Pat Lamontagne	05/03
William O'Donald	05/05
Thomas Petrillo	05/07
Jean Landry	05/11
Michael Newman	05/11
Ron Edmondson	05/13
Molly Cherouny	05/21
Don Rawson	05/27

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Larry & Pat Lamontagne	05/02
Charles & Pamela Bleakney	05/06
Bill & Linnea Leeming	05/08
Arthur & Ann Droheim	05/22
Rich & Kathy Kushman	05/26
Claire & Patricia Lines	05/26
Ted & Lois Price	05/26
William & Jeanette O'Donald	05/31
Mike & Sandy Sasuta	05/31

**REGION 1 LUNCHEON**

Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center  
1211 North West Ave.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

June 29, 2001

11:30 a.m. Social, Meal served at 12:00  
\$12.50 per person

Menu: Salad, Chicken breast with sauce,  
rice pilaf, vegetable, roll & butter,  
beverage and ice cream.

Tickets on sales at the Region 1  
registration table. Contact person:  
Anne Werth, 1st VP Region 1.

**APRIL IN PARIS - MEETING  
OOH-LA-LA!**

The day was dull and gloomy outside, but inside the San Marino Restaurant in Waterbury, all was sunny and green! What a nice afternoon we all spent together - some members returned from warm, sunny climes, and others of us who have not seen warm, sunny weather for a very long time. But the weather didn't really matter, we were all happy to see each other and catch up on club and family news. 30 members attended the dinner.

We welcomed John and Ruby Fuller and Bard and Kathy Fuller, members of the Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit. John had just survived the long trek from Florida, accompanied by son Russ. Despite the long trip, John looked tan and rested.

President Ted Price held a short business meeting. He announced that Charter Oak CT Unit will celebrate its 30th anniversary at a rally in August. Mike Sasuta will head up the event.

Charlie Wilson talked about the May Rally in Rhinebeck - it sounds like a fun rally with some other units participating. There is still time to sign up. Jessie Gould said the plans for the June Buddy Rally at Hammonasset State Park are progressing nicely. There are 35 units planning to attend!!!

Dick Bartram talked about the Yankee Doodle Dandy Special Event Rally to be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Richmond, RI on May 17th through the 21st. There is lots to do there - the rally site is convenient to Point Judith, Mystic Seaport, the casinos in northeastern Connecticut, and many antique shops in the quiet corner of Connecticut. Dick also spoke briefly about the Region Rally which will be held at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, VT in August. The Region Rally is not scheduled for Labor Day Weekend this year - so those members who may have trouble splitting up weeks for vacation will be able to attend. The rally begins on Thursday and ends on Sunday.

It looks as though our summer will be a varied and exciting one with lots going on in our unit.

See you down the road.

*Eileen Bartram*

**CHARITY BEGINS WITH US!**

As in the past, Region I has had an unofficial admission to our luncheons, namely stuffed animals. These are donated to the trauma centers in that area. The stuffed animal is given to a child who needs something to cuddle during a time of crisis. Please bring a stuffed animal (or two or three) so that we may continue with this tradition.

Also, don't forget the pull-tabs from the aluminum cans to be given to Ronald MacDonald House. These pull tabs are cashed in and used toward kidney dialysis needs by the MacDonald House. In addition, "Warm Hats for Children" is a project near and dear to a lot of the attendees at our International Rally. The pile of donated warm hats seems to grow each year. Remember, they don't have to be hand made, as purchased hats are acceptable.

The youth program has a great focus called "Sense out of Cents"! This money is used each year for a child with a medical crisis. The child is identified during the International Rally and sometimes is in attendance at our functions. You will see the youth with cans asking for our help, and we appreciate their enthusiasm in collecting for this cause. This collection has been a focus of Region 1 for many years and we make a sizeable donation to the youth "Cents" program. If your unit doesn't pass the collection can, bring it up and start the coins rolling. The youth will gladly accept your monetary donation, especially the quiet dollar bills.

There are many more ways our fellow Airstreamers contribute to the community in which we are meeting. Don't forget the blood drive, Habitat for Humanity building projects, reading programs in the schools, visitations to local nursing home facilities, musical groups playing for nursing homes, taking pets to visit the homes... and on and on it goes. Airstreamers are a very giving group of individuals; won't you join in these projects? You will come away from the International with a new sense of pride. It is no wonder that the host community awaits us with such enthusiasm. See you in Sioux Falls!

*Anne Werth, 1st VP - Region 1*

## FOR SALE

**1985 GMC Suburban**  
6.2 Diesel, 75k on engine, 150k on truck, 14 MPG towing, new brakes. \$4,500 Ted Price (860) 529-9393

**1970 25 ft Airstream Caravaner Trailer**  
Looks great - Ready to travel, Needs minor interior work, Rear bath, "L" front couches. \$3,600. Ted Price (860) 529-9393

## TRAILER LIFE TV

Trailer Life has a TV show, *RV Today* - on every Saturday at 2:00 PM on TNN - (The National Network) on cable. See the RV Today website [www.rvtoday.tv](http://www.rvtoday.tv) for more information. The show covers everything from towing to campsite setup. The second show had a review of the new 16 foot Bambi.

If you are home be sure to check out this new show.

## AUGUST 2001 CARAVAN

The caravan scheduled for August 2001 to Assateague Island State Park has **two spots available**. If you have not signed up for this caravan and you would like to go please contact Rich Kushman to sign up.

If you have signed up already and find that you will not be able to attend, please let Rich know as soon as possible so someone else can use your spot and you can get a refund. This caravan is sure to be a great time.



## GET WELL WISHES

Bill Herpich is recovering from Gall Bladder Surgery in Florida. Lil says that Bill is doing great and they should be back home in CT soon.

If you know of a member who is ill or recently lost a family member please let the editors know so they can notify the members.

## REGION 1 LUNCHEON AT INTERNATIONAL

One of Region One's traditions at the International Rally's Region luncheon is to request that each attendee to the luncheon bring a stuffed toy. The International Youth Committee will be presented with all toys collected at our luncheon.

The International Youth Committee has been collecting stuffed toys to give to local emergency services so that a child who is caught up in a trauma of some kind can be given a stuffed animal to help comfort him/her.

When the International Rally was held in Boise, one of the waitresses in the room where the Region One Luncheon was being held, asked why all the stuffed animals were being collected. (That year, we collected 81 stuffed toys!) She said that recently her 4 year-old boy had become separated from her in a mall. The security personnel at the mall gave her little boy a stuffed animal to comfort him until his mom could be found.

So, please, if you are coming to the International Rally this year, will you kindly bring a stuffed animal?

Also, don't forget the "Cents for Sense". For new members who may not know about this program; "Cents for Sense" is also an International Youth Committee project. This project was initiated several years ago by one of the youth at the rally. Every year all the youth attending the rally collect money for a local child who has life-threatening medical problems. All of the money collected at the rally and from individual units is given to a child who is selected by local family agencies and the WBCCI. Many units have set up a collection jar labeled "Cents for Sense" - the jar is placed in a prominent spot at each unit's rally or dinner and WBCCI members are encouraged to give as much as they can.

In past years, Region One units have been extraordinarily generous in giving to this fund. At each year's International Rally, a member of the International Youth Committee is presented with the money collected from units in our Region.

Thanks so much for your generosity.

*Eileen Bartram*

## REGION ONE NEWSLETTER SPRING 2001

As we dust off our Airstreams for another year of camping, here are a few important items worth mentioning:

1. While there are no challengers to the International slate of officers this year, it is still important that each unit conduct a recorded vote at their spring business meeting to ratify the vote for the nominees.
2. Each unit president should designate an alternate to stand in for him/her at the Delegates Meeting in Sioux Falls (even if the unit president is planning to attend).
3. We keep hearing valid reasons to place the name Airstream in our club name. While past attempts to do this have been unsuccessful, please note that the Jackson Center letterheads, and the 2001 membership brochures use the phrase The AIRSTREAM RV Association. When contacting people outside the WBCCI, or campgrounds, we can use that term and they will know who we are.
4. The Region One Rally is coming up in Tunbridge, Vermont, on August 23 - 26. Be sure to plan to attend. The location provides many good opportunities to tour the area, and Russ and Rhona Fuller and the White Mountain New Hampshire Unit always put on excellent events!
5. Also, anyone considering running for our next Region One 2nd Vice-president is urged to submit their resume to Wayne Ruddy, Larry LaMontagne, or Phyllis Fownes as soon as possible so discussions can take place at the Region One Rally. Serving WBCCI at the region level will introduce you to some fine people from all over the USA and Canada; as well as give you the opportunity to get to know all six units in Region One. We have some very fine people in the units in Region One - and we would not have gotten to know them if we had not run for region office. Please consider serving.

*Dick Bartram, President  
Region One - WBCCI*

## AIRSTREAM SERIAL NUMBERS

Your serial number - What does it mean?

By Charles Burke

**Prior to 1967** the serial numbers on Airstream products were intended to provide merely sequential information and a means to meet state title registration requirements but here is a little insight into your coach.

**1967 and 1968** \* 1st digit; I=International or L=Landyacht \* 2nd & 3rd digit; Trailer length \* 4th digit; Model year, 7=1967, 8=1968 \* 5th digit; Factory location, S=CA., J=OH \* 6-8 digit; Sequence number

**1969 to 1980** \* 1st digit - I=International; L=Land Yacht; M=Motorhome \* 2nd & 3rd digit - Vehicle length \* 4th digit - D=rear bath double bed; T=rear bath twin bed; A=center bath twin beds; B=center bath double bed \* 5th digit - Model Year \* 6th digit - J=Jackson Center, OH; S=Cerritos, CA; V=Versailles, OH \* 7-10th digits - Sequential Serial Number

**1981 to present**, when federal government regulators got involved. The meaning of specific digits makes up a small book.

## WHEN WAS YOUR RV BUILT ?

1980 - A  
1981 - B  
1982 - C  
1983 - D  
1984 - E  
1985 - F  
1986 - G  
1987 - H  
1988 - J  
1989 - K  
1990 - L  
1991 - M  
1992 - N  
1993 - P  
1994 - R  
1995 - S  
1996 - T  
1997 - V  
1998 - W  
1999 - X  
2000 - Y  
2001 - 1  
2002 - 2  
2003 - 3  
2004 - 4  
2005 - 5  
2006 - 6  
2007 - 7  
2008 - 8

You can tell the year that your RV was built by checking 10th digit of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). The VIN number is located on the front left corner of trailers and in the drivers door or cab area of the motorhome.

For example a 2000 model the 10th digit will be the letter Y. For 1999 models the digit will a X and a letter W fro 1998 and so on. Please see the following list to find your unit's date of manufacture for units after 1980.

In most states a motorhome is titled and registered by the RV year, not the chassis year. Since chassis years commonly differ from the RV year, and chassis features may vary from model year to model year, it is important to know what year you own or are buying. This information can be critical when ordering replacement parts.

It is also important to your Rv's resale value - be sure your RV is registered by the RV year. You don't want to lose a year's worth of depreciation just because an inattentive clerk at the motor vehicle department uses the wrong VIN number.



# AIRSTREAM

## *A Brief History*

Over 60 years ago, Wally Byam had a dream. After a brief stint in the merchant marine, he started his career as a Stanford law graduate, became a newspaper copywriter, and then formed his own advertising agency. But it was as the publisher of do-it-yourself magazines that Wally's dream took shape. After complaints from readers came in about plans for a travel trailer he had printed in one of his magazines, Wally decided he could do better himself. He devised a method that would prove to be a milestone—dropping the floor between the axles and raising the ceiling, enabling the owner to stand upright.

He wrote his first article about how to build his improved travel trailer for less than \$100, including materials. He began selling instruction booklets and blueprints by mail and, in response to growing demand, began to build improved versions of the trailer in his Los Angeles backyard. By 1930 Wally Byam had left law, advertising, and publishing for good; by 1932 he had formed the Airstream Trailer Co.

Wally continually modified and improved every new trailer he built, progressing from wood to metal, and adding dozens of livability features. Then, January 17, 1936, Wally Byam's Airstream Trailer Co. introduced the "Clipper," built along aircraft principles in a monocoque, riveted aluminum configuration! The revolution had begun; acceptance for Airstream's outstanding products was immediate and continued to boom.

Then came Pearl Harbor, and the structural aluminum alloy that formed the Airstream body was classified as a critical war material. Trailers

gave way to fighters and bombers, and Wally was forced to close his shop doors and went to work for Curtis-Wright Aircraft in Los Angeles.

After the war, on May 15, 1947, Wally decided to go back into the trailer business. Times were tough; but despite a very meager bankroll, Wally resumed production in a single rented building at the Van Nuys, California, airport. Despite all the drawbacks, the first steps toward realizing Wally's dream of the perfect travel trailer were taken in this tiny plant. Working with a newly-hired truck driver/purchasing agent, Art Costello (who ultimately became the president of Airstream), Wally and his tiny company created a travel trailer light enough to be towed by a passenger car, rugged enough to travel anywhere on earth, yet complete enough to provide at-home comfort and convenience wherever the owner traveled. Demand for the new trailers exceeded production capacity, and in July, 1952, the facilities in Jackson Center, OH, were opened. One month later, the first Ohio made Airstream rolled off the production line.

Wally Byam was, however, a traveling man above all else, so it was inevitable that he would conceive of Airstreaming as a way of life. Thus began the series of caravans, the first one taking place in 1951 and traveling through Central America. So popular was the caravan concept that by 1955, during a caravan to eastern Canada, a group of Airstreamers met to form the nucleus of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

Soon Caravans were traveling throughout Mexico and Canada, then to Europe and even

Africa. Caravans and rallies brought excitement and satisfaction to the adventurous Airstream owners and set them apart from all others.

The Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) is an important part of Airstream's Way of Life and the means by which Wally's concept of travel has become "localized" and made available to all Airstream owners, Wally Byam caravans spend from six weeks to six months exploring foreign countries; smaller groups, called units, provide weekend get-togethers and localized trailer trips.

The WBCCI guides the activities of some 10,000 Airstream families (more than 20,000 individuals) enrolled as active, dues-paying members. All our states, including Hawaii and Alaska, are represented. Even Canada, Mexico, England and continental Europe have members.

Today the Wally Byam Caravan Club has more individual members, represents more owners of trailers and motorhomes, has more local units, and engages in more activities of all sizes than any other single-brand travel trailer club in the Western Hemisphere. No other recreation vehicle club anywhere compares with it.

Airstream has helped thousands of people discover new worlds of adventure, and Airstream products are now the most sought after in the recreation vehicle field. They are sought after because their owners have access to a whole new "way of life" available to them after the purchase of an Airstream—and, of course, because it is the world's finest name in recreation vehicles.

***This information guide will help to make your visit with us a pleasant one.***

**Service:**

Due to extremely strict insurance regulations, customers are not allowed in the service/repair area. If you find it necessary to go to your trailer, please check with the receptionist. There is a smoke-free customer lounge complete with writing desks, TV, free coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and other refreshments for your enjoyment. Please feel free to make yourself at home; but, because of health and insurance regulations, we must ask that no pets be brought into the customer lounge.

**Guided Tours:**

We invite you to join our guided tour of Airstream's manufacturing facilities. We conduct one tour each day, Monday through Friday (*excluding holidays and vacation shut-downs during the first week in July and between Christmas and New Years*). You will see how Airstreams are built, and our customer assistance representative will answer your questions. Tours are scheduled for 2:00 P.M.—rendezvous and registration are in the guest lounge.

**Terraport parking:**

The terraport is free to our customers one night before, during and one night after your service appointment. If you wish to arrive early and stay a little longer, there is a nominal fee of \$10.00 per night. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Wally Byam store:**

Browse around for RV accessories for your trailer or motorhome as well as fashionable logo apparel and gifts.

**Airstream Way of Life information concerning...**

**Airstream caravans or rallies contact:**

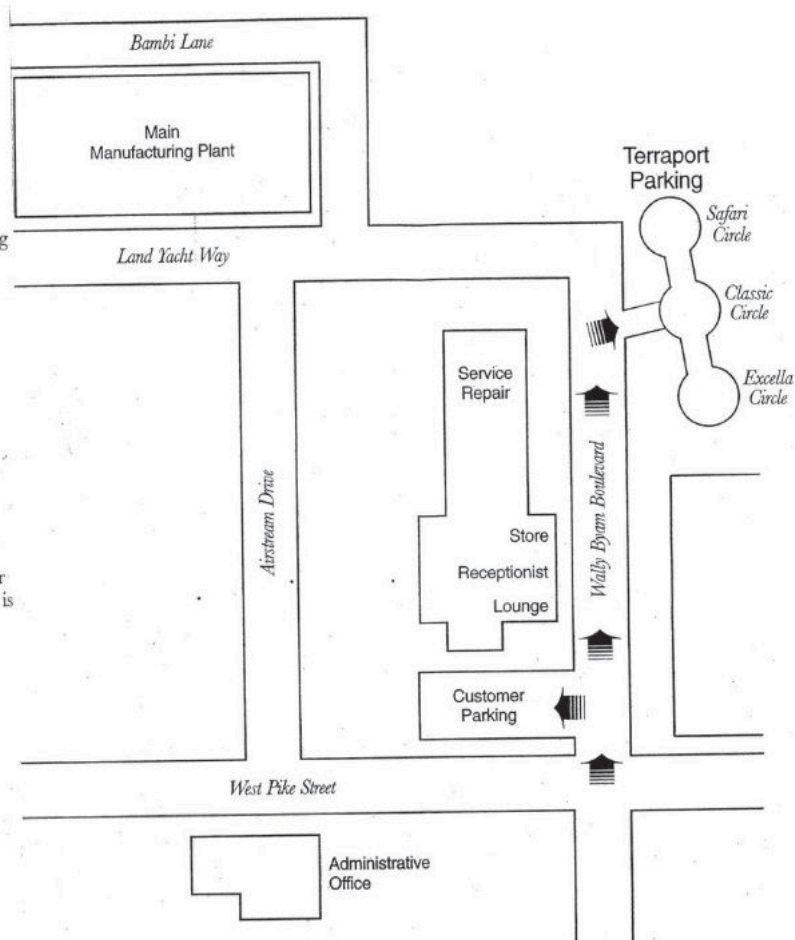
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P.O. Box 629 • Jackson Center, OH 45334-0629

**Wally Byam Caravan Club International contact:**

WBCCL, 937-596-5211  
P.O. Box 612 • Jackson Center, OH 45334-0612

**Information:**

Should you desire further information or direction in making personal inquiry about the various departments, please feel free to consult the customer assistance representative in the main lobby. Thank you for stopping by, and we hope your visit will be most enjoyable.



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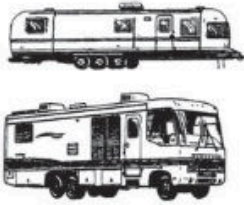
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# A weekend in the Historic Connecticut Tobacco River Valley II

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Charter Oak

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

August 3 – 5, 2001



WBCCI - Charter Oak CT Unit

Hosted by Jim & Corinne Burnham and Mike, Lianne & James Rutty

### 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)
- 4:00 PM – Happy Hour in the Tobacco Shed
- 5:30 PM– Anniversary Celebration Dinner
  - Chicken Barbecue Dinner with all the fix'ins
- 7:00 PM- 30 years of Charter Oak – Desert & Campfire to follow.

#### Sunday

- 8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast
- Have a safe trip home or on the Caravan!!!

We will have a Honey Wagon onsite at 7:30 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 into 140 South Main Street (Route 5) – 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.

#### Cost for the weekend:

- ◆ Rally Fee: \$10.00 per Adult \$5.00 Children Ages 7-16 (**Includes Saturday Dinner**)
- ◆ If you would like to join us for just the Anniversary Celebration & Chicken Barbecue only the cost will be \$6.00 per adult/ \$4.00 per kid
- ◆ Parking: \$30.00 per Unit. (Please note that this amount is based on 20 units attending and cost to be adjusted based on final attendance.)

\*\*\*\*\*  
Please Respond by July 30, 2001

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

Number Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Kids \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner Only \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Parking .....\$30.00/Weekend

Total Enclosed.....

Please Make Checks Payable to: Michael Rutty

Mail to: Michael Rutty  
7 Winthrop Road  
Chester, CT 06412

# Caravan

## August 2001



**August 5 - 12 - Immediately Following The August Rally**

### Night One **Sunday**

**CAMPING WORLD**  
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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

### 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 Age 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.



## 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!**





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**CAMP AIRSTREAM**  
**REGION 1 RALLY 2001**



*Tunbridge Worlds Fair  
 Tunbridge Vermont  
 August 23-26 2001*

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

JUNE/JULY 2001



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends in "Streaming",

Home at last! Our daughter, Allison is with us recovering from recent surgery. We thank you for all your kind words, encouraging thoughts and continued prayers.

Lois and I spent 17 days (but who's counting?) in an apartment across from Roosevelt Hospital in New York City where we could run/walk to visit ICU and monitor her progress. We thought that towing was a traumatic experience; trying surviving the crossing of NYC streets!

We took time from out from our parental and nursing duties to seek out nearby deli's, an upscale restaurant or two (Gallaghers, Tavern-on-the-Green), the hospital cafeteria and managed to make a meal or two from the leftovers. It was good to laugh while attending a Broadway Show, "The Allergist's Wife" with Linda Lavin (Alice). A hot pretzel or two and some roasted peanuts. Lois forced herself to "Do" Macy's and some of Chinatown.

It is good to return to The Green, Green Grass of Home. Our hearts ached for the dogs in the city with hardly a tree in sight.

Our plans still include attending the International Rally with hopes of leaving around June 10-12 with Al & Joan Beardsley, President and First Lady of the Cape Cod Unit returning mid-July.

A club fundraiser has been scheduled for the August Rally at The Tobacco Valley Buddy Rally. This will be in the way of an auction lead by the "courant" president. Please donate any odd or extra trailer equipment that is taking up space in your garage, basement, back of tow vehicle or valuable closet space... remember, you really don't need two-of-a-kind! Have some fun and at the same time raise money for our treasury to purchase needed equipment, etc.

Someone once said that history repeats itself that is good because most people don't pay attention the first time around! So remember each good day, and if history is any guide, you will have a chance to repeat it!!!

See you tomorrow or the next day.

*Ted*

## CHARTER OAK CT UNIT 30TH ANNIVERSARY

As many of you are aware this year is the 30th Anniversary of the organization of the Charter Oak CT Unit of WBCCI. We would like to make the September issue of the *Chatter* a special anniversary edition. Please submit stories, pictures or memories of Charter Oak, they can be about anything you like.

Please try to join us at the August Rally where we will have a special Anniversary celebration on Saturday evening with dinner and a program. Please see the flyer for the August rally in this month's Chatter. If you would like to just come for the dinner and the evening program you are more than welcome. A separate price for dinner only is on the flyer. Mike Sasuta is organizing the Anniversary celebration for Saturday evening at the rally if you have any questions or comments.

*Michael Ratty*  
# 16264



## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 1-3

"A Beach of a Time in 2001"

Buddy Rally

Hammonasset State Park

Madison, CT

Bud & Jessie Gould

Wayne & Susan Ratty

August 3-5, 2001

"A Weekend in the Historic CT

Tobacco Valley Part 2"

Buddy Rally

Roberts Private Airport

East Windsor, CT

Jim & Corinne Burnham

Michael & Lianne Ratty

August 5-12, 2001

Summer Caravan to Assateague

State Park Ocean City, MD &

Cape May, NJ

Rich & Kathy Kushman

August 23-26, 2001

Region 1 Rally

"Camp Airstream-Back to  
Basics"

Tunbridge Worlds Fairgrounds

Tunbridge, VT

Russ Fuller

**BIRTHDAYS**

Sebastian Pestretto	06/03
Lee Hale	06/06
Gregg Cocco	06/11
Lincoln White	06/12
Linda Guilmart	06/14
Joe Ribiero	06/14
Philip Simmons	06/23
Gail Good	06/26
Reggie Brown	06/28
Maureen Eckels	06/28
Elaine Tower	06/29
Barbara Appleton	06/31

**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 & Antoinette Petrillo	06/20
Leland & Claire Bradley	06/24
Robert & Anne Werth	06/24
Bob & Jean Landry	06/25
Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto	06/30

**NEW YORK STATE RALLY**

In this month Chatter you will find a Rally Flyer for the New York State Rally to be held on September 13-17, 2001 in New Paltz, NY. The rally is being hosted by the Metro NY Unit.

Two members of Charter Oak are planning to attend, Charlie & Jeanne Wilson and Mark & Annette Wilson. This will give you a chance to attend a Rally in September and met some people from outside of Region 1 and Charter Oak.

