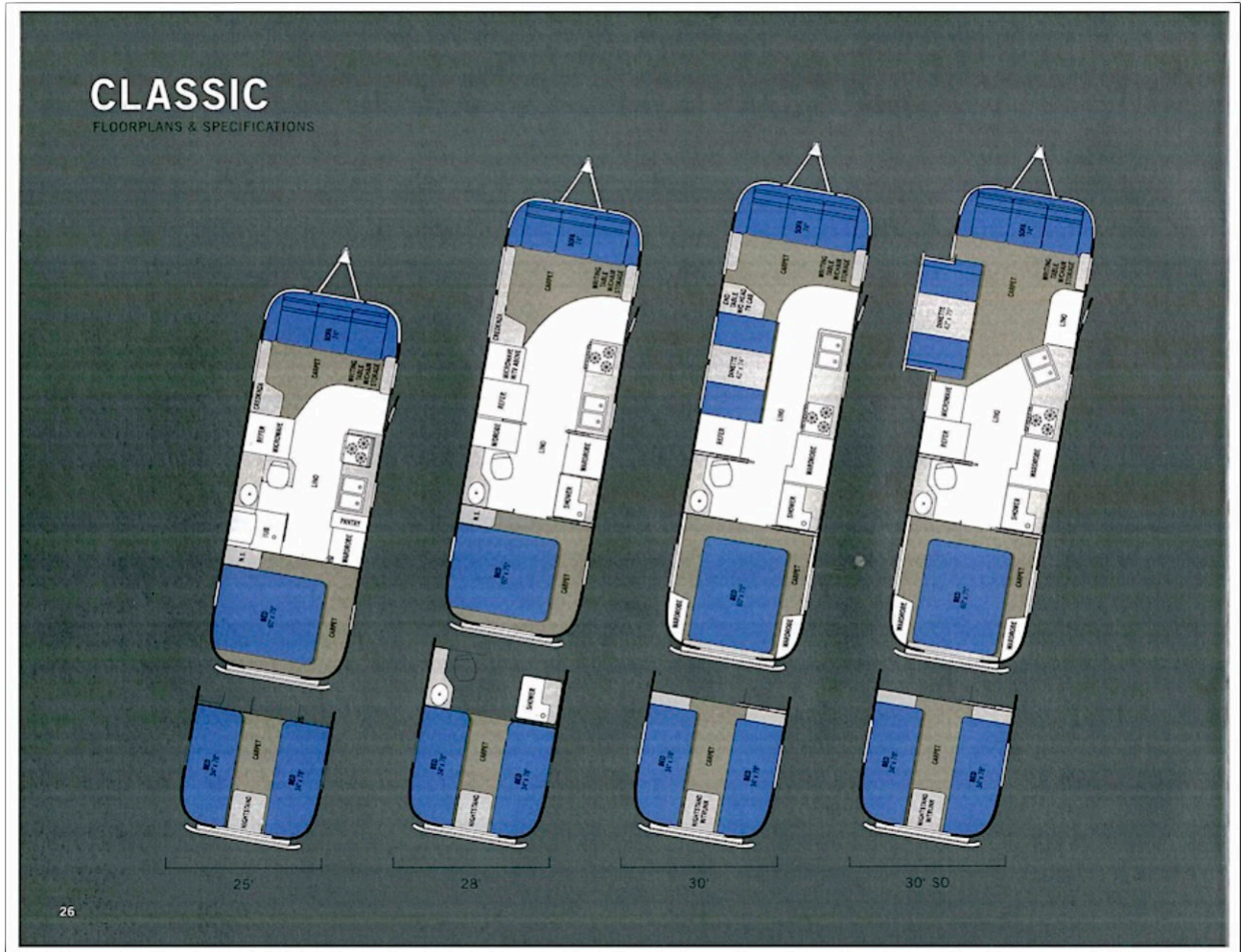




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CHARTER OAK CHATTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2002



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeanne & I would like to first wish all our members a happy and safe New Year.

Secondly, as we all settle in for the long winter nights, we should have visions of our exciting schedule for the warmer months.

As mentioned at our Christmas luncheon, COCU has started a new mentoring program. This program will be chaired by Mark Wilson and additional details are in this Chatter.

Beginning with the February Chatter we will begin offering the Sugarcreek reservation form. Charter Oak will attend the event 9-21-02 thru 9-29-02. For those that can't stay the entire time, you can always depart earlier.

The reason for the early start is that this event fills up fast. We will keep running the reservation form until we find out they are filled. The Sugarcreek Rally has limited space so be sure to register early. As a Club, we will rendezvous on 9-20-02 so we can all enter together. One exception will be those with dogs. Dogs are permitted but you have to park in the "doggie" section.

One final note. If you know of a member in your general area (check your directory), who for one reason or another may have missed several meetings, why not try calling them. Invite them to one of the upcoming indoor meetings in February, March or April.

This would be a very good way to kick off 2002 and encourage newer members to become more active.

Charter Oak is always excited with new member participation and we look forward to seeing you.

Charlie Wilson
C7459w@aol.com
 winter # 203-820-8103

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GET WELL WISHES

Please extend get well wishes to Ron Edmondson who is recovering at home after heart surgery. John Peterson is recovering at home from an illness.

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

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
Bud & Carol Skelly	02/09
Francis & Maureen Eckels	02/14
Howard Kuehn & Dorcas Van Horn	02/14
Bill & Lynn Perlotto	02/15
Michael & Adria Link	02/19
Rod & Shirley Dole	02/26

FOR SALE

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

1970 Airstream 27 ft International Trailer Needs awning & AC work, Body and others parts in good condition or new. Contact: John S. Grim; 1 Kerr Road; Rhinebeck, NY 12572; 845-876-4786

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jim & Corinne Burnham on the birth of their granddaughter, Danielle Burnham on November 26, 2001.

**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:

Fritz & Pat Vohr
WBCCI#6917
51 Edwards Lane
Charlestown, RI 02841
Phone: 401-364-0050
Email: fpvohr@earthlink.net

CHARTER OAK HOLIDAY PARTY

Outside, the snow is falling and friends are calling Yoo-hoo; Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.....

Well, maybe not a sleigh ride, but a nice weekend in the beautiful outdoors with our Airstreams!

And friends were calling Yoo-hoo at the Sans Souci Restaurant on the Berlin Turnpike on December 9th. Jessie and Bud Gould outdid themselves arranging a festive gathering at the Charter Oak Holiday Party. The food was excellent (especially the delicious Jessie Cake served as dessert at the end of the meal). Jessie and Bud made and brought many door prizes that were distributed after dinner.

Dorothy Barnhart graciously agreed to lead the group in singing some familiar Christmas Carols. Some very good voices were heard in the assembly!

Our special guest was Jonathan Keithan (the Goulds' grandson) who works at the Cromwell Children's Home. Jonathan is establishing a music program at the Home. He asked that we consider donating any unused musical instruments or amplifiers to help him set up the program. This will provide the children with the means to learn to play an instrument, and to perform for others. This would be an excellent community service project for Charter Oak which would benefit the children (and us). Also, it would be therapeutic for the kids who have so little in terms of loving family and friends and material belongings.

Jonathan told a story about a young boy at the Home who was watching intently as Jonathan played the guitar. Jonathan asked if he was interested in learning to play. The young boy said, You mean I could play the guitar like you some day? This same young boy later played the guitar for residents and counselors at the Home.

Members of Charter Oak generously provided a great variety of gifts for the kids which will be wrapped and given to the children on Christmas Day by the staff at the Children's Home.

President Charlie Wilson announced that he is appointing Mark Wilson as COCU's new Mentoring Chairman. Mark will coordinate a mentoring program for new members. Any member of our unit who wishes to participate in this new program, please see Mark.

Region President Dick Bartram said that there are 2 upcoming R.V. shows in our area: one in Boston on January 19-27, (this one may be over by the time the newsletter comes out), and one in West Springfield on February 15-18. He suggested that COCU members (who are able to), could spend some time at Marty's R.V. Airstream display to talk to prospective Airstream purchasers about WBCCI, and about owning Airstream products. Our way of life is attractive to many people and we can get the word out on a one to one basis at the R.V. shows.

Dick and I wish all our friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year; and we will see you down the road.

Safe travels,

Eileen Bartram
#281

CHARTER OAK CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

It was a "Sans Souci" (whatever that means) Holiday Celebration in Meriden. Whenever 50 of us gather the good times roll. It was on Sunday, December 9th when COCU-ers left their RV's, dressed up in their finest, and were welcomed by hosts Jessie and Bud Gould.

A wonderful menu topped off with one of Jessie's very special cakes. President Charlie Wilson announced a new mentoring program for new members.

A sing-along, led by our own in-house director, Dorothy Sherman, supported by other talent. (perhaps a rehearsal would have been helpful!)

Gifts brought were donated to The Children's Home of Cromwell. Bud and Jessie's Grandson, Jonathan Keithan works with these children and shared information regarding programs at the home. This left us all with an extra joy in giving.

There were plenty of good wishes to go around as we parted, always looking forward to our next get together.

Thank you all for bringing much pleasure throughout the year.

Happy, Happy, Happy!!

Ted and Lois Price
#23726

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
Telephone 1-800-561-0123

Prince Edward Island
Telephone 1-888-PEI-PLAY (1-888-734-7529)

INVITATION TO VERMONT

Are you interested in participating in the "Invitation to Vermont" for the 2003 Vermont WBCCI International Rally planned for Rapid City, SD? If so, Region 1 members who will be in Rapid City, SD are invited to participate in the following ways:

A T-shirt is offered; black with logo; to be worn at the "Invitation" (will be delivered at the to be announced Rapid City practice); cost: \$7.00 (per shirt) prepaid to Anne Werth by 3/8/02. Wear a khaki skirt or pants to the event. The colors chosen are black and khaki with antique gold for accents. For this "Invitation", be sure to wear the black on top (if you choose not to buy the one with the logo), and khaki on the bottom.

You may still participate without purchasing the logo shirt, but you need to let me know your intention to be in the "invitation" presentation. There will be a practice time announced for Region 1 and Region 5, please attend both practices. Region 1 will sit in reserved seating this night and display cardboard squares (Cheerblock style) as instructed at our practice in Rapid City. Bring a teddy bear to carry if you prefer to "march" instead of participate in the "Cheerblock". Sizes available: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X PLEASE SPECIFY. COST: \$7.00 PER SHIRT, PREPAID AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, NO LATER THAN 3/8/02 AS THE ORDERS AND MONEY NEED TO BE SENT TO THE "INVITATION" COORDINATOR.

COME AND JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES TO PRESENT ESSEX JUNCTION, VT TO THE REST OF WBCCI AT THE RAPID CITY, SD INTERNATIONAL!

Anne Werth
1st VP, Region 1
428 South River Road
Tolland, CT 06084
E-mail: abwerth@hotmail.com



RV Industry Heritage

King Of The Caravans



Al Hesselbart

As the Airstream Company, which he had founded in 1934, resumed trailer production following its shut down by the material rationing required by World War II, Wally Byam turned the day-to-day operations over to others, and set his course on developing the caravan concept of RV travel.

Wally, however, was never satisfied with the basic or the mundane. Point-to-point in the good ole USA just would not do in his greater scheme of things. He had enjoyed many challenging adventures pulling his own unit and was sure that others would enjoy group RV travel.

In the years from about 1950 through the mid 1960s, he conceived, planned, organized and led large groups of trailer tourists on 27 exotic trips to Mexico, Central and South America, Canada, Alaska, Europe, Africa, China, and around the World. All caravan units were car or truck and trailer; no motorized units participated in his caravans.

The early caravans were open to all brands of trailers but the later ones were exclusively for Airstream owners. One thing Wally did recognize early in his caravan career was that RVers visiting foreign lands were not "Good Will Ambassadors" or United Nations representatives -- they were simply tourists and were out to enjoy the sights, sounds, and differences in the people and places they visited while being good neighbors and good citizens. In many cases, the political situation really required that for personal safety they mind their own business very carefully.

Wally developed the concept of pilot trips, advance arrangements, and political expediency that allowed his international trips to go relative-

ly smoothly.

For his 1951 trip from El Paso, Texas, through Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica, and, of course, return, he led 63 RV units on a journey that required passports, visas, food drops, gas drops, medical arrangements and all manner of special details unlike domestic RV travel.

This trip is generally recognized as the very first international RV caravan. He found that towropes and winches were absolutely essential in many areas where roads and bridges were simply figments of some map-maker's imagination.

The 25 or so exotic RV adventures that followed over the next 15 years, while quite expensive, were very popular. After about six years of organizing trips that covered all of North and Central America, in 1955 and 56, he organized a trip throughout Europe that included Italy, the French Riviera, Spain, and north through all of Western Europe to Sweden and Norway.

On this trip he learned that trans-Atlantic shipping companies would not transport more than twelve car-trailer units on a given ship because the bulk space in a ship's hold taken up by a car or truck with a trailer did not equal the ballast weight required for that amount of cargo space.

The 35 units on this first overseas caravan thus were relegated to three different ships and arrival schedules. The group departure date had to be delayed until all participants had arrived. This trip, at least, had the advantage of all being traveled on improved and mapped roads with regular service available. Some were not so easy.



Wally Byam

About the author: Al Hesselbart has seven years experience developing and researching industry archives and writing and presenting articles and programs on industry history. He has authored articles in many trade magazines and has been covered in newspapers, magazines, and appeared on cable TV programs from coast to coast as an authority on industry history.

KING OF THE CARAVANS - CONTINUED

The African caravan from Capetown, South Africa, to Cairo, Egypt, took over two years to arrange and set up. Forty-one trailers, all pulled by four-wheel-drive trucks, which were required for participation on this adventure, left Capetown on June 30, 1959, and arrived at Cairo 221 days later on February 19, 1960, having traveled 14,307 miles breaking their own trail and fording bridgeless streams much of the way. Road scouts were sometimes required to go ahead to be sure that civil wars in some areas had not negated the prior arrangements made on the pilot trip. On this trip, the participant's ages ranged from a six-year-old child to an 85-year-old doctor who assisted the group with medical services.

The trailers varied in length from 16 to 30 feet with most being 22 to 24-feet long. On his trips through Africa and the later 1964-65 "Caravan Around the World," it was necessary to arrange with oil companies and large trucks to meet the group with fuel, oil, and mechanical supplies, sometimes hundreds of miles from the closest commercial service station.

Wally Byam passed away in 1962 but his team of exotic caravan developers carried on with his dreams. As if the challenges of a south to north trip through Africa had not been enough, in 1964 and 65 they left the Philippine Islands and traveled west through China, Cambodia, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Turkey and on into Greece, Italy, and back through France and north again to Scandinavia. The trip closely followed a historic caravan route that Marco Polo had mapped in 1273.

This was listed as the Wally Byam Around-the-World Caravan and was documented in a series of TV shows supported by the National Geographic Society and narrated by movie star Vincent Price. These shows

greatly assisted the explosion in RV popularity in the late 1960s.

On his caravans and other travels alike, Wally espoused his Four Freedoms of RV travel:

Freedom from arrangements-reservations, schedules, taxis and tips. "You do not have to worry about your reservations in the next town or where you are going to sleep tonight. You have all of your accommodations right there with you. Home is where you stop."

Freedom from the problems of age-"For some, checkers, clubs, gardening and grandchildren are not enough. Out of this boredom, ailments are born."

Freedom to know-"You meet people on a plane or a train and the next day you separate. When you travel in a trailer, you meet people in their homes and they meet you in yours."

Freedom for fun-"To relax and lose yourself mentally."

Wally Byam's well publicized adventures around the world not only served to expand the imagination of RV owners, but they introduced the RV as a travel concept in parts of the world where automobiles were rarely seen, much less one pulling a small but fully livable house behind it. As the worldwide fame of these adventures grew, the politics of gaining permits to travel through some of the countries became much easier.

Wally Byam's success in building the caravan travel concept added yet another feature to the wonderful world of self-contained travel.

For his many contributions to RVs and the RV lifestyle, Wally Byam was posthumously elected as a member of the first class inducted into the RV/MH Hall of Fame in 1972.

RVN

OUR NEW MENTORING PROGRAM

I am pleased to announce that Charter Oak is beginning a mentoring program for NEW members.

This program will have Mark Wilson as Chairman. Mark will bring a great deal of enthusiasm which is always contagious

When a new member joins COCU, either Shirley Edmondson or Sandy Sasuta will notify Mark. He in turn will attempt to enlist a current member near the home of the new member. This current member will be the mentor for several meetings.

Since retention of members is critical to each Club, this program should be supported wholeheartedly. The whole idea is to make the new members welcome, comfortable with their new friends. This is always what each of us wants but sometimes we have to make an effort to make it happen.

This program will pay long term dividends if those who are contacted by Mark for mentoring help, will make a sincere effort to pitch in.

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



Across the street from
Bowl-A-Rama

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



Mail Coupon & Check to:
Wayne Ruty
34 Ruty Lane
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**

HISTORIC LUNENBURG-ONE MORE TIME !

Hosted by the Canadian Atlantic Unit in Lunenburg , Nova Scotia , Canada

United Nations World Heritage Site.
Founded in 1753 by German , Swiss , &
French Protestants .
Home of the famous schooner Bluenose
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 : -----
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		\$ -----
		<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ -----

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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
www.gov.ns.ca/tourism (click on Lighthouse Route)
www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca

<http://fisheriesmuseum.gov.ns.ca>
www.bluenose2.ns.ca
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"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:

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- ✓ Stuffed Chicken Breast

Potato & Vegetable

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A children's menu for ages 12 and under will be
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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

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Guest Fee \$ 10.00

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DEADLINE:

August 8, 2002



Swiss Festival National Rally

SUGARCREEK, OHIO

September 21 - September 29, 2002



Hosted by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit for 39 years

Rally Activities

- Church Services
- Entertainment
- Tours
- Hobby Show
- Golf
- Horse Shoes
- Bean Dinner
- Ice Cream
- Amish Dinners
- Square Dancing
- Door Prizes

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A DAY AT THE PARK will feature a hobby show, a golf tournament, games, a ham and bean supper cooked outdoors over open fires and homemade ice cream. On September 27 and 28, shuttle buses will take you into downtown Sugar Creek for the Swiss Festival.

The Area

The area of Sugar Creek, Ohio is located in the rolling hills of western Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover and 18 miles east of Millersburg on scenic Rt. 39 west off I-77.

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Swiss Activities

- Parades
- Dancing
- Polka Bands
- Yodeling
- Wrestling
- Steinstoss
- Alphorn Blowing
- Costumes
- Food
- Cheese

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Name _____ Spouse _____
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 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ WBCCI# _____ Unit _____
 Motorhome _____ Trailer _____ 5th Wheel _____ Size _____
 National Officer _____ Position _____ Reg. Officer _____ Position _____
 Unit No. _____ No. in Party _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Pets? _____
 Handicapped? (Dr.'s slip, please) _____
 Hobby Show _____ Golf _____ Square Dancing _____

RALLY FEE: \$90.00 for 2 Persons, \$70.00 for single, \$50.00 for extra adult. No charge for children under 18.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Writing from sunny Florida makes one feel as though it's already June. Shouldn't we be in Rapid City?

Spring and summer will be here very shortly and I'll do my best to keep you up to date with our outdoor schedule. Some activities require our attention earlier than usual and I'll use this page for passing on the information. I would suggest you keep your Chatter's handy until our outside activities are over.

In addition to Springtime on the Hudson in May, we also have the President's Day rally (Memorial Day weekend), at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex VT. This is an exceptional facility. Be prepared for a good Rally!

The Region 1 rally will have a caravan going to Lunenburg. It will be a 10 day caravan for those interested. It will be led by Howard Knight, Region 1 Caravan Leader. For those who can't spare 10 days to travel to Lunenburg (like Jeanne and myself), we plan to join the caravan in Biddeford Maine on August 18th and arrive in Lunenburg on the 21st. If interested in the shorter version, just add a note to the registration form. I already cleared this with Howard. No change in caravan fee.

Our new program of sending the Chatter to prospective members is starting to get results. So we have a MAJOR CHALLENGE for all members. Mike Ruty would like names and addresses of anyone you know with an Airstream not connected to a Club. Must of course be in our area. The member that comes up with the most names gets a free rally weekend of your choice. Challenge ends 10-31-02.

Did you send in your Sugarcreek Reservation form?

You still have time to invite an existing member to our March or April luncheon. Look in our directory for a couple near you that you may not know. INVITE!

Charlie Wilson
C7459w@aol.com
 winter # 203-820-8103

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3, 2002

"Sail your Airstream to the
Connecticut Shore"
Dinner Meeting
Dock and Dine Restaurant
Old Saybrook, CT
Michael & Lianne Ruty

April 7, 2002

Dinner Meeting
Lighthouse Inn
New London, CT
Rich & Kathy Kushman

May 9-12, 2002

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

May 24-27, 2002

"Memorial Day Presidents Rally"
Champlain Valley Expo Center
Essex Junction, VT
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

www.wbcci1.org (WBCCI Region 1 & Charter Oak)
www.wbcci.org (WBCCI International)
www.airstream.com (Airstream Factory)
www.airstream-rv.com (Airstream/Thor)
www.koa.com (KOA)
www.reserveamerica.com (CT State Park Reservation System)
www.tldirectory.com (Trailer Life Campground Directory OnLine)
www.woodalls.com (Woodalls Publications)



BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Barrett	03/01
Corinne Burnham	03/01
Laura Edmondson	03/01
MaryEllen Moniz	03/01
Eric Sulewski	03/04
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
Jessie Gould	03/15
Linda Moore	03/17
Roger Crockett	03/21
Frances Simmons	03/21
Ruth Crockett	03/22
Leland Bradley	03/23
Steve Kelly	03/25
Francis Eckels	03/30
Anthony Sherman	03/30
Margie Peterson	03/31

ANNIVERSARIES

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

FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

Twenty six members attended the meeting on February 3, 2002 at the Grand Buffett in Wethersfield, CT hosted by Wayne & Susan Rutty. A wonderful buffet of Chinese and American food was enjoyed by all. It was a pleasure to have two new members at the meeting: Jason Sumner and Ray & Rene Osterlund. We hope to see them again soon at an upcoming event.. Region 1 President Dick Bartram gave an update of happenings in WBCCI and items that were discussed at the recent midwinter IBT meeting. (See a complete write up of these items in this Chatter issue.) Region 1 Community Service Chairperson Eileen Bartram spoke about the many upcoming community service items to be performed at the International Rally in Rapid City, SD this summer.

Mike Rutty showed the newly completed 2002 Charter Oak Brouchure to everyone. Anyone that knows of a perspective member please let Shirley Edmondson or an officer know so they can be sent information.

Thanks to Wayne & Susan Rutty for hosting a great February Dinner Meeting.

ARE YOU LUNENBURG BOUND? ... MARK THESE DATES, AUGUST 23-26, 2002

Now is the time to plan for the summer, it's not too early, namely August 23-26, 2002. The Canadian Atlantic Unit is anxious for you to become part of the growing list of registrants for their "Lunenburg--One More Time" Region 1 Rally.

This is a beautiful part of the country. If you haven't been to Lunenburg, or for that matter, any part of the Canadian Atlantic Provinces, what are you waiting for? There are fishing villages, (Peggy's Cove jumps to mind), countryside overflowing with history and charm, nearby phenomena like the tidal waters, Halifax, the Cabot Trail, the list is endless. While you're in this area, try to find yourself on Prince Edward Island. The visit to this Island will just WOW you as will the rest of the Provinces.

The Canadian Atlantic Unit is anxious for you to sample their homeland as well as show you a wonderful Region 1 Rally with their hospitality. There are many events that will be of interest to you, not to mention giving you a "taste of Lunenburg" with the cuisine native to their area.

The Region 1 Caravan, "Land of Lighthouses and the Blue Nose", has been planned by Howard and Carolyn Knight. Howard is ready and waiting for you to join the Region 1 Caravan to Lunenburg. Look for the information regarding registration or give Howard and Carolyn a call. What better way to find yourself in Lunenburg than to travel by caravan?

Pearl Nowlan is awaiting your registration. Bob and I are ready, willing and able to assist and participate with this unit to assure that this is a terrific rally. Your experience will be memorable! Won't you join us?

*Anne Werth
1st VP Region 1*

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Dick and I just returned from the 2002 midwinter IBT meeting held in Kerrville, Texas. Many people who attended the meeting were busily knitting or crocheting colorful hats for the WBCCI "Warm Hats" project destined for the Rapid City Rendezvous, the 2002 International Rally to be held in Rapid City, South Dakota. The hats will be given to the Rapid City Optimist Club for distribution to needy school children in the area. The Optimist Club is sponsoring a "Warm Hands-Warm Hearts" project to which WBCCI will add "Warm Heads." Won't you make some warm hats for these needy kids?

Anne Barrett, WBCCI Community Service Committee Chairman, said that WBCCI is also participating in a program called "Project Linus" in Rapid City. This group is looking forward to our gifts of handmade blankets for children in need. Can you sew or quilt or knit or crochet a handmade blanket for a child in need?

Remember to save the pop-top tabs from soft drink cans. Don't forget to gather together some cute stuffed toys for children in crisis. And last, but certainly not least, please pass around a container at your unit's dinners and/or rallies to collect loose change (or folding paper money)! for the "Common Cents for Children" fund that will be presented to a sick child whose family needs financial help and lives in the Rapid City area.