**"CAMP AIRSTREAM - BACK TO BASICS" REGION 1 RALLY**

The Region 1 Rally "Camp Airstream - Back to Basics" will be held from Thursday, August 23rd thru Sunday, August 26, 2001 at the Tunbridge Worlds Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, Vermont. Please see the registration form in this month's *Chatter*. Why not send it in today? If you register prior to August 1, 2001 you will receive a \$10.00 discount. Russ Fuller and The White Mountain New Hampshire Unit have put a lot of effort into planning what will sure to be a great rally.

Pre-Rally parking is available on Wednesday night, August 22 and Post-Rally on Sunday night, August 27, 2001 for only \$12.00 per night. Why not come early or stay late and do some sightseeing in the area.

Tunbridge is an exceptional Vermont town set in the heart of the Green Mountains just a short drive from Interstate 89. With a driving time of about 2 ½ hours from Hartford, Quebec City, Boston and Portland, Maine it is centrally located. This location will provide the rally goer an excellent base camp for the many sites and activities that Vermont has to offer. Some of the more notable attractions are: Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Rock of Ages, Cabot Cheese and Montpelier, along with a variety of breweries and wineries. The Tunbridge "Worlds Fair" is the nation's oldest agricultural fairgrounds with water and 15 amp electric for all and a new dump station. "Camp Airstream" will provide its campers with 3 nights of camping, 3 Vermont Breakfasts and 3 Dinners. Each evening we will have entertainment, ice cream and "Life After Nine".

On Thursday afternoon we will be treated to an "Old Fashion Picnic" with games and an evening campfire where we will be charmed by a professional storyteller that specializes in folktales. Friday we will have the opportunity to learn at any of the planned seminars through out the day, or sight see the area. A pasta dinner and entertainment by the Boot Scoot 'n Boomers and "Life After Nine" will complete the evening. Saturday is our opportunity to conduct our Region 1 business and allow time for a flea market/hobby show as well an opportunity for our vintage units to show off a little. Saturday evening we will have a catered chicken dinner followed by John Timpanelli an impressionist, singer who was the featured entertainer for the Unit Presidents dinner at the International Rally in Dayton, Ohio. Of course there will be ice cream and "Life after Nine". Sunday, after a morning breakfast, church and a closing event we will have ample time to depart at a relaxing pace.

On Thursday evening during the Picnic our unit will need to field teams to participate in the following games:

- Bike Race
- Water Balloon Toss
- Park the Trailer
- Medley Relay Race

Charter Oak will be responsible for serving the Pasta Dinner on Friday evening, please see Mike Rutty if you would like to help.

"Camp Airstream - Back to Basics" will provide all who attend in true WBCCI fashion an outstanding value inclusive of food, entertainment, ice cream and good old "Fun, Friendship and Adventure". The entire "Camp Airstream" staff is looking forward to your visit. Lets have a great showing from Charter Oak.

**MEMBERSHIP**

At the Spring business meeting the unit voted to give any person who buys a new Airstream and receives the free 1st year membership in WBCCI that International President Craig Lundberg wrote about in the May 2001 issue of *The Blue Beret* their first year in Charter Oak free of charge.

If you talk to a perspective member that just bought a new Airstream get them to join Charter Oak they have nothing to risk.



## FOR SALE

### 1985 GMC Suburban

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It was great to see Steve & Pam Pestretto and Mark & Annette Wilson attend their first rally in Rhinebeck, NY in May. Steve & Pam had their two young daughters with them. It is always great to see young people enjoying the club. Mark & Annette were put to work making the salad for Saturday night's dinner. Mark got double duty by serving on the sewer crew on Sunday morning.

Hope to see both families at another rally soon.

## AUGUST 2001 CARAVAN

The caravan scheduled for August 2001 to Assateague Island State Park is now full. If you have not signed up for this caravan and you would like to go please contact Rich Kushman to sign up on the waiting list.

If you have signed up already and find that you will not be able to attend, please let Rich know as soon as possible so someone else can use your spot and you can get a refund. This caravan is sure to be a great time.

## GET WELL WISHES

If you know of a member who is ill or recently lost a family member please let the editors know so they can notify the members.

## AN UNFORGETTABLE IMAGE

Think back to the innumerable images, which reached your retina as you were growing up. Untold thousands must be lost in the haze of years gone by. But there are some likenesses so vivid that they remain, bright and clear, for decades.

I recently had the pleasure of learning about one such mental picture. When I have an appointment at the ophthalmologists, the man who first checks my eyes is Keith Corey. Keith knows that Russell and I frequently travel with our Airstream, so he always asks, "Where are you off to next?"

At our last visit Keith told me about his childhood in Beverly, Massachusetts. From the time he was five months old, he and his mother and grandmother spent the entire summer at Dolly Copp Campground in Gorham, New Hampshire, just north of the White Mountains. His dad and grandfather came up weekends and also, of course, spent their weeks' vacations there. A few years later Keith's parents had another little boy and the camping experience continued.

I grew up in Berlin, six miles north of Gorham. My family, too, had camped at Dolly Copp for several summers and I welcomed the opportunity to reminisce with Keith. We talked about the central role of the Peabody River in our respective childhoods. Keith and his little brother spent a great deal of time playing in the river, cold as it was from the runoff of Mount Washington's melting snow. My sister and I enjoyed the river in this way: we had a set of little bisque dolls which we hid among the rocks in the river. Then, of course, the other sister had to find them. We spent many happy hours playing that game. I often think of those halcyon, sunny days when I hear of today's beleaguered parents paying \$30 per child for a birthday party!!

Keith asked if I remember Gorham's "Silver Bridge", since demolished. Indeed I do; we had a favorite swimming place in the Peabody River near that bridge. Keith went on to describe one of his most vivid memories of those carefree summers. Looking at the silver bridge gleaming in the hot sun, he and his brother watched as large numbers of silver Airstreams crossed the bridge. Like me, Keith called them "majestic" as they rolled along in single file. It was an intense sight he has never forgotten. The sight was so memorable that it was recorded acutely in his mind's eye. I am grateful that he shared it with me.

*Dorothy O'Connor*  
# 8360

## SPRINGTIME ON THE HUDSON

Perhaps another name for this rally could be: "A Recipe for Success". Take one part magnificent weather, one part superb site facilities and one part enthusiastic participants and you have an outstanding Rally from its beginning (with early parking) on Thursday until its close on Sunday.

There were fifty-four trailers/motorhomes spaced about the parking area of the beautiful Dutchess County Fairgrounds, each with its own water and (30 amp) electrical hook-up. Region one was very well represented with thirty trailers/motorhomes in attendance.

Upon arrival, we were greeted by two members of the Hudson-Mohawk Unit who gave us the Rally Booklet that had been prepared by Charlie Wilson. The Booklet contained everything we needed to know about the rally as well as things to do and see in the area (Hyde Park, Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Catskill Game Farm to name just a few). It was impressive to see the array of flags flying from so many rigs representing the six different units participating in the Rally (three from Region One and three from Region Two).

Each afternoon we had a social hour which gave us a chance to get to know people from the other units as well as renew old friendships. There was so much food on the goody table that you ran the risk of spoiling your appetite for the evening meal. We were treated to two breakfasts and two desserts as well as a dinner on Saturday evening. Each unit was responsible for preparing and/or serving one of the meals. Needless to say, no one went away hungry.

The enthusiasm exhibited by those attending the Rally was contagious. It wasn't long before you heard people saying that perhaps this Region One and Two get together should be an annual event. This year's Rally was the brainchild of Charlie and Jeannie Wilson from Charter Oak & Rich and Kathy Griffin from Hudson-Mohawk. Thanks to both couples for your efforts.

*Bob Savkall*  
# 5438



# MAKE A SPLASH

It's a whimsical folly. A utilitarian shed. A funky guest cottage. A sculptural focal point. A basic shelter from the sun. It's a pool house, which means it's all those things—and therein lies its charm. Since pool houses aren't essential structures (you could, after all, survive without one), pesky matters of necessity like plumbing and electricity may be abandoned. Fun can dominate the form. Think of it as a refuge from reality, a license to kill time, a return to the no-grown-ups-allowed summer clubhouse days. We're talking prime waterfront real estate where no laundry needs folding, no phone calls need answering, and clothing is strictly optional. In fact, the only rule—proved by the four very different examples on these pages—is that you express yourself. **By Melissa Davis**

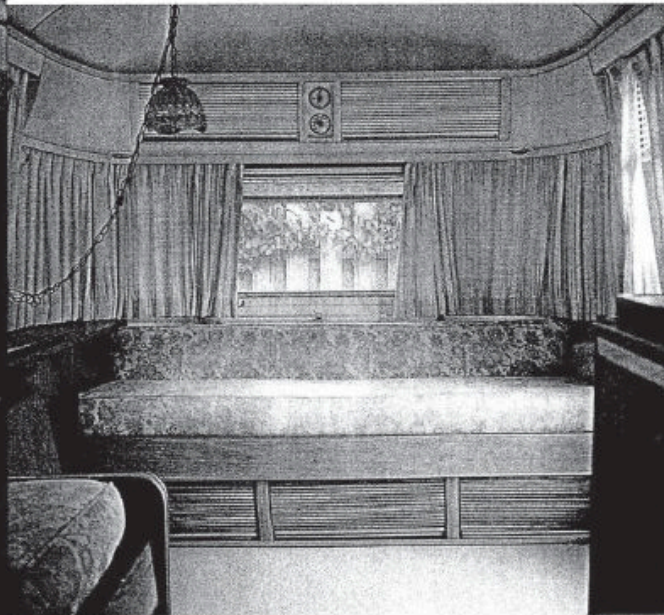
# RETRO COOL

To the uninitiated, Barbara Jakobson's pool house sits like an overfed silver marshmallow at the south end of her Long Island backyard. But for rabid fans of the Airstream aesthetic (including actors Sean Penn and John Travolta), the hand-riveted-aluminum trailer represents, as Jakobson puts it, "one of the key objects of 20th-century design." And she should know. A trustee of New York City's Museum of Modern Art and a serious collector of contemporary art and industrial design objects, Jakobson had no doubts about purchasing one of these funky mobile homes. "I had to annex an Airstream to me, as a person," she explains, "but I had no intention of going around in one." A weekday Manhattanite, she also faced the problem that confronts all collectors: where to put the thing. Near the pool, she says, "was the only logical place." So, eight years ago, Jakobson located a dealer in New Jersey who was selling a 1973 model aptly dubbed the LandYacht. She had the 21-foot-long trailer hauled to the end of her pool with little hassle. No site preparation, no grading, no foundation—instant retro retreat. And while Jakobson did have to rip up the original orange shag carpeting after mice discovered it, she kept the gold-brocade upholstery on its two banquettes, which pull out to become a single and a double bed. In addition to housing guests in her Airstream, Jakobson serves drinks from its galley kitchen and escapes from the sun beneath its striped awning. These trailers may have gotten their name for the way they cruise down the road like "a stream of air," but Jakobson has no intention of moving hers an inch from the pool.

*Melissa Davis writes a monthly Internet column for House Beautiful and coauthors Carolyn Roehm's lifestyle books. Her work has appeared in Vanity Fair and the Washington Post.*

## NOSTALGIA, FROM THE OUTSIDE IN:

Jakobson's Airstream is reminiscent of the earliest models, which founder Wally Byam built in his L.A. backyard during the 1920s. At the end of the pool, opposite, her trailer is flanked by a white Vico Magistretti table and chairs, as well as custom cypress chaises shaded by a striped umbrella. Left: A view of the trailer's interior offers a glimpse of the galley kitchen and two banquettes. Though designed for travel, the durable walls—laminated in wear-resistant vinyl—come in handy poolside.



JOSHUA PAUL (3)



## 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 = \_\_\_\_\_

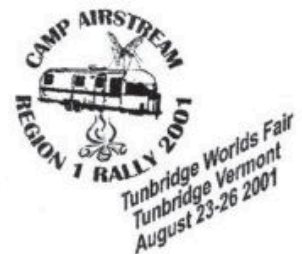
**TOTAL \$ = \_\_\_\_\_**

**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!**



# A weekend in the Historic Connecticut Tobacco River Valley II

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Charter Oak



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



August 3 – 5, 2001

WBCCI - Charter Oak CT Unit

Hosted by Jim & Corinne Burnham and Mike, Lianne & James Rutty

### 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)
- 4:00 PM – Happy Hour in the Tobacco Shed
- 5:30 PM– Anniversary Celebration Dinner
  - Chicken Barbecue Dinner with all the fix'ins
- 7:00 PM- 30 years of Charter Oak – Desert & Campfire to follow.

#### Sunday

- 8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast
- Have a safe trip home or on the Caravan!!!

We will have a Honey Wagon onsite at 7:30 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 into  
140 South Main Street (Route 5) – 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.

#### Cost for the weekend:

- ◆ Rally Fee: \$10.00 per Adult \$5.00 Children Ages 7-16 (**Includes Saturday Dinner**)
- ◆ If you would like to join us for just the Anniversary Celebration & Chicken Barbecue only the cost will be \$6.00 per adult/ \$4.00 per kid
- ◆ Parking: \$30.00 per Unit. (Please note that this amount is based on 20 units attending and cost to be adjusted based on final attendance.)

Please Respond by July 30, 2001

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

Number Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Includes Dinner)

Please Make Checks Payable to: Michael Rutty

Kids \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Includes Dinner)

Mail to: Michael Rutty

Saturday Dinner Only \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

7 Winthrop Road  
Chester, CT 06412

Parking .....\$30.00/Weekend

Total Enclosed.....





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# METRO NY UNIT INVITES YOU TO

## "Turn Back The Clock"

New York State Rally at New Paltz, NY  
September 13-17, 2001

Our Rally Site is at the Ulster County Fairgrounds on the outskirts of the historical town of New Paltz settled by the French Huguenots over 300 years ago. There will be four nights of parking, water, electric and dump station. It is conveniently located near the New York State Thruway.

Tours include a guided trip to West Point, Mohonk Mountain House, Hudson River Boat Ride and narrated walking tour through the Huguenot settlement. Additional tours of historical Kingston, the D and H canal museum and Rosendale, the source for the cement in building the Brooklyn Bridge.

Magicians, the River Banjo Players, and the Barbershop Quartet will highlight our entertainment. On opening night we will *Turn Back The Clock* with a program on the history of the Huguenots.

There will be 4 breakfasts, one optional dinner, ice cream socials, craft workshops, safety seminars, golf tournament, hobby/craft/flea market show and bushels of prizes.

The Rally will be children friendly. with a special Young Peoples Program Brochure.

Early bullpen parking at no charge will be available on Wednesday.

Directions: Take Exit 18 off the NY State Thruway. Travel west on Route 299 through the village of New Paltz and watch for Fairground sign . Turn left on County Route 7 to Fairgrounds.

Additional information- Alex Greenblatt, Chairperson, (845) 229-8502 E-mail: [agreechem@aol.com](mailto:agreechem@aol.com)

Registration name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special Parking(Check) Handicap \_\_\_ Unit Pres. \_\_\_ Reg./Int. \_\_\_ VAC attendee \_\_\_

Young people's names and ages \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee – Per person ( no charge: children up to and including 12 yrs. ) \$ 30 x ( # of people )- \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parking – ( Available Thursday to Mon. morning –4 nights ) \$12 per night x ( # of nights )- \_\_\_\_\_

Tours: Fri. 9/14- Mohonk Mt. House Resort/ Buffet Lunch- all day-	<del>\$28</del> <sup>\$36.</sup> x # _____	-*	_____
Sat. 9/15- Narrated Hudson River Boat Ride,Box Lunch included-	\$17 x ( # ad. _____ )-		_____
	Children (4-11)-\$12 x ( # chil. _____ )-		_____
Sun.9/16- Chartered bus trip- West Point/bring bag lunch-	\$12 x ( # _____ )-	*	_____
Dinner: Sat. 9/15 Restaurant dinner at 1775 House-	\$20 x ( # _____ )-		_____
Sat. 9/15 Young peoples Pizza Party ( Supervised )	\$ 3 x ( # _____ )-		_____

EARLY REGISTRTRION POSTMARKED BY 6/1/01 DEDUCT \$5.00 (-\$5.00 )

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail checks payable to: WBCCI NY State Rally and coupon to: Gloria Ahlers, Treas.,  
69 Van Cortlandt Ave., Ossining, NY 10562

\* Mohonk and West Point are limited. Early reservations highly recommended.

# Caravan

## August 2001



**August 5 - 12 - Immediately Following The August Rally**

### Night One **Sunday**

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New Jersey - Distance 267 miles

- ▶ Free dry camping
- ▶ Enjoy leisurely shopping in the morning
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### 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

**WAITING LIST ONLY**

### 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 Age 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  
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Caravan fee.

Reservations were made at full price, seniors will be refunded after reservation adjustment.  
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**REGION 1 RALLY 2001**



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## *the AIRSTREAM RV Association*

Region Office

### REGION ONE NEWSLETTER JULY, 2001

This Region Newsletter is being mailed directly to each Region One member in order to avoid adding to each unit's mailing costs.

#### INTERNATIONAL RALLY AT SIOUX FALLS

Your region officers were parked at Sioux Falls by June 18th. Anne and Bob Werth were there earlier because Bob was working in the carpentry shop, and Anne was helping to paint the backdrop for the arena stage. Raynold and Cecile Lemaire came (with Theda McGrath), and Eileen and I arrived there by way of Jackson Center, Ohio.

Rally statistics are:

Attendees: 1134

First-timers: 120

Following are community service statistics:

Warm Hats for Children	3978
Aluminum Pull-tabs	2392 pounds (Ronald McDonald House)
Common Cents Collected	\$7724.54
Common Cents Dispersed	\$6232.90
(Balance goes to reserve fund for future years)	
Stuffed Animals for Children in Crisis	1303
HP Digital Camera for Ronald McDonald House	
Stuffed Animals for Ronald McDonald House	50
Religious Services Contributions	\$5824.91 (dispersed as follows:)
A. Children's Inn, Sioux Falls	\$2912.46
B. Union Gospel Mission, Sioux Falls	\$2912.45

All of the above donations to local programs were reported in local newspapers, on radio stations and on TV.

Eileen has agreed to serve this year as the Region One's Community Service Chairman. She reports that the "Warm Hats for Kids", "Common Cents", "the stuffed animals for Children in Crisis" and the "pull-tabs" are all programs which will be continued this year. Eileen asks that each unit have a jar or box available at each of their rallies or dinners to collect "Common Cents" and "pull-tabs".

Sioux Falls was a great place to have the International Rally. People there were very helpful and kind, and were happy to have us visiting their beautiful part of the country. Seeing Sioux Falls and the surrounding area was well worth the trip.

Region One had some people from each of the four USA units (Canadians were unable to attend). Alan and Joan Beardsley represented the Cape Cod MA Unit and carried their flag in the opening ceremony; Bob Werth carried the Charter Oak CT Unit's flag; Lori Pierce carried the White Mountain NH Unit's flag; Bob Wood carried the New England Unit's flag; and Anne Werth carried Region One's flag.

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The White Mountain NH Unit's bulletin board created by Lori Pierce won a Special Recognition Award (white ribbon) and Charter Oak CT Unit's bulletin board by Rich Kushman, won Honorable Mention (green ribbon). Congratulations to both of you, Lori and Rich!

The Region One Luncheon on June 29th was arranged for by Anne Werth. Region One and Region One units donated a total of \$726 to the Common Cents program, plus 35 stuffed animals to the Children in Crisis program. Region One always leads WBCCI in per capita charitable good works. Lou and Coleman Mitchell of the White Mountain NH Unit were recognized at the region luncheon for more that 44 years of WBCCI membership. One of the longest records in the club!

#### DELEGATES' MEETING

All candidates for International office ran unopposed and the following slate of officers was elected:

International President	Ewart Philips
1st Vice-President	Max Carmichael
2nd Vice-president	Daryl Ewles
3rd Vice-president	James Haddaway
Int'l Secretary	Barbara Bergen
Int'l Treasurer	Bobbie Wilkins
Nominating Committee	Craig Lundberg, Wilson Yerk, and Elnora Moss.

There were a few "blue book" revisions to clarify policy, nothing controversial.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership trends are still downward, but at a slower rate. A new International Membership Committee headed by Marilyn Collins of Idaho will work to develop long-term programs to increase membership over the next few years. The other members of this committee are: Jamie King (North Carolina), Dale Webb (Texas), and yours truly (Region One). We need your ideas and support to ensure the viability of our club.

By the way, did you notice the new letterhead? The WBCCI circular logo remains, but the words "The Airstream RV Association" are prominent. This will help when we discuss our club with non-members, and will also help non-members to identify exactly who we are.

The four-color Region One new-member brochure (by Rich Kushman) was given great recognition by other regions. Many people asked for copies so that they can follow Region One's example. You can view it on the Region One website ([www.wbcc1.org](http://www.wbcc1.org)). We will bring some of the brochures to the Region One Rally in Tunbridge, Vermont. We have supplied some brochures to each unit's membership person for use in new-member recruitment.

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### HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR UNIT AND REGION RALLIES & DINNERS MORE FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING TO WORKING FAMILIES?

Region One is regarded as a young family-friendly region. yet we could do even better. For example, at the Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally (May 2001), we had a fireside discussion about making our unit rallies more suitable for people who are still in the work-force, whether or not they have children. There are units (*not* in Region One), that host mid-week rallies, ending on Friday or Saturday morning. This sends a strong negative message to people who are still working. Each unit in Region One has members in the "still-working" category.

I propose that each unit designate a Youth Chairman who can help plan unit events that offer programs of interest to working families and/or families with young children. This will help to recruit and retain new members. The Youth Chairman may also be able to pinpoint problem areas that may adversely affect young families attending our activities. After all, having kids at our rallies is more fun and helps keep us all younger!

### THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Max Carmichael announced that the 2003 International Rally will be held at the Essex Junction Fairgrounds near Burlington, Vermont. Max will be International President that year. Gary Levinson announced that he will be leading a "youth caravan" (you have to include a young person under 19 years in your rv in order to participate) following the International Rally. It will be oriented to families with children (your own or your grandchildren). It will be called the "Northeast Youth Caravan". Details will be announced.

### WBCCI RV PARKS PROGRAM

The WBCCI RV Parks Program has developed into a very useful benefit of your WBCCI membership. (See pages 282-316 in your International Directory). Many parks give *better* discounts to WBCCI members than they give to other groups, including Good Sam. All of this is included in your WBCCI membership package at no extra cost. Russ Fuller of the White Mountains NH Unit has agreed to head up the Region One effort to get more parks in our region to sign up.

### VINTAGE AIRSTREAM CLUB

The Vintage Airstream Club asked me to be one of 3 judges for 28 vintage Airstreams at the International Rally. It was a great experience for me. Some of the Vintage Airstreams were beautifully restored, and many were in original condition.

Many Vintage Airstream owners are younger people and some have children. Every afternoon at around 4 p.m., they sat around in a circle under a cool shade tree and had a "social hour" and talked about Airstreaming and finding and restoring old Airstreams. Meanwhile, their kids were swimming in a portable swimming pool and having a great time! Many of us envied the kids - that western sun was sure hot! The Vintage Airstream Club is a great addition to WBCCI.

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#### YANKEE DOODLE DANDY SPECIAL EVENT RALLY

The 2001 Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally was a resounding success. The rally earned a profit for the Region treasury. After considerable discussion between your region officers and the International Special Events Chairman, it was decided to change the date of the rally from May to the end of July. The reasons are:

1. The YDDR will not interfere with the units' spring business meetings which are all held in May.
2. The YDDR will then be held during vacation/caravanning season. This will bring in more people from outside the region (which is the objective of a Special Events rally).
3. It will not interfere with the Region Two region rally.
4. When held in July, it will precede the "Statue Of Liberty Rally".

While the region officers have organized the rally starting in 1999, it has drawn heavily on the resources of the Cape Cod MA Unit and Charter Oak CT Unit members to do most of the work. In the future, we are asking if any of the Region One units, either by themselves or in conjunction with another unit, want to work as the sponsoring group that puts on the rally; sharing proportionally in the surplus revenue.

#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN REGION OFFICE?

Region One needs a person interested in serving as the next 2nd Vice-president of Region One. I can confirm that serving as region president is a very rewarding experience. We have made many new friends all over North America. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate should contact Wayne Ruddy, Larry LaMontagne or Phyllis Fownes. Also, you can get in touch with Anne Werth, Ray Lemaire, or me as soon as possible.