If you cannot attend the Rapid City Rendezvous; send your hat, blanket, pop-tops, cash donations, or stuffed toys along with someone who is attending. Dick and I, or any other region officer, will be happy to transport the "goodies" to Rapid City.

Thanks to all of you in Region One who have been so generous in the past with your time, creative talent, and financial donations!

*Eileen Bartram
Region 1
Community Service Chairmen*

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REACHING OUT

2001 was a tough year, certainly one we were ready to see the last of. The September 11th attack, our military response, economic uncertainties, and grim glimpses of Afghan life were all overwhelming. Most of us felt powerless as individuals to affect what was happening around us. However, focusing on a local scale rather than intercontinental brings things into a more doable perspective. One of the bright spots of 2001 was the outpouring of support for the World Trade Center victims. It was wonderful, but the flip side is that many local charities and agencies are now struggling, due to shortfalls in expected donations. Here is where we can really help. Even the smallest act can make a difference to someone. This summer at the International Rally, consider putting a little of yourself in any of these projects:

- Habitat for Humanity - Build-site day sponsored by the Vintage Club. Help put a roof over a family.
- Blood Drive - Agencies were overwhelmed in the fall, but stocks are lower now and the need never stops.
- Read to Children - Remember how much your kids loved to be read to?
- Nursing Home/Senior Center visits - Always a surprise on these visits -- hear true stories; meet early settlers and their descendants. I met a woman still living on the family's original Homestead, the full 160 acres.
- Food donations - This is real-life America - today's needs right now.
- Warm Hats & Blankets - Give yourself a warm-fuzzy while working on these.
- Pull-tabs - Of course you save, but have you enlisted your family and friends as well?

So, do yourself a favor and set some time aside in Rapid City for Community Service. Whether you call it altruism or self-indulgence, the rewards exceed the outlay.

Contact Jane Gorden #6386 or Anne Barrett #8973 with suggestions, ideas, and volunteer offers

NEW MEMBER

James Ruty would like everyone to know that he has a new baby brother, Samuel Michael Ruty born on February 5, 2002 at 6:24 PM weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz and 20 inches long. Mommy and Samuel are doing just fine. James looks forward to showing off his new baby brother at a rally soon.

GET WELL WISHES

Please extend get well wishes to Mike Sasuta who is recovering at home after knee surgery.

Please offer your sympathy to Charlie & Jeanne Wilson and their family on the recent death of Charlie's father.

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.

REPORT FROM THE MIDWINTER IBT MEETING

The Midwinter IBT meeting of the WBCCI was held in Kerrville, Texas, January 14-18, 2002. All three Region One officers attended in their trailers/motorhome.

The following motions were adopted:

1. Increasing the member-at-large surcharge from \$10 to an amount set by the IBT. This motion now will become an item to be voted upon by all units at their spring business meeting, and at the June Delegates' Meeting at the International Rally in Rapid City.
2. Requiring that any withdrawal in excess of \$10,000 from the International Rally Fund must be approved by the IBT. Lesser amounts must be approved by the Executive Committee of WBCCI.
3. Authorizing the Youth, General/Preteens Chairman to withdraw funds from the Common Cents for Kids Fund.
4. Establishing an "International Rally Equipment Fund" (maximum of \$20,000) to repair and replace equipment used at International rallies.
5. Article IV, Section 9 of the International Bylaws clarified to require members attending any WBCCI event to stay either in an Airstream or at a hotel/motel. No one may attend who is staying in any other brand of RV.
6. Ballots for unit or region officers revised for clarity.
7. Flag protocol to be reviewed to clarify arrangement in meeting halls. *
8. The Pledge of Allegiance recited at WBCCI events will no longer use the phrase "flag of my country." Members will now be told to say the name of their country.
9. A motion providing for the listing of owner/members with different last names was withdrawn because WBCCI will have a program in place to accomplish this by midyear 2002. *
10. A motion by the Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit to extend the free one-year membership program to include private sales was passed to also include purchases of used Airstreams from any dealer. Legal proof of purchase must be provided. This applies only to individuals who have never before been members of WBCCI. This change is effective January 18, 2002. It does not apply to earlier transactions.

* motions brought forward by Dick Bartram

Don't forget to sign up for the International Rally at Rapid City. The application is in the Blue Beret. You'll enjoy the rally -- if you've never been, be sure to plan to attend. And if you have gone to an International Rally before, you already know it's a great experience.

Eileen and I appreciate the opportunity to represent Region One, and we thank each and every one of you for your support.

Dick Bartram
Region One President - WBCCI

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:

Ray & Rene Osterlund
WBCCI#1328
37 French Road
Bolton, CT 06043
Phone (860) 649-1021
Ray's Birthday: 1/26
Rene's Birthday: 12/15
Anniversary: 12/31

Steve & Carol Kelly
15 Mountain Edge Drive
Southington, CT 06489
Phone (860) 621-4115
Steve's Birthday: 03/25
Carol's Birthday: 07/21
Anniversary: 07/13
CB Handle: Hawkeye
Email: ckelly0721@aol.com
twolanetravellers@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
Telephone 1-800-561-0123

Prince Edward Island
Telephone 1-888-PEI-PLAY (1-888-734-7529)

HOW HARD SOME PEOPLE WORK FOR NEW MEMBERS

One of our members is working with intensity to recruit new members for WBCCI.

He was recently on an errand on I-95 in the Norwalk-Westport area when he spotted an Airstream trailer up ahead. It had no numbers so it was fair game. As he tried to overtake the trailer, it pulled into the rest stop. Heavens, what to do? So our member didn't have to think twice. He pulled in next to them. Low and behold the couple had just picked up their spanking new Airstream from Marty's. They were now headed to Florida for some sunshine and excitement. But they had no idea of the excitement that was about to enter their lives.

When our member got out of his vehicle and approached them, they surely thought this must be one of the rest area problems they read about. But as soon as they heard our member start calling out the magic words, Airstream, Airstream, they were puzzled and still a little uneasy. Now our member approached them and explained he also had an Airstream trailer and belonged to the Airstream RV Association. Huh? What's that, said our travelers. Of course the salesman had never mentioned the best part of owning an Airstream product.

So our member explained in some detail the advantages, distributed literature and invited them to the Sarasota Rally. In fact he may even see them there.

The best part is that they stated they would be interested in joining. Also, they reside in the Charter Oak area.

Who you ask is this member of ours who prowls the interstate looking for unmarked Airstreams?

Well he's none other than our own Mark Wilson. Congratulations Mark. With enthusiasm like that our Club membership will surely thrive.

Charlie Wilson



A NEW ADVENTURE... BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK... AND PARTS IN BETWEEN

Following the Kerrville, Texas Mid-winter Board Meeting of the IBT, the call was, go West young man (and woman), go West. So, following Dick and Mary Ellen Banks' (Region 4 President and First Lady) lead, we shoved off West. Past International President Ed Elmer became a tour guide of sorts (on paper) and mapped out an itinerary for us to follow. After all, this is his neck of the woods and had led groups through Big Bend on many occasions.

Our first stop was at the Sonora Caverns, in Sonora, Texas. There is a very accommodating campground attached right to Caverns, we parked and were ready to hike into the Caverns. We didn't feel like we were traveling deep into the Caverns, but down, down we hiked. The sights were just beautiful and well worth our efforts. Our tour guide was a delightful young man who was well informed about what we were seeing. Deer just came from everywhere to feed in the parking lot where grain had been laid for them along with the peacocks that patrolled the grounds. The white-tailed deer are everywhere in this area!

Off we went to Del Rio, TX. The scenery in this area is pretty much the same, wide open, ranches, prickly pear cactus (lots of it), and sparse dwellings. It was a lonely road we traveled on, once-in-a-while a traffic, it is a long way to travel for a loaf of bread. Homes did begin to poke up as we drove closer to Del Rio. Camp was set up and off we went to Ciudad Acuno, Mexico and Crosby's for dinner. Ed Elmer said, you must go to Crosby's for a meal, it was excellent. The bus ride to the town was definitely the way to go costing us \$2.50 each, round trip. Had we known the distance to the town, we could have walked it, was probably about a mile. This is a very nice and busy boarder town. The shops were packed with wares that the owners were anxious to sell us.

Our next stop was Langtry, TX. That is where Judge Roy Bean conducted his legal business and ran the saloon. It was definitely a step back into his era and the old West. His legal library consisted of one book! Lets face it; the crimes were simple in those days.

Off to Big Bend! As we began our trek into Big Bend, the scenery began to change. The terrain was becoming more rugged and delightful. For those who have never been there, you must see this lovely National Park to believe! We stopped at Panther Junction Visitor's Center and immediately were greeted by a group of Airstreamers who had been at the Kerrville, TX Mid-winter IBT and were invited to their Happy Hour. So, another 20 miles to Rio Grande Village and we immediately saw Ray and Cecile Lemaire (Region 2nd VP) who had arrived earlier in the day. We parked in the dry camping area, as this area is much larger than the full-hook portion. It was late in the afternoon and the spots were not as desirable as they could have been. This was on a first-come-first-served basis so there were some larger spots that we could have fit in better that were taken by smaller rigs. But we did find a spot to squeeze into but this was more difficult for the Banks' with their motor home.

The following morning we shoved off to see the sights of this beautiful spot. The desert, the mountains and then there was the river...the Rio Grande River. There was one spot that we could have walked to the edge of the River and there was a boat to ride across the river. We looked at this area from the distance but Ray and Cecile Lemaire took the challenge and went over into Mexico for lunch. The River was winding its way separating our two countries for the whole park. In some cases, it looked very shallow, but the current was moving pretty swiftly. We walked on the Boquillas Canyon Trail with the Lemaire's. As we approached the opening of the Canyon where the River rushes, the wind was at a pretty stiff gale. The sand blasted our faces, and we were all dressed in our winter finery to help protect ourselves. This is a beautiful Canyon Trail, well worth the hike. By the time we hiked back to our vehicles, we were stripping off our winter coats and hats from the warmth. The Hot Springs is just that. There is the Rio Grande River flowing along side of this area that has been built up to contain the hot springs. The water maintains a 105-degree temperature; you are invited to try it out. There was someone doing just that with others arriving to do the same. In this area there are pictographs that were left on the rocks by early dwellers. There were remains of dwellings where once there was active business in this area. The animals most seen at our campground were the Havalinas and the Road Runners. The Havalinas were usually in a pack, they look like pigs, but we were told that their closest relatives are the hippos. They are not friendly, but they look docile. We were constantly reminded not to leave anything that smells of food or we would see what kind of damage they could do. The Road Runners were just a hoot to watch! We were too early to see any desert blooms but the cacti were everywhere and would have been beautiful. We spent 3 nights dry camping in the Rio Grande Village and were ready to shove off. The drive out of the area was a beautiful as everywhere we had been. We headed out Highway 118 into Alpine, Texas. From this spot we tried to see the Marfa Lights in Marfa, TX. These are lights that show up at night, are unexplained and are supposed to be of some sort of terrestrial phenomena. They shall remain just that, since the night we went to catch a glimpse of them, they were in hiding. We trekked to the MacDonald Observatory and Fort Davis, both in Fort Davis. The Observatory houses some mighty powerful and huge telescopes to view the skies. The tour gave us some insight into the building of the telescopes and how they work. Fort Davis is another of those little towns that just thrives on what tourism comes through the area. There is an old Hotel Limpia that was built in 1912 was still decorated in some of the treasures of the time. Another Hotel that housed a soda fountain was a good find as well and a good spot for lunch.

A fitting close to our "Big Bend" Excursion was a church service that the four of us attended on Sunday morning in Alpine. It certainly gave us a pause to reflect on the good fortunes for which we are blessed and to travel about these beautiful United States. The friendliness of these church folks left us with the best send off we could have asked for. What a delight this trip was...try it, you'll like it!

Anne Werth, #13703

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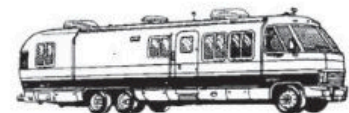
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Shelburne Museum



"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 Rutty

7 Winthrop Rd.

Chester, CT 06412

The Old Airstream & The Sea Dinner Meeting March 3, 2002

Name: _____

WBCCI _____

Adults _____

Children _____

Cod _____

London Broil _____

Chicken _____

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.
 Founded in 1753 by German , Swiss , &
 French Protestants .
 Home of the famous schooner Bluenose
 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 : -----
 WBCCI No. ----- , Unit -----
 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		\$ _____
		TOTAL	\$ _____

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
www.gov.ns.ca/tourism (click on Lighthouse Route)
www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca

<http://fisheriesmuseum.gov.ns.ca>
www.bluenose2.ns.ca
hpt.fox.nstn.ca/mahonebay/mbba.html

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From New York and New Haven

Take I-95 North to Exit 82 and turn right on Broad Street. At the second traffic light, turn right on Colman Street.**

From Boston and Providence

Take I-95 South to Exit 83 and continue on the frontage road to the Colman Street Exit. At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp, turn left on Colman Street.**

From Hartford

From I-84 take Route 2 South. At Colchester the highway splits. Take Route 11 (to the right) and continue until the expressway ends at Route 82. Turn left on Route 82 and continue for about a mile until you reach the first traffic light (Route 85). Turn right on Route 85 and continue about 10 miles. After going under I-395 and passing the Crystal Mall and Home Depot on your right, you will go under I-95 where Route 85 becomes Broad Street. Continue on Broad Street to the third traffic light after I-95. Turn right on Colman Street. **

**From the Colman Street / Broad Street Intersection

Continue on Colman Street for about 2 miles until it ends (Bank Street). Turn left on Bank Street and at the second traffic light (about 200 yards) turn right on Montauk Avenue. Continue on Montauk for about 2 miles until it ends at Pequot Avenue (on the water). Turn right on Pequot and continue about 1/2 mile to your second right (Guthrie Place). Turn right on Guthrie Place and the Lighthouse Inn is directly ahead of you.

Mail Coupon and Payment to:
 Kathleen Kushman
 107 Pennsylvania Avenue
 Niantic, CT 06357
 By April 1, 2002 --- Please

April Dinner Meeting --- Sunday, April 7, 2002 --- Lighthouse Inn, New London, CT

Name: _____

WBCCI # _____

Number of People: _____ @ \$21.00 ea

Total \$ Enclosed: _____

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”
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



Swiss Festival National Rally

SUGARCREEK, OHIO

September 21 - September 29, 2002



Hosted by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit for 39 years

Rally Activities

- Church Services
- Entertainment
- Tours
- Hobby Show
- Golf
- Horse Shoes
- Bean Dinner
- Ice Cream
- Amish Dinners
- Square Dancing
- Door Prizes

MAKE 2002 A YEAR TO REMEMBER! Join us at Winklepleck Grove for 9 days of fun and excitement. You'll have water, electric, one free dump, entertainment each night, and a wide choice of tours. Awaken to the clip-clop of Amish horse and buggies past the park, enjoy a game at the 18-hole golf course next door, browse through the many gift, antique and craft shops, and when you're hungry, enjoy a delicious home-cooked Amish dinner at a nearby restaurant.

A DAY AT THE PARK will feature a hobby show, a golf tournament, games, a ham and bean supper cooked outdoors over open fires and homemade ice cream. On September 27 and 28, shuttle buses will take you into downtown Sugar creek for the Swiss Festival.

The Area

The area of Sugar creek, Ohio is located in the rolling hills of western Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover and 18 miles east of Millersburg on scenic Rt. 39 west off I-77.

It is surrounded by prosperous farming community populated largely by the Amish. Diversified farming is practised with dairying playing a major part. With 13 cheese factories located in the area, Sugar creek is recognized as the center of Swiss Cheese production in the USA. The product of these factories is known far and wide as the finest Swiss Cheese made.

Swiss Activities

- Parades
- Dancing
- Polka Bands
- Yodeling
- Wrestling
- Steinstoss
- Alphorn Blowing
- Costumes
- Food
- Cheese

Swiss Festival National Rally

SUGARCREEK, OHIO

September 21 - September 29, 2002

Hosted by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit

Name _____ Spouse _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ WBCCI# _____ Unit _____
 Motorhome _____ Trailer _____ 5th Wheel _____ Size _____
 National Officer _____ Position _____ Reg. Officer _____ Position _____
 Unit No. _____ No. in Party _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Pets? _____
 Handicapped? (Dr.'s slip, please) _____
 Hobby Show _____ Golf _____ Square Dancing _____

RALLY FEE: \$90.00 for 2 Persons, \$70.00 for single, \$50.00 for extra adult. No charge for children under 18.

CANCELLATIONS: \$5.00 service charge for cancellation prior to August 31. *No refunds after September 1.*

PARKING: *Parking starts at 8:00 a.m. September 21, no early parking. Reservations guarantee parking.*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Swiss Festival National Rally

MAIL CHECK & COUPON TO:

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 Danbury, CT 06811

Enclose Self Addressed
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

SPRINGTIME ON THE HUDSON II**MAY 9,10,11 & 12, 2002**

Last year's rally at this location was a hit. Consequently we are repeating it this year..
 Wonderful parking-each site has own water and 30 amp. Dump station on premises.
 There are also terrific attractions such as various mansions(Roosevelt, Vanderbilt,
 Ogden Mills).

The area along Rt 9 is very historic and worth the trip. The Rhinebeck Aerodrome may be
 open. (Last year they opened for our group).

LOCATION: Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, NY About 1 mile north on Rt 9.
 Look for Wally signs.

Co-Sponsors are:

Charter Oak **Hudson-Mohawk**

New England **Berkshire**

Metro NY

SCHEDULE

Thursday: (early parking) 4:30 Social at Pavilion

Friday: 11:30 Optional lunch at Culinary Institute of America
 2:30 Lunch participation includes tour.
 4:30 Social at Pavilion
 5:30 Dinner on own
 7:30 Dessert by Berkshire*

*Saturday: 8:30 Breakfast by Charter Oak
 Lunch on own
 4:30 Social at Pavilion
 6:00 Catered Pig Roast, sides by Hudson-Mohawk
 7:30 dessert by Metro NY*

Sunday: 8:30 Breakfast by New England

*A MORE DETAILED ATTRACTION SCHEDULE ALONG WITH EVENING
 ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE UPON ARRIVAL.*

Sorry NO DOGS ALLOWED. *Dress is Country Club Casual. Collared shirt, slacks.
 No jeans, sneakers(limited number of reservations)

Send to and make check payable: Charles Wilson, 2 MaryAnn Dr. Danbury, CT 06811
 203-746-3506(after Mar 10th) e-mail, c7459w@aol.com

NAME_____ WBCCI#_____ UNIT_____

Number of nights_____X\$23.00=_____ Lunch at Culinary Institute(**optional**)

Number of Adults_____X\$15.00=_____ Persons_____X\$35.00=_____

TOTALS _____ **PLUS** _____ = _____

Revised
Pricing
Schedule

Memorial Day President's Rally
May 23rd – 28th
Champlain Valley Exposition
Essex Junction, Vermont
 (site of the 2003 International Rally)

Come, take part in an area with lots to do and see:

Onsite Flea Market
Memorial Day Parade Originating
& Ending from CVE
The Dakin Farm
 (Free samples of cheeses, sausages, jellies, etc.).

The Shelburne Museum
The Vermont Teddy Bear Factory
Quaint Shops in downtown Burlington &
Restaurants Galore
Lake Champlain

Climb, play, hike, bike, walk, ride, jump, dive, fly, trek, swim, kayak, fish, cruise, run, golf, canoe, & sail.
 Any Questions?

- Thursday 5/23 Arrival Early Parkers.
- Friday 5/24 More Arrivals & Ice cream social.
- Saturday 5/25 Breakfast on your own (Rotary Pancake Breakfast-\$Fee).
- Saturday 5/25 Lunch on your own.
- Saturday 5/25 COCU serves supper.
- Sunday 5/26 NEU serves breakfast.
- Sunday 5/25 Church Services
- Sunday 5/25 Lunch on your own
- Sunday 5/25 President's Supper....Unit Presidents serve 1/2 Chicken BBQ.
- Monday 5/27 WMNHU serves breakfast.
- Monday 5/27 Lunch on your own.
- Monday 5/27 CCMU serves dinner.
- Tuesday 5/28 Continental Breakfast all units contribute to this last

Hosted by:
Rich Walbridge, #3371 (CCMU Pres.)
Charlie Wilson, #7326 (COCU Pres.)
Warren Sterns, #1495 (NEU Pres.)
Dave Worrall, #3668 (WMNH Pres.)

Vintage Parking

Directions From The South: Exit 12 off Interstate 89 to Rte. 2A to Rtes. 117/15 to Main Entrance on Rtes. 117/15. Also can use Exit 15 off Interstate 89 to Rte. 15 to Main Entrance.
From the North, note there is no exit 15....Use Exit 16 Follow signs for Rte. 15 To Main Entrance
 Watch for WBCCI Signs

Name(s) _____ Vintage ? Yes No
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone No. _____
 WBCCI No. _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
 4 nights Parking in Airstream RV with 2 persons \$115.00 _____
 4 nights Parking in Airstream RV with 1 person \$ 94.00 _____
 3 nights Parking in Airstream RV with 2 persons \$ 86.00 _____
 Extra Person \$ 21.00 _____
 Child 13-18 (12 & Under Free) \$ 10.00 _____
 Early & Late Parking \$ 18.00 _____
 Total _____

Make Checks Payable to: Richard K. Walbridge and mail check along with your Application Form to:
 Richard K. Walbridge, 15 Edgewood Road, Scituate, MA 02066-4021

Checks must be received no later than: Saturday, May 18, 2002

16 -- THE TR TIMES --Friday, March 15, 2002

Art and Hobby Show was a fantastic success

by Margaret Emmetts

The Art and Hobby Show was a great success. At least 16 organized groups from the park and 20 individuals shared their art work and hobbies.

Among the largest displays were quilts (over 50 items on display), watercolors (over 50 pictures) and oil and acrylics (over 35 paintings).

Hundreds of TR residents

visited with the exhibitors who were more than happy to share information about their special interests.

Marilyn True (quilting) explained that the lovely quilt she had on display was really her first attempt at the craft. Each different block in the quilt represented a new pattern that Marilyn was trying to learn to sew.

Lynne Lewis displayed the

afghans which she crochets while husband George sails his model boat with the Mirror Lake Yacht Club. Among the boats displayed, the club members were quick to point out the one in the new "submarine" class. See Bob Pluister for details.

Jim and Marianne Mickle had an interesting table which included Jim's quilts and Marianne's knit sweater.

At the quilting table, Don McDaniels advised that he merely cuts the paper for wife Mary's great designs.

The Rainbow Riders had their impressive machines outside Busch Hall.

Renald Ringuette showed his ingenuity when he fashioned a Rube Goldberg lathe from a router and the "fork" of a bicycle frame. He uses this device to fashion beautiful wood cornices.

Anna Cole reports that her large collection of angels is not necessarily descriptive of their owner.

John Zandler, of the model airplane club, owns nine planes. When asked where he keeps them, he said most of them live in the

shower. We're happy to report that John lives in the Village and the shower is a spare one.

Claude Waite's five foot tall lighthouse sported a solar power light on top while Claude sported flashy yellow "tape measure" suspenders.

It's best to stay on the good side of Bruce Clarke. His clever cartoons featured the names of a number of TR residents. Those that weren't specifically named were easily identified.

The Garden Club's colorful blooms brightened the area by the north door.

Computers, bonsai, Kennel Club, birders, stained glass, cross-

stitch, wood carving, ceramics, weaving, baskets, fly-tying, all forms of handcrafts--what a group of talented people live at TR.

The Travelettes were pleased to sell 350 of their delicious root beer floats.

Nancy Rogers, chairperson of the show, would like to express her thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success--the exhibitors, the visitors, and all those who worked behind the scene to set-up and take down all the tables, chairs and screens.

A special "thank you" to Nancy for all her planning which permitted the show to proceed without a hitch.



NANTUCKET baskets are made by Ruth Crockett as Whit Bradley and Roger Crockett look on.



PAT FORD displays TR Garden Club plants.

Photos by Raymond



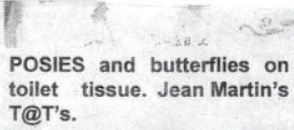
NANCY ROGERS with her beautiful paintings.



PRETTY PICTURES are admired by Joe Gore and Katie Gerhardt.



HENRIETTE LAROCHELLE with her painting.



POSIES and butterflies on toilet tissue. Jean Martin's T@T's.



ROOTBEER floats are enjoyed by Gale and Barb LaBelle.



KNITTED HATS by Cecile Lemaire for needy children in the WBCCI rally project this summer.



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY by Colin and Kay Connell.



MAIL LABELS produced by Computer Club members, John Lawrence and Ron Heim, for Dick Wiehe.

CHARTER OAK CHATTER

APRIL 2002



THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had to cut short our winter stay in Florida so we are now enjoying "spring" in Connecticut. Can anyone believe this weather?

Now is the time to begin thinking of our outdoor season. Starting with May, we have a doubleheader. Rhinebeck, NY in early May and Essex Junction, VT in late May. Both rallies are sure to be lots of fun. At Rhinebeck we have a limited number of Culinary Institute reservations for lunch on Friday. It's an experience. Great food served in a wonderful setting by gracious hosts. After lunch there is an extensive guided tour of their facility. What a way to spend a Friday afternoon! The next evening we will have a catered pig roast. Can it get any better? Sure it can.