#### REGION ONE RALLY'S SAFETY PROGRAM

Region One is sponsoring a special safety program at this year's region rally in Tunbridge, Vermont. I urge that everyone come prepared to participate in this worthwhile program. It can save lives and property damage.

The program involves rv safety in tow vehicles, trailers, and motor homes. Here is a small sampling of the topics to be covered:

- a. hitch problem failures for 1992-99 Suburbans
- b. overloading of tow vehicles & trailers
- c. setting up of equalizer spring bars
- d. motor home weights relative to tire pressure
- e. regulations regarding installation of brakes on towed vehicles

The program will include:

1. Bob Young of the US DOT in Washington, D.C. will present information that he gave at the International Rally in Sioux Falls; information that could save lives and avoid property damage. Bob had a standing-room-only crowd at the International Rally. He has agreed to present this program at our region rally.

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2. John Anderson of "A'Veigh We Go" and the "Recreation Vehicle Safety Education Foundation, Inc." will also be at Tunbridge to weigh each wheel of our tow vehicles, trailers, or motor homes. The cost is only \$30, and he will give each participant a full written report. (Once you have heard Bob Young's program, you will want to have your equipment weighed and analyzed).

3. Bob Young will bring with him a Suburban hitch receiver which was removed from a vehicle at Sioux Falls. It shows numerous serious cracks and was ready to totally fall off the tow vehicle. Bob will inspect the receiver of any tow vehicle at no charge, as long as the owner agrees.

Many lives can be saved and considerable equipment losses can be prevented if everyone participates.

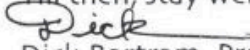
FALL INSTALLATION/BUSINESS MEETING RALLIES' SCHEDULE

Cape Cod MA Unit	Sept. 14, 2001	Ray Lemaire
Canadian Atlantic Unit	Sept. 14, 2001	Anne Werth
Quebec-Canada Unit	Sept. 14, 2001	Dick Bartram
White Mts. NH Unit	Sept. 21, 2001	Ray Lemaire
New England Unit	Sept. 28, 2001	Dick Bartram
Charter Oak CT Unit	Nov. 4, 2001	Anne Werth

IN CLOSING,

We look forward to seeing you at the Region One Rally in Tunbridge, Vermont, hosted by White Mountains NH Unit, on August 22nd through August 26th, 2001.

Till then, stay well and drive carefully.

  
 Dick Bartram, President,  
 Region One - WBCCI



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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

## AUGUST 2001



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are taking advantage of what Connecticut has to offer by spending a few days at Hammonasset State Park. We were happy to find space available in mid-week without reservations. It reminds me of the good time we had at the June Rally hosted by Bud & Jessie Gould and Wayne & Susan Rutty. We also were able to get away and attend the "Mad Hatter" rally in late June put on by the White Mountain NH Unit in North Conway, NH. Lois took second prize with her crazy flamingo hat.

As we were unable to attend the International Rally in Sioux Falls, I make this report 3rd hand. The attendees were the Bartrams, Henschels, Ingallineras and Werths. COCU's flag was carried by Bob Werth. The joint party with Cape Cod Unit was attended by about 30 people and was a successful event. We were proud to say the Bulletin Board received a ribbon for "Honorable Mention", Thank you to Rich Kushman!!! Who says recycling does not pay off.

Now its off to the August 3-5 rally in East Windsor, CT to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Charter Oak CT Unit's charter; please bring any pictures and stories that you want to share. There will be an auction held to raise funds to add to our treasury. We ask you to donate any duplicate items you have accumulated, items you don't want anymore or things you are tired of lugging around and do not use. Put it in your trailer or truck now so you won't forget it. You ought to make a list of things to bring on the Caravan (August 5-12) as we depart right after the August Rally.

Help is needed for the Region 1 Rally in Tunbridge, VT on August 23-26. Each unit is to provide a team of Athletes to compete in various games to be held as part of the "Old Fashioned Picnic", Rules will be posted. Games will be as follows:

Bike Race - (1 man, 1 female, 1 or 2 youth)

Water Balloon Toss (1 couple - 2 youth)

Park the Trailer (1 couple - 2 youth)

Medley Relay Race (5 people)

Example: Bike Race - Objective to be the last across the finish line without touching the ground with your feet.

We also need 6-8 volunteers to serve the Friday Pasta Dinner. I think it would be good if we could get some of the newer members to do the serving, it's a great way for them to meet everyone!! Why not come to the rally on Wednesday, as entertainment has been added for that night.

Someone said - "Nothing is particularly hard, if you divide it into small jobs."

See you down the road,

*Ted Price*

### CHARTER OAK CT UNIT 30TH ANNIVERSARY AUGUST BUDDY RALLY UPDATE

For those planning to attend, we would like to hear your interesting stories from past rallies, caravans or travels; or you can tell a joke. If you would like to participate, please see Michael or Sandy Sasuta #22438, at the August Rally where this special anniversary celebration will take place. Help to make it a memorable occasion.

Please try to join us at the August Rally where we will have this special Anniversary celebration on Saturday evening with dinner and a program. Please see the flyer for the August rally in this month's Chatter. If you would like to just come for the dinner and the evening program you are more than welcome. A separate price for dinner only is on the flyer.

On Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM there will be a mini flea market that will run through happy hour until dinner. If you would like to sell anything please bring your goodies or crafts with you. We are expecting a large turnout of approximately 35 units. Also as President Ted Price has announced he will be running an auction with the proceeds going to the unit, so if you don't sell all of your goods at the flea market, you could donate them to the auction to be held toward the end of dinner.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

August 3-5, 2001

"A Weekend in the Historic CT  
Tobacco Valley Part 2"  
Buddy Rally

Roberts Private Airport  
East Windsor, CT  
Jim & Corinne Burnham  
Michael & Lianne Rutty

August 5-12, 2001

Summer Caravan to Assateague  
State Park Ocean City, MD &  
Cape May, NJ

Rich & Kathy Kushman

August 23-26, 2001

Region 1 Rally  
"Camp Airstream-Back to  
Basics"

Tunbridge Worlds Fairgrounds  
Tunbridge, VT  
White Mountain NH Unit  
Russ Fuller

October 5-7, 2001

"SUBlime Time"  
Fall Rally

US Naval Submarine Base  
Groton, CT  
Rich & Kathy Kushman  
Tony & Dorothy Sherman



**BIRTHDAYS**

Jim Burnham	07/01
Ted Price	07/03
Kathy Kushman	07/05
Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Helen Gatavaski	07/09
Mary Louise Wellington	07/14
Rosalie Moffo	07/15
Chandler Taylor	07/19
Megan Fuller	07/21
Richard Moffo	07/23
Claire Lines	07/23
Jackie Lucas	07/25
Judy Good	07/26
Lois Price	07/26
Kathy Fuller	07/29
Dorothy O'Conner	07/30

Gregory Davis	08/01
Dorothy Long	08/01
Ann Droheim	08/07
Jeanne Wilson	08/08
Shirley Edmondson	08/09
Andrea Lucas	08/12
Jackie Brown	08/16
Adria Link	08/18
Pam Bleakney	08/21
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	08/30

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Don & Pat Rawson	07/01
Edward & Mary Wellington	07/02
Jim & Angela Tauras	07/03
Charles & Jeanne Wilson	07/04
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

John & Ruby Fuller	08/01
Richard & Dorothy Long	08/03
Lincoln & Nancy White	08/03
Howard & Carolyn Knight	08/17
Walter & Dee Holliday	08/22
Theodore & Andrea Lucas	08/25

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Please send your dues to Sandy Sasuta ASAP. The sooner you can get them to her the easier we all can make her job of getting the information to Headquarters on time. Thanks for your help.

**"CAMP AIRSTREAM - BACK TO BASICS"  
REGION 1 RALLY**

The Region 1 Rally "Camp Airstream - Back to Basics" will be held from Thursday, August 23rd thru Sunday, August 26, 2001 at the Tunbridge Worlds Fairgrounds in Tunbridge, Vermont. Please see the registration form in this month's *Chatter*. Why not send it in today? If you register prior to August 1, 2001 you will receive a \$10.00 discount. Russ Fuller and The White Mountain New Hampshire Unit have put a lot of effort into planning what will sure to be a great rally.

Pre-Rally parking is available on Wednesday night, August 22 and Post-Rally on Sunday night, August 27, 2001 for only \$12.00 per night. Why not come early or stay late and do some sightseeing in the area.

Tunbridge is an exceptional Vermont town set in the heart of the Green Mountains just a short drive from Interstate 89. With a driving time of about 2 1/2 hours from Hartford, Quebec City, Boston and Portland, Maine it is centrally located. This location will provide the rally goer an excellent base camp for the many sites and activities that Vermont has to offer. Some of the more notable attractions are: Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Rock of Ages, Cabot Cheese and Montpelier, along with a variety of breweries and wineries. The Tunbridge "Worlds Fair" is the nation's oldest agricultural fairgrounds with water and 15 amp electric for all and a new dump station. "Camp Airstream" will provide its campers with 3 nights of camping, 3 Vermont Breakfasts and 3 Dinners. Each evening we will have entertainment, ice cream and "Life After Nine".

On Thursday afternoon we will be treated to an "Old Fashion Picnic" with games and an evening campfire where we will be charmed by a professional story teller that specializes in folk tales. Friday we will have the opportunity to learn at any of the planned seminars through out the day, or sight see the area. A pasta dinner and entertainment by the Boot Scoot 'n Boomers and "Life After Nine" will complete the evening. Saturday is our opportunity to conduct our Region 1 business and allow time for a flea market/hobby show as well an opportunity for our vintage units to show off a little. Saturday evening we will have a catered chicken dinner followed by John Timpanelli an impressionist, singer who was the featured entertainer for the Unit Presidents dinner at the International Rally in Dayton, Ohio. Of course there will be ice cream and "Life after Nine". Sunday, after a morning breakfast, church and a closing event we will have ample time to depart at a relaxing pace.

On Thursday evening during the Picnic our unit will need to field teams to participate in the following games:

- Bike Race
- Water Balloon Toss
- Park the Trailer
- Medley Relay Race

Charter Oak will be responsible for serving the Pasta Dinner on Friday evening, please see Mike Rutty if you would like to help.

"Camp Airstream - Back to Basics" will provide all who attend in true WBCCI fashion an outstanding value inclusive of food, entertainment, ice cream and good old "Fun, Friendship and Adventure". The entire "Camp Airstream" staff is looking forward to your visit. Lets have a great showing from Charter Oak.

**YANKEE DOODLE DANDY RALLY**

We want to thank the members of your unit who did so much to make the 2001 Yankee Doodle Dandy Rally a resounding success! To name individual members would risk leaving someone out, but we appreciate all of your members who participated in the YDDR in any way.

Some members "sliced & diced"; some washed dishes and cleaned up; some frosted cakes and served food; some helped set up the rally and packed it up; some sang and marched very energetically; and all who attended had a rousing good time! The kids who attended really kept us all upbeat - we enjoyed seeing them play in the kids' games (and play bingo) and also enjoyed watching them get their awards.

Thanks very much for all your help.

*Dick and Eileen Bartram*  
#281

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome regular members Carol & Bud Skelly of Old Saybrook, CT and affiliate members Tom & Kathy Howarth of Portsmouth, RI to Charter Oak. We hope that they will be able to join us at an upcoming event soon. If you see them around please stop and give them a big Charter Oak welcome. Please add the following information to your directory:

Carol & Bud Skelly  
274 Schoolhouse Road  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475-1052  
Phone: 860-399-7655  
Birthdays: Carol - 12/26  
Bud - 11/15  
Anniversary: 2/9

Tom & Kathy Howarth  
WBCCI #6490  
133 Windward Drive  
Portsmouth, RI 02817  
Phone (401) 862-1719  
Email: howarth@airstream.net

It was great to see Dick & Molly Cherouny and Jonathan Gilchrist & Holly Johnson make it to their first rally, the Hammonasset Buddy Rally in June.

Hope to see all of these families at another rally or event soon.

**GET WELL WISHES**

Get well wishes go to Jackie Brown who recovering from oral surgery.

If you know of a member who is ill or recently lost a family member please let the editors know so they can notify the members.

**CHARTER OAK BULLETIN BOARD**

Each year at the WBCCI International a competition is held with the Club's bulletin boards. The three contest categories are: THEME, GEOGRAPHICAL, OR ORIGINALITY. Each International has a THEME to follow and there are dimensions of 2x4 feet that must be used. COCU has the board.

When I am President for the 2002 year I would like to have a committee appointed to work on this project. This can be a fun gathering of several "artistic" or "creative" people. The meetings can occur at our rallies or other times of your choice. Right now I would like to see several volunteers that could have input into this project. These volunteers would appoint their own leader to coordinate everything.

Since this has to be done each year, it should be an ongoing committee. It doesn't have to be the same people. Once launched, others could volunteer some ideas, join the committee, or just be a little involved.

I have pictures of all the better-recognized Boards from the Bismarck Rally. In 2002 the International is in Rapid City but in 2003 the rumor is it will be in the East and pretty close to us. At that International which I suspect many will attend you will see how important to the Unit's prestige the Bulletin Board contest is.

If you feel you would like to try your hand please contact me, remember this is not a locked in commitment, if you can't fit it in, that's fine. But we do need members who are interested enough to help out. It should not be left to one person to shoulder it.

*Please help.*

*Charlie Wilson*

*203-746-3506 or E-mail: c7459u@aol.com*

**"A BEACH OF A TIME IN 2001"**

The COCU June Rally at Hammonasset Beach State Park turned out indeed to be A Beach Of a Rally. A record setting total of 31 trailers attended. As it was a Buddy rally, six of those were "OTA's" (other than Airstreams). Sounds a little kinder than brand X or SOB doesn't it?

Although the weather was a little wet from time to time we managed to keep dry. Except for hosts Bud and Jessie Gould and co hosts Wayne and Susan Rutty and their Saturday morning breakfast crew who collected a few rain drops where their rain gear didn't cover. We had campfires Friday and Saturday nights with ice cream and samores and all the memories that accrue from a pleasant evening by the campfire.

As far as anyone can remember, this rally set an all time record for attendance at a COCU rally. It was the highest number of trailers and by far the largest number of people. There were a total of 108 people participating, 90 adults and 18 children. Of the adults there were 17 who came for the day only on Saturday. Jessie Gould is renowned for her food planning and preparation skills and undoubtedly was the magnet that drew people from far and wide. And as usual she did an outstanding job and did herself proud. I doubt that anyone went away hungry. All of her helpers also did a wonderful job.

Saturday evening we were entertained by the *Old Paint*, a guitar, harmonica, singing duet who played and sang old west and railroad songs. We sang along to many of the tunes including Let Me Call You Sweetheart. Our grand children asked after the first song if they were "going to play any of their songs". They were soon fully entertained by the music and said afterward that they enjoyed it. Saturday night we had a potluck supper with casseroles, salads and deserts and Gourmet hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by the volunteer cook crew...delicious.

Susan and Lianne Rutty organized kids games for the children on Saturday, the highlights of which were a treasure hunt (in the rain) and balloon toss, always popular with kids. Russ Fuller from the White Mountain Unit gave a personal invitation to everyone to come to the Region One rally to be held in Tunbridge Vermont August 23-26. Everyone left for home with fond memories of "A Beach Of A Time". Thanks to everyone who helped out with the rally to make it a huge success.

*Charle Eglise  
#7898*

**NEW MEMBER ON THE WAY**

James Henry Rutty would like to let everyone know that he is expecting a new baby brother or sister on February 5, 2002. James said, "Mommy and Daddy (Lianne & Mike Rutty) are very excited and are making room in the Airstream for my new brother or sister."

# A weekend in the Historic Connecticut Tobacco River Valley II

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Charter Oak

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

August 3 – 5, 2001



WBCCI - Charter Oak CT Unit

Hosted by Jim & Corinne Burnham and Mike, Lianne & James Rutty

### 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)
- 4:00 PM – Happy Hour in the Tobacco Shed
- 5:30 PM– Anniversary Celebration Dinner
  - Chicken Barbecue Dinner with all the fix'ins
- 7:00 PM- 30 years of Charter Oak – Desert & Campfire to follow.

#### Sunday

- 8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast
- Have a safe trip home or on the Caravan!!!

We will have a Honey Wagon onsite at 7:30 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 into 140 South Main Street (Route 5) – 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.

#### Cost for the weekend:

- ◆ Rally Fee: \$10.00 per Adult \$5.00 Children Ages 7-16 **(Includes Saturday Dinner)**
- ◆ If you would like to join us for just the Anniversary Celebration & Chicken Barbecue only the cost will be \$6.00 per adult/ \$4.00 per kid
- ◆ Parking: \$30.00 per Unit. (Please note that this amount is based on 20 units attending and cost to be adjusted based on final attendance.)

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Please Respond by July 30, 2001

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

Number Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Includes Dinner)

Kids \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Includes Dinner)

Saturday Dinner Only \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Parking .....\$30.00/Weekend

Total Enclosed.....

Please Make Checks Payable to: Michael Rutty

Mail to: Michael Rutty  
7 Winthrop Road  
Chester, CT 06412

# Caravan

August 2001



**August 5 - 12 - Immediately Following The August Rally**

Going on the Caravan?  
Then come to the rally!

Hints  
Reminders  
Thoughts  
Ideas

## **Camping World**

- \* Schedule any repair or installation for early Monday August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Water is available - no dumping.

## **Assateague**

- \* Fishing, clamming, and crabbing are available without license, bring any necessary equipment.
- \* Biking, canoeing, kyaking, nature programs, nature walks, movies, shopping outlets, golf, Ocean City boardwalk, historic Berlin.
- \* Things you might bring: Bikes, rollerblades, scooters, canoe, water shoes, sand chairs, sun screen, beach umbrella, walking shoes, golf clubs.
- \* National Seashore next to state park with activities and programs available.

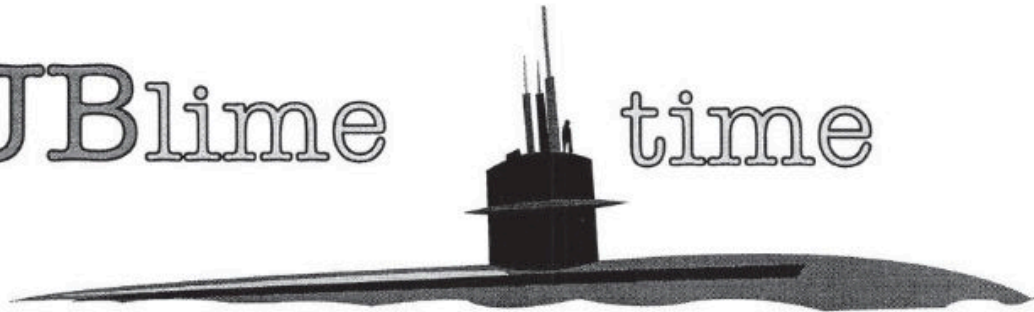
## **Cape May**

- \* Water, limited electric, and swimming pool available.
- \* Atlantic City, Wildwood (honky-tonk) boardwalk, and Victorian Cape May nearby.

**One Space Available - Call Now**

For Information Contact:  
Richard or Kathleen Kushman 860-739-2066  
Email: [silvershadow@snet.net](mailto:silvershadow@snet.net)

# SUBlime time



Event: . . . . . Airstream Rally  
 Location: . . . . . Submarine Base, Groton, CT  
 Dates: . . . . . Oct. 5, 6, 7, 2001  
 Units: . . . . . Space for 25 units only, sign up early.

Type: . . . . . Dry camping: no hookups, no dumping.

Food: . . . . . Friday: Dinner on your own  
 Cake & coffee social  
 Saturday: Breakfast provided  
 Dinner: Hot pasta pot luck with salad & bread provided.  
 Desert provided.  
 Sunday: Breakfast provided

Entertainment: The magic & comedy of Jim Spinnato - Saturday 6:00pm dinner to follow

Price: . . . . . \$75.00 per unit up to two people

### Activities

On Base: . . . . . Nautilus Museum, Golf, Tennis, Movies

Nearby: . . . . . Mystic Seaport, Aquarium, Casinos, Coast Guard Museum, Fort Trumbull

## Reserve a space "Now"

Call Richard or Kathleen Kushman  
 860-739-2066  
 Email: [silvershadow@snet.net](mailto:silvershadow@snet.net)

Send A Check To: Richard Kushman  
 107 Pennsylvania Ave.  
 Niantic, CT 06354

Extra People and Guests \$10.00 each





## 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 = \_\_\_\_\_

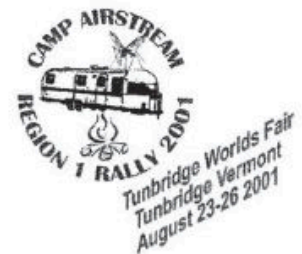
**TOTAL \$ = \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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**CAMP AIRSTREAM**  
 REGION 1 RALLY 2001



*Tunbridge Worlds Fair  
 Tunbridge Vermont  
 August 23-26 2001*

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE "CAMP AIRSTREAM" REGION 1 RALLY - SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!!!**

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

SEPTEMBER 2001



## 30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION 1971-2001

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems so long ago, but it was just August 3rd when we celebrated the 30th anniversary of Charter Oak CT Unit at Roberts Airport in East Windsor. We reviewed the history books of past years rallies and events. These books were created by our Historian, Ruth Crockett. The auction netted \$92.00 for the club treasury and I am told provided some laughs and entertainment. Our thanks to the Burnham's and M. Ruttys for a great weekend. The rally was the starting point for the Caravan to Camping World in NJ, Assateague State Park in MD and a ferry ride (trailer included) to Cape May, NJ. Rich & Kathy Kushman did an outstanding job creating a successful caravan. Wow!! What better way to spend the week. It was nice to see our Arizona members, Bill & Jeannette O'Donald join the Caravan. Special thanks to Chuck Bleakney of the New England Unit who came to the rescue of several of the Caravaners with his technical repairs and expertise. It was great to have a fix-it-on the spot person along on the caravan.

What a wonderful location to have the Region 1 Rally. The Tunbridge Worlds Fairgrounds were surrounded by the Green Mountains. We seemed to be in our own little valley, and the weather was just right. Our days were filled with food, friendship, seminars and shopping. The evenings produced more food, social hours and great entertainment. Chairmen Russ & Rhona Fuller and the White Mountain NH Unit committees did a superb job to bring us a wonderful Region Rally. Charter Oak gave a full measure of support.

I would like to tell you about several subjects that were discussed at the Region One business meeting. First, WBCCI is providing a 1 year free membership to first time purchasers of an Airstream product new or used through an Airstream dealer. It was suggested that each unit provide a 1 year free membership in the unit to coincide with the international offer. At the May 12th business meeting Charter Oak members voted to have these new members dues waived for the first year. So please spread the word and if you hear of someone buying an Airstream from a dealer get them to join Charter Oak, its FREE for the first year. It was also suggested that if you sell you Airstream privately to a prospective member you could consider paying the new owners WBCCI dues for the first year (\$45.00). Charter Oak would waive the \$12.00 dues for the first year in this case.

The other subject that was discussed was "The Yankee Doodle Dandy" Special Event Rally. It appears that the organization of this rally will fall on the "units" rather than the Region Officers. Since time is very short for a rally in say July 2002, than plans should be discussed to have the Yankee Doodle Rally or another special event rally coincide with the International Rally to be held in Vermont in July 2003, if Charter Oak wants to become involved. This will be further discussed at an upcoming business meeting.

Lois and I are making plans to possibly attend the "Turn Back The Clock" NY State Rally on September 13-17 in New Paltz, NY hosted by the Metro NY Unit. Please find the flyer attached for this event. We also have signed up to attend the October 5-7, 2001 Charter Oak Rally "SUBlime Time" hosted by Rich & Kathy Kushman and Tony & Dorothy Sherman at the US Navel Submarine Base in Groton, CT. There are still plenty of room for you to attend this rally, please send in your reservation to Rich soon so that he can plan.

In closing, "To understand the value of money, you have to save some, spend some and give some away.