At the President's rally in Vermont, we will camp at an absolutely fabulous facility. In fact the WBCCI International Rally will be held there in 2003. So this May it will be more intimate with only 4 Clubs in attendance. This area is one of the best in Vermont for attractions. The food service will be super so plan to be there.

There is still time to invite a member to our April brunch. The location is outstanding and it's a good way to introduce new people around.

Have you signed up for Lunenburg?

Have you found any PROSPECTIVE members (who have an Airstream) for Mike Ruddy? Win a free weekend!

Sugarcreek reservations are coming in. I didn't see yours. They only have 280 sites for the whole of WBCCI. Once they fill up they absolutely cannot add an overflow. So if you intend to go-send in your registration.

At the International Rally each Club brings a Bulletin Board. It's more than the name infers. It's a work of art. There is a competition. Last year Charter Oak won a ribbon. This year we intend to do the same. Our Bulletin Board creator, Rich Kushman, has graciously offered to create one for Rapid City.

The theme is, "Hitch your Airstream to a Star". We would some input from our members. At the May Rally bring a sketch of some idea you may have that may be appropriate to this theme. Rich can than gleam some ideas from all of the inputs.

This may help him bring it all together for a winning Board. Any little idea you have would be needed. Added to others, it becomes beneficial.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for the condolence cards. It was very thoughtful.

Charlie Wilson
C7459w@aol.com



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 9-12, 2002
"Springtime on the Hudson II";
Rally
Spring Business Meeting
Dutchess County Fairgrounds;
Rhinebeck, NY
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson

May 24-27, 2002
"Memorial Day Presidents Rally"
Champlain Valley Expo Center
Essex Junction, VT
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson

June 14-16, 2002
"Fly your Airstream to East
Windsor"
Buddy Rally
Roberts Field Airport
East Windsor, CT
Jim & Corinne Burnham
Michael & Lianne Ruddy

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
 Telephone 1-800-561-0123

Prince Edward Island
 Telephone 1-888-PEI-PLAY (1-888-734-
 7529)



SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT EVERY CARAVANER SHOULD CARRY

- Drinking Water:
- Two or more "White" drinking water hose, (NO RUBBER), 5/8" x 25 feet.
 - One, or more, free flowing "Y's".
 - One water pressure regulator, (place on faucet).
 - A closed five gallon water container.
 - Spare washers for drinking water hose.
- Waste Water:
- A waste water hose, (NOT WHITE), 3/4" x 15-25 feet, with male Fitting cut off.
 - One closed waste water container.
- Sanitary Waste:
- At least one 10 foot sewer hose with one RV drain hose coupler.
- Electrical Equip.
- One, or more, 50 foot 3-wire cord, 10 or 12 gauge with U-bar Grounding plug and receptacle.
 - Three adapters.
 - 30 Amps to 20 Amps
 - 20 Amps to 30 Amps
 - 50 Amps to 30 Amps
 - Trailer plug to U-bar ground plug.
 - Extra supply of fuses for battery system.
 - 4-way electrical junction box
- Emergency Equip.
- One shovel
 - One light crow bar
 - Set of reflectors
 - Fuses
 - Fire extinguisher
- Other Equip.
- Flagpole, (12 feet).
 - Flag of your country, (3' x 5')
 - Leveling devices, (boards or plastic blocks)
 - Duct tape
 - Tire pressure gauge
 - Grease, (for hitch ball).

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

www.wbcc1.org (WBCCI Region 1 & Charter Oak)
www.wbcc1.org (WBCCI International)
www.airstream.com (Airstream Factory)
www.airstream-rv.com (Airstream/Thor)
www.koa.com (KOA)
www.reserveamerica.com (CT State Park Reservation System)
www.tldirectory.com (Trailer Life Campground Directory OnLine)
www.woodalls.com (Woodalls Publications)

YEAR 2003 SCHEDULE

I am working on putting the Charter Oak schedule together for the year 2003. There are many Rallies and Dinner meetings open. If you have not hosted an event before please do not hesitate to volunteer, you can be a co-host with someone who has run an event before. Why not ask one of the new members to co-host an event with you. It is a great way for new members to "get their feet wet" and get involved.

Please contact me to sign up. Phone: 860-526-8011 or email: mwr90@aol.com

Thanks in advance for your help & support!!!

Mike Rusty
 #16264

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
Pamela Pestretto	04/24
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
Fritz & Pat Vohr	04/11
Dick & Molly Cherouny	04/15
Gary & Cathy Levinson	04/17
Paul & Dorothy Freed	04/19

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:

Boyd & Betty-Jo Tuttle
 48 Erdoni Road
 Columbia, CT 06237
 Phone 860-228-4606
 Boyd's Birthday: 10/21
 Betty-Jo's Birthday: 9/7
 Anniversary: 10/10
 CB Handles: Turtle & Tortoise



CARAVAN TO THE LAND OF LIGHTHOUSES AND THE BLUENOSE

The Tolland Portion will be hosted by Bob and Anne Werth
 AUGUST 13-17, 2002...Wagon master Howard M. and Carolyn Knight

The Tolland, CT portion of the Lighthouse Caravan will be gathering at the Tolland Agriculture Fairgrounds, Rt. 30, Tolland, CT on August 13, 2002. Bob and Anne Werth will be hosting this portion of the caravan. We will be there for 5 days/nights. Some of the highlights of the area are: Nathan Hale Homestead, Trolley Museum, Benton Homestead, Jail Museum, Sturbridge Village, Mystic Seaport, Foxwoods Casino, Buckland Hills Mall, Christmas Tree Shop, Mark Twain House, State Capitol in Hartford, par 3 golfing, Skungamug Golf, Twin Hills Golf, New England Air Museum and last (but not least) dinner together at the Country Buffet nearby the Buckland Mall.

This Tolland portion will be a pay-as-you-go. The Fairgrounds for our camping will \$8.00 per night.

You may choose to join this caravan on the road in Biddeford, ME, meeting up with the rest of the caravan on August 18, 2002. Ultimately, we will be heading to the Region 1 Rally in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada. In any event, whichever way you choose, make your reservations for this caravan through Wagon master Howard M. Knight. Telephone #941-639-7752, 226 Rivera Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532. Come on board and join us!

TED & LOIS' EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

Ted & I have "survived" Mardi Gras and now are the proud owners of enough beads to open our store. Feeling the urge to not miss anything we braved the cold and rain for our first parade. Taking lessons from Ray Lemaire in dragging beads off the streets and gutters.

We were surprised and pleased to see the Lemaires and the Lamontagnes. Ted & I were parked next to the Banks' (President - Region 4) and two doors away from Lillie & Ewart Phillips, so you can see there was a natural pecking order!

Our friends from Texas shared our trailer, we either have to get smaller friends or Airstream has to come out with a pull-out bedroom and bath.

It was a wonderful rally and the committee was friendly and hard working. Each day brought interesting tours and meals. Bread pudding seems to be a staple!

It is hard to imagine all the hard work and talent that goes into the beautiful floats, costumes and "hoop la". Yes, we did see some bare b_____ ; Ted was very focused on the natural wonders of Bourbon Street and got seperated from the rest of us, he did however find his way back wearing a smile!

As of this writing the Prices are at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, then onto San Antonio pressing onward to Big Bend National Park.

The weather has been cool/cold and some technical problems including a blow out on the trailer, but after all we are campers!!!

See you soon,
 Ted & Lois

FOR SALE

1970 Airstream 27 ft International Trailer
 Needs awning & AC work, Body and others parts in good condition or new. Contact: John S. Grim; 1 Kerr Road; Rhinebeck, NY 12572; 845-876-4786

THANKS

To all my friends, thank you for your well wishes, cards and calls during my recent knee surgery. I am doing very well and on my way to recovery.

Mike Sasuta

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.

REGION ONE NEWSLETTER SPRING 2002

As we look forward to beginning a new camping season, this is a good time to discuss ways of being a courteous camper -- how to be considerate of others while enjoying the outdoors in our Airstream r.v.'s.

First, there are 2 references to pets in the WBCCI Blue Book worth repeating here:

Page 44, section 7.L states, "A special area shall be provided for members with dogs (1/24/87) at International Rallies." This is not required for Region or Unit rallies so far.

Appendix 14, page 9, #5 states, "Keep pets under control at all times. Clean up after them. Pets should not be in hospitality area." This applies to all WBCCI events. Pets should always be on a leash and never brought into any hospitality area (meaning where a group of people gather for discussions, food, beverage, or entertainment). This applies to all pets, not just dogs.

Do not leave dogs behind in the camper if they are noisy, because that disturbs others and may lead to restrictions such as dog-owners not being able to camp at certain campgrounds (such as state campgrounds in Connecticut).

The following is taken from the WBCCI Blue Book, Bylaws & Policy, Appendix #14, Page 9, Issued 1/21/00:

Courtesies Every Caravanner Should Observe:

1. Show courtesy and consideration to all with whom you come in contact so that the goodwill of the WBCCI is enhanced.
2. Dispose of all rubbish by the means provided.
3. Collect gray-water in the proper receptacle on rally grounds. Dispose of it in the proper manner.
4. Be courteous and considerate toward committee workers for they are volunteers.
5. Keep pets under control at all times. Clean up after them. Pets should not be in hospitality area.
6. When running generators, confine their use to appropriate places and times.
7. Wear WBCCI name badges at all times when at WBCCI activities or on caravans.
8. Let the officers and committee have the benefit of your ideas for the general improvement of the club.
9. Keep the area around trailer/motorhome clean at all times.
10. Keep all clothing and laundry hung inside trailer/motorhome. NEVER outside on ropes or wires.
11. Advise neighboring trailers/motorhomes of intent to disconnect water or power.
12. Protect others' water supply and keep hoses out of the dirt.
13. Bring a fair share to potlucks. Bring generous portions for the dinners, as we are one big family.
14. Make a point of getting acquainted with new members and make them welcome.
15. Be considerate by not smoking at meetings or meals, etc.

COOPERATION

Ways in which every Caravanner should cooperate with Unit officers as they do their work assisting all Caravanners:

1. Promptly inform Unit's Secretary AND the International Headquarters of any address change.
2. Pay dues PROMPTLY as soon as notified, to insure inclusion in the directory.
3. Return rally reservations PROMPTLY to assist the rally planners.
4. Volunteer for committee assignment and other tasks as needed.

I know that if each and every one of us observes these simple rules of courtesy, it will make for a very comfortable camping experience for us all.

Eileen and I love dogs and enjoy seeing (and petting) them at various events. But, remember that some of our members, both adults and children, are allergic to pets: cats, dogs, birds, rabbits, etc. Thus, having pets in or near hospitality areas can result in a very serious medical situation - endangering the lives of some of our members.

Dick Bartram, President
Region One, WBCCI

SHOWING RESPECT

A man had 50 yard line tickets for the Super Bowl.

As he sits down, a man comes down and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him. "No," he says, "The seat is empty."

"This is incredible," said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Super Bowl, the biggest sporting event in the world, and not use it?"

He says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Super Bowl we haven't been to together since we got married in 1987."

"Oh ... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else, a friend or relative, or even a neighbor to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head. "No they're all at the funeral."



RV TECH NEWS FROM THE TRAILER LIFE DIRECTORY

FEATURE TECH TIP

WATER SYSTEM SANITATION

It is not uncommon for RV owners to complain of bad water. The first sign of a contaminated water system is usually a bad taste, followed by strange odors emanating from the water supply. Bacteria may have built up in the water tank, especially if the water tank's supply has not been used frequently and has not been replenished with fresh, clean water on a regular basis. When a rig comes out of storage or is being used extensively on a city-water connection, the tank and entire water system should be sanitized before use. Some of the bacterial buildup can cause serious illness; don't take chances!

Drain the water tank completely, then refill halfway with clean, fresh water.

Mix 1/4 cup of household bleach for every 15 gallons of tank capacity in a container with a gallon or two of clean water.

Pour this mixture into the water tank.

Top off the water tank with fresh water. Drive the rig around the block to mix the solution.

Pump water through each faucet so that all the lines are filled with the water/bleach.

The hot-water tank holds at least 6 gallons of water. Run the hot-water faucets until this much solution has passed to insure that the old water has been purged from the hot-water tank, and it is now filled with the water/bleach solution from the water tank.

Let the water stand for several hours.

Drain the entire water system, hot-water tank included.

To remove the bleach odor, mix 1/2 cup of baking soda with a gallon of water and pour into the freshwater tank.

Fill the tank completely and pump this solution through the water heater and the rest of the water lines. This solution can sit in the system for a few days. Driving the rig around the block will slosh water around and thoroughly clean the tank.

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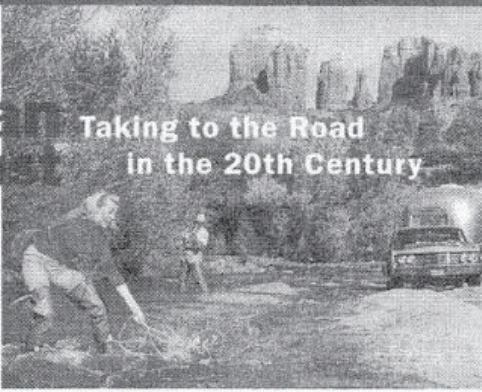
American Wanderlust

A new exhibition of recreational vehicles and America's love of the road.


June 1 - October 27, 2002
Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont

Shelburne Museum, one of the country's great collections of art and Americana, presents a brand new exhibition celebrating life on the road and the evolution of the recreational vehicle. From the inventive pop-up tent trailers of the 1920s, to the sleek Airstreams of the '40s and '50s, to the wild hippie buses of the '60s — *American Wanderlust* will lead you on an entertaining three-dimensional road trip through 20th-century America.

U.S. Route 7 in Shelburne, VT. 7 miles south of Burlington, VT.
Open April 13 - October 27, 2002
General information: (802) 985-3346
Website: www.shelburnemuseum.org



**Taking to the Road
in the 20th Century**



CARAVAN TO THE CABOT TRAIL
NOVA SCOTIA
AUGUST 26 & 27, 2002

Immediately following the Region Rally in Lunenburg, we will caravan to Baddeck NS. This will be our home port for two nights.

The tour company will pick us up on the 27th for an all day tour of the Cabot Trail. About a 200 mile trip. We will be in a Chrysler van equipped with a good sound system to hear all the commentary.

The Trail encircles a spectacular area of highlands in northwestern Cape Breton. By many accounts this may be the most beautiful scenery on the entire east coast of North America!

The actual driving time is 4 ½ hours. The remaining time is spent at over a dozen stops, depending on conditions. There are also many side trips which many have considered the best part of the tour.

There is also a lunch stop. Lunch cost is not included in price.

Name: _____ WBCCI _____

Tour cost is: \$50.00 per person Canadian. (In US \$ it's about 40 to 45% less)

Campground: 25.50 Canadian per night.

Kitty Fee: using this approach since the exchange rate will not be known until payment. Any excess will be returned to you.

Tour per person: _____ X \$30. = _____ U.S. (this is an est. on exchange rate)

CG 2 nights for a total of: \$30.60 = _____ U.S.

_____ total Make check payable and send to:
Charlie Wilson, 2 Mary Ann Dr. Danbury, CT 06811

SPRINGTIME ON THE HUDSON II

MAY 9,10,11 & 12, 2002

Last year's rally at this location was a hit. Consequently we are repeating it this year.. Wonderful parking-each site has own water and 30 amp. Dump station on premises. There are also terrific attractions such as various mansions(Roosevelt, Vanderbilt, Ogden Mills).

The area along Rt 9 is very historic and worth the trip. The Rhinebeck Aerodrome may be open. (Last year they opened for our group).

LOCATION: *Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, NY About 1 mile north on Rt 9. Look for Wally signs.*

Co-Sponsors are:

Charter Oak	Hudson-Mohawk
New England	Berkshire
Metro NY	

SCHEDULE

Thursday: (early parking) 4:30 Social at Pavilion

Friday:

- 11:30 Optional lunch at Culinary Institute of America**
- 2:30 Lunch participation includes tour.*
- 4:30 Social at Pavilion*
- 5:30 Dinner on own*
- 7:30 Dessert by Berkshire*

Saturday:

- 8:30 Breakfast by Charter Oak*
- Lunch on own*
- 4:30 Social at Pavilion*
- 6:00 Catered Pig Roast, sides by Hudson-Mohawk*
- 7:30 dessert by Metro NY*

Sunday: 8:30 Breakfast by New England

A MORE DETAILED ATTRACTION SCHEDULE ALONG WITH EVENING ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE UPON ARRIVAL.

Sorry NO DOGS ALLOWED. *Dress is Country Club Casual. Collared shirt, slacks.
No jeans, sneakers(limited number of reservations)

Send to and make check payable: Charles Wilson, 2 MaryAnn Dr. Danbury, CT 06811
203-746-3506(after Mar 10th) e-mail, c7459w@aol.com

NAME _____ WBCCI# _____ UNIT _____

Number of nights _____ X\$23.00= _____	Lunch at Culinary Institute(optional)
Number of Adults _____ X\$15.00= _____	Persons _____ X\$35.00= _____
TOTALS _____	PLUS _____ = _____

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”
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

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Restaurants Galore
Lake Champlain

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From the North, note there is no exit 15....Use Exit 16 Follow signs for Rte. 15 To Main Entrance
Watch for WBCCI Signs

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WBCCI No. _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

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Total	_____

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THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It looks like our season is off to a resounding success if the previous Club luncheons are an indicator. Our hosts, Wayne and Susan Rutty, Mike and Lianne Rutty, Kathy and Rich Kushman picked good locations and the day was enjoyed by all.

Jeanne and I just scouted a rendezvous location in Sugarcreek, OH. We found a wonderful location right in town. It is only about 10 minutes from the actual Sugarcreek rally site. The owner of a large gift shop put in 15 sites, with W&E (also a dump) behind his store. Right next to a large and supposedly one of the best restaurants in town. Also, it is next to a large IGA. I'll supply maps to all who are going to Sugarcreek. Since the Sugarcreek rally starts on Saturday, we can rendezvous anytime Friday after noontime.

At either May rally please bring any of the items going to Rapid City such as tabs, knitted hats and toy animals. Jeanne will be collecting them.

COCU will have a business meeting at the Rhinebeck rally on Saturday morning, May 11, 2002 at 9:00 am. An Executive Board meeting immediately following. The general membership meeting will be short so plan your day accordingly.

For those not going to Rapid City in June we have scheduled two Rally's for your enjoyment. The June rally will be hosted by the Burnham's & Rutty's (M&L). It will be at Roberts field. A beautiful location on the Connecticut River. The July rally will be in the cool Berkshires, hosted by the Sasuta's. This will be another wonderful location for a summer get-together.

Lunenburg is shaping up to be an adventure for all those attending. Besides the Region Rally, We just finished with the reservations for the two days immediately following the Rally(8-26 & 27). We will stay at the Baddeck KOA and tour the Cabot Trail. See the enclosed registration form. We will have a drivers meeting prior to departing for Baddeck.

Charlie Wilson
C7459w@aol.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 9-12, 2002

"Springtime on the Hudson II";
Rally

Spring Business Meeting
Dutchess County Fairgrounds;
Rhinebeck, NY
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson

May 24-27, 2002

"Memorial Day Presidents Rally"
Champlain Valley Expo Center
Essex Junction, VT
Charlie & Jeanne Wilson

June 14-16, 2002

"Fly your Airstream to East
Windsor"

Buddy Rally
Roberts Field Airport
East Windsor, CT
Jim & Corinne Burnham
Michael & Lianne Rutty

July 12-14, 2002

"Good Old Summertime in the
Berkshires" - Rally
Laurel Ridge Camping Area, Inc.
Otis, MA
Michael & Sandy Sasuta



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
Pat Vohr	05/14
Molly Cherouny	05/21
Don Rawson	05/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Pat Lamontagne	05/02
Charles & Pamela Bleakney	05/06
Bill & Linnea Leeming	05/08
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

FOR SALE

FREE: For trailer fixer-upper, one twin roadside bed, with tambours. Free. Take it away. Call Russ Berg or Dorothy O'Connor (Melrose, MA) at 781-665.5005.

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.

GET WELL WISHES

Please extend get well wishes to Carolyn Barrett while she recovers from a broken bone.

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.

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:

Art & Carol Hall WBCCI#12461
13 Hawkins Avenue
East Norwalk, CT 06855
Phone: 203 853-3764

Brian & Barbara Bogue WBCCI#2688
1 Elaine Drive
Stamford, CT 06902-8312
Phone: 203 357-1364
Email: bdbogue@snet.net
Brian's Birthday: 4/15
Barbara Birthday: 10/16
Anniversary: 6/24

Barry & Marie Porter WBCCI#13079
35 John Street
Greenwich, CT 06831
Phone: 203 661-4358
Email: theporters50@worldnet.att.net
Barry's Birthday: 3/22
Marie's Birthday: 8/30
Anniversary: 5/18

YEAR 2003 SCHEDULE

I am working on putting the Charter Oak schedule together for the year 2003. There are many Rallies and Dinner meetings open. If you have not hosted an event before please to not hesitate to volunteer, you can be a co-host with someone who has run an event before. Why not ask one of the new members to co-host an event with you. It is a great way for new members to "get their feet wet" and get involved.

Please see me at a rally or contact me to sign up. Phone: 860-526-8011 or email: mwr90@aol.com

Thanks in advance for your help & support!!!

Mike Ratty
#16264

**REGION 1 LUNCHEON
RAPID CITY**

Date: June 28, 2002
Time: 12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM
Place: Rushmore Plaza, LaCroix "B";
Price: \$12.50 per person.
Tickets available from Raynold Lemaire
(860-376-4678).

DIRECTIONS TO SUGARCREEK RENDEZVOUS SITE

- Rendezvous September 20th after noon time.
- I-80 west to I-76 west. At exit 23A on left take I-77 south toward Canton, OH.
- At exit 83 go west on rt 39 toward Sugarcreek.
- Go over the railroad tracks in Sugarcreek and at next light turn left on Factory St.
- Go to blinking stop light at Main St (railroad station on left) turn left
- Go back over tracks. At Alpine Meadows sign on left, turn into Andreas Drive.
- Follow this about a quarter mile and pass an IGA on left. Also a little farther will be ARTISANS MERCANTILE (A GIFT SHOP).
- Facing store (it's on the left) you want to use the driveway on the right IMMEDIATELY before a large wagon on the lawn. Drive to rear of store where camping is.
- Water-Electric & dump is provided. Cost is \$13.50, pay Charlie Wilson.
- We plan to leave for the Festival site about 10:00am Saturday.
- PS: Coming to the rendezvous site you may want to overnight at the Penn Wood Airstream park in Limestone, PA.

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

www.wbcc1.org (WBCCI Region 1 & Charter Oak)
www.wbcc.org (WBCCI International)
Www.airstream.com (Airstream Factory)
www.airstream-rv.com (Airstream/Thor)
www.koa.com (KOA)
www.reserveamerica.com (CT State Park Reservation System)
www.tldirectory.com (Trailer Life Campground Directory OnLine)
www.woodalls.com (Woodalls Publications)

A WINTER OF NEW ADVENTURES

It is only fitting with all the fun things we did this winter to finish it off with another new adventure.

On our slow trek toward the Northeast, our last stop was the St. Augustine Easter Rally held March 26-31, 2002. We had heard that this was a beautiful area, and are now going on record as concurring with the general consensus. You must, underscore must, take in this rally. There is so much to see and do in the city of St. Augustine, that the rally committee couldn't possibly cover all the highlights, but give you a smattering to whet your appetite.

Right at the beginning of the rally, we traveled into the city and toured on the "Red Train" tour train. The driver/tour guide drove us up and down some pretty narrow and interesting streets. The architecture gave you a feeling of the Spanish influence that abounds with this area. By traveling on the train, it gave you an idea of where, when you had free time, you should go back and visit. The boat tour cruise was held on a sparkling, warm and slightly windy morning. Seeing the city of St. Augustine from the water gave you another perspective of the area... what a relaxing way to while away the morning.

Another morning a caravan traveled through the back roads, visiting several of the area farms. One was a farm that gave us oriental cabbages. This farmer works for a firm; the firm pays all his expenses; and in fact while we were there, workers were picking and loading an 18-wheeler ready to head to California with a load of the cabbages. Delicious by the way!

We also visited another small potato chip farmer... Bull Chip Potato Chips... no fooling! They were not in production yet; the potatoes are about another month away from harvesting. But we were able to learn how his little operation works. There was another farmer who grew his potatoes for Lays Potato Chips. His potatoes were all in bloom and nearing harvest. Onions (sweet Florida) had just been harvested and we bought direct from the farmer. The farmer's children were on Good Friday break and were the cashiers.

The evening entertainment was area residents who gave us a sample of the heritage and history that lent itself to the St. Augustine beginnings. The costumes also lent itself to the Spanish heritage and in fact one of the evenings was first person, putting her into the character, with accent. Very convincing. When she finally finished her story telling, she spoke in English and everyone was surprised to realize that she wasn't speaking with a Spanish accent as her normal voice.

The Easter Sunrise service setting was at the old fort, with boaters participating from the waters. The clouds were in the East, but as if scripted, the sun broke through the clouds with the pink glow of morning. At the conclusion of the service, the sun has risen above the clouds and was bright and glowing... how moving. The Easter parade in the afternoon passed in front of the area that most of the rally folks where seated. Lots of beautiful costumed folks and many riding on their horses, with your typical parade participants.

The hospitality of this Florida Unit resounds throughout the rally. It begins with a happy hour to introduce ourselves, and on to the Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of the St. John's Fairgrounds. The conclusion of the rally was topped off by a catered chicken b-b-q picnic, with the chicken being cooked on huge cookers on grounds. Easter cake was dessert in the evening and then everyone helped the Florida Unit batten down the hatches for the end of the rally. Of course, the end of the rally meant "goodbyes"... the toughest part of the rally. To attend this rally, you must get your name early on the registration list, they can only take 50 rigs as the building where the activities take place cannot hold more than 100 folks. Many hopefuls had to be turned. So, when 2003 St. Augustine Rally shows up in the Blue Beret, JUMP ON IT! You won't be sorry.

Homeward to Connecticut!
Anne and Bob Werth #13703

"CARAVAN TO THE LAND OF LIGHTHOUSES AND THE BLUENOSE"

The Connecticut portion of the Lighthouse Caravan will be gathering at the farm of Lillie Reynolds (Anne's mother) on 784 North River Road, Coventry, CT, on August 13, 2002. Bob and Anne Werth will be hosting this portion of the caravan. We will be there for 5 days/nights. Some of the highlights of the area are: Nathan Hale Homestead, Trolley Museum, Benton Homestead, Jail Museum, Sturbridge Village, Mystic Seaport, Foxwoods Casino, Buckland Hills Mall, Christmas Tree Shop, Mark Twain House, State Capitol in Hartford, par 3 golfing, Skungamug Golf, Twin Hills Golf, New England Air Museum... and last (but not least) dinner together at the Home Town Buffet near the Buckland Mall, in Manchester, CT.

There will be no charge for the "camping" on the farm. It will be dry camping, but water is available and there will be electricity available for emergencies only. Dumping of the black water tanks will be on I-84 in West Willington, CT, just prior to departing for the trip to Biddeford, Maine.

Directions to 784 North River Road, Coventry, Connecticut: I-84 East, to Exit 67; turn right onto Route 31 South; travel Route 31 South for approximately 5 miles; Turn left onto Route 44 East for approximately 3 miles; look for WBCCI signs for a left hand turn onto North River Road; travel about 2 miles and look for WBCCI signs and 784 North River Road, Coventry, CT (White Cape Cod house, with large hay field on right)... turn right. Bob and Anne will be there to park you.

You may choose to join this caravan on the road in Biddeford, ME, meeting up with the rest of the caravan on August 18, 2002. Ultimately, we will be heading to the Region 1 Rally in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada. In any event, whichever way you choose, make your reservations for this caravan through Wagon master Howard M. Knight. Telephone #941-639-7752, 226 Riviera Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532. Come on board and join us!

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Vintage Parking

Directions From The South: Exit 12 off Interstate 89 to Rte. 2A to Rtes. 117/15 to Main Entrance on Rtes. 117/15. Also can use Exit 15 off Interstate 89 to Rte. 15 to Main Entrance.
From the North, note there is no exit 15....Use Exit 16 Follow signs for Rte. 15 To Main Entrance
 Watch for WBCCI Signs

Name(s) _____ Vintage ? Yes No
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone No. _____
 WBCCI No. _____ Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
 4 nights Parking in Airstream RV with 2 persons \$115.00 _____
 4 nights Parking in Airstream RV with 1 person \$ 94.00 _____
 3 nights Parking in Airstream RV with 2 persons \$ 86.00 _____
 Extra Person \$ 21.00 _____
 Child 13-18 (12 & Under Free) \$ 10.00 _____
 Early & Late Parking \$ 18.00 _____
 Total _____

Make Checks Payable to: Richard K. Walbridge and mail check along with your Application Form to:
 Richard K. Walbridge, 15 Edgewood Road, Scituate, MA 02066-4021

Checks must be received no later than: Saturday, May 18, 2002

“Fly your Airstream to East Windsor”

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



June 14-16, 2002

WBCCI - Charter Oak CT Unit
Hosted by Jim & Corinne Burnham and Mike & Lianne 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– Dinner Served
- 7:00 PM- Desert & Campfire to follow.

Sunday

- 8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast
- Have a safe trip home!!!

Directions

Route 91(North or South) to exit 44 take right off exit and travel for 2 ½ miles on Route 5 South – Follow WBCCI Signs. Take a Right into Roberts Field at the Subway Grinder Shop

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
- ◆ Parking: \$30.00 per RV.

Please Respond by June 8, 2002

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Number Adults _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: Michael Rutty

Kids _____ x \$5.00 = _____

Mail to: Michael Rutty

Parking\$30.00/Weekend

7 Winthrop Road
Chester, CT 06412

Total Enclosed.....



Swiss Festival National Rally

SUGARCREEK, OHIO

September 21 - September 29, 2002



Hosted by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit for 39 years

Rally Activities

- Church Services
- Entertainment
- Tours
- Hobby Show
- Golf
- Horse Shoes
- Bean Dinner
- Ice Cream
- Amish Dinners
- Square Dancing
- Door Prizes

MAKE 2002 A YEAR TO REMEMBER! Join us at Winklepleck Grove for 9 days of fun and excitement. You'll have water, electric, one free dump, entertainment each night, and a wide choice of tours. Awaken to the clip-clop of Amish horse and buggies past the park, enjoy a game at the 18-hole golf course next door, browse through the many gift, antique and craft shops, and when you're hungry, enjoy a delicious home-cooked Amish dinner at a nearby restaurant.

A DAY AT THE PARK will feature a hobby show, a golf tournament, games, a ham and bean supper cooked outdoors over open fires and homemade ice cream. On September 27 and 28, shuttle buses will take you into downtown Sugar Creek for the Swiss Festival.

The Area

The area of Sugar Creek, Ohio is located in the rolling hills of western Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover and 18 miles east of Millersburg on scenic Rt. 39 west off I-77.

It is surrounded by prosperous farming community populated largely by the Amish. Diversified farming is practised with dairying playing a major part. With 13 cheese factories located in the area, Sugar Creek is recognized as the center of Swiss Cheese production in the USA. The product of these factories is known far and wide as the finest Swiss Cheese made.

Swiss Activities

- Parades
- Dancing
- Polka Bands
- Yodeling
- Wrestling
- Steinstoss
- Alphorn Blowing
- Costumes
- Food
- Cheese

Swiss Festival National Rally

SUGARCREEK, OHIO

September 21 - September 29, 2002

Hosted by Land-O-Lakes of Ohio Unit

Name _____ Spouse _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ WBCCI# _____ Unit _____
 Motorhome _____ Trailer _____ 5th Wheel _____ Size _____
 National Officer _____ Position _____ Reg. Officer _____ Position _____
 Unit No. _____ No. in Party _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Pets? _____
 Handicapped? (Dr.'s slip, please) _____
 Hobby Show _____ Golf _____ Square Dancing _____

RALLY FEE: \$90.00 for 2 Persons, \$70.00 for single, \$50.00 for extra adult. No charge for children under 18.

CANCELLATIONS: \$5.00 service charge for cancellation prior to August 31. *No refunds after September 1.*

PARKING: *Parking starts at 8:00 a.m. September 21, no early parking. Reservations guarantee parking.*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Swiss Festival National Rally

MAIL CHECK & COUPON TO:

Charles Wilson
 2 Mary Ann Dr
 Danbury, CT 06811

Enclose Self Addressed
 Stamped Envelope for Acknowledgement.

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.
 Founded in 1753 by German , Swiss , &
 French Protestants .
 Home of the famous schooner Bluenose
 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 , Picton 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 : -----
 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		\$ -----
		<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
www.gov.ns.ca/tourism (click on Lighthouse Route)
www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca

<http://fisheriesmuseum.gov.ns.ca>
www.bluenose2.ns.ca
hppt.fox.nstn.ca/mahonebay/mbba.html

Emergency phone number 1-902-634-4006 available during working hours . To be used for emergencies only !

CARAVAN TO THE CABOT TRAIL
NOVA SCOTIA
AUGUST 26 & 27, 2002

Immediately following the Region Rally in Lunenburg, we will caravan to Baddeck NS. This will be our home port for two nights.

The tour company will pick us up on the 27th for an all day tour of the Cabot Trail. About a 200 mile trip. We will be in a Chrysler van equipped with a good sound system to hear all the commentary.

The Trail encircles a spectacular area of highlands in northwestern Cape Breton. By many accounts this may be the most beautiful scenery on the entire east coast of North America!

The actual driving time is 4 ½ hours. The remaining time is spent at over a dozen stops, depending on conditions. There are also many side trips which many have considered the best part of the tour.

There is also a lunch stop. Lunch cost is not included in price.

Name: _____ WBCCI _____

Tour cost is: \$50.00 per person Canadian. (In US \$ it's about 40 to 45% less)

Campground: 25.50 Canadian per night.

Kitty Fee: using this approach since the exchange rate will not be known until payment. Any excess will be returned to you.

Tour per person: _____ X \$30. = _____ U.S. (this is an est. on exchange rate)

CG 2 nights for a total of: \$30.60 = _____ U.S.

_____ total Make check payable and send to:

Charlie Wilson, 2 Mary Ann Dr. Danbury, CT 06811



Lazy August Airstream Days on The River.....



Buddy Rally August 2 - 4, 2002

Bald Mountain Campground - Townshend, VT

Hosted by: Mark & Annette Wilson and Ray & Maryellen Moniz

Happenings



Friday:

- Arrive after 12 pm - Pets Welcome
- 4:30 pm - Happy Hour
- Dinner on your own
- Campfire and Ice Cream

Saturday:

- 8:00 am - Continental Breakfast
- All day to explore the area on your own!
- 4:00 pm - Social Hour / Tag Sale **
- 6:00 pm - Ham Dinner w/ fixins
- 8:00 pm - Campfire and Dessert

Sunday:

- 8:00 am - Continental Breakfast
- Depart at your leisure



**Please bring any items that you would like to include in the tag sale, however please be prepared to take back any items which do not sell.



Costs

- Camping fee for the weekend: \$38.00 w/ water & electric for 2 nights

Rally Fees

- Adults: \$12.50
- Children: \$6.50
- Under 12: Free
- This is a "Buddy Rally", bring your friends, and family to join the fun!!!!

Local Attractions

- Basketville
- The Outlet Center
- Christmas Dreams & Country Themes
- Butterfly Heaven
- Mary Meyer Toys
- Vermont Country Store
- North River Winery

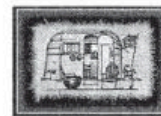


Directions

I-91 to Exit 2 to Route 9E towards Brattleboro Center take left Route 30, go 14 1/2 miles NW on Route 30 then 3/4 W on CR (State Forest TH4) then 1 1/4 miles W on State Park Road. Entrance is on the right. Follow WBCC1 signs.



Campground Phone # 802-365-7510



Please Mail by: July 26, 2002

Make check payable to: Mark Wilson

Name: _____

WBCCI# _____

Campground Fee (Two Nights).....\$ 38.00

Number of Adults _____ X \$12.50 = _____

Number of Children 12-16 _____ X \$6.50 = _____

Number of Under 12 _____ Free

Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

Mail To:
 Mark Wilson
 6 Carola Lane
 New Fairfield, CT
 06812

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 THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

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Strollen with the Airstreams.

Essex Junction Vermont Rally 2002 / vt2002_90



Ice cream city.

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Rollin along.

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Good cooks - always.

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Generation gap???

CHARTER OAK CHATTER

JUNE 2002



THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeanne & I will be departing for Rapid City in June. This will only be our second (ground) trip West. The last trip took us to Bismarck up through 3 of Canada's western provinces and into the absolutely beautiful Canadian Rockies. Then back down to Glacier National Park in Montana and on to the wonders of Yellowstone. Needless to say we are looking forward to this trip.

Our June rally will be the year's first Buddy Rally. So if have some non-Airstream friends you would like to invite, this is your chance.

We are happy to announce that Charter Oak has collected \$103.72 for the Cents for Kids Fund. The money will be presented in Rapid City.

Well, I think our first outdoor rally was a resounding success. Once the caterer showed up with our pig, I breathed a sigh of relief. The CIA luncheon was of course a culinary and visual delight. We also had two of our newest couples join us, Ray/ Renee Osterlund and Art/ Carol Hall.

On to Vermont and The President's Rally.

Keep your calendar open for :

June 14-16 Roberts Airport Rally. Buddy Rally (bring a non-Airstream friend)

July 12-14 Otis, MA Rally

August 2-4 Townshend, VT. Buddy Rally

At the Executive Board meeting in Rhinebeck, NY a new program called "Be Our Guest" will be implemented. Please see the article in this issue.

For those going to Lunenburg and then on the two day trip with us, I have to hear from you to get a firm count for the campground. They have given me an open reservation but this is their busy season and I have to firm it up. Please call me, e-mail or smoke signal.



Charlie Wilson

Ph: 203-746-3506

C7459w@aol.com

New cell phone # 203-240-3019

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 14-16, 2002

"Fly your Airstream to East Windsor"

Buddy Rally

Roberts Field Airport

East Windsor, CT

Jim & Corinne Burnham

Michael & Lianne Rutty

July 12-14, 2002

"Good Old Summertime in the Berkshires" - Rally

Laurel Ridge Camping Area, Inc.
Otis, MA

Michael & Sandy Sasuta

August 2-4, 2002

"Lazy August Airstream Days on the River" - Buddy Rally

Bald Mountain Campground
Townshend, VT

Mark & Annette Wilson

Ray & MaryEllen Moniz

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

August 23-26, 2002

Region 1 Rally;

"Historic Lunenburg One More Time"

Hosted by: Canadian Atlantic Unit

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Perl Nowlan

BIRTHDAYS

Sebastian Pestretto	06/03
Lee Hale	06/06
Gregg Cocco	06/11
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
Bob & Joan Jaroch	06/06
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

FOR SALE

FREE: For trailer fixer-upper, one twin roadside bed, with tambours. Free. Take it away. Call Russ Berg or Dorothy O'Connor (Melrose, MA) at 781-665.5005.

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.

GET WELL WISHES

Please extend get well wishes to Carolyn Barrett while she recovers from a broken bone.

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 RAPID CITY

Date: June 28, 2002
Time: 12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM
Place: Rushmore Plaza, LaCroix "B";
Price: \$12.50 per person.
Tickets available from Raynold Lemaire
(860-376-4678).

**DIRECTIONS TO SUGARCREEK RENDEZVOUS SITE**

- Rendezvous September 20th after noon time.
- I-80 west to I-76 west. At exit 23A on left take I-77 south toward Canton, OH.
- At exit 83 go west on rt 39 toward Sugarcreek.
- Go over the railroad tracks in Sugarcreek and at next light turn left on Factory St.
- Go to blinking stop light at Main St (railroad station on left) turn left
- Go back over tracks. At Alpine Meadows sign on left, turn into Andreas Drive.
- Follow this about a quarter mile and pass an IGA on left. Also a little farther will be ARTISANS MERCANTILE (A GIFT SHOP).
- Facing store (it's on the left) you want to use the driveway on the right IMMEDIATELY before a large wagon on the lawn. Drive to rear of store where camping is.
- Water-Electric & dump is provided. Cost is \$13.50, pay Charlie Wilson.
- We plan to leave for the Festival site about 10:00am Saturday.
- PS: Coming to the rendezvous site you may want to overnight at the Penn Wood Airstream park in Limestone, PA.

BE OUR GUEST PROGRAM

At our Executive Board meeting in Rhinebeck, NY approval was given for our membership to use this program. Here's how it works:

We all try to invite prospective members who currently have an Airstream product but have not yet joined a Club. We usually say, would you like to join us for our luncheon meeting on such and such a date? And by the way, it will cost you \$\$\$\$.

Doesn't sound very inviting does it?

Our new program will allow any Club member to invite a couple and state they will be the Club's guest. This will be true for a luncheon or 2-3 day rally.

NOW THAT'S AN INVITATION YOU CAN BE PROUD OF.

This program has a sunset provision of 1 year from May 12, 2002. If it is deemed successful the Executive Board will review it for the future.

The "guests" cost will be paid by our Treasurer. Just notify Sandy Sasuta.

YEAR 2003 SCHEDULE

I am working on putting the Charter Oak schedule together for the year 2003. There are many Rallies and Dinner meetings open. If you have not hosted an event before please do not hesitate to volunteer, you can be a co-host with someone who has run an event before. Why not ask one of the new members to co-host an event with you. It is a great way for new members to "get their feet wet" and get involved.

Please see me at a rally or contact me to sign up. Phone: 860-526-8011 or email: mwr90@aol.com

Thanks in advance for your help & support!!!

Mike Rutty
#16264

RHINEBECK REVISITED

Once again the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, New York was the site of the second multi-unit rally comprised of units from Region One and Region Two. From May ninth to the twelfth, thirty-five trailers/motorhomes gathered for what was, for many, the first rally of the year 2002. The units participating were Charter Oak and New England from Region One and Berkshire, Hudson-Mohawk and Metro-New York from Region Two. Thanks to the efforts of Charter Oak President Charlie Wilson and Hudson-Mohawk President Rich Griffen the rally was a resounding success.

On Friday, thirty-one people caravanned to the Culinary Institute of America a few miles south of Rhinebeck for an outstanding meal and a tour of the facilities. Interestingly enough, the C.I.A. was first located in New Haven, Conn. before relocating to the Rhinebeck area. Graduates of this not-for-profit institution spend countless hours honing their culinary skills before taking their place in the business world.

Saturday evening we were treated to a catered pig roast which was enjoyed by all the group. There certainly was plenty to eat and no-one went away hungry. It was evident that Airstreamers love to eat.

On Saturday morning President Charlie Wilson conducted a business meeting of the Charter Oak Unit. A meeting of the COCU Executive board followed the regular meeting.

The weather on Friday and Saturday was ideal with bright sunshine and warm temperatures. It was only as we prepared to leave on Sunday that the clouds and rain moved in. Thanks again to Charlie and Rich for a great time!!!

*Bob and Helen Sandall
#5593*

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

www.wbcc1.org (WBCCI Region 1 & Charter Oak)
 www.wbcc1.org (WBCCI International)
 www.airstream-rv.com (Airstream/Thor)
 www.koa.com (KOA)
 www.reserveamerica.com (CT State Park Reservation System)
 www.tldirectory.com (Trailer Life Campground Directory OnLine)
 www.woodalls.com (Woodalls Publications)

Be sure to check out the Airstream Factory's new Website!!
 www.airstream.com (Airstream Factory)



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:

New Affiliate Members:

November to May:
 Chuck & Daphne McDonald
 7656 Mt. Zion Blvd
 Jonesboro, GA 30236
 Phone (770)477-7457

May to November.
 231 Partridge Cove Road
 Lamoine, Maine 04605
 Phone: (207)667-0577
 Chuck's DOB 6/17
 Daphne DOB 12/12
 Anniv 4/15

The Wally Byam Creed

To place the great wide world at your doorstep for you who yearn to travel with all the comforts of home.

To provide a more satisfying, meaningful way of travel that offers complete travel independence, wherever and whenever you choose to go or stay.

To keep alive and make real an enduring promise of high adventure and faraway lands... of rediscovering old places and new interests.

To open a whole world of new experiences... a new dimension in enjoyment where travel adventure and good fellowship are your constant companions

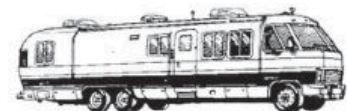
To encourage clubs and rallies that provide an endless source of friendship, travel fun and personal expression.

To lead caravans wherever the four winds blow... over twinkling boulevards, across trackless deserts... to the traveled and untraveled corners of the earth.

To play some part in promoting international goodwill and understanding among the peoples of the world through person-to-person contact.

To refine and perfect our product by continuous travel-testing over the highways and byways of the world.

To strive endlessly to stir the venturesome spirit that moves you to follow a rainbow to its end... and thus make your travel dreams come true.



HOW I GOT INVOLVED IN CAMPING

Carol and I were heading back from our March vacation in Florida, driving in our Plymouth mini van through South Carolina, when suddenly Carol yells "Airstream dealer! GET OFF THIS EXIT!" (Maybe this explains why my hearing has diminished in my right ear.)

Anyway, we exited I-95 and visited Donmar RV sales of SC. I was impressed with the units but really was not focused, just trying to hurry Carol along so we could reach my daughter's house in North Carolina before dark. After "ooow-ing" and "ahh-ing" at the different units she asked for a catalog and we continued our journey.

As we continued our trip, Carol read the entire catalog to me and then even showed it in great detail to my daughter and son-in-law.

The next day we drove home.

One of our rituals is to bring fruit home for family members up north. As Carol's nephew and his wife were picking up their bounty that evening, he noticed the brochure on the coffee table and Carol explained that we were in the market for an Airstream. (News to me!). He excitedly stated that his wife's Uncle Hans is selling one for the estate of a neighbor. Carol took Uncle Hans' telephone number, called him and made an appointment to see it the next day. That evening she searched the Internet and had reams of info for me to read in the morning.

In Bloomfield, CT the next day, we got the keys from Uncle Hans and looked over the unit. It was a 1976 31' Excella 500 rear bath model. She had stars in her eyes. The outside appeared to be in good shape except for a patched window next to the door. There were no lights as the battery was dead and the unit was not connected to a 120v source.

We figured the musty smell was from storage, and the mess inside was from the family storing all the Airstream items from the house in the trailer. Uncle Hans told us that they were asking \$3500 but had turned down \$2500. How wrong can you go?

We left Bloomfield for home (at least that's what I thought). Carol suggested that since we were out why not visit the local Airstream dealer that she had found on the Internet: it was only over the border in New York State.

After a short argument that I lost, we headed for Holiday on Wheels in Patterson, NY. We met a sales person who showed us all the new and used units. The prices convinced me that \$3500 sounded very good.

We finally got home that afternoon and decided to offer \$3200. That afternoon Carol called the lawyer handling the estate (also a neighbor of Uncle Hans) and offered \$3200 and they accepted it!

The next morning we drove back up to Bloomfield and traded the check for the keys to our new treasure. Carol investigated the interior while I removed the battery to take home to charge. Later that day we called Holiday on Wheels to have them tow and inspect the Excella. That's when we learned about vacuum brakes. It seems without a controller specifically for vacuum brakes, you cannot tow the unit. Needless to say, the controllers are no longer made. Holiday on Wheels said you need to replace the vacuum brakes with electric brakes (cost about \$1,500). We were referred to a towing company that could handle the job. That cost another \$500.

The results of the inspection were: the unit needed brakes, furnace repaired, hot water control has a gas leak, multiple water leaks so water system could not be tested, air conditioner needs work, tires have dry rot and the propane tanks need to be updated.

So we had Holiday install new brakes check all the running lights and update the tanks. We were going to do the rest of the work at home in our driveway.

The down time for these repairs gave us ample time to get a new tow vehicle. So, again Carol searched the Internet for the truck and we visited many dealers to find the perfect truck, (matching colors for the Airstream) the truck only cost TWICE the cost of my first house and is so high in the air I need to have a step installed or I'll be 1/2" shorter each time I get out.

We had to get temporary plates on the trailer because it was registered out of state, was over 25 years old so it needed to be inspected.

We picked up the trailer from the dealer the following week, drove to Danbury CT DMV for inspection by "Mr. Personality." He failed it because of the tires. These were the tires the dealer told me were bad, but I told Carol, "Naw, they're OK. They're just trying to sell us tires." Bad move! Should have left the talking to her -- she got me into this.

So we drove the unit home, backed it in the driveway and realized with it backed up to the garage door as far as it would go, it stuck three feet into the road. Carol says at this point, "Not so bad. We will just have to find a place to keep it!" (Is this what they mean by the cart before the horse?)

Well, now we needed to start cleaning it out and start the repairs. We unloaded all the closets, bins, drawers and cabinets and hooked up the water hose. Found multiple leaks in the water lines and realized that the unit had not been winterized. I repaired three split pieces of copper tubing behind the rear bathroom (15 hours of labor) and had to replace the shower control. Water now works except for a BIG drip from the hot water heater.

While I was enjoying the pleasures of water leak repair, Carol was attempting to clean the ceiling and walls. The previous owner had been a 2 - 3 pack a day cigarette smoker, who also, by the way, had 3 dogs. Maybe that was what the terrible smell was?

Next I tackled the furnace to no avail. It appeared to just be a pile of rust. The previous owner installed a quick disconnect on the gas line next to the stove and we found the catalytic heater in the closet that plugged into it. So I think maybe the heater has not worked for a while.

At this point we were kind of held up because of 2 days of heavy rain. Now when you are inside, the rain is supposed to be outside. But not on this trailer! We found multiple window and door leaks. As we investigated we found that where the water reached the floor in many places the rug was rotted and the floor damaged. Carol being ever the optimist, sent for samples of cork flooring. By the hum of the univolt, we decided to step back and figure out what we really needed to replace and get some prices.

Since it was Saturday we thought we would take a drive to some RV places, so I could start pricing things like furnaces, hot water heaters, air conditioners, caulking, lots of caulking, etc.

We were driving on Rte 7 in Danbury, had just visited Dave's RV and were heading to Litchfield when I suggested to Carol that maybe we should stop at Holiday on Wheels to get some part prices also. She said we should look at new units. WOW. I had to open my big mouth!