See you down the road,  
*Ted*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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Fall Rally

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Groton, CT

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Tony & Dorothy Sherman

November 4, 2001

Installation Dinner Meeting

Dakota Restaurant  
Milford, CT

Mike & Sandy Sasuta

December 9, 2001

Holiday Party

Sans-Souci Restaurant  
Berlin, CT

Bud & Jessie Gould

### DUES DUE!!

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Sharon Henschel	09/06
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Carolyn Knight	09/11
Brian Fuller	09/13
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Betty Tuckerman	09/18
Rod Dole	09/22
James Tauras	09/25
Michael Link	09/27
Per Hamnqvist	09/30

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Bob & Helen Sandall	09/06
Joseph & Carol Potter	09/11
Wayne & Susan Rutty	09/11
Paul & Judy Good	09/15
Reggie & Jackie Brown	09/18
Chandler & Jacoba Taylor	09/19
Michael & Lianne Rutty	09/28

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome affiliate members Linda & Wayne Moore of Windham, NH to Charter Oak. We hope that they will be able to join us at an upcoming event soon. If you see them around please stop and give them a big Charter Oak welcome. Please add the following information to your directory:

Linda & Wayne Moore  
 WBCCI #15116  
 131 Castle Hill Road  
 Windham, NH  
 Phone: 603-881-5299  
 Birthdays: Linda - 3/17  
                   Wayne - 9/8  
 Anniversary: 9/7  
 Email: wam52@airstream.net  
       Moorelinda@airstream.net

**GET WELL WISHES**

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*Michael Rutty*  
 #16264

**HAPPY 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TO US!**

Thirty-nine rigs with members, affiliates and buddies gathered for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for Charter Oak Connecticut Unit at the Robert's Airport in East Windsor, CT. The setting was just perfect along side the Connecticut River with the Airport take off and landing strip right to the side of us. The weather was rather warm with showers, but the spirits were high with events taking place in the tobacco shed on site. The history books were on the tables and they were fun to "look back" and see what had transpired from the beginning of our existence.

Saturday afternoon's entertainment was the plane rides given by the Robert's family. There were many who rode along in the 65-year-old two-seater plane. We understand that there was some barnstorming and other interesting maneuvers that took place, much to the delight and screams of the riders. The end of the take off field was directly up and over the Connecticut River. It was apparent how much of a drought there is in the area by how low the Connecticut River is.

We were treated to super meals with the highlighted meal on Saturday evening. The evening crowd of 120 enjoyed the chicken dinner, with all the trimmings. The "evening entertainment" was an auction conducted by auctioneer President Ted Price, who enlisted the assistance of Ruth Crockett. There were some "priceless" treasures auctioned off with the auctioneer singing appropriate tunes with the sale of some of the items. It was definitely vintage Ted Price! Following the auction, came the anniversary cakes, all four of them. The Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream was scooped and the cakes sliced and served to enjoyment of the group.

Sunday morning's continental breakfast was presented for the morning fare. The "pumping operation" readied the Assateague Caravaneers for the first leg of their trip to Assateague State Park in Maryland. Twenty-five rigs prepared for their trek and left at their leisure. The wrap-up of the rally site was completed and the last rig, Michael, Lianne and James Rutty followed along as the caboose.

All had a fun time. We thank Michael, Lianne & James Rutty and Jim & Corinne Burnham for hosting this 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for Charter Oak. Corinne was unable to attend due to her recent surgery, and we send along our good wishes for her speedy recovery.

Safe travels and see you down the road!

*Anne Werth,*  
 #13703

**1971 OFFICERS - OUR FIRST YEAR!!**

President.....	Emile Raboin
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2nd Vice President.....	Thomas Brennan
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**PHOTO FROM FIRST  
CHARTER OAK CT UNIT RALLY  
4H GROUNDS - STONY HILL - BETHEL, CT  
APRIL 30-MAY 2, 1971**

**FROM DICK BARTRAM REGION 1 PRESIDENT**

Eileen and I wish to express our sincere appreciation to all who attended and worked so hard together to make the 2001 Region One Rally in Tunbridge, VT, such a success. Special recognition is due Russ Fuller and the White Mountain New Hampshire Unit, and Mike Ruddy and his crew, for their months of planning and days of selfless labor to provide us with a well-run event with excellent meals. All 6 Region One units contributed many members to help at every event and with meal preparation and serving.

Anne Werth and Raynold Lemaire each presented excellent seminars on membership, prospective unit officers, and first-timers. Such information sharing is valuable to all, but especially to our newer members interested in becoming more involved with their unit and region. Thanks, Anne; thanks, Ray.

Russ had arranged for the Governor of Vermont to be at the opening of the rally with TV coverage and newspaper publicity. With only 30 minutes of the Governor's time available to us, the opening ceremony was abbreviated to accommodate him. As it happened, the Governor was unable to come, but another official was promised to be there. Unfortunately, some 30 minutes before the opening ceremony was to begin, we were informed that no government official would be coming. We were disappointed because the resulting TV/newspaper coverage would have been very positive for WBCCI - especially in light of the upcoming 2003 International Rally in Essex Junction, VT. We decided to stay with the planned opening ceremony.

We were fortunate to have 3 International officers at our rally: 3rd International Vice-president Jim Haddaway and his wife Janie; International Treasurer Bobbie Wilkins and her husband Carl; and 1st International Vice-president Max Carmichael and his wife Donna.

The Carmichaels and Jim and Loretta Moss (she will be Max's secretary next year), were to meet with the Governor of Vermont at our rally. Also, Max wished to reinforce his commitment to Region One and to the 2001 International Rally. They left on Saturday (after the region meeting) to go on to Burlington, VT, to work on arrangements for his rally.

We had many fine programs, including a presentation by Bob Young (US DOT) and John Anderson (A Weigh We Go). A record 29 Airstream trailers and motorhomes were weighed. The results will be summarized in a future message.

Rex Miner, Vice-President of Product Development of Airstream, was with us on Friday to talk to members and to meet with Bob Young and John Anderson. He found his visit very enlightening.

In closing, I reflect on what a fine group of people WBCCI is. It is 100% volunteer - no one is paid a cent for their services. We all spend our funds and give so much of our time to make belonging to WBCCI a good experience for others. There will be times when we may not agree on everything, but let us remember that we are not expected to always agree. But we should always treat one another with love and respect.

No volunteer organizations can long exist without the work of many people. What sets us apart is how well we encourage each other as we work together. Think of how differently you feel about offering your help when you are afraid of being criticized rather than being thanked.

If we withhold our encouragement and signs of appreciation for the efforts we see others make, can we be surprised when people grow more reluctant to pitch in when there is a job to be done? And if we are quick to let others know their mistakes, is it any wonder when they find reasons not to help?

Fortunately, Region One has a good supply of willing volunteers who have blessed us with many fine rallies. To all of them, we send our deepest appreciation and we thank you for all that you have done.

Eileen and I wish you all the best,  
Dick Bartram #281  
Region 1 President

*Reprinted from the September, 1999 Issue of the "Charter Oak Chatter"*

## IT ALL BEGAN WITH A QUESTION

In 1969, 3,402 Airstreams gathered in Hershey, PA for the thirteenth International Rally. Among those attending were Ruth & Roger Crockett who were members of the Berkshire, NY Unit. When they mentioned that their home was in Torrington, CT people asked, "Why didn't Connecticut have a unit of their own?" We of a later date, must remember that in the early days of the club, WBCCI was growing at a rapid rate. Consequently, this challenge started several Connecticut Airstreamers thinking, which led to several informal meetings. All of this

1. Of course money was needed, so when they had a rally at a public campground, the members would clean out their attics and cellars so they could hold an auction. Dave Clark & Roger Crockett would hook up a loud speaker and travel around the campground announcing that great things would be auctioned. They did quite well.
2. Percy Hurlburt and Cad Freeman would prepare a much appreciated bean hole dinner.
3. Harry & Ingrid Hulton would often lead the group in Square Dancing.
4. If there was a common size and age trailer in the early days, it would have been a 1972, 25 foot unit. At least the Clarks, Crocketts, Nelsons and Rosenbecks owned one through the years.
5. Membership varied through the years but today's 61 members is probably the largest.
6. They thought Rud Bloomer was a great recruiter and his Rally at the Stone House in NY was outstanding.

We, who did not join until 1977 were impressed with the fare at the first rally of the season, at Wolf's Dean in East Haddam. Audrey Clark, Lydia Rosenbeck and others served a Friday night dinner of soups in crock pots. They did this for several years. This prepared us for the annual hike to Gillette Castle on Saturday.

Well, for us, it was a delightful evening's conversation with three of our charter members of COCU, whose loyalty has only increased through the years. We all owe them a great big THANK YOU!

Jim Edmondson  
#13992

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## STORIES FROM "THE CHATTER" - YEAR ONE - 1971

*Reprinted from the May, 1971 Issue of the "Charter Oak Chatter" - Story about the first rally held April 30-May 2, 1971 at the 4H Grounds, Bethel, CT*

With the rain falling Friday, Sixteen brave souls still hooked up their trailers and headed for Bethel and we were so glad we went.....had a real nice time and Saturday was just beautiful. Coffee and donuts were on hand for both the early and late risers. Gab fests were in order, bike riding, some baseball, airplane flying, fishing, frisbee and a real "noisy" game of Michigan Rummy; which ran incidentally, from Friday night through Sunday. Hey! It's your deal Mary!! Several of the fellows were seen heading for Camperama Saturday. Told the gals they were going to put in their order for Excellas. How about that campfire, folks, wasn't that a real cozy group. Those in attendance: Crocketts, Kings, Sheffields, Metzlers, Hulberts, Sheehans, Raboins, Freemans, Sectors, Arquetts, Clarks, Gallahers, Fields, Withingtons, Dirgas, and Fuscus.

*Reprinted from the June, 1971 Issue of the "Charter Oak Chatter" - Story about the second rally held June 4-6, 1971 at the Skyveiw Campsites, Washington, MA*

Fair weather prevailed over the weekend much to the pleasure of 23 Airstreamers and their "buddies" who were camped at Skyveiw for our rally.

The usual "Coffee and" and good fellowship were in order on Friday evening followed by a real inviting campfire. Saturday the younger members and guests kept all the trailerites racking their brains trying to fulfill the list of necessities for their treasure hunt. A real professional ???game of baseball was enjoyed by all the kids, young and old.

The pool was frequently used and icicles hung from the bathing suits as they climbed out of the water.

A meeting was held at 4:00 PM on Saturday. By Laws were accepted to be presented at Salem for the approval of International. The Charter Oak Tree was accepted as our official seal and the colors blue and white were voted on as the club colors.

Following the meeting, the gals really outdid themselves and provided one of the finest pot luck dinners ever. Sunday socializing and church going took precedent in the AM.

All reluctantly departed after agreeing a fine weekend had been enjoyed. Many thanks to the Clarks and Brennans, our hosts.





# Charter

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:

WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC., a corporation not for profit organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio by virtue of charter filed as number 264340 on June 21, 1957, with the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio and recorded in Volume 771 on page 224 of the Records of Incorporation of said state DOES HEREBY GRANT AND ISSUE UNTO

## Charter Oak Connecticut Unit

a unit charter as an affiliate member of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

Said unit charter is issued pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Rules, Code of Regulations, Constitution and By-laws of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. and subject thereto.

The unit hereby chartered shall be deemed, and is, a division or branch of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. and its members are members of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., duly qualified and approved by the Board of Trustees thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto subscribed the name and affixed the official seal, of Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. by Alex Christiansen, its President, and W. B. Stanley, its Secretary, this 23rd day of June, 19 71.

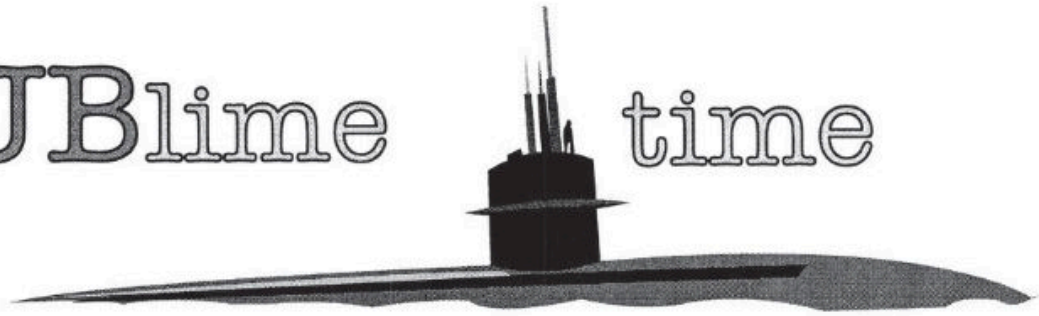


WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By Alex Christiansen  
President

By W. B. Stanley  
Secretary

# SUBlime time



Event: . . . . . Airstream Rally  
 Location: . . . . . Submarine Base, Groton, CT  
 Dates: . . . . . Oct. 5, 6, 7, 2001  
 Units: . . . . . Space for 25 units only, sign up early.

Type: . . . . . Dry camping: no hookups, no dumping.

Food: . . . . . Friday: Dinner on your own  
 Cake & coffee social  
 Saturday: Breakfast provided  
 Dinner: Hot pasta pot luck with salad & bread provided.  
 Desert provided.  
 Sunday: Breakfast provided

Entertainment: The magic & comedy of Jim Spinnato - Saturday 6:00pm dinner to follow

Price: . . . . . \$75.00 per unit up to two people

### Activities

On Base: . . . . . Nautilus Museum, Golf, Tennis, Movies

Nearby: . . . . . Mystic Seaport, Aquarium, Casinos, Coast Guard Museum, Fort Trumbull

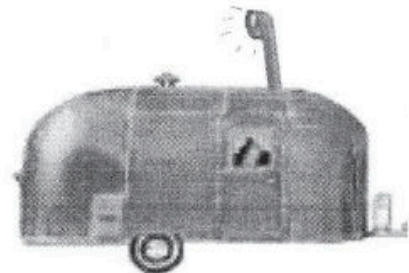
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**November 4, 2001**

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With your choice of fresh fruit, whipped cream, VT maple  
Syrup, HOMEBAKED BREADS and muffins, SMOKED FISH,  
OMELETTES to order, CARVING STATION, DESSERT, juice,  
Coffee and tea.**

**DIRECTIONS: Northbound or Southbound on I95, take Exit 39B. Continue  
North on US 1 past CT Post Shopping Mall. Dakota will be  
Approximately 1 mile on the right side, across from Wayside  
Furniture.**

**Please call or mail reservations to arrive by Monday, October 29, 2001 with  
checks payable to:**

**Sandy Sasuta  
476 Milford Point Road (203) 878-8070  
Milford, CT 06460**

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**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

**# \_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$21.00 each \_\_\_\_\_**

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**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**





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# METRO NY UNIT INVITES YOU TO

## "Turn Back The Clock"

New York State Rally at New Paltz, NY  
September 13-17, 2001

Our Rally Site is at the Ulster County Fairgrounds on the outskirts of the historical town of New Paltz settled by the French Huguenots over 300 years ago. There will be four nights of parking, water, electric and dump station. It is conveniently located near the New York State Thruway.

Tours include a guided trip to West Point, Mohonk Mountain House, Hudson River Boat Ride and narrated walking tour through the Huguenot settlement. Additional tours of historical Kingston, the D and H canal museum and Rosendale, the source for the cement in building the Brooklyn Bridge.

Magicians, the River Banjo Players, and the Barbershop Quartet will highlight our entertainment. On opening night we will "Turn Back The Clock" with a program on the history of the Huguenots.

There will be 4 breakfasts, one optional dinner, ice cream socials, craft workshops, safety seminars, golf tournament, hobby/craft/flea market show and bushels of prizes.

The Rally will be children friendly. with a special Young Peoples Program Brochure.

Early bullpen parking at no charge will be available on Wednesday.

Directions: Take Exit 18 off the NY State Thruway. Travel west on Route 299 through the village of New Paltz and watch for Fairground sign. Turn left on County Route 7 to Fairgrounds.

Additional information- Alex Greenblatt, Chairperson, (845) 229-8502 E-mail: [agrecchem@aol.com](mailto:agrecchem@aol.com)

Registration name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special Parking(Check) Handicap \_\_\_ Unit Pres. \_\_\_ Reg./Int. \_\_\_ VAC attendee \_\_\_

Young people's names and ages \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee - Per person ( no charge: children up to and including 12 yrs. ) \$ 30 x ( # of people )- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parking - ( Available Thursday to Mon. morning -4 nights ) \$12 per night x ( # of nights )- \_\_\_\_\_

Tours: Fri. 9/14- Mohonk Mt. House Resort/ Buffet Lunch- all day- <sup>\$ 36.</sup> ~~\$ 30~~ x # \_\_\_\_\_)-\* \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. 9/15- Narrated Hudson River Boat Ride, Box Lunch included-\$17 x ( # ad. )- \_\_\_\_\_

Children (4-11)-\$12 x ( # chil. )- \_\_\_\_\_

Sun.9/16- Chartered bus trip- West Point/bring bag lunch- \$12 x ( # )-\* \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner: Sat. 9/15 Restaurant dinner at 1775 House- \$20 x ( # )- \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. 9/15 Young peoples Pizza Party ( Supervised ) \$ 3 x ( # )- \_\_\_\_\_

EARLY REGISTRTRTION POSTMARKED BY 6/1/01 DEDUCT \$5.00 (-\$5.00 )

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail checks payable to: WBCCI NY State Rally and coupon to: Gloria Ahlers, Treas.,  
69 Van Cortlandt Ave., Ossining, NY 10562

\* Mohonk and West Point are limited. Early reservations highly recommended.

# REGION 1 RALLY

## AUGUST 23-26, 2002

### **HISTORIC LUNENBURG-ONE MORE TIME !**

*Hosted by the Canadian Atlantic Unit in Lunenburg , Nova Scotia , Canada*

United Nations World Heritage Site.  
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 Birthplace of Tall Ships Bluenose 2 , HMS  
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 Good Morning America Broadcast Site .  
 Lunenburg Academy, an architectural gem !

Name ; -----  
 Address : -----  
 Town/City State/Province Zip/Postal Code : -----  
 WBCCI No. ----- , Unit -----  
 Willl you require handicapped parking ? ----- Yes , No ----- .

#### REGISTRATION FEES ( PAYABLE IN U. S. FUNDS ! ) .

	<u>Before Aug. 1, 2002</u>	<u>After Aug. 1, 2002</u>	
Trailer or Motorhome with two persons	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$ -----
Trailer or Motorhome with 1 person	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$ -----
Additional person	\$ 38.00		\$ -----
Child 12-18 ( under 12 free )	\$20.00		\$ -----
Early and late parking	\$12.00 / day		\$ -----
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -----

Make cheques payable to **CANADIAN ATLANTIC UNIT - REGIONAL RALLY** , and mail it along with your application form to : Mrs . Pearl Nowlan , 59 Nowlan Rd. , Elgin , New Brunswick , Canada E4Z 2B3 .Receipts will be issued at the Rally . Fees include 3 breakfasts , 2 dinners , night snacks & entertainment .

Arrival Friday, Aug. 23 after 9:00 a.m. and departure Aug 26th . Early parking Wed . , Aug . 21 and late parking to Mon . , Aug. 26 .

Driving directions : Take Highway 103 from Halifax to exit 11 at Blockhouse , turn left and follow WBCCI signs to the Lunenburg Community Center .

Interesting Web Sites : [www.town.lunenburg.ns.ca](http://www.town.lunenburg.ns.ca)  
[www.gov.ns.ca/tourism](http://www.gov.ns.ca/tourism) ( click on Lighthouse Route )  
[www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca](http://www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca)

<http://fisheriesmuseum.gov.ns.ca>  
[www.bluenose2.ns.ca](http://www.bluenose2.ns.ca)  
[hppt.fox.nstn.ca/mahonebay/mbba.html](http://hppt.fox.nstn.ca/mahonebay/mbba.html)

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# CHARTER OAK CHATTER

## OCTOBER 2001



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The October 5-7 rally that was to be held at the Subbase in Groton has been canceled due to the increase in National Security. However we can look forward to a rendezvous at the Laurel Ridge Camping Area in Otis, Massachusetts on the same date. (See the enclosed flyer for further information.) This will enable us to be together and share our concern for recent events.

One of the events at the Region One Rally in August was to have each wheel of your truck and trailer weighed and I received my report last week. This information, along with discussions with Doug Showker (The Reese Representative), has convinced me to install a 12,000/1200 pound rated hitch receiver. I discovered that the trailer tongue weight was 1100 lbs and that all the trailer weight was being carried by the rear axle and none on the front. This should give me a more satisfactory ride!

Don't forget the installation dinner planned for November 4th at the Dakota Restaurant in Milford hosted by Mike & Sandy Sasuta.

Remember - Faith is strengthened by catastrophes!

*Ted Price*

### OCTOBER RALLY UPDATE

Due to the recent tragedies in the United States and the heightened security on US military bases the US Navy will not allow us to have the rally in October on the Subbase. Thanks to Rich & Kathy Kushman and Tony & Dorothy Sherman for planning the Subbase Rally. We know they put a lot of effort into planning what would of been a great time. Dick Bartram has secured a new location for us at the Laurel Ridge Camping Area, Inc. in Otis, Massachusetts on October 5-7, 2001. The event will be a rendezvous with just a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening with a campfire later. Please see the flyer for this event in this issue of the Chatter. Pay the campground directly upon arrival, the cost is \$22.00 per night. Please contact Dick Bartram @ 860-482-1880 ASAP if you are interested in attending so he can let the campground know.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Following is the report of the Charter Oak CT Unit nominating committee. Bud Gould, Chairman, Bob Sandall and Bob Werth complete the committee.

President:	Charles Wilson #7326
1st VP:	Michael Rutty # 16264
2nd VP:	Lois Price #23726
Recording Secretary:	Dick Cherouny #23728
Corresponding Secretary:	Jeanne Wilson #7326
Treasurer:	Sandra Sasuta #22438
2nd Year Directors:	Jim Burnham #31109 Kathleen Kushman #1442
1st Year Directors:	Ray Moniz #5381 Mark Wilson #7326

Installation will be at the November 4, 2001 dinner meeting at Dakota Restaurant in Milford, CT.

*Bud Gould, #2478  
Nominating Committee Chair*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 5-7, 2001**

**Fall Rendezvous**

Laurel Ridge Campground  
Otis, MA

Dick & Eileen Bartram

Note change of location

**November 4, 2001**

**Installation Dinner Meeting**

Dakota Restaurant

Milford, CT

Mike & Sandy Sasuta

**December 9, 2001**

**Holiday Party**

Sans-Souci Restaurant

Berlin, CT

Bud & Jessie Gould

### DUES DUE!!

Please send your dues to Sandy Sasuta ASAP. The sooner you can get them to her the easier we all can make her job of getting the information to Headquarters on time. Thanks for your help.



**BIRTHDAYS**

Fran Ingallinera	10/05
Bill Herpich	10/07
Dick Bartram	10/12
Elsie Nelson	10/12
Niels Rosenbeck	10/12
Susan Rutty	10/21
Lill Herpich	10/27
Michael Rutty	10/27
Bob Landry	10/28
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
Mark & Annette Wilson	10/25

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome regular members Karen, Eric & Kayla Sulewski of Norwich, CT to Charter Oak. We hope that they will be able to join us at an upcoming event soon. If you see them around please stop and give them a big Charter Oak welcome. Please add the following information to your directory:

Karen, Eric & Kayla Sulewski  
69 Lambert Drive  
Norwich, CT  
Phone: 860-892-4573  
Birthdays: Karen - 3/4  
Eric - 1/16  
Anniversary: 1/9  
Email: ksulewski@snet.net

**GET WELL WISHES**

Please send get well wishes to Chan Taylor who is recovering well and should be home in the next week or so.

If you know of a member who is ill or recently lost a family member please let the editors know so they can notify the members.

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**MESSAGE FROM REGION 1 FIRST LADY**

Dick and I were going to the Quebec Unit's fall business meeting and installation rally. We were looking forward to visiting Quebec and seeing our friends there. We always enjoy going to Quebec - we have a very good time with our Canadian friends.

On Tuesday Morning, September 11th, the terrorists attacked the United States in Washington, D.C., and New York.

At that point, I wanted nothing more than to stay home with our family and friends. It seemed important to be with those we love at such a crucial time in our nation's history.

But we continued with our plans to visit Canada. On Friday morning, we crossed the border into Canada after a short wait of about 1 1/2 hours.

As we drove north and east to the rally site near Upson, Quebec, Canada; we listened to the radio (a station in Montreal) which was broadcasting the memorial services, both in Washington, D.C. at the National Cathedral, and the service in Ottawa on the National Day of Mourning. Both the USA and the Canadian services were extremely moving, and Dick and I were constantly brushing away tears as we drove along.

We arrived at the rally site, and just as we exited the car, many Quebec Unit members came forward, and expressed their sympathy at our country's loss of life. Both Dick and I were very moved by their words. We were speechless - we had not expected to receive those many kind gestures of sympathy. More than 200 Canadians were also lost in the attacks.

The Quebec Unit members worked hard to make our visit there pleasant and so it was. We felt that we were with friends and so we were.

WBCCI again proves that being a member of the club is like being part of a very large family.

Merci Beaucoup - thank you - to our friends in Quebec.

Eileen Bartram  
#281

# CHARTER OAK CT UNIT FALL RENDEVOUS

October 5-7, 2001

NEW LOCATION:

Laurel Ridge Camping Area, Inc.

Otis, Massachusetts

Contact: Dick Bartram 860-482-1880  
Let him know if you will be attending.

Campground Fee: \$22.00+tax per night (water  
& limited electricity, dump station on site)  
Please pay campground upon arrival.

This is a rendezvous only - No rally fee  
Coffee & Tea provided

Happy Hours - Friday and Saturday @ 4:00 PM  
Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday Evening @ 5:30 PM  
Campfire Saturday evening  
All other meals and activities on you own.

Come and join in the fellowship and gathering  
of the last rally of the year!!!

**Directions:** Route 8 North to Otis, Massachusetts, take a Right on Route 23 to East Otis. (Go past Knox Trail Inn  
& Katie's Country Store) bare right after stores onto Old Blanford Road, Campground is ¼ mile on Right.  
Campground Phone: (413) 269-4804

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# Troubleshooting Trailer Brakes

*The principles are simple, and a performance checkup can lead to safer towing*

by EUGENE STAGNER

**T**railer brakes seem simple. They're in place when we buy a trailer, and the dealer equips our tow vehicle with a trailer-brake controller. It may seem there is little more to it than hitching the trailer, inserting the electrical connector and checking out the lights. Once under way, we apply finger pressure to the trailer-brake controller (or step on the brake pedal) and feel braking action for our quick functional check.

So, with confidence, we roll on down the road, enjoying the beautiful scenery, never giving our trailer brakes another thought. Then the fog closes in, the traffic stops abruptly, and we wonder if we are going to be able to stop the rig in time. "Hey, that was a close call! I don't think our brakes held the way they should have!" We begin to wonder about the

trailer brakes and decide not to follow other vehicles as closely. We begin to think about paying a bit more attention to the trailer brakes.

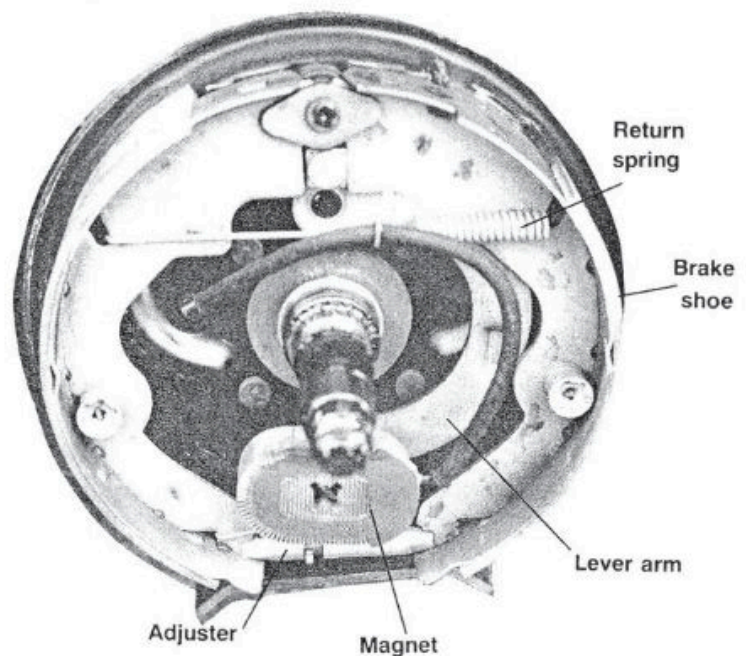
Just what maintenance checks should an owner reasonably make on trailer brakes? Is the electrical system working properly, and why do the front-axle wheels always seem to skid during severe braking while the rears do not? Does the trailer's suspension system have any effect on how the brakes work? Is there an effect on axle load when the brakes are applied?

## Suspension Types

The suspension of a trailer may seem to have little to do with function of the trailer brakes, but it does! There are three general trailer-suspension systems: the rocker arm, the independent wheel and the walking beam

systems. The first two are common among trailers, with the rocker arm being most popular. Single-axle trailers have a relatively simple suspension system, compared with tandem-axle arrangements, and tandem-axle systems present more challenges in brake design and selection. This is due to load transfers that occur from one axle to another while braking. Let's take a quick look at how load can be transferred from front axle to rear axle when applying brakes, on the rocker-arm suspension system, using tandem axles.

The rocker-arm suspension system utilizes an equalizing link between the two springs, and then is frame mounted between the two axles (*see illustration*). This equalizing link provides ride smoothness, along with movement of the axles. The equalizer



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link pivots as brake load (torque) is applied, and the front part of the equalizer link pivots (lifts) upward, moving the front spring shackle and spring toward the frame. This decreases the load on the front axle and front wheels, and may cause the front tires to skid. In turn, this pulls down on the rear-axle spring shackle and spring, increasing the load on the rear axle and wheels. This means there should be less brake effort on the front axle than on the rear axle, preventing wheel lockup/skidding (tire hop) on the front-axle wheels.

### The Basics

Before we consider some easy maintenance checks on the trailer braking system, let's understand some system basics. The quick brake-function check you make after pulling out of your campsite activates an electrical system that meters out a smoothly graduated electric current. This produces a magnetic attraction between magnets and rotating armatures attached to the brake drums. In turn, this action converts into friction at the brake linings/drums, which develops heat. Then the heat is dissipated into the atmosphere and, in so doing, kinetic energy (energy in motion) is arrested, stopping the trailer. (Energy cannot be destroyed; it must be converted.) With a hydraulically actuated brake controller, a hydraulic line is teed off the rear brake circuit of a dual master cylinder to the electric/hydraulic controller. This permits hydraulic brake pressure to activate the electric trailer brakes via the controller a moment before the tow-vehicle brakes are applied. We also know that they can be actuated by finger pressure on the controller bar/handle.

Electricity is coming from the battery/alternator, and it is metered through the controller. Either it is electronic or it uses a multiple resistor/multiple contact principle. The elec-

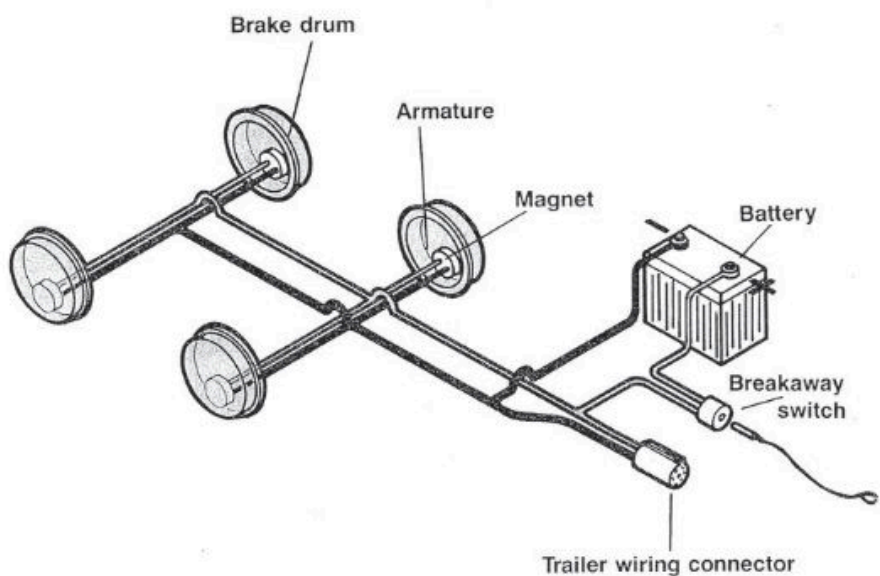
tric current flow from the controller may be adjusted via controls on the controller until balanced tow-vehicle/trailer braking is achieved. This provides a metered current through the variable system resistor (if used). This resistor properly proportions the braking power of the trailer brakes to the trailer weight. The wiring harness is routed along the truck frame, the power cable and the trailer frame. This brings current to each magnet in the trailer-brake assemblies.

As electrical current flows, an electromagnetic field is energized in each magnet. This brings the magnet into contact with the rotating armature in the brake drum. That, in turn, pulls on a lever arm/cam, which forces the brake shoes/linings into contact with the brake drum. The greater the designed electrical current flow metered into the magnet, the stronger the electromagnetic field. Therefore, a greater torque (braking effort) is applied to the wheel/tire for stopping. When the hydraulic brakes of the tow vehicle are released, springs that are attached to the brake shoes return the trailer brake shoes to their retracted/released position.

The electrical brake wiring system should be protected by installing a 20-amp (for four brakes) momentary-delay-type circuit breaker in the positive

(hot) wire between the battery and the controller. The circuit breaker will protect the electric brake wiring (circuitry) from possible short circuits. A fuse should *not* be used since fuse burn-out would make trailer brakes completely inoperative. To complete the circuit to the tow vehicle, automotive type multi-stranded 12-gauge wire with thermoplastic insulation should be used. Connections made from the battery to the controller should be soldered and insulated with heat shrink or electrician's tape. Do *not* use wire nut connectors at the controller!

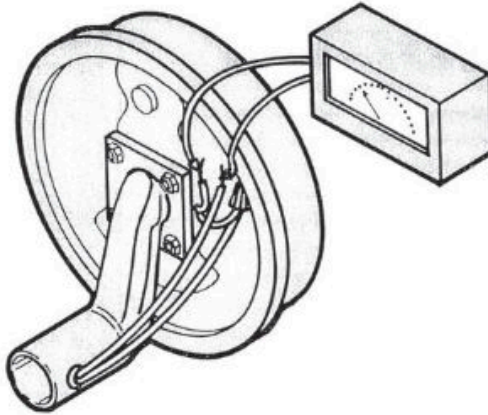
From the controller, wires are routed to the stoplights and the system resistor (if used), and are secured along the body/frame away from exhaust or moving components. They terminate at the rear of the tow vehicle at a heavy-duty electrical socket, which mates to the trailer power-cable plug. This completes the electrical brake circuitry on the tow vehicle, except for ground. The return path (negative) for this circuit is the tow-vehicle chassis/body. Good ground connections are essential for proper operation. The trailer's fifth-wheel or hitch and ball are not to be part of the ground circuit. A separate ground wire routed through the trailer wiring harness, power cable and tow-ve-



*The trailer power cord feeds a wiring system that is connected to electromagnets at each wheel. When energized, the magnets are attracted to the spinning armatures. If the breakaway switch pin is pulled in an emergency, the switch feeds current from the trailer battery to the trailer brakes.*

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Maximum braking should result in about 3 amps at each wheel, which can be checked with an ammeter wired in series with the positive brake wire. An inductive ammeter can be used to avoid interrupting the wire.



hicle electric socket must be used. The basic rule for any ground is that just because it feels tight doesn't necessarily mean it's electrically tight. Use a star washer when installing the ground to the tow-vehicle chassis/body. Voltage drop (loss) through a ground connection should be zero.

The trailer circuit for electric trailer brakes begins at the power cord; the wiring harness is routed along the frame to each axle and brake assembly. In addition, there is the trailer battery with a positive (hot) wire to the breakaway switch. This switch feeds the main wiring harness when the pin

is pulled, applying trailer brakes in case of accidental tow-vehicle and trailer separation.

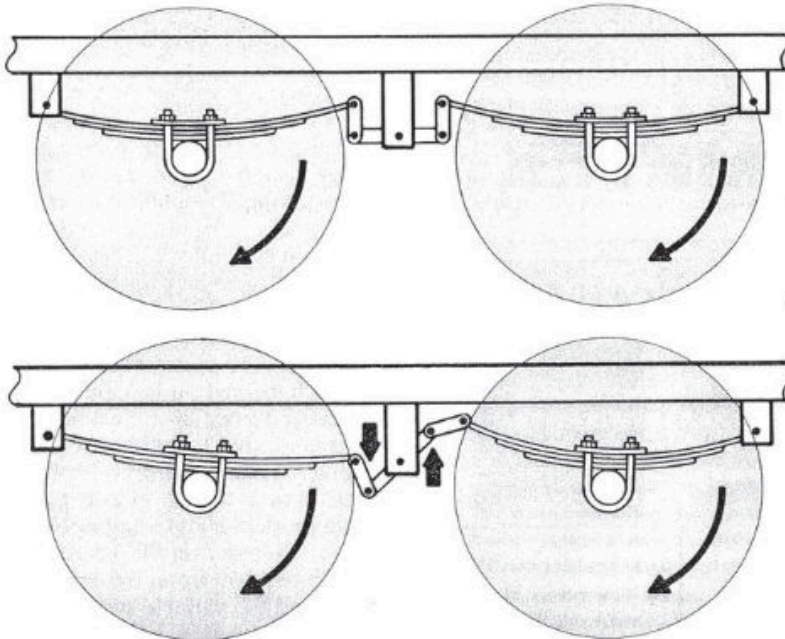
### Routine Maintenance

Maintenance on the electrical circuit of the trailer brake system is minimal. Start with a visual inspection of the trailer power cord, the breakaway switch, and wiring along the frame, plus inspection of the connections to the brake magnets. Examine the magnets when the wheel/brake drums are removed. Magnets should be replaced when the small screw heads are showing wear, if the magnet grooves

are gone, or if the magnet face is not wearing evenly (check with a straightedge). Also, replacement is necessary if the magnet is shorted or has an open circuit. Time intervals for brake inspection will vary, depending upon trailer load and miles covered. Every 10,000 miles is a good time to inspect the brake lining and magnets, and to pack the wheel bearings. Every 90 days, check and/or lube the breakaway-switch pin, using an anti-seize compound. If you see that wiring is loose or hanging down, tape is coming off, or connections are loose at the wheels, now is the time to repair it. This is a *safety* system. Let's not put off the needed repair!

On the road, if we notice that the tow vehicle wiggles right or left as the controller is fingered (pulsed) heavily, then possibly a brake assembly (one or both) is not working on the opposite side from the direction of pull. This could be a magnet that is worn out or a connection that has become corroded or loose. It may also mean that the brake adjustment is tighter on one side than the other, or there is a friction difference between brake linings from side to side. There may be wheel-bearing grease leaking past the wheel-bearing seal onto the lining, or the lining may be worn out. Brake shoes and lining are always replaced in axle sets.

To test for total current flow into the system and operation of the electric-hydraulic controller, an ammeter needs to be placed in series, or an induction ammeter may be placed around the wire. Install it in/around the brake wire directly after the controller. Connect the trailer power cord to the tow vehicle, and apply the tow vehicle's hydraulic brakes lightly (with engine running). This will activate the electric-hydraulic controller. Light pressure should register 1 to 1¼ amps. Heavy pedal application should produce 12 amps for a tandem-axle (four-brake) trailer that does not utilize an electrical resistor on the front axle; the minimum should be about 9 amps.



*The rocker-arm suspension system employs an equalizing link between the two leaf springs for improved ride smoothness. During hard braking, the link reduces the load on the front axle.*

When an electronic controller is used, set the gain control for maximum braking and move the control handle to the maximum position. Make sure the controller is mounted in a level position. Ammeter reading should be the same as above. If you want to check the automatic apply feature of this controller, you will have to drive the rig. This is because a pendulum action is used to trigger the circuitry of the unit. Natural g-forces of deceleration swing the pendulum, which activates the electronics when the tow vehicle's brakes are applied. An assistant will be necessary to read the ammeter while you keep your eyes safely on the road.

If the brakes lock up or seem to be applied when you are trying to pull away, the breakaway switch may be activated. Check to see that the cable and pin are in place. To test the breakaway switch, jerk the cable, pulling the pin from the switch, and try moving the trailer, or check for current flow going to all brake assemblies. To do this, install an ammeter in series at the breakaway switch. It should read 12-plus amps (at least 2.5 amps per brake) without the use of a front-axle resistor when the pin is pulled (tandem axle — four brakes). If it goes over 15 amps, immediately reinstall the breakaway pin into the switch, shutting off the current flow. High amperage can overheat the trailer circuit, causing damage. Find and repair the short.

To check for voltage at the brake assembly, a test light or voltmeter can be used. However, the presence of voltage does not mean that the magnet is working. The amount of voltage or brightness of the test light is dependent upon controller adjustment and brake pedal or finger pressure applied to the controller bar/handle. There must be current flow to each magnet. Measure it with an ammeter in series with each magnet positive (hot) wire; it is easier to use an induction-type ammeter around the wire. Maximum braking should bring approximately 3 amps at each wheel, or full power should produce about 6 amps per axle without a resistor on the axle. Again, this is dependent upon the controller setting and the variable system resistor setting (if one is used). Use of a resistor in series with the front-brake

assemblies would reduce current flow by about one-half on the front axle only. Use of a resistor on the front axle only allows more braking action without wheel skidding by applying more current to the rear-brake assemblies, which carry more weight due to the aforementioned action of the rocker-arm suspension.

If the ammeter reads excessively high, a shorted magnet/wiring is indicated. This may cause the circuit breaker to pulse the system. Internally wired axles sometimes have intermittent shorts inside the axle tube, and they should be rewired outside the tube.

Low current flow with the hydraulic controller set for maximum braking and with maximum pressure applied to brake pedal/handle (with engine running) may indicate that the system variable resistor is set incorrectly, or resistance in the wiring either on the tow vehicle or the trailer. Completely inspect tow-vehicle/trailer circuitry for damaged wiring, loose connections or undersize wiring, and do not forget the ground connections! Separate the trailer power cable from the tow vehicle, and pull the pin from the breakaway switch. Then recheck the trailer current flow. If normal, the problem is on the tow vehicle. If current flow is still low, there is a problem in the trailer circuitry. (Make sure the trailer battery has a full state of charge and the terminal connections are clean.) Installation of an under-dash ammeter can be helpful in evaluating on-the-road trailer brake performance.

When brake service work is done, the rig needs to be road-tested. Apply brakes several times at low speeds, fingering the controller bar/handle. Trailer brakes should respond with steady braking, without pulling to the left or right. The front-axle wheels/tires should not skid. If maximum braking is not satisfactory without front-axle wheels/tires skidding, a resistor may be necessary on that axle. If overall braking is too severe, a variable system resistor may need to be installed (Warner Electric Part Nos. 1100-51). Make a habit of listing all brake repairs on a maintenance guide.

Electric trailer-brake systems are relatively simple to diagnose and repair, and the payoff is safer trailering. TL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that I am at the end of the presidency of Charter Oak CT Unit, I am reminded of the Maharishi who lay dying, hearing the cries of his subjects, asking - "Why are they cheering so?" - His attendant answered, "It is because you are leaving them!"

It has been an honor and I am very proud to have served as your President. Thank you all for the support you have shown. It is a club of many willing doers that make it the success that it is. Charter Oak has had another good year!

Lois can hardly wait to pack up the boxes and stuff to pass on to our next President and first lady, Charlie & Jeanne Wilson. Lois' advice is to cut a large hole in the floor to store all of the equipment. Not a lot of people carry an American Flag, complete with stand in the back of the car. You never know when you will need to lead the Pledge of Allegiance!

We have had wonderful dinners, great rallies and a memorable caravan. My thanks to you all!

The club can be proud of the number of new members that have joined Charter Oak. We are saddened about the death of Jim Hegaman, a past Charter Oak President and past Region 1 President.

Lois & I look forward to the installation dinner on November 4th at Dakota Restaurant in Milford, CT hosted by Mike & Sandy Sasuta. I will not miss having to write the President's message and Mike Ruty's urgent reminder that the Chatters about to go to press. My special thanks to Mike & Lianne Ruty for their great job on the newsletter.

It has really been a special year for me and I wish to leave you with a parting thought!!

In the words of Henry Ford: "Don't find fault - find a remedy!"

*Ted Price*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 4, 2001**  
Installation Dinner Meeting  
Dakota Restaurant  
Milford, CT  
Mike & Sandy Sasuta

**December 9, 2001**  
Holiday Party  
Sans-Souci Restaurant  
Berlin, CT  
Bud & Jessie Gould

**February 3, 2002**  
Dinner Meeting  
Grand Buffet  
Newington, CT  
Wayne & Susan Ruty

## GET WELL WISHES

Anne Werth would like to thank everyone who sent get well wishes after her recent knee surgery. She is up and about and recovering well.

Please send get well wishes to Chan Taylor who is in Hartford Hospital.

If you know of a member who is ill or recently lost a family member please let the editors know so they can notify the members.



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Charlie & Sandy Eglise	11/29

**A TIME TO REFLECT**

It came to me in a flash --- only 39 days, 936 hours, 56,160 minutes, until November 4th. Some of you, too, may be counting the time!

It also occurred to me that perhaps I, as First Lady, might give a profile on the Presidency, as seen by the First Mate.

Looking back, I am trying to recall whatever were "we" thinking (or drinking) when the nominating committee called? The phrase, "Time to give back" comes to mind, or was it, "Time to get even?"

Much baggage comes with the job, so I discovered - boxes and boxes of papers and books, the club flag conveniently stored in the trunk of my car (don't leave home without it) the cents for sense jar and the stylish hat to compliment the official WBCCI attire.

Location, location, location: perhaps, for tax purposes, Ted chose the dining area of our kitchen for his Oval Office. This space had pretty much been taken over upon retirement to house various investment/archival material - what's a little more "stuff" on the table, floor, window sills and kitchen counters? The job included several other rooms of the house, as well.

Ted also seemed to think that the job carried with it the benefit of a private and personal secretary whom he expected to have total recall in locating every scrap of paper that lay hidden beneath the rubble (guess I showed him!)

Then there is the dreaded "Time of the Month" when Mike Ruty would call reminding Ted that his president's message was due, resulting in pre-president message syndrome (PMS). Fortunately, this lasted only 2-4 days.

Many First Ladies choose a special project: Eleanor Roosevelt certainly had hers; Lady Bird Johnson populated the Texas countryside with wild flowers (couldn't you see her on the back of a pick-up truck tossing bluebonnet seeds along the highway?) Hillary definitely had her agenda. Me---I chose to "survive". As November approaches it looks like I might do just that. To help pass the time away I dream of packing up a carton or two, or 3 or 4 and look forward to just maybe seeing my kitchen floor again.

Will history repeat itself? Only time will tell!

Note: Not once have I heard the strains of "Ruffles and Flourishes" or "Hail to the Chief"

Keep the Faith,  
Lois

**FALL RENDEZVOUS**

A few (8 to be exact) intrepid members and 1 affiliate member of the Charter Oak CT Unit made their way to the Laurel Ridge Campground in East Otis, Massachusetts for a rendezvous in the Berkshires.

Bud and Jessie Gould, Bob and Helen Sandall, Mike and Sandy Sasuta, Dot and Linwood Lowell, Mike, Lianne and James Ruty, Molly and Dick Cherouny, Joe Ribeiro, Charles and Jeanne Wilson, and Dick and Eileen Bartram braved the elements (rain, wind, cool temperatures - but no snow) to come together for the last gathering of the season.

The rendezvous was held in place of the Sub Base Rally in Groton, CT, originally planned for the first weekend in October. The Sub Base Rally had to be canceled because of increased security concerns.

Rendezvous traditionally do not provide meals, but there certainly was plenty of good food in evidence at this event. One of the best pot-luck meals we've ever had was enjoyed on Saturday evening in the pavilion. The casseroles was plentiful and generous and delicious. The ovens in our Airstreams worked overtime! I know that there were several recipes exchanged.

Mike Ruty had the coffee pots on during the entire rendezvous. Sandy Sasuta, Lianne Ruty & Eileen Bartram made a cake and lots of cookies. Jessie Gould and Mike Ruty cooked a hot breakfast on Saturday morning for anyone who ventured outside their trailers.

The geographical surroundings at Otis are rolling, wooded hillsides. The foliage was spectacularly beautiful. Bright red, gold, yellow, orange, and of course, green leaves abounded.

We enjoyed a short trip (3 hours) to the nearest Wal-Mart in Dalton, home of Crane Papers - makers of bonded paper - some of which is used for US currency. We should have had a Wal-Mart directory so we would know exactly where the nearest Wal-Mart was, but none of us had one in our trucks. We stopped at the Egg Farm in Otis and bought warm shirts, bread, wine, baked goodies, etc. All of us successfully resisted the fudge that is sold there.

It was fun to be all together once more before we put our Airstreams away for the winter. This is a great time of year to be camping (no mosquitoes or flies). And we really enjoy the warmth and companionship at the campfire.

The rendezvous was judged to be a success and we look forward to having one again soon.