It was about a 30 minute drive so on the way I got a commitment that 25' was the longest unit we could put in our driveway. I also confided in her that I was not looking forward the repairs on the unit we owned, so maybe a newer unit was a consideration.

We looked at 2 different layouts on the 25's and a 22' but ended up buying a 1998 Safari 25' that had just been put on consignment and was in perfect condition.

We delivered our unit for trade in on Thursday, brought it home, loaded it up and went to an Airstream Rally in Rhinebeck, NY the next morning and came back home on Saturday.

We love our trailer and when people ask how long we have been camping we say, "We're not sure but this is our SECOND Airstream."

I'm still sleeping with one eye open wondering what is next in my future. Hmm maybe she'll buy an airplane next.

Art Hall
#12461

"RESCUED AND DELIVERED, AS PROMISED"

On February 25, 2002, Russell and I, along with tens of other Airstreamers, were standing in the sun on a pier at Jetty Park, Cape Canaveral, Florida, waiting to board a gaming ship. I started to walk over to greet Ruby Wright, but my right foot got tangled in the handles of a tote bag near our feet and down I went. I landed so hard on my left knee, hip, elbow and shoulder that I fractured my pelvis in two places.

After a week in the Cape Canaveral Hospital, I was transferred to Sea Pines Rehabilitation Hospital in Melbourne. The hospital is only three miles from Port o' Call, where Russell had moved the trailer, so he could easily visit me on a daily basis. The rehabilitation hospital was an excellent setting for recuperation purposes. The facility is staffed by competent and caring people and I made steady progress in learning how to walk again.

Meanwhile, we were fretting about how we would get home. I knew I wouldn't be able to drive for months. Not only were Russell and I in Florida, 1200 miles from home, but so were the Airstream and the GMC. We made contact with the Sky Med representative, who assured us that by the time I was discharged, he and the social worker at Sea Pines would have worked out the details of our trip to Boston.

The Sky Med rep was as good as his word. On the appointed day a driver from Florida Medicoach arrived at the hospital at 6 a.m. and I had a wheelchair ride up into the van, on one of those little exterior platforms. That was a first for me! The driver and I then proceeded to Port o' Call to pick up Russell, who had been busy preparing the trailer for transport. Of course I had to send all my knitting needles back to Boston in the Airstream, dangerous weapons that they are, especially when wielded by sweet little old ladies! At any rate, the van operator drove us the 70 miles to Orlando International Airport. He went in and picked up two wheelchairs, as previously arranged, one for me because I could hardly walk, and one for Russell who can no longer manage those long airport walks. Then the driver turned us over to the airline personnel. We were frisked (another first) and otherwise inspected. I was able to ride in the wheelchair right up to the door of the plane, but at that point the arrangements weren't so good. Our seats were halfway down the plane and since my walker would not fit in the skinny aisle, I had to struggle along, leaning on chairs, and hurting every step of the way. Russell, watching me from behind, suffered sympathetic pains.

The flight to Dulles was uneventful. At Dulles the wheelchairs were provided again and we were transported to the second plane. No luggage pickups were necessary; we had deliberately traveled very light. In addition to my purse, Jezebel the walker, and a package of x-rays to show the Boston doctor, each of us carried only a shoulder bag.

Once settled on the second plane we ate the lunch Russell had prepared and snoozed away the time until we landed in Boston's Logan Airport. There, a friend met us and whisked us home. We arrived at 4:10 p.m., and glad indeed we were to be back in our humble little ranch house! We turned up the heat, ate a light supper, and hit the sack at 6:30, to sleep for twelve hours!!

Less than 48 hours later, a ring at the doorbell announced the arrival of the bonded driver Sky Med had hired to bring home the GMC and the trailer. Sky Med's reliable assistance made the whole experience less of a nightmare than it might have been and we are thankful that we had subscribed.

*Dorothy O'Connor,
#8360*

CARAVAN TO THE CABOT TRAIL

NOVA SCOTIA

AUGUST 26 & 27, 2002

Immediately following the Region Rally in Lunenburg, we will caravan to Baddeck NS. This will be our home port for two nights. The tour company will pick us up on the 27th for an all day tour of the Cabot Trail. About a 200 mile trip. We will be in a Chrysler van equipped with a good sound system to hear all the commentary. The Trail encircles a spectacular area of highlands in northwestern Cape Breton. By many accounts this may be the most beautiful scenery on the entire east coast of North America! The actual driving time is 4 ½ hours. The remaining time is spent at over a dozen stops, depending on conditions. There are also many side trips which many have considered the best part of the tour. There is also a lunch stop. Lunch cost is not included in price.

Name: _____ WBCCI _____

Tour cost is: \$50.00 per person Canadian. (In US \$ it's about 40 to 45% less)

Campground: 25.50 Canadian per night.

Kitty Fee: using this approach since the exchange rate will not be known until payment. Any excess will be returned to you.

Tour per person: _____ X \$30. = _____ U.S. (this is an est. on exchange rate)

CG 2 nights for a total of: \$30.60 = _____ U.S.

_____ total Make check payable and send to:
Charlie Wilson, 2 Mary Ann Dr. Danbury, CT 06811

"GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME IN THE BERKSHIRES" RALLY
 JULY 12-14, 2002
 Charter Oak CT Unit, WBCCI
 Laurel Ridge Campground, East Otis, Massachusetts

Hosted By: Mike & Sandy Sasuta and Dick & Molly Cherouny
 Check-in time 3PM, Check-out time 11AM, Pets Welcome
 Please be sure to stop at the office upon arrival to register.

Schedule: Friday: Sloppy Joes, Chips & Pickles, dessert, campfire
Saturday: Breakfast Pita Pockets
 Free Time
 Potluck Supper-Turkey Breast Provided
 Those with last names beginning with:
 A-F Please bring salad (such as green, coleslaw, Cranberry mold, etc.)
 G-R Please bring side dish (such as potato, sweet Potato, vegetable, corn casserole, etc.)
 S-Z Please bring fruit pie as dessert
Sunday: Continental Breakfast

Rally Fee: \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 per child ages 8 to 14
 Site Fee: \$20.00 per night for Safari Field-water & electric
 (\$22.00 if less than 10 trailers)

Please send reservations (or call) to arrive before July 6, 2002.
 Make check payable and mail to Sandra Sasuta, 476 Milford Point Road,
 Milford, CT 06460 (203) 878-8070.

Directions: Route 8 North to Otis, Mass., Take a right on Route 23 to East Otis. (Go past Knox Trail Inn & Katie's Country Store). Bear right after stores onto Old Blanford Road, Campground is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on right.
 Campground phone (800) 538-Camp.

* * * * *

NAME: _____ WBCCI # _____

#__Adults @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____ Pot luck dish that I will be

#__Children @ \$ 5.00 each = \$ _____ bringing:

2 Nights @ \$20.00 = \$ 40.00 _____

TOTAL = _____

“Fly your Airstream to East Windsor”

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



June 14-16, 2002

WBCCI - Charter Oak CT Unit
Hosted by Jim & Corinne Burnham and Mike & Lianne 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– Dinner Served
- 7:00 PM- Desert & Campfire to follow.

Sunday

- 8:00 AM – Continental Breakfast
- Have a safe trip home!!!

Directions

Route 91(North or South) to exit 44 take right off exit and travel for 2 ½ miles on Route 5 South – Follow WBCCI Signs. Take a Right into Roberts Field at the Subway Grinder Shop

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
- ◆ Parking: \$30.00 per RV.

Please Respond by June 8, 2002

Name _____ WBCCI # _____

Number Adults _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Kids _____ x \$5.00 = _____

Parking\$30.00/Weekend

Total Enclosed.....

Please Make Checks Payable to: Michael Rutty

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

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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Home of the famous schooner Bluenose
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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 : -----
WBCCI No. ----- , Unit -----
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
www.gov.ns.ca/tourism (click on Lighthouse Route)
www.town.bridgewater.ns.ca

<http://fisheriesmuseum.gov.ns.ca>
www.bluenose2.ns.ca
hpl.fox.nstn.ca/mahonebay/mbba.html

Emergency phone number 1-902-634-4006 available during working hours . To be used for emergencies only !



Lazy August Airstream Days on The River.....



Buddy Rally August 2 - 4, 2002

Bald Mountain Campground - Townshend, VT

Hosted by: Mark & Annette Wilson and Ray & Maryellen Moniz

Happenings



Friday:

- Arrive after 12 pm - Pets Welcome
- 4:30 pm - Happy Hour
- Dinner on your own
- Campfire and Ice Cream

Saturday:

- 8:00 am - Continental Breakfast
- All day to explore the area on your own!
- 4:00 pm - Social Hour / Tag Sale **
- 6:00 pm - Ham Dinner w/ fixins
- 8:00 pm - Campfire and Dessert

Sunday:

- 8:00 am - Continental Breakfast
- Depart at your leisure



**Please bring any items that you would like to include in the tag sale, however please be prepared to take back any items which do not sell.



Costs

- Camping fee for the weekend: \$38.00 w/ water & electric for 2 nights

Rally Fees

- Adults: \$12.50
- Children: \$6.50
- Under 12: Free
- This is a "Buddy Rally", bring your friends, and family to join the fun!!!!

Local Attractions

- Basketville
- The Outlet Center
- Christmas Dreams & Country Themes
- Butterfly Heaven
- Mary Meyer Toys
- Vermont Country Store
- North River Winery

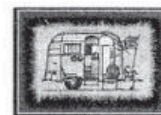


Directions

I-91 to Exit 2 to Route 9E towards Brattleboro Center take left Route 30, go 14 1/2 miles NW on Route 30 then 3/4 W on CR (State Forest TH4) then 1 1/4 miles W on State Park Road. Entrance is on the right. Follow WBCC1 signs.



Campground Phone # 802-365-7510



Please Mail by: July 26, 2002

Make check payable to: Mark Wilson

Name: _____

WBCCI# _____

Campground Fee (Two Nights).....\$ 38.00
 Number of Adults _____ X \$12.50 = _____
 Number of Children 12-16 _____ X \$6.50 = _____
 Number of Under 12 _____ Free
 Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We finally left for Rapid City. We traveled with Russ and Cynthia Melocik from the White Mt Unit. It was a very good trip west except for the area just south of Chicago. A great deal of traffic, of course we could have picked a time better than Friday evening rush!! Using our Exit Source directory, Jeanne found good parking sites right next to the Interstate. These sites are not in Trailer Life since they are very simple spots. But at one stop we were across the lot from a nice little Pizza shop. Needless to say what we did. Also a word of caution regarding the "camping" signs near the exits put up by the States. Some of these campgrounds could be 10 miles+ from your exit. With Exit Source they are within 1/4 mile.

Rapid City is the center of a huge tourist area. It seems everything in South Dakota is in the southwest corner. Mt Rushmore is a must and was spectacular. A very unusual attraction we saw was a Columbia mammoth site. It was only unearthed in 1974 when a builder discovered a tusk. To make a long story short, they have an ongoing "dig" surrounded and covered by a magnificent building. The tours are informative and you can see the bones as they are uncovered. These animals were trapped when they entered a water hole. Not surprisingly they were all young males. Since the mammoth society is thought to be matriarchal, these "children" just didn't listen to momma.

You don't want to hear about the weather. Over 110 degrees!!!! It was extremely hot. The first week here was a real challenge but we all made it.

COCU members in attendance: Eileen & Dick Bartram, Charlie & Sandy Eglise, Bard Fuller, Ray & Cecile Lemaire, Dave & Gary Levinson, Claire & Pat Lines, Ray & Renee Osterlund, Don & Pat Rawson, Wayne & Susan Ruddy, Phil, Frances & Amy Simmons, Warren & Carol Sterns, Bob & Anne Werth, Charlie & Jeanne Wilson.

A special thanks from Charter Oak for our outgoing Region President Dick Bartram. Dick and Eileen certainly gave their all for the Region and we owe them a BIG thank you for all they have done. Being a Region Officer is a daunting task and we at the Club level are very thankful for the caliber of people that take on this job.

We also congratulate Anne Werth as the incoming Region President. I'm sure she will be as dynamic in her new position as she was for her Club. Anne was our President when we decided to join COCU. Anne and Bob played a big role in that decision.

KUDOS to Rich Kushman and Mike Ruddy

Our Club Directory, which was prepared by Rich & Mike, won "Best of Show"!!!!!! CONGRATULATIONS Rich & Mike. A job very well done.

Congratulations also to Pat & Claire Lines on the purchase of a new 31' Excella. Don't lock yourself out Pat.

Charlie Wilson
Ph: 203-746-3506
C7459w@aol.com
Cell phone # 203-240-3019

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2-4, 2002

"Lazy August Airstream Days on the River" -Buddy Rally
Bald Mountain Campground
Townshend, VT
Mark & Annette Wilson
Ray & MaryEllen Moniz

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

August 23-26, 2002

Region 1 Rally;
"Historic Lunenburg One More Time"
Hosted by: Canadian Atlantic Unit
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
Perl Nowlan

September 21-29, 2002

Fall Caravan to Sugarcreek
Charlie Wilson

October 11-13, 2002

Rally - Charlie Brown Campground,
Eastford, CT
Richard & Kathy Kushman
Tony & Dorothy Sherman

November 3, 2002

Installation Dinner Meeting
Manchester Country Club
Manchester, CT
Bob & Helen Sandall

December 1, 2002

Holiday Party
Dakotas Restaurant
Avon, CT
Seb & Juanita Pestretto

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Burnham	07/01
Ted Price	07/03
Kathy Kushman	07/05
Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Helen Gatavaski	07/09
Bob Jaroch	07/12
Rosalie Moffo	07/15
Chandler Taylor	07/19
Megan Fuller	07/21
Richard Moffo	07/23
Claire Lines	07/23
Judy Good	07/26
Lois Price	07/26
Joan Jaroch	07/28
Kathy Fuller	07/29
Dorothy O'Conner	07/30
Gregory Davis	08/01
Steve Pestretto	08/05
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
Rich Kushman	08/29
Gary Levinson	08/29
Charlie Eglise	08/30

ANNIVERSARIES

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
Raynold & Cecile Lemaire	07/26
Gregg & Debbi Cocco	07/28
John & Ruby Fuller	08/01
Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight	08/17
Walter & Dee Holliday	08/22

**GET WELL WISHES**

Please extend your sympathy to Dan & Karen Olahs on the passing of Karen's Father in mid-June.

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

The following community services activities were accomplished during the recently completed 45th International Rally held in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Church offerings totaling \$4035.15 went to 2 agencies:
Cornerstone Rescue Mission
Suncatcher

Ronald MacDonald House: 2,735 lbs. of pull-tabs
Hats: 5,016

Linus blankets for children: 147

Wally Byam Control: \$60

Full timers: \$250

Blood drive: 61 pts.

Airstream Company donation by Larry Huttle, Chairman, forthcoming.

Linda Amme Common Sense for Kids

Animals and teddies: 1458

Common Sense: \$7,691.08

Percy Veile's Carpenter Crew Toll Bridge: \$52.08

Red Cross in Rapid City received a donation for \$250 for personal care kits for disaster victims. From the Full timers Club, an unrestricted donation of \$750 as a thank you for providing the introductory course in disaster services and CPR training to the Airstream Angels. The Airstream Angels went Deadwood and Spearfish to help with the fires in those areas.

Bert the Pirate (#6957) in eye-patch and bandanna visited 10 Senior facilities and distributed over 800 strings of Mardi Gras beads to the residents.

Additionally, club members assisted in calling bingo, playing music, the Vintage Club labored with Habitat and made a donation to their cause.

Each unit is encouraged to contribute with community service activities of their choice. Please report your activities to us so that Region 1 will be able to recognize our services to others. If your unit needs ideas about getting started, don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

Claire & Pat Lines

Region 1 Community Services Chairs

DIRECTIONS TO SUGARCREEK RENDEZVOUS SITE

-Rendezvous September 20th after noon time.

-I-80 west to I-76 west. At exit 23A on left take I-77 south toward Canton, OH.

-At exit 83 go west on rt 39 toward Sugarcreek.

-Go over the railroad tracks in Sugarcreek and at next light turn left on Factory St.

-Go to blinking stop light at Main St (railroad station on left) turn left

-Go back over tracks. At Alpine Meadows sign on left, turn into Andreas Drive.

-Follow this about a quarter mile and pass an IGA on left. Also a little farther will be ARTISANS MERCANTILE (A GIFT SHOP).

-Facing store (it's on the left) you want to use the driveway on the right

IMMEDIATELY before a large wagon on the lawn. Drive to rear of store where camping is.

-Water-Electric & dump is provided. Cost is \$13.50, pay Charlie Wilson.

-We plan to leave for the Festival site about 10:00am Saturday.

-PS: Coming to the rendezvous site you may want to overnight at the Penn Wood Airstream park in Limestone, PA.

CARAVANS SPAWN ENDURING FRIENDSHIPS

Anyone who has traveled with a Wally Byam or Airstream Caravan can attest to the strong friendships that develop during those trips. Perhaps it is because we travelers share a sense of awe and grandeur while looking at breathtaking scenery. Maybe the friendships grow from exchanging learning experiences which broaden our minds. During the Lewis & Clark Caravan in the summer of 2000, for example, Russell and I traveled in tandem one day through western farmland with Walt and Doris Newkirk, who answered our "city folk" questions about farming with patience and knowledge. Another factor contributing to friendships is that during a Caravan we members work together as parking teams, as hosts of GAMS, or helping each other with repairs, all of which add up to a successful trip. Yet another reason such friendships evolve is our mutual pleasure in those homegrown entertainments, a part of caravanning which is so much fun and often hilarious. On the other hand, sharing a potentially dangerous situation also creates a bond, such as the extremely windy conditions we found in the Dakotas in July, 2000. The wind was so strong that it unrolled several motor home awnings on our trip from Pierre to Bismarck. For these and other reasons, friendships made on caravans are particularly meaningful and long-lasting.

The fifteen couples who traveled through the Province of Quebec in the summer of 1998 on the "Nature At Its Best" Caravan developed especially strong bonds. Whenever some of us meet again there is a joyous reunion, and we keep in touch between visits via letters, phone calls, and e-mail. Five couples from that Caravan attended the "Springtime on the Hudson" Multi-Unit Rally in Rhinebeck, NY on May 10-12, 2002. The members were: Kathryn Griffin, Jeanne Wilson, Dorothy O'Connor, Helen Sandall, Daphne McDonald, Richard Griffin, Russell Berg (husband of D. O'Connor), Charles Wilson, Bob Sandall, and "Chuck" McDonald. Long may the friendships flourish!

Dorothy S. O'Connor
#8360

NOTES FROM THE RAPID CITY INTERNATIONAL

925 attendees enjoyed the beauty of this part of the country to attend the 45th International Rally held in Rapid City, South Dakota. Region 1 made a fine contribution to awards ceremonies, winning many wonderful awards. A list of the winners will be published as soon as I receive a complete list from Headquarters. Congratulations to everyone.

The opening flag ceremonies on 6/27/02 were represented by 4 of the Region 1 units as well as Region President Dick Bartram and Eileen. The Region 1 flag was carried by 1st VP Anne Werth. President Rich Walbridge, Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit; President Charlie Wilson, Charter Oak Connecticut Unit; President Warren Steerns, New England Unit, and; 2nd VP Russ Melocik, White Mountains New Hampshire Unit, proudly carried their flags during the impressive opening ceremonies.

The Region 1 Luncheon was a success with 60 attendees enjoying a wonderful meal. Thanks to Raynold Lemaire, Region 1 2nd VP, who arranged for the event. Gifts were presented from the Region to Dick and Eileen. Collections of stuffed animals and Common Cents for Kids donations were made.

A multi-unit social was held under the tent during the rally where all 4 of the units joined together to socialize and munch away.

Ray Lemaire, 1st VP Region 1 was installed at the Region 1 Luncheon held during the 45th International Rally held in Rapid City, South Dakota. There were invited friends and dignitaries who joined us.

The Installation of officers was an impressive ceremony. The International slate of officers as well as the "odd" region presidents were installed on July 3, 2002. Following the ceremony, a receiving line was held for all the newly installed officers and the "even" region presidents already in office.

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:

New Regular Members:

Joe & Carmella Santos
4367 Madison Avenue
Trumbull, CT 06611-2717
Phone: 203-268-0056
Winter Phone: 203-521-9928
Joe's Birthday: 6/16
Carmella's Birthday: 1/19
Anniversary: 6/18

New Affiliate Members:

Joseph & Rita Tetreault WBCCI# 17702
635 Dennison Drive
Southbridge, Mass 01550-3801
Phone: 508 764-4442
Joe's Birthday: 1/25
Rita's Birthday: 1/29
Anniversary: 11/17

William & Winifred Mangano
WBCCI# 25707
743 Salisbury Street
Holden, MA 01520-1433
Phone: 508 829-5978
William's Birthday: 9/5
Winifred's Birthday: 11/16
Anniversary: 10/2
CB Handles: Grumpy & Hot Flash



REPORT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REGION ONE

Region One, as always, was very active in WBCCI's Community Service Program. At this year's Region One Luncheon in Rapid City, we presented WBCCI's International Youth Committee with more than \$306. Four of Region One's units had collected these funds at various unit functions during the year for the Common Cents program. All of the monies collected (100%) went to the family of a desperately ill child in Rapid City. Next year, when the 2003 International Rally is in Burlington, Vermont, I know that our units will be as generous as they have been in past years.

We also presented the International Youth Committee with 57 stuffed toys donated by individual Region One members. These toys were distributed to various Rapid City emergency agencies, and they, in turn, will distribute the toys to children caught in traumatic situations.

Many Region One members made countless hats and scarves for the Warm Hats For Children program. Many pounds of pull-tabs were saved and brought to the 2002 International Rally from our units. Some of our Region One members gave blood in the blood drive in Rapid City. Some worked in nursing homes helping wherever they were needed. Food for the local food bank was given by Region One members.

As Region One's outgoing Community Service Chairman, I commend our units for their work in these important service areas. A big thank-you is due the unit presidents for helping to make these programs successful. They are the ones who bring the collection box or jar to each unit rally or event; they are also the people who wrap and count the coins collected by their units.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eileen Bartram, Past First Lady
WBCCI - Region One*

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

www.wbcc1.org (WBCCI Region 1 & Charter Oak)
www.wbcc1.org (WBCCI International)
www.airstream-rv.com (Airstream/Thor)
www.koa.com (KOA)
www.reserveamerica.com (CT State Park Reservation System)
www.tldirectory.com (Trailer Life Campground Directory OnLine)
www.woodalls.com (Woodalls Publications)

Be sure to check out the Airstream Factory's new Website!!
www.airstream.com (Airstream Factory)



REGION ONE CARAVAN R-244 DEADLINE DATE CHANGE

The deadline date for Region One Caravan R-244 "The Land of Lighthouses and The Bluenose" has been changed FROM August 8, 2002 TO July 25, 2002. All reservations with \$45.00 check made out to Howard M. Knight; 226 Riviera Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-7532 Ph. 941 639-7752 must be in my hand by this date. We will be leaving Florida soon after this date.

RECIPES FROM MOLLY

For those who attended the July rally in Otis, MA you would of enjoyed some of Molly Cherouny's Cheese Crackers or Artichoke Dip, if not then try one of these recipes you are sure to enjoy!!

Cheese Crackers

16 oz. Cracker Barrel extra sharp orange cheddar cheese - grated
 1 - Stick butter - softened
 Cream together and then add:
 1 ¼ cup Flour
 1 ¼ teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon salt
 Cayenne Pepper (Sprinkle)

Combine & Roll into log. Refrigerate till firm or next day. Slice & Bake at 350 degrees on ungreased cookie sheet for approximately 10 minutes or until golden brown. Watch Carefully.

Artichoke Dip

1 can artichoke hearts - drain & chop
 1 cup mayo
 1 cup Parmesan cheese
 Mix
 Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes in a greased small pan



FLY YOUR AIRSTREAM TO EAST WINDSOR RALLY

The June buddy rally "Fly your Airstream to East Windsor" was held on June 14-16, 2002 at Roberts Private Airport in East Windsor hosted by Jim & Corinne Burnham and Mike & Lianne Rutty. A small crowd faced some bad rainy weather all weekend. It was great to welcome new members Joe & Carmella Santos to the rally in their new motorhome. We had one buddy join us, Roy & Judy Nelson. Always good to see Rip & Elsie's "buddies". Thanks to Roy for making our new drip catchers for the coffee pots. All those in attendance were treated to a cooked to order breakfast both mornings by our own short order cook Jim Burnham. Saturday night everyone enjoyed a hamburger & hot dog cook out with all the fix'ins. Many members & buddies joined us at some point over the weekend for some meals including Walter & Dec Holiday from Windsor Locks. We hope to see them again soon. Thanks to all that braved some bad weather for what turned out to be a fun rally.

WBCCI PANCAKES

The following pancake recipe is from Russ Melocik of the White Mountain Unit who made these at the Presidents Rally in Essex Junction, VT on Memorial Day. If you were there then you will remember that they are probably the best pancakes that you ever had!! If not try them, you will be impressed. Thanks to Russ for supplying the recipe.