Eileen Bartram  
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*Editors Note: Thanks to Dick & Eileen Bartram for organizing the Fall Rendezvous at the last minute. Job well done!!*



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**IN MEMORY**

Please extend your sympathies to the family of Jim Hegaman on his sudden death on September 30th. Jim was President of Charter Oak in 1987 and served as editor of the *Chatter* for several years. Jim was Region President from 1992-94.

Please extend your sympathies to Raynold & Cecile Lemaire on the passing of Cecile's mother, Pauline Tetreault at age 90 on October 18, 2001.

**SWEET AND SOUR CARROT SALAD  
DOT LOWELL #3569**

2 - pounds carrots  
1 - 10-3/4 oz can tomato soup  
3/4 - cup sugar  
1/4 - cup vinegar  
1 - teaspoon salt  
Dash of black pepper  
1 - diced green pepper  
1/4 - teaspoon prepared mustard  
1 - teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 - cup salad oil  
1/4 - cup thinly sliced red onion

Peel and slice carrots and cook until tender. (Do not overcook). Drain carrots and add remaining ingredients while carrots are warm. Refrigerate (covered).

*Editors Note: Dot made this dish for the Fall Rendezvous in Otis. Very Good!! It gets the Editors Four gold forks award!!*

**HAVE YOU SEEN PEI DIRT?**

The Werth's shoved off for PEI (Prince Edward Island) following the Region 1 Tunbridge, VT Rally and a rest stop in Maine. The Maine stop was Watchic Lake in Standish, Maine, the home of Pat and Claire Lines. What a great spot and so beautiful with the serenading loons!

Next stop was Nackawic, NB for an overnight stay and swim in the campground pool. The water was a bit cool but refreshing from the heat of traveling. Travel continued and on Sunday we arrived in PEI after traveling over the Confederation Bridge, we arrived in Stratford's Southport Campground. The campground had a wonderful view of Charlottetown Harbor. What a delight one morning to awaken and discover the Amsterdam (Holland Cruise Line) anchored. That happened to be the day that we chose to tour Charlottetown along with all the passengers from the ship. Tour groups were being shown the historic sites with guides walking around in period costumes. We purchased tickets to go to the theater and saw a very entertaining 4-some called "Barachois". The music, fiddling, singing, humor, instruments and step dancing, both in-seat and on foot, left the audience doing their own version of in-seat step-dancing. You just couldn't help but come away with a spirited feeling.

So the tour of PEI continued. We did see lots of PEI dirt! The shops sold clothing saying "PEI Dirt", there were sweatshirts, t-shirts, socks, etc... all sorts the color of PEI dirt. The potatoes were being harvested, lots of them... everywhere. (We heard that purchased potatoes were being confiscated at customs, so we did not buy any). The PEI dirt was very dry (no rain) but crops of potatoes were prolific, but small in size. The harvest was also in progress for the many fields of grain being thrashed. We chuckled at the trucks loaded, going down the highway with grains flying and bouncing out the uncovered truck and onto the road in front of us. It's no wonder the sides of the roads are sprouting with grains. Well, PEI dirt is an orange/red and the rocks on the shores are the same color. The North Rustico shorelines in this area are just gorgeous with the red rock formations. We toured around the island on back roads, into harbors, restaurants and little shops soaking up the atmosphere of this area. We were mostly by ourselves; traffic was non-existent or very light. We watched the ferry loading, but our route was on the bridge, only paying on our return trip (\$42.25 with RV). By using the credit card, our price was reflected in the exchange rate, which cost us \$27.00 (US).

The sad part of this trip was on 9/11/01 when we were visiting Kensington, PEI to tour the Water Gardens. Across from the gardens was a Military Museum... so we went to have a look see. A TV was playing and that was where we got our first horrified look at the tragedy that took place on that date. From that day on, there was a cloud over our trip, first in awe of the scenery and then being yanked back to the sadness of that moment.

Our five-day tour to PEI was complete and time to head back to Confederation Bridge. The trip across takes 12 minutes to complete. The skies were clear, wind light with a slight chop. Soon we were back on the mainland and to off to Moncton and the Canadian Atlantic's Fall Business Meeting along with installation of their officers. The weekend there was filled with friendliness and warmth from this unit. Their sympathies were expressed with a moment of silence. Upon completion of the installation of officers and we were saying our goodbyes, there was a hug with tears and a "God Bless America". This was a fitting completion of our stay with these folks.

One of our purposes for visiting PEI was to see the play "Anne of Green Gables". Little did we know that the show completed on 9/8... we arrived on 9/9. Needless to say, we were disappointed. So you know what that mean... we have to return. No Problem!

When you are planning your trip to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia next August 2002 for the Region 1 Rally, mark Prince Edward Island, as a must do adventure. You will be delighted!

*Bob & Anne Werth  
#13703*

## REGION ONE MESSAGE - FALL 2001

We are now at a time when all units in Region One have new officers, and a fine group they all are. I note that many new faces are contributing to units in many ways. This is a good sign of future health for our great organization.

It has been noted over many years that we could do a better job of retaining new members rather than see them drift away. I have given this problem much thought, and was very interested to see that Tom Collier of the North Texas Unit has written an excellent article on that subject. It is in the October issue of the Blue Beret on Page 7. Again, this is an outstanding article and I urge every member read it.

### Rapid City Rendezvous - Hitch Your Airstream To A Star!

Now is the time for everyone who plans to go to the 45th International Rally in Rapid City to send in their reservations. Here is why:

1. There are many wonderful sights along the way over many varied routes. Eileen and I are looking forward to this trip - we are taking a new route to the Dakotas.
  2. The 45th International Rally promises to be a very interesting rally. This year there are changes and improvements in events and in scheduling. Thanks to International President Ewart Phillips and First Lady Lillie for these much-needed changes.
  3. You will save \$20 (2 persons per unit) if you register prior to January 1, 2002.
  4. If you register before January 1, 2002, your name will be entered in a drawing for one of ten \$500 service/parts awards given by Larry Huttle of Airstream which is valid for one year at the Airstream factory or any Airstream dealer.
  5. Rapid City itself is the center of many historical attractions such as Mount Rushmore and the Badlands. The citizens of Rapid City are very welcoming to WBCCI - they are happy that we are there.
- Let's have an outstanding turnout from Region One!

### Region Caravans

Howard and Carolyn Knight are running a caravan to the 2002 Region One Rally at Lunenburg from August 17 through August 22. Please support the official Region One Caravan to the Region One Rally. Howard and Carolyn are great caravan leaders - let them show us the way to Lunenburg!

Region One Units have some smaller caravans during the 2002 camping season for, and to, many events. I ask that anyone planning such a caravan inform Howard Knight and me so we can list them. Participation in these caravans will be enhanced with additional publicity from Howard and me.

### Region Officer

Region One still needs someone willing and able to serve as second vice-president; to serve from July 2002 through July 2008. While six years may seem like a long time, I can assure you that the time passes very quickly. You will meet some very nice new friends from other regions who will remain your friends for life. Please contact Wayne Rutty, Phyllis Fownes, or Larry Lamontagne if you are interested in serving. We need you and you will not regret it.

Take care, and be safe.  
Best Regards,  
*Dick Bartram, President*  
Region One - WBCCI

## THE POP TAB STORY THE SIOUX FALLS RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Since 1989, hundreds of schools, service organizations, individuals, churches, scouting clubs and businesses have collected aluminum cans and pull tab rings found on beverage cans, raising over \$125,000 for the Sioux Falls Ronald McDonald House. Groups of all ages enjoy saving the tabs to help our environment and to help families in need. These small, all-too-often overlooked gems of ingenuity are providing to be a tremendous source of charitable revenue for the Ronald McDonald House. Pop tabs rings have a significant value in the recycling industry, representing the purest form of a desirable metal for recyclers. The aluminum donated to the Sioux Falls Ronald McDonald House is taken to a local recycling station where it is weighed and cashed in by the pound. The money netted is used to assist the house with operational expenses. Donations from aluminum recycling are averaging \$1,000 per month for the Sioux Falls Ronald McDonald House! All the collections do add up to make a heartfelt impact in working together to provide shelter and comfort to families during medical treatment of their children.



## **WBCCI CommUNITY Service**

Anne D. Barrett #8973  
131 Rainbow Drive PMB 3182  
Livingston, Texas 77399-1031  
e-mail: aztec @mail.udg.mx

### **Community Service Opportunities for Rapid City**

Sioux Falls' Rally is over and what a great job you did ! Thank you one and all.

As we look ahead, there are some projects for the 2002 Rally that need your attention now.

1. **Ronald McDonald House-** Miss Lillie and Pres. Ewart arranged 'pull tab' collection houses for those that signed up at the rally, fill them up. Sioux Falls is the only Ronald McD. House in S.D. so they will again benefit from your efforts to top this years collection of over 2,300 pounds
2. **Warm Hats for Needy Children-** next year we will be giving a large portion of the hats to the Rushmore Optimist Club to be given along with the mittens they make and distribute to all the schools in Rapid City. Their motto next year, thanks to you, will be 'Warm hands, warm hearts and warm heads', Please continue to knit, crochet and collect hats sized especially for grammar school aged children. Yes, of course we can use warm hats for babies as well as teens. Just over 4,000 hats were distributed in Sioux Falls.
3. **Personal Care Items-** soaps, shampoos, combs, toothpaste and brushes etc. will be distributed to those people residing temporarily in sheltered housing. As you travel you could start a collection of these types of items to share at Rapid City.
4. **"Project Linus"**-this national organization gives handmade washable blankets to traumatized or seriously ill children. The local chapter suggests quilts, afghans, receiving blankets, tied comforters, or fleece blankets. Any size will do as the gifts are given to children from newborn to 18 years old. This project will make the winter fly by !
5. **"Common Cents"**- the WBCCI youth will again be donating your 'loose change' to a seriously ill youth in Rapid City. Think of creative ways to help !

**KEEP UP YOUR GOOD WORKS**



# "CHARTER OAK HOLIDAY PARTY"



## Happy Holidays

Sunday, December 9, 2001 @ 12:30 PM  
San-Souci Restaurant, 2003 Berlin Turnpike, Meriden, CT  
Hosted by Bud & Jessie Gould

### Menu & Prices

- Baked Stuffed Shrimp - \$23
- Prime Rib - \$24
- Chicken Parmigiana - \$20

Includes: Salad, Rolls, Potato & Vegetable  
Coffee or Tea . Dessert. Tax and Gratuity



**WE WILL BE COLLECTING NEW TOYS/GIFTS FOR  
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BOYS/GIRLS AGES 8-17**

**PLEASE DO NOT WRAP ITEMS**

**SOME ITEMS REQUESTED ON THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LIST:**



- Art Supplies
- Fishing Rods
- Board Games
- Sports
- Movie Tickets
- Calculators
- Cultural Event Tickets
- Harry Potter Books
- Jewelry Making Kits
- Sports Posters
- Videos
- Camping Backpacks
- Fast Food Restaurant Gift Certificates

Please mail your reservation along with the dinner choices and a check for those choices to:  
Clarence Gould, 49 Dobson Circle., Middletown, CT 06457 before December 1, 2001

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Meal Choices:

Baked Stuffed Shrimp	_____	@\$23.00
Chicken Parmigiana	_____	@\$20.00
Prime Rib	_____	@\$24.00
Total.....	\$ _____	

# REGION 1 RALLY AUGUST 23-26, 2002

## **HISTORIC LUNENBURG-ONE MORE TIME !**

*Hosted by the Canadian Atlantic Unit in Lunenburg , Nova Scotia , Canada*

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Founded in 1753 by German , Swiss ,&  
French Protestants .  
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on the back of the Canadian dime .  
Home of Captain Angus Walters, celebrated  
skipper of the Bluenose .  
Knaut-Rhuland House Museum-how the  
prosperous lived in colonial Lunenburg !  
Former Home of the Merligueche  
Acadians/Cajuns .



Fisheries Museum Of The Atlantic .  
Home of the Norwegian Navy during WW2 .  
Birthplace of Tall Ships Bluenose 2 , HMS  
Bounty , HMS Rose , Pictou Castle  
, Sherman Zwicker and Theresa E. Connor .  
Harbourside Fishermans' Memorial .  
Designated Prettiest Painted town in  
Canada ( 2000 ) .  
Good Morning America Broadcast Site .  
Lunenburg Academy, an architectural gem !

Name ; -----  
Address : -----  
Town/City State/Province Zip/Postal Code : -----  
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Will you require handicapped parking ? ----- Yes , No ----- .

### REGISTRATION FEES ( PAYABLE IN U. S. FUNDS ! ) .

	<u>Before Aug. 1, 2002</u>	<u>After Aug. 1, 2002</u>	
Trailer or Motorhome with two persons	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$ -----
Trailer or Motorhome with 1 person	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$ -----
Additional person	\$ 38.00		\$ -----
Child 12-18 ( under 12 free )	\$20.00		\$ -----
Early and late parking	\$12.00 / day		\$ -----
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ -----

Make cheques payable to **CANADIAN ATLANTIC UNIT - REGIONAL RALLY** , and mail it along with your application form to : Mrs . Pearl Nowlan , 59 Nowlan Rd. , Elgin , New Brunswick , Canada E4Z 2B3 . Receipts will be issued at the Rally . Fees include 3 breakfasts , 2 dinners , night snacks & entertainment .

Arrival Friday, Aug. 23 after 9:00 a.m. and departure Aug 26th . Early parking Wed . , Aug . 21 and late parking to Mon . , Aug. 26 .

Driving directions : Take Highway 103 from Halifax to exit 11 at Blockhouse , turn left and follow WBCCI signs to the Lunenburg Community Center .

Interesting Web Sites : [www.town.lunenburg.ns.ca](http://www.town.lunenburg.ns.ca)  
[www.gov.ns.ca/tourism](http://www.gov.ns.ca/tourism) ( click on Lighthouse Route )  
[www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca](http://www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca)

<http://fisheriesmuseum.gov.ns.ca>  
[www.bluenose2.ns.ca](http://www.bluenose2.ns.ca)  
[hppt.fox.nstn.ca/mahonebay/mbba.html](http://hppt.fox.nstn.ca/mahonebay/mbba.html)

Emergency phone number 1-902-634-4006 available during working hours . To be used for emergencies only !

# REGISTRATION REGION 1 CARAVAN

R-244 CARAVAN TO THE LAND OF LIGHTHOUSES  
AND THE BLUENOSE  
AUGUST 17, 2002 TO AUGUST 22, 2002

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Rendezvous Date/Location = August 17, 2002 at Biddeford, ME  
 Termination Date/Location = August 22, 2002 at Rally site, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

**CARAVAN FEES:**

- One R/V - 2 People ..... \$ 45.00
- One R/V - 1 Person ..... \$ 45.00
- Guest Fee ..... \$ 10.00

A deposit of \$25.00 payable to “R-244 Region Caravan”  
is required with registration (US Funds).

**Wagonmaster:**

Howard M. Knight #00090  
 226 Riviera Court  
 Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532  
 Tel: (941) 639-7752

**DEADLINE:**

**August 8, 2002**

# FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2002 11:30 AM

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34 Ratty Lane  
Haddam, CT 06438  
By January 28, 2002

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## FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2002 - GRAND BUFFET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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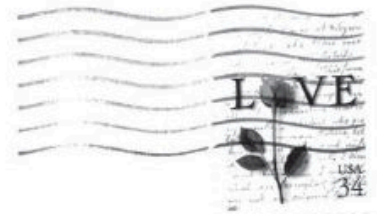
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## DECEMBER 2001



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This Holiday season will be unlike any we have experienced in many years. Our country has been attacked, thousands have died and the lives of thousands have been directly affected. Our troops are in harms way at this very moment.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with the deceased, survivors and our military.

Next year promises to be a banner year for activities. Your rally hosts have worked hard to prepare for 2002. We will be doing some things different; such as not every rally will be on the first weekend. This was necessary both for site openings and to provide a rally during a normally blank period.

One item to begin thinking about will be the fall "caravan" in 2002. We will attend the Swiss Festival National Rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio. September 21 to 29, 2002. 9 days for \$90.00. I'll give more details later but just start to think about it. This Rally has been described as the best in the country.

I'm going to have to know how many are going for the early reservations that are needed.

To all our members, Jeanne and I would like to extend our wish for a happy and safe holiday season.

Just after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year we will head to Ft. Myers for a couple of months and then during March travel north *slowly* to arrive back home in late March. If anyone is down to SW Florida, please drop by. We will be at the Gulf Waters RV Park.

Charlie Wilson  
[C7459w@aol.com](mailto:C7459w@aol.com)  
 winter # 203-820-8103

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 9, 2001**  
**Holiday Party**  
 Sans-Souci Restaurant  
 Berlin, CT  
 Bud & Jessie Gould

**February 3, 2002**  
 Dinner Meeting  
 Grand Buffet  
 Newington, CT  
 Wayne & Susan Ratty

**March 3, 2002**  
 "Sail your Airstream to the  
 Connecticut Shore"  
 Dinner Meeting  
 Dock and Dine Restaurant  
 Old Saybrook, CT  
 Michael & Lianne Ratty

### GET WELL WISHES

Please send get well wishes to Chan Taylor who is recovering at home.

If you know of a member who is ill or recently lost a family member please let the editors know so they can notify the members.



**BIRTHDAYS**

James Rutty	12/01
Lynn Perlotto	12/01
Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Carol Potter	12/16
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18

Richard Long	01/02
John Fuller	01/03
Rip Nelson	01/05
Bill Leeming	01/07
James Hegeman	01/08
Jerry Ingallinera	01/16
Howard Knight	01/16
Arthur Droheim	01/17
Mark Wilson	01/18
Edward Stagis	01/19
Annette Wilson	01/23
Lianne Rutty	01/24
Arlene Sikes	01/28
Raynold Lemaire	01/30
Linwood Lowell	01/30

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Gregory & Sylvia Davis	12/22
Michael & Deborah Onorato	12/23
Philip & Frances Simmons	12/26
Fred & Susan Newman	12/28

Jerry & Fran Ingallinera	01/20
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**1988 GMC Suburban**, 1500, 4 wheel drive, Sierra Classic with all equipment, 118,000 miles, almost like new. \$5,900 Dave Tuckerman 609-463-8080

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome the following new members to Charter Oak. We hope that they will be able to join us at an upcoming event soon. If you see them around please stop and give them a big Charter Oak welcome. Please add the following information to your directory:

Regular Members:

Bob & Joan Jaroch  
P.O. Box 436  
East Granby, CT 06026  
Phone: 860-658-1171  
Email: Joaniej58@home.com

Jason Sumner  
WBCCI # 5969  
P.O. Box 841  
Norwich, CT 06360

Affiliate Members:

Warren & Carol Sterns  
WBCCI #1495  
P.O. Box 65  
Monument Beach, MA 02553-0065  
Phone: 508-759-5070  
Email: csterns@hotmail.com

**LUNENBURG, NOVA SCOTIA - REGION 1 RALLY  
AUGUST 23-26, 2002**

The "Old Town" part of Lunenburg proudly preserves the original layout of a planned Colonial settlement, established in 1753. A walk through the town will provide the visitor with examples of 18th and 19th Century churches, homes and commercial buildings. Lunenburg was home to the Bluenose, the undefeated champion of the North Atlantic Fishing Fleet and the winner of four international schooner races. Her likeness is on the Canadian Dime.

The Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic is located on Bluenose Drive, Lunenburg. Visitors can view an aquarium with freshwater and saltwater fish. Other spots of interest include a boat room, displays of ship models and sea artifacts, exhibits detailing the history of rumrunning, and the story of the Bluenose. This is a three story, fun for all ages complex. Lunenburg offers visitors a pleasant setting for sightseeing, boating, golfing, walking, shopping and entertainment.

More interesting facts about this picturesque and interesting town can be found at the following internet sites:

<http://www.town.lunenburg.ns.ca>  
<http://parksCanada.pch.gc.ca>  
<http://www.ovpm.org>  
<http://ncsi.com/lunenburg>

For Airstreamers attending the Region One Rally, August 23-26 2002, who may wish to extend their time in the area and do some extra sightseeing, More information may be obtained on the following provinces:

Nova Scotia <http://explore.gov.ns.ca>  
Telephone 1-800-565-0000 ask for the Doers and Dreamers Guide  
Telephone 1-800-948-4267 ask for the Campers Guide

New Brunswick [www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca](http://www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca)  
Telephone 1-800-561-0123

Prince Edward Island  
Telephone 1-888-PEI-PLAY (1-888-734-7529)

# Charter Oak Connecticut Unit WBCCI 2002 Schedule of Events

## February 3, 2002

Dinner Meeting  
Grand Buffet; Wethersfield, CT  
Wayne & Susan Ruty (860) 345-4049

## March 3, 2002

"Sail your Airstream to the Connecticut Shore"; Dinner Meeting  
Dock & Dine Restaurant; Old Saybrook, CT  
Michael & Lianne Ruty (860) 526-8011

## April 7, 2002

Dinner Meeting  
Lighthouse Inn; New London, CT  
Rich & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066

## May 9-12, 2002

"Springtime on the Hudson II"; Rally  
Spring Business Meeting  
Dutchess County Fairgrounds; Rhinebeck, NY  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson (203) 746-3506

## May 24-27, 2002

"Memorial Day Presidents Rally"  
Champlain Valley Expo Center  
Essex Junction, VT  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson (203) 746- 3506

## June 14-16, 2002

"Fly your Airstream to East Windsor"  
Buddy Rally; Roberts Field Airport  
East Windsor, CT  
Jim & Corinne Burnham (860) 623-9752  
Michael & Lianne Ruty (860) 526-8011

## June 28, 2002

Region 1 Luncheon & Installation  
Rushmore Plaza, Lacroix B  
Rapid City, SD  
Ray Lemaire (860) 376-4678

## June 27 - July 4, 2002

"Hitch your Airstream to a Star"  
International Rally  
Rapid City, SD

## July 12-14, 2002

"Good Old Summertime in the Berkshires"  
Rally; Laurel Ridge Camping Area, Inc.  
Otis, MA  
Michael & Sandy Sasuta (203) 878-8070

## August 2-4, 2002

"Lazy August Airstream Days on the River"  
Buddy Rally; Bald Mountain Campground;  
Townshend, VT  
Mark & Annette Wilson (203) 746-9756  
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz (860) 621-1536

## August 13-23, 2002

Region 1 Caravan to "The Land of Lighthouses & The Bluenose"  
To Region 1 Rally in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia  
Howard M. Knight (941) 639-7752

## August 23-26, 2002

Region 1 Rally;  
"Historic Lunenburg—One More Time"  
Hosted by: Canadian Atlantic Unit  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia  
Perl Nowland (506) 756-3912

## September 21-29, 2002

Fall Caravan to Sugarcreek, Ohio  
Charlie Wilson (203) 746-3506

## October 11-13, 2002

Rally - TBA  
Richard & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
Tony & Dorothy Sherman (860) 621-1653

## November 3, 2002

Installation Dinner Meeting  
Manchester Country Club  
Manchester, CT  
Bob & Helen Sandall (860) 649-0480

## December 1, 2002

Holiday Party  
Dakotas Restaurant; Avon, CT  
Seb & Juanita Pestretto (860) 658-1222

## WBCCI FLAG POLICY

In this time of national pride and the desire to display our country's flag, it is appropriate to state the WBCCI Flag Policy. The policy governs all official events, whether it is an International, Region or Unit event. The policy is based on long-standing flag protocol.

1. When flying only one national flag, always fly the flag of the country you are in. Never fly another country's flag. You may also fly your state or provincial flag, or the flag of your WBCCI office.
2. When flying two national flags on two flagpoles; both flags must be of the same size and flown at the same height. Always respect the protocol of the country you are in. The positions of the flags are as follows (as viewed looking at the front of the RV):

	<u>On your left</u>	<u>On your right</u>
When in USA	USA	Canadian Mexican State Your WBCCI office
When in Canada	Canadian	USA Mexican Provincial Your WBCCI office
When in Mexico	Mexican	USA Canadian Your WBCCI office

3. In the USA and Mexico, you may fly two flags on the same flagpole (when using only one flagpole), but only when the USA and Mexican flag is at the top in their respective countries. No other national flag may be flown below the higher national flag, but you may fly your state flag when in the USA; or you may fly your office flag. In Mexico, only your office flag may be flown below the national (Mexican) flag. This configuration of two flags on one flagpole is not authorized in Canada.