¼ BATCH

5 CUPS FLOUR
 ½ CUP SUGAR
 2 ¾ TABLESPOONS BAKING POWDER
 1 TABLESPOON SALT
 4 EGGS
 1 QUART MILK
 ¾ CUP OIL
 MAKES ABOUT 20-23 Pancakes

Mix Dry Ingredients together.
 Beat eggs slightly, add cold milk and oil.
 Combine with dry ingredients.
 Mixed dry ingredients can be made up days ahead. Uncooked batter can be kept refrigerated for 2-3 days.

½ BATCH

10 CUPS FLOUR
 1 CUP SUGAR
 5 ½ TABLESPOONS BAKING POWDER
 2 TABLESPOONS SALT
 8 EGGS
 2 QUARTS MILK
 1 ½ CUPS OIL
 MAKES ABOUT 40-45 Pancakes

2003 INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Please be sure to sign up early for next years International Rally in Essex Junction, Vermont as there will be limited parking and you may not get a space. Look for the registration forms in upcoming issues of the Blue Beret. It would be great if we could have as many members from Charter Oak attend as possible. If you have not attended an International Rally this is your chance to, without having to drive a long distance. It will be a long time again before it is in New England, so please register early, as we want to see all of our members attend that would like to.



GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME IN THE BERKSHIRES

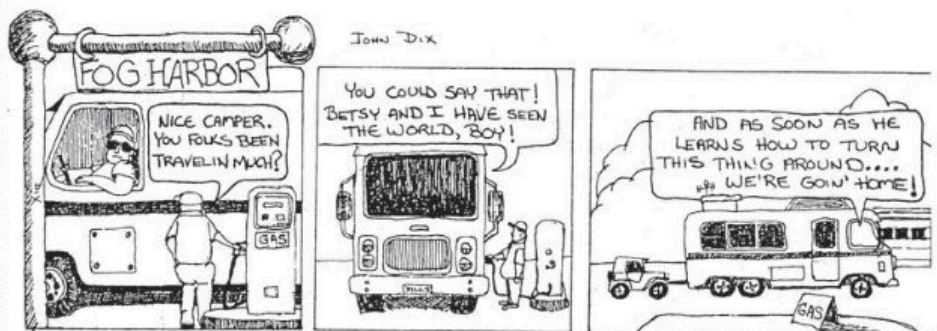
The group was small in size but the fun was large. Good food, good weather and good friends was the order for the July 12-14 rally at Laurel Ridge Campground in East Otis, MA. Those in attendance were the: Sasutas, Halls, Crocketts, Henschels, Prices, M. Ruttys, Rosenbecks, Cherounys, Ribeiros & Burnhams.

Saturday morning we were all treated to Sandy's egg, cheese and sausage pitas. The day was filled with swimming, shopping and some serious tag sailing.

We were all treated on Saturday afternoon with a visit from a couple from New Milford who is in the process of restoring a 1953 Airstream Flying Cloud that they had purchased in Texas. They had just happened upon us at the campground as they had headed out for the weekend to work the bugs out of their trailer prior to an upcoming vacation. They joined us for dinner and of course we provided them with the appropriate membership information. They were very good sports to all of us with tours and interest in their old trailer. For a trailer that is almost 50 years old it is in wonderful condition.

A wonderful turkey dinner with pot luck sides from everyone gave us a great Saturday dinner. A campfire with pie and ice cream was enjoyed by all on Saturday night.

Everyone departed after a breakfast of fruit salad and muffins. Thanks to Mike & Sandy Sasuta and Dick & Molly Cherouny for hosting "Good Old Summertime in the Berkshires", everyone had a great time.



REGION 1 NEWSLETTER JULY 2002

The 45th International Rally "Rapid City Rendezvous", Rapid City, South Dakota, was recently completed. The IBT Meeting of 6/26/02 presided over by President Ewart Phillips, adopted the following motions:

- Flag Code Addition to Appendix 12; the flag code etiquette was clarified and adopted.
- Unit Planning Guide & Merit Award Program is a voluntary program to assist units in planning programs. In so doing, those units who are successful will be recognized and presented with an award in the form of a banner to be flown with their unit flag. Motion passed.
- Founder's Award Bolo to be presented at an International Rally or Region Rally in recognition of recruitment accumulation of 15 new members to the honoree; and with increments of 5 new members, a bar will be presented. Motion passed.

The IBT Meeting presided over by newly installed President Max Carmichael on 7/5/02 adopted these motions:

- Common Sense for Kids will accumulate residual contributions from the Youth Charity Projects for an excess over \$6,000 collected in a given year. In the event that in one year there isn't a sufficient total collected to be given to an area recipient, the fund would be tapped to make the total gift of \$6,000. Interest will accrue to this fund. Withdrawals are to be authorized by the Chairman of this committee and two of the members of this committee that are present at the rally. This motion was approved.
- New Owner Incentive Program...voted to continue the one-year free memberships for new owners.
- Motion to gather relevant information from current/former club members regarding restructuring the club and increasing club membership. This motion was tabled.
- Motion to authorize the Classic Airstream Club to become an intra-club was passed.
- Motion to amend By-Laws Article IV, Sec. 12A was passed to read: "A unit, once each calendar year, may host a rally or caravan or combination thereof with a recreation vehicle club not chartered by the WBCCI, Inc., and it may conduct, twice each calendar year (but not more than 50% of the rallies and caravans conducted by that unit in any calendar year) a buddy rally or a buddy caravan, or combination thereof, to which each member of the unit may invite not more than one non-member recreation vehicle family. The non-member recreation vehicle family to be invited is intended to be one which is a prospective member and which does not own an Airstream. The family invited to the buddy rally or caravan is to introduce them to the WBCCI "way of life" and the unit members; in hope they might decide to purchase an Airstream and join the club. A buddy rally is not intended to be used by current or past WBCCI members to attend a WBCCI rally in their non-Airstream vehicles."
- The motion to remove the requirement for the American Pledge of Allegiance...this motion was voted to be tabled and will be assigned a study committee for discussion at the mid-winter IBT meeting.
- Voted to approve a new flag for the Greater New Orleans Louisiana Gulf States Unit.

The following individuals have agreed to serve on the 2002-2004 Team of Volunteers:

Secretary:	Cecile Lemaire	Legislative:	Russ Melocik
Treasurer:	Betty Clark	Photographer:	Raynold Lemaire
Blue Beret Contributing Editor:	Bob Sandall	Parliamentarian:	Larry Lamontagne
Membership:	Lee Bradley	Webmaster:	Rich Kushman
Community Service:	Claire & Pat Lines	Nominating Chairman:	Dick Bartram
Family & Youth:	Maura Keegan	Caravans:	Howard M. Knight; Michael Rutty

The following is the Installation of Officers schedule for the fall of 2002:

Raynold & Cecile Lemaire	Cape Cod Massachusetts/New England Unit	Sept. 13-15, 2002
Theda McGrath, Past Region 1 President	Quebec Canada Unit	Sept. 20-22, 2002
Anne & Bob Werth	White Mountains New Hampshire	Sept 20-22, 2002
To be determined	Canadian Atlantic Unit	Sept 20-22, 2002
Anne & Bob Werth; Raynold & Cecile Lemaire	Charter Oak Connecticut Unit	Nov. 3, 2002

Region 1 presidency has changed hands. We owe a huge thanks to Dick & Eileen Bartram for their fine service to Region 1 during their tour of duty. They have contributed to not only to our Region, but also to the whole of WBCCI. The past 6 years have gone quickly for them. We are most grateful for their contribution and we look forward to their participation in our club in the future.

The next 2 years First Mate Bob and I will be at the helm of Region 1. Raynold Lemaire, 1st VP and Cecile will be on deck to assist with this task. (We will be filling the 2nd VP position in the near future). Our challenge will be to continue Region 1 on a steady course. I challenge each of our members to use the following two words in their vocabulary...**"choose involvement"**. Each of us can contribute at the unit level, expanding into involvement in the Region and then onto the International level. Appreciation for the over-all picture comes from participation...the more we give, the more we receive. A good example of this is the huge "Community Services" involvement during our recently completed International Rally in Rapid City, SD. During our opening ceremony, an official of the Rushmore Plaza spoke of this quote seen on a local church sign...**"The first step towards peace begins with a smile."** Remember these words as we greet one another at our functions. See you in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Reg. 1 Rally, Aug. 23-26, 2002.

Anne Werth, Region 1 President and First Mate Bob



Lazy August Airstream Days on The River.....



Buddy Rally August 2 - 4, 2002

Bald Mountain Campground - Townshend, VT

Hosted by: Mark & Annette Wilson and Ray & Maryellen Moniz

Happenings



Friday:

- Arrive after 12 pm - Pets Welcome
- 4:30 pm - Happy Hour
- Dinner on your own
- Campfire and Ice Cream

Saturday:

- 8:00 am - Continental Breakfast
- All day to explore the area on your own!
- 4:00 pm - Social Hour / Tag Sale **
- 6:00 pm - Ham Dinner w/ fixins
- 8:00 pm - Campfire and Dessert

Sunday:

- 8:00 am - Continental Breakfast
- Depart at your leisure



**Please bring any items that you would like to include in the tag sale, however please be prepared to take back any items which do not sell.



Costs

- Camping fee for the weekend: \$38.00 w/ water & electric for 2 nights

Rally Fees

- Adults: \$12.50
- Children: \$6.50
- Under 12: Free

- This is a "Buddy Rally", bring your friends, and family to join the fun!!!!

Local Attractions

- Basketville
- The Outlet Center
- Christmas Dreams & Country Themes
- Butterfly Heaven
- Mary Meyer Toys
- Vermont Country Store
- North River Winery



Directions

I-91 to Exit 2 to Route 9E towards Brattleboro Center take left Route 30, go 14 1/2 miles NW on Route 30 then 3/4 W on CR (State Forest TH4) then 1 1/4 miles W on State Park Road. Entrance is on the right. Follow WBCC1 signs.



Campground Phone # 802-365-7510



Please Mail by: July 26, 2002

Make check payable to: Mark Wilson

Name: _____

WBCCI# _____

Campground Fee (Two Nights).....\$ 38.00

Number of Adults _____ X \$12.50 = _____

Number of Children 12-16 _____ X \$6.50 = _____

Number of Under 12 _____ Free

Total Enclosed.....\$ _____

Mail To:
 Mark Wilson
 6 Carola Lane
 New Fairfield, CT
 06812

October Rally

Preliminary Information

October 11 - 13 2002

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(860)739-2066 silvershadow@snet.net

Charter Oak Connecticut Unit - WBCCI 2003 Dues Notice

Please remit your dues for the year 2003 with this completed form by September 30, 2002 to Sandy Sasuta.

The data requested is important for keeping our membership directory up to date. Please supply a winter address with dates where you wish to have your Chatter mailed when you are away from home.

Please include a picture of you and your spouse for the 2003 directory if you would like a new picture or if one was not included in last year's edition.

Please mail to: Sandy Sasuta – Treasurer
Charter Oak CT Unit
476 Milford Point Road
Milford, CT 06460

WBCCI# _____

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone # : _____ Courtesy Parking ? : _____

Winter Address: _____

Winter Phone #: _____

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Wife's Birthday: _____

Wedding Anniversary: _____

CB Handles: _____

E-mail Addresses: _____

<u>Your 2003 Dues</u>	
International Dues:	\$ 45.00
Unit Dues:	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
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SEPTEMBER 2002



THE AIRSTREAM RV ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The long awaited Region rally has come and gone. What a rally it was. The Canadian Atlantic Unit put on a terrific event for all. The location, Lunenburg, is a world class town. This is certainly a location that will be on our list to revisit.

After the rally we had a two day caravan and tour of the Cabot Trail. Spectacular sights and amazing geological formations.

Sugarcreek will be the Club's next excursion after Nova Scotia. Since this is a highly touted rally, everyone is looking forward to those sumptuous Amish meals and wicked desserts. Not to mention the extensive schedule prepared by the rally hosts.

We will rendezvous in Sugarcreek on Friday and will be parked across the street from a renowned restaurant. Friday dinner?

We will close our outdoor season with the October rally in Phoenixville, CT. If you have not been able to attend any events this season, try for this one. It will be hosted by the Kushmans and Shermans. Good Hosts = Good Rallies.

A word of caution: The 2003 International Rally which will be held in Vermont, has a limited number of parking spaces. Only 1,500. At the just completed International over 400+ registrations were sold. The East always has a big turnout.

Do you know someone with an Airstream product, not connected with a Club? You can use our "Be Our Guest" program and extend an invitation at no cost to them. (see previous Chatter for details)

Charlie Wilson
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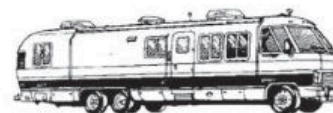
DATES TO REMEMBER

September 21-29, 2002
Fall Caravan to Sugarcreek
Charlie Wilson

October 11-13, 2002
Rally - Charlie Brown Campground,
Eastford, CT
Richard & Kathy Kushman
Tony & Dorothy Sherman

November 3, 2002
Installation Dinner Meeting
Manchester Country Club
Manchester, CT
Bob & Helen Sandall

December 1, 2002
Holiday Party
Dakotas Restaurant
Avon, CT
Seb & Juanita Pestretto



BIRTHDAYS

Deborah Onorato	09/05
Sharon Henschel	09/06
Chuck Bleakney	09/08
Wayne Moore	09/08
Brian Platt	09/10
Carolyn L. Knight	09/11
Warren Sterns	09/12
Brian Fuller	09/13
Kathy Griffin	09/13
Betty Tuckerman	09/18
Rod Dole	09/22
James Tauras	09/25
Michael Link	09/27
Per Hamnqvist	09/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Kathy Griffin	09/06
Bob & Helen Sandall	09/06
Wayne & Linda Moore	09/07
Joseph & Carol Potter	09/11
Wayne & Susan Ruty	09/11
Paul & Judy Good	09/15
Carol & Warren Sterns	09/15
Reggie & Jackie Brown	09/18
Chandler & Jacoba Taylor	09/19

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING & INSTALLATION

Please remember that the Installation of officers and the fall business dinner meeting will be held on November 3, 2002 at The Manchester Country Club. The flyer will be in next months Chatter or contact Bob Sandall for more information.

GET WELL WISHES

Please extend your sympathy to Bud & Jessie Gould on the passing of Jessie's sister in-law.

Please send get well wishes to the following members:

Region 1 First Mate Bob Werth after recent heart surgery. Anne reports Bob is doing well, he should be up and about soon. Unfortunately they were unable to make the trip to Lunenburg.

Reggie Brown who is recovering from recent surgery and is home doing well.

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 RESULTS FROM RAPID CITY

Best of Show - Unit Publications - Directory Catagory A - Charter Oak CT
Rich Kushman and Michael Ruty

Honorable Mention - Unit Publications - Newsletter Sweepstakes - New England Unit
- Pam Bleakney

2nd Place - Unit Publications - Newsletter Open - Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit - Rich and Dottie Walbridge

2nd Place - Unit History Book - New England Unit - Natalie Delude

Best of Show - Caravan Publications - Journals National - New England Unit - Linda Andrzejewski

1st Place - Unit Bulletin Board - Orginality Div. - Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit - Bard Fuller

3rd Place - Hobby Show - White Mountains New Hampshire Unit - Sheryll Norris

2nd Place - Hobby Show - White Mountains New Hampshire Unit - Sheryll Norris

1st Place - Hobby Show - Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit - Raynold Lemaire

Honorable Mention - Hobby Show - Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit - Cecile Lemaire

LAZY AUGUST AIRSTREAM DAYS ON THE RIVER BUDDY RALLY

The Lazy August Airstream Days on the River Rally commenced Friday evening with a refreshing thunderstorm. Despite the rain, hosts Annette Wilson and Maryellen Moniz greeted each attendee under the little Airstream welcome tent. They handed out goody buckets which each contained a handmade chocolate Airstream, a camping cookbook, brochures, a laminated map and a miniature wooden Airstream personalized with trailer number. They really thought of everything. Past the welcome tent, soaking-wet hosts Mark Wilson and Ray Moinz happily parked each unit

After Friday evening's happy hour, groups left for dinner. Later that evening, all returned for Ben & Jerry's ice cream bars around the campfire.

Saturday morning started off cool, crisp and clear. After a continental breakfast, many left to shop and tour the area. There was so much to do but so little time. Some of the area attractions included a butterfly house and VT country store. Saturday afternoon, the temperature rose and some decided to cool off by wading in the river. The river was cool and exhilarating and also the home of a killer rainbow trout, which mistook Annette for lunch. Yes, a rainbow trout attacked Annette! Fortunately, Chuck Bleakney heard Annette's screams and rescued her from sure death. The killer trout was not so fortunate...he ended up filleted and offered up on the happy hour table.

Saturday's happy hour was combined with a tag sale. As the evening wore on, Kathy Kushman's tag sale items became half-price, then free and then almost tossed into the campfire.

Saturday evening, the hosts and helpers put on a great ham dinner for 70+ people despite the power outages, ham rotissary malfunctions, 90° temp. outside, and 90° temp. inside from baking the ham in the trailer ovens. Eventually, the evening cooled off and all relaxed around the campfire enjoying Airstream Cake and Ben & Jerry ice cream sundaes with special toppings. The raffle was a success as everyone purchased tickets for Annette's handmade coaster sets.

After a continental breakfast Sunday morning, we slowly departed to the dump station and our various destinations.

It was a wonderful rally with 21 units and 8 buddies. Thank you to our hosts, their family members and friends, and all the other volunteers that made the rally such a success.

NOTICE OF CLUB MEETING OCTOBER 12TH, 2002 AT 9:30AM

The task of updating our Constitution and By-laws to conform to International is continuing. Hopefully this will be the last change for this administration.

All COCU members are welcome to vote on the following Constitution changes and to discuss any other items. An Executive Board meeting will immediately before to vote on the By-law amendment.

The amendments are:

Constitution Article V

Section 1: The Executive Board shall consist of all the Unit officers plus the immediate Past President of the Unit.

Constitution Article VI, Sec.5

"and Affiliate Members" will be removed. Their rights are spelled out in Art.III, Sec.5.

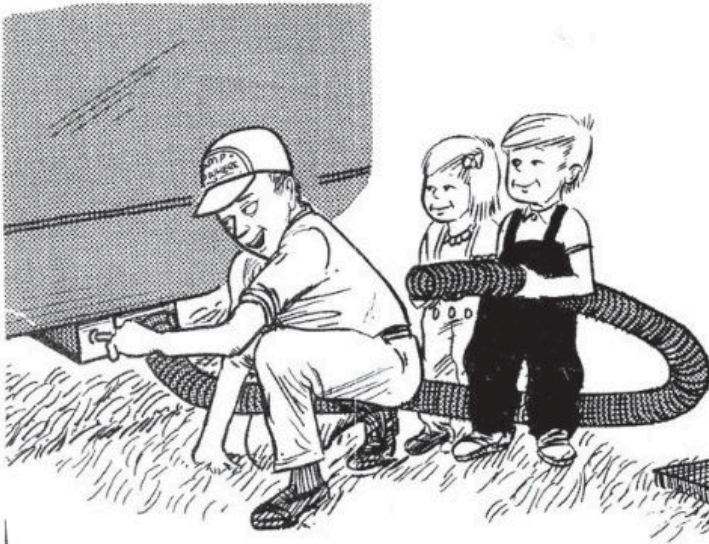
By-laws Article XI

Dissolution

In the event the members of this Unit deem it desirable for this Unit to merge with another Unit or for the Unit to consolidate with other Units, or for the Unit to dissolve, the members shall, through the President of this Unit, follow the appropriate procedures as prescribed in Article VII, Section 1 through 6 of the Bylaws of the International Club. These procedures are in accordance with Section 501 c 7 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Whether the Unit merges with another Unit, or consolidates with other Units, or the Unit dissolves, none of the funds or property of this Unit shall ensure to the benefit of any member. (1/16/98)

The members attending the October rally will be asked to vote on the above. **You can compare these changes with our current Constitution and Bylaws in our award winning Charter Oak Directory.**

*Charlie Wilson
#7326
President - Charter Oak*



You can help Daddy as soon as he empties the tank.

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:

New Regular Members:

Welcome Back!!!

Brian & Pat Brosnahan
WBCCI #8709
934 Farmington Drive
Cheshire, CT 06410
Phone 203 272-4325
Brian's Birthday: 10/17
Pat's Birthday: 2/10
Anniv 7/6

New Affiliate Members:

Brian & Nancy Platt
WBCCI #2940
26 Birchmeadow Road
Amesbury, MA 01913
Phone: 978 388-5620
Brian's Birthday 9/10
Nancy's Birthday 5/17
Anniv: 3/2
Email: nanplatt@earthlink.net

Theada McGrath
WBCCI #332
251 Mason Road
West Townsend, MA 01474
Phone: 978-597-8891
Birthday: 11/7
Email: theda251@juno.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bob & Helen Sandall on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on September 6th. We wish you many more years of happiness together.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Another exceptional Region 1 rally held in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The Sunday morning Church Service was conducted by Rev. Neil MacDonald. The offering was donated to the restoration fund for St. John's Anglican Church. The Church was mostly destroyed by a fire on November 1, 2001 and members of the Church decided to rebuild. We were given a personalized tour of the Church, which they hope to have closed in by the year of 2003. Contributions have come in from all over Canada as the insurance money was not enough to cover this undertaking. With the holiday season approaching, now is a good time to give some thought on how you could help in your community, with a charity of your choice. Let us know by doing a write up in your newsletter and send the information to Claire Lines, PO Box 464, Standish, ME 04084 or email us at pat110@juno.com, along with the persons name who is giving his/her time so they can be gratefully recognized.

Pat & Claire Lines
#1018

THANKS TO THE "REGION 1 TEAM" AND OUR AIRSTREAM FAMILY!

Bob and I are most grateful for the Region 1 team that jumped in to fill in for us during our absence from the Region 1 Rally. Thanks to everyone for your concerns and prayers regarding Bob's health. Having such a great "family" pulling for him gave us a tremendous lift. He is doing quite nicely and continuing along the road to recovery.

Anne Werth, President and Mate Bob
#293

SAM & BECKY

Sam and Becky are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Sam says to Becky, "Becky, I was wondering - have you ever cheated on me?" Becky replies, "Oh Sam, why would you ask such a question now? You don't want to ask that question..."

"Yes, Becky, I really want to know. Please..."

"Well, all right. Yes, 3 times..."

"Three? Well, when were they?" he asked.

"Well, Sam, remember when you really wanted to buy that 38' diesel pusher and no bank would give you a loan? Remember, then one day the bank president himself came over the house and signed the loan papers, no questions asked?"

"Oh, Becky, you did that for me! I respect you even more than ever, to do such a thing for me. So, when was number 2?"

"Well, Sam, remember when you had that last heart attack on the road and you were needing that very tricky operation, and no surgeon would touch you? Then remember how Dr. DeBaKey came all the way up here, to do the surgery himself, and then you were in good shape again?"

"I can't believe it! Becky, you should do such a thing for me, to save my life. I couldn't have a more wonderful wife. To do such a thing, you must really love me, Darling. I couldn't be more moved. So, all right then, when was number 3?"

"Well, Sam, remember a few years ago, when you really wanted to be president of our RV club and you were 17 votes short..?"--



RECIPE FROM SARAH

For those who attended the July rally in Otis, MA you would of enjoyed some of Sarah Ribarios, if not then try one of these recipes you are sure to enjoy!!

Garden Club Rice Salad

1 box Uncle Ben's Wild Rice, original recipe
1/2 box currants
1/2 bunch scallion, green and white parts, chopped
1 yellow, 1 red and 1 orange pepper, chopped fine

Add at serving time:
1 bag or box tiny or baby peas, thawed
1/2 can cashews, pieces

Dressing (don't use it all)
1/2 cup oil
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1 T. mild curry

Directions:
Cook rice according to directions Add currants, scallions and peppers
Add dressing and let sit overnight in refrig. Don't use all the dressing. You want the rice coated, not swimming.
Add peas and cashews at serving time.

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

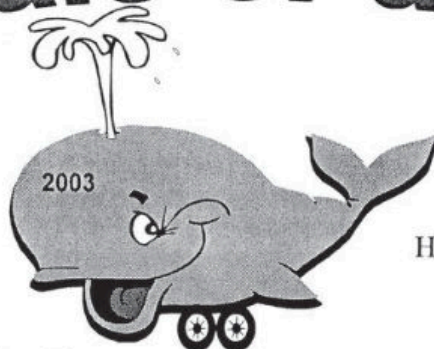
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August 7-10, 2003

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WBCCI # _____ Unit Name _____ Unit Number _____

Handicap Parking? Yes No Vintage Parking? Yes No First Region Rally? _____

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NEWSLETTER FROM REGION 1 SEPTEMBER 2002
REPORT ON REGION ONE RALLY
LUNENBURG, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA
AUGUST 23-26, 2002

The Canadian Atlantic Unit was host of the 2002 Region Rally. As I mentioned at the rally, "The smallest Unit took on a very large task." Hats off to a great bunch of people who did an outstanding job. There were 125 Airstream RV's on site, with three no shows because of illness and one no show because of a work schedule change. Of the total number, there were 19 RV's from the Ontario, Canada Unit, led by President Royce Graham. I don't have all the statistics, but other members outside Region One were from California, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Georgia and Florida to name a few.