4. When flying three flags on equal length flagpoles, the center one will be higher than the outer two on the fan-type holders commonly used. While this situation is also not authorized in Canada, it may be used in the USA and Mexico as follows:

	<u>On your left</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>On your right</u>
When in USA	State or current WBCCI office flag	USA	Current or prior office flag
When in Mexico	International or Region office flag	Mexican	Region or unit office flag

5. When flying three flags on a fan-type holder with more than one national flag, the center flag must be flown at a reduced height so that the center flag is at the same height from the ground as the outer flags. Using this arrangement, the following protocol applies:

	<u>On your left</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>On your right</u>
When in USA	USA	Canadian Mexican State Current office	Mexican State Current WBCCI office
When in Canada	USA Mexican Provincial Flag Int'l office Region office	Canadian	USA Provincial Flag Int'l office Unit office
When in Mexico	Mexican	USA Canadian Int'l office Region office	USA Int'l office Region office Unit office

Note that the above arrangement allows choices in Canada and Mexico on where the USA flag is flown, governed by what other flags also fly. In the USA, there is no choice - the USA flag must be on your left.

There is other etiquette regarding the USA flag worth knowing, but they are too numerous for this memo. They will be in a future memo. Remember, fly your flags with pride, often, and always respect the protocols of the country you are in. When in doubt, ask a knowledgeable citizen of the host country.

*Dick Bartram  
Region One President*

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Haddam, CT 06438  
By January 28, 2002

**FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2002 - GRAND BUFFET**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_



# REGION 1 RALLY

## AUGUST 23-26, 2002

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 Will you require handicapped parking ? ----- Yes , No ----- .

#### REGISTRATION FEES ( PAYABLE IN U. S. FUNDS ! ) .

	<u>Before Aug. 1, 2002</u>	<u>After Aug. 1, 2002</u>	
Trailer or Motorhome with two persons	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$ -----
Trailer or Motorhome with 1 person	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$ -----
Additional person	\$ 38.00		\$ -----
Child 12-18 ( under 12 free )	\$20.00		\$ -----
Early and late parking	\$12.00 / day		\$ -----
		<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ -----

Make cheques payable to **CANADIAN ATLANTIC UNIT - REGIONAL RALLY** , and mail it along with your application form to : Mrs . Pearl Nowlan , 59 Nowlan Rd. , Elgin , New Brunswick , Canada E4Z 2B3 . Receipts will be issued at the Rally . Fees include 3 breakfasts , 2 dinners , night snacks & entertainment .

Arrival Friday, Aug. 23 after 9:00 a.m. and departure Aug 26th . Early parking Wed . , Aug . 21 and late parking to Mon. , Aug. 26 .

Driving directions : Take Highway 103 from Halifax to exit 11 at Blockhouse , turn left and follow WBCCI signs to the Lunenburg Community Center .

Interesting Web Sites : [www.town.lunenburg.ns.ca](http://www.town.lunenburg.ns.ca)  
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[www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca](http://www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca)

<http://fisheriesmuseum.gov.ns.ca>  
[www.bluenose2.ns.ca](http://www.bluenose2.ns.ca)  
[hpt.fox.nstn.ca/mahonebay/mbba.html](http://hpt.fox.nstn.ca/mahonebay/mbba.html)

Emergency phone number 1-902-634-4006 available during working hours . To be used for emergencies only !

**"Sail Your Airstream to the Connecticut Shore" Dinner Meeting**  
**Dock & Dine Restaurant ~ Old Saybrook, CT**  
**Sunday-March 3, 2002**

12:30 - 1:30 PM Fish Stories (Social time-Cash Bar)  
 1:30 PM 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

\$15.00 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 February 23, 2002**

Mail Coupon and payment to:  
 Michael Ruty  
 7 Winthrop Rd.  
 Chester, CT 06412

The Old Airstream & The Sea Dinner Meeting March 3, 2002

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WBCCI \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_

# Children \_\_\_\_\_

Cod \_\_\_\_\_

London Broil \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

# REGISTRATION REGION 1 CARAVAN

## R-244 CARAVAN TO THE LAND OF LIGHTHOUSES AND THE BLUENOSE AUGUST 13, 2002 TO AUGUST 23, 2002

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Motorhome \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

Rendezvous Date/Location = August 13, 2002 at Tolland, CT

Termination Date/Location = August 23, 2002 at Rally site, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

### CARAVAN FEES:

One R/V - 2 People ..... \$ 45.00

One R/V - 1 Person ..... \$ 45.00

Guest Fee ..... \$ 10.00

A deposit of \$25.00 payable to "R-244 Region Caravan"  
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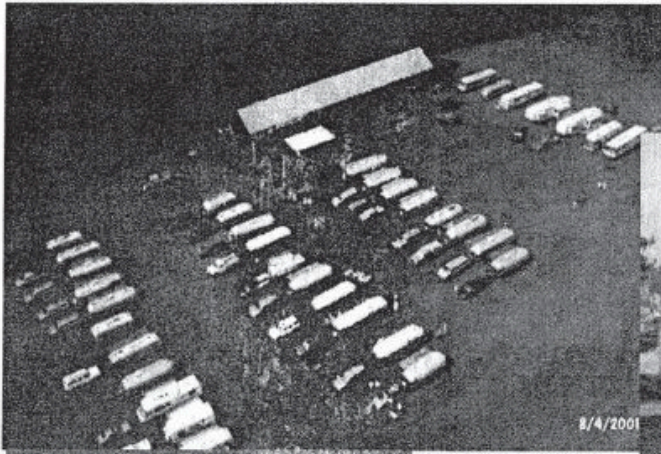
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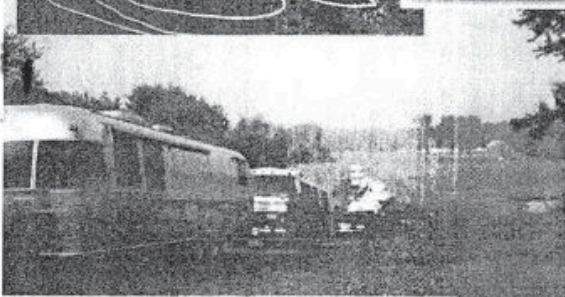
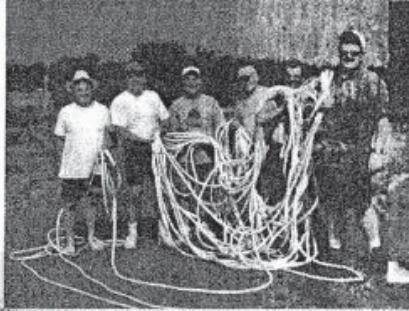
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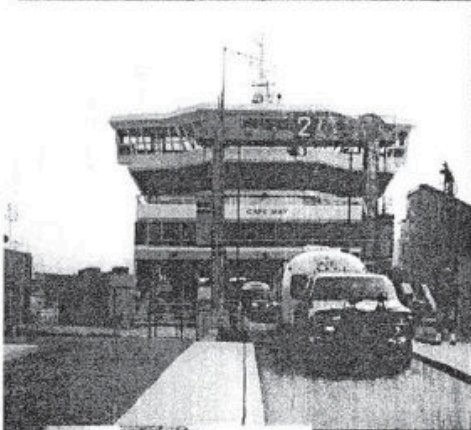
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Airstream is where you find it,  
 Any place, every place,  
 Except at home in the rocking chair  
 - [Wally Byam](#)

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 to move.  
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Jim Edmondson  
1919 - 2000

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### Past Presidents

- 1971 Emile Raboin
- 1972 Thomas Brennan
- 1973 Donald Metzler (d)
- 1974 Roger Crockett
- 1975 David Clark (d)
- 1976 Edward Shegield
- 1977 Rundle Bloomer (d)
- 1978 William Curry
- 1979 Elliott Weston
- 1980 Richard Porter
- 1981 Howard (Jim) McLain
- 1982 Charles Eglise
- 1983 Joseph Gatavaski
- 1984 Ruth Crockett
- 1985 Niels Rosenbeck
- 1986 Clarence Nelson
- 1987 James Hegeman
- 1988 Paul Good
- 1989 Michael Sasuta
- 1990 Wayne Rutty
- 1991 Robert Barrett
- 1992 Susan Rutty
- 1993 Richard Bartram
- 1994 Jim Edmondson (d)
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- 1996 Jim Miller
- 1997 Anne Werth
- 1998 Bob Werth
- 1999 Bob Sandall
- 2000 Bud Gould



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"The Old Airstream and the Sea"  
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### March 4, 2001

Dinner Meeting; Henschel's Home  
Watertown, CT  
Bob & Sharon Henschel (860) 274-3768

### April 1, 2001

Dinner Meeting; San Marino Restaurant  
Waterbury, CT  
Dick & Eileen Bartram (860) 496-8507

### May 11-13, 2001

"Springtime on the Hudson" - Six Unit Rally  
Spring Business Meeting; Dutchess County Fairgrounds  
Rhinebeck, NY  
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson (203) 746-3507

### May 18-21, 2001

Yankee Doodle Dandy Special Event Rally  
Washington County Fairgrounds; Richmond, RI  
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### June 1-3, 2001

Buddy Rally, Hammonasset State Park  
Madison, CT  
Bud & Jessie Gould (860) 347-5731  
Wayne & Susan Ruty (860) 345-4049

### June 10-23, 2001

"New England to the Big Sioux River"  
Region 1 Caravan (R-239) to International Rally  
Howard & Carolyn Knight (207) 324-8430

**June 29, 2001**

Region 1 Luncheon  
Sheraton Hotel & Convention Center  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Anne Werth (860) 875-4129

**June 27 to July 4, 2001**

44<sup>th</sup> International Rally  
"Proud Heritage - Promising Future"  
Sioux Falls, SD

**August 3-5, 2001**

"A Weekend in the Historic CT Tobacco Valley - Part 2"  
Rally; Roberts Private Airport  
East Windsor, CT  
Jim & Corinne Burnham (860) 623-9752  
Mike & Lianne Rutty (860) 526-8011

**August 5-12, 2001**

Summer Caravan  
Assateague State Park; Ocean City, MD & Cape May, NJ  
Richard & Kathleen Kushman (860) 739-2066

**August 23-26, 2001**

Region 1 Rally, "Camp Airstream"  
Hosted by White Mountains New Hampshire Unit  
Tunbridge Worlds Fair; Tunbridge, VT  
Russ Fuller (802) 257-1902

**October 5-7, 2001**

Rally; TBA  
Richard & Kathy Kushman (860) 739-2066  
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**November 4, 2001**

Installation Dinner Meeting  
Dakotas Restaurant; Milford, CT  
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**December 2, 2001**

Holiday Party; Sans-Souci Restaurant  
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## Connecticut Unit Members by Number

90	Knight, Howard & Carolyn	8360	Berg, Russell & O'Conner, Dorothy
210	Rutty, Wayne & Susan	8509	Nelson, Rip & Elsie
213	Dole, Rod & Shirley	8625	Ribeiro, Joe & Sarah
246	Hegeman, Jim	8627	Crockett, Roger & Ruth
281	Bartram, Dick & Eilee	8988	Onorato, Michael & Deborah
318	Fuller, John & Ruby	9224	Lucas, Theodore & Andrea
1018	Lines, Claire & Patricia	9348	Simmons, Philip & Frances
1077	Appleton, Malcolm & Barbara	9480	Barrett, Bob & Carolyn
1099	Clark, Betty	9705	Lamontagne, Larry & Pat
1378	Lemaire, Raynold & Cecile	9858	Taylor, Chan & Jackie
1442	Kushman, Richard & Kathleen	11210	Fiehn, William
1586	Moffo, Richard & Rosalie	11374	Freed, Paul & Dorothy
2463	Edmondson, Ron & Shirley	12051	Brown, Reggie & Jackie
2478	Gould, Bud & Jessie	13703	Werth, Bob & Anne
2733	Wellington, Edward & Mary	13992	Edmondson, Laura
2787	Link, Michael & Adria	14033	Good, Mark & Gail
2813	Griffin, Richard & Kathy	16264	Rutty, Michael, Lianne and James
3045	Rawson, Don & Pat	16470	Long, Richard & Dorothy
3427	Sherman, Anthony & Dorothy	18081	Ingallinera, Jerry & Fran
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3990	Landry, Bob & Jean	20566	Levinson, David
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4922	Pestretto, Sebastian & Juanita	23191	Droheim, Arthur & Ann
5287	Hamqvist, Per & Lillemor	23726	Price, Ted & Lois
5381	Moniz, Ray & Maryellen	23728	Cherouny, Dick & Molly
5387	Peterson, John & Margie	24115	Rosenbeck, Niels & Lydia
5406	Fuller, Bard & Kathy	25573	Sikes, Arthur & Arlene
5407	Leeming, Bill & Linnea	26410	Olah, Dan & Karen
5409	White, Lincoln & Nancy	26824	Henschel, Bob & Sharon
5432	Bleakney, Chuck & Pam	29883	Good, Paul & Judy
5593	Sandall, Bob & Helen	30883	Kuehn, Howard & Dorcas
5618	Eckels, Francis & Maureen	31109	Burnham, Jim & Corinne
5830	Tuckerman, Dave & Betty	31764	Herpich, Bill & Lill
6624	Guilmart, Linda		
6625	Newman, Fred & Susan		
6982	Stagis, Ed & Al		
7115	Meyer, Edward & Kathleen		
7161	Wilson, Mark & Annette		
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7752	Bradley, Leland & Claire		
7880	Holiday, Walter & Dee		
7898	Eglise, Charlie & Sandy		
8253	Gilchrist, Jonathan & Holly Johnson		



October Rally 2000

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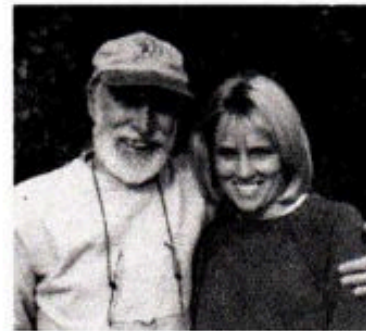


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## Constitution

### Article I

#### **Name of Organization**

Section 1: This organization, incorporated in the State of Connecticut, is a chartered Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and shall be known as the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.

### Article II

#### **Objectives**

Section 1: The objectives of this non-profit organization shall be to furnish encouragement and assistance in the development of the Unit and thus afford fraternization for Airstream trailer and motorhome owners; to encourage safe driving and assist in improving the general welfare of the recreational vehicle public through assistance and active participation of all its members in building a strong organization for the betterment of goodwill toward trailer and motorhome travel; to coordinate with and participate in the interests and activities of the International and the Region; to cooperate with other organizations and units within our sphere which are seeking to elevate the standards and ethics of the various groups; to disseminate information of an advisory and educational nature which will be of value to its members and the public; to study, advise and recommend legislation which is in the interest of the trailering and motoring public and oppose all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the trailering and motoring public; and to encourage government and private agencies to provide more and better trailer and motorhome parks and facilities.

### Article III

#### **Membership Qualifications**

Section 1: Adult ownership of a fully self-contained and hard sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., is a prerequisite for membership in this Unit.

Section 2: There are two classes of membership in this unit: Regular and Affiliate Members.

Section 3: An applicant for membership in this Unit must submit an application in writing and, upon the payment of International and Unit dues, shall be a Regular Member of this Unit.

Section 4: Regular Members who have sold their recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., may, upon request, retain their membership as Regular Members of this Unit pursuant to the provisions of Article VI Sec.2C of the International Constitution. Such Regular Members shall possess all the rights and privileges of the International Club, including full voting rights in all elections and on all questions.

Section 5: Regular Members of another Unit may become Affiliate Members in this Unit by an application to the Membership Committee and upon acceptance shall possess all the rights and privileges of the Unit, except the right to hold office in the Unit or the right to vote in the selection or election of officers in the Unit, Region, or International or on any amendment to the Unit or the International Constitution or on the dissolution of the Unit or the merger of the Unit with another Unit.

Section 6: Applicants for membership in this Unit must submit dues and join the International Club simultaneously or show evidence of membership in the International Club through another duly chartered unit.

Section 7: Failure to pay either Unit or International dues will automatically terminate membership in the Unit.

Section 8: In those cases of co-ownership of an fully self-contained hard sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., the rights and privileges of membership shall be deemed to include the spouses of such co-owner but collectively such co-owners shall possess one vote only except such co-owners who each pay International and Unit dues to this Unit shall each have one vote.

## **Article IV**

### **Officers and Their Election**

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

Section 2: The Officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting and shall be installed and shall assume office at that time. An officer shall serve in office for a term of one year or until a successor is elected but in no case shall an officer, except the Recording Secretary, Corresponding

Secretary or Treasurer, be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, provided said officers are duly nominated and elected for each term of office.

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

Section 4: The Directors shall be elected at the annual business meeting, each for a term of two years commencing at the annual meeting, but arranged so that only one-half such Directors' terms expire in any one year. No Director shall serve more than one two-year term consecutively.

Section 5: In the event of the death or resignation of the President or the death, advancement or resignation of a Vice President, or an officer's inability to fulfill the duties of office, the next ranking Vice President (in the order first, second) shall advance thereto. All other vacancies on the Executive Board, except that of the Immediate Past President, shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Board.

## **Article V**

### **Executive Board**

Section 1: The Executive Board shall be the administrative body of the Unit and shall define the policies of and have full administrative authority in all matters pertaining to the Unit, and shall exercise general control and supervision of all officers and committees.

Section 2: A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the members.

## **Article VI**

### **Business Meetings**

Section 1: The annual business meeting of the members of this organization shall be held during the month of November in each calendar year. Such a meeting shall be announced by written notice and delivered to the members not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. The notice shall indicate the date, time, and location of the meeting. A quorum for conducting business at the annual meeting, or at any additional business meeting, shall not be less than ten (10) percent of members.

Section 2: Additional business meetings of the members may be held at a suitable time and place during the second day of each rally of the members. If the rally or meeting is of less than two days duration, written notice to the members indicating the time, location, and purpose of such meeting shall be delivered to the members not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3: The Executive Board, by majority vote, may call additional business meetings of the members.

Section 4: The President or any two members of the Board may call a business meeting of the Executive Board at any time deemed necessary.

Section 5: All Regular and Affiliate Members voting at the annual or additional business meetings of this Unit, and each such membership, identified by the International Club Membership number, shall be considered one vote, except for co-owners who each pay International and Unit Dues to this Unit as provided for in Article III, Section 9.

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

## **Article VII**

### **Bylaws**

Section 1: Bylaws not inconsistent with this Constitution, and with the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., embodying additional provisions for the government of the Unit may be adopted by the Executive Board.

## **Article VIII**

### **Amendments**

Section 1: Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board in writing. The Executive Board shall submit all such amendments to the members for their consideration.

Section 2: Any Article or Section of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regular Members present and voting at a business meeting of the Unit or a special meeting called for that purpose, providing in either case, a notice containing the proposed amendment or

amendments has been mailed first-class to each member of the Unit at least fifteen (15) days prior to such a meeting.

Section 3: All amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption.

This Constitution adopted and effective May 3, 1997, at Lakeville, Massachusetts.

This Constitution was amended effective November 8, 1998, at Vernon, Connecticut.

Incorporated in Hartford, CT, April 14, 1998

## Bylaws

### Article I

#### **Order of Business**

Section 1: Parliamentary procedures for all meetings of the Unit and Executive Board shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised except when they are in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of this Club.

Section 2: The order of business shall be:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call of Executive Board and determination of quorum
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
4. Treasurer's report
5. Reading of correspondence
6. Report of committee chairpersons
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

### Article II

#### **Committees**

Section 1: Standing Committees shall be:

- A. Budget
- B. Caravan

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

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

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

### **Standing Committees**

#### **General Duties**

1. Budget - In cooperation with the incoming and outgoing Treasurer of the Unit, prepare for the Executive Board a budget projecting the unit's income and expenditures for the calendar (or fiscal) year next ensuing.
2. Caravan - To plan, organize, and obtain leaders for unit caravans that are operated or conducted for the Unit within the scope of the WBCCI Caravan Handbook. To develop an aggressive Unit Caravan program and to coordinate unit caravan matters with appropriate Region and International Caravan Committee personnel.
3. Constitution and Bylaws - To conduct a continuing review and study of the Unit and the International Constitution and Bylaws and to make recommendations for any amendments or additions deemed desirable and in the best interest of the Club.
4. Ethics and Grievance - To investigate and assess all grievances or complaints made by members and others and to make recommendations thereon to the Unit Executive Board.
5. Family/Youth - Plan programs to encourage participation of family/youth at unit functions and to be the liaison person between the Unit and International Family/Youth Standing Committee.



6. Historical - To record events including written and pictorial material associated with unit activities and to maintain a historical record of such.
7. Hospitality - To receive and make welcome guests and new members at club functions. Recommend ways to meet and greet all club members and guests at rallies and/or seasonal functions.
8. Legislative - To study, advise and recommend legislation in the interest of the Club and its members; to recommend opposition to all legislation which is discriminatory and injurious to the interest of the Club and its members.
9. Membership - be the Unit/Club contact for prospective new members and explain the purpose and objectives of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. Extend invitations to prospective members to attend a rally or meeting when making application for membership.
10. Publicity - To collect newsworthy items of interest to club members and to publish monthly a newsletter containing past and future events of the Unit, Region and International. To publish yearly a roster in the form and content as directed by the Executive Board. Forward material to Headquarters for publishing in the Blue Beret and Directory with respect to the Unit's activities schedule.
11. Public Relations - To maintain communications with the International and Region Public Relations Committee for maintaining a continuing program of public relations between WBCCI and communities being exposed to rallies and caravans.

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

### **Article III**

#### **Guests**

Section 1: A guest (or guests) sponsored and invited by a member in good standing and sharing that member's facilities may attend activities of the Unit. Members sponsoring such a guest shall pay one extra rally fee exclusive of the parking fee.

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

Section 3: Members in good standing in the International Club may attend activities of the Unit provided that such members,

and where required, shall have made prior reservation for each attendance.

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

## **Article IV**

### **Nominating Committee**

Section 1: The Executive Board shall, not less than 90 days prior to the Unit's annual business meeting, appoint a three member Nominating Committee who shall, after having obtained the prior consent of each proposed nominee, place in nomination one candidate for each office and director to be filled by election, and submit a written report to the Executive Board which shall include the names of all candidates considered, and the President shall distribute the report to the membership not less than fifteen (15) days prior to said business meeting. Additional candidates, who have previously consented, may be placed in nomination from the floor of that meeting. No seconds are required for any nomination.

## **Article V**

### **Duties of Officers**

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Unit and Executive board, enforce the Constitution and Bylaws, appoint all standing committees and have such powers and duties as normally pertain to the principal executive officer.

Section 2: The 1st Vice President shall attend all business meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board and shall assist the President and assume the duties of the President, when absent.

Section 3: The 2nd Vice President shall attend all business meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board and shall assist the President and 1st Vice President and assume the duties of the President and 1st Vice President in their absence, and will perform the duties assigned by the Executive Board.

Section 4: The Corresponding Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings of the Unit and Executive Board as prescribed in

Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution. The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare an agenda of pending business for use by the presiding officer at each meeting and shall keep a register of all members of the Unit.

Section 5: The Recording Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of all official meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board; copies of same shall be available to members of the Executive Board not more than fifteen (15) days following each meeting, upon request. The Recording Secretary shall record the attendance of the officers and directors at each meeting and shall advise the presiding officer if a quorum is present.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the Unit and shall receive all moneys and promptly deposit them in the bank previously chosen by the Executive Board; shall notify members of expiration of dues and issue receipts for dues paid; shall submit a full written report of finances to the Executive Board at each meeting and before retirement shall have the books and accounts audited by a committee of not less than three members selected by the incoming President. All books, monies, and property of the Unit held by the Treasurer shall be delivered promptly to the successor.

Section 7: The duties of the Directors shall be as prescribed in Section 1, Article V, of the Constitution and to attend all meetings of the Unit and the Executive Board; to accept special assignments as directed by the President.

## **Article VI**

### **Delegates**

Section 1: The Executive Board shall select one delegate and one alternate from among the officers and Regular and Associate members who will attend the annual Delegates meeting of the parent organization, the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. Any vacancy occurring following such selection shall be filled by appointment by the President. The delegate and alternate should be instructed respecting the wishes of the Unit on matters to come before the meeting. The President and Secretary shall certify to these selections.

## **Article VII**

### **Dues**

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

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

## **Article VIII**

### **Code of Ethics**

Section 1: All members shall abide by the following Code of Ethics:

- (a) To be ever mindful of our responsibility to the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and through conduct indicate to the public that membership in this organization is an assurance of courtesy on the road and of goodwill to all peoples and countries.
- (b) To say or print nothing which may reflect unfavorably on others and to dedicate ourselves to the work of cementing together the members of our units and the Club in bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
- (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.

## **Article IX**

### **Liability**

Section 1: Neither the Unit nor its officers are responsible for the loss of or damage to property or for injury to or death of a person on the premises of any club function. This freedom for responsibility for loss or damage to property applies regardless of whether that property has been received by any member or officer or left upon the premises.

## **Article X**

### **Amendments**

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Executive Board by two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to all

members of the Executive Board in writing at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

Section 2: Such amendments shall become effective upon adoption.

## **Article XI**

### **Dissolution**

Section 1: In the event of dissolution of this Unit, the members shall, through the President, assign all assets to the International Club, or in the case of an incorporated unit, to such other trustee appointed in accordance with the laws governing non-profit corporation in the State or province of their incorporation, to be held in trust until such time as the charter is restored, the unit is reorganized, or a new charter is issued when such assets shall be returned or transferred to the newly functioning unit. This procedure is in accordance with the meaning of Section 501 © (7) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. None of the funds shall enure to the benefit of any member and the Unit Charter and all International club property shall be returned to International Club Headquarters.

These bylaws were last printed on April 5, 1992, at East Hartford, Connecticut.



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### Arizona

#### **Superstition Resort (Apache Junction, AZ)**

c/o President  
11313 East Boise Street  
Apache Junction, AZ 85220  
(602) 984-5341

Directions/Location: Located at 72 North 113 Way.

### California

#### **Lake Tamerisk Land Yacht Harbor**

Box 255  
Desert Center, CA 92239  
(619) 227-3138

Directions/Location: Located 1 mile North of I-10 at Desert Center on Kaiser Road.

#### **Yucaipa Land Yacht Harbor**

12618 Third Street  
Yucaipa, CA 92399  
(909) 797-1807

Directions/Location: Located midway between Los Angeles and

Palm Springs just a few miles off I-10 at Yucaipa.

**Delaware****Port Del-Mar-Va**

Old Landing Road  
 RD #1, Box 502  
 Rehoboth, DE 19971  
 (302) 227-7409

Directions/Location: From Delaware Route 1 South on County Road 274, Left at mobile home park, then straight to Port Del-Mar-Va.

**Florida****Christmas Airstream Park**

Cooperative, Inc.  
 25525 W. Colonial Drive  
 Christmas, FL 32709  
 (407) 568-5207

Directions/Location: From North or South I-95 West on U.S. 50 to Christ-mas. From Orlando East on U.S. 50 for approximately 28 miles to Christmas. Park is on North side of U.S. 50 on East side of Christmas.

**Land Yacht Harbor**

201 N. John Rodes Boulevard  
 Melbourne, FL 32934  
 (407) 254-6398

**Land Yacht Port-O-Call, Inc.**

1300 S. Airport Boulevard  
 Melbourne, FL 32901-2956  
 1-800-982-0255

**Mystic Springs Cove, Inc.**

591 Mystic Springs Road  
 McDavid, FL 32568  
 (352) 256-3280

Directions/Location: From the North Flomaton exit from I-65, South on 29 for 13 miles. From the South (at Pensacola) North on 29 for 25 miles. From I-10 East on Mystic Springs Cove Road for 1 mile.

**Paradise Park Condo Association**

46900 Bermont Road  
 Punta Gorda, FL 33982  
 (941) 639-2680

Directions/Location: 24.5 miles east of Punta Gorda on Route 74. From North or South on I-75 or U.S. 41 East on 17 for 1 mile (east of I-75), East on 74 for about 24.5 miles. From North or South on Route 31 East on 74 for 4.5 miles. From U.S. 27 South on 29 toward LaBelle for 1 mile. west on 74 for 20 miles. From the South on 41 East on 80 at Fort Myers, North on 31, East on 74 for 4.5 miles.

**Travelers Rest Resort**

29129 Johnston Road  
 Dade City, FL 33523-6128  
 (352) 588-2013

**Georgia****Top of Georgia Airstream Park**

State Route 75, Route 1  
 Helen, GA 30545  
 (706) 878-9954

Directions/Location: 4.5 miles north of Helen on GA 75.

**Michigan****Holiday Park Campground**

4860 U.S. 31 South  
 Traverse City, MI 49684  
 (616) 943-4410

Directions/Location: 6.5 miles south of Traverse City, off U.S. 31 at Silver Lake.

**Minnesota****Land Yacht Caraveners Club, Inc (St. Cloud, MN)**

Clear Lake, MN 55319

Directions/Location: From Minneapolis-St. Paul West on 10 toward St. Cloud, 4.5 miles past Becker. At small lake on right, turn north on County Road 55 for 1 mile, Right (east) for .5 miles at first opportunity. Alternate route Exit 178 from I-94, East to 10, Right to County Road 55, Left for 1 mile. Park is 60 miles northwest of Twin Cities and 12 miles southeast of St. Cloud.



**New Jersey****Jersey Shore Airstream Park (Cape May, NJ)**

P.O. Box 121  
 South Seaville, NJ 08246  
 (610) 459-5526

Directions/Location: From Garden State Parkway West at Exit 17 toward Ocean View, Left (South) on 9, Right on first road (Seaville Avenue), Left at blinker on South Dennis road for 2.5 miles. From West 47S Left on 83 for .5 miles, Left on South Dennis Road (sign for South Seaville) for .5 miles. Park is located between Atlantic City and Cape May.

**New York****Brook-N-Wood Family Campground**

RFD 1, Box 100B  
 1947 County Road 8  
 Elizaville, NY 12523  
 (518) 537-6896

Directions/Location: From North on New York Thruway Take Exit 21 across bridge, South on 9 for 7 miles, Left (East) at Blue Stores corner County Road 8 for 1.5 miles. From South on New York Thruway Take Exit 19 across bridge, Right (North) on 9 toward Red Hook, Right (East) at Blue Stores corner County Road 8 for 1.5 miles.

**Land Yacht Harbor of Tusten, Inc. (Tusten, NY)**

Route 2, Box 351  
 Narrowsburg, NY 12764  
 (914) 252-7366

Directions/Location: From Part Jarvis North on 97 for 6.4 miles past first blinker in Barryville, Right on Lackawaxen Road. From Milford, PA West on 6, North on 434 to Barryville, Right on 97 for 6.4 miles, Right on Lackawaxen Road. From Narrowsburg, NY South on 97, Left on Lackawaxen Road.

**Ohio****Meadow Lake Park**

8970 Canaan Road  
 Wooster, OH 44691  
 (330) 435-6652

Directions/Location: From the North on I-71 and I-76 South on 3 from Creston for 4.5 miles, West on Fulton Road. From the South Ohio 30 North at Wooster on 3 for 6.5 miles, West on Fulton Road. Park is located between Wooster and Creston.

**Oklahoma****Cherokee Land Yacht Harbor**

HC 73, Box 597-1  
Park Hill, OK 74451  
(918)457-4500

Directions/Location: Located 13 miles south of Tahlequah on the east side of Lake Tenkiller on Route 82 or 3 miles north of Cookson, turn East at the Flintridge Store and Cabins.

**Oregon****Dufur Valley Farm and Airstream Park**

P.O. Box 457  
82437 Old Dufur Valley Road  
Dufur, OR 97021  
(541) 467-2602

Directions/Location: From The Dalles South on 197 for 13 miles, west on Forest Road S221 for 4 miles.

**Pennsylvania****Penn Wood Campground**

Box 7  
Route 66  
Limestone, PA 16234  
(814) 764-8963

Directions/Location: From Exit 10 on I-80 South on 66 for 4 mile

**Province of Quebec****Domaine Beau Bassin**

c/o Aline Dupont  
5374 Omer Heroux  
Montreal, North H1G 2Y4  
(514) 886-5819

Directions/Location: From St. Emilie De L'Energie South on 131 for 5 miles. Park is located 26 miles north of Joliette and 60 miles from Montreal.

**South Carolina****Palmetto Cove**

Star Route, Box 87  
 521 Table Rock Road  
 Cleveland, SC 29635  
 (864) 836-9221

Directions/Location: From Greenville North on 276, South on 8 for 600 feet, Right on River Road (do not cross bridge). From Charlotte, NC South on I-85 to Gaffney, SC, West on 11, on 8 for 600 feet, Right on River Road (do not cross bridge). Park is on south side of River Road.

**Tennessee****Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground**

Route 5, Box 285  
 158 Airstream Circle  
 Crossville, TN 38555

Directions/Location: From Chattanooga North on U.S. 127 for approximately 70 miles, West at sign at bridge crossing Daddy's Creek for 4.7 miles, South at sign for 2.1 miles. From I-40 South on U.S. 127 for approximately 16 miles, West at sign at bridge crossing Daddy's Creek for 4.7 miles, South at sign for 2.1 miles.

**Texas****North Texas Airstream Community**

P.O. Box 1224  
 200 Walnut Hill Avenue  
 Hillsboro, TX 76645  
 (254) 582-5566

Directions/Location: From I-35 Take Exit 368A and go East on Highway 22. After .4 miles, turn right on Walnut Hill Street. Park is on right.

**El Valle Del Sol**

P.O. Box 1668, R.R. 4  
 2500 East Business 83 #12  
 Mission, TX 78572  
 (956) 585-5704

Directions/Location: From East or West Expressway 83 North on FM 494, East on Business 83 for 1,000 feet. Park is located between Mission and McAllen.

**TA-HI, The Texas Airstream Harbor, Inc.**

Box 200, Route 2  
Zavalla, TX 75980  
(409) 897-3413

Directions/Location: From U.S. 69 East on 63 for .7 miles, Left (northeast) on 147 for 4.5 miles, Left at TA-HI sign for .6 miles. From Southwest 147 Right at TA-HI sign (2 miles after bridge over reservoir) for .6 miles.

**Virginia****Tall Pines Harbor, Inc. (Temperanceville, VA)**

P.O. Box 5  
Sanford, VA 23426  
(757) 824-0777

Directions/Location: From Temperanceville West on 695 for 7 miles.

**Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park**

R-1, Box 154C  
Copper Hill, VA 24079  
(540) 651-9050

Directions/Location: From the North on I-81 Take 581 through Roanoke, South on 220 to Blue Ridge Parkway, South on Blue Ridge Parkway to Adney Gap (mile post 136), South on 221, Right on 610 for 1 mile, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the South on I-81 Take Route 8 to Floyd from Christianburg, North on 221, Left on 610, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the South on I-77 North on 221 in Hillsville through Floyd, Left on 610, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the East on 460 or from the South on 220 South on Blue Ridge Parkway to Adney Gap (mile post 136), South on 221, Right on 610 for 1 mile, turn onto 649 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles. From the west on 460 and West VA Turnpike Take I-81 South, South on 8 past Christianburg to Floyd, North on 221, Left on 610, turn onto 6490 for .3 miles, turn onto 792 for .7 miles.

**Washington****Washington Land Yacht Harbor**

9101 Steilecoom Road, S.E.  
Olympia, WA 98513  
(360) 491-3750

Directions/Location: From I-5 South on Marvin Road (exit 111) for 1 mile to second crossroad, Left on Steilecoom Road for .8 miles.

**West Virginia****White Oak Land Yacht Harbor (Hedgesville, WV)**

(304) 754-7525

Directions/Location: From I-81 Route 9 for 12.7 miles  
(Mountain Lake Road).

**Wisconsin****Fountain Lake Land Yacht Harbor, Inc.****(Waupaca, WI)**

8599 16th Road

Almond, WI 54909

(715) 366-2954

Directions/Location: From Waupaca West on 54 for 8 miles,  
South on County Truck TT for 4 miles, East for .5 miles.

Directions/Location: From I-75 West on 41 (Exit 60, mile post  
294). Park is 12 miles northwest of Dade City and 30 miles  
north of Tampa.



Fine looking group...



Wonderful rally site - scheduled for August 2001

## Guidelines for Rallies & Meetings

### 1. Chatter Article

Appoint someone in advance to write a news article for the Chatter describing the event and ask them to submit the article to the Chatter editor within a few days after the event. This is the responsibility of the host. Failure to do so will result in a delay in publishing our newsletter.

### 2. Advance Notice

When preparing flyers, include information regarding rally fees, dates, parking, deposits, activities, potluck dinners, etc. Submit a flyer (sign-up sheet) to the Chatter editor in advance of your event.

### 3. Rally Expenses

All rallies should be self-supporting, each person paying his share of the expenses. When visitors pay the same as members, they feel free to take part. This also prevents criticism over treasury funds being used for activities in which all members do not participate.

### 4. Suggestions for Making a Successful "First Impression" at a WBCCI Rally

- a. Have a Greeting Committee to meet arrivals with a . . . "Hi! Glad you're here!" Some may be new owners and new to our program. Make them feel at home. Give each person a name tag, give each RV a program, or if you do not have programs, tell them to check the bulletin board for the schedule of activities.
- b. Have a hospitality center so that on arrival the greeters can say . . . "the coffee is on . . . get set up and then come over \_\_\_\_\_." Have a bulletin board at the hospitality center. Post announcements and program, and perhaps a sign . . . "Welcome to the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit, WBCCI."
- c. Take a snapshot of each family and paste it in the Unit history book. These books are of interest to everyone and should be on display at all Unit rallies.
- d. Have a Unit guest book and ask everyone to sign it at each rally.
- e. Award a "gate" prize. One thought . . . number the programs and lucky number gets the prize . . . use some kind of gag.
- f. Plan something for the children. It will make a more enjoyable rally for everyone.

## 5. Rally Parking

Park rally hosts together. These are the people who are responsible for the success of the rally. Be sure everyone knows where to locate officers and hosts.

## 6. Meetings

Wally patterned "Meeting Time" after the old town hall meetings. Meetings may be strictly social or a combined social and business meeting. Meetings give everyone an opportunity to get together. Meetings provide a time to get acquainted, to exchange ideas, to discuss objectives and accomplishments. This is a time to take part and a time to recognize individual contributions. The sidewalk café meeting is always fun. Members bring their refreshments and sit around and talk about what has been done or seen, trips made, etc. This usually takes place about 4:30 in the afternoon. If a business meeting or a combined business meeting and social meeting is planned, notice should be posted. Everyone will make an extra effort to get back from sight-seeing or shopping.

## 7. Bulletin Board

Place a bulletin board in a central location (the hospitality RV is often used) as a center of activities for announcements and program news. If you have a printed program, post one on the board. Keep everyone informed about what is going on.

## 8. Church Services

Post notices of local church services on the bulletin board.

## 9. Head Table

Arranging the head table and the seating of guests depends upon the size of the table and the number to be seated. If possible, your own officers and their spouses should be seated at the head table. If there isn't room for the spouses, they should be placed as near the head table as possible. The President should sit in the center position. Visiting VIPs and International officers would normally be seated at the head table. A special table for officers, past and present, may be arranged. If you have overlooked someone who might reasonably expect to sit at the head table, ask them to stand and be acknowledged. This helps to overcome what could be an embarrassing situation.

### Courtesy Parking In Charter Oak CT Unit

The following members offer one of the most under used benefits of membership in WBCCI. Courtesy Parking is not only for use when you are travel across the country!!! Members would love to have you visit, they would not offer courtesy parking if they did not want you to visit!!! For a complete listing of Courtesy Parking nationwide please see you WBCCI directory.

<u>Town/City</u>	<u>Member/Number</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<b>Connecticut</b>		
Bloomfield	Jim Hegeman #246	(860) 243-0081
Chester	Michael & Lianne Rutty #16264	(860) 526-8011
Coventry	Bob & Jean Landry #3990	(860) 742-8069
East Windsor	Jim & Corinne Burnham #31109	(860) 623-9752
Goshen	Bill & Lynn Perlotto #4088	(860) 491-3608
Haddam	Wayne & Susan Rutty #210	(860) 345-4049
Litchfield	Bill & Lil Herpich #31764	(860) 567-9661
Madison	Gregg & Debbie Cocco #4087	(203) 245-3451
Middletown	Bud & Jessie Gould #2478	(860) 347-5731
New Fairfield	Mark & Annette Wilson #7161	(203) 746-9756
Plainville	Ed & Al Stagis #6982	(860) 747-0606
Plantsville	Ray & Maryellen Moniz #5381	(860) 621-1536
Roxbury	Gregory & Sylvia Davis #20049	(860) 350-6150
Wethersfield	Ted & Lois Price #23726	(860) 529-9393
<b>Maine</b>		
Alfred	Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight #90	(207) 324-8430
<b>New York</b>		
Newburgh	David Levinson #20566	(914) 562-0091
<b>Rhode Island</b>		
Hopkinton	Howard (Mike) Kuehn #30883	(401) 377-1069
<b>Texas</b>		
Roanoke	Mark & Gail Good #14033	(817) 379-5806



## Charter Oak Birthdays

### January

Richard Long	01/02
John Fuller	01/03
Rip Nelson	01/05
Bill Leeming	01/07
James Hegeman	01/08
Jerry Ingallinera	01/16
Howard Knight	01/16
Arthur Droheim	01/17
Mark Wilson	01/18
Edward Stagis	01/19
Annette Wilson	01/23
Lianne Rutty	01/24
Arlene Sikes	01/28
Raynold Lemaire	01/30
Linwood Lowell	01/30

### February

Susan Newman	02/01
William Fiehn	02/04
Richard Griffin	02/05
Sylvia Davis	02/07
Bill Perlotto	02/09
David Levinson	02/13
Leila Clark	02/16
Patricia Lines	02/18
Betty Clark	02/23
Malcolm Appleton	02/21
Mike Sasuta	02/21
Betty Clark	02/23

### March

Carolyn Barrett	03/01
Corinne Burnham	03/01
Laura Edmondson	03/01
MaryEllen Moniz	03/01
Edward Wellington	03/02
Dee Holliday	03/06
Juanita Pestretto	03/06
Larry Lamontagne	03/07
Lydia Rosenbeck	03/08
Lillemor Hamnqvist	03/09
Audrey Clark	03/11
Sandy Eglise	03/11
Nancy White	03/14
Jessie Gould	03/15
Ted Lucas	03/15
Roger Crockett	03/21

Frances Simmons	03/21
Ruth Crockett	03/22
Leland Bradley	03/23
Francis Eckels	03/30
Anthony Sherman	03/30
Margie Peterson	03/31

### April

Chad Bleakney	04/04
Shirley Dole	04/04
Paul Freed	04/06
Ethan Newman	04/06
Eileen Bartram	04/09
Abigail Newman	04/10
Karen Olah	04/10
Robert Werth	04/11
Dan Olah	04/13
Jacoba Taylor	04/14
Bob Barrett	04/16
Claire Bradley	04/17
Bob Sandall	04/18
Charles Wilson	04/19
Russell Berg	04/22
Linnea Leeming	04/24
Ruby Fuller	04/26
Bob Henschel	04/27
Antoinette Petrillo	04/29
Joseph Potter	04/29

### May

Joe Gatavaski	05/01
Bard Fuller	05/01
Mark Good	05/03
Pat Lamontagne	05/03
William O'Donald	05/05
Thomas Petrillo	05/07
Jean Landry	05/11
Michael Newman	05/11
Ron Edmondson	05/13
Molly Cherouny	05/21
Don Rawson	05/27

### June

Sebastian Pestretto	06/03
Lee Hale	06/06
Gregg Cocco	06/11
Lincoln White	06/12
Linda Guilmart	06/14
Joe Ribiero	06/14

## Birthdays Continued

Philip Simmons	06/23
Gail Good	06/26
Reggie Brown	06/28
Maureen Eckels	06/28
Elaine Tower	06/29
Barbara Appleton	06/31

### July

Jim Burnham	07/01
Ted Price	07/03
Kathy Kushman	07/05
Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Helen Gatavask	07/09
Mary Louise Wellington	07/14
Rosalie Moffo	07/15
Chandler Taylor	07/19
Megan Fuller	07/21
Richard Moffo	07/23
Claire Lines	07/23
Jackie Lucas	07/25
Judy Good	07/26
Lois Price	07/26
Kathy Fuller	07/29
Dorothy O'Conner	07/30

### August

Gregory Davis	08/01
Dorothy Long	08/01
Ann Droheim	08/07
Jeanne Wilson	08/08
Shirley Edmondson	08/09
Andrea Lucas	08/12
Jackie Brown	08/16
Adria Link	08/18
Pam Bleakney	08/21
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	08/30

### September

Deborah Onorato	09/05
Sharon Henschel	09/06
Chuck Bleakney	09/08
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

### October

Fran Ingallinera	10/05
Bill Herpich	10/07
Dick Bartram	10/12
Elsie Nelson	10/12
Niels Rosenbeck	10/12
Susan Rutty	10/21
Lill Herpich	10/27
Michael Rutty	10/27
Bob Landry	10/28
Fred Newman	10/29
Deborah Cocco	10/30

### November

Sandy Sasuta	11/01
Anne Werth	11/02
David Tuckerman	11/04
Ray Moniz	11/06
Walter Holliday	11/07
Sarah Ribiero	11/07
Paul Good, Jr.	11/09
Clarence Gould	11/09
Paul Good	11/10
Samuel Newman	11/16
John Peterson	11/16
Michael Weber	11/18
Dorcas Kuehn	11/20
Angela Taurus	11/21
Michael Onorato	11/23
Dick Cherouny	11/27
Helen Sandall	11/28
Howard Kuehn	11/30
Dorothy Sherman	11/30

### December

James Rutty	12/01
Lynn Perlotto	12/01
Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Carol Potter	12/16
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18

## COCU Member Anniversaries

### January

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

### February

Dorothy & Linwood Lowell	02/01
Ray & Mary Ellen Moniz	02/03
Francis & Maureen Eckels	02/14
Howard & Dorcas Kuehn	02/14
Bill & Lynn Perlotto	02/15
Michael & Adria Link	02/19
Rod & Shirley Dole	02/26

### March

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

### April

Bob & Carolyn Barrett	04/11
Dick & Molly Cherouny	04/15
Gary & Cathy Levinson	04/17
Paul & Dorothy Freed	04/19

### May

Larry & Pat Lamontagne	05/02
Charles & Pamela Bleakney	05/06
Bill & Linnea Leeming	05/08
Arthur & Ann Droheim	05/22
Rich & Kathy Kushman	05/26
Claire & Patricia Lines	05/26
Ted & Lois Price	05/26
William & Jeanette O'Donald	05/31
Mike & Sandy Sasuta	05/31

### June

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 & Antoinette Petrillo	06/20
Leland & Claire Bradley	06/24
Robert & Anne Werth	06/24
Bob & Jean Landry	06/25
Sebastian & Juanita Pestretto	06/30
Niels & Lydia Rosenbeck	06/30

### July

Edward & Mary Wellington	07/02
Don & Pat Rawson	07/01
Jim & Angela Taurus	07/03
Charles & Jeanne Wilson	07/04
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

### August

John & Ruby Fuller	08/01
Richard & Dorothy Long	08/03
Lincoln & Nancy White	08/03
Howard M. & Carolyn Knight	08/17
Walter & Dee Holliday	08/22
Theodore & Andrea Lucas	08/25

### September

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

### October

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
Mark & Annette Wilson	10/25

### November

Russell Berg & Dorothy O'Connor	11/04
Rip & Elsie Nelson	11/16
Charlie & Sandy Eglise	11/29

### December

Gregory & Sylvia Davis	12/22
Michael & Deborah Onorato	12/23
Philip & Frances Simmons	12/26
Fred & Susan Newman	12/28

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## Supplies

Sandy Sasuta our Treasurer maintains a supply of many of the following items for sale to club members; some must be ordered in advance. If you wish to purchase any of these, please contact Sandy. Prices are subject to change and items marked with an asterisk (\*) will have shipping charges added to the price.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
<b>Badges &amp; Holders:</b>	
Badges With Name and Unit	\$2.25
Badge Holder With Clip Fastener	\$3.00
<b>Apparel</b>	
Berets (Polyester)	\$6.50
Baseball Cap w/WBCCI Emblem	\$8.00
Ties: WBCCI Red or Blue	\$12.00
<b>Books:</b>	
WBCCI Club Caravan Handbook	\$3.50
<b>Decals:</b>	
Car Decals with ½" Numbers	\$1.50/set
WBCCI Decal & Trailer Number	See Coupon In Blue Beret
(Please order directly from Headquarters)	
<b>Flags:</b>	
United States, 3' x 5'	\$25.00*
Connecticut, 3' x 5'	\$35.75*
Canada 3x5	\$22.50*
<b>Patches &amp; Pins:</b>	
Charter Oak Patch (previous)	\$2.25
Charter Oak Patch (new design)	\$2.25
3" WBCCI Jacket Patch	\$4.25
Charter Oak Pin	\$1.00
<b>Pennants: WBCCI Pennant</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>

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