Opening ceremonies on Friday evening were impressive. The parade of Officers and Flags, led by a bagpiper was one of the highlights of the rally. Robert Jobe, Canadian Atlantic Unit, carried the Canadian National Flag. Wayne Ruty, Charter Oak Connecticut Unit, carried the American Flag. Theda McGrath, Cape Cod Mass. Unit, carried the Mexican National Flag. Dick Bartram, Charter Oak Connecticut Unit, carried the Region One Presidents Flag, followed by 1st V P Region One Raynold Lemaire and spouse Cecile. Then all six Unit Presidents, preceded by the flag bearer of their respective Unit marched in. All this while our bagpiper "Piped us in." Jim Rudolph, MC, made opening remarks, followed by Jeanne Corkum, President, Canadian Atlantic Unit. Next to "Speak" was the "Town Crier" followed by the Mayor of Lunenburg. After a few remarks, Raynold Lemaire, 1st V P of Region One officially opened the rally with the bang of the gavel. It must be noted here, that opening remarks by Jeanne Corkum and Raynold Lemaire, were translated into French by Claude Boucher of the Quebec Unit. This was done for the benefit of our French speaking members.

Missing in the opening ceremonies was our Region One President Anne Werth and spouse Bob who were unable to attend because of Bob's health problem. I must note here that they were sorely missed and we all wish Bob a speedy and full recovery.

One, and there were many, outstanding features of the rally was the food. "Chef John", who was a contracted caterer, did all the cooking on site in a well-equipped kitchen. All six Units of Region One helped serve a breakfast, or dinner, or an ice cream social after entertainment. The food was excellent and plentiful.

As for entertainment, the Canadian Atlantic Unit wasn't satisfied with one performance in an evening but multiple performers. Everything from Singers to Dancers to Musicians, playing a multitude of instruments. First class entertainment.

Master of ceremonies, Jim Rudolph, did a super job assisted by Sherman Zinck in other announcements and introductions.

Susan Ruty was a tremendous help, being responsible for Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Interviews were held at the Rally to fill the vacant position of 2nd V P for Region One. At the annual meeting, Dick Bartram announced that the nominee to fill that vacancy is Robert Thompson of the New England Unit. All six Unit President were given ballots and will vote on this matter at their Fall Business Meetings.

Saturday morning was a very busy time at the rally.

The Open Forum was held at 9:00 AM and went very smoothly with many members taking their turn to speak. Everyone had the opportunity to speak. Moderator Raynold Lemaire thanked all for attending and thanked those who spoke for their civility.

The Annual Business Meeting was held at 10:00 AM. In ran in the usual fashion, including Roll Call, (all six Unit Presidents were present), minutes of the August 2001 meeting, Treasurer's Report, Standing Committee reports, all the way down to announcements from the Unit Presidents.

Following the Business Meeting, the First Timers Seminar began at 11:30 AM and was well attended by many members.

Our Region had the pleasure of having International 2nd V P Jim Hadaway and wife Janie in attendance. They were definitely an asset to the rally and did participate in many functions.

The Cape Cod Mass. Unit did a great job on the presentation of next years Region Rally that will be held on "The Cape." The theme is, "A Whale of a Time on Olde Cape Cod." Our thanks to the Walbridge's and the Mangano's for orchestrating this "Performance." Ya'll come,

The closing ceremony was held on Monday morning at 8:00 AM, preceding breakfast. This worked out very well. 1st VP Raynold Lemaire gaveled the rally to a close.

The Lunenburg Area was just beautiful. I've never seen so many coves, harbors and rivers. Cecile and I didn't have a lot of time to go sightseeing, but did get the opportunity to travel in a three vehicle caravan with David & Jeanne Corkum doing the narrative via CB radio. David's historical knowledge of the area was impressive. Cecile and I did get to travel to Peggy's Cove after the conclusion of the rally.

Again, my sincere thanks to the Canadian Atlantic Unit for the tremendous task they undertook and what an outstanding job they did. Thanks to all who helped in any way and to all 125 Airstream Family members who participated by coming to the Rally. The Rally was a typical example of what the Wally Byam Caravan Club International is all about.

See you down the road.

Respectfully submitted,
 Raynold Lemaire, 1st VP Region One

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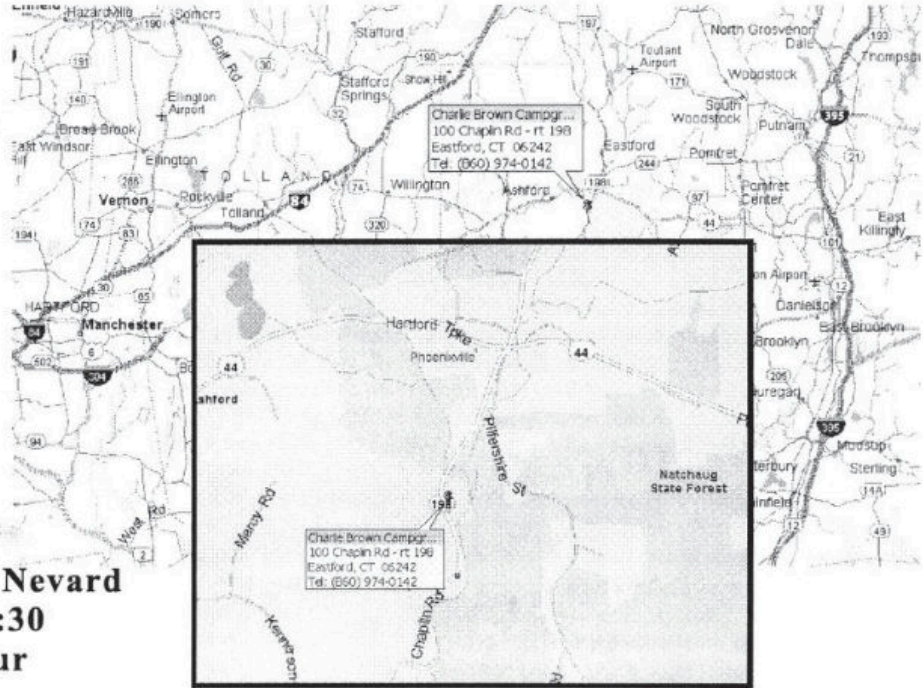
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Tony & Dorothy Sherman
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Please remit your dues for the year 2003 with this completed form by September 30, 2002 to Sandy Sasuta.

The data requested is important for keeping our membership directory up to date. Please supply a winter address with dates where you wish to have your Chatter mailed when you are away from home.

Please include a picture of you and your spouse for the 2003 directory if you would like a new picture or if one was not included in last year's edition.

Please mail to: Sandy Sasuta – Treasurer
Charter Oak CT Unit
476 Milford Point Road
Milford, CT 06460

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Name: _____

Current Address: _____

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our outdoor rally season draws to a close, we still have our October rally. Since this will be our last outdoor event, hopefully as many as possible will find time to come.

We just got back from our Sugarcreek trip. There were 15 COCU units in attendance. If you like an Amish area, which we do, you'll love to come here some time. It's the largest Amish area in the country. Also, the Ohio unit that has been running this event for about 40 years, really has the timing down so everything goes well.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Location: Manchester Country Club

Time: Immediately after lunch

This is COCU's annual meeting as prescribed in our by-laws. We will hear from various officers and committee chairpeople on the activities of our club. The installation of new officers for 2003 will take place after our meeting.

Charlie Wilson

Ph: 203-746-3506

C7459w@aol.com

Cell phone # 203-240-3019

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee for the Charter Oak CT Unit submits the following slate of officers for the ensuing year 2002-2003.

President.....	Michael Rutty
1st Vice President.....	Lois Price
2nd Vice President.....	Mark Wilson
Recording Secretary.....	Fran Simmons
Corresponding Secretary.....	Carol Hall
Treasurer.....	Sandy Sasuta
2nd Year Directors.....	Ray Moniz Dick Cheronuy
1st Year Directors.....	Phil Simmons Art Hall

The above slate will be presented and voted on by the membership at the November business meeting. Installation will take place at Manchester Country Club on November 1, 2002 after the meeting.

*Submitted,
Ted Price - Chairman
Lois Price
Michael Rutty*

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 11-13, 2002

Rally - Charlie Brown Campground,
Eastford, CT
Richard & Kathy Kushman
Tony & Dorothy Sherman

November 3, 2002

Installation Dinner Meeting
Manchester Country Club
Manchester, CT
Bob & Helen Sandall

December 1, 2002

Holiday Party
Cheffries Restaurant
Windsor, CT
Seb & Juanita Pestretto
Dick & Molly Cheronuy



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
Debi Cocco	10/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Bard & Kathy Fuller	10/03
Dan & Karen Olah	10/03
Steve & Pamela Pestretto	10/07
Roger & Ruth Crockett	10/16
John & Margie Peterson	10/23
Mark & Gail Good	10/24
Mark & Annette Wilson	10/25

GET WELL WISHES

Please send get well wishes to the following members:

Bill Herpich and Jerry Ingallinera after recent surgeries. We wish them both well and speedy recovery.

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.

2003 INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Please be sure to sign up early for next years International Rally in Essex Junction, Vermont as there will be limited parking and you may not get a space. Look for the registration forms in upcoming issues of the Blue Beret. It would be great if we could have as many members from Charter Oak attend as possible. If you have not attended an International Rally this is your chance to, without having to drive a long distance. It will be a long time again before it is in New England, so please register early, as we want to see all of our members attend that would like to.

**NOTICE OF CLUB MEETING OCTOBER 12TH, 2002 AT 9:30AM**

The task of updating our Constitution and By-laws to conform to International is continuing. Hopefully this will be the last change for this administration.

All COCU members are welcome to vote on the following Constitution changes and to discuss any other items. An Executive Board meeting will immediately before to vote on the By-law amendment.

The amendments are:

Constitution Article V

Section 1: The Executive Board shall consist of all the Unit officers plus the immediate Past President of the Unit.

Constitution Article VI, Sec.5

"and Affiliate Members" will be removed. Their rights are spelled out in Art.III, Sec.5.

By-laws Article XI

Dissolution

In the event the members of this Unit deem it desirable for this Unit to merge with another Unit or for the Unit to consolidate with other Units, or for the Unit to dissolve, the members shall, through the President of this Unit, follow the appropriate procedures as prescribed in Article VII, Section 1 through 6 of the Bylaws of the International Club. These procedures are in accordance with Section 501 c 7 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Whether the Unit merges with another Unit, or consolidates with other Units, or the Unit dissolves, none of the funds or property of this Unit shall ensure to the benefit of any member. (1/16/98)

The members attending the October rally will be asked to vote on the above. **You can compare these changes with our current Constitution and Bylaws in our award winning Charter Oak Directory.**

Charlie Wilson

#7326

President - Charter Oak

COMMUNITY SERVICE

For us Northern folks with winter approaching, pull up your rocking chair in front of your fireplace (if you are fortunate to have one) and start knitting hats and/or afghans. This goes for the Southern folks also, who will be enjoying the warmer weather. Don't forget the pull tabs. For our newcomers, the 46th International Rally will be held in Essex Junction, Vermont on June 28 thru July 4th 2003.

Start collecting the tabs from drinking cans to bring with you. The tabs are weighed and the money from the tabs is donated to the Ronald MacDonald House. Knit hats will be collected and donated to the children's program at the International Rally. The stuffed toys will be collected at the Region 1 Luncheon at International and distributed to the children in need.

Get your friends involved in this project and if you can't attend contact Claire Lines at (207)642-2574 or email pat10@juno.com and we will help in locating a person to deliver these items to Vermont.

Pat & Claire Lines

Region Community Services Chairs

THE SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY AT SUGARCREEK, OHIO SEPT. 21 TO SEPT.29, 2002

"A Swiss Festival, where?", was Art's response when he first heard about the rally in Sugarcreek, Ohio, as visions of Swiss cheese danced in his head. It took him about a nanosecond to decide we were going. It took him slightly longer to convince WBCCI #12461-1/2.

We set off on Sept. 19th for Sugarcreek via Pennwood Airstream Park in Clarion, PA. We were pleasantly surprised to find 16 other units (most of them COC members) also headed to the Swiss Festival Rally. It was #12461-1/2's first visit to an Airstream Park and she was very impressed its beauty (not to mention the free mug and postcard: they even supplied the stamp.) An impromptu happy hour was held at the working end of the Price's temperamental refrigerator. Later, Pennwood provided us with a campfire, cake and ice cream.

The next day we rendezvoused at a campground near the center of Sugarcreek close to the Rally site. Charlie and Jeannie Wilson were our hosts for a spectacular happy hour. After, there was time to visit the Artisan's Mercantile and the IGA. We were very close to a farm (Mark Wilson loved the smell), a steam railroad and an Amish restaurant.

After a refreshing rain during the night, we caravanned the short distance to Winklepleck's Grove, the location of the Rally. As we entered, each attendee was welcomed and announced over the PA system.

Then the fun began! The Land of Lakes unit's been doing this rally for 40 years and it shows. There were numerous tours to local museums, farms, factories, food processors, schools and shops, a ride on the steam railroad, evening entertainment, a ham and bean dinner cooked over an open fire, hobby show and sale (did you know that COC has some very talented members?), shuttle buses to the Swiss Festival in town, Putt-Putt ice cream and an Amish buggy ride (all of which was included in the rally fee of \$90, but for an additional \$11 you could have dinner at an Amish home). Everything ran with Swiss precision! There was so much to see and do, as well as, the bounty at the local Amish restaurants, one week was not enough.

The local Airstream dealer had several of the new 2003 models on site and open for walk-thrus. (Note to Mark Wilson: they still cannot operate an electric toaster on low voltage.) There was ample time to critique the virtues of every one. Ray and MaryEllen Moniz and Mark Wilson even had time to go to Jackson Center for the factory tour and a peek at the new C-style motor home. Larry Huttle, Airstream's big kahuna, spoke at the Rally about Airstream's vision for the future, new models planned and the passion for Airstreams. There are 12 new dealers around the Country, who he says, have that "passion". He pointed out that Airstream has the potential to become the next Harley-Davidson-type American icon. (Note to #12461-1/2: keep buying that Thor stock.

All of the first-timers at Sugarcreek were awed by the beauty of the area: soft rolling hills; beautiful, well kept, small family farms (most worked by horses not machines) run by large families; the clip-clop of swift moving, graceful buggies; and loveliest of all: friendly Amish and Mennonite people living a simpler life in harmony with God, nature and mankind.

It's easy to understand why people return to the Swiss Festival. (WBCCI #12461-1/2 even wants to go back for Land of Lakes 41st Swiss Festival Rally.) Oh, and the local Swiss cheese was excellent.

Carol Hall
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New Affiliate Members:

Russ & Rhona Fuller
WBCCI #1745
26 Luciano Drive
Southington, CT 06489
Phone: 860-747-1193
Russ's Birthday: 6/20
Rhona's Birthday: 3/17
Email: rfuller@kcs.kaba.com



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Please respond by November 20, 2002

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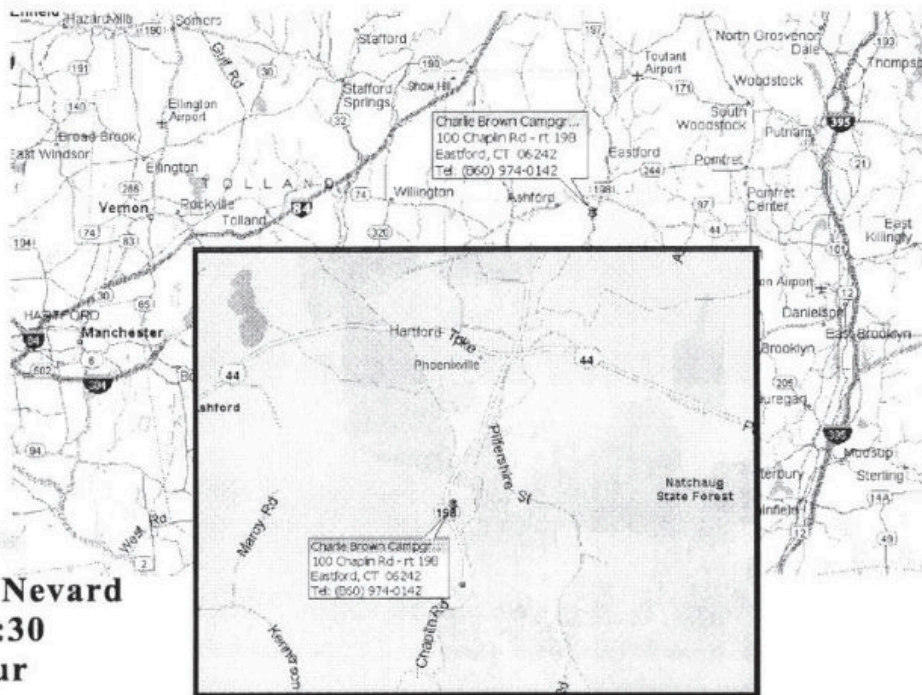
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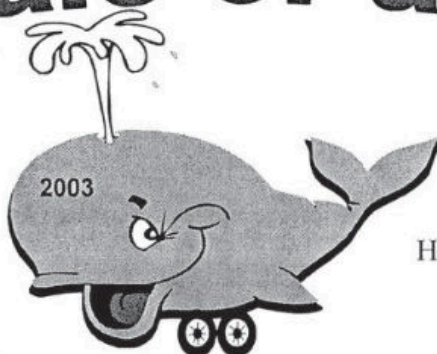


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where did the year go? Must be a familiar saying for club officers coming to the end of their term.

It has certainly been a lot of fun. Your hosts: Wayne & Susan Ruty, Mike & Lianne Ruty, Rich & Kathy Kushman, Jim & Corinne Burnham, Mike & Sandy Sasuta, Mark & Annette Wilson, Ray & Maryellen Moniz, Tony & Dorothy Sherman, Bob & Helen Sandall, Seb & Juanita Pestretto, Dick & Molly Cherouny, have all worked hard to make this a good year & we all applaud their efforts.

A JOB WELL DONE, THANK YOU ALL.

Event hosts are the heart of our club's activities. If anyone feels they may have an interesting place for a rally, just speak up. With all the help available you will find it fairly easy.

Jeanne & I want to personally express our appreciation for the opportunity to serve these past years. We also want to thank all others not named that pitched in and helped at the various rallies. Helping is part of belonging and we want every member to feel as though you belong in this club.

We traveled far and wide this year, to South Dakota, Montana, back to Nova Scotia & PEI, and on to Ohio. In addition to the miles, we made new friends and experienced some real good times. What a year!

Charlie Wilson

CHARTER OAK UNIT - INSTALLATION DINNER

We gathered together and Susan Ruty asked the Lord's Blessing. Then 60 of us hastened and chastened and scrambled for the good food placed before us. It was a great dinner at the Manchester Country Club, hosted by "Pearle Mesta" and "Emeril" Sandall.

Necessary business was conducted by "outgoing" Charlie Wilson. Then on to the installation, Anne Werth presiding. The new Board was called and installed. Susan and Wayne Ruty proudly installed son, Mike in a special part of the ceremony - Lianne by Mike's side.

Gifts were given and flags distributed. Much good friendship and congratulations.

Bob Thompson was installed as 2nd VP, Region 1; Congratulations to Bob and Harriet.

Our luncheon was further enhanced by the presence of Rich and Dotty Walbridge, and how could we have done it without Ray and Cecile Lemaire?

All agreed it was a good year and many thanks to Charlie and Jeanne Wilson who were last seen jumping up and down, perhaps from sheer joy!

Mike Ruty gave us a preview of "This Is Your Life" for year 2003 - with only a small amount of begging for help.

Thank you one and all for helping to make it all happen.

Lois Price

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1, 2002
Holiday Party
Cheffries Restaurant
Windsor, CT
Seb & Juanita Pestretto
Dick & Molly Cherouny

February 3, 2003
"Fiesta Brunch"
Dinner Meeting
Cuckoo's Nest
Old Saybrook, CT
Kathleen Kushman

March 2, 2003
"Sturbridge Springtime"
Dinner Meeting
Publick House
Sturbridge, MA
Dick & Eileen Bartram
Joe & Sarah Ribeiro



BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Sasuta	11/01
Anne Werth	11/02
David Tuckerman	11/04
Ray Moniz	11/06
Walter Holliday	11/07
Sarah Ribiero	11/07
Clarence Gould	11/09
Paul Good, Jr.	11/10
Paul Good	11/11
Bud Skelly	11/15
Samuel Newman	11/16
John Peterson	11/16
Dorcas VanHorn	11/20
Angela Tauras	11/21
Fritz Vohr	11/22
Michael Onorato	11/23
Carol Sterns	11/23
Dick Cherouny	11/27
Helen Sandall	11/28
Howard Kuehn	11/30
Dorothy Sherman	11/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Russell Berg & Dorothy O'Connor	11/04
Rip & Elsie Nelson	11/16
Charlie & Sandy Eglise	11/29

2003 INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Please be sure to sign up early for next year's International Rally in Essex Junction, Vermont as there will be limited parking and you may not get a space. Look for the registration forms in upcoming issues of the Blue Beret. It would be great if we could have as many members from Charter Oak attend as possible. If you have not attended an International Rally this is your chance to, without having to drive a long distance. It will be a long time again before it is in New England, so please register early, as we want to see all of our members attend that would like to.



"WE WILL RISE AND FOLLOW CHARLIE"

Last August as folks bade "good-bye" and closing ceremonies brought the Lunnenberg Rally to an end; Jeanne and Charlie Wilson's little band of caravaners began their journey to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The day was bright and beautiful and the travelers were all in high spirits as we wandered across the Province.

After arriving at the Baddeck Camp Grounds and settling-in, we were all welcomed with a fabulous Happy Hour hosted by Charlie and Jeanne. Several of us continued the camaraderie at the camp ground's very own restaurant with a very good meal.

Early the next morning our guides arrived in two vans, prepared to show us the wonders of this beautiful place. Our driver was a somewhat dower, transplanted Englishman who was prepared to lecture us on the flora and fauna of the region. Needless to say, our group was not that SERIOUS.

We visited the Celtic Lodge, a rocky outcropping; ate lunch at a fishermen's co-op and had ice cream at a lighthouse. We were lectured on lobstering at a small fishing village...but the best of all was Mrs. Moose. Shortly after receiving a lecture about why Nova Scotian moose are bigger and better than their New England cousins, (all the native moose were killed off so they had to import moose from Alberta), we saw the biggest cow (female moose) wandering down the highway. Obviously our guide's lecture was truth; as a matter of fact the group in van 2 got to see Mr. Moose and claim that he made Mrs. look petite.

Coming down from the highlands we visited a crofter's cottage and Flora's gift shop, as well as admiring some lovely ocean and mountain views

Tired and happy, our guide entertained us on the ride home with a tape of some local island music (evidently another attempt to civilize his rowdy passengers.) One of the tunes he chose was an old Scottish ballad supporting Bonnie Prince Charlie's attempt to take back Scotland from the English. It was entitled, "We Will Rise and Follow Charlie!" The appropriateness of this song in light of our leader wasn't lost on our little band and we proceeded to serenade Charlie.

Back at the camp we once again gathered for a lovely Happy Hour hosted by the Wilson's and the Cherony's. Stories were swapped and fun was had by all- including 4 Golden Retrievers. Tired and happy the crew then retired for a good night's sleep before returning home or venturing on to Prince Edward Island.

In short, I'm sure that if asked, all of our little band would happily say that they would be glad to "Rise and Follow Charlie" and Jeanne again.

Carol Kelly

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fall is the time of year when we begin to think of the Holidays approaching and what we can do to contribute during the Holiday Season. There are so many organizations in which to help or start bringing a little joy to those less fortunate. Most everyone knows of an elderly neighbor or a family with children who could use a Thanksgiving dinner cooked or groceries (turkey included) delivered. Have a dance, a baked bean supper (which Mainers do) with the proceeds going toward the Holiday. Park a truck beside a grocery store, with approval, for toys and a night assigned to wrap and deliver to homes. For the Christmas Holiday start your crafts early in the year to be sold at Church Fairs. Include homemade fudge, wreaths, jams and a "cookie walk". Contact Claire & Pat Lines, by phone (207)642-2574 or email patl10@juno.com for any ideas that could be used to spread the Holiday spirit. Lets hear from you who have helped during the Holiday Season by writing an article in your newsletter. We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath

*Pat & Claire Lines
Region Community Services Chairs*

THE WET ONE

As co-hosts of the 2002 fall rally, we arrived at the Charlie Brown Campground about eleven o'clock Friday morning. Steve St. John, operator of the park, told us the Safari field was ours for the extended Columbus Day weekend. That was good news because we were concerned a large holiday crowd might restrict sites available for Charter Oak's Magic & Song Rally.

Weather forecasts for the weekend had been going downhill all week so we were in the dark about how many would actually show up. I had just finished our basic setup and went inside Sojo (short for Sojourner, our 25 footer) when Dorothy reported here comes our first trailer. It was now about noon.

I went out to greet the new arrivals, and Rip Nelson rolled down the window of his Suburban! With Rip's ear-to-ear grin, he barked, "Where do you want us to park?"

Elsie added, "We decided it was just as easy to eat lunch here as at home so we came on down."

At that moment I knew this was going to be a special rally. If Elsie and Rip were willing to brave the elements, all would be well.

And so it was. The weather for the entire weekend was very British Isle like. It rained or misted the whole time. But no one seemed to mind very much.

Mike Ruddy said, as an afterthought, he had thrown in some side curtains in case we needed them. They turned out to be a god send. Early Saturday morning several of the gang reported to hang the curtains on the wind side of the pavilion. Keeping the wind and rain out made life bearable, even enjoyable, for meals and fellowship.

Highlights for the rally included Kathy & Rich Kushman's white bean chili with homemade bread for Saturday night dinner, the magician at the social hour, and the auction conducted by the incomparable Ted Price. (We never sang because several worried about ruining their voices! Another time!)

The magician was unique. Instead of having all sit down and watch his show, this magician wandered around during social hour engaging several in his tricks and sleigh-of-hand activities. To watch the faces of Airstreamers as he worked the crowd was as much fun as the tricks themselves. Rip Nelson, again, followed the magician all over the pavilion, relentlessly trying to figure out his tricks, all to the amusement and delight of everybody. Children from other campsites, dressed in Halloween costumes, came to the pavilion, attracted by the all the noise and laughter. Our magician made quite a hit with them as well.

I hope everybody in the club has a chance sometime to watch Ted Price run an auction, highly unorthodox (and probably illegal!). Ted & Lois's daughters, Allison and Lisa, came for dinner and to watch him perform. What was really fun was to watch them bid on items with his money and several right out of their basement!

And the sucker-of-the-evening prize went to co-host, Rich Kushman. Rich made a winning offer of \$15 for a beautifully wrapped mystery package. It turned out that he paid \$15 for a can of Spam! Overall, the auction raised \$177 for the club. (Of course, we might be in the red when we get Ted's fee for the evening!)

Two of our newest members, Fred and Dale McGoldrick from Marion, CT showed up with their Excursion and 1997 31-foot Limited. They asked many questions and received lots of answers (we hope, not contradictory) from all the old-timers. That's what makes WBCCI so valuable. We also welcomed new affiliate members Raymond & Cynthia Richard for dinner on Saturday night.

On Sunday, all packed up in the rain and left for home happy and amazed once again at the resiliency and grit of our members.

Dorothy & Tony Sherman

GET WELL WISHES

Please send get well wishes to the following members:

Claire Bradley as she recovers from cancer surgery. Chan Taylor after recent surgery. Fran Eckels as he recovers from Lyme Disease. We wish them both well and a speedy recovery.

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.

FALL FOLIAGE 2003

For those who enjoyed the fall foliage caravans of the past, 2003 is your lucky year. I will be running a Region 1 "Fall'n for Foliage in the White Mountains" Fall Foliage Caravan from October 5-10, 2003. We will be leaving from Charter Oak's October Buddy Rally in Townsend, VT and ending in Greenfield, MA at "The Colors of New England" Four Unit Columbus Day Weekend Rally. Mark your calendars and watch your newsletters for further information.

Mike Ruddy

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:

New Regular Members:

Fred & Dale McGoldrick
WBCCI #1201
P.O. Box 368
33 Old Mountain Road
Marion, CT 06444
Phone: 860-621-7978
Fred's Birthday: 8/8
Dale's Birthday: 7/6
Anniversary: 6/1
Email: freddalem@aol.com

New Affiliate Members:

Raymond & Cynthia Richard
WBCCI #1445
P.O. Box 41
Moodus, CT 06469
Phone: 860-873-1973
Raymond's Birthday: 5/17
Cynthia's Birthday: 4/3
Anniversary: 10/10
Email: raycynrich@aol.com

Robert & Harriett Thompson
WBCCI#9581
133 Rainbow Drive #3383
Livingston, TX 77399-1033
Phone: 770-584-5178
Bob's Birthday: 8/24
Harriett's Birthday: 7/22
Anniversary: 10/2
Email: harriett@pocketmail.com
CB Handle: Rocky

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NEWSLETTER FROM THE REGION 1 PRESIDENT NOVEMBER 2002

The outdoor rally season has wound down, but there is still a lot of "rving" left should you care to partake in the warmer climate. The "snow birds" are about to migrate, but their activities do not stop during the cold months, they just look for activities where the weather suits them. The winter dwellers bring their gatherings inside.

The last of the Region 1 unit installations have taken place with the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit at the Anchester Country Club. The unit conducted their business under the outgoing President, Charlie Wilson. Bob and I installed the officers under the president. Wayne Rutty then had the pleasure of installing son, Michael Rutty, as President of the Charter Oak Connecticut Unit. This makes three Rutty's who have been Charter Oak CT Unit Presidents...next is James Rutty in 20??

The Region 1 President installed Bob and Harriett Thompson, 2nd VP Region 1, and lady. 1st VP Raynold Lemaire presented Bob Thompson his flag of office. Bob and Harriett are ready to assume the duties of his office. He is ready to attend and assist the units in our Region in any way that is necessary. You will be seeing them at the rallies in our region as well as other activities that promote our region to the rest of WBCCI. They will be attending the Meridian, MS Mid-Winter IBT January 13-17, 2003, and catching up with the rest of his fellow officers. Welcome Bob and Harriett and congratulations upon stepping forward to fill the office of 2nd VP Region 1. Raynold and Cecile, Bob and I look forward to having them on our team.

We thank those who have served in their units this past year as officers and rally hosts. There have been some terrific rallies including the Region 1 Rally hosted by the Canadian Atlantic Unit in Lunenburg. Everyone deserves a pat on the back...jobs well done. Our congratulations to all the new officers of Region 1 for the 2002-2003 rally season and wishing you only bright spots and successes throughout the year. Our units are the life of our club. We thank those folks who have stepped forward to assume the offices of the individual units. Also, offer to jump into the rallies and help present some terrific events that will spark the interest of the members and make them want to return over and over again. This includes offering new folks warmth that makes them feel like the family that they are. Our Airstream family is a special one, but as in a marriage, you have to keep working on it to assure that it will remain vital. We appreciated and thank those who helped with the installations in our units.

We have a special occurrence in our Region in 2003. The International Rally will be held in Essex Junction, VT June 28-July 4. This rally is going to be held in a beautiful spot of Vermont, right near Lake Champlain. Sign up to attend and when the Blue Beret advertises for workers for the rally, sign up, it will be an experience that you will enjoy and give you new insight into what it takes to put on our International Rally.

The 2003 Region 1 Rally committee is hard at work. "A Whale of a Time on Olde Cape Cod" tells it all! The hosts are the Cape Cod Massachusetts Unit. The rally will be held at the Barnstable Fairgrounds, East Falmouth, MA on Rt. 151, August 7-10, 2003. Be looking for their registration form and don't forget to sign up.

Here are some words to ponder, "We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but moments that take our breath." The first step towards peace is our smile so keep smiling.

Your Region 1 Officers wish our friends, and families the joys of the holidays ahead. Peace and Love,

*Anne Werth, President and First Mate Bob
Raynold Lemaire, 1st VP and lady Cecile
Bob Thompson, 2nd VP and lady Harriett*

MY BENT SCREWDRIVER ADVENTURE

My trailer toilet suddenly began to not hold water in the bowl. When the valve leaks water down, it also leaks smells up. Panic -Panic.

Usually this involves a piece of toilet paper caught between the slider valve and the seat. Not the seat people sit on. First I tried some methods I'd rather not discuss in polite company. When these did not work, next idea was to call Thetford customer service, and see if they had any ideas. This personable lady wanted to know the information on the serial number sticker. If you become involved in looking for the serial number on one of these toilets, first make an appointment with your chiropractor. It is up under the seat and quite a challenge to see.

Next she asked me if I had a bent screwdriver. This sounded strange and different, and I allowed I didn't have one in my toolbox. Since my toilet was in warranty, having been put in recently, she said she would send me one.

It turned out that the bent screwdriver is not really a screwdriver. It has a screwdriver handle. Otherwise it is piece of 3/16 hex rod with the end flattened and bent over at a right angle. The hexagonal part goes down 8 1/2 inches before the bend. The flattened part is 1 1/2 inches long. Thetford's instructions were:

1. Depress the two foot pedals to slide the blade back and fully expose the seal groove for cleaning. (A roll of duct tape jammed sideways between the body of the toilet and the pedals worked for me, and it is soft enough that it doesn't scratch. RAB).
2. Insert the tool at the 4 o'clock position.
3. Rotate the tool clockwise to scrape out the debris. (You may experience resistance, which may require added twisting force to remove the build up.)
4. The tool should leave the seal at about the 6 o'clock position.

The instructions also suggest tying a string on the tool, in case it is dropped. My guess is that a heavy wire coat hanger, folded over at a right angle, would work also.

*Russell Berg
#8360*

CHARTER OAK'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 1, 2002

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Food Pantry Items: We will be collecting non-perishable food items that will be donated to a local food pantry. Please remember those less fortunate during this upcoming holiday season.

Directions to Cheffries are: From Interstate 91: Take exit 37 for route 305, follow route 305 west for 2.5 miles to route 187. Turn right on 187 north. Cheffries Restaurant is 2.2 miles on the right hand side.

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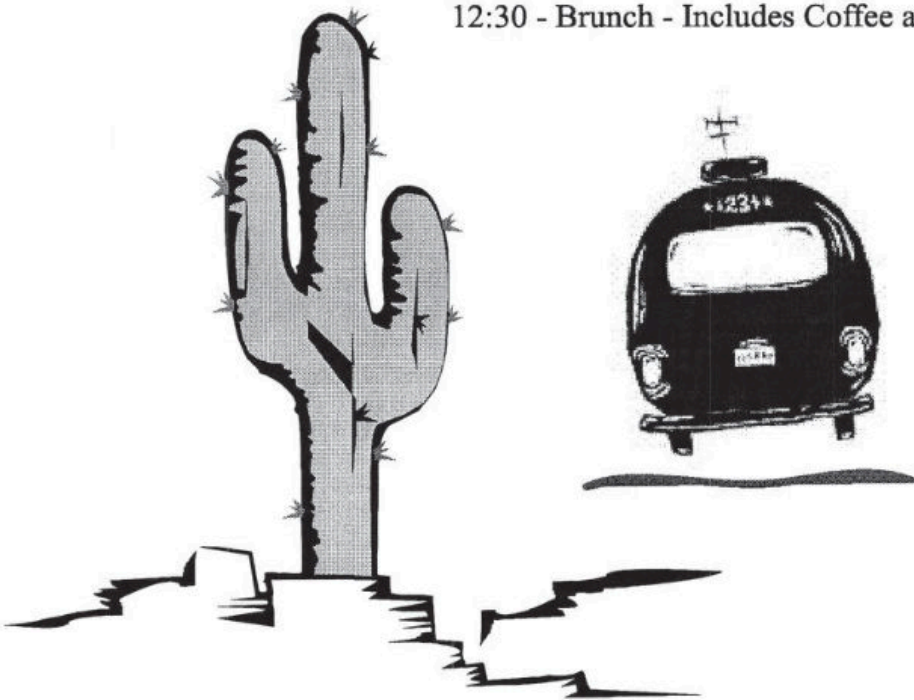
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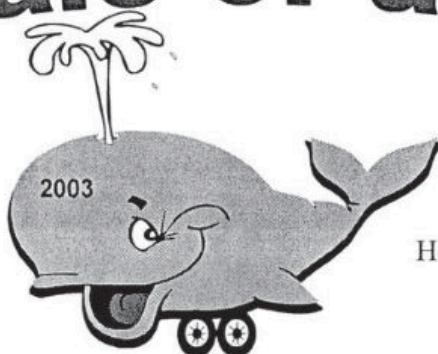
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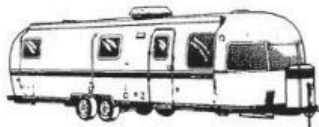
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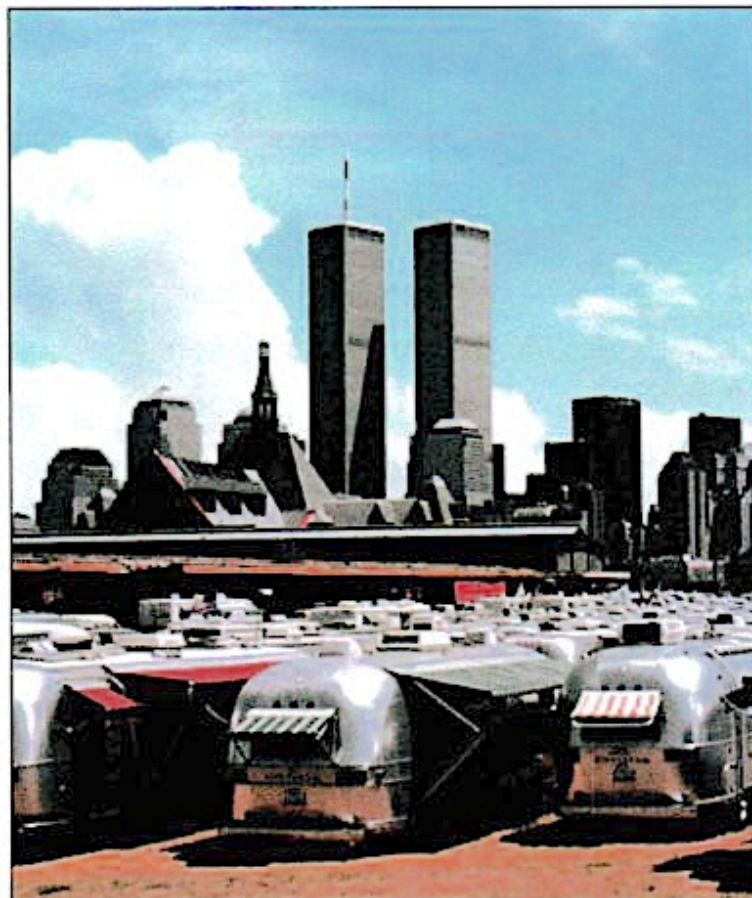
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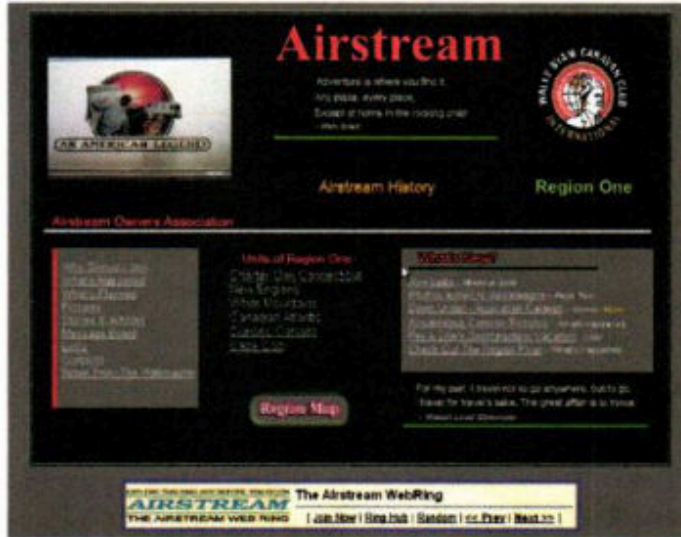
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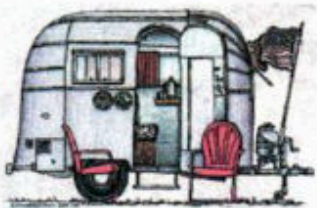
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Ted enjoying a ride at Assateague.



Charlie enjoying a book at Cape May.

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February 3, 2002

Dinner Meeting
Grand Buffet; Wethersfield, CT
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"Sail your Airstream to the Connecticut Shore"
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April 7, 2002

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May 9-12, 2002

"Springtime on the Hudson II"
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June 14-16, 2002

"Fly your Airstream to East Windsor"
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June 28, 2002

Region 1 Luncheon & Installation
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July 12-14, 2002

"Good Old Summertime in the Berkshires"
Rally; Laurel Ridge Camping Area, Inc.
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August 2-4, 2002

"Lazy August Airstream Days on the River"
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August 13-23, 2002

Region 1 Caravan to
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To Region 1 Rally in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
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August 23-26, 2002

Region 1 Rally;
"Historic Lunenburg-One More Time"
Hosted by: Canadian Atlantic Unit
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September 21-29, 2002

Fall Caravan to Sugarcreek, Ohio
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October 11-13, 2002

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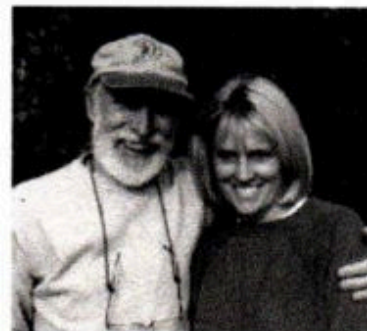
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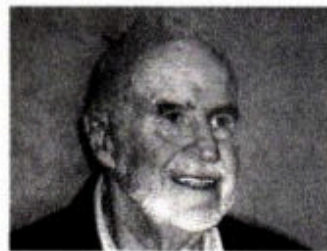
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Joined: 2001



5969 Sumner, Jason
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Norwich, CT 06360
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7700 Taurus, Jim & Angela
 61 Garnet Ridge Drive
 Tolland, CT 06084
 (860) 872-6234
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 Joined: 1998



9858 Taylor, Chan & Jackie
 487 Wells Road
 Wethersfield, CT 06109
 (860) 529-1345
 Joined: 1977



5830 Tuckerman, Dave & Betty (L)
 31 Coffeetown Road
 Deerfield, NH 03037
 (603) 463-8080
 Joined: 1991



6917 Vohr, Fritz & Pat (CP)
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 51 Edwards Lane
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 (401) 364-0050
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 Joined: 2001



13703 Werth, Robert & Anne
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 Tolland, CT 06084-4041
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 Joined: 1994



7326 Wilson, Charles & Jeanne (L)
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 Danbury, CT 06811
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 Joined: 1996
 Winter Phone: (203) 820-8103



7161 Wilson, Mark & Annette (CP)
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 mawilson6164@compuserve.com
 Joined: 1999



2001 was the 30th anniversary for the Connecticut unit

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



A very happy group of campers!

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.

Rip takes a ride

**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 by laws were last printed on April 5, 1992,
at East Hartford, Connecticut.*

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Airstream Land Yacht Harbors

Alabama

Roaring Pines, Inc. (Union Hill, AL)

c/o Mary Kaufmann
2206 Phillips Road
Huntsville, AL 35810
(205) 852-0919

Directions/Location: From Huntsville South on 231 for 20 miles, turn on Country Road 32 at Morgan City to Union Hill, Left at school for approximately 1 mile, Left at Roaring Pines mailbox. From Decatur East on 67 for 24 miles, Left on Road 36 to Cotaco, Right on 32 to Union Hill.

Arizona

Superstition Resort (Apache Junction, AZ)

c/o President
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 Christmas. From Orlando East on U.S. 50 for approximately 28 miles to Christmas. Park is on North side of U.S. 50 on East side of Christmas.

Land Yacht Harbor

201 N. John Rodes Boulevard
 Melbourne, FL 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

Directions/Location: From I-75 West on 41 (Exit 60, mile post 294). Park is 12 miles northwest of Dade City and 30 miles north of Tampa.

Georgia**Top of Georgia Airstream Park**

State Route 75, Route 1

Helen, GA 30545

(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 649 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.

No attempt has been made to verify that these parks are operating as Airstream parks. Please help us update this information.



"The most powerful single force in the world today is neither Communism nor capitalism, neither the H-bomb nor the guided missile - it is man's eternal desire to be free and independent."

- John F. Kennedy

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>
Connecticut		
Canton	Dick & Molly Cherouny #3045	(860) 693-1973
Chester	Michael & Lianne Ruty #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 Ruty #210	(860) 345-4049
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
Massachusetts		
Monument Beach	Warren & Carol Sterns #1495	(508) 759-5070
New York		
Newburgh	David Levinson #20566	(914) 562-0091
Rhode Island		
Charlestown	Fritz & Pat Vohr #6917	(401) 364-0050
Hopkinton	Howard (Mike) Kuehn #30883	(401) 377-1069
Texas		
Roanoke	Mark & Gail Good #14033	(817) 379-5806



Charter Oak Birthdays

January

John Fuller	01/03
Rip Nelson	01/05
Bill Leeming	01/07
Jerry Ingallinera	01/16
Eric Sulewski	01/16
Howard M. Knight	01/16
Mark Wilson	01/18
Annette Wilson	01/23
Lianne Ruty	01/24
Ray Osterlund	01/26
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
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
Karen Sulewski	03/04
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
Jessie Gould	03/15
Linda Moore	03/17
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
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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
Pam Pestretto	04/24
Ruby Fuller	04/26
Bob Henschel	04/27
Antoinette Petrillo	04/29
Joseph Potter	04/29

May

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
Pat Vohr	05/14
Molly Cherouny	05/21
Don Rawson	05/27

June

Sebastian Pestretto	06/03
Gregg Cocco	06/11
Joe Ribiero	06/14
Philip Simmons	06/23
Gail Good	06/26
Reggie Brown	06/28
Maureen Eckels	06/28
Barbara Appleton	06/31

Birthdays Continued

July

Jim Burnham	07/01
Ted Price	07/03
Kathy Kushman	07/05
Cecile Lemaire	07/06
Bob Jaroch	07/12
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
Joan Jaroch	07/28
Kathy Fuller	07/29
Dorothy O'Conner	07/30

August

Gregory Davis	08/01
Steve Pestretto	08/05
Jeanne Wilson	08/08
Shirley Edmondson	08/09
Jackie Brown	08/16
Adria Link	08/18
Pam Bleakney	08/21
Dorothy Freed	08/27
Pat Rawson	08/27
Wayne Ruty	08/27
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
Wayne Moore	09/08
Cathy Levinson	09/10
Carolyn L. Knight	09/11
Warren Sterns	09/12
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 Ruty	10/21
Lill Herpich	10/27
Michael Ruty	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
Clarence Gould	11/09
Paul Good, Jr.	11/10
Paul Good	11/11
Bud Skelly	11/15
Samuel Newman	11/16
John Peterson	11/16
Michael Weber	11/18
Dorcas VanHorn	11/20
Angela Taurus	11/21
Fritz Vohr	11/22
Michael Onorato	11/23
Carol Sterns	11/23
Dick Cherouny	11/27
Helen Sandall	11/28
Howard Kuehn	11/30
Dorothy Sherman	11/30

December

James Ruty	12/01
Lynn Perlotto	12/01
Dorothy Lowell	12/13
Rene Osterlund	12/15
Carol Potter	12/16
Jeanette O'Donald	12/18
Carol Skelly	12/26

COCU Member Anniversaries

January

Karen & Eric Sulewski	01/09
Jerry & Fran Ingallinera	01/20

February

Dorothy & Linwood Lowell	02/01
Ray & Mary Ellen Moniz	02/03
Carol & Bud Skelly	02/09
Francis & Maureen Eckels	02/14
Howard Kuehn & Dorcas VanHorn	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
Malcolm & Barbara Appleton	03/03
Anthony & Dorothy Shermam	03/04
Clarence & Jessie Gould	03/17

April

Bob & Carolyn Barrett	04/11
Fritz & Pat Vohr	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
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
Bob & Joan Jaroch	06/06
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

Don & Pat Rawson	07/01
Jim & Angela Tauras	07/03
Charles & Jeanne Wilson	07/04
Joe & Sarah Ribeiro	07/07

Dick & Eileen Bartram	07/14
Raynold & Cecile Lemaire	07/26
Gregg & Debbie Cocco	07/28

August

John & Ruby Fuller	08/01
Howard M. & Carolyn L. Knight	08/17
Walter & Dee Holliday	08/22

September

Richard & Kathy Griffin	09/06
Bob & Helen Sandall	09/06
Wayne & Linda Moore	09/07
Joseph & Carol Potter	09/11
Wayne & Susan Rutty	09/11
Paul & Judy Good	09/15
Waren & Carol Sterns	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
Steve & Pam Pestretto	10/07
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
Ray & Rene Osterlund	12/31



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Not a recent caravan.

Supplies

Sandy Sasuta, our Treasurer, maintains a supply of many of the following items. 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.

Item	Price
Badges & Holders:	
Badges With Name and Unit	\$2.25
Badge Holder With Clip Fastener	\$3.00
Apparel	
Berets (Polyester)	\$7.50
Baseball Cap w/WBCCI Emblem	\$9.00
Ties: WBCCI Red or Blue	\$12.00
Books:	
WBCCI Club Caravan Handbook	\$3.50
Decals:	
Car Decals with ½" Numbers	\$1.50/set
WBCCI Decal & Trailer Number See Coupon In Blue Beret (Please order directly from Headquarters)	
Flags:	
United States, 3' x 5'	\$25.00*
Connecticut, 3' x 5'	\$35.75*
Canada 3x5	\$22.50*
Patches & Pins:	
Charter Oak Patch (previous)	\$2.25
Charter Oak Patch (new design)	\$2.25
3" WBCCI Jacket Patch	\$4.25
Charter Oak Pin	\$1.00
Pennants: WBCCI Pennant	\$11.00

Flag Poles

Please order directly from: Pole Ease
 6501 Wolf Lake Road
 Jackson, MI 49201

Phone: (517) 536-4176 After 5:00 PM

12 Foot Flag Pole Anodized Aluminum 1" Diameter	\$31.50
Heavy Duty Holder single pole	\$21.50
Heavy Duty Holder three pole	\$29.50
When ordering holders only, specify pole size.	
Shipping Charge	Call



You meet people on a train or a plane and the next day you separate. When you travel with trailers, you meet people in your home and they meet you in theirs.